



## Village of Bellevue July 2009 E-mail Newsletter

### Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall  
Tuesday, July 28, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Township Hall

### Holidays:

The Village of Bellevue offices will be closed on the following days in July:

Independence Day

Friday, July 3, 2009

### Council Meeting Synopsis:

**June 9, 2009:** The 2009 Village Millage Rate was set at this council meeting. It will be 12.8861. This is the same millage rate as 2008. The council also reviewed the 2009 budget and made adjustments where appropriate. These adjustments were made to account for revenue shortfalls due to the State of Michigan budget cuts to local governments, replacement of equipment, and the infrastructure project along W. Capital Ave.

**June 23, 2009:** A small group of representatives from the Goforth Group and BETA Design attended the meeting to give the council a presentation on the possible development along the north village limits. A revised site plan was shared with the council and the current lull was explained. Lee Beam who is currently working with the Village also shared our plans to seek grant funding and the current avenues that are being explored.



The July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks were also discussed. The council is responsible for issuing the necessary permit to allow the event to take place, based on State law. The permit was issued and there will be a fireworks show on Independence Day.

## Washington Park Flower Garden & Flowerpots Downtown:



We have the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club, Etc. Club and the Lioness Club to thank for the beautiful flowers planted around the downtown area. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club plants and maintains the flowers around the flagpole in Washington Park. The Etc. Club plants and maintains the flowers next to their wonderful bench along the downtown sidewalk. The Lioness Club plants and maintains the various flower pots placed downtown. These groups not only purchase and plant these flowers but also continue to maintain them throughout the summer. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication of these groups, which help to make our downtown a nicer place to be. Thank you, ladies!

## Summer Festivals:

**Independence Day-** Come and enjoy the fireworks. Bellevue will be having fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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. Visit Bellevue's downtown on Friday evening and Saturday for a family friendly event that all age groups can enjoy.

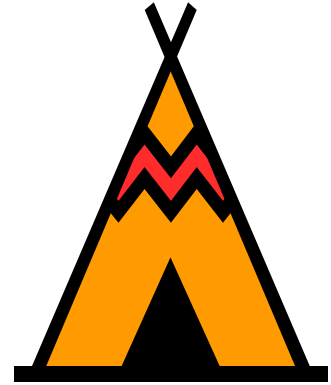
**Community Wide Garage Sales-** There will be community wide garage sales on the weekend of July 10-12. This is the same weekend as the Bellevue Car & Truck Show. Garage Sale Permits are not required for this weekend. The Village does compile a list of known garage sales that we will hand out on Friday, 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 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup>.

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](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> 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. The weekend will include tractor games, pedal pull, and music. Admission is free so bring the entire family, meet friends and enjoy time in Bellevue's downtown. Questions may be directed to Bernard Holcomb, 269-763-9324 or by email at [bpholcomb@voyager.net](mailto:bpholcomb@voyager.net).

**Bellevue Farmer's Market-** The farmer's market has returned to Bellevue in 2009. The Village of Bellevue is working with the Battle Creek Farmer's Market Association to again have a local farmer's market. This is the same association that ran the farmer's market last fall.



The market will once again be held on Thursday's at Washington Park. Its hours have been adjusted and it will now be held from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Opening day for the market was June 4<sup>th</sup>. It will run every Thursday through October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Village of Bellevue