

# PROCLAMATION

## APRIL IS CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

**WHEREAS**, we all have a responsibility as individuals, neighbors, community members and citizens of the Borough of Belmar to help create, healthy, nurturing and safe experiences; and

**WHEREAS**, healthy and safe childhoods help produce confident and successful adults; and

**WHEREAS**, child abuse and neglect often occur when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and don't know how to cope; and

**WHEREAS**, incidences of child abuse and neglect can be reduced by making sure all families have the support they need and deserve to raise their children in a healthy environment; and

**WHEREAS**, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is authorized by State Statute and Federal Law to help the Court and Child Welfare systems make "best interest" decisions on behalf of children removed from home because of abuse or neglect; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA volunteer advocates in Belmar help to ensure that abused and neglected children who are placed in foster care and other out of home placements are safe and receive the services they need to achieve well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, CASA advocates reduce the number of moves between placements, help shorten the overall time a child remains in placement and serve as a consistent person in the child's life until that child achieves permanency in a safe home with a loving family.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and urge all citizens to support the CASA network across New Jersey, as it strengthens families and helps children learn, grow and thrive.

Presented March 26, 2025

Mayor Gerald Buccafusco  
Council President Maria Rondinaro  
Councilwoman Caitlin Donovan  
Councilman Mark Levis  
Councilwoman Jodi Kinney



# PROCLAMATION

## ARBOR DAY 2025

WHEREAS, In 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

WHEREAS, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees are a renewable resource giving us paper, wood for our homes, fuel for our fires and countless other wood products; and

WHEREAS, trees in our town increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, trees, wherever they are planted, are a source of joy and spiritual renewal.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar do hereby proclaim April 25, 2025 as Arbor Day in the Borough of Belmar. And the Mayor and Council hereby urge all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and support efforts to protect our trees and woodlands and to plant trees to gladden the heart and promote the well-being of this and future generations.

Presented April 11, 2025

Mayor Gerald Buccafusco  
Council President Maria Rondinaro  
Councilwoman Caitlin Donovan  
Councilman Mark Levis  
Councilwoman Jodi Kinney

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-72**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT OF BILLS LIST APRIL 15, 2025**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar, County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey as follows:

1. All bills or claims as reviewed and approved by the Purchasing Agent and Chief Financial Officer and as set forth in this Resolution are hereby approved for payment.
2. That authorized signatories are hereby authorized to sign checks issued for the payment of bills and claims which are hereby approved.
3. A copy of the full payment of bills list is on file with the Purchasing Agent and the Chief Financial Officer and is also available on the Borough's website.

01	General Account	\$261,601.01
01	EMS Account	\$-0-
03	Grant Account	\$24,587.86
05	General Capital Account	\$254,640.40
11	Water/Sewer Account	\$68,241.11
15	Water/Sewer Capital Account	\$-0-
21	Beach Utility Account	\$17,563.34
23	Parking Utility Fund	\$152.17
35	Public Assist II Account	\$-0-
41	Dog License Account	\$1,523.00
51	Trust Assessment Account	\$-0-
55	Trust Fund Account	\$5,873.19
55	Developers Escrow	\$1,105.00
57	Law Enforcement Trust Fund Act.	\$-0-
61	Tourism Account	\$-0-
62	Seafood Festival Account	\$-0-
	Total:	\$995,287.08

Payroll Posting March 21, 2025 \$370,880.06

Payroll Posting April 11, 2025 \$362,610.80

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Buccafusco				
Councilwoman Rondinaro				
Councilwoman Donovan				
Councilman Levis				
Councilwoman Kinney				

I, APRIL CLAUDIO, CLERK OF THE BOROUGH OF BELMAR, Monmouth County, and the State of New Jersey do hereby Certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true copy of the Original Resolution duly passed and adopted by a majority of the full membership of the Governing Body at its meeting of March 25, 2025

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APRIL CLAUDIO, RMC/CMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-73**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE COPS IN SHOPS  
SUMMER SHORE INITIATIVE 2025 GRANT AWARD (Grant #AL- 25-07-02-01)**

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control has received grant funds from the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 National Priority Safety programs which is funded by the Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration; and

**WHEREAS**, this program is a cooperative effort between the Division of Highway Safety, the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control and Belmar Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the intent and spirit of the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control to use the grant to assist local undercover law enforcement officers to join forces with local establishments to deter the sale of alcohol to people under the legal age; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the recommendation of the Belmar Borough Administrator and the Belmar Police Department to accept this grant award for the period of May 21, 2025 to September 15, 2025 as follows:

Belmar (ABC-05-25)	\$3,360
Lake Como (ABC-11-25)	\$3,840

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Mayor and Council to accept this grant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey, the Borough of Belmar hereby accepts the grant award as set forth in the Cops in Shops Summer Shore Initiative 2025 Grant program.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Buccafusco				
Councilwoman Rondinaro				
Councilwoman Kinney				
Councilwoman Donovan				
Councilman Levis				

**CERTIFICATION**

I, April Claudio, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Belmar, in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey, do hereby CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Council of the Borough of Belmar at its regular meeting held on

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April Claudio, RMC/CMC  
MUNICIPAL CLERK

**RESOLUTION No. 2025-74**

**RESOLUTION PERMITTING SPECIAL EVENTS AS PER BOROUGH  
ORDINANCE 16-14.4**

**WHEREAS**, applications have been received by the Special Events Committee as per Ordinance 16-14.4 “Permits and Special Event Permits;” and

**WHEREAS**, said applications have been reviewed by the Special Events Committee and the following events are recommended for approval with conditions, if applicable:

**Main Street Donuts Run:** The Main Street Donuts Run is scheduled for October 19, 2025 at Schroeder Park, First & Ocean Avenues, Belmar, NJ. Participants will start on the boardwalk across from Schroeder Park (Belmar Fishing Pier) and run back and forth, covering a distance of 2.6 miles round trip. To extend the route to a 5K, participants can make one or two laps around Silver Lake. A fee of \$200 will be due prior to the event for police costs.

**The Perfect Proposal NJ:** Wedding Proposal on Second Avenue beach, May 31, 2025 between 6:00pm and 9:00pm. No Borough resources required.

**Mr. Greek’s Cars N Coffee:** April 27, 2025 in Belmar Plaza from 8:00am to 11:00am. Car enthusiasts will park cars in available parking spaces and go to Mr. Greek for coffee. Mr. Greek will be responsible for trash cleanup. No Borough resources needed.

**FSOS Polar Bear Plunge:** Saturday, April 12, 2025. Event will take place at the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue Beach and Boardwalk. Event organizers will reach out to Belmar Water Rescue and Belmar Emergency Medical Services for support. Event organizers will leave the beach in the same condition in which it was found. No additional Borough resources are required.

**Bike MS Coast the Coast:** May 10, 2025, Ocean Avenue. No Borough resources needed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Belmar that permission be and is either granted or denied for these special events as noted above with conditions if cited.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Buccafusco				
Councilwoman Rondinaro				
Councilwoman Donovan				
Councilman Levis				
Councilwoman Kinney				

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

**GREEN ACRES PROGRAM ENABLING RESOLUTION**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-75**

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Belmar desires to further the public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$525,750 from the State to fund the following project(s):

**1307-24-064 Maclearie Park Inclusive Playground**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Borough of Belmar THAT:

1. The Mayor of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as 1307-24-064 Maclearie Park Inclusive Playground, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$175,250; and
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and  
adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Buccafusco				
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MUNICIPAL CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-76**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERSON TO PERSON TRANSFER OF PLENARY  
RETAIL CONSUMPTION LICENSE FOR TWO DAWGS, INC T/A THE BOATHOUSE  
BAR AND GRILL, LICENSE NO. 1306-33-002-007**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made for a person-to-person transfer of TWO DAWGS, INC., t/a Boathouse Bar & Grill LLC, 1309 Main Street, for plenary retail consumption license No. 1306-33-002-007; and

**WHEREAS**, this transfer is based upon the following:

1. The application form received July 22, 2024 is complete.
2. The applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by statute, rules and regulations.
3. The Police Department has completed their investigation.
4. The license is to be transferred from TWO DWAGS INC. to BOATHOUSE OF BELMAR LLC.
5. The license will be used under the trade name Boathouse Bar and Grill at said premise.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Borough Council that the person-to-person transfer be approved for the period of July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 both dates inclusive.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Borough Clerk be and is authorized to deliver a copy of this resolution to the applicant and the Local Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Buccafusco				
Councilwoman Rondinaro				
Councilwoman Kinney				
Councilwoman Donovan				
Councilman Levis				

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-77**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE 2025 TEMPORARY BUDGET**

**WHEREAS**, *N.J.S.A.* 40A:4-20 provides for the adoption of emergency temporary appropriations in addition to temporary appropriations necessary for the period between the beginning of the current fiscal year and the date of the adoption of the Local Budget for the Year 2025;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar, that the following amendments to the temporary appropriations be made in the amounts and for the purposes herein set forth for the period between January 1st, 2025 and the adoption of the Local Budget for the Borough of Belmar, County of Monmouth and State of New Jersey for the fiscal Year 2025:

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>CURRENT FUND</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
154	Capital Outlay		\$125,000.00
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$518,000.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,485,500.00</u></b>

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>WATER/SEWER UTILITY</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>BEACH UTILITY</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 0.00</u></b>

<u>A/C #</u>	<u>PARKING UTILITY</u>	<u>Salaries &amp; Wages</u>	<u>Other Expenses</u>
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>\$ _____</u></b>	<b><u>\$ _____</u></b>

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mayor Buccafusco				
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Councilwoman Kinney				
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**RESOLUTION No. 2025-78**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR A MARINA BOAT RENTAL CONCESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Belmar authorized and advertised for a Lease Agreement for use of a portion of the Belmar marina for a boat rental concession with a public bid; and

**WHEREAS**, after receipt of the bids on April 11, 2025 the Borough of Belmar wishes to award the Lease to the highest bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar that the Lease is awarded to:

Thomas Palmisano  
Fisherman's Den Inc.  
9095 Highway 35  
Belmar, NJ 07719

on the bid of \$5,000 per year for a term of one year with the option to renew said lease.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney and other necessary Borough Officials are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Lease and all other documents and undertake all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate the award of the Lease herein.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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Councilwoman Rondinaro				
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**RESOLUTION No. 2025-79**

**RESOLUTION AWARDING A LEASE AGREEMENT FOR SURF CAMP  
CONCESSION**

**WHEREAS**, the Borough of Belmar authorized and advertised for a Lease Agreement for use of a portion of the Second Avenue beach for a surf camp concession with a public bid; and

**WHEREAS**, after receipt of the bids on April 11, 2025 the Borough of Belmar wishes to award the Lease to the highest bidder.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Belmar that the Lease is awarded to:

Summertime Surf  
404 Ocean Avenue Unit 4  
Belmar, NJ 07719

on the bid of \$8,111 per year for a term of one year with the option to renew said lease.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor, Borough Clerk, Borough Attorney and other necessary Borough Officials are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Lease and all other documents and undertake all actions reasonably necessary to effectuate the award of the Lease herein.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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**RESOLUTION 2025-80**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council that Resolution 2025-33 be amended to reflect the below refund has the correct dollar amount:

Patrick Cunningham  
5910 Queens Blvd. Apt 3C  
Woodside, NY 11377  
Zoning Board Escrow ZB23-21 - \$393.00

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-81**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
BOROUGH OF BELMAR, COUNTY OF  
MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY,  
PERMITTING THE COUNCIL TO ADJOURN INTO  
EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 10:4-12**

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined by the Borough Council of the Borough of Belmar that it is necessary to discuss the following specific matter at its Regular Meeting in the absence of the public: Contract negotiations

**WHEREAS**, the Open Public Meetings Act at N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b.7 permits the Borough Council to exclude the public from that portion of a public meeting during which such matters are discussed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Belmar as follows:

1. That the Borough Council shall forthwith recess into a private executive session, from which the public shall be excluded, to discuss the above-referenced matters.
2. That the scope of the aforesaid executive session shall be limited to the above matters as stated.
3. That those matters discussed in executive session shall remain confidential until such time as the need for confidentiality no longer exists as determined by the Borough Attorney.
4. That minutes of the closed session shall be taken by the Clerk of the Borough of Belmar and kept free from public review until such time that the need for confidentiality no longer exists as determined by the Borough Attorney.
5. That the Regular Meeting of the Borough Council shall resume after the private executive session at which time the Borough Council may take action in reference to the topic discussed.

offered the above resolution and moved its adoption. Seconded by and adopted by the following vote on roll call:

Council Members:	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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