



Village of Bellevue November 2009 E-mail Newsletter

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Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

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



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

Holidays:

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

Veterans Day	Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 26, 2009
Day after Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27, 2009



Council Meeting Synopsis:

October 7, 2009: The fall joint governmental meeting took place at the Bellevue Elementary School. Information was shared on the Bellevue Community Schools, Bellevue Township, Bellevue One Room School House Project, Eaton County, and the Village of Bellevue. A tour of the new elementary school was given with a demonstration of the new technology in the building.



October 13, 2009: The council was given an update on the creation of the Downtown Development Authority. The preliminary work is almost complete. Sidewalks were also discussed. Ideas about responsibility for maintenance as well as how to improve the community's walkability during the difficult economic climate and budget cuts were talked about. The sidewalk plan Bellevue developed in 2005/2006 will be reviewed.

The Bellevue Fire Department and their purchase of a new fire truck were also discussed. The council discussed several issues relating to the purchase, mostly in regards to the current budget issues being faced and the Village's ability to afford it.

October 27, 2009: There were two ordinances adopted by the Bellevue Village Council at their meeting on October 27. These ordinances were regarding outdoor furnaces and wind energy. Both ordinances are described in more detail in this newsletter.

Ordinance #2009-001- Outdoor Furnaces:

The Bellevue Village Council has adopted Ordinance #2009-001- Outdoor Furnaces. This ordinance was recently adopted at the regular council meeting held on October 27, 2009.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish and impose restrictions upon the construction and operation of outdoor furnaces within the limits of the Village of Bellevue so as to secure and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the Village and its inhabitants. Outdoor furnaces can create noxious and hazardous smoke, soot, fumes, odors, air pollution, particles and other products of combustion, particularly when restricted airflow and low operating temperatures are present. These products can be detrimental to citizens' health and can deprive neighboring residents of the enjoyment of their property. These regulations are intended to eliminate noxious and hazardous conditions caused by outdoor furnaces.



A full copy of this ordinance is available for pick up at Bellevue Village Hall. The adopted ordinance will also be added to the Village of Bellevue's website.

Ordinance #2009-002- Wind Energy:

The Bellevue Village Council has adopted Ordinance #2009-002- Wind Energy. This ordinance was recently adopted at the regular council meeting held on October 27, 2009.



Ordinance #2009-002 is an ordinance that amends Ordinance #2007-001-Zoning and provides for the regulation of Anemometer Towers, Utility Grid Wind Energy Systems, and On-site Use Wind Energy Systems in the Village of Bellevue. A full copy of this ordinance is available for pick up at Bellevue Village Hall. The adopted ordinance will also be added to the Village of Bellevue's website.

Parking on Village Streets:

The Village of Bellevue Code regulates the parking of vehicles on public property within the Village Limits. The following is taken from the Village's Code:

§ 136-3. *All-night parking.*

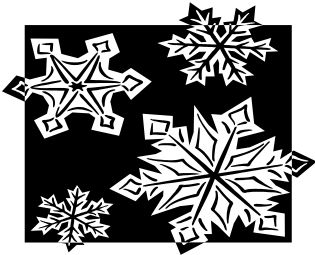
No person shall park or allow to be placed or parked upon any street, alley, or highway any vehicle between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.



The reason for this section is to allow our public works department to maintain the Village streets. Vehicles parked on the streets prohibit the removal of debris and snow. The Village is asking for the community's cooperation in ensuring that vehicles are not on the streets at the above times. If vehicles are located on the streets they will be ticketed and could be towed at the owner's expense.

Sidewalks in Winter:

With winter approaching the Village would like the communities cooperation in keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. We have many school children that use our sidewalks, and if the sidewalks are not kept clear then the children walk in the streets, which is dangerous for both them and drivers. Keeping the sidewalks clear is the responsibility of the homeowner and we do appreciate the effort many of you have shown.



Also, please keep from plowing, shoveling, or blowing snow from driveways and sidewalks into the streets. The State law makes the placing of items in the streets illegal. The Village works very hard at keeping our streets safe to drive on in the winter by plowing and salt spreading and this activity makes our job more difficult.

Water Shut Off Policy:

It is approaching the time when many of our residents are preparing to leave Michigan for the more favorable climates found to the south. If you are one of these residents please remember to contact Bellevue Village Hall if you will be gone for an entire billing cycle and do not wish to be charged for the water portion of your quarterly utility bill.



It has been the practice of the Village not to charge for water service if it is off for an entire billing cycle, or quarter. In order for us to consider the service off

you must contact the Village and we must turn it off at the service valve to the property. There is no charge for this service. Shutting the water off inside the home does not qualify a property for a reduction in the utility bill. As much as we would like to we can not recall all those that leave us for the winter months so this process will hopefully eliminate us missing anyone and unduly charging them. The Village Hall phone number is 763-9571.

Sincerely,

Village of Bellevue