7:00 pm-Regular Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Formal Approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2019
5. Mayor’s Announcements/Special Guests
6. Public Hearing of Ordinances - none
7. Introduction of Ordinances
   - Ordinance 2019-12 Water Operation Fees (Greenwood)
8. Resolutions
   - Resolution 2019-N Urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to Restore the Local Government Fund to Pre-recession Levels (Edwards)
   - Resolution 2019-O Support of the Greene County Complete Count Committee (Middlestetter)
9. City Manager’s Report
10. Committee Reports
    A. Service
    B. Safety
    C. Finance/Audit
    D. Community Affairs
11. Old Business
12. New Business
    - Initial proposal introduction by Mr. Steven Kirchner
    - Severe weather warnings – emergency operations
13. Open Discussion
14. Adjourn
PRESENT: Nick Edwards
Forrest Greenwood
Darryl McGill
Elaine Middlestetter
Mike Schweller
Mayor Robert Baird

ABSENT: Dona Seger-Lawson

GUESTS: Chief Doug Doherty
Lt. Steve Carmin
Tony and Brenda Vetter
Michael and Dorothy Kelley
Jon Dalton
DeAndre Davis – WHIO
Joe Bullock
Chris Ewing

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Baird called the City Council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL
Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Deputy Mayor Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes.

Mr. McGill made a motion to excuse Mrs. Seger-Lawson from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edwards. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion carried 6-0.

FORMAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES
After polling members of City Council, as there were no corrections or additions to the regular meeting minutes of April 22, 2019 Mayor Baird declared the minutes approved as written.

MAYOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS/SPECIAL GUEST
Mayor Baird welcomed Mrs. Ewing of the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Ewing reminded the public that the Community Garage Sale is taking place this week on Thursday May 16, Friday May 17, and Saturday May 18. Signs are allowed during this time but must be removed at the
close of the sale on Saturday afternoon. The list of participants is available at www.bellbrooksgarcreckchamber.com, Dot’s Market, Old Fort Bank, and the library. The library also has a map.

Mrs. Ewing also announced the Garden Club Plant Sale on Saturday, May 18 from 9 AM until 1 PM. Saturday is also the High School graduation 5:00 PM at Trent Arena. June 9 is the River Festival where groups clean the river followed by a free luncheon and vendor booths from noon until 3:00 PM for the volunteers and the public. The Pet Expo featuring 26 vendors will take place on Saturday August 10 from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM at the elementary school which will also be hosting an open house. Thursday September 19 will be the community golf outing. Mrs. Ewing also invited the public to the Wednesday morning networking group that meets at the BellHop Café at 8:00 AM.

Police Chief Doug Doherty was invited to the podium by Mayor Baird.

Chief Doherty explained that today is the beginning of Police Week and it has been a year of changes necessitating its officers take on new roles. One officer to step up was Officer Jim Burns who took on the midnight shift leadership role. Chief Doherty presented the Leadership Award to Officer Burns. He also received a red ribbon for his dress jacket.

Most of the Police force earned Fitness awards. The Chief asked the three officers who were receiving this award for the first time to come forward: Lt. Steve Carmin, Officer Jim Burns, and Officer Tony Ruble. The fitness challenge entailed 10 pushups and a 200-yard run three times. Ruble said this will be the first of many fitness awards.

Chief Doherty was proud to present the Officer of the Year Award to Lt. Steve Carmin. Lt. Carmin has served Bellbrook faithfully for 22 years. Lt. Carmin is an administer and front-line officer. He also has the responsibility of keeping the department up to date on the requirements of the Ohio Collaborative for Law Enforcement. Only a few police departments in Ohio meet these standards. The Chief explained that he relies on the Lieutenant. Chief Doherty said he has given this type of award for 20 years, but this one is very special and well-deserved. Lt. Carmin was given a plaque and a ribbon which is yellow signifying officer of the year surrounded by gold for command.

Lt. Carmin thanked Chief Doherty for the award and his support. He added that he couldn’t do it without his team.

Mayor Baird congratulated all of the officers and Lt. Carmin.

City Manager Melissa Dodd presented commendation letters to Chief Doherty and Officer Ruble. The letters commended them for their exemplary community service efforts. Taking their personal time and resources to help an elderly citizen. They have shown kindness and compassion which makes Mrs. Dodd proud. Chief Doherty expressed his thanks adding that helping Edna Mae Kreiter for the last five years is very enjoyable.
Mayor Baird swore in Sergeant James Burns. The Sergeant’s badge was pinned on by his wife.

Mr. Schweller made a motion to move the reading of Resolution 2019-M up on the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. McGill. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Baird, yes. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. McGill read Resolution No. 2019-M A Resolution Presenting the Family of Officer Brian Meade with his Badge and Service Weapon and Providing for a Release of Claims Relating to Said Weapon. He added his admiration and respect for Sgt. Meade and expressed his condolences to the family. The rest of Council echoed those sentiments.

Mr. McGill made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2019-M A Resolution Presenting the Family of Officer Brian Meade with his Badge and Service Weapon and Providing for a Release of Claims Relating to Said Weapon. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Middlestetter. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion passed 6-0.

Meade Family Presentations by Chief Doherty
Each of Sgt. Meade’s badges and service weapon were put into display cases and presented to his wife Renee, and his children; Kayla and Andrew. Mrs. Meade thanked the Police Department and the city for their support and love for Brian.

Chief Doherty explained that he and the department wanted to show their respect in a memorable way. A plaque is being placed in the department and the flagpole in front of the building is being dedicated to Sgt. Meade. And an unexpected idea was to appoint Brian’s brother, Eric, as the Department Chaplain.

Chief Doherty swore in Departmental Chaplain, Eric Meade. The badge was pinned on by his wife. Mr. Meade thanked the City for their support.

Mayor Baird thanked the Meade family and added his thanks and admiration for Sgt. Meade.

PUBLIC HEARTING OF ORDINANCES


City Manager Melissa Dodd explained that this ordinance updates the procedure to eliminate the section that allowed the Board to approve sign requests by electronic means which is in violation of Ohio Sunshine Laws. Another change was to increase the time requirement for a hearing from 14 days to 30 days which is in line with the standard meeting times.
Mayor Baird opened the topic up for public discussion, seeing none closed the hearing. Mrs. Middlestetter made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2019-10 An Ordinance Amending Section 14.15 “Bellbrook Village Plan: Review Procedure”**. Mr. Edwards seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. McGill, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Baird, yes. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Greenwood read **Ordinance 2019-11 An Ordinance Adopting the Revised City of Bellbrook Personnel Manual**.

Mrs. Dodd pointed out that a table compiling the changes to the manual was created by the Clerk. These changes include a change to the amount of compensatory time that can be accrued and carried over from year to year from 120 hours to 80 hours. This change was brought up due to large pay-outs in the past year. Meal periods were added. Paid time off will be accrued each pay period instead of having to wait until a full year has been worked. Mr. McGill asked about the items that are affected by length of service and whether these were in line with our collective bargaining agreements. Mrs. Dodd answered that these changes only affected employees that are not part of the collective bargaining agreements but puts standards in place for when those agreements are negotiated in the future. The current agreements are in effect until June or July of 2020.

Mr. Greenwood made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2019-11 An Ordinance Adopting the Revised City of Bellbrook Personnel Manual**. Mr. Schweller seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mayor Baird, yes. The motion passed 6-0.

**INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES**  - none

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Edwards read **Resolution 2019-L A Resolution Approving an Agreement for the Employment of the Municipal Attorney**.

Mrs. Dodd explained that the contract is with Amy Blankenship who the Council met a few months ago. Her background is specifically in Municipal Law. She is also the Law Director for Beavercreek and Oxford. Mrs. Dodd has a good working relationship with Ms. Blankenship. She and her firm will be a great resource. Mr. Schweller stated that he heard her speak at a conference a few years ago and believes she will do a good job for the City. He also asked if the City requires many hours of service. Mrs. Dodd answered that the City only uses the attorney on an as-needed basis.

Mr. Edwards made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2019-L A Resolution Approving an Agreement for the Employment of the Municipal Attorney**. Mr. McGill seconded the motion. The Clerk called the roll. Mr. Edwards, yes; Mr. McGill, yes; Mr. Greenwood, yes; Mrs. Middlestetter, yes; Mr. Schweller, yes; Mr. Baird, yes. The motion passed 6-0.
Mrs. Dodd added her thanks to Patricia Campbell who has served as our Municipal Attorney. When Mrs. Dodd spoke to Ms. Campbell it was learned that due to the direction of the City and the needs of Ms. Campbell’s office this was the appropriate time to make this change.

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager Dodd reported that on April 25th she and Mayor Baird attended Greene Giving’s annual luncheon. They were presented with a check for $1,000 which paid for a bench downtown which has a plaque recognizing Greene Giving.

Bellbrook was awarded the CDBG grant for $35,177 to be used with City funds to put in curbing, sidewalks, ramps, and domes along part of N. West Street. This will be great for pedestrians going to Bellbrook Plaza.

Mrs. Dodd reminded Council that the next regularly scheduled meeting would be on Memorial Day. Council canceled that meeting.

The City Manager announced that the Downtown Assessment has been scheduled for June 13 and 14. She asked that Council attend as many of the events as possible. Thursday evening includes a meeting for the City’s Council and other Board members. After that, a forum will take place where all of the public is welcome. Friday includes smaller events for discussion. This will be a great opportunity to ask questions and get feedback to help with our plan to move forward. Information will be available on the City’s web page. Mrs. Dodd explained that she felt it was important to bring in someone with expertise in city revitalization. Mr. Schweller asked how Mrs. Dodd found this consultant. She explained that she looked at Heritage Ohio who introduced her to Jeff Seigler. He works with communities to create an individual approach to solving downtown revitalization projects. Whereas Heritage Ohio just encourages everyone to try to become Main Street communities. The City Manager does not see that as the path Bellbrook would want to take in the next 5 to 10 years. Bellbrook needs more creative options to start this process.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Service:** none

**Safety:** Mr. Greenwood reported that the City had a house fire recently. Some citizens asked why we required three Fire Departments to put it out. He answered that three departments is what is required these days. Small towns do not keep too many firefighters on staff. So towns work together. This is always the plan now. They train together and this works well and saves everyone money.

**Finance/Audit:** Mr. Schweller congratulated the City staff for the work that won us the grant money.
Community Affairs: Mrs. Middlestetter announced that the Historical Museum has a rotating exhibit. This one is on quilts. She also added an invitation to the public to the community garage sale and garden club plant sale this weekend.

OLD BUSINESS - none

NEW BUSINESS
A Liquor control license has been requested by Be Team, LLC. This is a new business. Mrs. Dodd opined that she is very excited about this business opening in Bellbrook on Main Street. Jessica and Mike Bettencourt who own Bella Baby, purchased the Dyer building and will be opening a small event space called The Livery. The building was originally built as a livery. The current space in the front of the building will be retail/office space. The back of the building and the outdoor space will be remodeled to be the event space. The plans works with the service garage behind it and will not be an issue.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Greenwood thanked Chief Doherty for the presentations tonight.

ADJOURN

Being no further business to come before this regular session of the Bellbrook City Council, Mayor Baird declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.

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Robert L. Baird, Mayor

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Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council
CITY OF BELLBROOK, OHIO

ORDINANCE NO. 2019-12

AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING SECTION 1042.07 “OPERATION FEES” OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, the Bellbrook Municipal Code has established operation fees for city water services outlined in Section 1042.07; and

WHEREAS, the last revision to water operation fees was in 2002; and

WHEREAS, City staff recommends these operation fees be updated to better cover costs incurred.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLBROOK HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the following amendment to Section 1042.07 of the Bellbrook Municipal Code be approved with deletions shown by strikethrough and additions shown by italics and underlined:

Section 1042.07 – Operation fees

Operation fees are hereby established as follows:

(a) Nonpayment shut-off/turn on..... $30.00
(b) Nonpayment turn on after hours ..... $60.00 $90.00
(c) Shut-off and turn-on at meter pit during working hours (upon request for maintenance purposes) ..... $20.00 $30.00
(d) Shut-off and turn-on at meter pit during non-working hours (upon request for maintenance purposes) ..... $60.00 $90.00
(e) Visit to install or inspect a new water service following two visits made at no charge to the builder ..... $30.00
(f) Vacation shut-off and/or storage of meter (upon customer request) ..... monthly minimum
(g) Damaged meter repair ..... Cost (including labor)
(h) Damaged fire hydrant ..... Cost (including labor)
(i) Shut-off at main (upon request for maintenance or violation) ..... Cost (including labor)
(j) Returned check fee ..... 30.00

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED this ___day of ____________________________, 2019.
Robert L. Baird, Mayor

Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Patricia N. Campbell, Municipal Attorney
City of Bellbrook

Resolution No. 2019-N

A Resolution Strongly Urging the Ohio Governor and Members of the Ohio General Assembly to Restore the Local Government Fund to Pre-recession Levels

WHEREAS, the Local Government Fund was reduced in 2011 by 50% during the Kasich Administration, from 3.68% of General Revenue Funds to its current level of 1.66% of General Revenue Funds; and

WHEREAS, past Ohio General Assemblies have repeatedly decreased funding and revenue sharing in recent years in addition to significantly reducing the Local Government Fund, including eliminating the Estate Tax and phasing out the Tangible Personal Property Tax; and

WHEREAS, these reductions have resulted in a loss of revenue of $82,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, this sudden revenue loss has made it increasingly difficult to provide basic services, rebuild infrastructure, and bolster public safety services to fight the opioid epidemic; and

WHEREAS, when municipalities experience success in fostering safe communities, building sound infrastructure, and increasing economic development, the State of Ohio reaps the benefits as well.

Now, Therefore, the City of Bellbrook Hereby Resolves:

Section 1. The Ohio General Assembly should restore the Local Government Fund to pre-recession levels, ensuring that these local communities are able to provide crucial services and improvements in infrastructure and public safety.

Section 2. This Council does hereby declare its opposition of any further cuts to the Local Government Fund or the future diversion of revenues from the Local Government Fund.

Passed by the Council on the 10th day of June 2019;

_____ Yeas; _____ Nays.

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Robert L. Baird, Mayor

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Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council
City of Bellbrook

Resolution No. 2019-O

A Resolution in Support of the Greene County Complete Count Committee

WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to our community and residents’ well-being by helping planners determine where to locate schools, day-care centers, roads, public transportation, hospitals and other activities, and is used to make decisions concerning business growth and housing needs; and

WHEREAS, more than $600 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states and communities based on census data; and

WHEREAS, census data ensures fair Congressional representation by determining how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase employment opportunities in our community; and

WHEREAS, Greene County will utilize the expertise of community leaders to develop and implement an outreach campaign to ensure a complete and accurate count through awareness and education of the count’s importance to residents to overcome cultural, economic, technology or linguistic barriers to participation in the 2020 Census; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellbrook, Ohio and its residents desire to recognize the Greene County Complete Count Committee

Now, Therefore, the City of Bellbrook Hereby Resolves:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Bellbrook, Ohio hereby supports the Greene County Complete Count Committee and the important work that it performs.

Robert L. Baird, Mayor

Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council
June 6, 2019

City Council of Bellbrook,

Thank you for hearing our request.

Our request concerns the public/private partnership of the City of Bellbrook and Bellbrook Mountain, L.L.C. for the use of the former wellfield land west of Waynesville Road and contiguous to our property for access, parking and run-out area for a snowtubing park for a period up to but not limited to 20 years.

This would allow Bellbrook Mountain, L.L.C. the opportunity to invest further capital and resources toward producing a more specific business plan for its review by City Council and its possible implementation.

The benefits to the citizens of Bellbrook would include all of those pertaining to having a commercial snow park located inside the City limits attracting thousands of customers and visitors from Dayton, Columbus and Cincinnati looking for outdoor recreation during the Winter months.

This would also allow the Kircher family and the City of Bellbrook a viable alternative to retain the Magnetic Springs Ranch in its current undeveloped form rather than seeking other alternatives including selling to a developer for the construction of additional residential housing units.

We are self-funded and are asking no financial help from the citizens of Bellbrook.

We are appreciative of the tremendous reception and interest this proposed partnership has generated in the community and look forward to any questions, concerns and suggestions the City Council may have.

Sincerely,

Steve Kircher
Bellbrook Mountain, L.L.C.
In the wake of the Memorial Day tornados in our county, I began to look into the processes and procedures that we had in place as well as identify areas of improvement as they relate to our emergency operations and notifications. I met with all department heads two days after Memorial Day to debrief.

**Emergency Operations**

We reviewed and discussed the City’s Emergency Operations Plan. This plan was updated for a fourth time in 2012. The first iteration was published in 2005. Staff agreed that the information contained in the plan was not specific and more of a template that could be used in any city. This identified a need for a better plan for staff to follow in the event of an emergency. We immediately began brainstorming content needed to develop a new plan. We will continue to work on it until completion. I plan to present it to the Safety Committee and then to Council by the end of the year.

**Tornado Warning Sirens**

We also discussed the lack of a tornado warning system. It was the recollection of staff that one was removed from the garage downtown next to the bank approximately 20 years ago. The reasons were recalled as being too expensive to fix and a concern regarding liability for the lack of reach it created. I found no documentation of the old sirens in my search of documents on my computer and in files in my office.

I did find a needs assessment completed by a former fire department employee as part of an advanced education program that was conducted in 2015. This included an in-depth research study on tornado warning systems as they relate to the City of Bellbrook. Research included a few surveys among other information. Most notable was a survey sent to 850 Bellbrook residences. There were 400, or 47% returned. There was also a survey that went out to 200 other communities in the nation that had
similarities to Bellbrook. There were 109, or 55%, of those returned. Results of these two surveys are enclosed in the event you might not have reviewed these prior.

The former employee also worked to complete a joint grant application with Sugarcreek Township which was applied for and ultimately denied at the beginning of 2017. This information was initially passed on to Council in the January 6, 2017 City Manager Update to Council. This project totaled $200,000 and would install 7 sirens in the City and Township.

I have been working to get updated costs associated with the installation of one siren to be centrally located. Sirens are now made with various options in terms of reach. With the City being 3.5 square miles, one siren should be able to reach a significant portion of our community, if not all. At the time of the meeting, I was not able to get firm quotes. I look to have these soon however.

As a basis for discussion, I would like to pass on the quotes obtained as part of the research study that were valid as of 2015. Based on the information provided, both of these would reach the majority of the community if installed near the DP&L substation on West Franklin near Rosecrest Drive and the Regent Park plat. The following are the quotes that were received and incorporated:

- Sentry Siren, Inc. – 129 decibel siren with battery backup - $19,589 for one. $16,293 for software needed.
- Federal Signal – 128 decibel rotating high power siren with battery backup including software - $18,898

More current pricing was updated in 2017 with the submission of the joint grant. This pricing was updated by Federal Signal and was nearly exactly the same cost as quoted 2 years prior.

Hyper Reach System

The City collaborated with Greene County in 2012 along with 10 other jurisdictions (the cities of Beavercreek, Fairborn and Xenia and the townships of Beavercreek, Cedarville, Miami, New Jasper, Silvercreek and Sugarcreek along with Central State) to purchase Hyper-Reach as their telephone/email emergency notification system. Bellbrook paid $1,134.09 for their share of the service.

The emergency notification system is automatically activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning. Those residents in the affected area will receive an alert advising them of a tornado warning in their area. There is no need for City staff to send a Hyper Reach notification for severe weather as the system will automatically send it.

Hyper Reach uses a 911 database. This only includes landlines. To receive a cell phone notification, via text message/phone call/or both, a user must enter their information into the system. A link is provided on our website under the header “Resources” and then “Emergency Notification” from the City’s main webpage.
This system is only as far reaching as the information that is provided. As landlines become rarer, users must manually enter their information if they wish to be alerted via this method. On May 29th I posted information on how to sign up for the service on the City’s Facebook page. At the time of writing this report, it had reached 601 people and had been shared 49 times. 396 additional individuals from Bellbrook registered with Hyper Reach between May and June of this year. The total signups for the entire county are currently at 10,570 of a total population of nearly 167,000 of which it is estimated that there are 20% under the age of 18. That is only an 8% enrollment based on the estimated adult population of the County. There is no report to run the total number of current registered Bellbrook residents, only a breakdown by month.

Therefore, Hyper Reach is an inexpensive, automated tool which is currently underused and by 92% of the adult population in Greene County. This demonstrates the need for a more concerted community outreach campaign to increase enrollment.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the Memorial Day tornados have prompted a review and update of City emergency procedures as well as a renewed discussion of warning systems. It is my hope that the information contained in this brief gives Council a full understanding of the current situation so that an informed discussion can occur.
Appendix D
Community Survey Results

Frequencies

Note: percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. These percentages are of valid answers; responses that are missing or incomplete are not included.

How do you perceive the likelihood of a tornado occurring within the city of Bellbrook?

Please indicate your level of concern of a tornado occurring within the city of Bellbrook.

Please indicate your opinion on the city of Bellbrook's current level of preparedness to an approaching tornado or severe weather.
Should the City of Bellbrook invest more into providing residents with advanced notification of an approaching tornado or severe weather?

- Very much: 33%
- Moderately: 31%
- Somewhat: 18%
- Just a little: 12%
- Not at all: 6%

Do you believe that an outdoor advanced warning system would provide beneficial notification to you and other community members?

- Yes: 90%
- No: 10%

I would seek shelter if I heard the storm siren go off.

- Yes: 97%
- No: 3%

Do you believe that an indoor warning system would provide beneficial notification to you and your family members?

- Yes: 83%
- No: 17%
Were you aware that the city currently provides emergency notification to both your home phone and cell phone through hyperreach℠?

Yes  80%
No   20%

Are you currently participating in hyperreach℠, which is provided by the City of Bellbrook to alert you of imminent danger of an approaching tornado or severe storm?

Yes  90%
No   10%

Do you have a cell phone that will automatically alert you of severe weather?

Yes  63%
No   32%
Do not have a cellphone  5%

Please estimate the percentage of time that your cell phone is within a distance of you that a notification could be heard.

100%
90%
80%
70%
60%
50%
Less than 50%
N/A

26%  20%  12%  5%  5%  7%  13%
Do you believe your cell phone to be a reliable means to provide notification of an approaching tornado or severe storm?

Please indicate your level of support to allowing the City of Bellbrook to install outdoor warning systems within the community.

Please indicate you and your family's current methods of notification as well as preparedness of an approaching tornado or severe weather.
Frequencies

Note: percentages may not total 100% due to rounding. These percentages are of valid answers; responses that are missing or incomplete are not included.
Does you annual budget appropriate monies for community risk reduction programs?

- Yes: 30%
- No: 70%

Does your city have a fixed mounted outdoor warning system to alert residents of an approaching tornado or severe weather?

- Yes: 97%
- No: 3%

There is a history of dangerous tornadoes in our region and our need to warn people is high.

- Yes: 83%
- No: 17%

Threat of lawsuits or other legal action against the local government.

- Yes: 2%
- No: 98%

Citizens are concerned about tornado threats and demanded it, though we have no history of tornadoes.

- Yes: 25%
- No: 75%

I don't know why our town/city has a tornado warning system.

- Yes: 6%
- No: 94%

If you answered YES to the previous question, please help us understand why your town/city invested in such a system.
If you answered NO to having an outdoor warning system, please indicate the reasons why you think your city/town does not operate such a system.

In the event of a tornado, how are people in your town/city warned of the approaching danger?

- Fixed-mounted outdoor warning system: 97%
- Distributed automated alert system: 15%
- Telephone-based call center: 0%
- Community/municipal: 32%
- We have a telephone-based call center or a community/municipal warning system: 17%
Using the map, please indicate the area in which your town is located.
NEWS RELEASE

Greene County
Emergency Management Agency
45 North Detroit Street
Xenia, Ohio 45385

Contact Rosanne Anders at 937-562-5994
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 16, 2012

Greene County Emergency Management has partnered with cities of Beavercreek, Bellbrook, Fairborn, and Xenia; and Beavercreek, Cedarville, Miami, New Jasper, Silvercreek and Sugarcreek Townships; and Central State University to purchase “Hyper-Reach”, an emergency telephone notifications system. This technology is made available and maintained by Pittsford-based firm, The Asher Group. “Hyper-Reach” allows the 911 Center to quickly send a recorded message to telephones in specific areas and alert residents to any emergency situations that may require immediate action. The system is designed to deliver more than 5000 calls per hour and has been successfully used on a number of occasions for incidents such as hazardous chemical releases, missing persons and barricaded persons. The “Hyper-Reach” message delivers critical information to residents and provides guidance on what precautions need to be taken by residents during and after the incident. In addition, the notification system is automatically activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning. Those residents in the affected area will receive an alert advising them of a tornado warning in their area.

All land-line telephones in Greene County are automatically listed to receive these alerts, however, there is no central registry of mobile telephones so individuals need to register them in order to receive the alerts. To register a mobile telephone to receive Hyper-Reach notifications, go to http://www.hyper-reach.com/ohgreenssignup.html and follow the Hyper-Reach registration link. Registration takes only takes a minute and all information is kept confidential. Users have the option of receiving an audio message, text message or both along with an email alert. If a user moves, they can use the same method to update their address.

In addition, we encourage residents to have a weather radio, and disaster preparedness kits in their homes and automobiles with a disaster plan for what actions to take when warnings or evacuation orders are given.

Information regarding disaster preparedness is available on line at www.ema.ohio.gov. Information on severe weather preparedness is available on line at www.ocswa.ohio.gov.

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