

Village of Bellevue September 2011 E-mail Newsletter

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Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, September 13, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Bellevue Village Hall

Wednesday, September 21, 2011 6:00 p.m.

Washington Park

Tuesday, September 27, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Bellevue Village Hall

Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 7:00 p.m.

Bellevue Township Hall

Holidays:

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

Labor Day Monday, September 5, 2011

Council Meeting Synopsis:

August 9, 2011: There were several updates of ongoing or upcoming projects that were given to the council at this meeting. These include the farmers market project planned for Washington Park, a lease agreement with Verizon Wireless for the placement of a cellular tower on the Village's water tower, and a project planned regarding the walnut trees within the Village street right of ways.

John Hart gave the council a presentation on curb projections in regards to a MDOT planned

project at the Main St. and Capital Ave intersection. The council discussed the possibility of including curb projections, some times referred to as curb bump outs. Potential interest in property at 215 and 217 N. Main was also discussed. The property owner is attempting to sell the property.

August 23, 2011: The council discussed the Village accepting credit/debit cards as a form of payment. Village staff has spoken with different providers and received prices regarding the one time upfront costs to establish the service and also the ongoing costs and charges. The council felt it would be beneficial to provide this service to our residents. Steps will be taken to implement the Village's ability to accept credit/debit card payments for utility bills and taxes.

Action was taken by the council to approve a special land use for Cheyenne Motor Sales to be located at 222 S. Williams St. This action was taken based on the application and the Bellevue Joint Planning Commission's recommendation. The council also passed a resolution allowing the Bellevue Historical Society to receive a charitable gaming license from the State of Michigan.

Discussion also took place on the Economic Vitality Incentive Program (EVIP) that the State of Michigan will be implementing to replace a portion of the funding that is being cut from local governments. The stated intention and currently known requirements that the Village will have to comply with to receive this funding was shared with the council. A potential grant for downtown was also discussed. More information will be gathered regarding this opportunity.

Bellevue Joint Governmental Meeting:

Bellevue Community School Board, Bellevue Township Board, and the Bellevue Village Council will be holding their second biannual joint meeting on September 21, the third Wednesday of September. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be located at Washington Park under the pavilion. If the weather does not cooperate the meeting will be moved to the Bellevue Community School's boardroom.

September 2011 as National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month:

Every year, towns, counties, and states around the country observe National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month in September. This year, as in the past, the Village Council is happy to support this worthy program. There is information about Recovery Month at the website, www.recoverymonth.gov.

If you would like further information please email Victor Braatz, Recovery Network Inc. Executive Director, at Recoverynet1@sbcglobal.net.

Compost Site:

The compost site is open for village residents. Keys are available at Village Hall to be signed out. There is a limited supply of these keys and they are on a first come first served basis. Signing these keys out comes with certain rules and responsibilities. Breaking these regulations will be treated as a violation of the Bellevue Code of Ordinances Chapter 37-Compost Site. Violators will be issued a municipal civil infraction, which currently carries fines starting at \$100.00 for the first offense.



If you witness inappropriate actions please contact Bellevue Village Hall at 269-763-9571. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Village of Bellevue