

Bellbrook

Community Events & Important Dates

August 8 – Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Township Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing

August 23-24 – Bellbrook Lions Club 77th Annual SummerFest

September 2 – Labor Day (City Offices closed)

October 6 – Bellbrook Fire Department Open House

October 7-11 – Fire hydrant flushing

October 31 – Halloween & Trick-or-Treat

November 2 – Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Township Area Chamber of Commerce 3rd Annual Craft Show

November 5 – Election Day

November 11 – Veterans Day (City Offices closed)

November 28 – Thanksgiving Day (City Offices closed)

November 29 – Day After Thanksgiving (City Offices closed)

Bellbrook Pioneer Cemetery

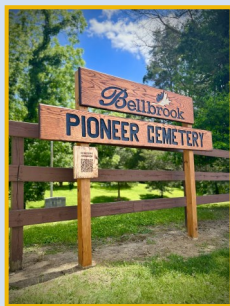


Photo courtesy of Ryan Pasley

If you have been by Upper Bellbrook Road, you may have seen the new sign for the Bellbrook Pioneer Cemetery!

The Bellbrook Service Department designed and created the new sign for the Pioneer Cemetery and added a QR code that links to a

digital archive.

Kevin Conley created the Pioneer Cemetery's digital archive in 2013 for an Eagle Scout project with assistance from Boy Scouts Troop 375. The cemetery is open for visitors and is located immediately north of Bellbrook Cemetery on Upper Bellbrook Road.

City of Bellbrook Newsletter

August 2024

Message from the Mayor



Greetings Bellbrook! Our community has seen another great summer take shape. Starting with this year's Sugar Maple Festival which had more to offer than ever before, and it continues to grow. We are now prepared for the next great community event, the Lion's Club Festival. After that, we continue to build and grow our Christmas in the Park event in Bellbrook Park. We stay committed to enhancing the community experience in Bellbrook and to continually improve the quality of life. In addition to community events, we have listened to and responded with continued improvements to downtown and other areas of infrastructure in the City. The Main and Franklin improvement project is nearly complete which has greatly enhanced walkability and pedestrian safety in our downtown. As our downtown continues to revitalize, we are happy to have welcomed new businesses and places of interest for the community. Between community events, and our great local businesses, I look forward to seeing you out and about in Bellbrook!

City council and I stay focused on getting the priority projects put into motion that are created from your concerns and needs. We continue to provide improvements to stormwater drainage and street repairs. In addition, we were one of few communities to take proactive action for PFAS remediation to safeguard and maintain the safety of our water source. As a result, the City has already entered into settlement agreements with some of the country's biggest chemical companies to provide funding for investments in our water system to make sure it remains safe.

Maintaining a high level of safety in our community is one of our critical objectives. As we continue working to increase the quality of life in Bellbrook, we rely on staying engaged with the community to hear what is important, and public safety is always a top element. We have recently shared that the City has worked hard to identify other solutions to cover the cost of maintaining public safety service levels in the community. The City continues making adjustments and containing as many costs as possible. Considering Public Safety is a top priority, the City has introduced a levy of 2.2 mills for the November general election. This will allow voters to speak and decide what level of public safety service will continue. Sustaining the high level of service our community deserves is critical to the future success of Bellbrook. We are focused on creating plans to ensure Bellbrook remains the best community in the region to live, work, and play. I encourage you to reach out through one of our many methods of contact to get information about the City or to provide any feedback, suggestions or concerns you have. We are an open, honest, and transparent organization, and we work hard to provide the information you need to be armed to make decisions for the community. We will be working with the community to provide additional information. We appreciate your participation.

I look forward to enjoying the activities and improvements that are happening in Bellbrook with each of you. This is an exciting time for Bellbrook, and we count on you to help shape our future. As always, please reach out in any way to participate, and let us know how we can continue providing excellent services to the community.

Mayor Mike Schweller



Winters-Bellbrook Community Library



Did you know how much the Winters Library is involved in the community where you live? We are pleased to partner with local businesses and groups to make the Winters Library the best place to be!

This summer, the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Community Support Center provided 1,500 snack bags for our summer snack program. Each month, the Bellhop Café hosts our afternoon book club on the third Wednesday at 1:00 pm. For six years, the Park District has collaborated on our Walk and Talk program, a book club and gentle hike in Sweet Arrow Reserve on the fourth Wednesday at 6:30 pm. We now provide craft programs and Food and Fiction – another book club for Greene County Council on Aging. This program is held at the Park District Headquarters on the fourth Thursday at 3:00 pm. Their craft programs are intermittent throughout the year. The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church graciously allows us to have our larger programs inside their Fellowship Hall throughout the year, and we thank them for co-hosting a Christmas Concert each December. We are continually providing outreach services to public schools and private preschools, including Happy Child, Bellbrook Preschool at St. Pierre, and the Bellbrook Community Preschool. We participate in the Sugar Maple Festival, Lions Club parade, Christmas in the Park, Halloween in the Park, Spellbrook, RiverFest, Community Night at the Community Support Center, and Community Picnics. And so much more! The staff of five librarians and three clerks are grateful to have such a robust community to provide activities and services to, and we can't wait to see you at the next events this fall!

Open Arms Health Clinic

Bellbrook Open Arms Free Health Clinic offers interim care for the uninsured or underinsured in our nearby neighborhoods. Visit www.bellbrookopenarmsclinic.org or call (937) 848-2939 on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. This summer, we offer a world of thanks to Gary Sargent, a dedicated volunteer for over ten years! As an accountant and keeper of so many important files, registrations, and technology, his detailed and timely reporting has always met standards of perfection. Your clinic family and the community wish you the best in all that you do in your new activities. Thank you so very much, Gary!



Now, our search begins for a part-time, very flexible volunteer bookkeeper/accountant to provide services similar to any combination of those above. Could it be you or someone you know (for just a few hours per week/month)? Please inquire on our website, www.bellbrookopenarmsclinic.org, or leave a message with your contact information at (937) 848-2939. Also, with profound appreciation for his time as Executive/Medical Director since the inception of Bellbrook Open Arms Health Clinic (and still as an active Board Member), Dr. A. Patrick Jonas will transfer the duties

of Clinical Medical Director to Dr. Gail Askew, a Family Medicine practitioner. She brings a depth of knowledge from decades of experience and commitment to her patients. As we plan ahead for the 2024-2025 school year, Dr. Jonas will move into a newly created position, Director of Education, for the clinic. In this role, he will mentor and offer lectures and a wide range of learning experiences for Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine students and other local interns and organizations (sometimes at the BellHop Café, please see Facebook: OAHCBellbrook). Thank you, Dr. Jonas, for sharing a lifetime of expertise and insight with such generosity!

In addition, we celebrate new Board Members Jordan Ewing, Sugarcreek Fire Department, and Steve Young, Realtor. Keep in mind the opportunity for Board membership if you have technology experience, legal expertise or communication and social media guidance to share. And we'll look for your smile and wave at the Lions Club SummerFest parade in August.

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce's Upcoming Events

Golf Outing: August 8, 2024. Register at www.bellbrook-sugarcreekchamber.com, and click on "Events."

3rd Annual Craft Show: November 2, 2024 at the Bellbrook High School from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.



Chamber Member Meeting: September 5 and November 7, 2024 at the Sugarcreek Township Building from 9:00 to 10:00 am.

Chamber's Meet -n- Greets: October 10, 2024 at 3951 W. Franklin Street, Suite 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm and December 12, 2024 at the Bellbrook Historical Museum at 42 N. Main Street from 5:30 to 6:30 pm.

Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District



The partnership between the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District and the Greene County Council on Aging continues to grow! So far this year, seniors in our community have enjoyed game show lunches, book clubs, and even pickleball together. Our crafting classes with We Care Arts have been well attended, and Euchre Game Time is always a hit! We are thrilled to be part of the network of senior centers in Greene County, providing valuable resources to the community. These programs are accessible to adults aged 50 and above, with most offered free of charge thanks to the Council's support. We currently offer adaptable fitness programs like Chair Yoga every Monday and TAPFit Fitness every Tuesday. Both programs help our seniors stay active with movements that can be adjusted to fit personal comfort levels. We are excited to add some new offerings this fall, including a Lunch & Learn series, holiday parties, and more. To view a full listing of our programs for active adults, visit our website at www.bellbrook-sugarcreekparks.org!



Bellbrook Garden Club

Lawn Reduction

Traditional American landscaping focuses on maintaining a manicured green lawn. However, native trees, shrubs, ground cover, prairie or meadow patches, flower beds, and attractively mulched areas are better environmental choices for people and wildlife.

Did You Know?

Approximately 40 million U.S. acres are planted as lawns, including residential and commercial properties and golf courses. More land in the U.S. is devoted to lawns than irrigated crops like corn or wheat. 30-60% of urban fresh water is used for watering lawns, depending on the city. Sixty-seven million pounds of synthetic pesticides are used on U.S. lawns annually. Yard waste, mostly grass clippings, makes up 20% of municipal solid waste collected, and much of it ends up in landfills. Lawns have less than 10% of the water-absorbing capacity of natural woodlands, which contributes to suburban flooding.

Reasons to Reduce Your Lawn and Plant Native Plants

Save the time and money that you would normally spend on mowing and fertilizing grass. Native plants require much less maintenance than turf grass. Areas of lawn that include only one type of plant, such as turf grass, offer little habitat value for wildlife. A variety of native plants can provide wildlife with food, cover and places to raise their young. Conserve water. Native plants, once established, require much less water than turf grass. Reduce lawn mower air pollution. Decrease run-off of lawn fertilizers and pesticides into local watersheds. Once established, native plants do not require fertilizers or pesticides.

Alternatives to Turf Grass that Benefit Wildlife

Many native plant species can be used as ground cover in place of turf grass. Install native plants, trees and shrubs, which have great habitat value for wildlife. Encourage the native plants you already have and replace exotic invasive species with native ones. You can even create a butterfly or hummingbird garden with native plants. The Lady Bird Johnson



Bergamot, also known as bee balm

Wildflower Center has lists of recommended native plants by region and state at www.wildflower.org/collections. Create a water garden or pond to provide a water source for wildlife. Create a rock garden or use garden borders of rock or wood. Wildlife will be able to use the rocks for shelter. Use mulched paths—mulch can reduce weeds and prevent erosion. Use organic mulch to improve the soil with nutrients and increase its water-holding capacity. Plant an organic vegetable garden.

Source: National Wildlife Federation (www.nwf.org/gardenforwildlife). The Bellbrook Garden Club wishes to thank those who patronized this year's May plant sale.

Website: www.bellbrookgardenclub.org

Contact email: bellbrookgardenclub@gmail.com

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center (BSCSC) is a nonprofit organization that bridges the gap between immediate needs and long-term goals for community members facing financial hardship.

With necessary financial support, in-kind donations, and staff and volunteers who are mission-focused, here's what we have been able to achieve for area families:

Community Block Party

BSCSC recently hosted a community block party, where our community came together, connecting old and new friends and providing a space where fellowship could prosper! There was something for everyone, including "touch the truck," bounce house, face-painting, cornhole, 4 Paws for Ability, and feathered friends from Sugarcreek Bird Farm. Thanks to everyone for making it such a special evening!

Computer Class

Helping our neighbors achieve their long-term goals is part of our mission, and one way we do that is through educational programs and job-skill development. We recently offered a 25-hour computer course taught by volunteers and offered volunteer childcare as well as donations for meals. Six graduates completed the course, and two continued their educational journey by enrolling in a related course at Sinclair Community College this fall.

Summer Snack Pack

Food insecurity typically spikes during the summer when children no longer receive reduced or free lunches at school. In partnership with our friends at Winters-Bellbrook Community Library, this program helps bridge the gap! With grant funding, we can provide about 1,500 snack items for these children during the summer months.

Greater Miami Valley Job & Career Fair

Recently, BSCS hosted the Greater Miami Valley Job & Career Fair at Fearless Church. It was a great opportunity to match job seekers with over 20 local employers. The turnout was fantastic, but more importantly, it resulted in several interviews and job offers and helped sharpen pre-employment skills, such as resume writing and interviewing best practices during job skill development workshops.

Partnership with The Foodbank, Inc.

To improve health outcomes for those we serve, we recognize that we must provide healthier and more nutrient-dense food. Our recent partnership with The Foodbank has provided us with more nutritious proteins, fresh fruits, and vegetables at no charge to us. Our pantry clients are the real winners of this strategic partnership!

Thank you for helping us support our community members in need!

Website: www.bscsc.org

Contact email: info@bscsc.org



City Council



Bellbrook's City Council is the City's legislative and policy-making body. The Council comprises a mayor and six council members elected at large on a non-partisan basis. The Bellbrook City Council invites you to attend its regular meetings held each month on the second and fourth Mondays at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noticed). For information about Bellbrook's City Council, past meetings, or current issues, please call the City Administration Department at (937) 848-4666 or visit the City Council page on our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org/page/council_home.

The City of Bellbrook also has several boards and commissions to carry out various functions. They include the Planning Board, Board of Zoning Appeals & Property Review Commission, Village Review Board, Records Commission, Historical Museum Trustees, and the Charter Advisory Commission. Vacancies for the boards and commissions occur regularly, and citizens interested in becoming more involved in their community are invited to contact the City Administration Department at (937) 848-4666 to submit their names for future vacancies. Any applicant must be a registered voter.

Waste Collection



Rumpke Recycling Service



For City residents and businesses with Rumpke services, Rumpke now offers the Hefty ReNew™ program in Bellbrook's service area. Hefty ReNew™ bags may be purchased at local retailers and include a list of acceptable items that can be collected in the bags. Fill the bag with hard-to-recycle items, place it in your Rumpke recycling container, and it will be picked up during your regular recycling service.

Some recyclable items are not accepted in the Hefty ReNew™ program. Additionally, some items must be placed loose and unbagged in your recycling container. Please visit www.heftyrenew.com for a full list of acceptable items and additional program information.

This program is intended to expand Rumpke's existing recycling service within the City. It will not replace or impact the current recycling service, and participation in this program is optional.

Waste Collection Holiday Delays

Please note that waste and recycling collection will be delayed by one day due to the Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays. Waste and recycling collection will occur on Saturday, September 7, and Saturday, November 30, for those weeks.

Seasonal Information



Yard Debris Disposal

The City of Bellbrook does not permit leaves or yard debris to be placed in the street. The accumulation of leaves and other yard debris in the street may pose a traffic hazard, especially when wet. Additionally, yard debris along the street is often blown or washed into storm sewer catch basins and drainage ditches, which results in blockages of ditches and underground storm sewer pipes. Blockages can lead to flooding of streets, yards, and even buildings. Do not intentionally dispose of leaves or other yard debris in the storm sewers.

While the City of Bellbrook does not offer leaf pick up in the fall, Residents have the following options to dispose of yard waste:

- Leaves and yard waste may be disposed of in bags or tied into bundles (no larger than four feet long and two feet wide) and set out for pick up by Rumpke during regular trash and recycling pick up (Fridays).
- Greene County Environmental Services, located at 2145 Greene Way Boulevard, Xenia, accepts leaves, grass, and brush. They do not accept nuts, apples, stumps, dirt, or sod. For more information, please call Greene County Environmental Services at (937) 562-5925.
- Independent companies offer leaf pick-up and/or vacuum services. Please refer to the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Area Chamber of Commerce for companies that may offer these services. If you intend to use a vacuum service, leaves should be piled along the front of your yard, not in the street.
- Leaves can be mulched by leaving them in an unobtrusive location in your yard and placing dirt on them until the leaves decompose.

Service Department



The Bellbrook 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 9,200 people in the City and Township. The Department also maintains City streets, storm sewers, and City buildings.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

During the week of October 7-11 (Monday through Friday), the Bellbrook Service Department will be flushing fire hydrants between 8:30 am and 3:30 pm.



The purpose of water system flushing is to verify the safe operation of hydrants and valves, remove accumulated sediment and mineral buildup in the bottom of our water mains, flush stale water from dead-end streets, restore and help maintain a chlorine residual throughout the water system, and continue maintaining a clean water supply.

The water flushing may result in temporary discoloration of the water and a possible reduction in water pressure. Water discoloration is not a health risk. The Service Department recommends that residents consider restricting water usage and setting water softeners to bypass. The discolored water may stain your laundry, especially white materials, and possibly plumbing fixtures. Therefore, please avoid doing laundry during the noted flushing period.

Please check the cold water for possible discoloration before washing clothes, including times after the hours stated in this notice. If the water is discolored, let the cold water run for a minute (or two) and see if it begins clearing. If the water does not clear at that time, try again later. Unfortunately, the City cannot guarantee the possibility of discoloration even during the evenings and other times of the day as the water system has been disturbed.

The City also cannot guarantee when a specific neighborhood's hydrants will be flushed. Therefore, please check your water carefully before doing laundry and inspect the laundry before it is dried. If discoloration of laundry occurs, a special detergent is available from the City Administration Department at 15 East Franklin Street.

For more information, call the City of Bellbrook Utility Billing Office at (937) 848-4638. We thank you for your patience during this process!



Storm Drain Dumping & Stream Pollution: Keep Creeks Clean & Storm Drains Clear

To report an illegal discharge, call the Bellbrook Service Department at (937) 848-8415 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. After hours, call (937) 848-8484.

What is an illegal discharge?

Storm drains are designed to handle stormwater runoff only and do not provide treatment to water or other substances that enter the system. The Bellbrook Service Department manages the storm drain system in the city. Public education and participation in reporting sightings or evidence of suspicious substances being dumped down storm drains or directly into our local creeks are important parts of preventing water pollution. Odors, unnatural colors, or dead fish are signs that something harmful has entered the water.

As part of our Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program, we ask citizens who suspect that they have witnessed illegal dumping into a storm drain or water pollution to contact the Bellbrook Service Department. If you are not sure whether an illegal discharge has occurred, please report it, and we will determine whether action is required to protect the water supply and the environment.

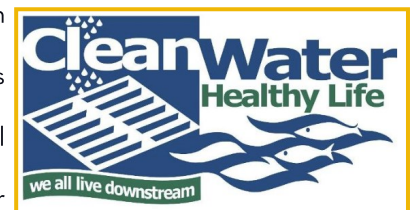
What are some examples of illicit discharges?

Proper disposal of common household chemicals and products is important to prevent pollution of our local waterways. Under no circumstances should any of the following (or other chemicals) be disposed of by pouring or placing in a storm drain or directly into a local waterway:

- "Gray water" such as laundry, shower, or kitchen wastewater.
- Paints, solvents, cleaning products, and other toxic household substances.
- Gasoline, motor oil, brake fluid, engine coolant (antifreeze), and other toxic automotive products.
- Septic tank pump-out and other types of human or animal waste.
- Fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and other agricultural products.
- Leaves, grass clippings, or yard waste of any kind.

What are some visible effects of an illicit discharge?

- An unnatural color in the water, such as red, white, or brown.
- An oil sheen floating on the water.
- Floatable items such as toilet paper or suds.
- A foul or unnatural odor.
- Dead fish or other aquatic life



Remember: Only rain goes down the drain!

Fire Department



The Bellbrook Fire Department is a combination department with seven full-time employees and thirteen part-time employees. The fire services provided to the residents of Bellbrook have a Class 2 Public Protection Classification, placing the community in the top 3% of those evaluated nationwide.

The Department operates two engines, one ladder truck, three ambulances, and three staff/support vehicles. They have eleven paramedics, nine emergency medical technicians (EMTs), and one medical director.

Recognition

It's heartening to hear about the swift and effective response from the Bellbrook Fire and Police Department, as well as the Dispatcher from the Greene Central Communication Center. Their dedication and quick actions undoubtedly played a crucial role in saving this resident's life. It's a testament to their training and commitment to public safety.

The collaborative effort between EMS personnel and the police department highlights the importance of teamwork in emergency situations. Their immediate response and application of advanced medical techniques like ACLS (advanced cardiac life support) were instrumental in reviving the patient.

Additionally, the coordination between first responders and hospital staff further demonstrates the importance of seamless communication and cooperation in providing the best possible care for patients. The fact that the patient was able to return home without any neurological deficits is a testament to the high standard of care provided throughout the entire process.

Recognition from Premier Health underscores the significance of their efforts and serves as a reminder of the vital role that emergency responders play in our communities. Their dedication to saving lives is truly commendable and deserves all the praise and recognition they receive.



Back row left to right: Chief Bizzarro, Officer Ruble, FF. Takach, Dispatcher Schuck, Lt. Leach, FF. Stroud, Medical Director Dr. Marriott, and EMS Coordinator Burdick
Front row: FF. Simmons and Officer Warren

New Faces

Congratulations to Mira Butterfield and Noah Silo on joining the team as Firefighter/EMTs! It's fantastic news that Mira is furthering her education by enrolling in paramedic school, which will undoubtedly enhance her skills and contribute to the team's capabilities in providing advanced medical care.

Noah's experience at the Mad River Township Fire and EMS Department will bring valuable experience to the team. Their dedication to serving the community in this vital capacity is admirable, and their addition to the team is sure to strengthen the Department's ability to respond effectively to emergencies and uphold the highest standards of patient care.

Welcome aboard, Mira and Noah! Your contributions to the team are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working together to ensure the safety and well-being of our community.

Open House

Join us for a day of fun and learning at the annual Bellbrook Fire Department Open House! We're thrilled to invite the entire community to join us on Sunday, October 6th, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at Bellbrook Fire Station #2, located at 4254 West Franklin Street.

This collaborative event promises something for everyone in the family. Come and explore our fire department, where you'll have the chance to view various fire and emergency medical displays, as well as safety presentations. It's a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the important work we do to keep our community safe.

Meet our dedicated fire department members, who are passionate about serving our community and keeping everyone protected. They'll be on hand to answer any questions you may have and share their experiences with you.

If you've ever thought about joining our exciting fire and emergency medical service team, this event is the perfect opportunity to learn more. We'll have information available for residents interested in becoming part of our team, so don't miss out!

Mark your calendars and bring the whole family for an afternoon of education, fun, and community spirit at the Bellbrook Fire Department Open House. We can't wait to see you there!



Fire Department (continued)



Did You Know?

The Bellbrook Fire Department is truly committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of its residents. Here's a breakdown of some of the services offered:

- **CPR, First Aid, and ACLS Courses:** These courses are essential for equipping community members with life-saving skills in emergency situations. CPR, First Aid, and ACLS training can make a significant difference in the outcome of medical emergencies.
- **Child Safety Seat Installations:** Proper installation of child safety seats is crucial for protecting young passengers in vehicles. The Fire Department's assistance in installing these seats ensures that they are correctly fitted and secure, enhancing child safety during travel.
- **Home Fire Safety Inspections:** This service provides residents with valuable insights into potential fire hazards within their homes and offers recommendations to improve safety measures.
- **Green Reflective Address Signs:** These signs improve visibility for emergency responders, enabling them to locate residences more quickly, especially in situations where every second counts.
- **Assistance with Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors:** Ensuring that smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are properly installed and functioning is essential for early detection of fire and gas hazards. The fire department's assistance in this regard helps to enhance residential safety.

These services demonstrate the Bellbrook Fire Department's proactive approach to promoting safety within the community and its commitment to providing comprehensive support to residents in emergency preparedness and response. For additional information, please contact the Fire Department at (937) 848-3272.

Police Department



Lock Your Car—Take Your Keys—Take Your Items

Auto thefts continue to rise. Thieves look for easy targets, so take some quick and easy precautions! A neighboring county has posted figures showing more than four stolen cars every day.

Lock Your Car

Thieves look for open vehicles. Leaving your car unlocked provides an easy target for thieves. "...But I don't want them to break my window!" - A thief typically won't. Why? Thieves like to remain unseen, and breaking glass makes noise and attracts attention. Bellbrook Police Department easily sees 20 times the number of thefts from open and unlocked vehicles as we do from someone forcing entry to a vehicle.

Take Your Keys

Recent auto thefts in the area have found the owner left the keys either in the ignition, on the dashboard, or in the glovebox or center console. Don't make your car an easy target - lock your car and take your keys!

Don't Leave Items In Plain Sight

Have items of value in your car or truck? Take them inside with you or cover them so they can't be seen. Purses, wallets, sporting equipment, checkbooks, and computer laptops are prime targets for thieves looking through an open vehicle.



One other recommendation: Put your garage door down. Bellbrook Police Officers, if they see your garage is left up during nighttime shifts, will attempt to make contact with you to get this corrected. Leaving the door up at the end of the day is easy to forget - but heartbreaking when you find items missing from your unlocked car or garage the next morning!

New Police Vehicles Enter Service

You may have seen new police vehicles on patrol in your neighborhood. The Bellbrook Police Department recently put in service three Dodge Durango SUVs. Sporting a new black-and-white paint scheme, these are instantly recognizable as police vehicles.

The three vehicles are part of a lease plan which will ultimately save the City money on vehicles and will avail newer equipment to the Police Department sooner. The three new SUVs replace three outgoing Ford SUVs, which have served faithfully since 2016.



If you see something, say something—Bellbrook Police can be reached 24/7 at (937) 848-8484.



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