

Community Events

August 7 National Night Out
Bellbrook Police Department
Police Department Event

August 10 Family Movie Night
Park District Headquarters
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

August 11 Amazing Race: Park Challenge
Bellbrook Park
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

August 16-18 Lions Club Festival
Downtown Bellbrook
Community Festival

September 6 Neighborhood Walk
Vineyards, Sable Ridge, Highview Area
Police Department Event

September 12 Coffee With A Cop
Bellhop Café, Downtown Bellbrook
Police Department Event

September 13 Neighborhood Walk
Green Meadow Ranch Area
Police Department Event

September 15 Farmer's Market
Downtown Bellbrook
Community Event

September 20 Neighborhood Walk
Whites, Weller, Wood Acre Area
Police Department Event

September 2 Neighborhood Walk
Downtown Area
Police Department Event

October 9 Fire Department Open House
Bellbrook Fire Department Station 2
Fire Department Event

October 10 Coffee With A Cop
Bellhop Café, Downtown Bellbrook
Police Department Event

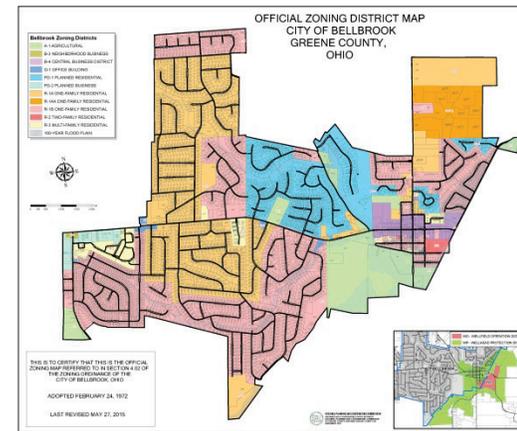
October 20 Halloween in the Park
Park District Headquarters
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

November 17 Wobble Gobble 3K Run
Sackett-Wright Park
Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District Event

Comprehensive Plan: Help Plan Our Future

The Planning Board has been in the process of laying the groundwork for updating the city's comprehensive plan. The city contracted with the Greene County Regional Planning Commission to provide assistance with the process. In the spring, the city conducted an online survey which provided some very helpful information and comments to help guide the public input and plan development phase. The public input phase will include public meetings where residents and business owners will be invited to participate in formulating how the community wants to plan for the future of our city. More information on meeting dates will be posted on our website and advertised throughout the community!

The Comprehensive Plan is the key policy guide for decision-making about Bellbrook's built and natural environments. The Comprehensive Plan will contain recommendations for future development including strategies for commercial areas, particularly downtown Bellbrook. While separate from the Zoning Code, the Comprehensive Plan is important in helping the city's leaders to apply the plan's recommendations to the application of the Zoning Code both now and in the future.



Community Engagement

Community Engagement Committee Does the idea of making downtown Bellbrook even more vibrant interest you? Would you like to help plan and organize events in the community by volunteering? If you are creative, have a passion for planning and organizing events, have a pair of helping hands that you are willing to put to use or just have ideas you'd like to share, consider joining the City Manager's Community Engagement Committee. For more information on this pilot committee, email City Manager Melissa Dodd at m.dodd@cityofbellbrook.org.

Farmer's Market On September 15, the city will host a farmer's market from 9 am to 12 pm. The market will be held in the city building parking lot located at 15 East Franklin Street. Anyone interested in being a vendor, or able to volunteer for this event, is encouraged to contact City Manager Melissa Dodd at the email above.

Future Events The city is planning on holding more community events in coordination with the Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District.



Lions Club Festival: August 16 - 18



Members of the Bellbrook Lions Club will be holding their annual Festival at the Old Sugarcreek Elementary School at 51 South East Street starting on Thursday, August 16 and ending on Saturday, August 18. According to Tim Seitner, president of the

Bellbrook Lions Club, the funds raised at this festival are used 100% for charitable and community activities. The Lions Brew Tent will return this year featuring craft beer and adult-only gaming. The festival will feature many new children's games and games for young adults, as well as rides, lots of food and activities. The Big Food Tent will feature pork chops on Thursday, fish on Friday, and BBQ chicken on Saturday. There will be a drawing for a \$10,000 prize on Saturday night to end the festival.

Parking will be available on South Main Street/Waynesville Road. For more information, visit the Bellbrook Lions website at www.bellbrooklions.org.

Thursday, August 16

Open 6:00 pm
Close 11:00 pm

Friday, August 17

Open 6:00 pm
Close 11:00 pm

Saturday, August 18

Parade..... 4:00 pm
Raffle Drawing 11:00 pm

The Bellbrook Lions Club has over 60 members and meets on the second and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:30 pm at the Lions Center building on Wilmington Pike. Visitors are welcome to attend. For more information or to get involved with the Bellbrook Lions Club, go to their website.

Winters-Bellbrook Library

Winters-Bellbrook Library is always looking for new ways to provide helpful resources to the public. Starting in August, patrons will have access to these new, online services:

- *Gale Small Business Builder* is a step-by-step online planning tool for starting a business or nonprofit and helping users develop a business plan focused on long-term success.
- *Small Business Resource Center* covers all aspects of starting and operating a business, including accounting, finance, human resources, management, marketing, taxes, and more.
- *DemographicsNow* connects users with a wealth of highly detailed demographic data that spans the entire United States making it ideal for gaining market and consumer insight. Providing data on more than 24 million U.S. businesses and 206 million consumers, DemographicsNow enables users to easily produce a variety of reports to help in making informed decisions.
- *Gale LegalForms* helps users create accurate, reliable legal documents. The forms cover many legal areas.

Check out these great new resources! They are free and always available with your library card through the library website at www.greenelibrary.info.

Bellbrook Sugarcreek Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber of Commerce is a great resource for information about our community. Community Directories and maps are available, as well as brochures from merchants and places to visit. The Chamber offers discounts on services and benefits to members. See their website for details. The Annual Golf Outing will be August 16 at Sugar Valley Golf Club. Players and sponsors are invited to the outing. The public is always invited to any event or meeting! For more information, go to the Chamber of Commerce's website at www.bellbrookcreekchamber.com or call (937) 848-4930.

City Inducts Dale Wilson to the *Wall of Honor*

On July 9, City Council passed a resolution to induct Dale Wilson to the *Wall of Honor* located in the City Building. The Wall of Honor recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the city.

Dale Wilson retired in July after working for the city for over 41 years. Dale started as a seasonal employee for the Service Department in 1973. He worked his way up to foreman and eventually Service Director. From 1981 to 1984, Dale served our country in the Air Force. For the last 27 years, Dale has led the Service Department and has been instrumental in many projects that we see and use on a daily basis. Some of Dale's accomplishments include the modernization of our water system, management of major street projects, the creation of the city's computer network, and management of various flood prevention projects.



Bellbrook Sugarcreek Historical Society

While driving through Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township, have you ever wondered about the history of our community? For instance, Dinwiddies (McIntosh's), historic buildings in downtown, the covered bridges that surround the city, the Pioneer Cemetery, and the building which houses our Museum?

Some of the answers to these questions can be learned by attending the monthly meetings of our Bellbrook Sugarcreek Historical Society. We meet the 3rd Monday of each month between September and June at the Bellbrook Presbyterian Church. Business meetings begin at 6:30 pm and educational programs begin at 7 pm.

Some of the topics this coming year include the history of the Little Miami River, a personal account of a recent trek on the Appalachian Trail, stories from World War II, and making beer. Additional events include road trips and picnics.

Come join the Historical Society and learn a little history about the community in which you reside!



Eagle Scout Honored

Bellbrook Boy Scout Troop 375 congratulates Jay Geraghty (pictured below) on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Jay's Eagle Project was cleaning, refurbishing, and staining 12 pavilion picnic tables and benches at St. Francis of Assisi Church. The scouts also weeded and tilled the sand volleyball court. Jay's Court of Honor ceremony was held on April 15.



Bellbrook Historical Museum

The summer season in Bellbrook presents the opportunity for many outdoor activities, but what if it's raining or unbelievably humid? What if it's 95 degrees in the shade? The obvious answer is the new and improved Bellbrook Historical Museum! We're air-conditioned! And while you are here, be sure to meet Judy Carr, our new Curator. Judy will be here during our open hours on Wednesday and Saturday to answer your questions and to highlight our latest collection in the Rotating Exhibit Room. Since the last issue of the City of Bellbrook Newsletter, we have finished the renovation of the Rotating Exhibit Room and are delighted to be presenting our newest temporary exhibit, "Just in Time." "Just in Time" presents interesting and unique selections from a local collection of clocks, watches and other timepieces recalling the simplicity and elegance of times past. So, if you are taking a walk in the Old Village and need a few minutes of cool, or would simply like to spend a few minutes with interesting things and people, stop by and say "Hi," we'd love to see you. And if you'd like to volunteer, we always have something to do. Visit the Museum at 42 North Main Street on Wednesdays from 10 am to 2 pm or Saturdays from 12 pm to 4 pm. For more information, visit the Museum page at www.cityofbellbrook.org or call (937) 848-2415.



Pictured above: mantle clock currently on display

Bellbrook Garden Club

Using funds from its plant sale, the Bellbrook Garden Club annually awards a \$500 scholarship to a Bellbrook High School graduating senior who intends to pursue a field relating to subjects that gardeners also study. On May 23rd, club representatives, Jeanne Josche and Marsha Bartlett, presented Emma Dixon with the club's 2018 scholarship to support her studies at The Ohio State University this fall.

Also, the club was recently awarded a grant from the Bellbrook Lions Club to add evergreen shrubs to the large planters downtown, as well as to fund other plants and decorations for year-round seasonal interest. The City also funds the flowers the club plants in May and maintains at the Bellbrook Museum and Winters Library, which are city-owned properties. Tom's Mulch generously donates mulch for the gardens. The City Service Department assists the club with watering and mulching. For more information on Garden Club activities and membership, visit www.bellbrookgardenclub.org.

City Council Updates

Small Cell Facilities The State Legislature and Governor have passed legislation allowing small cell facilities or equipment to be installed in the public right of way along streets. Small Cell Facilities refers to equipment that will be used to provide for the next generation of cellular phone and data service. This equipment is intended to be placed on utility poles instead of large towers. The city is working on developing legislation to regulate this equipment allowed under state law.

Tax Budget In July, Council approved the annual tax budget ordinance. The tax budget is a financial plan for the operations of the next calendar year. The budget is submitted to the county budget commission and used to fix property tax rates. This is not the final budget for the upcoming fiscal year. City Council will begin to review the 2019 budget in October.

School Security Agreements The School District has contracted with the city for a number of years to provide additional coverage to school properties during school hours and football games. Council approved security agreements for 2018/2019 where the city will be reimbursed for this additional coverage.

Annual Wage Increase Following Council approval in July, city employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, received a 2.75% wage increase effective August 1. This wage increase was included in the 2018 budget.

Personnel Manual In June, City Council approved changes to the Personnel Manual which included minor language updates and established the position of Deputy Fire Chief.

Village Review Board Appeal In July, the City Council heard an appeal by the property owner of 79 West Franklin Street. The property owner appealed to the City Council to allow changes to building design requirements approved by the Village Review Board. The Village Review Board reviews major building design changes established under the Bellbrook Village Plan in the Zoning Code.

Meet the City Manager

First of all I want to begin by saying just how excited I am to be working for the City of Bellbrook! Since I started at the beginning of April, I have hit the ground running and have loved every minute! I have had the opportunity to meet quite a few business owners and community members so far and look forward to meeting many more!

To give you a little bit of information about myself, I came to Bellbrook from Yellow Springs where I served as the Assistant Village Manager and Finance Director. In Yellow Springs I was involved in a number of projects that ranged from effective grant writing to fund ADA compliant sidewalk ramps all over the Village to successful completion of complicated construction projects that had been stalled for a number of years. I managed all of the Village's finances and also oversaw all of the utilities which included electric, water, sewer and solid waste. I had my hands in a number of things that kept me busy!

I graduated from Wright State University with a Bachelor's in Fine Arts and a Master's in Public Administration. I also worked for Wright State University for 12 years in their Police Department as their Manager of Business Operations and Support services where I oversaw human resources, budget and the records division of that department.

Bellbrook was a move that made sense to me because the size of the community was exactly what I was looking for. The small town feel is something that I love and really enjoy working within. I also see a wealth of opportunity in Bellbrook. The downtown area is a place where there is so much potential and I am very excited to add positively to the community.

I am married to my husband Dalton and we have an 18 month old daughter named Stella. We live in Xenia Township along with our Shih Tzu, Zeus.

Feel free to stop by my office or send me an email m.dodd@cityofbellbrook.org at any time to introduce yourself or to chat! I look forward to talking with anyone who is interested!



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 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. Meetings begin at 7 pm.

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

Bob Baird, Mayor

Mike Schweller, Deputy Mayor

Nick Edwards

Forrest Greenwood

Darryl McGill

Elaine Middlestetter

Dona Seger-Lawson

Fire Levy Passed: Thank You Voters!

On May 8, Bellbrook voters passed an additional 1.75 mill Fire Fund Levy. The city thanks the Bellbrook community for their support! The levy allows the city to hire one additional full-time Firefighter/Paramedic and increase the number of part-time hours. These scheduling changes will improve staffing challenges due to the decrease in the number of part-time Firefighters and volunteers.



The Works

2018 Paving Program The paving for 2018 has been completed. Streets receiving new pavement this year included Bradley Court, Portions of Hillrise Circle, Mission Lane, Sheffield Court, Sheffield Place, and Tampico Trail.

Upper Hillside Water Main Improvement Project The city's contractor is nearly finished with the Bellbrook Farms water main replacement. The main goal of the project was to upgrade to a higher pressure line. The project included the replacement of the water main, water meters, and service lines to each residence on Bellecrest Court, Upper Hillside, Viewpoint, and Pinegrove Drives, also known as Bellbrook Farms. Pavement and yard restoration should be complete by the end of the summer.

Little Sugarcreek Road In February, Little Sugarcreek Road suffered damage due to heavy rains causing erosion along the creek. The creek bank has been stabilized and portions of the road have been repaved.

The Policeman's Badge

National Night Out The department's annual National Night Out will be held Tuesday, August 7 in front of Dot's Market from 6 pm to 8 pm. Join us for grilled hot dogs, chips, and cold drinks. Officers will be present to show you our cruisers and provide information about the department.

Coffee with a Cop The Bellbrook Police Department will be hosting *Coffee with a Cop* in conjunction with Bellhop Café. This will be a chance for citizens to come and speak with the Chief Doug Doherty and Lieutenant Steve Carmin about any concerns you want to share. *Coffee with a Cop* will be held on September 12 and October 10 from 9 am to 10 am. We look forward to seeing you!

Neighborhood Walks Please come out to greet the police as they walk through your neighborhoods. If you have any issues, the officers will be happy to speak with you!

Date	Area of the City
September 6	Vineyards, Sable Ridge, Highview
September 13	Green Meadow Ranch
September 20	Whites, Weller, Woodacre
September 27	Downtown

Community Crime Map Want to see what is going on in your neighborhood? The Bellbrook Police uses a crime mapping tool provided by Lexis-Nexis called *Community Crime Map*. The map can be accessed on the Crime Watch page on our website or through www.communitycrimemap.com. Then select "OH – Bellbrook", a date range and type of events you wish to see. Using the menus on the site, you can subscribe for updates of incidents that occur near you or in your neighborhood. Knowing what goes on in your neighborhood keeps you aware of crime trends and events that may impact you.

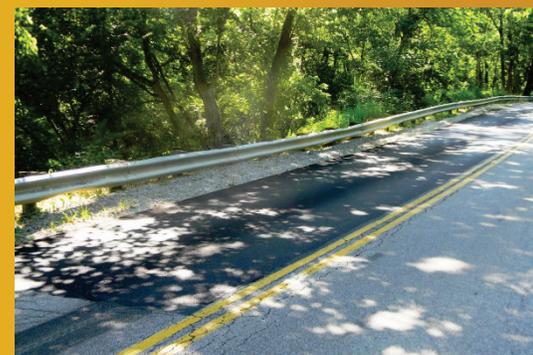
Property Maintenance & Zoning Codes

Property Maintenance Code To maintain the quality of life in our city, it is important to do all we can as homeowners and tenants to ensure that the highest property values are maintained in our community. Stable property values are maintained when the appearance of a residential lot and house are neat, clean and orderly. The city works to enforce the Property Maintenance Code to encourage maintenance of property and protect the rights of neighbors.

Zoning Code The Zoning Code regulates the placement of buildings, vehicles, signs, and other items on property in the city. The code also requires permits for a variety of projects.

For more information on Property Maintenance and Zoning Code enforcement, you can visit our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org. Property maintenance complaints can be submitted online. You can also call the Administration office at (937) 848-4666.

Pictured below: current Street and Water projects



Holidays

The City of Bellbrook non-emergency services will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day; Monday, November 12, in observance of Veteran's Day; Thursday, November 22, and Friday November 23, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Special Collection

One Tuesday and one Saturday each month, Greene County Environmental Services holds a special collection for recyclables and waste that are not picked up by Rumpke. Below is a list of accepted items. Please note this is not an exhaustive list. If you have any questions, please contact Environmental Services.

- Household Hazardous Waste
- Large Household Appliances
- Scrap Metal

2018 Dates for Special Collections

August 11	August 21
September 8	September 18
October 13	October 23
November 27	December 18



Water Updates

Fire Hydrant Flushing The Service Department will be flushing hydrants during the week of October 8 to 12. Flushing is done each year to inspect the hydrants and water system for proper operation. Between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:30 pm, avoid doing laundry and set water softeners to bypass. For more information, call the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638.

Pay Your Bill Online Water customers are able to pay their bill online using a credit card, debit card, or checking account. You can register your account and sign up for automatic payments or make payments at your convenience. To log in or for more information, go to the Utility Billing page on our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org.

Utility Billing Office For questions regarding your water or waste collection service, please contact the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638.

Waste, Recycling & Yard Waste Disposal

Waste Collection Holidays Waste and recycling collection will be delayed one day due to the Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day holidays. Waste and recycling collection will take place on **Saturday, September 8** and **Saturday, November 24** for those weeks.

City Recycling Program The City has a weekly recycling program. Special items are recycled by Greene County Environmental Services who can be contacted at (937) 562-5925. For more information on the recycling program, call the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638.

Bulk Pick-up Large items may be picked up by Rumpke on Fridays. However, you must call ahead and schedule with Rumpke at (800) 223-3960.

Yard Waste The City does not have a leaf or yard waste collection service. However, residents may dispose of yard waste with regular trash collection. Rumpke will collect brush in bags or tied in bundles no larger than four feet long and two feet wide. Brown paper yard waste bags are not required by Rumpke.

For more information, visit our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org.

Yard Waste Collection

Residents do have options to dispose of yard waste. First, Rumpke does collect yard waste as outlined above. Second, residents may dispose of yard waste in Xenia at Greene County Environmental Services.

Greene County Environmental Services
Xenia Drop-off Site
2145 Greene Way Blvd, Xenia

Please call ahead for hours of operation.

For additional information, please contact Greene County Environmental Services at (937) 562-5925 or visit their website at www.co.greene.oh.us and go to the Environmental Services page.

Household Hazardous Waste

Local waterways and public health are impacted when household hazardous waste is disposed of incorrectly.

What is Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)? Many products in our homes and garages are flammable, toxic, corrosive, or reactive and are called household hazardous waste. Products such as pesticides, paints, cleaners, oils, automotive fluids, thinners/strippers, acids/bases, and batteries require special care when disposing of them and can catch fire, react or explode under certain circumstances.

Why are these wastes a problem? Household hazardous waste poses many dangers ranging from personal exposure to the substances during use, to contamination of water resources from improper disposal of chemicals down a storm drain or into a ditch where they are

transported directly to aquatic ecosystems, such as the Little Miami River. They can also be dangerous when incorrectly disposed of in the garbage as sanitation workers could get injured and/or chemical reactions can take place in the garbage truck or landfill.

What should I do with household hazardous waste?

- Handle HHW carefully to avoid injury to yourself or the environment
- Store wastes in their original container with the labels intact
- Save HHW for the household hazardous waste collection program through Greene County Environmental Services.

Greene County Environmental Services is located at 2145 Greene Way Blvd in Xenia. You can call them at (937) 562-5925 for more information. See the top of this page for special collection dates.

The Fire Escape

Fire Department Receives 2017 LifeSaving Ambassadors Club Honors

Congratulations to the Bellbrook Fire Department for achieving 100% of collection goals in 2017 to earn Platinum honors in the 2017 *LifeSaving Ambassadors Club* through the Community Blood Center! The Community Blood Center presented the award to Captain Anthony Bizarro, Lieutenant Bill Beeman (retired), and Firefighter Taylor Click. The Bellbrook Fire Department has been a CBC blood drive partner for more than 20 years.

Volunteer Firefighter and EMT Positions Available The Fire Department is accepting applications for citizens willing to volunteer as a firefighter or emergency medical technician. Volunteers have played an important role in helping the Fire Department to provide excellent service. To learn more about how you can volunteer for your community, go to the Employment Opportunities page on our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org.



Pictured left to right: Captain Anthony Bizarro, Lieutenant Bill Beeman, and Firefighter Taylor Click

LOOK. LISTEN. LEARN.

Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK: OCTOBER 7-13, 2018
firepreventionweek.org

Fire Prevention Week This year's FPW campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to educate the community about three basic but essential steps to take in order to reduce the likelihood of having a fire and escaping safely:

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

For more information on fire regulations, fire safety education, or services that the Bellbrook Fire Department provides, go to the Fire Department page on our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org or call them at (937) 848-3272.



Open House The Bellbrook Fire Department would like to invite the entire community to join us at our annual Bellbrook Fire Department Open House on Tuesday, October 9, from 6 pm to 9 pm.

This collaborative event will be held at Bellbrook Fire Station #2, 4254 West Franklin Street. The whole family is encouraged to visit our fire department and view the various fire, emergency medical displays, and safety presentations. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the fire department members who find it rewarding to serve our community. Those residents interested in being part of our exciting fire and emergency medical service team can obtain application information at the event.

Pictured to the left: Students touring an ambulance during Fire Prevention Week 2017

Emergency Notifications: Hyper-Reach

The City of Bellbrook has joined other Greene County communities in offering *Hyper-Reach* as an emergency notification service to residents. This system allows public safety officials to telephone targeted geographical areas with important alerts.

Each landline is automatically registered to receive community alerts. These community alerts are for emergencies, such as water boil advisories and missing child reports.

Residents also have the option to register cell phones and email addresses to receive weather alerts in addition to community alerts.

Hyper-Reach 
The Power of Instant Communication



City of Bellbrook

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Bellbrook, Ohio 45305

Departments

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- Clerk of Council (937) 848-4666
- Planning & Zoning.. (937) 848-4666
- Police..... (937) 848-8484
- Fire (937) 848-3272
- Service..... (937) 848-8415
- Utility Billing (937) 848-4638

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Bellbrook Business Spotlight

Shearer Magic Pet Grooming

This September, Shearer Magic Pet Grooming will be celebrating their 20th year in Bellbrook! Shearer Magic grooms every breed of dog and provides that personal touch when grooming and caring for your pet. They provide full grooming services including bathing, haircuts, clipping, and other special services to maintain your dog’s hygiene.

Deann Shearer-Peebles has over 35 years of grooming experience. Deann grew up in the Dayton area and was looking for the right place to start her shop. She started her business in Bellbrook because she liked the small town atmosphere and the ability to personally know her customers. She started Shearer Magic in 1998 and is busy as ever. Deann enjoys providing that personal touch where the customer deals with her one on one. She also gets to know the dogs and how their owners prefer to have them groomed. Deann has hired many local Bellbrook students over the years. She is very supportive of the community and has seen it grow over the years.

Location

62 East Franklin Street
Across from Bellbrook United Methodist Church

Hours

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. 8:30 am to 3 pm

Contact

(937) 848-4444

