



Village of
BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

FEBRUARY 2017

Update



Message From Mayor Frank A. Pasquale

Now that the 25th Avenue overpass has been open for more than a month, we continue to receive positive feedback from residents, business owners and

others who appreciate the improved traffic flow and safety features. We're still working to maximize the benefits of this amazing project that will bring more attention to town.

Don't forget to use the village's official "Promises Made ... Promises Kept" 2017 calendar as you plan your days and months. The calendar is a great way to keep up with all of the meetings, activities and special events in town.

Speaking of events, mark your calendar to attend our Annual Black

History Month program on Feb. 26 at the Eisenhower Community Center in Hillside from 4-6 p.m. If you've joined us before, you know what a festive and educational event it is, especially for the youth who participate and attend as guests.

Finally, I always enjoy wishing Happy Valentine's Day to all of our residents, young and young at heart alike. Be kind to the people in your life on Feb. 14.



Bitty Ball Program Showcases Young Stars

Young basketball stars in the making recently competed in the Memorial Park District Bitty Ball program to play in a showcase slot in Midwest Classic Tournament at the Stevenson Center. Led by coaches Korey Russell and Donald Mims, the 6-9 year-olds learned skills, teamwork and sportsmanship. The program runs from the first Saturday of September to the Saturday before Christmas. Youth who play in the tournament move on to the Tuesday night winter basketball program.



IMPORTANT BELLWOOD CONTACTS

Village Hall	(708) 547-3500
Police/Fire/Ambulance Emergency	911
Police (non emergency)	(708) 547-3528
Police Anonymous Hotline	(708) 544-5961
Fire (non emergency)	(708) 547-3525
Water Bill (Billing Questions)	(708) 547-3520
Building Department	(708) 547-3545
Public Works Department	(708) 547-3540
Community Service	(708) 649-3060
Human Resources	(708) 547-3500
TDD (hearing impaired)	(708) 547-0011

Meet Bellwood Trustees Michael Ciavattone and Annie Delgado

Along with the mayor of Bellwood, the Board of Trustees acts as the village's corporate authorities and exercises municipal powers that have not been specifically delegated to another office or board. Bellwood's six trustees form the legislative body. They are elected from the village at large to four-year terms. Each of the current six trustees will be featured in upcoming issues of the Update, beginning with this month's edition.



Trustee Annie Delgado

Trustee Annie Delgado moved to Bellwood 38 years ago and has been active and visible in the community ever since. Having first run for office to represent the village's growing Hispanic population, she was elected in 2001. Before her election, while working for Bellwood School District 88, she encouraged residents to respect their power to make a difference. Trustee Delgado, who formerly chaired the village's Quality of Life Committee, also served District 88 with her bilingual skills and education background in the school's parenting program.

Her vision for Bellwood includes a continued focus on new business development that leads to job opportunities for residents; redevelopment of St. Charles Road and 25th Avenue as downtown-like destinations; and sustained growth in housing options, among other pursuits.

The current chairwoman of the village's Public Safety Committee, Trustee Delgado, who attends Logos Church, counts among her contributions to Bellwood her long-time history of supporting families in town, the Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration as a planning committee member, and the opening of the Bellwood Teen Zone.

A native of Puerto Rico, Trustee Delgado, who enjoys attending the village's annual Christmas Basket Giveaway, Black History Month Celebration and Breakfast With Santa, graduated from Triton College and worked in the school's daycare facility.

Bellwood Trustee Michael J. Ciavattone is as active a public servant you can find. The former U.S. Army veteran who earned a Bronze Star believes that a "cohesive board of trustees is how you get things done." The trustee counts among his contributions the upcoming detention pond that will help alleviate flooding in town; paving all of Bellwood's alleys; the addition of new, modern housing; adding the Teen Zone and Computer Technology Center; and the 25th Avenue overpass, among other accomplishments.

Trustee Ciavattone is a 40-year Bellwood resident and has been a member of St. Simeon Church for 40 years and an usher for 20 years. He has chaired multiple village committees, including Public Works, Communications and Public Safety, and been active as a block captain in the Neighborhood Watch program.

Prior to his election, he worked for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency before retiring last December; he also operated a successful automotive repair business. Committed to giving back to the community, the trustee is a member of the NAACP, and a life member of VFW Post 5081 and the Vietnam Veterans of America, among many civic and community affiliations.

Trustee Ciavattone is focusing on economic development and programs for seniors and adults, in addition to bringing new retail and housing to St. Charles Road and 25th Avenue.



Trustee Michael J. Ciavattone

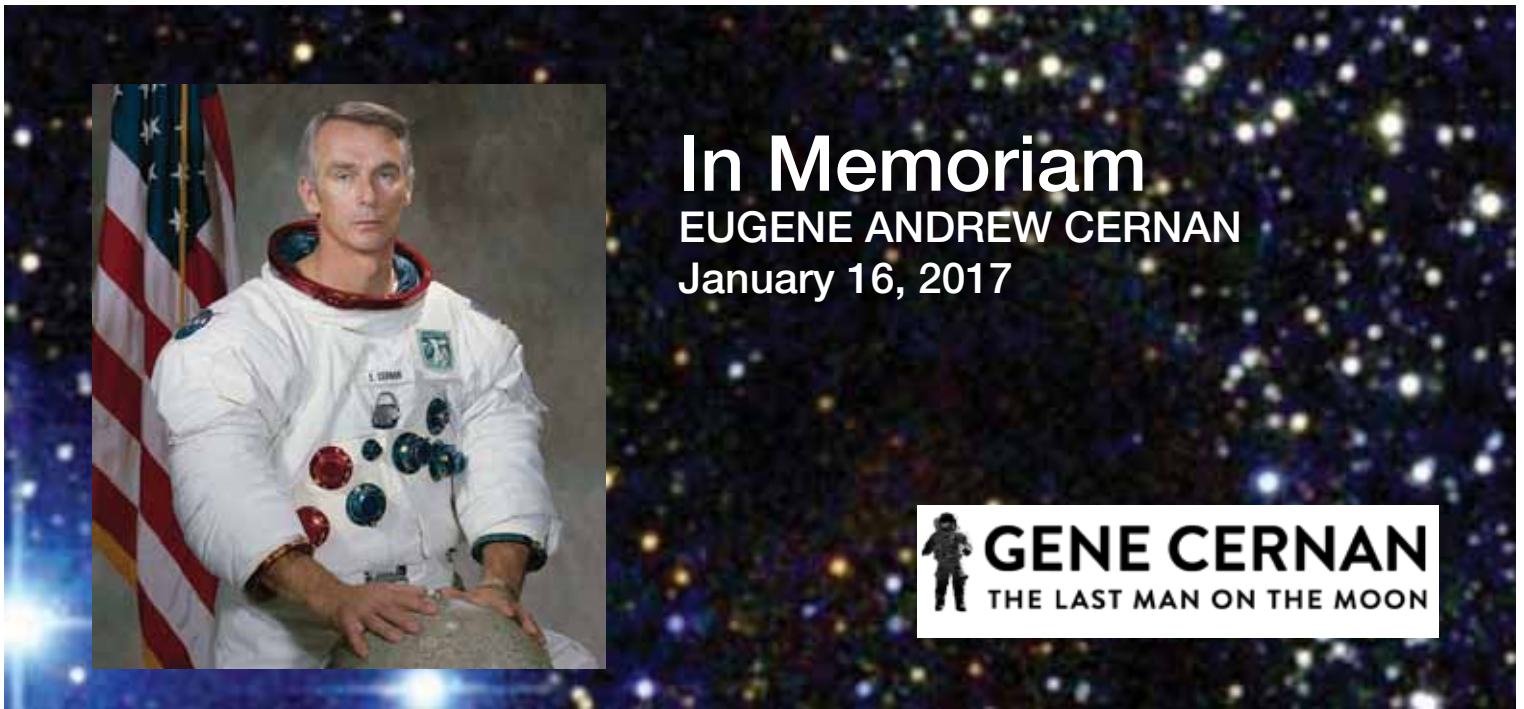
Meet New Bellwood Firefighter James Holloway



As a kid James Holloway played with fire trucks, which became a passion and as he learned more about the life of a firefighter and firefighting as a career. Soon it was apparent the field would become his dream career.



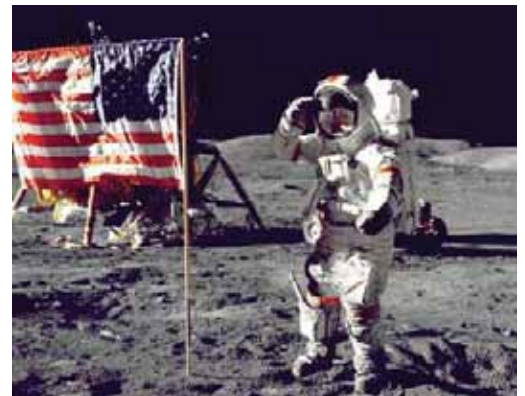
Now a Bellwood firefighter, Holloway can act on his desire to help people in need and demonstrate a temperament to handle tense and stressful situations. His hobbies and interests include personal training as a fitness coach, rock climbing, fishing, camping, hunting, scuba diving, snowboarding, mountain biking and sky diving.



Astronaut Eugene Andrew Cernan, the last person to walk on the moon, died on Jan. 16. He was 82. The one-time Bellwood resident was commander of NASA's Apollo 17 mission and on his third space flight when he set foot on the lunar surface. On December 14, 1972, he became the last of only a dozen men to walk on the moon. He traced his only child's initials in the dust before climbing the ladder of the lunar module the last time.

"Even at the age of 82, Gene was passionate about sharing his desire to see the continued human exploration of space and encouraged our nation's leaders and young people to not let him remain the last man to walk on the Moon," his family said in a statement released by NASA.

Cernan was born in 1934 in Chicago and graduated from Proviso Township. A documentary about his life, "The Last Man on the Moon," was released in 2016. Cernan logged 566 hours and 15 minutes in space, more than 73 hours of them on the moon's surface.





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P R E S E N T S T H E



Annual

BLACK HISTORY

Program

**A PROUD PAST,
A PROSPEROUS FUTURE**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

4:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M.

**FEATURING LOCAL SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED**

**Save The Date: Bellwood Neighborhood
Watch Scholarship Fund**

The Bellwood Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Fund hosts its 2nd Annual Walk-a-Thon on Saturday, April 22 to secure donations for scholarships that will be presented to qualified college-bound village residents. For more information, visit the scholarship fund's Facebook page.

february calendar

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| 1 | 2017-18 Vehicle Stickers on Sale | 14 | Valentine's Day |
| 2 | Eisenhower Adult Fitness Free Open House, 6:20 p.m.
Groundhog Day | 15 | Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Fire and Police Commission, 5:30 p.m. |
| 4 | Senior Valentine Ball, Villa Brunetti Banquets, 5:30 p.m. | 20* | Presidents' Day |
| 13 | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.
Eisenhower Kid, Tweens @ Teen Free Open House, 6:45 p.m. | 26 | Annual Black History Month Program. Eisenhower Community Center, Hillside, 4-6 p.m. |
- *Village Hall closed

