



Village of Bellevue March 2009 E-mail Newsletter

Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

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



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

Council Meeting Synopsis:

February 10, 2009: There was a progress report given to the council regarding the economic development project partnership with the Goforth Group. The feasibility of the project is still being studied and organizations are being contacted as part of this process to ascertain their levels of interest. In the near future the community should know if the project is going to move forward.

Proposals to assist the Village with the creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) from three consultants were also presented and reviewed. The council plans to set up interviews with all three, giving them an opportunity to meet the consultants and ask questions.



Under new business the council discussed the possible purchase of a new backhoe. Our current backhoe is 20 years old and in need of repair. Due to the extent and cost of the repairs we sought prices to replace it. The public works department has been testing several models to make a decision on what is the best course of action for the Village.

February 24, 2009: The Council was given updates on different projects that the Village currently has underway. These projects include the economic development effort with the Goforth Group, the creation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and a parking lot agreement in the downtown district.

The council also accepted a bid from Jones Standard Service, a local contractor, for the installation of water and sewer main along W. Capital Ave. This project is being done in conjunction with the school renovations to provide

the school building with enough water pressure to operate the fire suppression system being installed.

Pets and Littering:

After the recent snow melt in early February we have noticed, along with numerous community members, the amount of animal waste left in public places such as sidewalks by pet owners as they walk their animals. This is a health concern and we ask pet owners cooperation in picking up after your animals.

Not removing waste material is a violation of the Village's Littering Ordinance, Chapter 80 of the Village's Code of Ordinances. We have included the sections of the ordinance that apply below:

LITTER -- Garbage, refuse and rubbish, as defined herein, and all other waste material that, if thrown or deposited as herein prohibited, tends to create a danger to public health, safety and welfare or creates unsightliness.

§ 80-3. Litter in public places.

No person shall deposit or throw litter in or upon any street, sidewalk or other public place within the Village except in public receptacles or in private receptacles for collection.



It is a pet owners responsibility to clean up after your pet. Anything else is unacceptable. Due to the severity of the issue the police department has been instructed to closely monitor the issue and take corrective action when necessary. This action could come in the way of a warning or municipal civil infraction citation.

2009 Community Clean Up Day:

The Village of Bellevue and Bellevue Township are working together to once again hold a Community Spring Clean-Up Day. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 2, 2009 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). Other details such as the location are still being finalized.

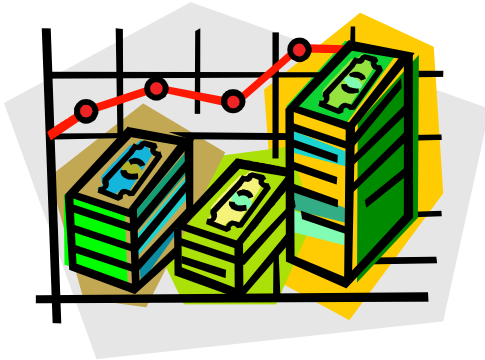


Flyers for this event will be placed around the community, placed in the school newsletter, and on the Village's website (www.bellevuemi.net). We will also

insert flyers into the County Journal. These flyers will detail the items accepted and charges for applicable items such as Freon containing appliances.

Economic Development:

Downtown Development Authority (DDA): The Bellevue Village Council has received proposals from planning consultants to assist the community in creating a Downtown Development Authority, forming a board, and creating a plan for implementation. The council will be speaking with these consultants at their Tuesday, March 10, 2009 and Tuesday, March 24, 2009 regular scheduled meetings. Business owners and community members are invited to attend the open meetings and listen to the presentation.



While these are difficult economic times the Village is looking to move ahead with this project. The community gave having a successful and prosperous downtown as a top priority during our master planning process. The council and village employees take implementing this plan serious. This is just one step in helping the community realize our shared vision.

The Goforth Group Project: The possible property development along the north Village limits is still progressing. While the project is still in the early stages it has been progressing. The last two pages of this newsletter are the first two press releases of a series that are being released to inform the community and promote the effort.

Sincerely,
Village of Bellevue

NEWS RELEASE:

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE!

February 6, 2009

Bellevue forges agreement with the Goforth Group

The village of Bellevue is expanding literally. At a recent town council meeting, a unanimous vote was cast to work with the Goforth Group, LLC, a South Haven, Michigan real estate development and consulting firm to help grow the town of Bellevue. Goforth will provide economic development consulting services for the village as part of a proposed annexation and development of 75 acres.

Travis Brininstool, Village Manager of Bellevue stated, "We are very excited and pleased with the Goforth Group efforts to assist us in adding to the amenities of Bellevue and look forward to assisting them in anyway we can.

Steven Larsen, the COO/General Council of Goforth Group, LLC has met with town business leaders, clergy and other interested citizens. Further meetings are planned to research potential medical facilities and services, affordable housing and apartment development, assisted living housing and other senior care businesses. Goforth will also work with governmental agencies, hospitals and area professionals to identify potential funding sources and interest in Bellevue.

With the new High School expansion on the west side of the proposed 75 acre annexation property, Mr. Larsen states that, "the site is well suited for the proposed economic development to enhance Bellevue's economy and quality of life. We are extremely pleased about this venture with the Village of Bellevue, but we have a lot of work to do to make this work in this difficult credit environment."

Goforth Group, LLC professionals have over one billion dollars of commercial real estate experience. For further information: jcowles@goforthgroup.com or kingersol@goforthgroup.com. 269-637-6307.

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February 17, 2009

Area Man Joins Bellevue Development Efforts...

Lee Beam of rural Bellevue/Charlotte has been retained by the Goforth Group LLC of South Haven, Michigan to assist them in enhancing Bellevue's future.

Goforth a real estate development and consulting firm is working with the Bellevue village in regards to a proposed annexation and development of a 75 acre parcel on the north edge of the village.

Mr. Steven Larsen, COO/General Counsel of Goforth Group, LLC states that, "the site is excellent for the purpose of economic development and will enhance Bellevue's economy and quality of life significantly." " Presently we are researching the potential for medical facilities and services, affordable housing, apartment development, assisted living housing and other senior care businesses, etc."

Mr. Beam who grew up in Bellevue and is a life long resident of the area with extensive experience in sales, marketing, management, PR, and building projects will serve as the Community Development Liaison for the Goforth Group.

"I am extremely pleased and excited about being asked to assist in anyway I can in this wonderful project," stated Mr. Beam. "Although many would say these are tough economic times we feel very positive and will give it our best efforts to see it through to success."

A variety of future meetings, studies and information gathering leading to a final site plan and development will be forthcoming.

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