

# Bellbrook

## Community Events

- Chamber of Commerce Annual Golf Outing @ Sugar Valley.....Sept. 3
- Labor Day (City office closed).....Sept. 7
- Neighborhood Walk, 6 PM @ Green Meadow Ranch area.....Sept. 10
- Neighborhood Walk, 6PM @ Ivy Crest/Lakeview areas.....Sept. 17
- Neighborhood Walk, 6PM @ Downtown Bellbrook area.....Sept. 24
- Veteran's Day (City offices closed).....Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving Day (city offices closed).....Nov. 26
- Day after Thanksgiving (city offices closed).....Nov. 27

## City of Bellbrook Newsletter

August 2020

### North Belleview Road

The North Belleview Road culvert replacement project is progressing and a contract was awarded at the City Council meeting on July 13. The work will include replacing the twin corrugated metal culvert pipes with a single 28 foot span concrete cast culvert. The removal of the twin pipes and replacement with a single pipe will improve flow and avoid obstructions from debris. A concrete structure will also have an improved life cycle of 100 years. The crossing will also be widened in order to accommodate the future installation of sidewalks on each side of the road. The guardrails will also be removed due to the new design being much flatter with the grading of the previous steep slopes. The project is estimated to be completed during the month of October. Funding for the project is still being identified with the hopes that the Ohio Public Works Commission Emergency Funding will be available for the project by the start date.

Photo by WHIO Breaking News Staff



### City Received \$120k in CARES Act Funds

At the beginning of July the City received their share of CARES Act funds. These funds were funneled from the state down to the County and then to each municipality. To receive the funds, City Council had to pass a resolution which affirmed proper expenditure of the funds. There are strict guidelines to be followed for the expenditures which were developed at the federal and state level. These funds will be used to reimburse the City for expenditures for personal protective equipment, and technology purchases that enabled remote work and meeting capabilities. The city is also evaluating the creation of its own grant programs that would fall within the guidelines. Although this cannot replace lost revenue for the City from gas and property taxes, it does help to bridge the gap from the unexpected expenses and give us the capability to assist our community.

### CARES Grant for Small Businesses

The Greene County Board of County Commissioners have allocated \$500,000 to assist Greene County small businesses that were impacted by COVID-19. Grants will be up to \$10,000. More information on eligibility and how to apply can be found on the Greene County Department of Development website at <https://greenecountydod.org/>



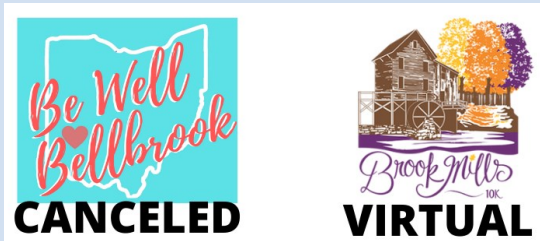
### Covid-19 and City Services

At the time of print, all city buildings and facilities have been reopened to the public for full service. We thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked through the rapidly changing orders. We will continue to keep our webpages devoted to information and resources up to date. You can access them by visiting our home page and clicking on "Resources".

## Event Cancellations

This year has had its share of cancellations no doubt. First was the Sugar Maple festival, then came the Second Saturday Street Fairs. This month would have played host to Be Well Bellbrook and the Lions Club Festival. We are so very sad to not be able to gather at these beloved events that bring us all together. We most certainly look forward to next year when they all make their return!

The Brook Mills 10K race will still be held but VIRTUALLY! If you would like to register for the virtual option, please visit [www.brookmills10k.com](http://www.brookmills10k.com)



## Bellbrook Farmers Market

The Farmers Market has returned for its third full season this year! The market is now held every second and fourth Saturday, 10AM to 1PM. The market is held in the city building parking lot located at 15 East Franklin Street.



CITY OF BELLBROOK  
**FARMERS MARKET**

**Every second & fourth Saturday  
June through September**

**10am to 1pm**

**15 East Franklin Street, Downtown Bellbrook**



## Bellbrook Historical Museum

The museum is now open! Our Rotating Exhibit Room is now featuring beautiful paintings and information about the Covered Bridges of Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Township and Greene County.

For over 100 years the covered bridge was crucial to the development of the transportation system in Ohio. We had 14 covered bridges in our area, with the first being built in 1853 on State Route 725 over the Little Miami. The covered bridge had various uses: shelter in bad weather, place to hold church service, socials, weddings, a place to play and hang out with your friends—and even fights!

We also have a New Acquisitions Exhibit, featuring recent acquisitions that will be added to our permanent collections. Watch for more exhibits to come featuring these new artifacts! Additionally, for a little walk down Memory Lane, we have a complete set of the Sugar Maple Plates now on display for you to see and enjoy.

Museum is open **Wednesday 10AM to 2PM** and **Saturdays 12PM to 4PM** at 42 N. Main Street.

## Family Resource Center

The Bellbrook Sugarcreek Family Resource Center (BSFRC) is here to support our community! The BSFRC is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that gives food, clothing, school supplies, holiday gifts, summer



toys, assistance with social services, guidance, and hope to local families and individuals in need. Our goal is to help people find sustainable solutions to end the cycle of poverty.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are now offering a drive thru service for food pick up on **Wednesday mornings**. We do not want anyone to be hungry, so please reach out to us if you need help!

We are blessed to be well supported by our community, and we are always looking for volunteers and donations to keep our mission going and to keep our neighbors fed. Please visit our website at [www.bsfrc.org](http://www.bsfrc.org) or Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/BSFRC](https://www.facebook.com/BSFRC) to connect with us and learn more.

## Winters-Bellbrook Community Library



Even though COVID-19 had closed the library in March, the Winters-Bellbrook Library continued to look for new, safe ways to support our community. We began offering curbside and walk-up services on May 14<sup>th</sup> for patrons to pick-up their holds, and we now

do an average of 35 pickups each day. We now offer curated Home Collections, which are 20-75 items selected by librarians for your whole family based on items you've liked in the past. Our Summer Reading program has gone virtual with online reading logs and several virtual programs such as story times and book clubs. Of course, the librarians are always available by phone with questions, requests and suggestions.

With guidance from the Board of Health, we will open our doors with new safety guidelines in place. Staff wear masks, do a daily health screening, and maintain a social distance with other staff and patrons. **We offer the first hour of our day (10-11AM) for patrons in vulnerable populations.** We moved our hold shelf to the public area and added a self-check station for patrons who want to pick up their items quickly. We also have guided route around the building to help maintain that social distancing. We are all in this together, and know that together we can keep Bellbrook safe and continue to serve the community.

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Parks District is currently seeking a Bellbrook resident to fill the seat of Parks Commissioner. The Parks District is governed by three Commissioners each appointed to three year terms. One must be a resident of the City, one a resident from the Township and the third can reside in either. The current vacancy needs to be filled by a resident of the City. Interested residents may find all of the information about the position and how to apply on the Parks District website: <https://www.bellbrooksugarcreekparks.org/get-involved/board-of-park-commissioners/>



## Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce

At the end of June, longtime Executive Director Chris Ewing decided to retire from her position at the Chamber. Chris has been a vital part of the organization for over 20 years.



Chris has been responsible for creating a variety of events to bring the community together including the Pet Expo, community garage sales, the annual golf outing, business open houses, grand openings, and an exhaustive list of others. Chris has brought so much light and passion to her position and will truly be missed.

At the time of publishing, the Chamber of Commerce will hopefully have its new Director.

The Chamber is a great resource of information about our community, businesses, and the local area.

For Chamber info, events, community links, business info, and community calendar visit [www.bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com](http://www.bellbrooksugarcreekchamber.com) or call 937-848-4930 for an appointment.



## Bellbrook Sugarcreek Optimist Club

Joshua Hypes, Bellbrook High School, recently won the Optimist Club of Bellbrook Sugarcreek's essay contest based on a theme of "Is Optimism the Key to Achieving the Dreams you iMagine?" Joshua was awarded \$500 for the honor.



"Joshua did a wonderful job of articulating this year's theme. He expressed himself well through the essay and deserved the honor of first place," Club President Mike Cornelius said.

If you don't have your USA flag yet from the Optimist (Avenue of Flags), if you pay the annual fee of \$50 before November 4, you can get a flag for Veterans Day and for the five holidays in 2021. Call 937-469-7644 or visit our web site at [www.bellbrooksugarcreekoptimist.com](http://www.bellbrooksugarcreekoptimist.com).

## Bellbrook Open Arms Health Clinic



Open Arms Health Clinic continues to remain open throughout all pandemic phases with safety protocols in place! Services are FREE for those who are uninsured and underinsured for general health issues on Tuesday evenings 6-9pm; Women's health on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays 8am - 12pm; additional wellness options and opportunities in

collaboration with Wright State Medical Students (including telemedicine for established patients) may be found on our website [www.bellbrookopenarmsclinic.org](http://www.bellbrookopenarmsclinic.org) or [www.facebook.com/OAHCBellbrook](https://www.facebook.com/OAHCBellbrook). Stay cool and hydrate well!

## New City Email Newsletter



Looking for a way to stay connected to the City of Bellbrook more often? Get news delivered straight to your email inbox! Emails will go out as needed but no more than once per week and at minimum once per month. You will still continue to receive our print newsletter and it will be sent every April, August, and December as usual.

Stay up to date on projects, events and more! Sign up for the email newsletter at:

[http://www.cityofbellbrook.org/page/residents\\_city\\_newsletter](http://www.cityofbellbrook.org/page/residents_city_newsletter)

# City Council

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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



## Bellbrook Mountain Land Proposal

The City of Bellbrook was presented with an interest to purchase or lease approximately 16 acres of City owned land back in June of 2019 for use by Bellbrook Mountain. Numerous discussions occurred related to the proposed uses of the land which included a 200 car parking lot, tube runoff and other structures related to the business.

City Council evaluated the land acquisition on numerous occasions and did not express an interest to pursue it further as it is not considered surplus land and is located on the City's wellfield. This was communicated to the individual who made the proposal in a letter dated June 15, 2020. As stated in the letter, the discussions were only related to the sale or lease of city owned land and did not give an opinion or evaluation of the proposed business plan.

The City has encouraged the individuals pursuing Bellbrook Mountain to continue to do so.

## City Council Meetings went Virtual

City Council began meeting virtually in April via Zoom which was also streamed to our cable channel and YouTube at the same time! Our meetings were always broadcast to cable live but the YouTube videos were always posted a few days later after processing. We were thankful that we were able to offer both live streaming options and are working to be able to continue to do so even after we begin meeting in person again and are no longer using Zoom.



## Recently Adopted Legislative Items

	EXPLANATION OF THE ORDINANCE/ RESOLUTION	REASON
Resolution 2020-G	Contract for N Belleview Drive Engineering	Allowed for necessary engineering to be started for the repair of the bridge and culvert that were destroyed by a storm
Resolution 2020-H	Collective Paving Program	Annual program for paving of city streets
Resolution 2020-I	Memorandum of Understanding with the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Parks Commission	Bellbrook's request to have a representative on the Parks Board
Resolution 2020-J	Sunshine Law Training Designee	Allows the Clerk to be the elected officials' designee for Ohio Sunshine Law training
Resolution 2020-K	Agreement with Schools for Security	Annual agreement to provide police security at the schools
Resolution 2020-L	Agreement for Security at High School Football Games	Annual agreement to provide police security at home High School football games
Resolution 2020-M	Request for CARES Funds	Required for the City to receive its share of funds to combat effects of COVID-19
Resolution 2020-N	Create a Fund to Manage CARES Funds	Required action to create a fund in which to manage the money

# Police Department

The Bellbrook Police Department is proud to announce the dates for the "Neighborhood Walks"! This is a great time to meet the Chief of Police while he is walking in your neighborhood! If you have any concerns or compliments, please be sure to share with him any of your issues. The walks will be from **6pm-7:30pm**, but are subject to change amidst COVID-19. Please see the first page Community Calendar for the scheduled walk areas.



## National Night Out

National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances.



This event is tentatively planned for **Tuesday, August 4th**.

## New part-time Officer Kevin Long



On June 17th Kevin Long was sworn in by Mayor Schweller as a part time police officer. Kevin came to Bellbrook from Wright State University Police Department. Officer Long is currently undergoing his field training and will be out as a single unit in a few months. Be sure to say hello if you see him out and about.

## Police Officer Spotlight—Alexi Stout



I've been a police officer for two years now. I wanted to become an officer to further my innate sense of protection over others. To be able to put that passion to use in my career is beyond an honor, as I have a serious heart for people! As a Bellbrook officer, I want to work diligently in furthering the connection of law enforcement and youth as well as climbing the ranks to hold a leadership position. The greatest thing I bring to the table are my "people skills". I can talk and connect with anybody. My favorite quote is one my mom instilled in me from a young age -

*"If I am going to error, I would rather error on the side of grace."*

# Fire Department

## Communicating Possible COVID-19 Symptoms to EMS

### PRIMARY SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19



FEVER



COUGH



RUNNY NOSE



BODY ACHEs



SORE THROAT



SHORTNESS OF BREATH



LOSS OF SENSE OF SMELL

If you plan to use your local EMS for treatment and transport of patients who are exhibiting any possible symptoms related to COVID-19, please give the 911 operator detailed information about the symptoms the patient is exhibiting. Also, if the patient has recently traveled outside of the United States, that information is vital. Additionally, upon arrival of EMS personnel, please repeat that same information.

It is extremely important to keep our EMS responders safe and healthy when we respond to provide assistance. Please also wear a face mask upon arrival of our staff if you have one. A new one will be provided once we arrive as well.

## Station 2 Gets a New Sign

Check out the Bellbrook Fire Department's new sign! With the updated electronic insert, local information will be able to be easily displayed!



## Outdoor Fires

As summer activities continue, it is important to remain aware of the do's & don'ts of having recreational fires. Only use clean, dry wood for fires. No trash, yard waste, paper with printed ink, or anything plastic is to be used for fires. Recreational fires must be located at least 25 feet from a structure or combustible materials, and no larger than 2 feet in width. When finished, extinguish coals with water and leave hot materials untouched for 24 hours. Do not bag or dispose of the materials until they are completely out.

Please visit the Ohio EPA's website for more information: <https://epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/facts/openburn.pdf>



## 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 Operator's License. The Ohio EPA requires the city to have a minimum of one employee 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.

## Hydrant Flushing

The annual fire hydrant flushing will occur the week of October 7<sup>th</sup> through October 11<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM to 3:30PM daily.

Fire hydrant flushing is necessary for the general maintenance of the City's water system. It is also important to check the hydrants and make sure that they are working properly in case of an emergency.

Please avoid doing laundry during this time. If discoloration of laundry occurs, a special detergent is available from the City. If you use a water softener, please set it to "by-pass" during this week. Water may appear "rusty" during the process, but will return to normal when the process is complete. Please call 848-4638 with any questions.



## Beechwood Drive Culvert Relining

In late June a 60 inch culvert located near 3980 Beechwood Drive was relined. The existing culvert was made of galvanized metal and was starting to fail due to age. The contractor cut out areas of deterioration, rebuilt it with wire mesh and then sprayed layers of concrete over it. This process reinforces the culvert and allows for better flow of water to prevent a failure of the structure. This project was part of the 2020 Capital Improvement Program authorized by City Council.



Before



After

## North West Street Sidewalk Improvements

The addition of a sidewalk and ADA accessible ramps and domes on the east side of North West Street is gaining traction. The project will be between the gas station and City service garage. This project is estimated at \$85,177 with 40% coming from a Greene County Community

Development Block Grant. The bid is set to be awarded by the Greene County



Commissioners on August 6th and the work to be completed soon thereafter.

## Proper Disposal of Natural Debris

The season for yard work has been upon us now for some time and it is important to remind residents NOT to toss debris of any type into the creeks, streams or rivers. Even natural debris such as leaves and limbs can create damaging clogs which can lead to structure failures. Ordinance 1060.07 specifically states that:

"No person shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, sort, scatter or leave, any rubbish, earth, ashes, cinders, sawdust, ice, glass, manure, filth, paper, dirt, grass, leaves, twigs, brush, garbage or other offensive material in any public street or public property of the City, or on any private property, except on approved private or public dumps."

## 2020 Paving Program

The 2020 paving program is awaiting final scheduling. The following roads will be paved:

- Bellemeade Drive
- Fowler Drive
- Possum Run Road from the city limit to Clarkston

Depending on budget with the reduction in gas taxes from the pandemic, Justin Court and Lynlee Drive may be added to the list. Final determination will be made this month.

# Planning & Zoning

## City of Bellbrook & Stormwater

The City of Bellbrook naturally frequent water runoff from storm events. **Stormwater** is defined as any water that is not soaked into the ground after a rainstorm. When subdivisions are built, they create impermeable surfaces that speed up and relocate the natural drainage of water (think of your roof, your driveway, sidewalk, and street).

Stormwater drainage facilities are conventionally installed to manage stormwater and often cross over individual properties and are required by the City or review-entity to ensure that residents of these subdivisions are not flooded because of the development. These drainage ways are typically marked by drainage easements or by buffers on the recorded property record. These easements are vital to ensuring that the storm facilities are maintained.

A new homeowner may not be aware of an easement on their property and they will landscape without knowing the possible consequences. It is the homeowner's responsibility when purchasing the property to research whether it contains such easements or facilities. In Ohio law a property owner has a right to manage stormwater on their land, however they cannot cause another property to flood. Often there are stipulations on what you can modify in these buffers or easements that can be found in your Covenants and Restrictions.

Please be aware if your property contains these easements or facilities. You can do so by viewing your record plan, which can be found through the Greene County Auditor's Map Server at <https://gis.co.greene.oh.us/gims/>. Type in your address or zoom to your house. The information will be available via a hyperlink that says PLAT CAB/PG. Please call (937) 848-4666 with any questions.

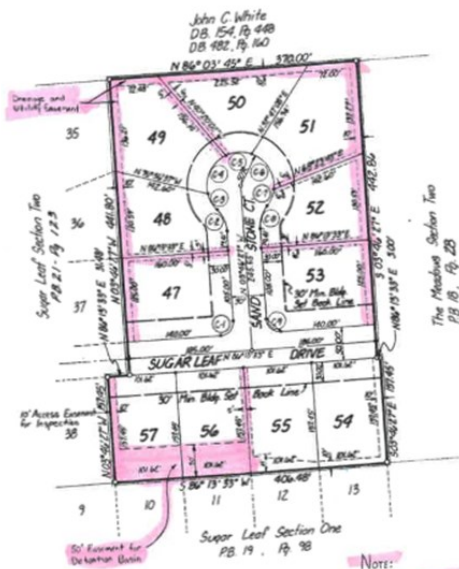


Figure 1:  
Sugar Leaf subdivision drainage easements

## Greene County Master Trails Plan

Greene County Regional Planning and Coordinating Commission and Greene County Parks and Trails are collaborating on a Master Trails Plan for Greene County.

This plan will include a vision for bike and pedestrian pathways to improve safety, connectivity and economic vibrancy. They are still in the process of gathering information and will be making recommendations and seeking public engagement along the way.

You can find all of the information and stay up to day by visiting the following website:

<https://www.co.greene.oh.us/1666/Master-Trails-Plan>

### Project Timeline



## Creek Maintenance

Bellbrook is home to a number of beautiful creeks and streams. It is vital that individuals do not dump anything into the creek, including yard debris. This includes leaves, sticks, lawn clippings, or any other materials that do not naturally occur in the creeks. Please dispose of yard waste in garbage bags and place out with your normal garbage.



## Do I need a permit for that?

Here is a list of common projects you need a permit from the City for to ensure safety and compliance with our zoning code:

- Fence/Wall
- Shed
- Addition
- Accessory Building
- Deck
- Swimming Pool



To apply for a permit, contact Jessica Hansen at 937-848-4666.



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2020**

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Throughout the pandemic, we have realized just how important our small businesses are. They are the lifeblood of the community and without them, Bellbrook is just not the same. We all missed our favorite restaurants, shops and all of the folks that are there keeping them going during the closures.

Now that most have reopened, although in a modified way, please continue to support them by patronizing them and keeping your money in Bellbrook.

Each time you shop small you are supporting your friends and neighbors who have worked very hard to offer you and your family with the goods and services they provide. It has been an extremely difficult time to be a small business and each and every one of them would be appreciative of the collective community support!