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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### City of Belleview Opens Registration for 2025 Fishing Derby and Community Cookout

Belleview, FL – Mark your calendars! The City of Belleview is excited to announce the 2025 Belleview Fishing Derby, taking place on Saturday, April 5, 2025, at Lake Lillian. This family-friendly event is perfect for young anglers to showcase their fishing skills while enjoying the beauty of Lake Lillian.

The Fishing Derby features two age groups: 10-15 years old and 9 years and younger, ensuring participants have a chance to shine. Awards will be given for standout catches in each category, and attendees can look forward to a day filled with fun, prizes, and community spirit.

Registration is now open at [www.belleviewfl.org/172/local-events](http://www.belleviewfl.org/172/local-events). Space is limited, so families are encouraged to sign up early to secure their spot.

“This event is one of our favorites each year,” said Mariah Moody, Belleview City Administrator. “It’s not just about fishing; it’s about bringing families and friends together in a supportive and joyful atmosphere. Watching kids light up with excitement as they reel in their catches is truly heartwarming. We can’t wait to see the energy and enthusiasm at Lake Lillian this April.”

After the Fishing Derby, the fun continues with the Annual Community Cookout, hosted by the Belleview Police Department at the Belleview Community Center. This tradition includes delicious food and a chance to meet and connect with local law enforcement officers in a relaxed, family-friendly setting.

“Our Fishing Derby and Community Cookout are all about celebrating the connections that make Belleview such a special place to live,” said Mayor Christine Dobkowski. “The derby provides an opportunity for young people to experience the joy of fishing while building confidence and camaraderie. And the cookout is a wonderful way to keep that sense of togetherness going. These events highlight the heart of our community.”

Robert Vass, Events and Promotions Manager, echoed the excitement for this year’s activities. “Every year, we see kids casting their lines and enjoying the day with their families, and it reminds us why we love putting on this event. The Fishing Derby isn’t just a competition – it’s a chance for kids to make memories they’ll treasure forever. And when you add the Community Cookout into the mix, it’s a day that truly embodies the best of Belleview.”

With the combination of outdoor fun, friendly competition, and delicious food, the 2025 Belleview Fishing Derby and Annual Community Cookout promise to be unforgettable experiences for all. Don’t miss out – register today to join the excitement!

For more information or to register, visit [www.belleviewfl.org/172/local-events](http://www.belleviewfl.org/172/local-events).