



# Village of Bellevue March 2011 E-mail Newsletter

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## Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, March 8, 2011 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall  
Tuesday, March 22, 2011 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, March 15, 2011 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Township Hall

## Council Meeting Synopsis:

**February 8, 2011:** Updates on items of business and reviews of material filled the agenda for this council meeting. There were updates given on the Michigan Economic Development Grants the Village is pursuing. Contracts have been received for the Farm to Food Farmers Market grant and the Village is currently completing an environmental review. Unfortunately the Village did not receive the Downtown Infrastructure grant. The council was also given an update on the work occurring at Lift Station #2. The Village is currently waiting on a proposal for additional work that the pump experiencing issues will require.

Council goals were also reviewed. The discussion that took place at a previous meeting was used to create a document that listed goals for the council. Discussion on how to proceed with a full review of the Village's Code of Ordinances also took place. The council will review ordinances from the code at future meetings with recommendations from Village staff. An agreement with a company that assists in the administering of the Village's health insurance was also renewed. This was necessary due to the recent changes in health insurance created by new federal legislation.



**February 22, 2011:** This meeting saw the council take action on two zoning ordinance amendments recommended to them by the Bellevue Joint Planning Commission. The first one dealt with unlawful land uses within the Village of Bellevue. It states that land uses and activities thereon which are violative of state, local or federal law shall be and are hereby prohibited in all zoning districts within the Village of Bellevue.

The second zoning ordinance amendment creates regulations for ground level apartments within the Central Business District Zoning District. This use will become a special land use.

Necessary repairs to the Village's main wastewater lift station were also discussed with the council being given an update on the findings to date. The Village is still working to determine the cost of a repair. The council was also informed about a free, community newspaper, The Bellevue Villager, which will begin circulation in early March.

### **Winter Helpers:**

The winter snows came once again this year. With the snow came shoveling of drives and sidewalks. We would like to extend our gratitude to those community members who have and continue to remove the snow and ice from their sidewalks.



We would also like to say Thank You to those who provide an invaluable community service by going beyond their own sidewalk. Bellevue has many good Samaritans throughout the community that assist by clearing the sidewalks of their neighbors, the elderly and housebound, the snowbirds, and the vacant properties. While we may not know the name of every person that provides this service, the work you do is noticed and appreciated. Thank you for the work you do for the people of Bellevue.

### **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](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.