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Dear Belmar Resident,

I hope you are enjoying the first few weeks of Fall and that you and your family are healthy and safe. Except for five days dealing with the remnants of Hurricane Ian, the weather has been beautiful.

I want to give you an overview of some of the statistics for this summer from the start of the Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day:

The Police Department issued 11,242 summonses. This includes parking and moving violations, disorderly persons and Borough ordinance violations. They handled 6308 calls for service and 1033 Community Policing calls for service.

Our newly formed Belmar EMS handled 783 calls for service, with the average response time of five minutes.



Our Fire Department handled 114 calls for service.

Code Enforcement issued 83 municipal citations.

Belmar lifeguards made 515 documented rescues, found 70 lost children, handled 123 first aid calls and tallied 16345 preventative actions, such as whistling people away from rip tide areas, jetties and advising and answering questions.



Belmar sold 16676 season beach badges, 5581 senior season badges, 245 disability badges, 287163 daily wristbands and 7835 veterans received free admission to the beach. In addition there were 727 beach lockers rented.

I am happy to report our Belmar Emergency Medical Services is a nominee in the category for Outstanding EMS Action by an Agency/Team. This nomination was given by the NJ Department of Health, Office of Emergency Medical Services and the NJ Emergency Medical Services Council. Our EMS members have been invited to Atlantic City to attend the 2022 EMS Awards Program. Great job Team!

We were pleased to receive the following notification from FEMA:

The Borough of Belmar is enrolled in the NFIP Community Rating System. This participation is made possible by the Borough's involvement in executing initiatives designed to reduce flood losses, educate the residents on flood insurance and its importance in floodplain areas, and to achieve current and accurate ratings. Belmar is currently rated as a Class 5 community within the CRS program; meaning that the floodplain management activities implemented by the Borough qualify for 25% off the premium cost of flood insurance for NFIP policies issued or renewed in Special Flood Hazard Areas and a 10% reduction of flood insurance premiums on policies located outside of the Special Flood Hazard Area.

If you would like to know the flood hazard for your property, you can contact April Claudio at aclaudio@belmar.com or call 732-681-3700 x225. More information can be found at www.fema.gov.

Our architect is close to finishing the construction plans needed to begin renovation and construction of the new Public Safety building on 12th Avenue and Main Street.

Our administration is currently meeting with our engineers discussing projects at our marina. We are applying for a dredging permit . Shortly, we are going out to bid for replacement of our fuel docks that are in terrible shape. We awarded a contract to an electrical contractor to begin work updating the electricity on three docks that are desperate need of repair.



We have passed a resolution to put out request for bids for construction drawings and bid documents are being prepared for a new skate park in Dempsey Park. We will be actively pursuing grants and other means of funding so Belmar taxpayers will not be burdened with the expense to build the skate park.

The construction has begun on 9th Avenue and Main Street for the placement of the donated mermaid statue which should be installed soon. Thank you Bonsangue family for your generosity.

The Belmar Arts Council is actively pursuing funding for the first outdoor, all-weather piano in the United States to be placed in Pyanoe Plaza. They are looking for various ways to achieve this goal.



Halloween is about two weeks away. Make sure your children know all precautions to take to have a safe and enjoyable day of trick or treating. On Friday, October 28th, Belmar Recreation will be hosting its 2nd Trunk or Treat. Contact Barry Trogu at recreation@belmar.com for information.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at mwalsifer@belmar.com.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Walsifer".

Mark Walsifer, Belmar Mayor