

Bellbrook

Community Events

- March-May.....Hidden History of Bellbrook—Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event
- April 10.....Lioness Garage Sale—Community Event
- April 13.....Night Easter Egg Hunt—Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event
- April 26-28.....Sugar Maple Festival—Community Festival
- May 2.....Neighborhood Walk (Possum Run, Locus Bend areas)—Police Department Event
- May 9.....Neighborhood Walk (Upper Hillside, Big Tree areas)—Police Department Event
- May 16.....Neighborhood Walk (Portage Path, Periwinkle, Barnett Areas)—Police Department Event
- May 16-18.....Community Garage Sale
- May 23.....Neighborhood Walk (Green Meadow Ranch areas)—Police Department Event
- May-October.....Bellbrook Farmers Market—Community Event, Second Saturday of every month
- June 8.....River Festival—Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event
- August 6.....National Night Out—Police Department Event
- September 5.....Neighborhood Walk (Bellmeade, Moss Oak areas)—Police Department Event
- September 12.....Neighborhood Walk (Vineyards, Sable Ridge areas)—Police Department Event
- September 14.....Be Well Bellbrook & Brook Mills 10k—Community Event
- September 19.....Neighborhood Walk (Woodacre, Whites, Weller areas)—Police Department Event
- September 26.....Neighborhood Walk (Downtown area)—Police Department Event

City of Bellbrook Newsletter

April 2019

Be Well Bellbrook Event

In keeping with the healthy community initiatives that are incorporated into our updated Comprehensive Plan, the City has partnered with the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Parks District to bring you the first annual Be Well Bellbrook health and wellness event. This event will be held on **Saturday, September 14 from 8am to 1pm**. The event will feature health and wellness vendors of all types, Premier Health's mobile mammography unit, fitness demos, children's activities and a 10k race and kids fun run! A full schedule will be forthcoming. The health and wellness event and demos are all free! Race registration and details will be coming soon! Mark your calendars, you will not want to miss this!



Bellbrook Downtown Beautification Fund

2019 is on track to be a big year for downtown Bellbrook! At the beginning of the year the City partnered with the Greene County Community Foundation, aka Greene Giving, to set up a fund that will accept donations to go toward downtown beautification projects. Under the umbrella of Greene Giving, any donations given to the fund are tax deductible. A board has been put in place to oversee the fund. Board members are City Manager Melissa Dodd, Linda Edwards, Brook Berry, Cody Amstutz and Bella Hart. The initial project identified is to purchase benches and custom bike racks to be installed downtown. The community is welcome to sponsor the purchase of either in exchange for a plaque to be mounted on the item recognizing their sponsorship. To date, the project has been very well received! We have received generous donations from the following sponsors: Dots Market (bench and bike rack sponsorship), Irongate Realtors, Baker, Cook and Stipp Team (bench), Bellbrook Girl Scouts (bench), and Ernst Concrete (bench).



Our initial goal was to purchase 5 benches and 5 bike racks and have one of each installed in time for the Sugar Maple Festival. We have surpassed the bench and bike rack goals in total and will have much more than one of each installed by the festival! If you are interested in donating, visit our Downtown Beautification webpage for more information http://cityofbellbrook.org/page/Downtown_Beautification. Donations of any amount are welcome and much appreciated! Once

this initial project is complete, the board will look at more projects in which to continue to enhance our downtown area! We are so appreciative of the supportive response from our wonderful community!

The City would also like to extend a huge thank-you to our generous sponsors!


Melissa Dodd


Mike & Casie Schweller


Gregory A. Rhodes


Optimists - BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN KIDS!
The Optimist Club


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From the City Manager

Staffing Updates

In the last several months the City has gone through a lot of changes! We have welcomed the following new staff members to our City family:

- Firefighter/EMT Renee Simmons
- Clerk of Council Pamela Timmons
- Planning and Zoning Assistant Jeff Green
- Administrative Assistant Michaela Grant
- Service Department Member Tyler Bond



We have also had a number of promotions that we would like to celebrate:

- Fire Lieutenant Jon Nickerson
- Fire Lieutenant Jay Leach
- Service Foreman Jerry Burgan

We also welcomed back Officer Robert Loudermilk as a part time Police Officer!

Auditor of State Award for 2017

The City of Bellbrook once again received the Auditor of State Award for 2017! This award is given to entities that meet specific requirements. These include timely filing of financial statements, no material citations, weaknesses or deficiencies and no other concerns that would require comment by the State Auditor's Office. The City prides itself on its financial reporting and accuracy in following all state requirements.

New Oaths

The City has new oaths of office from the beginning of the year:

- Aaron Burke, BZA
- Ed Stangel, Planning Board
- Mary Graves, Records Commission
- Jeff Owens, Village Review Board
- Karen McGill, Village Review Board
- Bill Beeman, Representative to Greene County Board of Health



2020 Census

Mark your calendars for April 1, 2020! That will be known as Census Day! The 2020 census will be a chance for everyone to be counted in the place they currently live in order for resources to be allotted accurately. This means shares of federal funding to communities as well as the number of representatives each state will get. This year you will be able to respond by internet, phone or mail! Be sure to watch for more information!

City Facebook Page

Did you know that the City has its own official Facebook page? To stay up to date on all things happening around the city, be sure to head over and "like" our page at

<https://www.facebook.com/BellbrookCity/>

A Minute with the Manager



After a long winter, I don't think anyone is more excited for spring other than our City crews! Our Streets Department had a total of 21 inches of snow to move and have driven 3407 miles in the snow plows to do so! It isn't only our Streets crew that is dealing with the snow, our Police and Fire staff also has to maneuver 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, no matter what the conditions are outside. For that, I want to thank all of our staff for making it through the winter!

It really is an exciting time of year here in Bellbrook! The Sugar Maple Festival is right around the corner and that brings the community out in a wonderful way! Meeting friends and neighbors, taking in the parade, watching live music - and let's not forget the FOOD! I am excited to experience my second Sugar Maple Festival with you all!

This brings me to reflect on the last year. I have officially been with the City as Manager for one year now! That year has flown by! I have truly been so very lucky to work for such an amazing community! I have had the pleasure of meeting so many residents, business owners and others that have all made me so very welcome. In the last year I feel as if we have accomplished quite a bit at the City. Some of my highlights include bringing a farmers market to downtown, completing the Comprehensive Plan, hiring a host of new staff to bring their talents to the City, completed the Upper Hillside waterline replacement and secured a grant through MVRPC to make pedestrian improvements to the Franklin Street bridge at Little Sugarcreek Road, just to name a few!

I look forward to all that the next year has to bring and I wish you all a very Happy Spring! See you at the Sugar Maple Festival!

All my best,

Melissa Dodd

Council, Commissions, and Boards

The legislative and policy-making body of the City is comprised of a Mayor and six council members elected at large on a non-partisan basis. The Council hires a professional City Manager who operates the city on a day-to-day basis.

The Bellbrook City Council invites you to attend its regular meetings on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

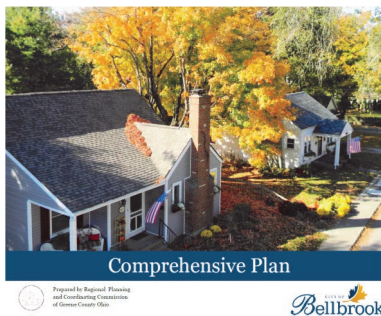
For more information about City Council, past meetings and current issues, call the Clerk of Council at (937) 848-4666 or visit the Council page on our website.

- Bob Baird, Mayor
- Mike Schweller, Deputy Mayor
- Elaine Middlestetter, Council Member
- Nick Edwards, Council Member
- Forrest Greenwood, Council Member
- Dona Seger-Lawson, Council Member
- Darryl McGill, Council Member

Comprehensive Plan Update Adopted

On March 11, 2019 City Council unanimously voted to adopt the long awaited Comprehensive Plan update. This replaces the previous Comprehensive Plan which was adopted in 1974. The City worked with Greene County Regional Planning staff to develop the update. After a two year long process, we finally have an updated plan. Staff are excited to begin work on the plan and to accomplish the number of goals and objectives laid out. The plan will be regularly revisited by the Planning Board to update more frequently.

To view the plan, go to: http://www.cityofbellbrook.org/page/zoning_comprehensive_plan



Planning & Zoning Department Staff Changes

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Jeff Green on board as our new Planning and Zoning Assistant. Jeff brings a wealth of knowledge to Bellbrook from his tenure at the City of Riverside, the City of Middletown and Bethel Township. Jeff also has his masters in Public Administration. With the City's update to the Comprehensive Plan, there is much work to be done in the areas of Planning and Zoning and Jeff will be a perfect fit to dive right in!

Some of the projects on the horizon will be to look at our zoning code to identify needed changes, review our permits and processes, create a list of available properties in the community for future business locations, create a list of current businesses in Bellbrook and develop a strategy for downtown property maintenance and infrastructure issues which are just a few. Of course, these initiatives will be coupled with the goals and tasks that our Comprehensive Plan has identified as well. There will be no shortage of tasks and Jeff is going to be quite busy!

Welcome Clerk of Council, Pam Timmons



You may have noticed a new face at the Council table during meetings! Bellbrook resident Pam Timmons was appointed Clerk of Council in November of 2018. Pam and her family have lived in Bellbrook for 3 years and love their new hometown. Pam and her husband Dean have two daughters, Kaitlin and CJ.

Community Leaders Meeting

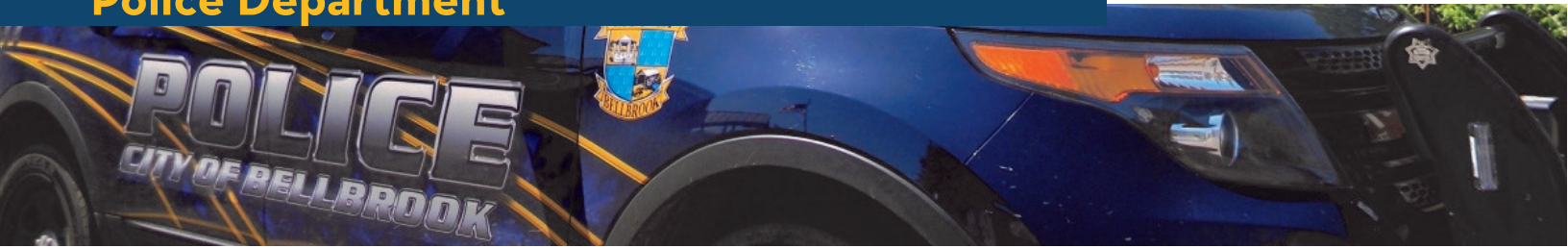
On January 24th members of the Bellbrook Sugar Creek Schools, Sugar Creek Township, Bellbrook Sugar Creek Parks District and the City all met as a group to collaborate and discuss issues that affect us all as a community. It was a very productive meeting with lots of lively discussion. The group plans to meet on a semi-annual basis to continue to share and work closely together. These meetings are open to the public and will be placed on the calendar on our website.



Brewpub Language Approved in Zoning Code

Over the course of the winter, Planning Board and Council considered and approved changes to the zoning code to allow brewpubs, micro-wineries, microbreweries, micro-distilleries, wine bars and tap rooms in our central business district. What does this mean? This means that the definitions were added to the section that outlines different businesses and it also outlined requirements that each business would have to follow. Although Bellbrook does not have a current business interested in locating here, it does open the door to make Bellbrook a possibility for one of these types of establishments.

Police Department



The Making of a Bellbrook Police Department Police Cruiser

What goes into the making of one of our Police Cruisers?

We start off with a Ford “Police Interceptor Package” Ford Explorer SUV. This vehicle has some changes from the civilian model, namely: 3.7L V6 engine, 6-speed automatic transmission, 18” heavy-duty steel wheels + Goodyear speed rated 245/55R18 “Eagle RS-A” tires, “Certified speed” speedometer, column-mounted shift, heavy-duty 80-amp battery, heavy duty 220-amp alternator, low-restriction dual exhaust, heavy-duty 4-wheel disc brakes (bigger rotors and calipers), higher rate heavy-duty springs and struts + swaybar, transmission cooler, oil cooler, spotlight installed at factory, pre-wiring for radios, lightbar and other equipment.

Before equipment is installed at our upfitter, the vehicle goes to a striping shop for application of vinyl transfers. This process takes approximately 3 days start to finish. The reflective “Police” logos you see on the sides and rear of the cars add visibility at night, and makes our cruisers instantly identifiable. When the car reaches end-of-service life, the vinyl striping can be removed with minimal damage to the paint underneath.

After the striping shop, the car goes to the upfitter. It will take a full week of labor to install most of the remaining equipment:

- Remove rear seats, linings, floor coverings and install rear formed plastic prisoner seat, rear seat partition + sliding window pass-thru
- Remove and replace rear door panels, replacing with “handle-less” panels and iron rear window guards (keeps violent prisoners from kicking out the rear windows)
- Mount transmission tunnel cable runs to the trunk area
- Install rear equipment tray for mounting of electric equipment to operate lightbar and radio equipment
- Install rear pull-out equipment drawer
- Install rear gate warning lights - provides flashing lights to rear when trunk lid is open
- Install shotgun and rifle mounts
- Install center console for lightbar, siren and radio controls
- Install swing-arm MDT/laptop computer mount and power supplies
- Install additional interior lighting (“red light” nighttime interior lights)
- Install LED lightbar to roof and mount lightbar and siren controller to center console
- Install front pushbar, wire emergency lighting to front, and mount siren
- Install LED flashers in corner lamps
- Install radio antenna
- Install rechargeable flashlight mount

After a “fitting out” inspection is performed, the brand-spanking-new cruiser is assigned to a lucky member of the department, and it hits the road for service!



Police Department



The City of Bellbrook would like to express its deepest gratitude to the many community members and law enforcement agencies that attended the service honoring Bellbrook Police Sergeant Brian Meade on Saturday, March 2nd, 2019. The demonstration of community as well as honor, unity, and brotherhood of the law enforcement community is a sight never to be forgotten. Whether support was shown by keeping the family and department in your thoughts, assisting the family by sending cards, donating meals, attending the visitation or service, we thank you.

The city would also like to thank the following Miami Valley police departments who showed their support at the services and joined the processional, taking the time away from their communities to support ours:

- Beavercreek Police Department
- Centerville Police Department
- Clayton Police Department
- Dayton Police Department
- Enon Police Department
- Fairborn Police Department
- Greene County Sherriff's Department
- Kettering Health Network Police Department
- Lebanon Police Department

- Montgomery County Sherriff's Department
- Ohio Department of Natural Resources
- Ohio State Highway Patrol
- Sugarcreek Township Police Department
- University of Dayton Police Department
- Vandalia Police Department
- Xenia Police Department
- Yellow Springs Police Department



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Fire Department



The Bellbrook Fire Department is a combination department with 7 full-time employees, 10 part-time employees, and 3 resource members. The fire services provided to the citizens of Bellbrook has a Class 2 Public Protection Classification (PPS), placing the community in the top 3 percent of those evaluated throughout the nation. The department operates 2 engines, 1 ladder truck; 3 ambulances, and 3 staff vehicles. They also have 9 paramedics, 10 Emergency Medical Technicians, and 1 medical director.

Staffing Updates

Full Time Changes:

Jay Leach promoted from Firefighter to Lieutenant.

Jay Leach has been a part-time member of the Department since 2013 and in December became a career Firefighter with the City of Bellbrook. We are proud to announce Firefighter Leach has been promoted to Lieutenant. He has been doing an outstanding job for the City and its residents. We look forward to having him in this leadership role.



Renee Simmons hired as new career Firefighter

We are happy to announce that Renee Simmons is our newest career Firefighter. Firefighter Simmons comes to us from the Hamilton Township Fire Department where she was a full time Firefighter/Paramedic. She also currently works part-time for the Lebanon and Clayton Fire Departments. Firefighter Simmons was part of a very competitive hiring process and selected from a group of highly qualified and experience candidates. We welcome and congratulate Renee as she learns her new position.



New Part-Time Employees:

Hayden Chamberlain—Firefighter/EMT
Rusty Cross—Firefighter/Paramedic
Jordan Ewing—Firefighter/EMT
Samuel Ferguson—Firefighter/EMT
Mitchel Hill—Firefighter/EMT
Kenneth Rust—Firefighter/EMT

“LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.”

That was the theme for this year’s Fire Prevention Week which ran from October 7–13. If you have a reported home fire today, you’re more likely to die than you were in 1980. This startling fact is attributed to several factors, including the way homes are built and the contents in them. Open floor plans and a prevalence of modern synthetic furnishings contribute to homes burning faster, with the fires producing deadly smoke and gasses within moments. You may have as little as two to three minutes to escape a home fire today, as compared to eight to ten minutes several years ago. These concerns prompted NFPA (National Fire Protection Association) to create this year’s theme.

- Look for places fire can start
- Listen for the sound of the smoke alarm
- Learn two ways out of each room

Our goal for Fire Prevention Week is to make sure people recognize that fire remains a very real risk, and that everyone needs to take action to protect themselves and their families.

The week prior to Fire Prevention, Bellbrook Fire Fighters visited over 1,400 students from pre-school to fifth grade spreading the word about fire safety. We taught students the importance of calling 911; STOP, DROP, & ROLL; crawling under smoke; and other important fire safety guidelines.



Service Department



About the Service Department

The Service Department operates and maintains the water system serving the city and part of Sugarcreek Township. Currently, the city has one employee with a Class 2 Operator's License and five employees with a Class 1 Operators License. The Ohio EPA requires the city to have a minimum of one employees with a Class 1 Operator's License. The water system serves over 9,000 people in the city and township. The department also maintains city streets, storm sewers, and city buildings.

Winter 2018/2019 Statistics

- 21 inches of snow
- 3407 miles driven by our snow plows
- 320 tons of road salt used
- 828 gallons of fuel



Water Quality Report

The 2018 Water Quality Report is available to water customers on our website at <http://www.cityofbellbrook.org/page/open/2229/0/Water%20Quality%20Report%202019%20PDF.pdf> For more information, contact the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638 or visit the Utility Billing page on our website.

Yard Restorations

The Service Department will soon begin yard restorations created by winter activities. The damage may be caused from water system repairs or snow plowing operations. Please call (937) 848-8415 to report any yard damage that may apply.

Meter Pit Inspections

Once a year we open up and inspect water meter pits for leaks or any other problems. Please keep mulch, topsoil, or anything else from covering it.

Franklin Street Pedestrian Improvements

In late 2018, the City applied to the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission for funding through their Transportation Alternatives grant program to receive funding for improvements for the Franklin Street bridge at Little Sugarcreek. This bridge currently has no sidewalk or safe way for pedestrians to cross the bridge, forcing them to walk in the median alongside the road. This project will include installing a new, raised sidewalk connecting the bike path just west of the bridge to the Country Place complex (where Subway is housed), curbing the entire length of the walkway, as well as a midblock crosswalk connecting Dots Market and the north side of the street.

At the March 7th board meeting of MVRPC this project was approved for federal funding through the grant! This project is estimated at \$547,853 with \$342,965 in federal funds to be received through the grant. Final schedule for the work to be completed is still being coordinated and we will keep the community updated!



Storm Water Issues

When springtime comes, so does the rain. Please report any flooding or obstructed catch basins during rain events.

Street Repairs & the 2019 Paving Program

The Service Department has been busy patching potholes. Please call (937) 848-8415 to report any potholes you may find.

The streets being considered for the 2019 Paving Program are Dane Lane, Dane Court, Kim Court, Firebird Drive, and Hillcrest Drive.



Farmers Market Returning

After the success of last fall's pilot Farmers Market we have decided to make our market permanent! In this inaugural year we plan to hold it on the second Saturday of every month from May to October from **9am to 1pm**. The market is held in the city building parking lot located at **15 East Franklin Street**. We were very lucky to secure a variety of wonderful vendors selling everything from muffins to turkeys and everything in between! This year we plan to add a different food truck to each event so that you can come and enjoy a hot breakfast or lunch while you shop! We also hope to add some live entertainment to each market.

Applications are on our website for interested vendors, musicians and food trucks. There is no fee for the booth space. Space is first come, first served and limited to 20 vendors so get your applications in early!



Bellbrook Optimist Club

The Bellbrook Sugarcreek Optimist Club invites you to participate in our 2019 patriotic, community program called "THE AVENUE OF FLAGS". We will place a 3'x5' American flag on a 10' flag pole in front of your home or business on the following five national holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Veteran's Day. For a subscription fee of \$50 per year we deliver and place the flag usually a day or two before the holiday and retrieve it after the holiday. This fundraiser helps us support our activities for youth in our community. For more information and a subscription form see our web site: bellbrooksugarcreekooptimist.com, call 937-709-3077 or you may pick up one at the BellHOP Café, 26 N. West St, Bellbrook.



Lioness Garage Sale

The Bellbrook Lioness Annual garage sale is **Wednesday, April 10 and Thursday, April 11 from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM** at the Lions Center (old Grange Building) corner of Wilmington/Dayton and Conference Road. Proceeds from the sale go toward a \$2,000 scholarship for a Bellbrook Senior, fruit baskets for widowers at Christmas time, and other community projects.

Bellbrook Historical Museum

Spring has sprung and all that's old is new again. After a wonderful turnout for our Christmas celebration we want to thank everyone who participated. We took the months of January and February to freshen up your museum. The upstairs Landing, Children and Adult bedrooms all have been painted and reimagined. The Artifact room also has been freshened with many new things to see. The Rotating Exhibit Room is filled to the brim with many beautiful handmade and machine-made quilts from all eras, antique, vintage and 21st Century.

Much has happened at your Museum in the last few years; an all new, correct paint palette for each room, new windows and sashes and new flooring in the Rotating Exhibit Room. And there are many things yet to come for 2019! The museum is open **Wednesday 10 AM to 2 PM and Saturdays from 12 noon to 4 PM**.



Winters-Bellbrook Community Library

A Universe of Stories! is the theme for Greene County Public Library's Summer Reading Program which runs **June 1 - August 1**.

Summer reading programs are designed to help prevent the "summer slide," a decline in reading skills that can occur while kids are out of school. SRP can help motivate kids to read and develop positive attitudes toward books and libraries. They provide fun programs that encourage learning and enjoyable social interactions.

SRP is for adults, too! The library offers small incentives and weekly prize drawings to keep grown-ups reading all summer long. Watch for lots of space-related activities for kids, teens, and adults this summer!

Expand your universe, and participate in the Summer Reading Program at YOUR community library. Find out more at www.greenelibrary.info



Little Free Libraries

This past winter, our City Manager tasked the Service Department with using scrap materials to build a few Little Free Libraries. The Service Department not only agreed, but they turned it into a challenge amongst four department members.



The results were incredible! Matt Sanderman, Paul Stroud, Brett Woeste and Jon Dalton built four unique Little Free Libraries to be placed around the City this spring!

What is a Little Free Library you ask? They are small structures that house a variety of different types of books geared toward all ages and reading levels. They are free to anyone who would like to use them. All you have to do is visit one, take a book, read it and return it. Or if you would like to return a different book, that's fine too! They are just meant to be fun community resources that all can use! Just remember that these are not affiliated with the Winters Library or Greene County Public Library, so please do not return your borrowed library books to these boxes. We hope you enjoy them just as much as our crew enjoyed making them!

Now that we have the Little Free Libraries built, the question now is "how do we fill them with books?" Girl Scout Troop 33263 is taking up the project through their Bronze Award. The Bronze Award is a unique project that focuses on community enrichment and service. It is the highest honor a Girl Scout Junior can earn. Troop 33263 will be centering their project around the collection of books to stock in the little libraries, advertisement to let people know about the libraries, and checking on the libraries occasionally throughout the summer to make sure that they look good!

If you have gently used books that you would like to donate, the Girl Scouts have a box set up in the breeze-way of 15 E. Franklin Street. Please feel free to drop by and donate!



Bellbrook Sugarcreek Parks District

Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District owns, manages and operates 16 parks in the area, totaling approximately 660 acres. The parks located throughout the district include community parks, neighborhood parks, parkways and nature parks.

Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District offers a variety of community-focused events, recreational, nature, preschool and fitness programs to residents and non-residents, of all ages. Information about events can be found on the "Community Events" section. To see everything that the park district has to offer, please visit our website, www.bellbrooksugarcreekparks.org or call us at (937) 848-3535, Monday thru Friday, 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Follow us on social media:

Facebook: [BellbrookSugarcreekParks/](https://www.facebook.com/BellbrookSugarcreekParks/)

Instagram: [bellbrooksugarcreekparks](https://www.instagram.com/bellbrooksugarcreekparks)



Bellbrook Garden Club

Here are some upcoming events and information about what we are up to!

Bellbrook Garden Club's Annual Plant Sale will be on **Saturday, May 18th** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 51 S. East Street—the old school parking area. Sale includes sun/shade perennials, wildflowers, ornamental grasses, groundcovers, herbs and "Wright Iris" grown by club gardeners who are on hand to answer questions about plants. Assistance is available for loading purchases in cars. This is a popular sale and is often sold out before 1 p.m.

Spring Service Projects:

1. Earth Day Poster Contest for 6th and 7th grade students, with winning entries displayed in the club's educational booth in Bellbrook Park at the Sugar Maple Festival, **April 27-28**. Winners also are recognized at the City Council Meeting and receive a small prize.
2. During the week of **April 21st**, club members lead Stephen Bell second graders in making worm bins to learn about composting and soil. Members also continue to help care for the Stephen Bell Courtyard that the club renovated.

Interested in joining? Visit bellbrookgardenclub.org for more information or call Krista Miller, 937-862-9181.



City Receives MVRPC Grant

In early 2019, our City Manager applied for a Transportation Alternatives grant through the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. These funds are used for projects that are focused toward transportation alternatives such as on-road and off-road pedestrian and bicycle facilities. The project the City submitted was to add pedestrian improvements to the Franklin Street bridge. Currently pedestrians are using the median as a way to cross the bridge and connect to the sidewalks on either side of the bridge.

This project will add a raised sidewalk and curb buffer from the west side of the bridge where the walkway currently ends and connect the sidewalk to the east of the bridge. The total project is estimated at \$547,853 and the grant was awarded for \$342,965. The award is scheduled for the 2023 state fiscal year but has the potential to be awarded sooner if funds become available from the state. We look forward to making these improvements to increase the safety of pedestrians in our city.



Save the Date - Brook Mills 10k

As part of the Be Well Bellbrook event in September, we will be hosting the first annual Brook Mills 10k produced by Advanced Running Project. The race will start downtown and wind through Sugarcreek Township. The scenic run is one that you will not want to miss!

There will also be a kids fun run prior to the 10k.

For more details and to register, visit <https://advancedrunning.com/>



Greene County Grant Fund Award

At the December 10, 2018 City Council meeting Greene County Commissioners Tom Koogler, Alan Anderson and Bob Glaser attended to present the City of Bellbrook with a check for \$11,024.79. A total of \$500,000 was divided between all Greene County cities, villages and townships. Cities were allocated \$175,000 and townships and villages shared the remaining \$325,000. Each municipality was simply asked to spend the money wisely and to report back to the County Commissioners how the money was spent.

The City is still identifying where this money will be best put to use. Once a worthwhile project is identified, we will certainly pass that information along!



Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce

We are a great resource of information about our community, businesses and local area. The Chamber has directories, maps and local and regional information available. Check our website for Chamber info, events, community links, business info and the community calendar.

We offer many discounts to our members for Health Insurance (Anthem), Superior Dental Care, Worker's Comp, Vision Care, Prescriptions, Hearing Aids, DPL/IGS Energy, and many more. We are located in the Sugarcreek Elem entry Building, 51 South East St. Call 937-848-4930 for an appointment.

The annual Chamber sponsored Community Garage Sale will be May 16,17,18. To register go to our website: bellbrook-sugarcreek-chamber.com and click on Events. You may also register at their tent in Bellbrook Park during the Sugar Maple Festival.

The public is always welcome to attend the monthly meetings and events.

If you are a business, join the newly formed local Networking group which meets every Wednesday morning at 8am at BellHop Café.



#7 Best Places to Live in Ohio

On January 30th the website homesnacks.net released its list of best places to live by state among a host of other lists. In order to determine the Best Places to Live in Ohio, they took a look at cities with low cost of living, gold star schools, affordable housing, and low crime. They reviewed 250 cities with a population of 5,000 or more and used census and FBI data to aid in their rankings. For the full article and listing, visit <https://www.homesnacks.net/best-places-to-live-in-ohio-122088/>



“Me & My Guy” Dance

The “Me & My Guy” Dance was attended by over 80 couples! This event helped raise \$452 for the Family Partnership Campaign which is a way for Girl Scout families to invest in girls' futures by financially supporting programs, camp improvements, financial assistance, volunteer support and other critical services for Girl Scouts.



Sugar Maple Festival

Come join the Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township community as it celebrates the 41st annual Sugar Maple Festival in downtown Bellbrook April 26-28. This year's festival celebrates one of the most iconic decades in pop culture - **Totally 80s!** As always, the Sugar Maple Festival will feature activities for everyone! Entertainment includes live music, a beer garden, a parade, free children's activities, crafts & food vendors, a 5K run and a dog show. Come be a part of the fun!



Festival Events:

Friday, April 26

- Main Street Closure.....10 AM
- Franklin Street Closure.....5 PM
- Beer & Wine Garden.....5 - 10 PM
- Food Vendors.....5 - 9 PM
- Dog Show Registration.....6 - 6:30 PM
- Dog Show.....6:30 PM
- Live Band - Full Frontal.....6 - 10 PM

Saturday, April 27

- Pancake Breakfast.....8- 10:30 AM
- 5K Registration.....8 AM
- 5K Run Start.....9 AM
- Free Shuttle.....9 AM - 5 PM
- Craft Vendors.....10 AM - 7 PM
- Food Vendors.....10 AM - 9 PM
- National Anthem.....10:30 AM
- Parade Start.....10:30 AM
- Children's Activities in Park....11 AM - 4 PM
- Entertainment in Park.....Noon-4:30 PM
- Beer & Wine Garden.....5 - 10PM
- Live Band - Spungewurthy.....6 - 10 PM

Sunday, April 28

- Free Shuttle.....10:30 AM - 5 PM
- Craft and Food Vendors.....11 AM - 5 PM
- Entertainment.....11 AM - 4:30 PM
- Children's Activities in Park....Noon - 4 PM



Festival Entertainment:

Friday, April 26

Beer Garden

- Full Frontal.....6 - 10 PM

Saturday, April 27

Reviewing Stand

- National Anthem.....10:30 AM

Bellbrook Park

- Bellbrook Jazz Band.....Noon - 12:45 PM
- Murphy/Kelch.....1:15 - 2:30 PM
- Todd the Fox.....3 - 4:30 PM

Beer Garden

- Spungewurthy.....6 - 10 PM

Sugarcreek Township Fire Department

- Bellbrook Dance Academy.....11:30 AM
- Fire Department Auto Extrication.....2 PM

Sunday, April 28

Bellbrook Park

- Chris Katros.....11 AM - 12:30 PM
- Mini Sweetheart Parade.....12:50 PM
- Danny Voris.....1:30 - 3 PM
- Dylan Bradshaw, Magician.....3:30 PM

Sugarcreek Township Fire Department

- Fire Department Auto Extrication...2 PM





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Fire.....(937) 848-3272
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Open Arms Health Clinic

Did you know that there is a **FREE** health clinic in Bellbrook?

It is located at **4403 State Route 725, Suite E** (next to Skyline Chili) and available to those without sufficient health insurance. Anyone who is uninsured or underinsured will find more detail about days/times and Wellness Learning Opportunities throughout the year at BellbrookOpenArmsClinic.org, or by calling **(937) 848-2939**.

They also have ongoing opportunities for volunteers who feel called to share their expertise and kindness in the areas of medical, admin/clerical, technology, and event/fundraising activities and ideas. Visit our table at the Sugar Maple Festival to pick up a brochure, make a donation or ask questions.

