



# Village of Bellevue

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### E-mail Newsletter

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#### Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council:            Tuesday, April 9, 2013 7:00 p.m.  
   Bellevue Village Hall  
   Tuesday, April 23, 2013 7:00 p.m.  
   Bellevue Village Hall



#### Council Meeting Synopsis:

**March 12, 2013:** A letter of response for Complaints #2013-001 and 2013-002 was approved by the council. This letter will be attached to the complaints and also shared with the complainant. The method of village council compensation was also discussed. Based on the Village attorney's opinion the council will be treated as W-2 employees, instead of 1099 subcontracted employees. This will have no impact on the amount the council members are paid.

The method of collecting utility bill outstanding balances was also discussed. The council was told how the process currently works, recent changes to the process that had been discussed at previous meetings, and ongoing efforts to address some recent issues, primarily with rental property.

**March 26, 2013:** The council accepted a bid for the UV Disinfection WWTP project from Harper Industrial Construction, Inc. for \$117,500 based on the company being the low bidder and Wolverine Engineer & Surveyor, Inc. recommendation. This is substantially lower than the engineer's estimate of \$175,000. They also approved an expenditure of up to \$5,000 to replace chorine equipment and the chlorine detector at the water plant.



Law enforcement was also a main topic for the evening. The new Eaton County Sheriff Tom Reich was present to introduce himself. The council also discussed the vacant Chief of Police position and the best way to fill the vacancy. The two solutions presented were to promote an internal candidate, Officer Tim Griffin, who is currently filling the role of acting chief or to conduct a search. The council chose not to conduct a search so the Village will work with Acting Chief Griffin to promote him officially to Chief of Police.

#### Village of Bellevue Christmas Tree:

The Village of Bellevue's 2012 Christmas Tree is up for sale. The tree is an 8 to 10 foot tall White Spruce and is currently located in Washington Park under the Gazebo. The purchaser would be responsible for removing and planting the tree. We will be accepting sealed bids for the tree at

Bellevue Village Hal, 201 N. Main St. through Tuesday, May 14, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. The council will open the bids at their regular council meeting that evening. The council reserves the right to choose the bid it feels serves the Village's best interest or to reject all bids. If you have any questions please contact Bellevue Village Hall at 269-763-9571.

**Flushing Water Mains:**

The Village will be flushing water mains on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 25. Water may be discolored during this time.



**2013 Bellevue Community Pride Day:**

The Bellevue Community Schools is partnering up with the Village of Bellevue to hold the annual Bellevue Community Pride Day. This event is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 3, 2013. The times will be determined once we know what services we will need to provide.

On this day, our high school students will volunteer time and labor and give back to the community that is always so generous to them. This article is to invite you to become a part of this tradition. We would like you to find tasks for the students to perform 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, hauling trash, 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.

More information can be found on the Village of Bellevue's website at [www.bellevuemi.net](http://www.bellevuemi.net) under the events section. A brochure can be found there with a form you can use to submit a project. You can also pick up a form at Bellevue Village Hall or contact us at 269-763-9571 and we can send you one.

