



Village of Bellevue April 2011 E-mail Newsletter

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Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, April 12, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall
Wednesday, April 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue High School Media Center (Library)
Tuesday, April 26, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, April 19, 2011 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Township Hall

Holidays:

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

Good Friday

Friday, April 22, 2011

Council Meeting Synopsis:

March 8, 2011: Lift Station #2 for the wastewater system was again on the agenda. An update on the current status of the lift station and repairs to one of the pumps was given along with a revised estimate. Following discussion on the lift station the council discussed two insurance policies the Village had been carrying, one for the council and one for the police department. These two policies had been packaged with the Village's overall insurance policy in the past. With the change in carriers these policies were now stand-alone policies. The two policies provided coverage above and beyond what was necessary so the council decided to cancel the policies and realize a significant cost savings.

A review of the Village Code of Ordinances was begun at this meeting. The council reviewed three chapters, Chapter 6-Alcoholic Beverages, Chapter 10-Amusement Devices, and Chapter 14-Animals. The council decided that the first two ordinances were ok.

The review of Chapter 14-Animals received the large part of the time. The council heard about requests and questions that the Village had received regarding this ordinance. The three biggest are the number of dogs permitted, stricter regulation of cats, and whether or not chickens were permitted.

The council decided to spend time gathering public opinion on potential changes before starting a reworking of the ordinance. This decision to gather opinion at this time is an attempt to get the residents involved earlier in the ordinance process. This is in response to comments received in the past that it feels like the decisions have been made before public opinion is sought.

March 22, 2011: The council was given an update on the repairs to the pump from Lift Station #2. Damage to the pump was more extensive than originally known but work is progressing. An update on the Farm to Food Farmers Market grant as well. The Village has received a positive letter from the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office so we can now complete the environmental review.

The council reviewed three chapters of the Village code of ordinances. These chapters included Chapter 19-Bicycles and Other Wheeled Vehicles, Chapter 26-Burning, Open, and Chapter 37-Compost Site. This review is part of a systematic review of the entire code.

Representatives of Fun Services were present to inform the council of vandalism to their building and share their thoughts on the incident.

Bellevue Community School Board, Bellevue Township, and Village of Bellevue Joint Meeting:

The Bellevue Community Schools, Bellevue Township, and the Village of Bellevue will be holding a joint meeting on Wednesday, April 20, 2011. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be held at the Bellevue High School Media Center (library).

This meeting, as all government meetings, is open to the public and we encourage members of the community to attend.

Flushing Water Mains:

The Village will be flushing water mains on Wednesday, April 20 and Thursday, April 21. Water may be discolored during this time.



Village of Bellevue Code of Ordinance Review

The Bellevue Village Council is currently reviewing the Village's Code of Ordinances. They are reviewing chapters for any necessary or desired modifications. As part of this review they will be considering feedback or requests that have been received in the past regarding specific chapters or issues. The review is being completed at council meetings with specific chapters being placed on the meeting agenda.

The council would like to encourage community residents to share their opinions on the Village's ordinances. If there is a change, addition, or deletion you would like to see now is the time to share that. You can share your ideas or opinions in several ways:

- In person with council members or village hall staff

- Attend a council meeting on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday of every month at Bellevue Village Hall. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.
- In writing by submitting a letter to Bellevue Village Hall at 201 N. Main St., by email at bellevuemi@cablespeed.com, or by fax 269-763-9998

The most recent chapter the council is looking for feedback on is Chapter 14-Animals. Based on feedback that has been received the council is considering changes to this chapter, specifically in the number of dogs allowed to be kept and the type of animals allowed to be kept. Please share with us your opinion on increasing the number of dogs, as well as your feelings about allowing chickens to be raised inside the village limits.

2011 Bellevue Community Pride Day:

The Bellevue Community Schools is partnering up with the Village of Bellevue to hold the third annual Bellevue Community Pride Day. This event is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 6, 2011. 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 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.



Bellevue Community Spring Clean Up



Date: Saturday, May 7th 2011
Time: 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Location: Village of Bellevue Compost Site
on S. Williams St. next to Keehne Environmental Area just north of the railroad track

Open to the entire Bellevue community, township and village residents. There will be charges for certain items and portions of the event. Please refer below for these costs.

Any items dropped off before or after the appropriate date and times of this event will be considered littering and subject to all fines and prosecution this entails.

List of Items Accepted:

Rubbish & Junk

Bellevue Township and the Village of Bellevue will have dumpsters located at the site. This service will be free for Bellevue Township and Village of Bellevue residents. You must have some form of identification available as proof of residency. If you are not a Bellevue Township or Village of Bellevue resident then you may drop off items for a fee. The fee shall be \$50.00 per pick up load with a minimum charge of \$50.00. These dumpsters will be for rubbish and junk. Items that will not be accepted are: roofing shingles, organic material, yard waste (grass, leaves, brush, stumps, etc.), liquid wastes (paint, oil, chemicals, etc.), hazardous waste, concrete, rocks, dirt, or rubble.



Scrap Metal



A scrap metal pick up will be part of the spring clean up. This pick up will accept all types of scrap metal at no charge, except as noted here, including cars, trucks, aluminum, farm machinery, snowmobiles, clean barrels (no liquid or residue such as gas or oil may be in the barrel), propane tanks (there will be a \$5.00 charge for propane tanks), appliances, and Freon containing appliances and devices such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and freezers (there will be a \$20.00 charge for Freon containing items). Car batteries will also be accepted. If you have a larger item such as a car, truck, or farm machinery that you wish picked up you may contact Dennis Lapoint Sr. at 269-209-3170 or Dennis Lapoint Jr. at 517-719-3644.

A portion of the proceeds from the Scrap Metal will go to the Bellevue Wrestling program.

Automobile & Light Truck Tires Recycling

There will be a tire pick up held by Bellevue Area Wide Antique Engine & Machinery Show. They will accept Automobile & Light Truck Tires (less than 16.5"). There will be a nominal fee of \$4.00 per tire for the drop off.



Pick Up Service

Bellevue Wrestling program will be providing pick up services for the clean up day as a fundraiser. They will be accepting donations. You must call Lisa Lapham at 517-852-2103 to arrange a pick up prior to Sunday, May 1st. If she is unavailable leave a detailed message. Please call early to assure this group is available to assist you. This group reserves the right to refuse any items for pick up.

Bellevue Township and the Village of Bellevue reserve the right to turn away any items brought for drop off.

Any questions please contact Bellevue Village Hall at 763-9571