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# BELMAR NEWS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OCTOBER 21-22**  
**TOWN-WIDE GARAGE**  
**SALE**

**OCTOBER 23**  
**BELMAR CARES - BREAST**  
**CANCER SUPPORT**  
**GROUP CONCERT**  
**@TAYLOR PAVILION**

**OCTOBER 27**  
**TRUNK OR TREAT**

**NOVEMBER 1**  
**BELMAR WOMAN'S CLUB**  
**MEETING**

## Belmar Guards 'the Best on the Beach'

Belmar lifeguards have long enjoyed a reputation as being “the best on the beach” -- and this year, both our professional staff and the Junior Guards proved it through national competition.

Two Belmar lifeguards, Amy White and Ross O'Neill, took first place titles at the United States Lifesaving Association's 2023 [National Lifeguard Competitions](#) held in Virginia Beach in August.

O'Neill won first place in the the beach flags competition in the Masters division, while White took first place in single open rowing, dual open rowing and co-ed open rowing.

“Winning three national titles was an experience one can only dream of,” said White, who cited the caliber of her workouts with the Belmar lifeguards as a factor in her win.

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The wins propelled the Monmouth County team to a first place national title, the fourth time since 1983.

They will be recognized for their accomplishments by the Belmar Council during the Council meeting on October 24, 2023.

Representatives from the Belmar Junior Guards also claimed first place titles at the national championships.

On October 10, 2023, the Belmar Council honored Ryan Abogadal and sisters Morgan and Kailyn Koonce for their first place finishes at the National Junior Guard Championships. The three athletes were coached by Belmar resident and former Junior Guard Nicolette Contella.

## Spooky Season in Belmar

October is teeming in events this year, sponsored by the Belmar Tourism Commission and Belmar Recreation.

Trunk-or-treat will take place at the Belmar Elementary School on October 27th, followed by an outdoor showing of Halloween classic Hocus Pocus. The Borough is still looking for trunks! Anyone who is interested, please contact Recreation Director [Barry Trogu](mailto:Barry.Trogu@belmar.com).

This year, Belmar will enforce its traditional 8:00pm curfew for trick-or-treaters on Halloween.



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