

The Bellmawr Bulletin

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2022 ANNUAL REORGANIZATION MEETING

At the 2022 Annual Reorganization Meeting, Councilmen Craig Wilhelm and Bill Evans were sworn in. Councilman Ray Bider was installed as Council President.



From front left: Councilman Bill Evans, Mayor Chuck Sauter, Councilman Craig Wilhelm, Councilman Ray Bider. Rear from left: Councilman Jamie Casey, Councilwoman Johann Fina, Councilman Jim D'Angelo.



Councilman Bill Evans is administered the oath of office by Assemblyman Bill Moen.



Councilman Craig Wilhelm is administered the oath of office by Mayor Chuck Sauter.

REMINDER FROM PUBLIC WORKS DURING SNOWSTORMS:

BELLMAWR ESTABLISHES SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE:

The Borough of Bellmawr has established Snow Emergency Routes to improve maneuverability during inclement weather. These routes have been designed by Bellmawr Police, Fire and Highway Departments and include the following streets, courts and parking areas:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Park Dr.	Even	Creek Rd. to W. Browning Rd.
Peach Rd.	Odd	Victory Dr. to Carter Ave.
Carter Ave.	Odd	Peach Rd. to Park Dr.
Farragut Ave.	Even	Charles Ave. to Creek Rd.
Holly Place		End of Court
Cherry Place		End of Court
Ash Terrace		End of Court
Pine Terrace		End of Court
Elm Place		End of Court
Beechwood Place		End of Court
Laurel Place		End of Court
Aspen Place		End of Court
Poplar Place		End of Court
Willow Place		End of Court
Fir Place		End of Court
Railroad Avenue		W. Browning Rd. to Linden Ave.
Rockville Dr.	Even	W. Browning Rd. to Anderson Ave.
Bell Rd.	Even	Creek Rd. to W. Browning Rd.
Colonial Rd.	Even	Bell Rd. to Midway Ln.
Midway Ln.	Odd	Creek Rd. to Colonial Rd.
Walnut Ave.	Even	Hall Ave. to Worthington Ave.
Hall Ave.	Even	Walnut Ave. to Creek Rd.
Old Kings Highway	Both	E. Browning Rd. to Dead End
S. Bellmawr Ave.	Both	E. Browning Rd. to Dead End
S. Cedar Ave.	Both	E. Browning Rd. to Dead End
N. Bellmawr Ave.	Both	E. Browning Rd. to Sixth Ave.
N. Cedar Ave.	Both	E. Browning Rd. to Sixth Ave.
Braisington Ave.	Even	Spruce Ave. to Brown Ave.
Devon Ave.	Odd	E. Browning Rd. to Bradley Ave.
Borough Parking Lot	All	Rear Fire Department, Front Parking Area, Community Center and Library

Please call 856-931-1111 for further information or visit Bellmawr.com for Ordinance details.

NOTICE DURING SNOW STORMS

In the event of a snow storm, the Bellmawr Highway Department is asking all residents who have portable basketball courts to remove them from the curb and street during snow storms, because of liabilities. This enables the plows to come down the street with no obstacles to hinder our plowing procedures. We ask that residents shovel snow within 12 hours after the storm has ended.

DPW CONGRATULATES NEW FULL-TIME HIRES

The Department of Public Works congratulates Tammond Hill and Ronald Davis as Helper 4 new full-time hires. Pictured from left are Highway Superintendent Patrick Gallagher, Mayor Chuck Sauter, Tammond Hill, Ronald Davis, and DPW Director Joe Ciano.



BELLMAWR PD DEPLOYS USE OF BODY-WORN CAMERAS

The deployment of body-worn cameras (BWC) began on January 14, 2022.

It is the policy of the Bellmawr Police Department to utilize body-worn cameras to assist agency personnel in the performance of their duties by providing an unbiased and accurate recorded account of an incident.

Body-worn cameras are utilized by patrol officers and detectives and are worn on the officer's chest. A solid red light indicates the BWC is recording.



No-KNOCK REGISTRY

Did you know that the Borough of Bellmawr has a No-Knock Registry? This means that Bellmawr residents can prevent solicitors from showing up at their doors by registering their name and address with the Bellmawr Police Records Clerk. The form is available for download on Bellmawr.com under Public Documents and Forms and navigating to the Police category, or you can request a form by visiting the Records Clerk during regular business hours.

If you have any questions, please call 856-931-2121.



HONORING THE FALLEN

On February 2, 2022, Patrolmen Ronald Pataky III and Daniel Moody Jr. honorably attended the funeral for slain New York City Police Officer Wilbert D. Mora. Officer Mora tragically lost his life on January 25, 2022 after being shot in the line of duty on January 21, 2022 while responding to a domestic disturbance. Our sincerest condolences to the family of Officer Mora and the New York City Police Department.

*Pictured are
Patrolmen Ronald Pataky III (left)
and Daniel Moody Jr. (right)*



ALWAYS READY TO LEND A HELPING HAND

In July, 2021, Bellmawr Fire Chief Dan DiRenzo was deployed through Jersey Task Force 1 (NJ-TF1) to assist with rescue efforts from the fatal apartment complex collapse in Surfside, Florida. This deployment took Dan away from his family for over a week. Dan was also deployed following Hurricane Laura in 2020. Dan is always ready and willing to lend a helping hand and goes over and above the call of duty.

Welcome to Bellmawr!

We are excited to welcome several new businesses to town.

- Chipotle
- Choosy Aesthetics
- Creek Food Mart
- Islamic Learning Center
- Kreamie's Bakery
- Raw Health Canine Food
- Sensonics International
- Sakura Sushi Restaurant
- Vocelli Pizza
- Quiles Tax Office



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Community Clean-Up Day was on October 23, 2021. A big thanks to all the volunteers who dedicated time to pick up trash and debris around town. There will be another Community Clean-Up Day in the Spring. Keep an eye on Bellmawr.com for the date.



Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat was a lot of fun and a great time was had by all.



VFW 7410 MEN'S CLUB 2021 TRUNK OR TREAT CAR DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS:

1st Place:

Jennifer Laselva:

"Grim Reaper"

2nd Place:

Tom Formisano:

"Smoking Pumpkins"

3rd Place:

Kristen Mignone:

"Ghostly Disc Jockey"

4th Place:

Tim Johnson:

"If It Comes Back"

VFW 7410 Prizes:

Walter DeGirolamo Jr.: "Michael Fright"

Melissa Pagan: "Trunk or Treat"

Ryan Houton: "Video Graveyard"

Jose Perez: "Hulk Truck"

BELLMAWR LIONS CLUB

Prizes were awarded to all of the winners in the Halloween Costume Parade.

Halloween House Decorating Contest 2021 Winners

1st Place:

McGinnis Family, 109 Park Dr.



2nd Place:

Weitzel Family, 27 Adams Ave.



3rd Place:

Landy Family, 416 Third Ave.



VETERANS DAY

Bellmawr VFW Posts 7410 and 9563 honored our Veterans on Veterans Day with a ceremony at the Bellmawr War Memorial.



At the Veterans Day Ceremony, Francis "Frank" A. Latorre, (center) is pictured with from left: Joe Lee, Congressman Donald Norcross, Howard Grant-Commander of VFW 9563, Jack Newcomb-Commander of VFW 7410, and Mike Regen. Frank passed away on January 5, 2022 at the age of 99. He proudly served in the US Army during World War II, participated in the D-Day Invasion, the Battle of the Bulge, and the German Occupation. He was a member and past commander of VFW Post 9563. We wish to express our sincere condolences to the Latorre family.

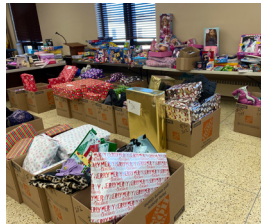
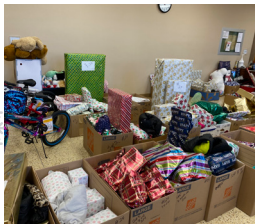


Christmas in Bellmawr



Bellmawr Believes & Christmas in the Park

Christmas in the Park and Bellmawr Believes 2021 were a huge success. A big thank you to everyone who donated and helped to make this happen. Bellmawr Believes is a Borough sponsored initiative that ensures that every child in town can share in the joy of Christmas.



Christmas House Decorating Contest 2021

1st Place: Christine Donnelly, 69 Wilson Ave.



2nd Place:

Michelle Lawson,
323 Booth Drive



3rd Place:

Edward & Maria Wallace,
100 Warren Ave.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

Shamrock Search:

Keep an eye on Bellmawr.com for details on this year's Shamrock Search.

March 13:

Daylight Savings time begins. When you "Spring Forward," don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detector. If you need assistance, please call the Fire Marshal's Office at 856-933-1313.

March 22:

Bellmawr Business Alliance Meeting. Businesses: Look for your letter of invitation in the mail.

April 2:

Opening Day for Bellmawr Baseball and Bellmawr Girls Softball. Parade begins at noon.

April 16:

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Recreation Center at 11:00 a.m.

April 23:

Community Yard Sale. Contact Borough Hall at 856-933-1313 for registration information.

May 7:

Free Rabies Clinic at the Recreation Center from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

May 15:

Miss Bellmawr Pageant. Keep an eye on Bellmawr.com for more information or call Janine at 856-933-3477.

Retirements:

Congratulations to all of our retirees. Thank you for your many years of service and dedication to the residents of Bellmawr.

Police Lieutenant Jeffrey Vance

- 29 years

Police Sergeant Ronald Miller

- 27 years

Mechanic III - Warren Messner

- 27 years

Water Meter Reader - George Stetser

- 22 years

Supervisor EMS - Charles Hannum

- 13 years

Promotion:

At the January 27, 2022 monthly meeting of Mayor and Council, **Corporal Jared Walton** was promoted to **Sergeant**. Congratulations!

PATRIOT'S PEN ESSAY WRITING CONTEST

Several Bellmawr students participated in the 2021-2022 Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Competition, a VFW-sponsored youth essay contest that gives students an opportunity to write essays expressing their views on an annual patriotic theme.

The 2021-2022 theme was "How Can I Be a Good American?"

Congratulations to Hayden Straub, Ethan Shelling, and Gianna Loftis who will receive awards during the Graduation Ceremony from Camden County District VFW and Bellmawr VFW Post 7410.

The following are excerpts from their essays.

1st Place: Hayden Straub

Hayden's essay has advanced to the State contest.

When you hear the word America, what is the first thing you think of? I can't speak for everyone, but most people would think of red, white, and blue and wearing these festive colors while at a barbecue, eating hot dogs and hamburgers, and hanging out with family and friends to celebrate national holidays.

But even though you participate in these traditions, this does not necessarily mean that you're a good American.

Three simple ways you can be a good American are to respect others' opinions, follow the laws, and support those who serve and protect our country.

Growing up, I was always taught the Golden Rule: to treat others how you want to be treated, to respect people's freedom of religion and ways of living, and to be tolerant of different opinions.

First responders, frontline workers, and soldiers risk their lives every day to ensure the safety of U.S. citizens. You can acknowledge the work they do by donating time and/or resources to organizations that support these individuals.

There are a lot of traditions and responsibilities associated with being an American, but a higher level of effort is required to be considered a good American. In order to better the world we live in, we need to live by the values the country was founded on, in addition to respecting others' opinions, following the laws, and supporting those who serve and protect us.

Ethan Shelling

There are times that you may question how adequate you are as an American. You may be concerned about playing a significant role in the United States. However, you'll find that being a good American doesn't take as much action as it may initially seem. Much more basic acts can be quite beneficial to you and your country.

In order to be a good American, you must be a lawful citizen. Laws are generally present to protect the rights of you and other citizens as well as to ensure safety, which is why they are important to abide by.

There are several productive activities that you can participate in to serve your community. Great instances that may come to mind are becoming a lawyer, police officer, or enrolling in the armed forces. Something as simple as activism can do wonders for the community.

You should never have a closed mindset politically. It may benefit you both and others to form your own judgments on whether or not a law or the way a political unit is run is fair.

Simple acts such as being lawful and respectful to others, indulging in community service or activism, and expressing your political views may be small acts, but can evolve into larger phenomena that positively affect America.

Gianna Loftis

Johnny Weir once said: "To be a good American you have to love the world, not just your country."

This reminded me that America is more than a place I live; it's a place where families are built, heroes died for, and best of all, my country. I need to start honoring the country for what it is. Being a good American doesn't mean you have to change the world, it means you should do what you can for the country and its people to make it a better place. I hope to make a difference in America.

To begin, we all have people we see as leaders and people that inspire us. For some people, it could be a famous athlete or singer, but mine is my mom. No, my mom didn't make a new invention or become the president, but she does what she can to make America better.

My mom goes on the streets of Camden and Kensington to help people who struggle with homelessness, mental illness, and addiction. She makes bags of food, helps put them into shelters/recovery homes, helps with medical attention, and provides them with clean clothes. These small acts of kindness could change a person's life and inspire them to do the same. My mom's kindness and non-judgmental approach are what make her a good American. I hope to make a difference in the world just like she is.

Correction to the 2022 Borough of Bellmawr Annual Calendar

Please note that under Civic and Service Organizations, the Commander of V.F.W. Post 9563 is Howard Grant.
Contact Number: 856-261-7513. Sorry for the error, Commander Grant.

TRIVIA QUESTION – How Well Do You Know Your Town?

How many streets
are there in Bellmawr?

Answer will appear in the next
edition of the Bellmawr Bulletin.

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