



Village of Bellevue September 2009 E-mail Newsletter

Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, September 8, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall
Tuesday, September 22, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, September 15, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Township Hall

Holidays:

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

Labor Day Monday, September 7, 2009

Council Meeting Synopsis:

August 11, 2009: A proposed ordinance that would regulate outdoor furnaces was discussed by the council. The Village's attorney had reviewed the ordinance and now the council has scheduled a public hearing to receive input from residents. The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 7:10 p.m. A copy of this proposed ordinance will be added to the Village's website and is also available at Bellevue Village Hall.



Jude Martin, creator of The Village Voice, attended the meeting to discuss the new Bellevue newspaper she has created. She spoke briefly to the council about the paper, her reasons for creating it, what she is hoping to accomplish, the difficulties she has and is facing, and the response she has received. The council's response to the new paper is favorable and the Village will use the paper as one more means of communication, disseminating information to the community.

August 25, 2009: There was no new business on the council's agenda for this meeting. Instead this meeting was spent giving updates on ongoing projects. The economic development efforts currently underway highlighted, specifically a recent meeting between the Village of Bellevue and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC).

A progress report on the W. Capital Ave Utility Project was also presented. The project is complete, except for some minor restoration. This will be completed in early September.

The final item on the agenda was an update on the possible cell tower. We have been in touch with our contact on the project. At this time the project is on hold, as are many other similar projects according to our source. We are still expecting the cell tower to be placed on the Village's water tower but there is not a timeline for this project.

The Village of Bellevue & Nixle:

The Village of Bellevue and Bellevue Police Department have recently joined forces with Nixle, LCC. Nixle is a tool for communities to share critical information with residents. While it shares some similarities to social networking sites like Facebook, Myspace, and Twitter by connecting people and organizations, one large difference is that Nixle authenticates the local governments identity. Verifying we are legitimate ensures that a prankster or worse does not assume our identity and spread false information or negatively portray the community. While this may seem unlikely, identities have been assumed falsely on other sites in the past.

We have launched this new community information service to add one more channel of communication to our current methods and deliver timely information to community members using the latest technology. Nixle is completely free to both the Village of Bellevue and our residents. We would like to encourage community members to visit the Nixle website at www.nixle.com and experience the site yourselves. You can look up Bellevue, Michigan and see bulletins that have been posted by area governments that have joined the service. If you choose to sign up for the service, you may receive these notifications by email or text messages on capable devices. You decide what you receive and how you receive the messages that are sent. While the service is free there may be charges from your cellular service, depending on your plan.

The primary reason for using the service is to communicate public safety issues in a timely fashion. It may also be used to share general information with the public. As we get more experience with the service and we receive feedback from residents we will be able to modify what we share.



September 2009 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month:

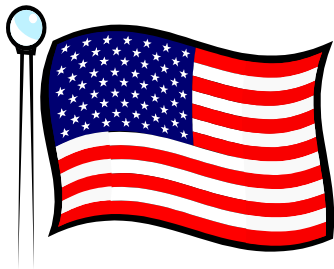
Every year, towns, counties, and states around the country observe National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in September. This year as in the past the Village Council was happy to support this worthy program. There is information about Recovery Month at the website, www.recoverymonth.gov.

Locally, the kick-off program will be held in Lansing at City Hall on Friday, August 28 at noon. There is also a 5K Run planned on Labor Day, Monday, September 7, in Bennett Park. The run will begin at 8:30 a.m. and sign up forms are available at Playmakers, <http://www.playmakers.com/>. During Frontier Day's there will be a dunk tank, which will raise funds aimed at assuring access to treatment for all who face the problems associated with substance use disorders.

The month long program will also host the Rally for Recovery at the State Capitol on September 12, 2009. This rally will begin at 9:30 a.m. and go to 11:20 a.m. If you would like further information please email Victor Braatz, Recovery Network Inc. Executive Director, at Recoverynet1@sbcglobal.net.

Bellevue Joint Governmental Meeting:

Bellevue Community School Board, Bellevue Township Board, and the Bellevue Village Council will be holding their second biannual joint meeting on October 7, the first Wednesday of October. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will be located at the Bellevue Elementary School in the new courtyard. The Bellevue Elementary School (old middle school building) is located at 904 W. Capital Ave. If the weather does not cooperate the meeting will be moved inside.



This meeting in October will be a very informal meeting. It will be in the courtyard where the board members can meet and discuss the year and our future projects. It will also give the board members and community members an opportunity to visit the new school building. The meeting is open to the public.

Bellevue Master Plan:

The Village Voice is a new newspaper for Bellevue that was created by Jude Martin in July 2009. In speaking with Jude her goal is for this paper to be a biweekly paper that covers the community. It will be available for pick up at local businesses and will cost 50 cents. We will be working with The Village Voice to advertise upcoming events and communicate with the public. This will address at least two items asked for during the master planning process. These



are the wish for a local newspaper and the wish for improved communication by the Village. Improved communication is coming through the multiple methods used to inform the public about our activities, including this new paper, and the varied ways of distribution these methods use.

Sincerely,

Village of Bellevue