

The Bellmawr Bulletin

A REGULAR PUBLICATION BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF BELLMAWR



Winter/Spring 2025

2025 Reorganization Meeting

The Annual Reorganization Meeting was held on January 3, 2025. Craig Wilhelm and Bill Evans were sworn in as Councilmembers. Councilman Ray Bider was installed as Council President. Among the special guests in attendance were Assemblymen Bill Spearman and Bill Moen.



Council Member Craig Wilhem is administered the oath of office by Mayor Chuck Sauter.



Council member Bill Evans is sworn in by Solicitor, Howard Long, Jr.



From left: Council Members Craig Wilhelm, Johann Fina, Mayor Chuck Sauter, Council Members Bill Evans, Ray Bider, Jamie Casey, and Jim D'Angelo.



Councilmember Ray Bider is installed as Council President.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

On September 26, 2024, Joseph Siefert was awarded a Certificate of Recognition by Mayor Chuck Sauter and Members of Council for being a good community citizen. Joseph's independent good deed contributed to our community's quality of life. Joseph picked up and collected trash and debris from the streets in a solo effort to beautify our community.



SPECIAL THANKS

I would like to thank the Mayor of Bellmawr, Chuck Sauter, Councilman Ray Bider, Michelle Fernimore, Jack Mann, and Marty Waters of the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council 12092, and the town of Bellmawr, also the surrounding towns for the help to support the hurricane relief program that went to Asheville, North Carolina. The town of Asheville was totally destroyed from Hurricane Helene. Again, thank you to all.

Past Commander, VFW Post 9563 – Bellmawr, Howard Grant



Calendar of Events

ANNUAL SHAMROCK SEARCH

Beginning on Saturday, March 8th, shamrocks will be hidden around town for children 12 and under to find. To claim a prize, bring your shamrock to the Bellmawr Recreation Center snack stand on Thursday, March 13th between 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS

Daylight savings fall on Sunday, March 9th. As you "spring forward", don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detector. If you need assistance, please call 856-933-1313, ext. 1239.

OPENING DAY

Opening Day for Bellmawr Baseball and Bellmawr Girls Softball will be Saturday, April 5th. Parade begins at 11:00 a.m. and Opening Day Ceremony will be at noon.

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 12th. Hunt begins 11:00 a.m. at the Bellmawr Recreation Center. Rain Date will be Saturday, April 19th.

GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday is on Friday, April 18th. Borough Hall will be closed and there will be no trash pick-up.

(Correction from the 2025 Borough Calendar)

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

The Community Yard Sale will be on Saturday, April 26th. Call 856-933-1313 for registration information.

RABIES CLINIC

The Rabies Clinic will take place on Saturday, May 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at the Bellmawr Recreation Center.

SHRED EVENT

The Borough will host its annual shred event on Thursday, May 15th at the Recreation Center parking lot at 126 S. Bell Road from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event is held in cooperation with the Camden County Board of Commissioners. No commercial businesses.



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Community Clean-Up Day will be held on Saturday, May 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will meet at the Recreation Center, 125 S. Bell Road. Please contact Kim at (856)-931-1111 for volunteer sign-up information. All volunteers will be provided with trash bags, trash grabbers, and a vest.

MISS BELLMAWR

Keep an eye on Bellmawr.com for registration and more details.

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is Monday, May 26th. Please join us as we honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice by placing wreaths at the monuments around town. More details and information will be forthcoming on Bellmawr.com.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE 2025 COLLECTION EVENTS*

CAMDEN COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

NO BUSINESSES OR COMMERCIAL VEHICLES WILL BE ACCEPTED

HOURS: 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM - RAIN OR SHINE

*MARCH 29: CHERRY HILL PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 1 PERINA BOULEVARD

*APRIL 26: COLLINGSWOOD PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 713 N. ATLANTIC AVE.

*MAY 17: ATCO PARKING AREA AT THE CORNER OF ATCO AVE. AND RARITAN AVE.

*JUNE 7: LINDENWOLD CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 2311 EGG HARBOR ROAD

*SEPTEMBER 27: PENNSAUKEN SANITARY LANDFILL 9600 N. RIVER ROAD

*OCTOBER 18: LINDENWOLD CAMDEN COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS COMPLEX 2311 EGG HARBOR ROAD

WHAT TO BRING

Automotive
Antifreeze
Brake Fluid
Car Batteries
Car Wax and Polish
Carburetor Cleaner
Degreasers
Diesel Fuel
Engine Starting Fluid
Gasoline
Grease
Lead-Acid Batteries
Motor Oil
Power Steering Fluid
Transmission Fluid

Paint-Related
Products cont.
Resins
Shellac
Solvent-Based Paint
Spray Paint
Stains
Turpentine
Varnish
Water Sealer
Household
Cleaners
Aluminum Cleaners
Bleach
Cesspool Cleaners
Disinfectants
Drain Opener
Dry-Cleaning Solvents
Floor Wax
Furniture Polish
Lye
Metal Polish
Oven Cleaner
Rug & Upholstery
Cleaner

Pesticides/
Lawn Care
Baygon
Chlorox
Diazinon
Dursban
DDT
Fertilizers
Flea Collars/Spray
Fungicides
Herbicides
Insecticides
Lindane
Malathion
Moth Balls/Crystals
Mouse & Rat Poison
Pyrethrins
Strychnine
Stump Killer
Weed Killer
Wood Preservatives

Personal Care
Fingernail Polish
& Remover
Hair Coloring
Hydrogen Peroxide
Iodine
Mercury Thermometers
Home and Hobby
Chemistry Kits
Cutting Oil
Fluorescent Bulbs
Glues and Adhesives
Gun Cleaning Solvents
Mercury Thermometers
Pool Chemicals
Propane Tanks
(25 LB & under)

QUESTIONS?
Call (856) 858-5241
for more information

WHAT NOT TO BRING

ACETYLENE/CO₂ TANKS
AIR CONDITIONERS
CEMENT/CEMENT MIX
COOKING OIL
EMPTY CONTAINERS
FIBERGLASS INSULATION
HEATING OIL TANKS
HELIUM/OXYGEN TANKS
JOINT COMPOUND
LANDSCAPE TIMBERS
MEDICATIONS
SCRAP METAL
SMOKE DETECTORS
TIRES

* INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE DAY(S) OF EVENT(S):

- All residents must show proof of residency.
- All residents must remain in their vehicles throughout the event.
- All materials to be dropped off should be placed in the rear cargo area of the vehicle (not in the passenger seating area).

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FALL FESTIVAL

Our 14th annual Fall Festival took place on October 19, 2024, at the Bellmawr Recreation Center. It was a beautiful day and there was a great turnout. In addition to the car show, there were amusement rides, a pumpkin patch, food trucks, and a beer garden.



CARL KLESE MEMORIAL BENCH

On October 23, 2024, there was a ribbon cutting for the Carl Klese Memorial Bench outside of Bellmawr Senior Housing. The bench was dedicated in honor of Carl, who served for many years as the chairman of the Bellmawr Planning Board. He was also the president of Bellmawr Senior Housing.



BELLMAWR SENIOR CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**Correction to Calendar:* Carol Carey – President (856)933-0519

1st Wednesday at Noon

3rd Wednesday at Noon - Wacky Wednesday

Play Pinochle – Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9:30 a.m.

All events will be held at the Bellmawr Community Center, 29 E. Browning Road. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol or stop in during the above days and times.

FROM THE DESK OF DPW DIRECTOR

A FEW REMINDERS:

Oversized trash receptacles:

In the spring of 2022, the Bellmawr Highway Division cracked down on oversized totter cans placed at the curb for collection. Over 400 cans were deemed oversized and were rejected for collection. We are now beginning to see a reappearance of these cans. We want to remind residents to utilize cans 35 gallons or less. If you should have any questions regarding the size of a trash receptacle to be placed at the curb, please call 856-931-111.

Ordinance 2:05-05:

382-6. Yard Waste.

Sweeping, raking, blowing or otherwise placing yard waste that is not containerized at the curb or along the street is only allowed during the seven days prior to a scheduled and announced collection, and shall not be placed closer than 10 feet to any storm drain inlet. Placement of such yard waste at the curb or along the street at any other time or in any other manner is a violation of this article. If such placement of yard waste occurs, the party responsible for placement of the yard waste must remove the yard waste from the street or said party shall be deemed in violation of this article.

382-7. Enforcement.

The provisions of this article shall be enforced by the Police Department or other duly authorized personnel of the Borough of Bellmawr.

382-8. Violations and penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$2,000.00 or imprisonment in the county jail for a term not exceeding 90 days or a period of community service not exceeding 90 days, or any combination thereof.

EQUIPMENT SHED AT BELLMAWR RECREATION CENTER

Registration for Spring sports will soon be underway. Thanks to the Runnemede-Bellmawr-Glendora Rotary, there is an equipment shed at the Bellmawr Recreation Center where you can donate or pick up gently used sports and game equipment. The shed is open Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for donations and pickups. If you need to make other arrangements, call 856-933-1313.



TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat was held on October 25, 2024. We had just shy of 60 decorated vehicles and over 1,500 trunk-or-treaters! Thank you to everyone who made this night so fun for all.

Bellmawr Lions Club Halloween Costume Parade Winners 2024

Age Group 0-4

1st Place: Brynlee Ertl
2nd Place: Ewan Farthing
3rd Place: Paisley Tracey
4th Place: Viviana Bartoletti

Age Group 5-8

1st Place: Aubrey Kavanagh
2nd Place: Cassius Golas
3rd Place: Ava Tracey
4th Place: Riley Douglas

Age Group 9-12

1st Place: Maxon Golas
2nd Place: Jayden Maletteri
3rd Place: Emma McColligan
4th Place: Gemma Masciangelo

Bellmawr Men's Club Best Decorated Trunks 2024

1st Place: Francisco Valencia and Danielle Guerriero
2nd Place: Anthony Brown

3rd Place: Nevermore Ink (Casey Thomas)
Honorable Mention: Stephanie & Brian Houghton



HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING WINNERS



1st Place:
Giovanni Barbieri, 135 Kingston Ave.



2nd Place:
Michael Landy, 416 Third Ave.



3rd Place:
Billy Coco, 325 Salem Ave.

BELLMAWR PURPLE EAGLES

On a brutally cold day on November 30, 2024, the Bellmawr Purple Eagles brought home three championship trophies in the title games for the West Jersey Youth Football League at Paul VI High School.

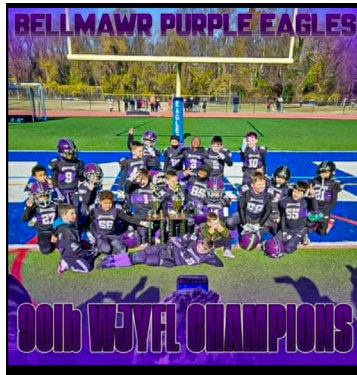
The first game featured the undefeated 8U Bellmawr Purple Eagles vs. the Lawrence Junior Cardinals. Bellmawr won 7-0. The win caps off back-to-back undefeated championship seasons for the 8U and three consecutive undefeated years.

The winning continued with the 12U undefeated Purple Eagles vs. the Northern Burlington Greyhounds. This group of kids has not lost a game in over three years and that continued in this game with a final score of 33-0.

The last game of the day featured two undefeated teams: the Bellmawr Purple Eagles and the Hopewell Valley Bulldogs. Like the first game, it was a hard-fought defensive battle. The lone score came from Jayden Thomas of the Bellmawr Purple Eagles and the team went on to win 8-0.

This was the last game for most of the kids in the program and they went out on top. Most will go on to play football in high school and will prove why the Bellmawr Purple Eagles Youth Football Program prepares these kids to excel on and off the field moving forward.

We wish these kids the best of luck and thank them and their parents for all the hard work that comes with playing football.



"MAMA HAGS" DEDICATION

On November 2, 2024, there was a ribbon cutting and bench dedication in honor of Arlene "Mama Hags" Hagerty, who was the long-time snack stand coordinator for the Bellmawr Purple Eagles. The bench is located right next to the concession stand that she ran for many years. The event was attended by Bill Hagerty, members of the Hagerty family and many friends of the Bellmawr Purple Eagles.



EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Congratulations on 20 years with the Borough of Bellmawr to Timothy Shields, Water Department Superintendent.

Tim was hired as a Laborer for the Bellmawr Water Department on April 15, 2005. He is the Licensed Operator for the Bellmawr Water System holding a T-2 and W-2 license from the NJDEP. Tim takes pride in serving the residents with top-quality drinking water.



SPRING CLEAN-UP SCHEDULE

Please rake all leaves to the curb. Do not mix any branches or trash with them. No plastic bags. Leaves must be kept 10 feet from storm drain. Note the spring and fall leaf collections are advertised in the Bellmawr 2025 calendar and are the only times leaves and grass can be placed in street as per Ordinance 2:05-05.

March 17th - March 21st: Brooklawn to Bell Road • March 24th - March 28th: Bell Road to Barrington

JAKE STRONG

On January 23rd, the Borough Hall shone brightly in green to honor fourth-grade hero Jake Stefano, who has courageously battled Metastatic Neuroblastoma since the age of five. The radiant green—Jake's favorite color—glowed brightly, reflecting the community's love and support. In addition, a "Jake Strong" banner stretches across East Browning Road, in support of Jake.



John R. Elliott HERO Campaign I-295 & Route 42 Memorial Interchange Dedication Ceremony

On November 7, 2024, Mayor Chuck Sauter, Councilman Ray Bider, and Police Chief Bill Perna attended the ceremony dedicating the I-295/Route 42 Interchange as the Ensign John R. Elliott Memorial Interchange.

The Ensign John R. Elliott HERO Campaign is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to preventing drunk driving deaths and injuries by promoting responsible designated drivers.

On July 22, 2000, two months after graduating with distinction from the United States Naval Academy, Ensign John R. Elliott was killed in a head-on collision with a drunk driver.

The interchange was marked with memorial signs that were unveiled on November 7th – just before the first anniversary of the completion of NJDOT's "Missing Moves" I-295/Route 42 Interchange project.



PHOTOS TAKEN AT THE BELLMAWR WAR MEMORIAL

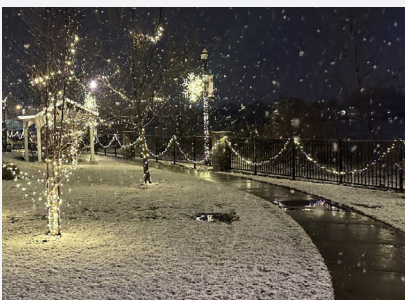


Photo at left is of the first snowfall of the season.

Photo at right is of frozen Big Timber Creek.

Photo Credit: Allison Ferris



HOLIDAY HOUSE CONTEST WINNERS

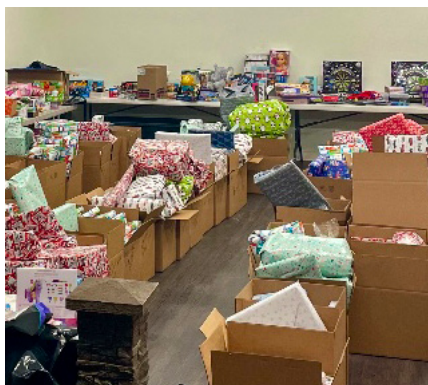


1st Place:

Salvatore Cuffari – 13 Belmont Road

BELLMAWR BELIEVES

Because of everyone's generosity, many children woke up on Christmas morning to special surprises.



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Christmas in the Park was once again a tremendous success. Every evening, hundreds of cars passed through the Bellmawr Recreation Center, where children were delighted with cookies and small gifts. A heartfelt thank you to all the Borough workers who created the displays and transformed the Recreation Center into a festive holiday wonderland.

TODDLER TIME HOLIDAY PARTY

The Toddler Time Holiday Party was a big hit as the children were treated to a special visit from Santa Claus.



2nd Place:

David Patterson – 1 Aspen Place

CHRISTMAS COOKIE EXCHANGE

A special thanks goes out to Annamarie Stolfo who organized the very first Christmas Cookie Exchange. All proceeds were donated to Bellmawr Believes.

Thank you to everyone who entered.

1st Place:

Chelsea Ferentz

2nd Place:

Jamie Stolfo

3rd Place:

Nicole Moen



3rd Place:

Ed Wallace – 100 Warren Avenue

CHRISTMAS PARADE WINNERS

Thank you to everyone who participated in our annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting on December 1st.

Best Decorated Fire Truck:

1st Place: Hess Truck – Paul Sandrock

2nd Place: Pennsauken Fire Department

Best Decorated Float:

1st Place: Battaglia Family

2nd Place: Miss Magnolia

Best Decorated Private Vehicle:

1st Place: Jeep Club

2nd Place: Bellmawr Public Schools

Special Judge's Awards

1st Place: Bellmawr Believes

2nd Place: Bellmawr Purple Eagles



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BLAST FROM THE PAST

Miss Bellmawr 1984-85: Karen Fronkowiak (center) and her court Suzette Christinzio, Susan Laute, Melissa Lee (Miss Bellmawr 1983-84), Kathi Terifay, and Cathy Piccolo.

(Special thanks to Kathi Terifay-Nolan for providing this photograph)



TRIVIA QUESTION:

The Bellmawr Shopping Center, located at 115 S. Black Horse Pike, now features Beck's Bagels, Medina Produce, and other stores. Do you recall which once-popular American retailer operated at this location, but closed in the late 1970's?

