



# Village of Bellevue

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### E-mail Newsletter

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#### Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, April 10, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall  
Wednesday, April 18, 2011 6:30 p.m.  
Bellevue High School Media Center (Library)  
Tuesday, April 24, 2012 7:00 p.m.  
Bellevue Village Hall



Bellevue Joint Planning Commission: Tuesday, April 17, 2012 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 6, 2012

#### Council Meeting Synopsis:

**March 13, 2012:** In old business the council reviewed quotes for the purchase of software for property taxes, utility billing, and general accounting. Village Manager Brininstool discussed the different software options, reasons for purchase, reference checks, and gave the Village Hall staff's recommendation. Following the recommendation the Village Council approved the purchase of the property tax and utility billing software from BS&A.

A discussion on the walnut trees within the Village's right of ways was discussed. While the removal of the 48 walnut trees found within the right of ways were unable to be removed and replaced without expense there is an opportunity at a smaller scale. The council approved allowing for the removal of the trees and their replacement with more desirable trees where it could be done without negatively impacting the budget.



The council also discussed Ordinance #2007-001 – Zoning. Rules and regulations within the document that are having an unintended, negative effect on property owners regarding the placement of

accessory structures was the concern. After listening to the concern and the potential corrective actions the council referred the matter to the Bellevue Joint Planning Commission for their recommendation.

**March 27, 2012:** The council was given the Bellevue Joint Planning Commission's recommendation regarding the proposed changes to Ordinance #2007-001 – Zoning, Section 23.04- Accessory Uses, Buildings, and Structures. They will hold a public hearing at their next meeting to allow the residents an opportunity to share their opinions before voting on the proposed changes.

Douglas Wohlberg, CPA, the Village's auditor, gave a presentation to the council on the completed audit for the Village's 2011 financial year. He gave a favorable report. The agenda for the upcoming government joint meeting was also discussed. Items that the Village would discuss were covered.

Bellevue Community Pride Day and Spring Clean Up Day were agenda items. The schedule for both events was presented. At this time there are no expected changes to the programs from previous years. Pride Day will be on Friday, May 4 and Spring Clean Up Day will be on Saturday, May 5 from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

**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 18, 2012. This meeting will begin at 6:30 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.

**2012 Bellevue Community Pride Day:**

The Bellevue Community Schools is partnering up with the Village of Bellevue to hold the fourth annual Bellevue Community Pride Day. This event is scheduled to take place on Friday, May 4, 2012. 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.

### **2012 Community Clean Up Day:**

The Village of Bellevue and Bellevue Township are working together to once again hold a Community Spring Clean-Up Day. The event is scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 5, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon). It will be located at the Village of Bellevue Compost Site on S. Williams St.



Flyers for this event will be placed around the community, on the Village's website ([www.bellevuemi.net](http://www.bellevuemi.net)), and will be inserted into the County Journal. These flyers will detail the items accepted and charges for applicable items such as Freon containing appliances.