

The Bellmawr Bulletin

A REGULAR PUBLICATION BY AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF BELLMAWR

Fall 2024



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Bellmawr PBA Local 375, along with the Bellmawr Recreation Department, will be hosting Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, October 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Bellmawr Recreation Center. The concession stand will be open. There will be a Jack-O-Lantern contest and trunk decorating contest. Gates open at 3:30 p.m. for cars to start lining up and decorating. Registration for the costume parade begins at 5:00 p.m. The parade will start at 5:30 p.m. Bands are \$5 and will be sold at the gate. Proceeds benefit Bellmawr Believes.

Children under the age of 18 will not be admitted to this, or any Borough event, without a parent or guardian.



TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS

Halloween is on Thursday, October 31st. Trick-or-treating will be from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. All ghosts, goblins, and little ones are invited to come to the Borough Hall for a treat from Mayor Sauter from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



HALLOWEEN HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Details and registration information for the Annual Halloween House Decorating Contest will be posted on Bellmawr.com. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.



TRIVIA QUESTION & BLAST FROM THE PAST:

For this edition of the Bellmawr Bulletin, we have something special for you! Who remembers what fun and spooky community event took place each October from 1998 through 2003 that entertained carloads of visitors from all over the area?

For the answer & photos, turn to the back page.

FLU SHOTS

The Camden County Board of Commissioners and the Department of Health and Human Services will hold a Flu Shot Clinic at the James "Bud" Bellmawr Community Center, 29 E. Browning Road on Tuesday, October 15th from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

14TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

Our annual Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, October 19th from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center. Free admission.

Celebrate fall with family and friends at our fall festival. There will be a car show, cornhole tournament, music, beer garden, craft vendors, food trucks, amusement rides, and much more.

Rain date is Sunday, October 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Vendors and food trucks can contact Lisa Young at the Borough at (856) 933-1313 ext: 1219

EXPANDED 2024 LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

Section 1:

Brooklawn to Bell Road

- Oct. 14th to Oct. 18th
- Oct. 28th to Nov. 1st
- Nov. 11th to Nov. 15th
- Nov. 25th to Nov. 29th
- Dec. 9th to Dec. 13th
- Dec. 23rd to Dec. 27th

Section 2:

Bell Road to Barrington

- Oct. 21st to Oct. 25th
- Nov. 4th to Nov. 8th
- Nov. 18th to Nov. 22nd
- Dec. 2nd to Dec. 6th
- Dec. 16th to Dec. 20th

Posters will be posted a week in advance in the section where leaf collection will take place. Please rake all leaves to the curb, keeping them 10 feet from storm drains. Please do not place leaves in plastic bags or mix branches or trash with leaves.



Election Day 2024

BE PART OF HISTORY - BECOME A POLL WORKER

General Election:

November 5th from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

- \$300 for the day
- Bilinguals needed in Camden City, Pennsauken, and Woodlynne.

We need you to help make sure that every vote counts! The Camden County Board of Elections needs poll workers for the upcoming election: This year the Board of Elections is now hiring employees 16 and over.

Job Requirements:

- Be registered to vote as a Democrat or Republican.
- Mandatory training.
- Ages 16 and older.

For more information call (856) 401-8683.

VOTE BY MAIL

The State of New Jersey is providing Vote by Mail drop boxes for each county. There will be 29 locations throughout the county that will be available 24/7 through the close of polls. The locations will be well-lit and monitored by video surveillance cameras.

A secure drop box is located at Borough Hall for your convenience.

Find a list of all Vote by Mail drop boxes by visiting:

<https://www.camdencounty.com/service/voting-and-elections/vote-by-mail-drop-boxes/>



ELECTION DAY: IN-PERSON VOTING IN BELLMAWR

Tuesday, November 5th • Hours: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

1 st , 2 nd & 7 th Districts:	3 rd , 5 th & 6 th Districts	4 th District:
James "Bud" Mullen Community Center 29 E. Browning Road	St. Joachim Parish Hall 601 W. Browning Road	Bellmawr Park Community Building 31 Peach Road

EARLY VOTING

Registered voters can now vote in person before Election Day. Voters can visit any of the seven locations located throughout Camden County during the Early Voting Period to cast their local ballot on a voting machine.

GLOUCESTER TOWNSHIP

Elections & Archive Center
100 University Court, Blackwood

Directions:
Warehouse - Side entrance

CAMDEN CITY

Rowan University
129 N. Broadway, Camden

Directions:
Parking at PNC Bank and street parking are available

COLLINGSWOOD

Collingswood Senior Center
30 W. Collings Ave., Collingswood

Directions:
Large living room on first floor

VOTING HOURS

Daily beginning Oct. 26th to Nov. 3rd

Mon. - Sat.: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sun.: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

CHERRY HILL

Cherry Hill Community Center
820 Mercer St.

Directions: *Ramp access
from side of the building*

RUNNEMEDE

Harry Williams Community Center
2 Broadway, Runnemede

Directions: *Senior room*

WINSLOW

Bud Duble Community Center
33 Cooper Folly Rd., Atco

VOORHEES

Lion's Lake Community Center
101 Dutchtown Rd., Voorhees



❄️ SNOW ALERT ❄️

Our Public Works Department is working hard to make driving safer and easier in snowy weather conditions. Borough trucks may plow your street several times during these inclement times. As snow rolls off our plows, it will accumulate in driveway aprons and on sidewalks. Please understand that this is unavoidable and we apologize for any inconvenience you may experience while clearing your driveway after the plows have passed.

To ensure safety of pedestrians, residents must remove snow from sidewalks following a snowfall. During recent storms the Public Works Department observed and notified residents using snowblowers to blow all snow on lawn areas. Also, we ask that residents do not shovel the snow back on to the street. Please throw snow back onto lawn areas towards your homes. Once an area is plowed curb to curb, that area is considered finished and will not be plowed again if snow is being thrown back into the street.

Here are some helpful hints to make "snow" business less frustrating:

- Shovel the snow to the right of your driveway (facing the street, left when facing your home) to minimize the amount of snow entering your driveway.
- If possible, wait until borough trucks have made at least three passes on your street before clearing your driveway.
- If possible, do not park cars on the street from one hour after snow has continuously fallen until 12 hours after snow has stopped. This speeds the removal process and prevents cars from being snowed in.

Please remove portable basketball courts from the street or parking strip. The borough is not responsible for any damages incurred due to plowing. Facts: It takes sunlight and traffic in addition to salt and sand to completely remove ice and compacted snow from roadways. The average car length is 14 feet. If parked on the street during a snowstorm, the area that would have to be shoveled to park in front of a clean curb is 42 feet. The average driveway apron is 12 feet. A total of 30 feet of non-shoveling area would be gained if residents who have driveways use them. We thank you for your cooperation.

Please call **856-931-1111** with any questions.

REMINDER FROM PUBLIC WORKS DURING SNOWSTORMS:

BELLMAWR ESTABLISHES SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTE:

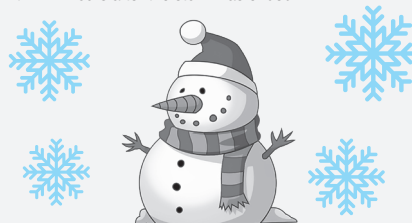
The Borough of Bellmawr has established Snow Emergency Routes to improve maneuverability during inclement weather. These routes have been designed by Bellmawr Police, Fire and Highway Departments and include the following streets, courts and parking areas:

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

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

NOTICE DURING SNOW STORMS

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



FIRE PREVENTION MONTH

October is Fire Prevention Month. The goal of Fire Prevention Month is to raise fire safety awareness and help protect homes and families.

This year's official theme is
**"Smoke alarms:
 make them work for you!"**

The focus on working smoke alarms comes in response to data from the National Fire Protection Association® (NFPA®), which shows that the majority of U.S. home fire deaths continue to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

Having working smoke alarms in the home reduces the risk of dying in a home fire by more than half (54 percent). However, roughly three out of five fire deaths occur in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. More than one-third (38 percent) of home fire deaths result from fires in which no smoke alarms are present.

Key messages for this year's Fire Prevention Week theme, "Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!" include the following:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Make sure smoke alarms meet the needs of all family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or don't respond when tested.

Don't forget to stop by the Fire Department table at the Fall Festival!



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time ends for the year at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 3rd. When you set your clocks back, don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke detector!



The Holidays in Bellmawr



Mayor Chuck Sauter and Members of Council wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a very happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

SANTA'S MAILBOX

From December 1st to 16th, Santa's Mailbox will be outside of Borough Hall to receive your letters for Santa.



HOLIDAY HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Details and registration information for our Annual Holiday House Decorating Contest will be posted on Bellmawr.com. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

BELLMAWR BELIEVES

Bellmawr Believes is the only fund drive supported and sponsored by the Bellmawr Police Department and the Borough of Bellmawr. We rely on donations to help make this a success. Every child deserves to experience the joy of Christmas by receiving special surprises from Santa Claus. Please consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to Bellmawr Believes. Donation boxes will be placed at Borough Hall and various businesses throughout town. You can also bring a new unwrapped toy to "Fill That Bus" during Christmas in Bellmawr at the Recreation Center.

Monetary donations can be made via
Venmo @Bellmawr_Believes

Email questions to:
bellmawrbelieves@yahoo.com.



ANNUAL HOLIDAY & FIRE TRUCK PARADE & TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Our annual Holiday and Fire Truck Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Sunday, December 1st beginning at 6:00 p.m. The parade begins at St. Joachim Church, continues along Browning Road, and concludes at Borough Hall for the tree lighting.

We need cars and floats to be part of our parade! If anyone is interested in entering a holiday-themed vehicle or float, please call the Borough Hall at 856-933-1313.



BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Sons of Italy Vita Nuovo Lodge 2327 invites you to join Santa for a free breakfast on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the James "Bud" Mullen Community Center, 29 E. Browning Road.



CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Christmas in the Park will take place as a drive-through event at the Bellmawr Recreation Center on December 6th, 7th, 13th, and 14th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

OPERATION SANTA ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Santa will continue his long-standing tradition of visiting each neighborhood in Bellmawr on Christmas Eve escorted by our firefighters and EMTs. Be on the lookout for Santa so you can wave as he passes by your house. The "Santa Tracker" will be utilized again this year so you can track Santa's whereabouts via the mobile app so you will know when he gets close to your house. The town is broken down into three Santa Zones and you will be able to click the link for your zone. Santa will be starting his ride around town at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Operation Santa Zones:

- East = Black Horse Pike to Barrington Border
- Central = Black Horse Pike to Route 42/76 Overpasses
- West = Route 42/76 Overpasses to Brooklawn Border

Santa Tracker links for the zones will be posted on the Bellmawr Fire Department's Facebook page on Christmas Eve morning.

HOLIDAY TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

- December 25th – Christmas Day. Borough Hall will be closed and there will no vegetative waste pick-up.
- December 26th – Route 2 trash pick-up.
- December 27th – Route 1 trash pick-up.
- December 30th – Single stream recycling.

From Department of Public Works

EMPLOYEE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Congratulations to Jon Ciullo, Operator 2 for the Highway Division, on 25 years of service with the Borough of Bellmawr. He was hired on January 19, 1999, as a Helper 4, and is a dependable and conscientious employee with a great attitude. Jon is the Highway Division's lead sanitation driver and goes above and beyond to ensure all routes are completed. His hobbies include hockey, visiting Disney World, and spending time with his family.



Pictured above is Jon Ciullo and pictured below (center) is Jeffrey Fultano.

Congratulations to Jeffrey Fultano, Helper 1, Recreation Division on being named Champion of the 4th Annual Equipment Rodeo in the Zero-Turn skills competition held by the American Public Works Association. Jeffrey shows amazing ability in zero-turn mower operation. You can see his work at all of the playgrounds, parks, and ballfields throughout Bellmawr.



BELLMAWR WATER DIVISION UPGRADES

A new 400KW Generac emergency generator with transfer switch was recently installed at Bellmawr's Warren Avenue Water Treatment Plant. In addition, the plant's control panel, which monitors and operates the two wells, three pressure filters, and newly erected PFNA treatment room replaces a panel board that was installed in 1982.

Contractor: Scalfo Electric, Engineer: Bach Associates.

Upcoming Water Main Replacement Project

As part of Bellmawr's aggressive WQAA (Water Quality Accountability Act) plan a total of 2,700 linear feet of six-inch water main will be replaced. The following roadways are targeted for replacement:

- Meyner Drive from Cornelia Drive to Thomas Avenue.
- Thomas Avenue from Creek Road to W. Browning Road.
- Princeton Avenue from Devenney Drive to Center Avenue.

The work will be completed Fall of 2024.

Contractor: Booth Mechanical, Engineer: Bach Associates.



GET READY FOR PRESCHOOL WITH TODDLER TIME

Children from 18 months to 3 years old (with parent or guardian) are invited to get ready for preschool with this new program for Bellmawr residents. The program meets every other Friday from October 4, 2024-May 16, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the James "Bud" Mullen Community Center, 29 E. Browning Road.

Children will have the opportunity to socialize with play-based learning, arts and crafts, and story time.

For more information, please email Councilwoman Johann Fina at jfina@bellmawr.com

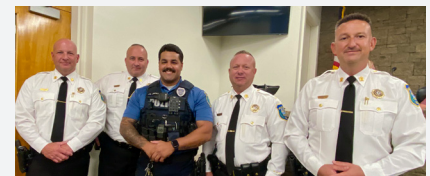
NEW POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN

In August, Pedro Jimenez was sworn in as Patrolman for the Bellmawr Police Department and Tom Whalen was sworn in as the first School Resource Officer for our schools. Congratulations and stay safe!



From left:

Business Administrator, Patrick Doyle, Board President, Kelly Brennan, School Superintendent, Danielle Sochor, Chief William Perna, and SRO Tom Whalen.



From left:

Lt. Arty Tessier, Capt. John Marrone, Patrolman Pedro Jimenez, Chief Bill Perna, and Lt. Keith Williams.

TOUCH A TRUCK AT LARC SCHOOL

A special thanks goes out to Police Chief Bill Perna and DPW Director Joe Ciano for orchestrating a Touch a Truck event at Larc School on July 26th. The school parking lot was turned into a hands-on experience for the students, allowing them to explore the various types of vehicles used by community workers.

National Night Out

National Night Out was held on August 6th at the Bellmawr Recreation Center. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate, but we would like to thank everyone for coming out and we look forward to seeing everyone next year. A special thanks goes out to the Bellmawr Recreation Department for setting up, taking down, and cleaning up after the event.

We would like to thank the following businesses and organizations in attendance: Bellmawr Police, Fire & EMS, Bellmawr Public Works, Cooper Hospital Medical Helicopter, Runnemedede-Bellmawr-Glendora Rotary Club, TD Bank, Fulton Bank, Gardner Funeral Home, Camden County Communications, Camden County Prosecutor's Office, Camden County Critical Response Team, Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center, Girl Scouts, House of Gamez (Game Truck), Sandy Shapes, Raw Health K9 Food, Face Painting by Desiree, and Bette's Bounce. We also appreciate the donations received from 7-11 and Steven Hagerty.



VETERANS DAY

On November 11th, we pause to honor, thank, and remember our Veterans for their courage, patriotism, and sacrifice to our country.



SUMMER FEST

We celebrated the official start of summer on June 21st at the Bellmawr Recreation Center with a performance by the band, Masquerade. The event also featured amusement rides, food trucks, and concluded with a spectacular fireworks display at dusk. Everyone had a great time!



Congratulations, MISS BELLMAWR & HER COURT 2024-2025

On June 23rd, the Miss Bellmawr Pageant was held at Bell Oaks.

Congratulations to Kelsey Kulik who was crowned Miss Bellmawr 2024-2025.

1st Runner-up: Gracie Sokoloff

2nd Runner-up: Julianna Bartoletti

3rd Runner-up: Maxie Cooper

4th Runner-up & Miss Congeniality:
Gianna Sochanchak



Newly crowned Miss Bellmawr, Kelsey Kulik, is pictured with Mayor Chuck Sauter. We also wished farewell to former Miss Bellmawr, Lillie Valeriano, who is pictured at right in the middle photo with 2024-2025 Miss Bellmawr Kelsey Kulik.



Fourth of July



Independence Day in Bellmawr was celebrated on July 4th with our annual Baby Parade, Bike Parade, and, new this year – Pet Parade. The main parade followed at 11:00 a.m. and everyone had a great time! Look for more parade photos in the Borough's 2025 calendar!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE WINNERS!

BABY PARADE

Youngest Prince: Colton Reader

Youngest Princess: Remy Olivia Stone

Best Decorated: Julian & John Rich

Most Original:

1st Place: Tripp Dott & River Leigh McDonnell

2nd Place: Viviana Bartoletti

Most Patriotic:

1st Place: Leena Rivera

2nd Place: Marcus Mangini

3rd Place: Cheyenne Cocciolone

Baby Queen: Jaylee Severino-Kee

Baby King: Jordan Severino-Kee



BICYCLE PARADE

Most Patriotic: Olivia Pataky

Most Decorative: Knox McDonnell

Most Original: Trace Pataky

PET PARADE

Most Original: 1st Place: Jessie Evans

Most Patriotic:

1st Place: Thomas Darwin Macrina

2nd Place: Copper Nilsen

Fanciest:

1st Place: Remy Morgan

2nd Place: Moana Dott

MAIN PARADE

Unit or Organization (Large Float):

1st Place: Knights of Columbus
St. Jude Council 12092

2nd Place: Bellmawr Purple Eagles

3rd Place: Steve Cowgill

Unit or Organization (Small Float):

1st Place: V.F.W. Post #9563

Individual or Small Non-Organization Float:

1st Place: James Moore, Family & Friends

2nd Place: James McDaniels Family

3rd Place: 13th Jeep Child



SPECIAL RECOGNITION

At the June 27th Meeting of Mayor and Council, Allison Ferris was presented with a Proclamation for her unwavering dedication and commitment towards the Bellmawr War Memorial Park. Allison is dedicated to keeping the park beautiful by pulling weeds, planting flowers, and sharing photos.



Allison Ferris (left) is pictured with DPW Director Joe Ciano and Mayor Chuck Sauter

At the August 22nd meeting of Mayor and Council, Commander Harry Marks accepted a Proclamation in honor of the 125th Anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Also at the August 22nd meeting, the Bellmawr Little League District 14 Coach Pitch champions were honored by Mayor and Council.



ANSWER TO LAST EDITION'S TRIVIA QUESTION.

Last time, we asked if you remembered what business formerly occupied 101 N. Black Horse Pike before it was converted into an Extra Space Storage facility. **Answer: Bellmawr Furniture.**

Blast From the Past:

The Bellmawr Haunted Hayride was a true community event that was held in October from 1998 through 2003. It took place at the former Bellmawr Ecological Center along Creek Road (at the edge of the former landfill.) From the very beginning, this event provided both young and old a chance to celebrate fall. For little ones, a stage was set up inside the Bellmawr Ecological Center for an "Inside Show," where scenes from The Wizard of Oz, Hocus Pocus, and Peter Pan were performed. For those feeling a little more adventurous, guests boarded hay wagons pulled by tractors that made their way through hills and trees only to be encountered by chainsaw-wielding creatures, tunnels,

graveyards, mazes, clatter bridges, and creepy crawlers. A small fee was charged to carloads of visitors who came from all over South Jersey. The proceeds were donated to local organizations that participated in the event. The cast of the "Inside Show" also visited the students at Larc School to perform a special version of the nightly show. To everyone who was involved in the Haunted Hayride and Show, we thank you for your participation.

Special thanks to DPW Director Joe Ciano for providing the background and photos from the Bellmawr Haunted Hayride.



From left to right:

Kim Gallagher, Eileen DuFresne, Kim Morgan, Joe Ciano, Mary Fuller, and Tina Barr



From left to right:

George Rennles, Jr. and Dominic DeGrado