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Dear Belmar Resident,

We are half way through summer and I hope everyone is enjoying all that Belmar has to offer.

On June 25th the weather cooperated and we were finally able to unveil the plaque dedicated to the Hall of Fame baseball players who played on Belmar's Memorial Field and the two dugouts were dedicated. It was followed by a baseball game using original rules and a movie at dusk. Everyone had a great time.



As part of our ongoing celebration of Belmar's 150th anniversary, on July 1st we celebrated Independence Day with a laser light show and fireworks at Taylor Pavilion. It was such a hit, we may need to plan this every year. Thanks to Jersey Mike's for sponsoring. I am happy to say with the help of our generous attendees, we raised over \$6500 for Rebuilding Warriors.



To honor Belmar's history in this momentous year, Councilman Tom Brennan and a group of volunteers took on the task of updating and adding to the Belmar Treasure Trail. A walking tour offering fifty signs describing significant historical spots around town. They ordered new signs, collected information and made recordings. Just aim your phone at the QR code and you will be able to listen to information about Belmar's rich history. For a map and more information go to [belmartreasuretrail.com](http://belmartreasuretrail.com)



The next event in celebration of Belmar's 150th anniversary will be the dedication of the new commemorative clock on Main Street. If you drive by 10th Avenue and Main Street you will see the work in progress. The clock is getting its finishing touches and should be shipped soon. At 4 pm on August 31st, the actual Founder's Day date, we will be closing 10th Avenue and Main Street for the dedication. There will be dignitaries in attendance and presentations made. All are invited to attend.

Our Finance Committee has been working diligently over the past two years on a plan to tackle the infrastructure updates that are so desperately needed all over town. We were recently informed by NJDEP that in the next ten years all lead and galvanized water pipes leading into residences must be removed and replaced with approved materials. Our Water/Sewer Engineer along with our DPW are in the process of calculating how many residences will be affected. Since Belmar is at least 150 years old, there could be quite a few. This will be a major, costly undertaking, but one that we can't avoid. Our Finance Committee will be working to obtain any grant money available to assist with the cost.

I am inviting our Engineer to attend the August 16th council meeting to talk about the required water pipe upgrades and how this affects the road paving we had planned. In the June newsletter I stated that Inlet Terrace would be the next road paved. Because of this new requirement by NJDEP, we were only able to skim coat the worst sections of the road. It is always an inconvenience for residents when this type of work is being done, so the pipes and the paving will be done all at once starting in September.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I hope to see you around town.

Mark Walsifer  
Belmar Mayor