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Dear Belmar Resident,

Summer is coming to a close. I hope you and your family enjoyed the season. Thankfully, for the most part, the weather was great.

To begin, our CFO, Lorraine Carafa continues to research all of Belmar's financials, and I am pleased to report Lorraine found and succeeded in procuring \$377,000 still owed to Belmar from FEMA following Super Storm Sandy.

Belmar was in the news. In a NJ.com article, Belmar beach was dubbed the "Gold Standard" due to our ease of access for individuals with special needs, seniors, and families with small children. The article mentioned our beach access ramps and mats at every entrance to the beach, easy access to beachfront bathrooms, beach wheelchairs, beach lockers, and more handicapped parking spaces than required by the ADA.



Belmar was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the NJ Transit Village Initiative, for being a Designated Transit Village for 20 years.



Our new fire rescue truck has been delivered and should be in service soon.

If you've driven by Silver Lake at night, you may have seen our new sprayers that can be programmed with different colored lights. They help aerate the lake water and add to the beauty of the lake. We are in the process of putting sprayers in Lake Como also.



The Belmar Junior Lifeguard Tournament was held and had great participation. Good job Nicolette and team!



Also held was the Annual NJ Sandcastle Contest. This event was sponsored by D'Jais and the Belmar Tourism Commission. It was well attended, and the weather was perfect. Thanks to all who work so hard to run this event.

I want to thank Monmouth County for doing a shared service with us by offering their 65-foot bucket truck and employees to paint the ship's mast on 8th and Ocean Avenues and the flagpole at Memorial Field. They look great!



Our Founder's Day is August 31st which marks the 150th Anniversary of Belmar. You may have noticed the commemorative clock has been erected at 10th Avenue and Main Street. This clock will be a symbol for years to come honoring this special day in Belmar's history. I lived in Belmar when we celebrated our centennial in 1972 and there is nothing around town to commemorate that special day. This clock is also a stop on the Belmar Treasure Trail Walking Tour. There will be engraved bricks, a mosaic of the Belmar logo, and landscaping around the clock. Everything should be ready for the celebration at 4:00 pm on August 31, 2022. All are invited to attend the ceremony. I hope to see you there.



Also in continuation of our 150th anniversary celebration, on September 10th, the Belmar Historical Society will host "Belmar Day." They will have exhibits in Taylor Pavilion from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. A cake cutting will take place at noon. It will be free and open to the public. Drop by and learn some interesting facts about Belmar's history.

We have a busy September coming up. Some events are the Autism Beach Bash, Belmar Pro Surfing competition dedicated this year in memory of Cecil Lear and the Feast of San Gennaro. Check Belmar.com and Belmar New Jersey on Facebook for dates and times.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, contact us at any email address listed in our Municipal Directory at Belmar.com or at info@belmar.com.

Enjoy these last few weeks of the summer season and look forward to the "Locals Summer."

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