



Village of Bellevue June 2012 E-mail Newsletter

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Village of Bellevue Governmental Meetings:

Village Council: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall
Tuesday, June 26, 2012 7:00 p.m.
Bellevue Village Hall



Council Meeting Synopsis:

May 8, 2012: Bellevue Community Pride Day and Bellevue Community Spring Clean Up Day were both agenda items with the council being given reports on the number of participants and the success of each day. Pride Day was a success with a large number of students and community members participating and several projects being accomplished. This year's clean up day was the lightest attended day in the history of the event.

The council also reviewed and approved two projects, a contract with an IT firm to provide support to the Village and offsite backups and a estimate for work on two sampler units at the wastewater plant. Both units need to have their refrigeration units replaced.



May 22, 2012: The council was informed that Bellevue Township was leaving the Bellevue Joint Planning Commission and due to this the group would be disbanded. Planning and zoning issues for the township will now be handled by Eaton County Community Development. The Village will continue to administer its own planning and zoning.

2012 Bellevue Community Pride Day:

Thank you to everyone who participated in the fourth annual Bellevue Community Pride Day held on Friday, May 4, 2012. Much was accomplished with many eager, helping hands.

Thank you to the contingent of 81 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:

Brooke	Abbott	Amanda	Edwards	Tyler	Lane	Dillon	Rose
Caleb	Angus	Dallas	English	Bruce	Madry	Brad	Sanders
Curtiss	Arnold	Donshae	Evans	Cole	Madry	Jordan	Schlyer
Andy	Bailey	Lindsey	Goodman	Alec	Martens	Kevin	Seeley
Sabrina	Baker	Kaylee	Graves	Chase	Maxson	Jenna	Shannon
Conner	Beam	Janes	Haralson	Cody	Metzger	Marcus	Smith
Cory	Beaumont	Alexis	Hart	Cassie	Michels	Darrin	Sommers

Wheaton	Bender	Hunter	Hess	Matt	Miller	Kayla	Sommers
Brandon	Bentley	Britney	Huntington	Cheyenne	Morris	Lexy	Spaulding
Alicia	Blevins	LeeAnne	Hyde	Aidan	Munn	Tarshua	Spitsley-Evans
Evan	Bloch	Nichole	Hyde	Josh	O'Dell	Danny	Spruytte
Ethan	Bloch	Megan	Jaquette	Paige	Prater	Alyssa	Stanfield
Destiny	Boyd	Siana	Jemenez	Yasmeen	Qahwash	Lisa	Stevens
Sean	Carney	Marc	Jimenez	Lawann	Randolph	Merissa	Stevens
Seana	Carney	Andrew	Kerr	Morgan	Rathbun	Adam	Sutherland
Brandon	Casella	Tara	Kuiper	Britney	Reid	Devin	Triestram
Ashley	Childs	Randi	Kurtzman	Steven	Reynolds	Sarah	Vastbinder
Joe	Coltson	Ashley	Ladd	Emily	Rice	Taylor	Wagner
Austin	Conner	Ashley	Ladd	Seth	Roberts	Nate	Waterbury
Cristal	Cook	Arik	Lake	Heather	Roble	Amelia	Williams
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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 2013.

2012 Bellevue Community Spring Clean Up:

The Village of Bellevue and Bellevue Township would like to thank the various clubs and groups for their help during the 2012 Community Clean-Up Day. Thank you Bellevue Wrestlers, D&D Scrap Metal, Bellevue Antique Engine and Machinery Show, and all the other volunteers, who helped to make this a successful event. Thank you Sherri Gardner for all the work you did on the event. Your planning, organizing, and phone calling allowed the 2012 Bellevue Community Spring Clean Up to run smoothly.



Washington Park Flower Garden & Flowerpots Downtown:



We have the 20th Century Club, Etc. Club and the Lioness Club to thank for the beautiful flowers planted around the downtown area. The 20th 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!

Summer Festivals:

Independence Day- Come and enjoy a day of activities concluded with a fireworks show. Bellevue will be having fireworks on July 4th 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.



Beginning at 3:00 p.m. there will be multiple duck drops throughout the afternoon. This will take place at the N. Main St. Bridge. More information on the duck drop can be obtained from Bellevue Auto Service, 763-9442.

At 6:00 p.m. there will be a community photo taken downtown. If you did not make it into last year's photo make sure to be here this year. A copy of last year's photo is at Bellevue Village Hall and people have enjoyed looking at it and seeing who they knew all year long.

7:00 p.m. will bring the outhouse races to a start. They will be held at the baseball fields behind the Bellevue Elementary School, same area as the fireworks.

Anyone can enter and the rules are simple.

1. Must only be powered by people (no motors).
2. A maximum of 4 people can propel the outhouse.
3. You may have 1 person inside (at your own risk).
4. The outhouse may be constructed from any material, but a person must be able to get inside.



There is no entry fee. A roving grand prize trophy, built and donated by the now famous woodworker, Phil Mannino, will be awarded. A separate trophy for youths 12 and under will be awarded.

Several other activities are planned to occur during and after the outhouse races. These include a toilet paper toss, giant paint-a-thon (bring acrylic paint, brushes, and appropriate clothing), and a water balloon toss.. A live band, Chuck Whiting and His Rowdie Friends, will also be in attendance playing Texas swing type music throughout the evening. Be sure to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, refreshments etc. to make your evening fun.

Come and take part in a small town celebration of this wonderful country we call home.

Bellevue Car, Truck, & Motorcycle Show- The 16th annual Bellevue Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show will be taking place on Saturday July 14, 2012. The show is organized by the Bellevue Athletic Boosters and held in downtown Bellevue. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The show runs from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A flier for the event can be found on the Village of Bellevue's website.



There will be a Street Dance the night before on Friday, July 13, 2012 from 8:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m. This show is held in along the 100 block of N. Main St. in downtown Bellevue. Many other activities are planned for this weekend by local groups including community service clubs, churches, and local businesses.

Community Wide Garage Sales- There will be community wide garage sales on the weekend of July 13-15. This is the same weekend as the Bellevue Car, Truck & Motorcycle 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 13. 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 Antique Tractor & Farm Machinery Show- The 9th Annual Bellevue Antique Tractor and Farm Machinery Show will be held on the weekend of August 10-12. The show is held in Bellevue's downtown park, Washington Park. A copy of the flier for this event is available on the Village's website at www.bellevuemi.net. Questions may be directed to Stan Bryner (269-763-3087) or Brian Holcomb (269-968-8082).

Bellevue Farmer's Market:

The farmer's market returned on Thursday, June 7, 2012. 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 June through October. Its hours of operation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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 Brigitte 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.