



## Village of Bellevue February 2009 E-mail Newsletter

### Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, February 10, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall  
Tuesday, February 24, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, February 17, 2009 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Township Hall

### Holidays:

The Village of Bellevue offices will be closed on the following days in February.

President's Day

Monday, February 16, 2009

### Council Meeting Synopsis:

**January 13, 2009:** The Bellevue Village Council appointed Lisa Redmer to the vacant council seat. This appointment will expire in December 2010, following the next Village election.



The council also received updates on several projects that are currently underway. These projects include an economic development effort in partnership with The Gofroth Group, the placement of a cellular tower on the Village's water tower, and the replacement of water main along W. Capital Ave.

**January 27, 2009:** There was a full agenda for the January 27<sup>th</sup> council meeting. The council was given an update on projects currently underway including, the economic development effort with the Gofroth Group and a parking lot agreement with the Bellevue United Methodist Church. Police Chief Crawford was also present and the council discussed the positive actions the department has taken following the workshop meetings in late 2008.

There were also several items of new business. The council was given an update on a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Loan with Eaton

County. The loan was used to fund the 2006 Jackson St. Reconstruction. The council approved a new contract for Village Manager Brininstool, spoke about seeking proposals from consultants to provide assistance in forming a Downtown District Authority (DDA), and was introduced to an idea regarding a recycling program for the community.

The formation of a DDA was one of the main goals listed in Bellevue's Master Plan to help revitalize the downtown and provide support for our merchants. The Village has been working diligently to execute the plan and is preparing to take another step in the successful implementation of the document. While it is a difficult economic climate we want to be prepared for when the Country once again begins to prosper.

### **Cellular Tower and Village Water Tower:**

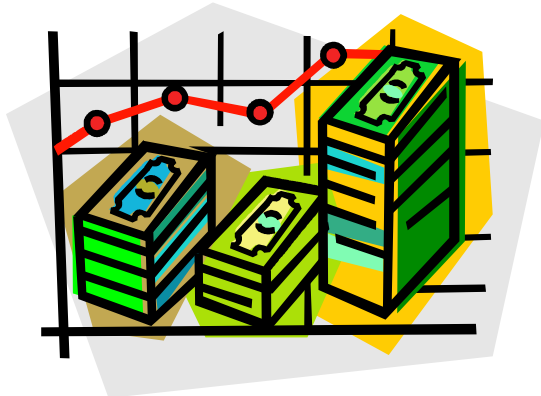
We have had many people contact us regarding the possible placement of a cellular tower on the Village's water tower. On January 8, 2009 contracts were signed with Alltel. We are currently awaiting returned copies with their signatures.



We have also reviewed a site plan for the cellular tower for compliance with our zoning ordinance and to ensure the water tower is not impacted in any way from meeting its primary purpose. These plans were approved in early February.

### **Economic Development:**

The Bellevue Village Council accepted a proposal from The Goforth Group at their December 23, 2008 meeting. This proposal was to assist the Village with economic development in Bellevue. They are extremely happy to be working with Bellevue and believe like I, and many others that Bellevue has great potential. The main goals behind this effort will be to revitalize the downtown and focus on a property development project along the northern edge of the Village.



The downtown portion of the project will focus on forming a Downtown Development Authority (DDA), developing marketing material, and seeking businesses and entrepreneurs. We will also be working to use the Village's website to allow the business owners in the community additional exposure.

The property development along the north edge of the Village is still in the very early stages. Over the next few months' studies will be completed to determine what will be successful. We will also be meeting with people to assess their interest levels in locating here. Currently being discussed is MSHDA (Michigan State Housing Development Authority) Affordable Housing, independent senior housing, assisted living housing, a nursing home, an adult foster care home and a medical center. This project is not guaranteed to happen but we remain optimistic that it will take place.

When successful this project will address several goals and objectives listed in the community's master plan. It has the potential to revitalize the downtown, provide additional housing options for our working class population and senior population, increase the number of children in the community attending the school system, and also help the Village control our water and sewer rates. Please watch future newsletters for more information.

Sincerely,  
Village of Bellevue