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September 15, 2022

Dear Belmar Resident,

I hope you had an enjoyable summer and that you and your family are healthy and safe.

It's been a busy month since my last newsletter.

I am pleased to report that our Fire Marshal, Ryan Dullea, worked diligently to secure a federal grant in the amount of \$223,000 to replace much needed air packs and masks for our Fire Department personnel. I want to thank Congressman Chris Smith who was instrumental in helping Belmar receive this grant.

At our council meeting on August 16, our engineers presented their plan for the much needed upgrade to our infrastructure. As I wrote in my August newsletter, NJDEP is requiring all towns statewide to replace lead and galvanized pipes over the next ten years. This work will be costly and disruptive but necessary. Our administration is aggressively looking for grants and assistance to help with the expense.

On August 31, we celebrated Belmar's Founders Day and dedicated our Main Street clock. We had a great turn out. Monmouth County dignitaries presented plaques, doves were released and many in attendance enjoyed free hot dogs and ice cream. I am grateful to the Founding Fathers who had the foresight to carve out this bit of paradise we call home.

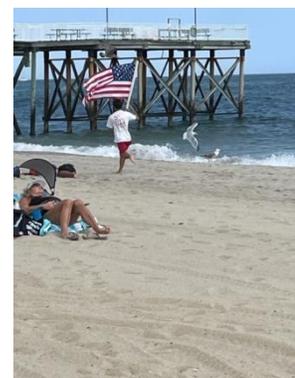


Friday, September 2, the children's race was held at Silver Lake and fireworks lit up the sky after dark. Saturday, September 3, the Belmar 5 Mile Run was held. There were over 2800 participants. I believe it may have been the largest turn out yet.



Monday, September 5, was the last day of our official summer season. But, being residents of Belmar, we now get to enjoy our "Locals Summer".

On Labor Day, the lifeguards from Manasquan, Sea Girt, Spring Lake and Belmar did their traditional running of the American flag from the Manasquan Inlet to the Shark River Inlet as the beachgoers applauded and saluted the flag. Great tradition!



I want to thank our dedicated summer employees without whom our residents and visitors would not be able to enjoy our beautiful beaches and town. They are the backbone of our

seashore community. I understand there were some issues with the younger age change and the online purchasing system but our employees handled it well. See you next summer!



September 10, the Belmar Historical Society hosted Belmar Day at the Taylor Pavilion. There was much to see and learn about Belmar's rich history. Visitors were filing in all day, especially when the cake was served! Kudos to the members of the BHS for a well coordinated event and all who assisted.



September 9 - 11 saw the Playa Bowl Cecil Lear Belmar Pro Surfing Contest held on 17th Avenue beach. Luckily the waves were great this year. I had the pleasure of handing out the awards to hometown surfers and those from afar at D'Jais.



Also on September 11, the Autism Beach Bash was held on 14th Avenue beach. The weather held out for most of the day but it didn't dampen the spirits of those attending when it started to rain lightly. The Autism Family Services of New Jersey, Surfers Healing and their sponsors do

a tremendous job giving families affected by autism a great day on the beach with surfing, food and entertainment.



Our Special Operations Director, Tourism Director, Lifeguards and DPW did a great job assisting with these events on the beach.

Earlier in the day we had a 9/11 memorial tribute at the senior citizens building. At 6 pm, the Jersey Shore Runners Club read the names of Monmouth County residents who lost their lives on that tragic day. Then they proceeded with their silent run to place flags and roses on the beach in Spring Lake in tribute.



In the evening we had Belmar "Lights up the Shore" at the Howard Rowland Public Safety building in tribute to those who perished. Glow sticks were handed out, twin spot lights lit up the sky and our Fire Department waved our American flag on high with their ladder truck. It was well attended despite the rain including Monmouth County commissioners Tom Arnone, Ross Licitra and Nick DiRocco. Also, Monmouth County Clerk Christine Hanlon.



Monday, September 12 we inducted our honorees for the Feast of San Gennaro. Attending were the "Son" Monsignor Salemi, "Daughters" Patty Faugno and Grace Fitzgerald, "Businessman" David Pizzolato and "Businesswoman" Donna Piancone-Connor and many former honorees. A fun evening was had by all with great food at La Dolce Vita.



The Feast of San Gennaro will be held Saturday and Sunday, September 17 & 18 from 11am to 6 pm. On Saturday, there will be an Italian mass at St. Rose church at 10:00 am for the honorees who will receive their sashes. Then the statue will be carried in a procession to 11th Avenue and Main Street where it will remain during the two day celebration. There will be food vendors, beverages, live entertainment, cannoli eating contests, crafters, and more. So, make your way down to Main Street and mangia!

**THE FEAST OF  
SAN GENNARO  
BELMAR**

**Saturday & Sunday  
September 17-18, 2022 | 11am  
-6pm**

**Food | Beer | Wine | Crafters | Live Entertainment | Contests**  
Main Street between 10th & 12th Ave. **#BELMARNJ**

Be well and looking forward to a pleasant Fall season.  
Mark Walsifer. Belmar Mayor

