

Bellbrook

Community Events

April 15 – Good Friday (City Offices closed)

April 17 – Easter Sunday

April 22 - 24 – Sugar Maple Festival

April 27 - 29 – Bellbrook Lions Ladies Auxiliary Garage Sale

May 5 - 7 – Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Garage Sale

May 30 – Memorial Day (City Offices closed)

June 10 – Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center's Annual Community Appreciation Event

June 20 – Juneteenth Observance (City Offices closed)

July 4 – Independence Day (City Offices closed)

City of Bellbrook Newsletter

April 2022

Message from the Mayor



Greetings, Bellbrook! As we welcome Spring, it reminds me of all the great new things that await the City of Bellbrook. We are ready to hang up our coats and get outside to enjoy activities and locations in our great community. As you venture out, you will see some great things happening around the City that will improve the quality of life in Bellbrook.

The City has received the first installment of the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). We were awarded a total of \$769,292, and we have created a plan for the best use of those funds to bring the most benefit to you, the taxpayer. We listened to the priorities brought to us by the community and heard a main concern being storm-water drainage and management. We have already committed funding to make improvements to some drainage areas as well as developing a structured maintenance and management system. In addition, we will invest in additional infrastructure to improve drainage in some problem areas.

The next exciting improvement is the implementation of our Downtown Streetscape Improvement Plan. We have committed funds to start working on the priority projects identified through the Streetscape Study, mainly focusing on improved walkability and safety for people within the Downtown area. We are hopeful to receive some community development funding from Greene County to help extend our funds and bring a better return to you, the taxpayer. We are focused on better and safer pedestrian access to the core of Downtown and the adjacent open green spaces. We are excited to have a lot of activities in Downtown Bellbrook this Spring and Summer.

One additional investment we continue to make is maintaining our interior streets paving program. This year we increased the funding to allow for more repaving to be done to keep our neighborhoods and roadways safe and well maintained. We expect an increase in cost for paving this year, but we are committed to keeping this one of the priorities based on what our residents tell us.

We are committed to operating as efficiently as possible to make sure no resources are wasted and the best service possible is delivered to all our residents. We have increased the methods of access to information and engagement, and I encourage you to reach out to me and other Council members or City Hall with questions, challenges, or comments. Happy Spring, Bellbrook!

City Social Media Update



We are back on Facebook and now on Twitter! The purpose of these sites is for the City to share certain information, documents, photos, videos, and information that the City deems to be of public interest to Bellbrook residents, businesses, and visitors. They are not traditional public forums, and the City reserves all rights to control the content. Comments expressed on the sites other than those posted by the City do not necessarily reflect the opinions and positions of the City of Bellbrook or its elected officials, officers, and employees. The City reserves the right to discontinue this site at any time for any reason without notice. Comments and messages may not be monitored or responded to, so please remember to contact the City directly at (937) 848-4666 or www.cityofbellbrook.org for information or responses.



CenterPoint Energy Pipeline Replacement



CenterPoint Energy (previously known as Vectren) is relocating 5,843 feet of an existing 20-inch natural gas pipeline in 6 sections. It appears the section applying to Bellbrook will be by open cut, and other sections will be underground boring. The overall project is expected to be completed by the end of October. Although the company will minimize the amount of disruption to landscape and hardscape, there will be restoration of any areas disturbed. For detailed information on the project, please see the Letter of Notification found on the News & Announcement page at www.cityofbellbrook.org.



Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests



Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests and shipping are completely free. Orders usually ship in 7-12 days and include four individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. There is a limit of one order per residential address. Order your tests at special.usps.com/testkits

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

Bellbrook City Council:

- Mike Schweller, *Mayor*
- Forrest Greenwood, *Deputy Mayor*
- Elaine Middlestetter, *Council Member*
- T.J. Hoke, *Council Member*
- Ernie Havens, *Council Member*
- Brady Harding, *Council Member*
- Katherine Cyphers, *Council Member*

Public Meeting Livestream & Documents

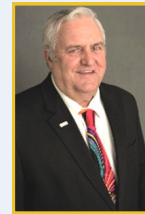
We have launched a new video and document indexing and archiving system that allows you better access and searching ability to view public meetings and review information and documents. You can easily locate any public meeting by date, type, or title and simply click on the list of options to view the agenda documents and watch the livestream or archived video. In addition, you can search documents from previous public meetings, including by date, meeting type, or by search word. Visit the page anytime at meetings.cityofbellbrook.org or the tile on the front page of our website labeled "Public Meeting." With this change, we will no longer be livestreaming on YouTube starting April 1, 2022.



New Council Positions and Board Reappointments

Bellbrook City Council has sworn in several individuals into new positions between January and March:

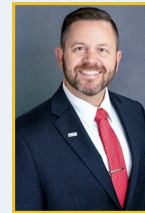
- Forrest Greenwood, Deputy Mayor
- T.J. Hoke, Council Member
- Steve Carmin, Chief of Police
- Denny Bennett, Planning Board
- Meredith Brinegar, Board of Zoning Appeals / Property Review Commission (BZA / PRC)
- Philip Ograd, BZA / PRC
- Sharon Schroder, BZA / PRC
- Jacqueline Greenwood, Village Review Board (VRB)
- Jeff Owens, VRB
- Dwight Bartlett, Historical Museum Board
- Shane Russell, Historical Museum Board



Pictured: Deputy Mayor Greenwood



Pictured: Mayor Schweller & Chief Carmin



Pictured: Council Member Hoke

Public Records—Did You Know?

Did you know that the City has a wealth of information available online? All City Council meeting minutes, legislation, and meeting videos are all housed on the City's website. We strive to be as transparent as possible and update the website on a weekly basis with new information. The same information, with the exception of video, is also available for all of the City boards and commissions. All of the above information can be found here: www.cityofbellbrook.org/page/council_documents.

Seasonal Information

The Little Miami Watershed Network



April is Ohio Native Plant Month, so now is a wonderful time to add some native plants to your property. Planting native species has three big benefits. They protect our rivers and streams, provide food for native wildlife, and lower maintenance. Native plants have deeper root systems than non-native plants. These deep roots protect our rivers and streams by controlling erosion, thus stabilizing river and stream banks. They also filter and clean rainwater as it travels to our streams and creeks.

Native plants and native wildlife have co-evolved over thousands of years. Therefore, native plants are the best food source for native wildlife. Bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds need the nectar from flowers for survival. In the late summer, fall, and even winter, birds eat the seeds and berries produced by native plants. Wildlife that does not eat the plants eat insects or other animals that feed directly on plants. For instance, caterpillars, which usually feed exclusively on just a couple of native plants, are at the center of most food webs. Over thousands of years, native plants have evolved to thrive in Ohio's climate and growing conditions, making them lower maintenance and less expensive than non-native plants. Their deep root systems allow them to flourish during our hot, humid summers without watering and help them survive our cold winters. Many local natives prefer our clay-rich soil, so they do not require fertilizers. Finally, never use pesticides on native plants; there is a symbiotic relationship between native plants and native pollinators.

Ready to try some native plants but do not know where to begin? Our friends at Ohio Native Plant Month have made it easy to get started. This year identified 4 Plants of Distinction that will be great throughout most of Ohio and are great at attracting birds and butterflies to your garden--Bur Oak, Eastern Redbud, Northern Spicebush, and Purple Coneflower. Learn more about these plants and where to find them at <https://www.ohionativeplantmonth.org/>.

The Little Miami Watershed Network's vision: "A sustainable, high quality Little Miami watershed for people and wildlife, now and in the future."

To learn more or get involved, go to www.lmwn.org or contact execdirector@lmwn.org



Community

Bellbrook Garden Club

During the Sugar Maple Festival, the garden club's tent in Bellbrook Park will offer information on pollinator-attractive plants and invasive pests, including environmentally safe ways to control them. Members will be on hand to answer questions. Also, winning artwork produced by local students in the 2022 Earth Day Poster Contest will be exhibited. In addition, the club's annual sale of perennial plants takes place **May 21, from 9 am to 1 pm**, near the old school at 351 S. East Street. If any citizens have perennials they would like to donate for the sale; please email bellbrookgardenclub@gmail.com. For more information: bellbrookgardenclub.org and on Facebook.



Bellbrook Historical Museum



April is an exciting time at the Bellbrook Historical Museum.

We have three new exhibits in our Rotating Exhibit Room; the first tells the extraordinary saga of Sleepy Tom, Bellbrook's world-record-holding blind trotting horse. A fantastic story you won't want to miss.

The second is a unique collection of Fans from around the world dating back to the late 1800s. This collection also includes women's and men's hats from the same time. Both collections include a riot of bows, feathers, and netting used to adorn the head-ware of the Victorian era and are sure to evoke images of a long lost time of finery. We have also added many women's hats from the '50s and '60s

The third exhibit highlights the evolution of one of the most unique and interesting sites of Bellbrook history, Highview Terrace. Come along with us as we examine the transition of The Fresh Air Farm for underprivileged children to the highly regarded Highview Terrace restaurant, and finally, the upscale real estate development we now know as Highview Estates.

Please note our new expanded hours for the Museum: **Wednesday, from 10 am to 2 pm and Saturday, from 12 pm to 5 pm.**

Please use the side door on Walnut as we continue to upgrade the exterior of the Museum. We look forward to once again seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center

The Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center would love to show you what we're up to! So join us on **Friday, June 10th, from 4 pm - 7 pm** for our Annual Community Appreciation Event at the CSC - 51 S East St, Bellbrook. In the last year, we've distributed holiday gifts to over 260 families, distributed almost 40,000 items to community members needing food, household goods, and clothing, and provided life skills education classes, support groups, and case management for hundreds of people. We are working hard to bridge gaps in our community! Please contact us at info@bscsc.org or (937) 848-3810 to learn more about how you can get involved - we can always use volunteers, donations, and support.



Winters-Bellbrook Library

The staff of the Winters-Bellbrook Library shares the news of the retirement of longtime Youth Services Librarian Joanne Mushala. Joanne has been with Greene County Public Library since 1996 and has been the Children's Librarian here at Winters for the last 15 years. Joanne has supported and presented early literacy programs for thousands of Greene County's children and has conservatively given over a thousand story-times. She is an expert in literature for all children from birth through high school and can readily find that perfect book for even the most reluctant reader. She has watched a generation of Bellbrook families grow and bring their children back to her story-times. The staff is sad for the enormous shoes to be filled but are happy Joanne will spend more time with her husband Mike and her cats. Say farewell to Joanne on **April 29 from 4 pm - 6 pm** at the Winters-Bellbrook Library.



Ladies Auxiliary of the Bellbrook Lions Club

The Bellbrook Lions Ladies Auxiliary (former Lioness Club) holds their annual garage sale on **Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday - April 27 - 29 from 9 am to 5 pm** at the Lions Center - corner of Wilmington Dayton and Conference Roads. Proceeds from the sale go toward a \$2,000 scholarship for a Bellbrook High School Senior, fruit baskets for widowers at Christmas time, and other community projects. For further information, call Martha Klentz at (937) 848-2119 and leave a message.

Bellbrook Open Arms Health Clinic

Bellbrook Open Arms Health Clinic provides basic health care for uninsured or under-insured individuals at 4403 West Franklin/ State Route 725, Suite E, and during various pop-up clinics around town. Would you like to learn more about the ten most common long-lasting effects of Covid-19, also known as "long-covid?" For additional information, stop by our table and tent in the Bellbrook Park at the Sugar Maple Festival on **April 22 - 24**. We're also planning a pop-up clinic that weekend if you need blood pressure or blood sugar checks. We welcome your smile and salute everyone's efforts to keep our community healthy! **VOLUNTEER OPTIONS:** sign-up sheet at the festival (or check online at www.BellbrookOpenArmsClinic.org) for the following ongoing opportunities: Registered Nurse/Assistant, Office assistant (medical or non-medical), Physician for Tuesday evening clinics, Phlebotomist, Executive Director (part-time), and Grant tracker. Non-medical phone messages at (937) 848-2939.



Sugar Maple Festival

It's back - the first outdoor festival in our area to welcome spring! Come join the Bellbrook and Sugarcreek Township communities as we celebrate the 42nd annual Sugar Maple Festival (SMF) in beautiful downtown Bellbrook April 22-24. As always, the SMF will feature activities for everyone! Entertainment includes live music, a beer & wine garden, a parade, FREE children's activities, crafts & food vendors, a 5K run, and a dog show. Come be a part of the fun!



Friday, April 22

- Main Street Closure.....10 AM
- Franklin Street Closure.....5 PM
- Beer & Wine Garden.....5 - 10 PM
- Food Vendors.....5 - 9 PM
- Dog Show Registration.....6 - 6:30 PM
- Dog Show.....6:30 PM
- Live Band - *Britches Down*.....6 - 10 PM

Saturday, April 23

- Pancake Breakfast.....8- 10:30 AM
- 5K Registration.....8 AM
- 5K Run Start.....9 AM
- Free Shuttle.....9 AM - 5 PM
- Craft Vendors... ..10 AM - 7 PM
- Food Vendors.....10 AM - 9 PM
- National Anthem.....10:30 AM
- Parade Start.....10:30 AM
- Children's Activities in Park.....11 AM - 4 PM
- Entertainment in Park.....Noon-4:30 PM
- Beer & Wine Garden.....5 - 10 PM
- Live Band - *Spungewurthy*.....6 - 10 PM

Sunday, April 24

- Free Shuttle.....10:30 AM - 5 PM
- Craft and Food Vendors.....11 AM - 5 PM
- Entertainment.....11 AM - 4:30 PM
- Children's Activities in Park.....Noon - 4 PM

5K Race: NEW for 2022: new course, new distance, and race shirts are back! The annual SMF race will be held Saturday morning with a start time of **9:00 am**, following registration at **8:00 am**. Parking, registration, and the race start will be at the St. Pierre Education Center (3757 Upper Bellbrook Rd) next to Bellbrook High School. To order your race shirt and for more information, visit the Ohio River Road Runners Club race page at: <https://orrrc.org/sugar-maple-5k/B>.

Citizen of the Year Award: Each year, the Sugar Maple Festival Citizen of the Year Award is presented to a worthy individual of the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Township community, 18 years or older, who has been active in making the community a better place to live or has performed a service that is above the call of duty. This year the committee unanimously selected the four Bellbrook Sugarcreek School Nurses for their service during the pandemic. Many thanks to Laura Guess, Eileen Malas, Kimberli Blaschak, and Anna Valley, who worked tirelessly, above and beyond their normal duties the last two years, to help keep students, families, staff, and citizens of our community safe and healthy during an unsettling time. For more information on previous winners and/or to nominate someone for next year's festival, please visit our website at www.sugarmaplefestival.com.

Dog Show: The 15th Annual SMF Dog Show is Friday evening at **6:30 pm**. Registration is from **6:00 - 6:30 pm** behind Sugarcreek Elementary. The categories are cutest puppy (12 months & younger), cutest dog (over 12 months), smallest, largest, best costume, best butt wiggle, and silly dog tricks. Each of the above categories will award a first, second and third prize trophy. There is also a Best of Show winner, which is awarded from each of the other categories' First Place Winners. All winning dogs will be invited to participate in Saturday's parade. The rain date for the dog show is Saturday at the same time.

Free Shuttle: Runs from Bell Creek Intermediate on Upper Bellbrook to Bellbrook Park on Saturday and Sunday. Shuttle times are **9:00 am - 5:00 pm** Saturday and **10:30 am - 5:00 pm** Sunday. Please note the festival does not have designated Handicapped parking.

Parade: Parade participants include Sugar Maple Sweetheart and Attendants, local groups, horses, the Dog Show winners, antique cars, and the Bellbrook High School Marching Band, among others. Make sure to get your spot along West Franklin Street between Dot's and the center of town to see the parade that starts at **10:30 am** on Saturday.

Food: The Sugar Maple Festival will once again offer a wide variety of food for festival-goers. So many choices, so little time - come hungry to the Sugar Maple Festival because all sorts of foods will be offered along Main Street - from traditional sausages, hamburgers & French fries to ice cream and maple syrup food items! Come join us on Main Street and enjoy the variety of foods and flavors the Sugar Maple Festival has to offer.

Park Activities: Bellbrook Park offers plenty of activities during the weekend. Located in downtown Bellbrook, it houses maple syrup, community booths, live entertainment, and children's activities.

Service Department



About the Service Department

The Service Department operates and maintains the water system serving the city and part of Sugarcreek Township. Currently, the city has one employee with a Class 2 Operator's License and five employees with a Class 1 Operator's License. The Ohio EPA requires the city to have a minimum of one employee with a Class 1 Operator's License. The water system serves over 9,200 people in the city and township. The department also maintains city streets, storm sewers, and city buildings.

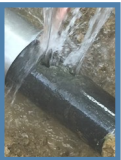
2021 Water Quality Report



The 2021 Water Quality Report is available for residents on our website at www.tinyurl.com/waterqualitybellbrook.

For more information, contact the Utility Billing office at (937) 848-4638 or visit the Utility Billing page on our website.

2021 Water System Maintenance & Repairs



- 10 water main breaks
- Over 600 fire hydrants flushed in October
- 4 fire hydrants replaced

Meter Pit Inspections

Once a year, we open up and inspect water meter pits for leaks and any other problems. Please keep mulch, topsoil, lawn ornaments, and other items from covering the meter pit.

2022 Rumpke Holiday Schedule

The regular Friday collection will be delayed one day (Saturday) during the week of major holidays if they fall on a weekday. The regular schedule will resume the following week.

Memorial Day - collection on Saturday, June 4

Independence Day - collection on Saturday, July 9

Labor Day - collection on Saturday, September 10

Thanksgiving Day - collection on Saturday, November 26

Christmas Day - collection on Friday, December 23 (no change)

New Year's Day 2023 - collection on Friday, December 30 (no change)

2021/2022 Snow Removal Information

- 19 snow & ice events
- 4,368 miles driven
- 491 tons of salt used
- 1,068 gallons of fuel used
- 366 labor hours



2021 Annual Paving Project

The following streets and roadways were paved in 2021 as a part of the Service Department's Annual Paving Project

- Sable Ridge Drive
- North Field Drive
- Glenberry Circle
- Kensington Drive
- Poston Drive
- Cedar Court
- Plantation Trail



Yard Restorations



The Service Department will soon begin yard restorations created by water system repairs, snow plowing operations, and other similar processes. Please call (937) 848-8415 to report any yard damage that may apply.

Utility Billing

If you have questions or concerns regarding your water/trash utility bill, please feel free to call the Utility Billing Office at (937) 848-4638, or visit our website for more information at cityofbellbrook.org/page/utilities_online_payments. The Utility Billing Office is also open Monday through Friday, 8:30 am–4:30 pm. The Office is located on the second floor of the City building at 15 East Franklin Street.



Police Department

Chief Doug Doherty's Departure, Steve Carmin Appointed as Police Chief



On March 4, 2022, Bellbrook Police Chief Doug Doherty departed from the Bellbrook Police Department to begin his position as the Chief Deputy at the Greene County Sheriff's Office. Chief Doherty worked as Bellbrook's Police Chief for eight years. Some of his notable achievements include implementing positive community engagement through various events and programs, increased presence at Bellbrook-Sugarcreek schools, and promoting a "servant leadership" culture in the Bellbrook Police Department. The City wishes Doug well in his future endeavors and thanks him for his excellent service to the Bellbrook community.

The City of Bellbrook appointed Steve Carmin to the position of Police Chief on March 7, 2022. Chief Carmin has served as a captain for the Bellbrook Police Department for the past eight years and has enjoyed progressively more responsible command roles within the department. Chief Carmin's entire 25 plus year law enforcement career has been with the City of Bellbrook, and he has ingrained and truly committed himself to the community. Many of the projects and improvements made within the department over the past eight years has had involvement and management by Chief Carmin. City Manager Rob Schommer said, "Chief Carmin has been instrumental in most of the advancements and innovations within the Police Department that have improved policy, operations, and culture within the department. There is no one more deserving of this position because Chief Carmin has earned it."



Sergeant Jim Burns Retired

March 17, 2022, marked the last day of Sergeant Jim Burns' career with the Bellbrook Police Department. Sergeant Burns began his career with the Bellbrook Police Department in July 1994 as a volunteer officer. He was hired part-time in December of 1994 and full-time in December of 1996. Sergeant Burns spent his 28 years



with the City and has worked hard to establish beneficial community relations. He has been commended by other law enforcement agencies and received letters of appreciation from community members for his excellent service. The City sincerely thanks Sergeant Burns for his 28 years of service with the City of Bellbrook and wishes him well in his retirement.



Neighborhood Walks to Return this Spring

The Bellbrook Police Department is pleased to announce that Neighborhood Walks will be returning! The BPD welcomes residents and business owners to join in these walks and share their thoughts and concerns about the safety and security of our community. The dates, times, and locations of the Neighborhood Walks are to be announced soon, so please stay tuned! Residents can call (937) 848-3252 or visit our website at www.cityofbellbrook.org for more information.

Planning & Zoning

Storm Drain Dumping & Stream Pollution

To report an illegal discharge, call the Bellbrook Service Department at (937) 848-8415 Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. After hours, call (937) 848-8484. 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 a storm drain or directly into our local creeks are an important part 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 at the numbers above. 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.



KEEP CREEKS CLEAN AND STORM DRAINS CLEAR

Property Maintenance



Bellbrook is filled with desirable neighborhoods and homes for all income levels, making Bellbrook an appealing place to call home. However, when even one property falls into disrepair, the situation can negatively impact nearby properties.

The City of Bellbrook utilizes a Property Maintenance Code and Zoning Code to protect property values that promote orderly development and set acceptable standards for property owners citywide. All residents are expected to keep up their property to those standards to preserve property values and keep the City's neighborhoods as desirable places to live. If you see a property with blighting factors, the City asks that it be reported. Residents can submit property concerns by calling (937) 848-4666 or submitting an online complaint on the City's website at www.cityofbellbrook.org/page/zoning_property_complaints.

Online Property Complaint

Street Address

Complaint Description

Trash/Debris

Outdoor Storage

Tall Grass (above 8 inches)

Exterior Maintenance of Structures

Inoperable Vehicle(s)

Parking (includes boats and other recreational vehicles)

Other

Comments or Additional Information

Your Name (Optional)

Your Street Address (Optional)

Your Phone Number (Optional)

Your Email (Optional)

Confirm Email

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Fire Department

Your Bellbrook Fire Department

The Bellbrook Fire Department is a combination department with seven full-time employees and 13 part-time employees. The fire services provided to the citizens of Bellbrook have a Class 2 Public Protection Classification (PPS), placing the community in the top 3 percent of those evaluated throughout the nation. The department operates two engines, one ladder truck, three ambulances, and three staff/support vehicles. They also have 11 paramedics, 9 Emergency Medical Technicians, and one medical director.



Address Signs



Every second counts during a fire, police, or medical emergency. Valuable time can be lost if your house number is not clearly posted where emergency responders can see it. Police officers, firefighters, and EMS responders can't provide life-saving services to you and your family if they cannot find your house. The Bellbrook Fire Department is offering to provide you with a highly visible sign for responders to locate your residence in a timelier manner, potentially saving time—and lives! The signs are made of aluminum with a reflective color backing and 3" reflective white numbers on both sides. They are 6" wide and 18" tall. They are designed to be installed on a mailbox post for the greatest visibility from the street. For information on how to order your address sign, call the Fire Department at (937) 848-3272.

Safety Programs

The Bellbrook Fire Department offers CPR, First Aid, and Child Safety Seat Inspections. If you are interested in any of these programs, please visit http://www.cityofbellbrook.org/page/fire_safety_programs or call at (937) 848-3272.



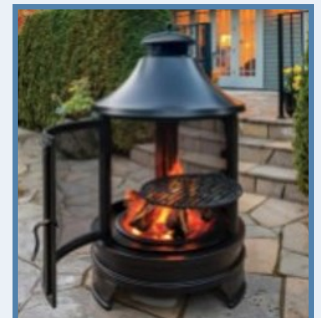
Residential Recreational Fire Rules

- Before conducting any type of open burn or recreational fire, residents of the City of Bellbrook must contact the Bellbrook Fire Department to provide notice and details of the burn (937) 848-8484. The entire municipal corporate limits of the City of Bellbrook is considered a "Restricted Area" by definition of the Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3745-19-01
- **Definitions**
- The only material that can be burned is clean, dry wood as a fuel source.
- No yard waste or rubbish materials, or prohibited materials defined by the OAC may be burned at any time.
- If the fire is contained in an approved container such as an outdoor fireplace, barbecue pit, etc., the fire must be at least 15 feet from a structure or combustible materials.
- For an open fire not contained, the fire must be at least 20 feet from a structure, wood fence, neighboring structure, or combustible materials. Conditions that could cause a fire to spread within 20 feet of the fire must be eliminated before

igniting a fire.

- The fire must be attended to while burning and must be extinguished if it is not attended.
- A portable fire extinguisher, garden hose, a bucket of sand, or other suitable means for extinguishing the fire must be provided. The fire must not create an offensive or objectionable condition that interferes with the neighboring residents' use and enjoyment of their property. If this occurs, the Fire Department is required to request the person responsible for the fire to extinguish the fire or extinguish it itself. The Fire Department is required to extinguish fires, which create hazardous or nuisance conditions.

If you have any questions concerning the Ohio Open Burning Regulations, please contact the Bellbrook Fire Department at (937) 848-3272





"Small town friendly"

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- Service.....(937) 848-8415**
- Utility Billing.....(937) 848-4638**

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Greene County Public Health

Greene County Public Health offers a variety of resources to help people quit smoking. You can visit our website for more information by selecting the Drug-Free & Tobacco-Free Programs tab at gcph.info or by emailing our tobacco program coordinator, Kristianna Durham, at kdurham@gcph.info.

Another great resource to help kick tobacco use is the Ohio Tobacco Quitline. This free resource is available to all Ohioans. Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for personalized quit coaching and free nicotine replacement therapy after your first four sessions or enroll at <https://ohio.quitlogix.org>.

Have a teen who vapes? My Life, My Quit™ is a free and confidential service for teens under 18 who want help quitting smoking or vaping. Teens will receive non-judgmental support, help, and easy-to-follow tips from a coach. To enroll, text "Start My Quit" to 36072 or enroll online at www.mylifemyquit.com.

Ohio	Department of Health
Tobacco Program	
Quit Line: 1-800-QUIT-NOW	