

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - A. Approval of the January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST
- 6. CITIZEN COMMENTS
- 7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS
- 8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES
- 9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES
 - A. Ordinance 2025-O-03 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-O-14 BY MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Cyphers)
 - B. Ordinance 2025-O-04 REPEALING CHAPTER 890 "TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM" OF TITLE FOUR "TAXATION" OR PART EIGHT "BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION CODE" OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 890 "TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM" OF TITLE FOUR OR PART EIGHTY OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE (Ashlev)

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2025-R-04 DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY (Hoke)
- B. Resolution 2025-R-05 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE TRUCK AND ACCESSORIES FROM WHITE ALLEN CHEVROLET (Greenwood)
- C. Resolution 2028-R-06 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BELLBROOK-SUGAR MAPLE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, INC FOR THE 2025 SUGAR MAPLE FESTIVAL (Havens)
- 11. OLD BUSINESS
- 12. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Appointment of BOH candidate
- 13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT
 - A. Presentation of the City's Age-Friendly Community Action Plan

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Safety Committee
- B. Service Committee
- C. Finance/Audit Committee
- D. Community Affairs Committee
- 15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS
- 16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Motion to enter executive session to consult with an attorney concerning disputes subject to pending or imminent court action.

17. ADJOURNMENT

A. Approval of the January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Bellbrook City Council Meeting January 27, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Mayor Havens called the Regular Meeting of the Bellbrook City Council to order at 7:00pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Havens led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Motion to excuse Mayor Schweller

Motion made by Mr. Hoke, Seconded by Mr. Ashley.

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. Hoke

PRESENT

Mr. Logan Ashley

Mrs. Katherine Cyphers

Mr. Forrest Greenwood

Mr. Brady Harding

Mr. Ernie Havens

Mr. T.J. Hoke

ABSENT

Mayor Mike Schweller

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

None

5. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SPECIAL GUEST

None

6. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

7. CITIZENS REGISTERED TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

None

8. PUBLIC HEARING OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES

Bellbrook City Council Meeting January 27, 2025

9. INTRODUCTIONS OF ORDINANCES

A. Ordinance 2025-O-1 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-O-14 BY MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Cyphers)

Mrs. Cyphers read the Ordinance.

Mr. Schommer explained the need for a supplemental appropriation to allow for the acceptance and use of a donation as well as an increase in the cost for delivery of the new medic unit.

Motion to pass Ordinance 2025-O-01 at Introduction.

Motion made by Mrs. Cyphers, Seconded by Mr. Hoke.

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. Hoke

10. ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2025-R-03 AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXPEND FUNDS TO COVER THE COSTS OF VARIOUS GOODS AND SERVICES ORDERED FOR CITY OPERATIONS AND TO MAKE PAYMENT ON INVOICES WITH A THEN AND NOW CERTIFICATE (Hoke)

Mr. Hoke read the Resolution

Mr. Schommer explained the Resolution was to allow for payment of the final invoice for the new medic where the invoice came after the service was provided. He noted the Resolution authorizes the payment from appropriated funds and follows established procedures with transparency of timelines and available funds.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2025-R-03

Motion made by Mr. Hoke, Seconded by Mrs. Cyphers.

Voting Yea: Mr. Ashley, Mrs. Cyphers, Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Harding, Mr. Havens, Mr. Hoke

11. OLD BUSINESS

None

12. NEW BUSINESS

None

13. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr Schommer provided updates on a variety of topics to include:

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- Finalizing Ordinance and presentation for the new Community Reinvestment Area for economic development to present at the next meeting
- Ne noted the 2024 Audit is beginning and there will be a series of additions to the Uniform Guidance Policies to update financial practices to new governmental regulations and rules
- Staff has been processing personnel items including new hires for police and advertising hires for fire

14. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Safety Committee

Mr. Hoke updated the new medic will be delivered in the next week and a new police officer will be sworn in at an upcoming meeting.

B. Service Committee

Mr. Greenwood noted to be on the lookout for pot holes during this time of year and please report them as they are seen.

C. Finance/Audit Committee

Mrs. Cyphers stated there is no update

D. Community Affairs Committee

Mr. Havens noted there are still openings for various City Boards and Commissions and encourages residents who want to participate to consider volunteering.

15. CITY OFFICIAL COMMENTS

Mr. Hoke reminded there will be a community leaders meeting at Bellbrook Middle School on February 3 at 5:00pm

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

17. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no additional business coming before Council Deputy Mayor Havens adjourned the meeting at 7:17pm

Item A.Section 4, Item

Bellbrook City Council Meeting January 27, 2025

January 27, 2025								
Ernie Havens, Deputy Mayor								
Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council								

A. Ordinance 2025-O-03 AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-O-14 BY MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Cyphers)

Ordinance No. 2025-O-03 February 24, 2025

City of Bellbrook

Ordinance No. 2025-O-03

AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-O-14 BY MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES OF THE CITY OF BELLBROOK FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of Bellbrook adopted the 2025 annual budget based on the best information available at the time; and

WHEREAS, additional costs and/or adjustments are required for various 2025 Personnel Services and Other Expenses which requires the amendment of various appropriation levels.

Now, Therefore, the City of Bellbrook Hereby Ordains:

- Section 1. That to provide for the required expenses and other expenditures of the City of Bellbrook during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, the appropriation levels are amended as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference and hereby set aside to be appropriated.
- Section 2. This Ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure necessary to meet a public emergency affecting health, safety, morals or the public welfare, or a special emergency in the operation of a Municipal department, and for the further reason that there is a need to apply appropriate OneOhio Opioid funding and receive a public safety grant for radios; therefore, this Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon its adoption by Council
- Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that any and all deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including, but not limited to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED BY City Council this 24 th day of February, 2025.
Yeas; Nays.
AUTHENTICATION:
Michael Schweller Mayor
Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Stephen M. McHugh, Municipal Attorney

Ordinance No. 2025-O-03 February 24, 2025

EXHIBIT A

Fund	2025 Current	Personnel	Other	Total	Amended 2025
	Appropriations	Revisions	Expenses	Revisions	Appropriations
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100 General Fund	\$1,145,871.85				\$1,145,871.85
11 Legislative	\$44,051.91				\$44,051.91
12 Administrative	\$907,070.14				\$907,070.14
13 Library	\$3,164.76				\$3,164.76
14 Museum	\$33,750.04				\$33,750.04
15 Community Environment	\$82,835.00				\$82,835.00
30 Capital Outlay	\$78,000.00				\$78,000.00
202 OneOhio Opioid Settlement Fund	\$12,398.00		\$11,709.61		\$24,107.61
210 Street Fund	\$471,386.77				\$471,386.77
220 State Highway Fund	\$53,000.00				\$53,000.00
230 Police Fund	\$2,308,327.16				\$2,308,327.16
240 Fuel System Fund	\$2,550.00				\$2,550.00
250 Fire Fund	\$1,643,968.24		\$28,426.25		\$1,672,844.49
270 Police Pension Fund	\$90,590.00				\$90,590.00
280 Motor Vehicle License Fund	\$205,100.00				\$205,100.00
300 Capital Improvement Fund	\$140,573.63				\$140,573.63
610 Waste Collection Fund	\$668,847.00				\$668,847.00
620 Water Fund	\$1,847,363.47				\$1,847,363.47
800 Performance Bond Fund	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00
810 Agency Fund	\$1,500.00				\$1,500.00
Total All Funds	\$8,601,478.12		\$40,135.86	\$40,135.86	\$8,641,613.98

B. Ordinance 2025-O-04 REPEALING CHAPTER 890 "TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM" OF TITLE FOUR "TAXATION" OR PART EIGHT "BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION CODE" OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 890 "TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM" OF TITLE FOUR OR PART EIGHTY OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE (Ashley)

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Item B.Section 9, Item

Ordinance No. 2025-O-04

March 10, 2025

City of Bellbrook State of Ohio

Ordinance No. 2025-O-04

REPEALING CHAPTER 890 "TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM" OF TITLE FOUR "TAXATION" OR PART EIGHT "BUSINESS REGULATION AND TAXATION CODE" OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE IN ITS ENTIRETY AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 890 "TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM" OF TITLE FOUR OR PART EIGHTY OF THE BELLBROOK MUNICIPAL CODE

WHEREAS, Article XVIII, Section 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio grants municipalities the authority to exercise all powers of local self-government and to enact and enforce local police, sanitary, and other similar regulations that are not in conflict with the general laws; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bellbrook previously adopted Chapter 890 "Tax Abatement Program" of Part Eight "Business Regulation and Taxation Code" and incorporated it into the Bellbrook Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, City Council wishes to repeal Chapter 890 "Tax Abatement Program" of Title Four "Taxation" of Part Eight "Business Regulation and Taxation Code" in its entirety and enact a new Chapter 890 "Tax Abatement Program" of Title Four "Taxation" of Part Eight "Business Regulation and Taxation Code" of the Bellbrook Municipal Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLBROOK HEREBY ORDAINS:

- Section 1. The old Chapter 890 "Tax Abatement Program" of Title Four "Taxation" of Part Eight "Business Regulation and Taxation Code" is hereby repealed in its entirety.
- Section 2. A new Chapter 890 "Tax Abatement Program" of Title Four "Taxation" of Part Eight "Business Regulation and Taxation Code" of the Bellbrook Municipal Code is hereby enacted as set forth in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, with deletions shown by strikethrough and additions shown by bold and underscored.
- Section 3. It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that any and all deliberations of this Council that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including, but not limited to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED BY C	City Council this	day of	2025
Yeas:	Navs.		

RECORD OF ORDINANCES

Item B.Section 9, Item

Ordinance No. 2025-O-04 March 10, 2025

Ordinance 2025-O-04 Exhibit A

TITLE FOUR TAXATION

CHAPTER 890. TAX ABATEMENT PROGRAM

Sec. 890.01. Establishment of Community Reinvestment Area No. 1.

- (a) For purposes of fulfilling the requirements set forth under ORC 3735.65 through 3735.70, Community Reinvestment Area No. 1 is hereby established. The construction of new structures and the remodeling of existing structures within the established Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) is hereby declared to be a public purpose for which exemptions from real property taxation may be granted in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter.
- (b) This CRA Program is intended to promote and expand conforming uses within the designated boundaries of the CRA.
- (c) Only new structures or remodeling classified as to use as residential, commercial, or industrial, or some combination thereof, and otherwise satisfying the requirement of ORC 3537.67, within the designated boundaries of the CRA are eligible for exemptions under the Tax Abatement Program (TAP). The classification of the structures or remodeling eligible for exemption under the CRA Program shall always be consistent with zoning restrictions applicable to the area.
- (d) Whether a structure or remodeling composed of multiple units is classified as residential, commercial, or industrial shall be determined by the Greene County Auditor's tax classification.

(Res. 82-W, passed 7-26-82)

Sec. 890.02. Boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area No. 1.

The boundaries of Community Reinvestment Area No. 1 are as follows:

Starting at a point at the intersection of the centerline of Little Sugarcreek <u>Road</u> and the centerline of West Franklin Street and heading in a generally southerly direction along the centerline of Little Sugarcreek to the centerline of South Street to the southern corporate <u>limit, including lots with frontage on West South Street</u>;

Thence along the centerline of South Street to the existing eastern southern corporate limits to the eastern corporate limits;

Thence along the eastern corporate limits to East Franklin Street Washington Mill Road until before Hess Road, not including any lots fronting on Hess Road;

Thence west towards North East Street, stopping at the intersection of the centerline of North East Street and the northern boundary of East Walnut Street along East Franklin Street, including lots fronting on both sides of East Franklin Street, to a point at the centerline of East Street;

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Thence west along East Walnut Street, including lots with a southern boundary within 100 feet of the centerline of East Walnut Street to North Main Street the centerline of East Street to Walnut Street:

Thence west along Walnut Street, including lots fronting on both sides of Walnut Street, to Main Street;

Thence north along <u>North</u> Main Street, including lots fronting on both sides of <u>North</u> Main Street, <u>to the centerline of North Main Street and the southern boundary of Pavilion</u> <u>Lane</u> to <u>High Street</u>;

Thence west along High Street, including lots fronting on both sides of High Street <u>and lots</u> <u>with a southern boundary within 150 feet of the centerline of High Street</u>, to a point at the centerline of <u>North</u> West Street;

Thence along the centerline of <u>North</u> West Street, <u>including lots on both sides of North</u> <u>West Street</u> to the centerline of <u>Bellbrook Plaza</u>, <u>including lots with frontage on Bellbrook Plaza</u> <u>West Franklin Street</u>;

Thence south to the centerline of West Franklin Street;

Thence along the centerline of West Franklin Street to the point of beginning, and including those lots which front on the north side of West Franklin Street and which have an eastern boundary within 650 feet from the centerline of **North** West Street.

(Res. 82-W, passed 7-26-82)

Sec. 890.03. Periods of tax exemptions for improvements <u>Tax exemptions in the Community Reinvestment Area No. 1</u>.

- (a) Within Community Reinvestment Area No. 1, tax exemptions for improvements to real property as described in ORC 3735.67 will be granted for the following periods through the following processes:
 - (1) Process for Residential Structures: The owner of any real property within the CRA may file an application for an exemption from real property taxation for a new structure or remodeling with the Housing Officer. The Housing Officer shall verify the construction of the new structure or the cost of remodeling and the facts asserted in the application. The Housing Officer shall determine whether the construction or the cost of the remodeling meets the requirements for an exemption under ORC 3735.67(D). If the construction or remodeling meets the requirements for exemption, after complying with the notice requirements of Section 890.08, the Housing Officer shall grant an exemption for the following exemption period:
 - (A) Ten years for the remodeling of every dwelling containing not more than two family units, the cost of which remodeling is at least two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00), as described in ORC 3735.67(A); and

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- (B) X years for the new construction of residential structures, as described in [ORC 3735.67(D)(3)]; and
- (C) Twelve years for the remodeling of every dwelling containing more than two units, and commercial or industrial properties, the cost of which remodeling is at least five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), as described in ORC 3735.67(B).
- (2) Process for New Commercial and Industrial Structures: The owner of any real property within the CRA may file an application for an exemption from real property taxation for a new structure with the Housing Officer. The Housing Officer shall verify the construction of the new structure and the facts asserted in the application, and shall negotiate an agreement with the property owner or developer. Then, after all notification requirements have been met, the Housing Officer shall forward their verification, along with the property owner's application and agreement to City Council. If City Council determines that the construction meets the requirements for an exemption under ORC 3735.67(D), after complying with the notice requirements of Section 890.08, the City Council, by resolution, shall grant an exemption for the following exemption period:
 - (A) <u>Up to fifteen years for the new construction of commercial and industrial structures, as described in [ORC 3735.67(D)(3)].</u>
- (b) Certification to the County Auditor: Upon the grant of an exemption by the Housing Officer, as applicable, or City Council, as applicable, the Housing Officer shall forward the application to the Greene County Auditor with a certification as the division of ORC 3735.67 under which the exemption is granted and the period of the exemption.
- (c) Exemption: The CRA tax exemption shall first apply in the year following the calendar year in which the certification to the Greene County Auditor is made.
 - (1) If the exemption is for a remodeling, which qualifies for an exemption under Section ORC 3735.67(D)(1) and (D)(2), the dollar amount by which the remodeling increased the market assessed value of the structure shall be exempt from real property taxation during the exemption period.
 - (2) If the exemption is for new construction, which qualifies for an exemption under Section ORC 3735.67(D)(3), the structure shall not be considered an improvement on the land on which it is located for the purpose of real property taxation during the exemption period.

(Res. 82-W, passed 7-26-82)

Sec. 890.04. Designation of a hHousing oOfficer.

To administer and implement this chapter, the City Manager is designated as the Housing Officer, as described in ORC 3735.65 and 3735.66. <u>The City Manager is hereby authorized to, by administrative directive, designate City staff member(s) to serve as the Housing Officer in his or her stead.</u>

(Res. 82-W, passed 7-26-82)

Sec. 890.05. Copy of Chapter to be sent to County Auditor.

A copy of this chapter shall be forwarded to the County Auditor by the Clerk of Council for information and reference.

(Res. 82-W, passed 7-26-82)

Sec. 890.06. Re-evaluation of designation of Community Reinvestment Area No. 1.

Council reserves the right to re-evaluate the designation of Community Reinvestment Area No. 1 after seven years from the date of the adoption of this chapter (Resolution 82-W, passed July 26, 1982), at which time Council may direct the Housing Officer not to accept any new applications for exemption, as described in ORC 3735.67.

(Res. 82-W, passed 7-26-82)

Sec. 890.07. Finding of fact.

Council finds that the area included within the description of Community Reinvestment Area No. 1 is one in which housing facilities or structures of historical significance are located and also one in which new housing construction and repair of existing facilities or structures have been discouraged.

(Res. 82-W, passed 7-26-82)

Sec. 890.08. Notice requirements.

Before certifying an exemption in CRA No. 1 to the Greene County Auditor, the Housing Officer shall notify the Board of Education of each school district in which the proposed tax-exempted property is located. The notice shall include a copy of the exemption application. The notice shall be issued at least fourteen (14) days prior to the City Council taking formal action on the exemption application or before the Housing Officer certifies the exemption to the County Auditor, as applicable. If the Board of Education comments on the exemption, the City Council or the Housing Officer, as applicable, shall consider the comments.

Sec. 890.09. Remodeling of structures or new construction within the Old Village District.

<u>In cases involving a structure or parcels located within the Old Village District, the</u> designated Housing Officer shall not determine whether the remodeling or new

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construction meets the requirements for a tax exemption under this Chapter unless the appropriateness of the remodeling or new construction has been certified, in writing, by the Old Village Review Board to certify the appropriateness of the remodeling or new construction pursuant to Article 14 of the Bellbrook Zoning Code.

Sec. 890.10. Annual inspections.

The Housing Officer shall make annual inspections of the properties for which a CRA exemption has been granted. If the Housing Officer finds that the property has not been properly maintained or repaired due to the neglect of the owner, the Housing Officer may revoke the exemption at any time after the first year of the exemption. The Housing Officer shall notify the Greene County Auditor and the owner of the property that the tax exemption no longer applies. If the Housing Officer revokes a tax exemption, he or she shall send a report of the revocation to the City Council, containing a statement of his or her findings as to the maintenance and repair of the property and the reason for revoking the exemption.

A. Resolution 2025-R-04 DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SAID PROPERTY (Hoke)

Resolution No. 2025-R-04

February 24, 2025

City of Bellbrook **State of Ohio**

Resolution No. 2025-R-04

DECLARING CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTY NO LONGER REQUIRED FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF SAID **PROPERTY**

WHEREAS, the City of Bellbrook is in possession of certain property at an estimated value over \$2,500 that is no longer needed for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, the property is desired to be sold via trade-in or otherwise discarded or salvaged.

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELL	BROOK HEREBY RESOLVI	£S:
Section 1. Consistent with the provisions of to the Bellbrook Code of Ordinances and purchas surplus, no longer needed for municipal purposes, property consistent with the provisions of Bellbrohaving no value may be discarded or salvaged by	ing procedures, the following equ , and authorization is hereby gran ook Ordinances by means of an ir	ripment is declared to dispose of the
ITEM2000 Ford Econoline E450 Cutaway		
Section 2. That it is found and determined to adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an of this Council and any of its committees that result public, in compliance with all legal requirement Ohio.	open meeting of this Council, and alted in such formal action, were	d that all deliberations of e in meetings open to the
Section 3. That this resolution shall take effection	ct and be in force forthwith.	
PASSED BY City Council this 24 th day of Febr	ruary, 2025.	
Yeas; Nays.		
AUTHENTICATION:		
Michael Schweller, Mayor		
Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council		

B. Resolution 2025-R-05 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE TRUCK AND ACCESSORIES FROM WHITE ALLEN CHEVROLET (Greenwood)

Resolution No. 2025-R-05

February 24, 2025

City of Bellbrook

Resolution No. 2025-R-05

AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SERVICE TRUCK AND ACCESSORIES FROM WHITE ALLEN CHEVROLET

WHEREAS, Council has determined providing high quality service to the infrastructure is of high importance and in the best interest of the City; and

WHEREAS, use of a service vehicle provides the ability to access, haul equipment and maintain areas in need of monitoring and maintenance for city personnel to upkeep the City's infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, a current service vehicle is in need of replacement due to rising maintenance and upkeep costs; and

WHEREAS, although formal competitive bidding is not required, staff has adequately received written quotes and has reviewed and selected the lowest and best quote for the purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLBROOK HEREBY RESOLVES:

- Section 1. The City Manager is authorized to take all actions necessary to purchase a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck vehicle and accessories from White Allen Chevrolet at a cost not to exceed \$43,450.
- Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the City Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including §121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

Section 3. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force forthwith.

PASSED BY City Council this 24th day of February, 2025.

_____ Yeas; _____ Nays.

AUTHENTICATION:

Michael Schweller, Mayor

Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council

Ryan Pasley

From:

Paul Stroud

Sent:

Thursday, January 30, 2025 12:35 PM

To:

Ryan Pasley

Subject: Attachments: Fwd: 2025 Chevrolet Silverado.

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joseph Overholser < joverholser@whitecars.com>

Date: January 30, 2025 at 12:05:46 PM EST To: Paul Stroud < P. Stroud@bellbrook.gov>

Subject: 2025 Chevrolet Silverado.

Hello Paul,

My name is Joey with White Allen Chevrolet. Dan is going to be gone on vacation for a few weeks so i will be helping you with this truck. Attached you will be a truck like I will be getting for you let me know if this will work.

I will be able to have it delivered to you for a total of \$43,450. Please let me know if you would need any more information. Than you I look forward into helping you out.

Joey Overholser White Allen Chevrolet 937-222-3701 joverholser@whitecars.com

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Dealer Information

WHITE-ALLEN CHEVROLET

442 N MAIN ST

DAYTON, OH 45405 Phone: 937-222-3701 Fax: 937-220-6318

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Model Year: 2025 Make: Chevrolet

Model: 1500 Silverado

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CK10543-4WD, Short Crew

PEG: 1WT-Work Truck Preferred Equipment Group

Primary Color: GAZ-Summit White

Trim: H2G-1WT-Vinyl, Jet Black, Interior Trim

Engine: L3B-Engine: TurboMax

Transmission: MFC-8-Speed Automatic

Event Code: 5000-Delivered to Dealer

Order #: DVCZHS MSRP: \$48,595.00

Order Type: TRE-Retail Stock

Stock #: N/A

Inventory Status: Available

Additional Vehicle Information

Vehicle Options		
Chargeable Optio	ns ()	MSRP
	1SZ-WT VALUE PACKAGE DISCOUNT & TURBOMAX ENGINE CREDIT	-\$1,850.00
	CGN-Chevytec Spray-on Liner	\$545.00
	G80-Auto Locking Differential, Rear	\$395.00
	PEB-1WT Value Package	\$960.00
	Q5U-Wheels: 17" Bright Silver Painted Aluminum	\$350.00
	V46-Bumper, Front, Chrome	\$200.00
No Cost Options		
	C5W-GVW Rating 7000 Lbs	
	FE9-Federal Emissions	
	GU6-Rear Axle: 3.42 Ratio	
	L3B-Engine: TurboMax	
	MFC-8-Speed Automatic	
Other Options		
	1WT-Work Truck Preferred Equipment Group	AKO-Glass, Deep Tinted
	AQQ-Keyless Remote Entry	AZ3-Seats: Front 40/20/40 Split-Bench, Full Feature
	BG9-Floor Covering: Rubberized Vinyl, Black	C49-Defogger, Rear Window, Electric
	DLF-Mirrors, O/S: Power, Heated	E63-Durabed
	GAZ-Summit White	H2G-1WT-Vinyl, Jet Black, Interior Trim
	IOR-Chevrolet Infotainment, 7" Color Screen	K34-Cruise Control
	KW5-Alternator, 220 AMP	PCV-1WT Convenience 1 Package
	QBN-Tires: 255/70 R17 All Season, Blackwall	QBR-Tire, Spare: 255/70 R17 All Season, Blackwall
	QK1-Standard Tailgate	SAF-Spare Tire Lock
	TQ5-Headlamps, Intellibeam	UE1-OnStar Communication System
	UE4-Following Distance Indicator	UEU-Sensor, Forward Collision Alert
	UHX-Lane Keep Assist/Departure Warning	UHY-Automatic Emergency Braking
	UKJ-Sensor, Front Pedestrian Braking	UQF-Speaker System: Standard Sound System
	V76-Recovery Hooks	VJH-Bumper, Rear, Chrome Step
	Z82-Trailering Package	

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Purchase Agreement

Mark Barrow Jeff Wyler Columbus Auto Mall 5885 Gender Road Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Buyer	Co-Buyer	Vehicle
City Of Bellbrook Paul Stroud 29 NW St Bellbrook, OH 45305 D: (937) 848-8415 p.stroud@cityofbellbrook.org		2025 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Work Truck (4x4 Crew Cab 5.75 ft. box 147.4 in. WB VIN: Stock #: Mileage: Color:

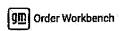
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BAC Information

Contact Name Contact Phone Mark Barrow 5024170318

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Request ID MSRP w/DFC 2025

CHEVROLET **FLT Fleet**

FNR - Fleet Commercial **CLDCRW**

CK10743 - 1500 Silverado: 4WD, Crew Cab

12/30/24

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Vehicle Specifications

PFG Color 1WT - Work Truck Preferred Equipment Group

GAZ - Summit White

Trim Engine H2G - 1WT-Vinyl, Jet Black, Interior Trim

L38 - Engine: TurboMax

Transmission Emissions

MFC - 8-Speed Automatic FE9 - Federal Emissions

Ordered Options

1WT - Work Truck Preferred Equipment Group 📾

AQQ - Keyless Remote Entry

AZ3 - Seats: Front 40/20/40 Split-Bench, Full Feature

BG9 - Floor Covering: Rubberized Vinyl, Black

C5W - GVW Rating 7000 Lbs

E63 - Durabed

FE9 - Federal Emissions

GAZ - Summit White

GU6 - Rear Axle: 3.42 Ratio

H2G - 1WT-Vinyl, Jet Black, Interior Trim

IOR - Chevrolet Infotainment, 7" Color Screen

K34 - Cruise Control

KW5 - Alternator, 220 AMP

L3B - Engine: TurboMax 🛱

MFC - 8-Speed Automatic

PED - Chevy Safety Assist

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SAF - Spare Tire Lock

TQ5 - Headlamps, Intellibeam

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UEU - Sensor, Forward Collision Alert 🗟

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Resolution No. 2025-R-06

February 24, 2025

City of Bellbrook State of Ohio

Resolution No. 2025-R-06

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BELLBROOK-SUGAR MAPLE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE, INC FOR THE 2025 SUGAR MAPLE FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival is a community event with a long-standing tradition; and

WHEREAS, planning, operation, and management of the Festival requires significant resources which are not available within the City structure; and

WHEREAS, The Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Committee, Inc is a community-centered charitable non-profit organization organized specifically to operate and manage the Festival with a significant history of success and give-back to the community; and

WHEREAS, operation of the Festival requires use of public streets, alleys and certain parcels and facilities owned by the City of Bellbrook; and

WHEREAS, City Council has determined it is in the best interest of the City of Bellbrook to hold the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival annually and to enter into an agreement for its operation and management.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY OF BELLBROOK HEREBY RESOLVES:

- Section 1. The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement with the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Committee, Inc. for the operation and management of the 2025 Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival as substantially set forth in Exhibit A.
- Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the City Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including §121.22 of the Revised Code of the State of Ohio.

Section 3.	That this resolution shall take effect and be in force forthwith.				
PASSED BY City Council this 24 th day of February, 2025.					
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Resolution No. 2025-R-06 February 24, 2025

AUTHENTICATION:
Michael W. Schweller, Mayor
Robert Schommer, Clerk of Council

Resolution 2025-R-06 Exhibit A

City of Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Operation and Management Agreement

This Agreement including any and all Exhibits and Attachments constitutes the agreement by and between the City of Bellbrook Ohio a municipal corporation ("City") and The Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Committee, Inc ("Committee) regarding the operation and management of the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival ("Festival")

Recitals:

WHEREAS, the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival is a community event with a long-standing tradition; and

WHEREAS, planning, operation, and management of the Festival requires significant resources which are not available within the City structure; and

WHEREAS, The Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Committee, Inc is a community-centered charitable non-profit organization organized specifically to operate and manage the Festival with a significant history of success and give-back to the community; and

WHEREAS, operation of the Festival requires use of public streets, alleys and certain parcels and facilities owned by the City of Bellbrook; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes it is in the best interest of the City of Bellbrook to hold the Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival annually to be operated and managed by the Committee.

Now, therefore, in consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions herein contained, the City and the Committee agree as follows:

- 1. <u>Services to be Performed by the Committee</u>: The Bellbrook Sugar Maple Festival Committee, Inc will assist in the planning for and provide the operation and management of the Festival as agreed to between the parties and within this Agreement to include, but not be limited to:
 - a. Create a security plan including alcohol sales/consumption and crowd control measures
 - b. Create an operation and management plan for the Festival including, but not limited to the following:
 - i. Event schedule and anticipated budget
 - ii. Marketing and Festival announcements and outreach
 - iii. Required permits, licenses, and agreements
 - iv. Anticipated vendors, supplies, services and performers
 - v. Final event layout
 - c. Make arrangements for and execute contracts and agreements for the agreed to services on behalf of the Festival including vendors, supplies, services, performers, etc.
 - d. Conduct pre and post event activities including event set-up and tear-down, of facility and Festival spaces.

- e. Provide volunteer staffing adequate for the agreed to operation and management of the planned events during the Festival.
- 2. Responsibilities of the City: The City of Bellbrook holds the Festival as a benefit to the residents and community, and under the authority as a Charter City and as Resolved by City Council authorizes the use of city resources, public right of way and public facilities during the event in the best interests of Bellbrook residents. As such, responsibilities of the City to provide the ability of the Committee to operate and manage the Festival include but are not limited to:
 - a. Hold the authority to and authorize use of public right of way, public facilities and city resources for the operation of the Festival.
 - b. Authorize the agreed to operation and management plan prepared by the Committee for the Festival
 - c. Designate all members of the Committee as volunteers to the City for the Festival
 - d. Hold liability and insurance coverage for the Festival and volunteers
- 3. <u>Liability Insurance</u>: The City agrees to bear all costs and responsibilities for the actions related to the Festival including its personnel and volunteers. In addition, the City agrees to obtain and maintain comprehensive liability insurance coverage for the Festival.
- 4. Allocation of Funds/Proceeds and Management Fee: The City agrees that any and all proceeds earned from sales, donations, sponsorships, and any other Festival related proceeds shall be received by and maintained by the Committee in exchange for the cost of the Festival operations and management. Both parties understand proceeds may surpass direct expenses and it is in the benefit and best interest of the city for the Committee, as a charitable community-centered non-profit organization, to use and allocate those funds to further the charitable mission of the Committee. The city withholds the right to monitor or audit any financial transaction related to the Festival as it deems appropriate.
 - a. Should the City have any direct costs associated with the Festival not covered or paid by the Committee's fund such as licensing, permits, fees, etc. the City may recoup said costs from the Festival Proceeds. This does not include the cost of resources, personnel, or use of public right of way or facilities.
 - b. Should the Festival be cancelled, interrupted, or otherwise fail to generate proceeds to cover the costs expended or obligated, it shall not be the City's responsibility to cover those costs.
- 5. <u>Compliance With Licenses</u>, <u>Permits</u>, <u>and Certifications</u>: The Committee represents and warrants that all members and volunteers associated with the Festival shall comply with federal, state, and local laws requiring any required licenses, permits, certificates, or actions necessary to perform the services under this Agreement.
- 6. <u>Assignment and Delegation</u>: The Committee shall not assign rights or delegate any duties or performance of services under this Agreement to any other individual, organization or entity.
- 7. Severability: This Agreement shall remain in effect in the event a section or provision is unenforceable or invalid. All remaining sections and provisions shall be deemed legally binding unless a court rules that any such provision or section is invalid or unenforceable, thus, limiting the effect of another provision or section. In such case, the affected provision or section shall be enforced as so limited.
- 8. Governing Law: This Agreement shall be governed under the laws in the State of Ohio.
- 9. Option to Terminate: The City and Committee shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement unless there is reasonable cause to believe and written notice of:

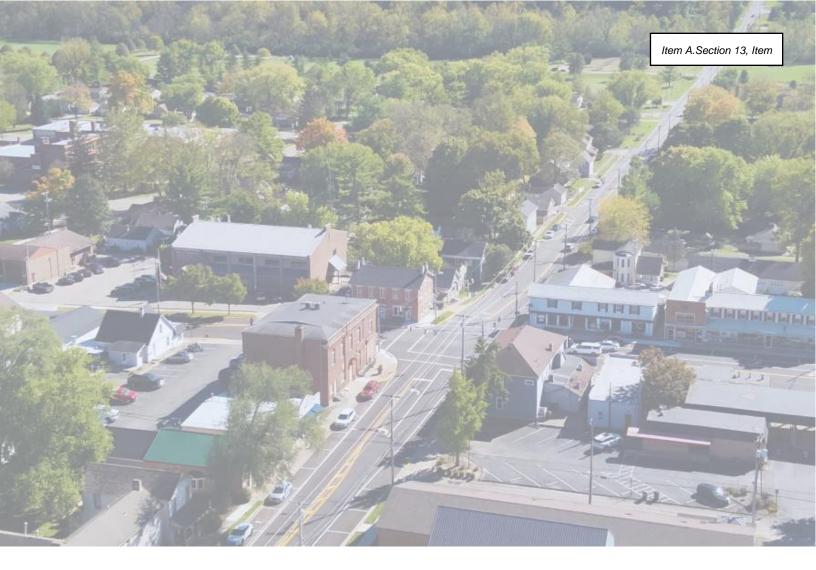
- a. A material breach of the other party
- b. Any act exposing the other party to liability to others for personal injury or property damage
- c. Any criminal act conducted by a group or individual in the performance of duties related to this Agreement for the Festival
- 10. Termination for Cause: If a party commits a material breach of this Agreement, then the non-breaching party may terminate this Agreement for cause, so long as the non-breaching party first provides breaching party with a written notice of the breach and breaching party fails to cure the breach within ten (10) business days of receipt of the notice or, if the breach by its nature cannot reasonably be cured within ten business days, then non-breaching party may terminate if the breaching party fails to begin to cure the breach within ten business days of receipt of the notice and works diligently thereafter to cure the breach. Such termination will be without prejudice to any other rights and remedies that may be available to the non-breaching party. In addition, it shall be deemed as Cause for termination by either party if any act exposing the other party to liability to others for personal injury or property damage.
- 11. <u>Force Majure</u>: Neither party will be responsible for any delay or failure in performance resulting from strike, lockout, failure of power, fire, acts of God, terrorism, riots, insurrection, war or other similar reason beyond the reasonable control of such party ("Force Majeure Event"). When either party has knowledge of any Force Majeure Event that will delay or affect its performance, such party will immediately notify the other party. The time for performing any obligation may be extended for a period equivalent to the period of such Force Majeure Event at the sole discretion of the City.
- 12. <u>Entire Agreement</u>: This Agreement, along with any attachments or addendums, represents the entire agreement between the parties. Therefore, this Agreement supersedes any prior agreements, promises, conditions, or understandings between the City and the Committee.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement as of the Effective Date.

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By:		
Its:		

CITY OF BELLBROOK, OHIO

A. Presentation of the City's Age-Friendly Community Action Plan





February 2025

Bellbrook City Council

Mike Schweller, Mayor

Ernie Havens, Deputy Mayor

Forrest Greenwood, Council Member

Brady Harding, Council Member

T.J. Hoke, Council Member

Logan Ashley, Council Member

Katherine Cyphers, Council Member



The population of the United States is rapidly aging. By 2030, one in every five people in the United States will be 65 years of age or older, and by 2035, the number of adults older than 65 will be greater than the number of children under 18. Baby Boomers, the second largest generation in history, are at or nearing retirement age. This number of adults at or over 65 will continue to grow increasingly faster over the next decade. With this substantial jump comes many challenges for communities. However, many opportunities arise as well.

Age-Friendly Bellbrook is a planning and implementation initiative designed to identify the needs of older adults and take the steps necessary to create the most livable community for all. Age-Friendly Bellbrook will not only improve the quality of life for its current residents but also welcome new citizens to experience the "Small Town Friendly" nature of the community.

Managing these challenges for an Age-Friendly Bellbrook will require an "out-of-the-box" approach. Two examples of the challenges faced in Bellbrook are accessibility/walkability and aging in place. The aging residents of Bellbrook are very active and desire the ability to move about downtown swiftly and safely. Also, unsurprisingly, the vast majority of aging residents wish to stay in their homes for as long as possible. The City of Bellbrook has begun setting the wheels in motion to address these challenges.

Improving the age-friendliness of our community is a major opportunity to improve the lives of our residents. While this project is primarily focused on aging adults, it is important to recognize this project will improve the quality of life for all ages.

Rob Schommer, City Manager

City of Bellbrook

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Community Profile

The City of Bellbrook sits in southwest Ohio, about 10.7 miles southeast of Dayton. As a village, it was settled in 1816 and named after one of its founders, Stephen Bell, who played a significant role in developing what is now known as the "old village" district. The second part of the name stems from the many local waterways, including the Little Sugarcreek, Sugarcreek, and the Little Miami River. Bellbrook is unique in Ohio as one of only three out of 250 cities that do not impose a local income tax. The City's mission is to provide effective, courteous, and fiscally responsible municipal services that enhance the quality of life for all residents. With a significant portion of its population over 65, Bellbrook is proactively prioritizing age-friendly initiatives to meet the unique needs of this aging demographic, ensuring a secure and prepared future for everyone.

The City Council, consisting of a mayor and six at-large council members, acts as the legislative body and hires a City Manager to oversee daily operations. Bellbrook's Fire Department is known for its excellent fire and paramedic services, and the Police Department effectively keeps crime rates low through community patrols and public education. The Service Department manages the City's public works, including roadways and stormwater, and provides snow removal and street maintenance services.

Covering roughly three square miles, Bellbrook has a population of approximately 7,266 residents. About 1,171 individuals (or 16.1%) of this population are aged 65 and older. Among the 3,125 households in the area, 11% consist of older residents living alone. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the number of adults over 65 is expected to surpass the number of children under 18 within the next decade. This demographic shift is a key factor for community planning, highlighting the need for efforts that foster age-friendliness and address the needs of the older adult population. Older adults in Bellbrook prioritize walkability, access to parks, and the ability to age in place. This information is essential for guiding the planning and policy process toward initiatives that older adult residents wish to see implemented. Regarding housing, approximately 25% of residents are renters, while 75% are homeowners. As of 2023, the median home value in Bellbrook was \$287,000.

Recognizing community demographics while working to improve age-friendliness is vital to ensure that plans are effective, efficient, and equitable so that every resident feels included and valued in our community. Bellbrook is often recognized as one of Ohio's most desirable cities for retirees, thanks to its rural, small-town atmosphere, high-quality government services, access to medical facilities, and close-knit community. Additionally, Bellbrook combines a quiet environment with an active lifestyle, providing opportunities for relaxation while offering a variety of engaging activities for residents of all ages.

Data Source: American Community Survey 5-year estimate

Action Plan Introduction

Age-Friendly Bellbrook

In Bellbrook, one in six residents is 65 years old or older. As the population ages and individuals remain healthy and active for longer, Bellbrook must adapt to these changes. Creating an age-friendly Bellbrook can foster happier and healthier residents of all ages.

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities includes over 300 towns, cities, counties, and states across the United States dedicated to becoming more age-friendly. Membership in this Network signifies that a community's elected leaders are committed to creating a welcoming environment for people of all ages.

In 2020, Bellbrook joined the Network and was recognized by the AARP for its commitment to developing comprehensive, age-friendly policies. The City's AARP Livability Index score is 58, placing it in the top half of communities in the United States. This score reflects an aggregate of various livability categories, including health, housing, and other factors that influence a community's overall livability. These individual scores are as follows:

	Bellbrook	2024 Median U.S. City
Overall Score	58	50
Housing	43	56
Neighborhood	52	36
Transportation	61	44
Environment	72	59
Health	58	43
Engagement	52	47
Opportunity	69	52

Source: AARP Livability Index data

Bellbrook has several strong features that support age-friendliness, but there is room for improvement and innovation. This effort is called Age-Friendly Bellbrook. The initiative is structured around the Eight Domains of Livability, a framework developed by the World Health Organization and AARP to help communities assess and enhance their age-friendly initiatives.

The City Manager and the Community Development Administrator will take primary responsibility for the administration and oversight of the action plan. They will operate under the guidance of the City Council and in collaboration with relevant City departments and local community organizations. They will also take into account feedback and opinions of older residents, caretakers, and others affected by this plan, as this information is essential in ensuring the City acts in their best interest.

Mission & Vision

The City of Bellbrook's *mission* is to create an inclusive atmosphere and supportive environment where all community members can lead fulfilling and enriching lives. We aim to enable individuals of all ages to actively participate in daily life.

Our *vision* is for Bellbrook to be a welcoming and accessible community where residents of all ages feel valued, included, and empowered to live life to the fullest.

Through the Age-Friendly Bellbrook initiative, we prioritize the needs of our older adult residents by focusing on the eight domains of livability. Age-Friendly Bellbrook is a community-driven effort that relies on feedback and collaboration with older residents and community organizations. In this iteration of the Action Plan, our focus is on enabling seniors to age in place, improving walkability and connectivity, and expanding opportunities for participation in a variety of programs.

Bellbrook is committed to continuous improvement. We regularly analyze our strengths and identify areas for enhancement to foster a more age-friendly environment. The Age-Friendly Action Plan is a "living document" that will be updated and adapted as conditions change.

Values

The City takes pride in its community and values open and transparent communication, integrity and trust, fiscal responsibility, civic engagement and participation, adaptability, and a community-centered outlook. These values direct our work in making Bellbrook a more accessible and livable community for older residents.

Community Assessment

To gather crucial information regarding how to direct Bellbrook's age-friendly efforts, City staff solicited feedback from the older adult population of Bellbrook. These residents were engaged through both online and paper surveys and focus groups. Public participation was open for two months, and City staff facilitated two focus groups. During these sessions, staff reviewed the survey questions and encouraged attendees to engage in open discussions about the needs and wants of the older adult community. More than one hundred Bellbrook residents participated in the survey and focus groups. The survey questions were developed around the AARP's Eight Domains of Livability.

Following our public engagement efforts, City staff identified key concerns among aging residents: housing affordability and the ability to age in place, walkability (highlighting sidewalk safety and lighting issues), and the demand for a variety of activities tailored to older residents. This feedback will guide our specific age-friendly initiatives, ensuring they resonate with and address the community's needs.

Key Findings

The findings from these information-gathering efforts indicate that housing, walkability, and activities are the community's most significant issues. More information on these findings can be found in Age-Friendly Bellbrook's Findings Report, linked to in the Supporting Documents section of this document.

Housing Concerns

- There is a shortage of affordable housing options for lower- and middle-income older residents.
- The ability to age in place is overwhelmingly important.
- 91% of older residents indicated that remaining in Bellbrook is very important to them.
 - Extrapolating on this, 91% of older residents expressed that being able to age within their own homes is crucial.

Walkability

- 60% of older residents reported that sidewalks are often uneven and unsafe.
- 50% stated that there are limited sidewalks in their neighborhoods.
- 54% of respondents felt that streets and walkways need better lighting.

Programming and Entertainment

- 63% of respondents expressed a desire for more access to programs and activities specifically tailored to older residents.
- 72% wanted a greater variety of activities.
- 81% desired more fitness-related options.

Action Plan Details

The Eight Domains of Livability

Based on input from the community and the Bellbrook City Council, several projects to enhance age-friendly improvements and activities are fully planned or in the planning stages. An ongoing assessment of our progress will help ensure that Bellbrook is prepared to support the aging community.

Each action item will result in key outputs, including policies, services, programs, or collaborations with other organizations. The overarching outcomes of these efforts are to enhance Bellbrook's age-friendliness and foster a supportive environment for all residents, and the long-term impact is the improved well-being of residents of all ages.

Staff is also working to align Bellbrook's Age-Friendly Action Plan with the Comprehensive Plan with the intent to enhance support and create efficiencies in the actions undertaken by City staff. The alignment is anticipated to encompass, at least in part, all eight livability domains.

Outdoor Spaces and Buildings (OSB)

Individuals of all ages benefit from outdoor spaces and buildings that are safe, accessible, and thoughtfully designed. Key features that enhance the inclusivity of the environment include green spaces, public amenities and facilities, and walkability. Based on the findings from our public engagements, Bellbrook residents value walkability. Sixty percent of survey respondents stated that Bellbrook has uneven or unsafe sidewalks. This issue is salient in Bellbrook's downtown area and several residential neighborhoods. Some sidewalks downtown are quite narrow and directly adjacent to the street. Also, all residential neighborhoods constructed before 1970 were built without sidewalks, making walkability difficult. To comply with ADA requirements, some sidewalks must be widened, and ramps and tread mats must be added. The City has taken steps to address these issues in a Downtown Revitalization Project scheduled for the summer of 2023. Age-Friendly Bellbrook aims to create a physical setting that supports older residents, particularly downtown, where activities such as shopping, exercise, worship, and business occur.

<u>Vision</u>: We envision Bellbrook as a community where residents of all ages enjoy safe and convenient access to natural and built environments, including parks and public facilities.

- Goal 1: Improve accessibility to City amenities and locations
 - Action Item 1: Continuation of implementation of downtown streetscape projects
 - Action Item 2: Assess sidewalk lighting to ensure adequate visibility for pedestrians and bicyclists
- Goal 2: Implement policies and zoning code changes that promote age-friendliness
 - Action Item 3: Investigate the applicability of universal design, Complete Streets, mixed-use developments, and other best practice options

Transportation (T)

While driving is the primary mode of transportation across the nation, alternative ways to navigate the community include walking, biking, carpooling, and public transit. To ensure pedestrian safety, it is crucial to have safe sidewalks and easily crossable streets. Public transportation options can vary from large to small-scale services. Dedicated bike lanes promote exercise and provide an environmentally friendly travel option. Age-Friendly Bellbrook will prioritize safer pedestrian transportation methods and education on alternative transportation options.

<u>Vision</u>: We envision Bellbrook as a community where residents of all ages can access an array of reliable and safe transportation options.

- Goal 1: Promote walking as a viable transportation option
 - Action Item 1: Research and adopt applicable policies to improve walkability and downtown access
- Goal 2: Offer information on a range of transportation options, focusing on individuals with mobility limitations and disabilities
 - Action Plan Item 2: Identify transportation options and develop a guideline document for older residents on these alternatives
 - Action Item 3: Collaborate with community organizations to promote transportation options that more effectively accommodate individuals of all ability levels

Housing (H)

Research indicates that most older residents prefer to remain in their homes and communities for as long as possible as they age; in fact, 91% of respondents to the Age-Friendly Survey responded that staying in Bellbrook is very important to them. This is achievable if homes are designed or modified for aging in place or if the community offers housing options suitable for various income levels and life stages. Age-Friendly Bellbrook is committed to facilitating the ability to age in place.

<u>Vision</u>: We envision Bellbrook as a community that provides diverse housing options to suit the needs of older residents and their families.

- Goal 1: Adopt age-friendly housing policies and zoning code changes to promote aging in place
 - Action Item 1: Draft and implement a text amendment to the Bellbrook Zoning Code permitting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)
 - Action Item 2: Research zoning code updates that promote aging in place
- Goal 2: Improve means by which homeowners can improve their properties
 - Action Item 3: Expand the Bellbrook Community Reinvestment Area maps and terms to encourage needed property improvements
 - Action Item 4: Research options and volunteer organizations that assist older residents with property maintenance activities

Social Participation (SP)

Engaging in social activities—such as clubs, events, programs, and other gatherings—is essential for maintaining connections with friends, family, and the community. From the Age-Friendly Survey, 63% of respondents desired more access to programs and activities specifically tailored to older residents with a focus on variety and fitness-related options.

The Bellbrook Senior Center and the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District offer a variety of activities and groups. Age-Friendly Bellbrook will promote and support local organizations that provide programming for older residents.

<u>Vision</u>: We envision Bellbrook as a community that provides a diverse range of affordable and accessible social and recreational opportunities, ensuring that older residents feel welcomed and encouraged to participate actively.

- Goal 1: Engage with community organizations that offer social participation opportunities for older residents and see where the City can participate or assist where feasible
 - Action Item 1: Promote the work of community organizations that offer agefriendly programs and activities
 - Action Item 2: Investigate creating gatherings to help combat loneliness

Respect and Social Inclusion (RSI)

Everyone deserves to feel valued, included, and important within their community. Multigenerational activities offer opportunities for young and older individuals to learn from each other. Age-Friendly Bellbrook is dedicated to fostering an atmosphere of appreciation and inclusivity for all residents, recognizing the valuable contributions that older residents make to the community.

<u>Vision</u>: We envision Bellbrook as a community that emphasizes the voices of its older residents, ensuring they feel heard, valued for their contributions, and actively included in community life.

- Goal 1: Engage with community organizations that offer programs to address respect and social inclusion
 - Action Item 1: Collaborate with local organizations to understand the types of programs and services available for older residents and promote them
- Goal 2: Improve community relationships with older adults
 - Action Item 2: Train Administrative staff on knowledge and skills when interacting with people living with dementia

Work and Civic Participation (WCP)

An age-friendly community encourages older adults to engage actively in community life, providing opportunities for work and volunteering. While many older adults are retired, the ability to work, volunteer, or participate in other ways is an appealing way to stay engaged with the community and an enjoyable use of one's time. Age-Friendly Bellbrook is committed to inviting older adults to participate in the City's initiatives.

<u>Vision:</u> We envision Bellbrook as a community where senior residents have diverse opportunities to engage in meaningful and fulfilling work and volunteer activities.

- Goal 1: Ensure older adults can easily engage with the community
 - Action Item 1: Raise awareness of education, volunteer, and work options offered by local organizations (colleges, faith-based organizations, etc.)
 - Action Item 2: Promote openings/vacancies on City Boards and Commissions

Communication and Information (CI)

Effective communication and access to information are vital for staying connected and informed. The City employs various methods to distribute information and public announcements, including social media, a mass-calling and email system, newsletters, and bulletin boards at key locations such as the public library, post office, and local shops. Additionally, residents have access to public computers at the Winters Library. The Findings Report shows that the majority of respondents utilize computers and smart devices and access the internet to obtain information. Age-Friendly Bellbrook will enhance its communication and information efforts to ensure they are relevant, timely, responsive, and clear.

<u>Vision</u>: We envision Bellbrook as a community that fosters effective communication of relevant and timely information through methods that engage and accommodate members of all ages.

- Goal 1: Ensure effective communication through the City's available communication channels and improve where necessary
 - Action Item 1: Incorporate age-friendly information in the Bellbrook newsletter
 - Action Item 2: Provide comprehensive information on the City's website regarding local services (utilities, transportation, health, etc.)
 - Action Item 3: Updating Bellbrook's phone and email database with current information for Hyper-Reach and email communications

Health Services and Community Supports (HSCS)

Good health and well-being are essential for quality of life. The community offers a wide range of healthcare facilities, including a large hospital, a clinic for the uninsured and underinsured, several medical centers, and various healthcare practitioners. Most respondents to the Age-Friendly survey reported that they have access to medical offices and healthcare professionals. Age-Friendly Bellbrook will work to raise awareness of these options to ensure that residents are informed about how to maintain their health throughout their lives.

<u>Vision</u>: We envision Bellbrook as a community where older residents have seamless access to comprehensive community and health services that effectively address their needs.

- Goal 1: Promote available community resources
 - Action Item 1: Publicize the availability of local health services and community support groups
- Goal 2: Support families and caregivers of older adults
 - Action Item 2: Investigate opportunities to help and support caregivers of older residents
 - Action Item 3: Research the Village Movement and other community-based support groups for applicability in Bellbrook

Appendix

OSB – Outdoor Spaces and Buildings **RSI** – Respect and Social Inclusion

T – Transportation **WCP** – Work and Civic Participation

H – Housing **CI** – Communication and Information

SP – Social Participation **HSCS** – Health Services and Community Supports

Goal	Action Item	Involved Entities	Timeline	Metrics
OSB Goal 1 Improve accessibility to City	OSB Action Item 1 Continuation of implementation of downtown streetscape projects	City of Bellbrook Greene County ODOT	Ongoing (multi- phase)	Completion of downtown streetscape projects as outlined in the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan
amenities and locations	OSB Action Item 2 Assess sidewalk lighting to ensure adequate visibility for pedestrians and bicyclists	City of Bellbrook	Ongoing (beginning 2025)	Compilation of findings and development of a plan to address any issues
OSB Goal 2 Implement policies and zoning code changes that promote age- friendliness	OSB Action Item 3 Investigate the applicability of universal design, Complete Streets, mixed-use developments, and other best-practice options	City of Bellbrook	2025	Showing applicability where feasible and appropriate and presenting it to the City Planning Board and City Council for recommendation
T Goal 1 Promote walking as a viable transportation option	T Action Item 1 Research and adopt applicable policies to improve walkability and downtown access	City of Bellbrook	2026-2029	Implementation of applicable policies
T Goal 2 Offer information on a range of transportation options, focusing on	T Action Item 2 Identify transportation options and develop a guideline document for older residents on these alternatives	City of Bellbrook	2025	Development of a guideline document

individuals with mobility limitations and disabilities	T Action Item 3 Collaborate with community organizations to promote transportation options that more effectively accommodate individuals of all ability levels	City of Bellbrook Greene Couty Council on Aging Greene CATS	Ongoing (beginning 2025)	Information on transportation options on the City's website, social media, newsletter, and through other communication tools
H Goal 1 Adopt age-friendly housing policies	H Action Item 1 Draft and implement a text amendment to the Bellbrook Zoning Code permitting Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)	City of Bellbrook	2024	Adoption of the updated code
and zoning code changes to promote aging in place	H Action Item 2 Research zoning code updates that promote aging in place	City of Bellbrook	2025	Compilation of findings and recommendation of applicable policies to the Planning Board and City Council
H Goal 2 Improve means by which homeowners can improve their properties	H Action Item 3 Expand the Bellbrook Community Reinvestment Area maps and terms to encourage needed property improvements	City of Bellbrook	2025	Adoption by the City Council of the updated CRA
	H Action Item 4 Research options and volunteer organizations that assist older residents with property maintenance activities	City of Bellbrook	2025-2026	Presentation of information through the City's means of communication
SP Goal 1 Engage with community organizations that offer social participation opportunities for older residents and see where the City can participate or assist where feasible	SP Action Item 1 Promote the work of community organizations that offer agefriendly programs and activities	City of Bellbrook Greene County Council on Aging Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District	2025	Information about these organizations and programs on the City's website, social media, newsletter, and through other communication tools
	SP Action Item 2 Investigate creating gatherings to help combat loneliness	City of Bellbrook Winters- Bellbrook Community Library Greene County Council on Aging Bellbrook Sugarcreek Park District	2026	Compilations of findings and presentation to City leadership for next steps
RSI Goal 1 Engage with community organizations that offer programs to	RSI Action Item 1 Collaborate with local organizations to understand the types of programs and services available for older residents and promote them	City of Bellbrook Greene County Council on Aging	Ongoing (beginning 2026)	Information about these organizations and programs on the City's website, social media, newsletter, and through other communication tools

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address respect		Bellbrook		Compilations of findings
and social inclusion		Sugarcreek		and presentation to City
		Park District		leadership for next steps
RSI Goal 2	RSI Action Item 2 Train Administrative staff on	City of Bellbrook	2026	Training program created and implemented
Improve community		Bellbrook		and implemented
relationships with	knowledge and skills when			
older adults	interacting with people living			
	with dementia			
	WCP Action Item 1	City of	2026	Information about these
	Raise awareness of education,	Bellbrook		options available through
	volunteer, and work options	Area		the City's communication
	offered by local organizations	organizations		channels
WCP Goal 1	(colleges, faith-based	(businesses,		
Ensure older adults	organizations, etc.)	non-profits,		
can easily engage		etc.)		
with the community	WCP Action Item 2	City of	Ongoing	Information about these
·	Promote openings/vacancies	Bellbrook	(beginning	vacancies through the City's
	on City Boards and		2025)	communication channels,
	Commissions			as well as direct outreach to
				potentially interested
				individuals
	CI Action Item 1	City of	Ongoing	Age-friendly information
	Incorporate age-friendly	Bellbrook	(beginning	published in the Bellbrook
	information in the Bellbrook		2025)	newsletter
CI Goal 1	newsletter			
Ensure effective	CI Action Item 2	City of	Ongoing	Information available on the
communication	Provide comprehensive	Bellbrook	(beginning	City's website
through the City's	information on the City's	Bellbrook-	2025)	
available	website regarding local services	Sugarcreek		
communication	(utilities, transportation, health,	Community		
channels and	etc.)	Resource		
improve where		Center		
necessary	CI Action Item 3	City of	Ongoing	Internal database with valid
nococcary	Updating Bellbrook's phone and	Bellbrook	(beginning	contact information
	email database with current	Greene	2025)	
	information for Hyper-Reach	County		
	and email communications			
	HSCS Action Item 1	City of	Ongoing	Information about these
	Publicize the availability of local	Bellbrook	(beginning	organizations through the
HSCS Goal 1	health services and community	Open Arms	2025)	City's communication
Promote available	support groups	Health Clinic		channels
community		Bellbrook-		
resources		Sugarcreek		
resources		Community		
		Resource		
		Center		
	HSCS Action Item 2	City of	2026	Presentation of options to
	Investigate opportunities to	Bellbrook		City leadership
	help and support caregivers of	Greene		
HSCS Goal 2	older residents	County		
		Council on		
Support families		Aging		
and caregivers of		Ohio		
older adults				
		Department of		
		Department of Aging		
	HSCS Action Item 3		2026	Presentation of applicability

Research the Village Movement and other community-based		
support groups for applicability		
in Bellbrook		

Additional Resources

- Greene County Council on Aging
 - 0 937-376-5486
 - o www.gccoa.org
- Bellbrook Sugarcreek Senior Center (through the Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Park District)
 - o 937-848-3535
 - o <u>www.bellbrooksugarcreekparks.org</u>
- Bellbrook-Sugarcreek Community Support Center
 - 0 937-848-3810
 - o www.bscsc.org
- Ohio Department of Aging
 - 0 1-800-266-4346
 - o www.aging.ohio.gov

Supporting Documents

- Age-Friendly Bellbrook <u>Findings Report 2023</u>
- Age-Friendly Bellbrook Survey Results (begins on page 9)
- City of Bellbrook's <u>Downtown Streetscape Master Plan</u>
- The City of Bellbrook's Resolution 2020-E: A Resolution to Seek Membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities

RECORD OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 2020-E

February 24, 2020

City of Bellbrook

Resolution No. 2020-E

A Resolution to Seek Membership in the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

WHEREAS, the health and safety of residents of all ages is of highest concern to the citizens of Bellbrook; and

WHEREAS, as the U.S. population ages and people stay healthy and active longer, communities must adapt; and

WHEREAS, planning processes including community revitalization and economic development plans should include the needs of all people regardless of age, income, physical ability, race, and other factors of older adults; and

WHEREAS, community decisions on land-use, housing and transportation should be consistent with the comprehensive plan that has been developed with public input; and

WHEREAS, members of the AARP Network of Age-Friendly Communities become part of a global network of communities that are committed to giving their older residents the opportunity to live rewarding, productive and safe lives; and

WHEREAS, membership in the Network of Age-Friendly Communities includes access to financial assistance and technical expertise; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

Now, Therefore, the City of Bellbrook Hereby Resolves:

Section 1.

That in order to ensure The City of Bellbrook is a well-designed, livable community that promotes health and sustained economic growth for residents of all ages, the City of Bellbrook supports the planning process and requests participation in the Network of Age-Friendly Communities.

Section 2. That this resolution shall take effect and be in force forthwith.

Michael W. Schweller, Mayor

Pamela Timmons, Clerk of Council

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Thank you to our partners in age-friendliness!





