



# Village of Bellevue

## June 2013

### E-mail Newsletter

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#### Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, June 11, 2013 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall  
Tuesday, June 25, 2013 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall



#### Council Meeting Synopsis:

**May 14, 2013:** At the May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Bellevue Village Council the monthly reports were given to the council. The Christmas tree in Washington park bid was opened. The success of Pride Day was discussed and a partnership was entered into with Dr. Frankenstein regarding the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. A special meeting to discuss the Downtown Development Authority Development Area Citizens Council comments and their recommendations was set for May 23, 2013. The council discussed the unauthorized removal of village trees at a location in the village and will pursue replacement of the trees.

**May 23, 2013:** The special meeting of the village council on May 23<sup>rd</sup> saw the council adopt Ordinance #2013-003, the Downtown Development Authority Tax Increment Financing and Development Plan. This action concludes the legal work which was started in 2009. This plan will enable the village to be eligible for downtown improvement monies as they become available thru grants and other avenues. At this meeting T. Griffin was hired as Chief of Police and also the hiring of another full-time police officer. The council also approved the purchase of new police equipment at this meeting. A public hearing for setting the millage rates for the Summer 2013 tax roll was also set for June 11, 2013 meeting.

#### Bellevue Community Pride Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in the annual Bellevue Community Pride Day held on Friday, May 3, 2013. Much was accomplished with many eager, helping hands.

Thank you to the contingent of 68 students from the Bellevue Community High School under the organizational direction of teacher Lisa Redmer who impressed and amazed the community with your willingness to do whatever was asked of you, all for the betterment of the community. Here are the names of the student volunteers:

Cheyenne Morris

Cole Madry

Kyle Fletcher

Curtis Arnold  
Stephanie Pier  
Billy Courtney  
Sabrina Baker  
Cora Visgar  
Garrett Hall  
Charity Dietzel  
Garrett Waterbury  
Sarah Vastbinder  
Alysha Morales  
Sandy Boyd  
Dakota Shepherd  
Trent Hill  
Peri Kurtzman  
Taylor Staskus  
Darren Sommers  
Chris Patterson  
Michael Lindsay  
Marley Munn  
Sam Parker  
Steven Reynolds  
Gerald Roberson

LeeAnne Hyde  
Cassandra Lindsay  
Katherine Marble  
Alicia Blevins  
Kaylee Graves  
Alec Martens  
Chase Maxson  
Caleb Robinson  
Skyler Lesh  
Jakob Hall  
Brittany Huntington  
Aidan Munn  
Kevin Seeley  
Ashley Berkheiser  
Dalton Burdick  
Shelby Henderson  
Britney Reid  
Joe Coltson  
Kayla Sommers  
Jordan Schlyer  
Alyssa Stanfield  
Casey Hart

Jacob Bayman  
Janelle Kuiper  
Dakota Rose  
Brennan Russell  
Kacee McPeters  
Allicea Moreno  
Cam Parr  
Dawn Zeeryp  
Cody Rauschenberger  
Sam Wallace  
Jenna Shannon  
Taylor Wagner  
Wheaton Bender  
Lorrie Pierce  
Stephanie Flynn  
Griffith Cook-Kirsch  
Tyler Lane  
Tucker Campbell  
Jeremy Place  
Conner Beam  
Dalton Angus  
Andrew Kerr

Thank you to Lisa Redmer for all of the work you did to make this event a reality. A massive amount of preparation and organization goes into making an event like this successful.

Thank you to all the adult volunteers who helped to oversee the task groups, making sure the myriad of projects were completed successfully and safely. Your assistance and donation of equipment allowed the projects to be completed efficiently.



Thank you to the local businesses, governments, and individuals for your generous donations.

Thank you to the many community members and businesses that found jobs for the volunteers. The Bellevue School Students were kept busy providing community service for the day.

Thank you to each and every one of you. Without the effort of every group mentioned, the event could not have been a success. The Village of Bellevue looks forward to working with everyone again in 2014.

**Washington Park United States of America Flag:**

The United States of America Flag that is proudly flying in Washington Park was generously donated to the Village of Bellevue by Rick and Shelley Pulliam. The flag



was donated in memory of Shelley's Aunt Margaret Barth. Margaret served in the United States Military during World War II and the Korean War.

Upon her passing the Pulliam's donated this flag to the Village of Bellevue to honor her service to our country. Thank you.

### **Dogs in the Village:**

The Village is asking for our dog owners' cooperation. With the increase in the people walking and bicycling the Village asks that you take all the necessary steps to keep your dog under control. Dogs need to be on a leash when being walked through the community and fenced, chained, or under the owners control by some other method while on its own property. Even animals with friendly dispositions that mean no harm can scare a walker or biker if it approaches them or chases them. This can be especially true with our younger residents. The Village has received a small number of complaints and we are hoping to curtail the issue before it becomes worse. Thank you for your help.

### **Washington Park Flower Garden & Flowerpots Downtown:**



We have the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club, Etc. Club and the Lioness Club to thank for the beautiful flowers planted around the downtown area. The 20<sup>th</sup> Century Club plants and maintains the flowers around the flagpole in Washington Park. The Etc. Club plants and maintains the flowers next to their wonderful bench along the downtown sidewalk. The Lioness Club plants and maintains the various flower pots placed downtown. These groups not only purchase and plant these flowers but also continue to maintain them throughout the summer. We appreciate all the hard work and dedication of these groups, which help to make our downtown a nicer place to be. Thank you, ladies!

### **Bellevue Farmer's Market:**

The farmer's market will be returning to Bellevue in 2013. The Village of Bellevue is working with the Battle Creek Farmer's Market Association to again have a local farmer's market. You can find the association online at <http://www.battlecreekfarmersmarket.com> or its Facebook page.



The market will be held on Thursday's at Washington Park. Its hours of operation will be from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Opening day for the market will be Thursday, June 6. It will run every Thursday through October 31.

The market participates with Project FRESH and Senior Project FRESH. It can accept Bridge Cards, Double Up Bucks, and credit cards.

Local vendors are encouraged to participate with the market. The farmer's market is an excellent means for local growers and producers to reach new customers. Qualified vendors who wish to become part of the market should contact Brigette Leach, 269-746-4648.

Community members are encouraged to visit the market. Visiting the market is not just about the shopping, but it is an experience. While browsing the many varied stalls you will meet vendors with a wide spectrum of fresh fruits and vegetables, meats, baked goods, garden plants, flowers, and even some high quality, locally produced crafts. The vendors are friendly and full of advice and good ideas on how to prepare or use the many products you will find. You will also run across your friends and neighbors. It is not uncommon to see an old friend that you may not have seen in years. When you do stop, chat a bit, enjoy the Michigan outdoors and Washington Park and the amenities it offers. The park offers many pieces of playground equipment so it is an excellent location to bring the children and spend some time. The Village will also be sponsoring live music at the park on some Thursday evenings. Watch the Village's Facebook page or call Village Hall, 269-763-9571, for more information.

### **Summer Festivals:**

***Independence Day-*** Come and enjoy the fireworks. Bellevue will be having fireworks on July 4<sup>th</sup> to celebrate Independence Day. This is a long-standing tradition in our community and a good time is had by all. The fireworks will begin at dusk. They are set off between the Bellevue Middle School and the Bellevue Elementary School on the athletic fields. The show lasts approximately one hour and the parking is free and plentiful. Come and take part in a small town celebration of this wonderful country we call home.



***Bellevue Car & Truck Show-*** The annual Bellevue Car and Truck Show will be taking place on Saturday July 13, 2013. There will be a Street Dance the night before on Friday, July 12, 2011 from 8:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This show is held in Downtown Bellevue on Main St. Many other activities are planned for this weekend.

***Buckeye Open – Scott Stanard Memorial Golf Tournament-*** The Sunday following the Car Show, July 14, 2013, a golf scramble will be held. It will be a four person scramble with a cost of \$60.00 per person. It will be held at Oakland Hills Golf Course with an 8:00 a.m. shotgun start. A luncheon will be held immediately following. For more information or to sign up for the scramble please contact Hal Wolf at 269-209-9871.

***Community Wide Garage Sales-*** There will be community wide garage sales on the weekend of July 12-14. This is the same weekend as the Bellevue Car & Truck Show. Garage Sale Permits are not required for this weekend. The Village does compile a list of known garage sales that we will hand out on Friday, July 12. If you are having a garage sale this weekend and would like to be included please contact Bellevue Village Hall at 269-763-9571



***Bellevue Area Wide Antique Tractor & Farm Machinery Show-*** The annual Bellevue Area Wide Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show will be held on August 9, 10, and 11. The show is held in Bellevue's downtown park, Washington Park. A copy of the flier and schedule of events for this weekend is available on the Village's website at [www.bellevuemi.net](http://www.bellevuemi.net). Questions may be directed to Stan Bryner (517-652-9729), Carol Cheesman (517-852-4451), or Brian Holcomb (269-968-8082).