



# Village of Bellevue

## 1st Quarter 2023 Newsletter

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Village Council:



Tuesday, April 11, 2023 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Tuesday, April 25, 2023 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Tuesday, May 09, 2023 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Tuesday, May 23, 2023 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Tuesday, June 13, 2023 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Tuesday, June 27, 2023 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Bellevue Planning Commission:

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Bellevue Downtown Development Authority Board:

Thursday, April 6, 2023 2:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Thursday, May 4, 2023 2:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Thursday, June 1, 2023 2:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

Thursday, July 6, 2023 2:00 p.m. Bellevue Village Hall

### Holidays

The Village of Bellevue offices will be closed on the following days in April, May, June, and July:

Good Friday

Friday, April 7, 2023

Memorial Day

Monday, May 29, 2023

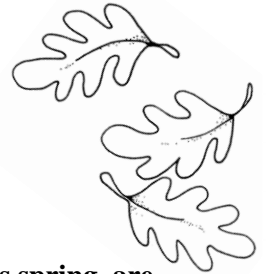
Independence Day

Tuesday, July 4, 2023

### Tornado Siren



Now that spring has “sprung” the spring rains and possible severe weather could roll in. The tornado siren is tested the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m. If you happen to hear the siren at any other time, please check the news for weather alerts and take appropriate measures.



**Please note: Leaves that are left over from last fall or which have been placed roadside this spring, are not going to be picked up by the Village. REMINDER: It is against the law to place objects (such as leaves) in any roadway in the State of Michigan. Please DO NOT place leaves in the roadways or on the Village right-of-way. You are responsible for the removal of your leaves. We do have the compost site available for disposal and you can check out a key at Village Hall.**

**Flushing Water Mains:**

The Village will be flushing water mains on **Wednesday, June 28** and **Thursday, June 29** to remove accumulated sediments from the water mains, with alternate dates of **Wednesday, July 5** and **Thursday, July 6** for weather. Tap water may appear cloudy or discoloured immediately after flushing. The Village is advising residents to run their cold water in their bathtub or utility sink until it runs clear again, and is discouraging them from using their washing machines, the day of flushing and for 24 hours after, since clothing could become discoloured.



**Secretary Day Phone Throw**

Do you or have you ever answered the phone at work? If so then the Secretary’s Day Phone Throw is the perfect event to attend and share your stories. The Bellevue Downtown Development Authority (DDA), will be hosting it this year on April 26, Administrative Assistants Day, at 12 p.m. in Washington Park. The contest includes throwing a variety of phones for distance and accuracy. It is free to participate so come out and enjoy this tradition. Will you be the best phone chucker? Do you have the best phone stories? We hope to see you there and find out.

**Dog Walkers**

A friendly reminder to the many dog walkers in town as you are out walking your pet be a friendly neighbor and a responsible pet owner keeping the dog on a leash, under your control and clean up after your dog if they litter. All homeowners appreciate the courtesy of people cleaning up after their pets. We also ask that any park or public areas be pet litter free as well. It is not only the polite and correct thing to do but also is required by Village ordinances. Our police officers are asked to watch for pet owners violating the ordinance and make contact to resolve the violation.



**Garbage Cans**

Please make sure your garbage cans are back away from the road so our Village employees can sweep the streets as the weather turns nicer. We have spoken to multiple Garbage Services and they have all stated that the arm on the garbage truck will reach at least six feet. Below is the ordinance:

It shall be unlawful for any person to store, keep or maintain containers used for the storage or collection of rubbish, trash, or garbage in open view from any public road or street unless such containers remain covered and are not allowed to overflow. Such rubbish, trash or garbage containers may not be stored, kept, or maintained within five feet of any public road, street, or right-of-way except when necessary for the purposes of emptying and removal of trash, rubbish, or garbage by a governmental or commercial collection agency. In such instances, all rubbish, trash, or garbage containers may be placed in the road right-of-way no more than 24 hours before pickup and shall be removed from the road right-of-way within 24 hours of being emptied.

**Memorial Day Parade**

American Legion Post 280, our local post, will be holding the annual Memorial Day Parade. Memorial Day this year is on Monday, May 29. The parade line up will begin at 9:30 a.m. at Jefferson Park and the parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. The parade will begin at the intersection of N. Main St. and Ellsworth St. and travel south on Main St. to Jackson St., Jackson St. to West St., West St. to the cemetery. There will be stops along the route for memorials with the main ceremony and memorial presentations taking place at the cemetery. If your group is interested in participating in the parade, please contact John Watson at (269)223-2068 or Terry Shaw at (269)763-3487.



**Water Tower Maintenance and Painting:**

The Village will be having some required maintenance work and painting of the water tower, located in Jefferson Park that started on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The water tower will be offline for approximately two months during a portion of this process. This means that we will be pumping water from our wells to you during this time. Starting April 10<sup>th</sup> until approximately June 4<sup>th</sup>, the drinking water that you will receive will not have iron removed from it or chlorine added to it. We will be performing our normal testing to ensure that it is still safe to drink. We appreciate your patience during this time. If you have any questions, please call us at Village Hall 269-763-9571.

**2023 Bellevue Community Pride Day:**

Bellevue Community Schools are partnering up the Village of Bellevue to hold the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Bellevue Community Pride Day. This event is scheduled to take place on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>. On this day, our high school students will volunteer time and labor to give back to the community that is always so generous of them. This is a chance for you to become part of the tradition. We would like you to find tasks for the students to complete that day, inside or outside.

Past years projects include cleaning the parks, setting out flower pots and picnic tables, painting the one room school house, painting other structures and items, raking, and cleaning up yards, assisting the village and township officials in spring cleaning of their buildings. Projects have been performed for Bellevue Township, the Village of Bellevue, local churches, local businesses, and community residents.

Forms are available at Village Hall, on the Village of Bellevue Facebook page or call us at 269-763-9571 and we will send you one.



**Smoke Testing**

The Village of Bellevue Department of Public Works will be conducting smoke testing of the sanitary sewer system in upcoming weeks. ***This testing will begin on April 4th and is expected to take two days to complete.*** This study will involve the opening and entering of manholes in the streets and public utility easements. An important task of the testing will be to locate breaks and defects in the sewer system. The smoke will also reveal sources of where storm and other surface water enter the sewer system.

A special non-toxic smoke will be used in these tests. The smoke is manufactured for this purpose, leaves no residuals, or stains, and has no effect on plant or animal life. The smoke has a distinctive, but not unpleasant, odor. Visibility and odor last only a few minutes, where there is adequate ventilation.

Because the plumbing appliances in your house or building are connected to the sanitary sewer system, some smoke may enter your home or place of business if the:

- Vents connected to your building's sewer pipes are inadequate, defective, or improperly installed.
- Traps under sinks, tubs, basins, showers, and other drains are dry, defective, improperly installed, or missing.
- Pipes, connections, and seals of the wastewater drain system in and under your buildings are damaged, defective, have plugs missing, or are improperly installed.

All residents are advised that if traces of this smoke or its odor enter your house or building, it is an indication that gases and odors from the sewer also may enter. These can be both unpleasant and dangerous, as well as a health risk to the occupants. Should smoke enter your home or business, you may contact a member of the smoke testing crew working in your area. The crew member will be able to help and check with you as to where the smoke has entered your building. Location, identification, and correction of the source of smoke that enters your building is urgently advised. Your cooperation will be appreciated. The information gained from this testing will be used to improve your sewer services and may reduce the eventual cost to utility customers. Should you have any questions on this matter, please contact Village Hall at (269) 763-9571.

Thank you for keeping our Village beautiful.

Sincerely,

**Nicole Roberts**  
**Village Manager**

