



Village of Bellevue June 2009 E-mail Newsletter

Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, June 9, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall
Tuesday, June 23, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, June 16, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Township Hall

Council Meeting Synopsis:

May 12, 2009: Rebecca Benjamin with Housing Services for Eaton County gave a presentation on homelessness in Eaton County. The presentation focused on Eaton County's plan to end homelessness and facts surrounding this social issue. While government budgets are stretched to breaking the homelessness problem is increasing during these difficult economic times.



The agenda also included the formation of a Downtown Development Authority for Bellevue. The council approved moving forward with this project and to use Robert Toland Consulting to assist the community.

A third agenda item that may be of interest to the community was the approval of a grant submittal to Eaton County Resource Recovery. If we are successful in obtaining the grant the Village of Bellevue will be partnering with the City of Olivet, Bellevue Township and Walton Township to provide a recycling drop off site. The site will be located between Bellevue and Olivet. More information will be shared on this program as work progresses.

May 26, 2009: The council discussed to the 2009 Village budget and the 2009 millage rate for Village taxes. A public hearing will be held on June 9th at the council meeting to receive comments on the budget and millage rate.

The contract the Village has with the Michigan Department of Transportation was also presented to the council for renewal. The council took the necessary action and passed a resolution allowing the Village to renew the contract. This contract allows the Village to be reimbursed for certain expenses we incur along

the state highway through town and also have a closer working relationship with the State.

2009 Bellevue Community Pride Day:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first Bellevue Community Pride Day held on Friday, May 1, 2009. Much was accomplished with many eager, helping hands.

Thank you to the contingent of 56 students from the Bellevue Community High School under the organizational direction of teacher Lisa Redmer who impressed and amazed the community with your willingness to do whatever was asked of you, all for the betterment of the community. Here are the names of the student volunteers:

Madeline Addis	Josh Brandon	Josh Keson	Sara Rugg
Dakota Angus	DeQuan Brown	Cody Koziol	Zach Sargent
Corbin Angus	Rick Brush	Lainey Krontz	Tanner Schroder
Jared Augustine	Steven Collins	Tyler Mahan	Amanda Smith
Kelsey Bailey	Dana Dadow	Torey Makley	Travis Sparks
Chelsea Barnes	Kylie DeForest	Marley Munn	Stephanie Stanfield
Ryon Bartha	Lane Duckworth	Ryan O'Connell	Dylen Wallace
Sierra Bender	Kevin Forest	Mikki O'Dell	Brandon Waterbury
Laken Bender	Janelle Fraley	Mike Olmstead	Blake Webb
Evan Bloch	Delaney Hall	Sam Page	Courtney White
Cody Blommer	Andrew Hart	Cody Page	Josh Whitmore
Alec Bolthouse	Dylin Howard	Emily Pease	Adam Wilhelm
Corey Boyd	Roman Hyde	Haley Prater	Dalton Williams
Megan Boyd	Samantha Kenny	Krystle Rogers	Josh Wix

Thank you to Lisa Redmer for all of the work you did to make this event a reality. A massive amount of preparation and organization goes into making an event like this successful.

Thank you to all the adult volunteers who helped to oversee the task groups, making sure the myriad of projects were completed successfully and safely. Your assistance and donation of equipment allowed the projects to be completed efficiently.

Thank you to the local businesses, governments, and individuals for your generous donations. Thank you to Bellevue Hardware for your donation of work gloves to protect the many helping hands. Thank you to Bellevue Township and Duke Cain Construction for your assistance in feeding the student and adult volunteers to fill their stomachs. Thank you to Town & Country for providing beverages for the student and adult volunteers to quench their thirst.

Thank you to the many community members and businesses that found jobs for the volunteers. The Bellevue High School Students were kept busy providing community service for the day.

Thank you to each and every one of you. Without the effort of every group mentioned, the event could not have been a success. The Village of Bellevue looks forward to working with everyone again in 2010 and seeing this event grow.

2009 Bellevue Community Spring Clean Up:



The Village of Bellevue and Bellevue Township would like to thank the various clubs and groups for their help during the 2009 Community Clean-Up Day. Thank you Bellevue Youth and Middle School Wrestling group, Bellevue Boy Scout Troop 345, the Bellevue Firemen, D&D Scrap Metal, Bellevue Area Wide Antique Engine and Machinery Show, and all the other volunteers who helped to make this a successful event. Your help made this day successful.

Thank you Sherri Gardner for all the work you did on the event. Your planning, organizing, and phone calling allowed the 2009 Bellevue Community Spring Clean Up to run smoothly.

To everyone mentioned, your efforts and community service are appreciated. You each help make Bellevue the community we call home.

Animals

As the warm weather has arrived there have recently been concerns about animals, especially dogs, running loose. Dogs need to be leashed, fenced, or in some way under the immediate control of a competent person. I have included a section of Chapter 14, Animals from the Village's Code of Ordinances.

Chapter 14, ANIMALS (Excerpt)

§ 14-4. Animals running at large.

No person shall permit any domestic animal to run or be at large in the public streets, alleys, vacant lots or other open or public place or places; nor upon any private premises other than the premises of the owner, or occupant, of such domestic animal without the consent of the owner or occupant of such private premises; provided, however, that any such domestic animal may be left about outside the



premises of the owner thereof on a suitable leash, in the immediate control of a competent person.

We are asking for pet owners cooperation in making sure your pet is properly restrained. In many cases neighbors do not appreciate picking up after animals that are not their own. These animals running loose can also lead to accidents and injuries to either the animal or a person. Your assistance is appreciated.

Summer Festivals:

Independence Day- Come and enjoy the fireworks. Bellevue will be having fireworks on July 4th to celebrate Independence Day. This is a long-standing tradition in our community and a good time is had by all. The fireworks will begin at dusk. They are set off between the Bellevue Middle School and the Bellevue Elementary School on the athletic fields. The show lasts approximately one hour and the parking is free and plentiful. Come and take part in a small town celebration of this wonderful country we call home.



Bellevue Car & Truck Show- The 13th annual Bellevue Car and Truck Show will be taking place on Saturday July 11, 2009. There will be a Street Dance the night before on Friday, July 10, 2009 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. Many other activities are planned for this weekend.



Community Wide Garage Sales- There will be community wide garage sales on the weekend of July 10-12. This is the same weekend as the Bellevue Car & Truck Show. Garage Sale Permits are not required for this weekend. The Village does compile a list of known garage sales that we will hand out on Friday, July 10. If you are having a garage sale this weekend and would like to be included please contact Bellevue Village Hall at 269-763-9571



Bellevue's Dancing Crane Pow Wow "Honoring the Medicine of the Crane"-

Bellevue has a teaching pow wow that teaches Native American traditions. This pow wow is the Bellevue Dancing Crane Pow Wow "Honoring the Medicine of the Crane." It will be held on the last weekend of July, with activities taking place on Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th.

You can expect an educational experience while attending this event, learning how people lived in this country before many of our families arrived. There are ceremonies held with dancers in Native American regalia, storytellers telling stories, legends, and speaking of the culture, and drums with Native American drum songs and singing. There is also authentic Native American arts and crafts and authentic Native American food available at the pow wow. This is an excellent opportunity for a fun weekend spent outdoors.



If you would like to find more information on pow wows, you may visit www.powwows.com. It is an excellent resource for information on the many activities you may see and experience.



Bellevue Area Wide Antique Engine & Machinery Show- The 6th Annual Bellevue Area Wide Antique Engine and Machinery Show will be held on the weekend of August 7-9. The show is held in Bellevue's downtown park, Washington Park. Questions may be directed to Bernard Holcomb, 269-763-9324 or by email at bpholcomb@voyager.net.

Sincerely,

Village of Bellevue