

Protect Yourself: Shred Important Documents May 19

Residents can take advantage of the first ever free document shredding offered on Saturday, May 19 at the Recycling Center, 16th & Railroad Avenues. It will be from 8am-1pm or until the shredding truck is full, whichever comes first.

As part of the Spring Fling weekend, the BEC has arranged for the mobile shredding service through Accurate Document Destruction, Inc., of Lawrenceville, NJ.

This is an opportunity for residents only to safely dispose of old receipts, bills, financial statements and other documents you have not thrown out or recycled due to concerns about confidentiality. It is not necessary to remove paper clips or staples. Please, no books, magazines or newspapers. This service is for personal use by residents only, it is not for commercial or business use.

For a list of materials that are commonly shredded, visit the company's website at: <http://www.shredd.net/>

DID YOU KNOW...

that most home cleaning jobs can be taken care of with vinegar or baking soda? For tips on how to use these environmentally friendly cleaning products, check back issues of *EcoWatch*, online at www.belmar.com



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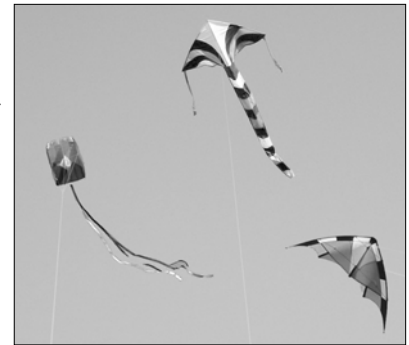
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Belmar's Annual Spring Fling, May 19 & 20

Did your Spring Cleaning turn up possessions you no longer want that could be reused? Or, are you looking for some treasures for your home? Join in the fun of Belmar's Borough-Wide Yard Sales and Retail Sidewalk Sales. Then take a break and enjoy the spectacular oceanfront Kite Festival. Be a part of Belmar's Annual Spring Fling, which offers some new attractions this year!



The event will feature

- Retail Sidewalk Sales at Belmar's stores from 10am - 5pm
- Borough-Wide Yard Sales at the homes of more than 100 residents from 9am - 3pm each day. Lists of participant addresses will be available at Belmar Borough Hall, 6th Ave., and online at www.belmar.com.
- A dazzling Kite Festival from 9am to sundown each day.
- Used book sale at the Belmar Library
- Free "Important Document Shredding" at the Recycling Center on Sat, May 19, from 8am - 1pm

Co-sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Belmar Environmental Commission (BEC), the Spring Fling is designed to foster community spirit, show off the town, and also keep things out of the landfill while helping others. Participating yard sales are encouraged to have a "free" section of items they can give away that might otherwise wind up in the garbage.

Donation List

The BEC's list of organizations that take donations of everything from clothes to computers is online at www.belmar.com (select Residents, then Municipal Boards, then Environmental Commission, then Donate.)

Important Shredding

An added attraction this year will be the opportunity to shred your important documents. A truck with a shredder will be located at the Recycling Center, 16th and Railroad, on Saturday, May 19, from 8am-1pm. Take advantage of this opportunity.

If you want to participate in the yard sale, see the enclosed application. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 732-681-2900 or Carol Davies of the BEC at 732-280-8634.

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BELMAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

The BEC meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Borough Hall. We welcome your ideas.

Belmar Environmental Commission:

- Carol Davies, Chair
- Gene Creamer
- Chris Hoffman
- Ed Lippincott
- Peggy O'Connor
- Thea Sheridan
- Ginny Seidel

- Joanne Gray - Alternate
- Mike Mixon, Alternate

- Barry Zimmerman, Council Liaison
- Merry Brennan, Council Liaison

Thanks to:

- Mayor Ken Pringle and Council
- Robbin Kirk
- Margaret Plummer

Special thanks to:

- Bob O'Connor
- Andy Meuerle
- and the Public Works Department

Annual Flower and Garden Seminar

Are you looking for ideas for your garden or want to learn how to arrange those fresh garden flowers? Come to the annual Flower and Garden Seminar on Thursday, April 19, at 7 pm at Taylor Pavilion.

This event, sponsored by the Borough of Belmar, the Belmar Environmental Commission, Belmar's Magical Garden and the Master Gardeners of Monmouth County is your opportunity to help Spring bloom! Master Gardener Bob Mellert will address "Water Conservation in the Home Garden;" Master Gardener Patrice McCoy will talk about "Attracting Birds and Butterflies" and Gig Morris Florist will present "Flowers for Your Home." There will be displays on other gardening topics and Master Gardeners available to answer your gardening questions.



There will be door prizes provided by Taylor's Hardware and Gig Morris Florists. Refreshments will be served.

Introducing New BEC Members

The Belmar Environmental Commission (BEC) would like to welcome two new members – Ginny Seidel and Gene Creamer. Both Ginny and Gene have been active with the BEC for the past year and have now been appointed to the commission.

Ginny Seidel and her husband have been Belmar homeowners since the mid 1980's and two years ago moved here full-time. Ginny has been active in the Adopt-a-Spot program and has been an involved participant on the BEC. They love the beach and enjoy the small town neighborhood atmosphere of Belmar.

Gene Creamer, a long time Belmar resident, has been very active on the BEC this past year. His expertise and willingness to contribute is a valuable asset to the group.

The BEC welcomes all Belmar residents interested in the environment and the community to attend our meetings which are held the second Thursday of each month at the Boro Hall.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Police, Fire, First Aid.....732-681-1700
- Office of Recycling732-681-2705
- Dept. of Public Works732-681-0452
- Marina.....732-681-2266
- Court/Violations.....732-681-3893
- Building Department732-681-1141
- Library732-681-0775
- Belmar Elementary School ..732-681-2388
- Borough Hall/Main #732-681-3700

DID YOU KNOW...
that you can buy used books at the
Belmar Library book sale?

Organic Vegetables

Would you like to enjoy a variety of fresh organic vegetables from May through October? Consider joining the Magical Garden Community Group which meets every Saturday from 9:00 am – 10:00 am at the Magical Garden at 15th Ave and E St.



Keeping Belmar Clean!

Do you know how many Adopt-A-Spots there are in Belmar? There are 51 spots with more than 200 people attending those areas. The Adopt-a-Spot program has been in successful operation for four years thanks to the wonderful people who are helping to keep Belmar looking good.

Our volunteers are out year round picking up trash. They find bottles, candy and fast food wrappers, fishing equipment, napkins, plastic bags, cigarette butts, toys and even sometimes some money.

If you would like to join this ongoing effort to help keep Belmar neat and clean by adopting a spot, call Peggy at 732-681-8150 or email poc8150@hotmail.com. If you can't adopt a spot, you can also help by not littering and by picking up litter when you see it.

Keep Belmar Beautiful...



Belmar Adopt-a-Spot thanks YOU!!!

ADOPT-A-SPOT SPONSORED BY THE BELMAR ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

DID YOU KNOW...

Did you know that over 200 hundred volunteers help to keep Belmar clear?

BELMAR RECYCLING INFO

WHAT	WHEN/WHERE	HOW
NEWSPAPER	WEDNESDAY	TIED & BUNDLED AT CURBSIDE (NO BOXES)
GLASS, BOTTLES, JARS ALUMINUM CANS TIN PLASTICS & JUGS	WEDNESDAY	PLACED IN CONTAINER AT CURBSIDE, NOT IN PAPER OR PLASTIC BAGS
LEAVES - NOT IN STREET	JAN 1 ST TO SEPT. 30 FIRST WEEK OF MONTH OCT. 1 TO DEC 31 ST WEEKLY	PLACED BETWEEN SIDEWALK & CURB LOOSE, NOT IN BAG OR CONTAINER
TREE BRANCHES & BRUSH	FIRST WEEK OF MONTH YEAR ROUND	NEATLY STACKED AT CURBSIDE
MAGAZINES & JUNK MAIL COLORED PAPER NO PHONE BOOKS	RECYCLING CENTER	PLACED IN CANS AT CENTER
CARDBOARD & BROWN PAPER BAGS	RECYCLING CENTER	FLATTENED & TIED
BATTERIES: AUTO & HOUSEHOLD	RECYCLING CENTER	PLACED IN CONTAINER AT CENTER
OFFICE PAPER & COMPUTER PAPER	RECYCLING CENTER	
MOTOR OIL	POURED IN DESIGNATED TANK AT BELMAR RECYCLING CENTER	
CLOTHING	BINS AT RECYCLING CENTER	
PLASTIC NEWSPAPER BAGS	RECYCLING CENTER	

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

Meetings
APRIL - SEPT. 2007

... CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Borough Council Meetings

- Wednesdays at 8:00 pm
April 11th and 25th
May 9th and 23th
June 13th and 27th
July 11th and 25th
August 8th and 22th
September 12th and 26th

Belmar Tourism Commission

- Mondays at 7:00 pm
April 2nd May 7th
June 4th July 2nd
August 6th Sept. 10th

Belmar Environmental Commission

- Thursdays at 7:30 pm
April 12th May 10th
June 14th Sept. 13th

Belmar Planning Board

- Mondays at 7:30 pm
April 16th May 21st
June 18th July 16th
Aug. 20th Sept. 17th

Harbour Commission

- Wednesdays at 7:30 pm
April 4th May 2nd
June 6th July 9th
August 1st Sept. 5th

Belmar Zoning Board of Adjustment

- 4th Thursdays at 7:30 pm
April 26th May 24th
June 28nd July 26th
Aug. 23th Sept. 27th

Belmar Municipal Court

Thursdays at 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm
Call Municipal Court for information at (732) 681-3700.

Lake Como Municipal Court

Alternate Tuesdays at 9:00 am
Call Municipal Court for information at (732) 681-8864.

Borough Offices Closed

Trash Pick-up Available
Fri., April 16 [GOOD FRIDAY]
Mon., May 28 [MEMORIAL DAY]
Wed., July 4 [INDEPENDENCE DAY]
Mon., Sept. 3 [LABOR DAY]

Events

APRIL

- MON 16 Belmar Historical Council Spring Tea and Program, "Welcome to NJ History," 6:30 p.m., Taylor Pavilion
- WED 18 Belmar Women's Club Blood Drive
- THURS 19 Flower and Garden Seminar, Taylor Pavilion, 7 p.m.
- FRI 27 Belmar Elementary School production of *Guys and Dolls, Jr.*, 7 p.m.
- FRI 27 Spring Flea Market, First Presbyterian Church
- SAT 28 Spring Flea Market, First Presbyterian Church
- SAT 28 Little League Opening Day Parade, down Main Street (Pyano Plaza to 22nd Ave. field)
- SUN 29 Belmar Elementary School production of *Guys and Dolls, Jr.*, 2 p.m.
- SUN 29 March of Dimes Walk-a-thon, 7:00 Ocean Ave.

MAY

- SAT 5 Belmar Women's Club Arts & Crafts Festival, proceed for scholarships
- SAT-SUN 19-20 Belmar Environmental Commission & Chamber of Commerce Spring Fling Weekend: Town-wide Garage Sale, Sidewalk Sales and Kite Fest
- SAT. 19 National MS Bike Tour

JUNE

- Fridays-Summer Concert Series
Pyanoe Plaza 7pm - 10pm
- SAT-SUN 9-10 Seafood Festival, Silver Lake

JULY

- Mondays-Summer Concert Series
Pyanoe Plaza 7pm - 10pm
- Thursdays-Social Dancing
Taylor Pavilion 8 p.m.
- WED 18 Belmar Women's Club 79th Annual Flower Show and Luncheon, Waterview

AUGUST

- Mondays-Summer Concert Series
Pyanoe Plaza 7pm - 10pm
- Thursdays-Social Dancing
Taylor Pavilion 8 p.m.
- SAT 11 Peach Festival, First Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER

- SAT 29 Belmar Historical Council "Antiques-By-The-Sea" and Appraisal Day from 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Taylor Pavilion

For movies on the beach & additional events check www.belmar.com

New Life for Old Electronics

by Ed Lippincott, BEC Member

Do you have electronic equipment you know longer need? The National Safety Council estimates that 63 million computers will become obsolete in 2007!

Many electronic devices contain lead, cadmium, mercury and other constituents that may present a hazard if handled improperly. Imagine—one computer monitor contains 4 to 6 lbs. of lead!

But you don't have to just throw them away or store them. Many computers are built in a way that allows them to be repaired or upgraded, which means they can be reused. With little effort, these computers can be as good as the PCs currently on the market. Many companies accept computer donations (generally tax deductible), and refurbish them for local schools or organizations in need. It is estimated that 150 million computers have been recycled rather than land filled in the U.S.

In addition, computers can be demanufactured – a process in which obsolete products are used to create components for the manufacture of new products.

In Belmar, we have a great alternative in the Monmouth County Computer Equipment and Electronics Program, which encourages local residents and small businesses to deliver obsolete/inoperative computers or other acceptable electronic equipment to the drop-off site at the Monmouth County Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls. The County has collected over 170 tons of consumer electronics since the program began in 2001

The list of acceptable items for disposal includes CPUs, keyboards, mice, monitors, scanners, printers, and laptops. In addition, the Reclamation Center can accept televisions (smaller than 32"), radios, telephones, cameras, VCRs and DVD players. The drop-off site is open Thursday and Fridays between 7:30 am and 3 pm, and on Saturdays from 7:30 am until 2 pm. Posted signs direct residents to Gate C, which is the construction entrance on the west side of Shafto Road. There is no fee for disposal, but you must be a county resident.

New Jersey lawmakers are exploring ways to deal with so-called "e-waste" — which is all the lead, mercury, arsenic and other unwanted substances in old electronics. One option would have manufacturers fund a program by paying \$5,000 per year towards recycling old cyber-items. Another measure proposes having consumers pay an additional \$10 on the purchase of a cyber good. Either way, we all need to work together to deal with our growing amount of electronic waste.



Canada Geese

If you live near Silver Lake or the lagoon, and notice a pair of geese on your property, please call Brian Magovern at the Borough Recreation Department. Arrangements will be made to oil the eggs if a nest is found. Do not destroy the eggs yourself.

DID YOU KNOW...

that dunes are an important natural resource and help to protect our coast from storms and flooding?

Beach Planting

Have you noticed the new plantings in front (ocean side) of Taylor Pavilion? American Beachgrass was planted by volunteers in March. Coastal panicgrass and golden rod will be planted in April. These grasses will help to trap the sand and will eventually provide protection for Taylor Pavilion. Volunteers will be planting again on April 21 (rain date is April 28). If you are interested in helping, please contact Carol Davies at 732-280-8634.



Global Warming: What's the Fuss?

We couldn't live here on Earth if carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other gases didn't trap solar heat in the atmosphere to warm the surface of the planet. Problem is, this great set-up that has made our world habitable for millennium is changing.

There's now *too much* CO₂ and other so-called "greenhouse" gases in the atmosphere, thanks to our cutting down forests (which absorb these gases) and burning unprecedented amounts of fossil fuels like coal, gas and oil.

This increase in greenhouse gases means more solar heat is trapped, making global temperatures rise. The vast majority of scientists agree that this "global warming" is not only real, but is a direct result of human activities, not just nature's normal patterns.

The consequences are sobering: glaciers are melting; plants and animals are losing habitat; severe storms and droughts are increasing.

In Belmar, we're at particular risk from predictions that sea levels are rising and extreme flooding will become more and more common. The good news is each and every one of us actually *can* do something about this global problem. Small changes to your daily routine will add up to big differences in helping to stop global warming.

10 Simple Things You Can Do to Help

You'd be surprised how making a few small changes in your home, yard and office can lead to major reductions of greenhouse gas emissions, increase the nation's energy independence – and save you money! Start with just one or two of the following and see how easy it is to make a difference.

1. Light the Way: Replace your five most frequently used light bulbs with ones that have earned the Energy Star and you'll use less energy, which means less pollution from power plants. Your household will save about 700 pounds of CO₂ and \$90 a year in energy costs.

2. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle: You've heard it a million times before, but the 3 R's really do make a difference by eliminating the fossil fuels needed to manufacture and dispose of products used only once. Reduce your garbage by 25% and cut your home's carbon dioxide emissions by more than 850 pounds per year. So choose reusable products instead of disposables. Buy products with minimal packaging and whenever you can, recycle paper, plastic, newspaper, glass, aluminum and more. (See www.Belmar.com for a list of all the recyclables accepted by Belmar. And link to the BEC's page for a list of places that accept donations of used items that otherwise would wind up in the landfill.)

3. Just 2 Degrees: Setting your thermostat just two degrees lower in winter and higher in the summer could save up to 2,000 pounds of CO₂ each year! Eliminate another 1,800 pounds of emissions (and about \$100 a year) just by installing a programmable thermostat; set it to turn down the heat while you're sleeping at night or away during the day. Add weather stripping or caulking around doors and windows to cut an additional 1,700 pounds of emissions (which also reduces your heating/cooling costs by 25% -- no small potatoes considering that half the energy we use in our homes goes to heating and cooling!)

4. Be a Turn Off!: Save electricity and money by turning off lights, TV's, video players, stereos, computers and other electronics when you leave a room. Even when turned off, things like hairdryers, cell phone chargers and televisions use energy, so prevent these "phantom" energy losses by plugging them into a power strip and turning the power strip off when they're not in use.

5. Become an Energy Star: Over 40 different kind of products now carry the Energy Star -- the government-backed symbol for energy efficiency -- including lighting, home electronics, heating and cooling equipment and appliances. With Energy Star products you can save 30% on your energy bills and cut thousands of pounds of carbon emissions. For info on Energy Star products, see www.energystar.gov.

6. Wrap Your Heater: It takes a lot of energy to heat water. The simple action of covering your water heater in an insulation blanket will save 1,000 pounds of carbon emissions a year. You can save another 550 pounds by setting the water temp to 120 degrees Fahrenheit, and an additional 500 pounds by washing clothes in cold or warm water instead of hot.

7. Full Loads Only: Cut 100 pounds of CO₂ a year by running the dishwasher only when it's full. Save more by letting dishes air dry.

8. Recycled Paper Power: Buy recycled paper products. They take 70 to 90% less energy to make than virgin paper and help prevent the loss of forests worldwide.

9. Plant a Tree: A single tree will absorb one ton of carbon dioxide over its lifetime. Shade provided by trees can also reduce your air conditioning bill by 10 to 15%.

10. Up Your Road Savvy: Our vehicles are a main contributor to global warming, so plan trips and errands to conserve mileage. Every gallon of gas you save not only helps your budget, it also keeps 20 pounds of carbon emissions out of the atmosphere. A tune-up can boost your miles per gallon up to 40%; a new air filter can get you 10% more mpg. Properly inflated tires can improve your gas mileage by more than 3%. When it's time for a new car, choose a more fuel-efficient vehicle. If your new car gets just 3 miles per gallon more than your previous one, you'll save 3,000 pounds of CO₂ a year!

Inconvenient Truth

Check out the Oscar winning documentary on global warming, An Inconvenient Truth. Info is available at <http://www.climatecrisis.net/>

Get Your Audit

The typical U.S. household generates 45,000 pounds of greenhouse gas emissions each year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. Find out what yours is by using the EPA's Personal Emissions Calculator at <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/> (Look for GHG Emissions Calculator in the list at the top of the page.) Or, find out how to increase energy efficiency in your home by getting a free Home Energy Analysis through New Jersey's Clean Energy Program. It's available online at www.njcleanenergy.com or by calling 1-866-NJ-SMART (1-866-657-6278).

Emergency Preparedness

We never want to think the worst from global warming or any other disaster; but it is better to be safe than sorry. Belmar has a comprehensive emergency planning checklist on its website at www.belmar.com (click the Emergency Preparedness button).

Sanitation & Recycling Schedule

Belmar Recycles ~ Year Round Schedule ~

LOCATION	GARBAGE PICK-UP	RECYCLING PICK-UP
Ocean Ave. to "B" Street (including B St.)	Monday & Thursday	Wednesday
"B" Street to "E" Street (including E St.)	Tuesday & Friday	Wednesday
West of "E" Street	Wednesday & Saturday	Wednesday
Summer Rentals (West of B St.)	***Monday	***Monday

**Tenants to be supplied bags and stickers by owner/landlord

Curb Side Pick-up . . .

includes:

- Newspapers - bundled and tied
- Glass Bottles
- Aluminum Cans - No foil
- Tin - cans, sheets
- Plastic - any jug, container or hard plastic marked on the bottom with a recycling triangle and a number. (*no plastic bags*)
- Co-Mingled

Brush Pick-up first week of every month

Drop-off at Recycling Center . . .

(16th & RAILROAD AVENUES)

Open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. –
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. –
Sundays (Closed Wednesday)

All newspapers, glass, aluminum, tin and plastic.

PLUS:

- Magazines, junk mail and office paper (photocopies, computer printouts)
- Cardboard (corrugated, cereal, shoe and other clean packing boxes)
- Batteries (auto & household)
- Motor Oil (1 gallon per visit)
- Clothing

Bulk Pick-Up Schedule . . .

The following schedule indicates the number of fee stickers required for each bulk item. Each sticker is based on a fee of \$2.00 for twenty-five pounds of weight except for the following:

Automobile Tires	3
Truck Tires.....	5
Refrigerator/Freezer.....	15
Air Conditioner	15
Any Unit containing Chlorofluorocarbons.....	15

The Borough of Belmar will not collect or dispose of automobile and truck tires unless the owner, lessee or occupant attaches the correct number of stickers.

The following is the sweeper schedule for all of Belmar:

SUN.	Main St. / 10th Ave. / Mall / Ocean Ave.	THURS.	Main St. / 10th Ave. / Mall / Ocean Ave.
MON.	Main St. / 10th Ave. / Mall / Ocean Ave. 16th Ave. to 11th. Ave.		Point (All areas west of Main Street) and / or 17th. Ave. South to North Blvd.)
TUES.	Main St. / 10th Ave. / Mall / Ocean Ave. 10th. Ave. to 6th. Ave.	FRI.	Belmar Marina / Main St. / 10th Ave. Mall / Ocean Ave.
WED.	5th Ave. to 1st Ave. / Main St. / 10th Ave. Mall / Ocean Ave.	SAT.	Main St. / 10th Ave. / Mall / Ocean Ave.