



Village of Bellevue August 2009 E-mail Newsletter

Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, August 11, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall
Tuesday, August 25, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, August 18, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Township Hall

Council Meeting Synopsis:

July 14, 2009: Updates were given to the council on a few items at their July 14th meeting. These items include a grant for a recycling drop off site, the creation of a Downtown Development Authority, and the water/sewer main installation along W. Capital Ave. All three projects are progressing.

The council also discussed outdoor furnaces. This is currently a topic of interest to many communities. The council talked about how they felt Bellevue should handle the issue.

July 28, 2009: The council had a full agenda at the meeting on July 28th. A proposed ordinance to regulate outdoor furnaces within the Village of Bellevue was reviewed. This ordinance was based on the feedback the council had given at the previous meeting. The ordinance does not prohibit outdoor furnaces but does place regulations on them to protect neighboring property owners. With the council's approval the ordinance is being submitted to the Village's attorney for review.



There were two resolutions passed, one naming September 2009 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month 2009 and another adopting the Bellevue Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Bellevue.

The council also adopted the Village of Bellevue Identity Theft Prevention Policy designed to detect, prevent and mitigate identity theft in connection with the opening of a covered account or an existing covered account and to provide for continued administration of the Program in compliance with the Federal Trade

Commission's Red Flags Rule (Part 681 of Title 16 of the Code of Federal Regulations) implementing Sections 114 and 315 of the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (FACTA) of 2003.

Summer Festivals:



Bellevue Area Wide Antique Engine & Machinery Show- The 6th 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.

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 4th. It will run every Thursday through October 29th.

Qualified vendors who wish to become part of the market should contact Brigette Leach, 269-746-4648.

Village of Bellevue Channels of Communication:

The Village of Bellevue uses several different methods to communicate with our residents. These methods do vary depending on the situation and the timelines involved. Our goal is to use many channels of communication in an effort to reach the largest number of community members. We expect that this information will then be disseminated not only through the official methods but also by word of mouth, which we encourage. Below is a list of the methods we use to inform you about what is taking place:

- School Newsletter-Monthly, except July
- Email Newsletter-Monthly
- Utility Bill Newsletter-Quarterly
- The County Journal Newspaper-Weekly
- Newspapers distributed locally- Daily, Weekly
- Television and Radio- As needed

- The Village of Bellevue Website (www.bellevuemi.net)- As needed
- Village Council Meetings- Twice a month
- Bellevue Joint Planning Commission Meeting- Once a month
- Phone Calls- 269-763-9571 Village Hall Number
- In Person- Village employees will and do spend time answering questions in many different places, even during our off hours. Some of these places are Village Hall, 201 N. Main St., during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at festivals and other community events, at organizations meetings, and also around the community in the grocery store, restaurants, gas stations, or just walking down the street.

Eaton County Resource Recovery Department:

Eaton County Resource Recovery is in need of volunteers. Volunteers will be helping at a wide range of activities including working recycling events to helping share information at booths set up for community festivals. The resource recovery department is compiling a list of individuals that would like to help and these people will be contacted when opportunities arise. Please give them a call if you would like to be added to the list at 517-543-3686. Help us keep our community clean by supporting the recycling efforts that take place in our area.



Sincerely,

Village of Bellevue