



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK by Frank A. Pasquale

I'm happy to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

Last year was a time for "behind-the-scenes" action as we continued our plans for a major re-generation of our Village. The depressed economy has taken – and still is taking – a toll on major companies' and small business' interest and ability to expand. That reality is affecting the entire country, including Bellwood, but we're working hard and smart to show potential investors and developers why Bellwood is a great place to do business.

We will continue working to reduce expenses and improve

services. My administration has made a priority of economizing with limited sacrifices to stay within the budget and anticipated revenue. As a result, in 2010 our management will allow for the start of permanent public improvements, development and redevelopment projects, and initiatives that will move from the planning stages to the realization phase. Together we look forward to a New Year of exciting change and the prospect of a rejuvenated Village.

Again, on behalf of my entire administration, we wish you and your family peace and prosperity, health and happiness in the New Year!

Best Buy Presents Community Grant For Computer Centers

At Bellwood's Nov. 25 board meeting, Jack Stonebraker, general manager of Best Buy's Melrose Park store, presented the Village with a \$7,000 check to enhance access to technology and computer literacy at the Bellwood Computer Resource Centers to Tonita LeShore, community development director. The funding is for one of the computer education programs that brings technology to low-income children and teenagers in grades 1-12. Best Buy's support will help participants take advantage of the educational and economic tools and opportunities available through computers.



Bellwood's Cameras Catch Crime

When it comes to the "eyes in the sky," the surveillance cameras that effectively help Bellwood's police officers monitor more than location at once, the proof is easy to see.

Since their installation, the cameras have consistently assisted the Police Department in solving crimes and preventing incidents by covering areas around town that have been the site of disruptive activity. They have captured numerous auto accidents in which the driver's fault would not have been proven without video footage. In addition, the state's attorney routinely issues subpoenas for video footage that captures incidents.

Here are just a few of the many examples of how the surveillance cameras continue to improve safety and security and act as a valuable tool for the police by capturing footage of:

- A vehicle involved in a hit-and-run accident
- Traffic accident at Mannheim Road and St. Charles
- Shots fired from vehicles
- A juvenile being struck by a car
- A DUI arrest in which the suspect is seen swaying as he stood
- Aggravated discharge of firearm at 47th & Randolph
- A vehicle illegally driving around a school bus with the warning bar extended
- A rollover accident involving a semi-tractor, which ran a red light a struck a vehicle
- A suspect committing criminal damage to property at the Metra station

IMPORTANT BELLWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

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) 547-3509

TDD (hearing impaired)
(708) 547-0011

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First-Time Homebuyer & Foreclosure Prevention Seminars

To assist Bellwood homeowners who are interested in becoming a first-time homebuyer or for current homeowners facing foreclosure challenges, the West Cook Homeownership Center in conjunction with the Village will present a series of two-hour seminars this year in the Community Room at the Village Hall. All seminars are from 7 – 9 p.m.

First-Time Homebuyer Seminar

Tuesday, Feb. 16
 Tuesday, April 20
 Tuesday, May 18
 Tuesday, June 15
 Tuesday, Aug. 17
 Tuesday, Sept. 21
 Tuesday Oct. 19

Foreclosure Prevention Seminar

Tuesday, March 16
 Tuesday, July 20
 Tuesday Nov. 16

Attention Parents

Parents, how many times have you observed your child sit down to study and end up daydreaming? Concentration is the key to memorizing. Here are some helpful techniques to help students.

Improve Your Memory:

1. Read from general to specific – have them skim the entire chapter prior to reading it. This gives them a better idea on what to expect (no surprises).
2. Make the subject matter more meaningful – relate new material to what they already learned.
3. Create associations – fit new material into your child's daily activities.
4. Be physical in memorizing – learn the material with the intention that they will be the teacher. Encourage them to stand up and read aloud.
5. Visualize the subject – let them create pictures in their mind, draw pictures and diagrams, use their imagination. Be creative.
6. Recite and repeat – encourage your child to read aloud, then recite it. Learning is easier to comprehend when they can see and hear.
7. Reduce all interference – when studying, find a quiet place free from all distractions.
8. Over learn the material – besides reading their school text, view other books regarding the same subject. Seek other opinions.
9. Be aware of their attitude – be positive about the subject material. Their attitude influences their learning (positive and negative).
10. Limit study sessions – avoid cramming and long study sessions to eliminate wasting time. Take regular breaks with a reward or treat.

The next lesson will be on Reading.

By Dr. Frank A. Pasquale, who each month will offer advice and ideas to parents and guardians to help your child achieve success in school.



PROUDLY PRESENTS the 6th ANNUAL SENIOR VALENTINE BALL

Let's show our seniors how much we love and appreciate them.

Place: Villa Brunetti Banquets, 9755 West Grand Ave. Franklin Park

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010

Time: 5:00 p.m. until 12:00 Midnight
 Dinner served promptly at 6:00 p.m.

D.J. Entertainment Cash Bar

Tickets: \$30.00 Each
 For tickets call (708) 547-3500 ext. 1600

TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY JANUARY 30, 2010

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!
 NO RESERVED SEATING!**

Paying too much for phone service?



Bring your phone bill to receive a FREE analysis by experts from the Citizens Utility Board

**10 a.m. to noon
 Thursday, Jan. 21**

**Bellwood Village Hall
 Community Room
 3200 Washington Blvd.
 Bellwood**

*Attendees will also get money-saving tips and information about CUB's newest tool: CUB Energy Saver.



The Citizens Utility Board (CUB) is a non-profit consumer group created by the State Legislature to fight for the rights of utility consumers throughout Illinois.

Resident Writes Letter of Thanks

Bellwood resident Bettye D. Wilson wrote the following words of thanks for a job well done by the Village:



"I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks to the Charlie Brown/Terrell crew who have been such a help to me and other Bellwood seniors. This crew has kept my lawn mowed and edged all summer. Today, they came and raked the trillion plus leaves and took them away. They are always courteous and thorough in getting the job done. It is very meaningful to have this wonderful service, especially since I am no longer able to take care of my yard as I used to. Please let these very helpful workers know how much they are appreciated!"

JANUARY CALENDER

- 1* New Year's Day
- 4 2010-11 Vehicle Stickers on sale
- 13 Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18* Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 21 Citizens Utility Board Event, 10 a.m.-noon, Village Hall
- 27 Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

*Village Hall closed; garbage will be picked up on following business day.



RECYCLING DATES
 January 6 & 20

