

Community Events

April 21-23 **Sugar Maple Festival**
Downtown Bellbrook
Community Festival

April 29 **Natural Arts Fest**
Park District Headquarters
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

May 18-20 **Community Garage Sale**
Bellbrook & Sugarcreek Area
Chamber of Commerce Event

June 1 **Neighborhood Walk**
Plantation Trail, Moss Oak, Tampico Area
Police Department Event

June 3 **River Festival**
Bellbrook Park
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

June 3 **Little Miami River Cleanup**
Bellbrook Park
Little Miami River Kleeners Event

June 8 **Neighborhood Walk**
Clearview, South Lakeman, Hillcrest Area
Police Department Event

June 8 **Concert in the Park**
Bellbrook Park
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

June 15 **Neighborhood Walk**
Sugar Leaf, Locus Bend, Kensington Area
Police Department Event

June 22 **Neighborhood Walk**
Bledsoe, Beryl, Weller Area
Police Department Event

June 22 **Open Mic Night**
Bellbrook Park
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

July 15 **Amazing Race: Park Challenge**
Bellbrook Park
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

August 17-19 **Lions Club Festival**
Downtown Bellbrook
Community Festival

General Fund Levy Renewal: May 2

On May 2, 2017, voters of the City of Bellbrook will be asked to vote on the renewal of an existing 1.3 mill General Fund Levy. This levy was originally approved in 1962 and has been either renewed or replaced every five years since.

How is the Levy Used? The General Fund Levy generates approximately \$210,000 per year and represents over 20% of the General Fund budget.

In addition to certain basic City services, the General Fund provides funding for capital projects throughout the City. Recent capital projects have included:

- 2016 Annual Street Program – Sugar Run Trail, Shadowleaf Drive, North Linda Drive, North Sheffield Drive, and East Sudbury Court.
- 2015 Annual Street Program – Beryl Drive, Bledsoe Drive, Garry Drive, Washington Mill Road, and West Franklin Street.
- Public Safety Vehicles and Equipment – CPR assistance devices, cardiac monitors, firefighter turnout gear, automatic external defibrillators, computers, radios, etc.
- Stormwater Drainage Projects – Plantation Trail culvert replacement and Marcia Drive culvert repair.



How will this Levy Impact Me Financially? Since this is a renewal levy, there will be no increase in taxes paid. The Renewal will allow the current levy to continue as it was passed in 2012. The City will receive the same amount of revenue as it has for the past five years.

Why is this Levy so Important?

Funding to the City of Bellbrook has been significantly cut by the State of Ohio. The elimination of the Estate Tax, the reduction of the Local Government Funds, and the elimination of other state shared revenue has cost the City over \$1,000,000 over the last few years. Without this renewal levy, the City will have to make further cuts to operational costs and capital projects.



The levy is a renewal 1.3 mill General Fund Levy and will cost the following:

Appraised Value of Property	\$100,000	\$150,000	\$200,000
Current Taxes	\$39/yr	\$58/yr	\$78/yr
	\$3.25/mo	\$4.83/mo	\$6.50/mo
Additional Taxes	\$0/yr	\$0/yr	\$0/yr
	\$0.00/mo	\$0.00/mo	\$0.00/mo

The appraised value of property is determined by the Greene County Auditor.

Sugar Maple Festival: April 21-23

Join the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek community as we celebrate the 39th annual Sugar Maple Festival in downtown Bellbrook from April 21-23. The theme of this year's festival is "Superheroes," kicking off the community's spring and summer seasons. This year's festival will include entertainment, activities for kids, shopping, great food, and more. Come out and join your community in celebrating our people, traditions, and where we call home!

For more information, visit the festival website at www.sugarmaplefestival.com.

Festival Events

Friday, April 21

Main Street Closure 10 am
 Franklin Street Closure..... 5 pm
 Beer Garden & Food Vendors... 5 pm – 9 pm
 Live Music 6 pm – 9 pm
 Dog Show Registration..... 6 pm
 Dog Show 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 22

Pancake Breakfast..... 8 am – 10:30 am
 5k Race Registration 8 am
 5k Race..... 9 am
 National Anthem..... 10:30 am
 Parade..... 10:30 am
 Craft Vendors..... 10 am – 7 pm
 Food Vendors..... 10 am – 9 pm
 Children's Activities..... 11 am – 4 pm
 Craft Beer Garden 5 pm – 10 pm
 Live Music 6 pm – 9 pm

Sunday, April 23

Craft & Food Vendors 11 am – 5 pm
 Children's Activities..... 12 pm – 4 pm

Festival Entertainment

Friday, April 21

Beer Garden

Spungewurthy..... 6 pm – 9 pm

Saturday, April 22

Bellbrook Park

Bellbrook Jazz Band 12:30 pm – 1:15 pm
 Murphy/Kelch 1:45 pm – 3:30 pm
 Todd the Fox 4 pm – 5 pm

Sugarcreek Township Fire Department

Bellbrook Dance Academy 11:30 am
 Fire Department Auto Extrication..... 2 pm

Beer Garden

Wasted Potential 6 pm – 9 pm

Sunday, April 23

Bellbrook Park

Chris Katros 11 am – 12 pm
 Superheroes Parade..... 1 pm
 Danny Voris..... 1:30 pm – 3 pm

Sugarcreek Township Fire Department

Fire Department Auto Extrication..... 2 pm



Things to Do The Sugar Maple Festival provides many family friendly activities. The festival includes around 75 craft vendors, many food vendors, a community parade, a 5k race, and a beer garden, which will offer craft beer from local breweries. Entertainment, including live music, will begin Friday evening and continue through Sunday. For more information on individual events, visit the festival website.

Free Shuttles Free shuttles run from Bell Creek Intermediate School on Upper Bellbrook Road to Bellbrook Park.

Bellbrook Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber provides Community Directories that list of all the area businesses, as well as information about the city and the township. We also have local maps and Greene County information. Visit us at the Sugar Maple Festival in Bellbrook Park or stop in our office at 41 West Franklin Street (across from the Valero gas station) to pick up free brochures of the area. The Community-wide Garage Sale will be held May 18-20. To register your garage sale, go to our website or stop by our tent during the Sugar Maple Festival. A listing of all registered garage sales will be available on our website the week before the sale.

The public is always welcome to attend our meetings and events. We offer many discounts to our members for health, dental, vision, and Workers' Compensation insurance, as well as prescriptions, hearing aids, electric and natural gas service, credit card processing, and more. Be sure to check out our website at www.bellbrookchamber.com for more information.

Winters-Bellbrook Library

Library Book Sale The Winters Library book sale will be held at the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church (72 West Franklin) on May 6 from 10 am to 4 pm. Stop by and find some great bargains on used books! Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Winters Library.

Summer Reading Program Summer is just around the corner. The Summer Reading Program will be held June 1 through August 1 for kids, teens and adults.

Learn a Language If you've ever wanted to learn a foreign language, Mango Languages is an easy, fun way to do it! The program incorporates the four key components crucial for successful communication: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture. Mango Languages is free and always available with your library card through the Greene County Library website, www.greenelibrary.info.

Bellbrook Lioness Sale

The annual Bellbrook Lioness Garage Sale will be held April 5-6 from 8 am to 7 pm at the Lions Center on Wilmington Dayton Road. Proceeds from the sale go toward an academic scholarship, fruit baskets for widowers at Christmas, and other projects.

Bellbrook Garden Club

Annual Plant Sale: May 20 Our Annual Plant Sale will be held from 9 am to 1 pm at 51 South East Street in downtown Bellbrook. The Sale includes sun/shade perennials, wildflowers, ornamental grasses, groundcovers, herbs, and the Wright Iris grown by Club members. Members will be on hand to answer questions about plants and gardening. Assistance will also be available for loading purchases in vehicles.

Downtown Planting and Public Gardens Garden Club members plant and tend the urns on the sidewalks in the downtown area. Members also care for the gardens located at the Winter's Library and behind the Bellbrook Historical Museum. The City's Service Department assists in watering the urns and Tom's Mulch donates the mulch.

Service Projects Winners of the Earth Day Poster Contest for 6th and 7th grade students will be displayed in Bellbrook Park during the Sugar Maple Festival. Winners are also recognized at a City Council Meeting. Currently, the Stephen Bell Elementary School courtyard is being renovated by members. On April 27 and 28, Club members will lead Stephen Bell second graders in making worm bins and learning about soil and composting

Are you interested in joining the Club? Visit www.bellbrookgardenclub.org, go to our Facebook page, or call Krista Miller at (937) 862-9181.



Pictured above: Irises at the Museum

Eagle Scouts Honored



Pictured above: Eagle Scouts Lance Weston (left) and Nathan Cordonnier (right)

navigation. This project was done in memory of his friend, Connor Campbell, who loved canoeing and always wanted to know where he was while on the Little Miami River.

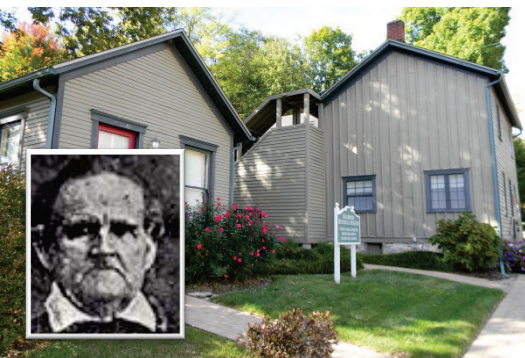
Bellbrook Boy Scout Troop 375 congratulates Lance Weston and Nathan Cordonnier on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Lance and Nathan were recognized at their Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on November 20, 2016.

Lance's Eagle Scout project involved removing invasive honey suckle and planting trees at Morgan's Canoe Livery. Lance also installed a bench for the canoers to rest during their canoeing journey. Nathan installed signs on bridges spanning the Little Miami River for safety and

Senior Center

Plan to join Bellbrook seniors on Monday, April 17 at 12 pm for our Easter carry-in lunch. The Bellbrook Senior Center's staff will be preparing a ham as the main course, and Pristine Senior Living of Sugarcreek will be providing the dessert. Bring a friend, along with your favorite side dish, as we enjoy a time of food, fun, and fellowship. The Center will remain open until 4 pm with various activities offered. Your Bellbrook Senior Center is located at 3757 Upper Bellbrook Road in the Sugarcreek Education Center. For additional information, contact Tim Brickey at (937) 376-5486 or tim.brickey@gcco.org.

Bellbrook Historical Museum



Pictured above: the Bellbrook Historical Museum and Stephen Bell

The Museum is open to visitors on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturdays from 12 pm to 4 pm. The Museum will be open during the Sugar Maple Festival. We hope to see you at the Museum for our next exhibit featuring Stephen Bell, one the founding fathers of Bellbrook.

The Bellbrook Historical Museum will be holding our "Antiques & Uniques" sale on May 20. We will be located near the Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale at the school building located at 51 South East Street in downtown Bellbrook.

The Museum is currently replacing and refurbishing windows using the funds from the Yellow Brick Road fundraiser. The City's Service Department is also working on several maintenance projects. When you come to visit, please excuse our mess while we work on our historic building.

Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District

The Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District has a lot to offer residents of all ages and interests over the next few months! Registration is now open for our spring and summer programs throughout all of our parks and facilities. We have everything from summer camps to nature and fitness programs. We also have many volunteer opportunities listed on our website. Volunteering for the Park District is more than just service hours, it is connecting and creating memories with your community. To see dates for all of our programs and volunteer opportunities please call our office at (937) 848-3535 or visit our website at www.bellbrookcreekparks.org.

Water & Waste Billing Changes

The Utility Billing office has transitioned to new software. The new software has replaced the former system that the city has used for nearly 20 years.



What You Can Expect Utility customers can expect several changes, including new account numbers and new online access. Customers can expect to see their new account number, now called a customer number, on their next statement. Customer numbers have been renumbered using a shorter number. The new customer numbers were first available with the March 1 billing cycle. Statements will be mailed unless a customer selects the paperless billing option after they register

their online account. Customers will be able to view and pay their statements using a new online service. The new service will continue to accept credit cards, debit cards, and checking accounts. A new feature included with the software will allow city staff to view online payments in real time. We will continue to accept payments through the mail, in the drop box located in front of the Administration building, or at the office window.

What You Need to Do Keep an eye out for your next water bill. Current customers who receive e-statement notifications and/or pay online must register with our new online service. Credit card, debit card, and bank account numbers must be entered into the new system in order to pay online. Current customers, who pay through their bank's bill payment system, must update the payee information with their new customer number found on their statement.

For any questions regarding the transition process, please call the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638. Due to an expected increase in our call volume, we may not be able to return your call until the following business day.

The Fire Escape

CPR & First Aid Classes The Bellbrook Fire Department offers CPR and First Aid training to the public. Healthcare Professional and Community CPR classes

are typically offered on the third Thursday of each month. Other dates may be available as needed. For more information, call (937) 848-3272.

The Policeman's Badge

Neighborhood Walks During the spring and autumn months of 2017, Police Department staff will be walking in neighborhoods to allow residents the opportunity to meet them where they live. The command staff and members of the Police Department welcome residents and business owners to share their thoughts and concerns about the safety and security of our community. The leadership of the Bellbrook Police Department remains committed to serving and providing Bellbrook residents with the best customer service. See the chart below for neighborhood walk dates.

Date	Area of the City
June 1	Plantation, Moss Oak, Tampico
June 8	Clearview, South Lakeman, Hillcrest
June 15	Sugar Leaf, Locus Bend, Kensington
June 22	Bledsoe, Beryl, Weller
September 7	West, East, Maple, South
September 14	Big Tree, Upper & Lower Hillside
September 21	Vemco, Hillrise, Vemco, Lakeview
September 28	Green Meadow Ranch



Water Updates

Water Quality Report The 2016 Water Quality Report is available to water customers on our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org/waterqualityreport.pdf. For more information, contact the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638 or visit the Utility Billing page on our website.

Water Customers with Irrigation Service As part of our software transition, all water customers who have an irrigation service will receive one statement for their quarterly billing. Irrigation accounts have been merged with the water accounts so that both charges will be displayed on the same statement. This will make it easier for customers paying their balances and reduce printing and mailing costs.

Utility Billing Office For questions regarding your water or waste collection service, please contact the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638. You can also visit the Utility Billing page on our website.

The Utility Billing office is located on the first floor of the Administration building at 15 East Franklin Street. A payment drop box is located at the front entrance to the building. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Hydrant Flushing Hydrant flushing will be scheduled for the fall. Specific dates will be provided in the August City Newsletter and on our website.

Holidays

City of Bellbrook non-emergency services will be closed Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day and Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.

Special Collection

One Saturday each month, Greene County Environmental Services holds a special collection for recyclables that are not picked up by Rumpke. Below is a list of accepted items. Please note this is not an exhaustive list. If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Services.

- Household Hazardous Waste
- Large Household Appliances
- Scrap Metal

2017 Dates for Special Collections

April 18	September 19
May 23	October 24
June 20	November 14
July 18	December 19
August 22	

Yard Waste Collection

Residents do have options to dispose of yard waste. First, Rumpke does collect yard waste as outlined above. Second, residents may dispose of yard waste at three private recyclers and two Greene County facilities.

Private Recyclers

Tom's Mulch (a fee may be charged)
2113 Ferry Road, Bellbrook
(937) 848-3422

Bio Source Landscaping Services
869 US Route 68 South, Xenia
(937) 372-5921

Healthy Streams & Hydro-Modification

Healthy Streams A healthy stream is a meandering, winding, "S" shaped curve across the land. It has open access to the floodplain and has a buffer zone along the stream bank. When these natural curves in streams are eliminated and the stream channel is narrowed into a straight line, called Hydro-Modification, the effects are very dramatic.

A hydro-modified stream increases the velocity or speed of the water. Streams confined in a channel can no longer spill over into the floodplain to reduce velocity, so downstream neighbors are at a greater risk of flooding. The excess water can result in stream bank erosion which can destroy grass and trees. This change in water flow can wash fertilizers and pesticides from adjoining land into the stream, causing polluted water. Increased water temperature from higher water velocity and pollution results in the destruction of fish and natural organisms.

To help prevent this damage from happening to your stream, plant shrubs, grass, or trees along your stream. Clean up trash along your stream or in the water. Do not change the course of any stream.

Report Suspected Illegal Discharges To report a suspected illegal dumping down a storm drain, call the Bellbrook Service Department at (937) 848-8415 Monday-Friday 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. For after-hour complaints, call (937) 848-8484.

Waste, Recycling & Yard Waste Disposal

Waste Collection Holidays Please note that waste and recycling collection will be delayed one day due to the Memorial Day and Independence Day holidays. Waste and recycling collection will take place on Saturday, June 3, and Saturday, July 8, for those weeks.

City Recycling Program The City has a weekly recycling program. Special items are recycled by Greene County Environmental Services who can be contacted at (937) 562-5925. For more information on the recycling program, call the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638.

Bulk Pick-up Large items may be picked up by Rumpke on Fridays. However, you must call ahead and schedule with Rumpke at (800) 223-3960.

Yard Waste The City does not have leaf or yard waste collection service. However, residents may dispose of yard waste with regular trash collection. Rumpke will collect brush in bags or tied in bundles no larger than four feet long and two feet wide. Brown paper yard waste bags are not required by Rumpke.

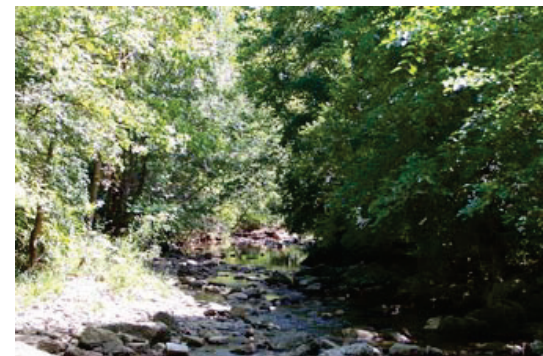
For more information, visit the [Utility Billing page](#) on our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org.

Around Town

Neighborhood Streets When driving neighborhood streets, please be mindful of your speed. Most streets in Bellbrook have a posted speed limit of 25 miles per hour. Also, please be mindful of pedestrians and bicycles on streets without sidewalks.

Grass It is time to be mowing grass again. Remember, it is against the law to blow your grass into the street. This can cause drainage problems for your neighbors and clog the storm sewers. In addition, the city has a tall grass ordinance that is enforced on a regular basis.

Pets Please be considerate and clean up after your pets. Do not leave pet waste on other peoples' property when you are out walking your pet.



Pictured above: Possum Run in the Summer. Possum Run is a tributary for the Little Sugarcreek and the Little Miami River

2017 Financial Overview

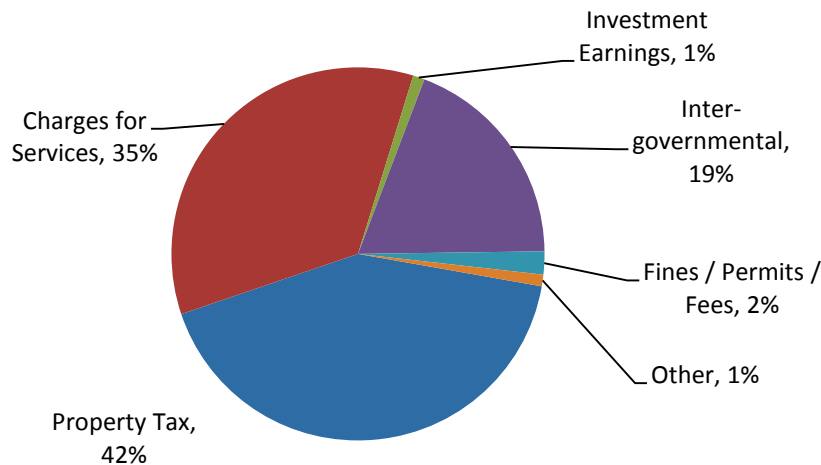
In December 2016, the Bellbrook City Council adopted the 2017 Annual Budget and the 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program.

For budgeting purposes, the City breaks its finances into five categories: **Property Tax Supported Funds** (services provided using specific levies approved by the voters and other governmental funding – Police, Fire, General and Capital Improvements); **Transportation Related Funds** (services provided using funds that are restricted for transportation projects – gasoline tax, motor vehicle and permissive license tax revenue); **Water Related Funds** (services provided using funds from water customers including operating, capital and debt); **Waste Collection Fund** (services provided using fees from waste collection customers); and **Other Funds** (services provided for other purposes).

The following is a summary of these categories as approved for 2017:

	Revenue	Expenses	Difference	Ending Balance
Property Tax Supported Funds	\$4,133,932	\$4,266,651	\$(132,719)	\$2,331,096
Transportation Related Funds	395,020	373,765	21,255	326,476
Water Related Funds	2,913,700	2,581,872	331,829	1,943,299
Waste Collection Fund	407,000	431,242	(24,242)	216,499
Other Funds	33,100	32,700	400	1,237
Total	\$7,882,752	\$7,686,230	\$196,523	\$4,818,607

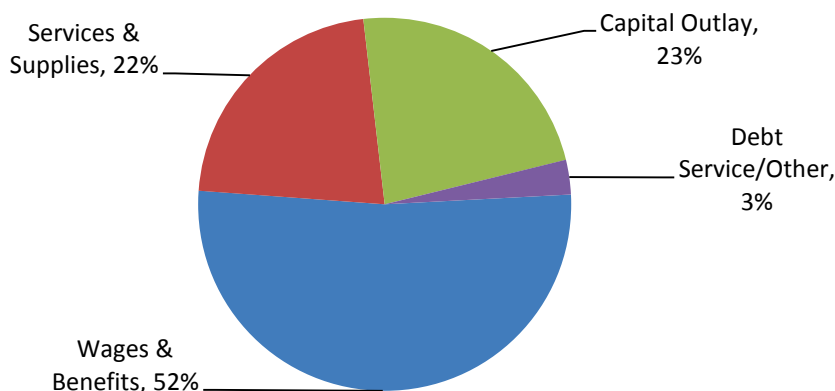
2017 Revenue by Source



The City's largest revenue source is **property tax** and related state reimbursements at **\$3.1 million or 42%** of total revenue. The second largest source is **charges for services** which include water, waste collection and EMS charges. This accounts for **\$2.6 million or 35%** of total revenue. The third largest source of revenue is **intergovernmental** which includes grants, local government funds, gasoline taxes, permissive license taxes and motor vehicle registrations. This accounts for **\$1.4 million or 19%** of total revenue.

The City's most significant expense category is **wages and benefits**. Compensating the police officers, firefighters and service employees of the City costs **\$3.7 million or 52%** of the total budget of \$7.7 million. Other significant categories include **services and supplies** at **\$1.6 million or 22%** and **capital outlay** at **\$1.7 million or 23%** of total budget.

2017 Expenses by Category



The complete 2017 Annual Budget and 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program is available by calling the Administration office at (937) 848-4666 or by visiting the Finance page on our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org.

Auditor of State Award

In October 2016, the City received the Auditor of State Award. This award is given to public agencies after the completion of a clean audit. A clean audit includes timely filing of financial reports and no significant findings. The City is thankful for this recognition of our financial management.



City of Bellbrook

15 East Franklin Street
Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

Departments

- Administration (937) 848-4666
- Clerk of Council (937) 848-4666
- Planning & Zoning.. (937) 848-8477
- Police..... (937) 848-8484
- Fire (937) 848-3272
- Service..... (937) 848-8415
- Utility Billing (937) 848-4638

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Bellbrook Business Spotlight

Brookview Swim Club

Create lasting memories this summer at the oldest swim club in Bellbrook. Brookview Swim Club, a beloved asset to this community for over 50 years, is located at the southern end of the city. The pool’s secluded location and wooded surroundings provide the ultimate space for relaxation and fun. Both children and adults have been enjoying this hidden gem for generations. Brookview has a swim and dive team, party shelter, playground, and spacious patio dining area adjacent to the refreshments bar.

The pool is open from May 27 to Labor Day. Hours of operation are 12 pm to 9 pm daily. When school begins in August, the pool will open from 4 pm to 9 pm on weekdays.

Memberships are now available, with discounted rates through April 30. The club provides several levels of membership to meet your needs. Memberships are offered for families, senior citizens, individuals, teens, babysitters, and guests.

We hope you will join Brookview Swim Club this summer. See you at the pool!

Location

2480 Periwinkle Drive
In the southern part of the city at the end of Periwinkle Drive

Hours

Daily	12 pm – 9 pm
Opening Day	May 27

Contact

(937) 848-4411

www.brookviewswimclub.com

