



MESSAGE FROM Mayor Frank A. Pasquale

On Feb. 6 we hosted one of the most awaited events in Bellwood, our Annual Senior Ball, and many of you joined us in celebrating the pioneers of this great town (look for coverage of the event in the next issue of the *Bellwood*

Community News newsletter). We continue to

hold our seniors in the high esteem they have earned and deserve, and salute their career contributions to their community, careers and the country.

On another note, the Cook County Tax Assessor's office has extended the deadline to assist seniors in completing the 2009

Senior Exemption Tax forms. On March 10, the Proviso Township Tax Assessor's office will host an outreach event for those needing assistance.

Finally, when I was first elected mayor in April 2001, I made a commitment to the people of Bellwood that my administration would have an open door policy and that as a team we would work to make Bellwood a vibrant and exciting community. My administration, with you, looks forward to continuing to foster growth and development, a diverse economy and a caring community where neighbors support each other and where families grow and prosper in a safe and healthy environment.

Bellwood Community Coin Laundry Now Open

The Feb. 6 grand re-opening of the new Bellwood Community Coin Laundry at 496 S. 25th Ave. attracted residents and well wishes to the multi-faceted new business. The laundry features improved machine maintenance, new vending machines and ATM, and a new wash and fold service, among many other amenities. Customers and their children can use four new computers as well as a children's book shelf reading area while tending to their clothes.



On hand to greet residents at the grand opening of the Bellwood Community Coin Laundry were (from left) Joe Stocking, owner; Tonita S. LeShore, Bellwood community development director; Mike Nivens; Marian Stocking; author Robert Renteria; Bellwood Mayor Frank A. Pasquale; and Power 92 radio personalities Shag and Tone.

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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Attention Parents

Studying presents interesting challenges to all students. A major problem your children face is staying focused and avoiding distractions when studying. The following study techniques will help your child become a better student and assist in reaching their future goals. "Pay attention to their attention."

How To Get The Most Out Of Studying

1. **Studying must be done daily. It will become a habit just like eating and sleeping.**
2. **The best time to study (homework) is immediately after school. Their classroom lectures and notes are still fresh in their mind.**

3. **Homework should be done in daylight hours. Darkness is a strong signal for sleeping.**
4. **Study their most difficult subjects first. Their mind is more eager and more alert.**
5. **Avoid long study sessions. Take short breaks to prevent boredom.**
6. **It is best to study at the same time and place daily. Again, it becomes a habit and more acceptable.**
7. **Don't get too comfortable. They are less likely to lose concentration or fall asleep.**
8. **Use the library – much more resource information.**
9. **Avoid physical and visual distraction; no phone calls, TV or radio.**
10. **When doing homework, inform family and friends to "do not disturb."**

Next lesson: Note-taking
By Dr. Frank A. Pasquale



Early Voting A Huge Success

More than 682 residents from Bellwood and citizens from across Cook County took advantage of early voting at the Village Hall from Jan. 11–28 to vote in the primary election on Feb. 2.

Bellwood has acted as an early site since early voting began in

Illinois in 2006. Village Clerk Lena Moreland, who oversees the process, believes that it increases turnout because it makes it more convenient to vote. In addition to the statistical evidence, voting rights groups whose primary concern is making voting as convenient as possible for voters believe that it gives voters significantly more time to complete their ballots or go to the polls. Election administrators prefer early voting because it allows them more time to process ballots, relieves strain on voting systems that occur on Election Day, cuts down long lines, and reduces the number of poll workers needed.

Proviso Assessor's Office Offers Assistance With Senior Freeze Exemption

To assist seniors with their 2009 Senior Exemption Forms, the Proviso Tax Assessor's Office will be at the Bellwood Village Hall on March 10. The Cook County Assessor's office has extended the deadline. Seniors whose total household income was no more than \$55,000 for the income tax year 2008 qualify for the 2009 Senior Freeze Exemption. Seniors applying for the first time should bring their recent property taxes along with one of these valid forms of proof of age: Illinois Driver's License (both sides) or Illinois Identification card. If you have any questions, call Tonita S. LeShore at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1512.

Boys & Girls Club Hosts Annual Dinner

The West Cook County Boys & Girls Club hosts "Hooray for Hollywood," its Annual Dinner Dance and Silent Auction, on March 13 at the Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook. This year, the club will also

celebrate 51 years of service to the community. The annual dance is one of three major fundraisers the club holds each year and provides a great opportunity for everyone to show support for the club and the young people of our communities.

Tickets are \$90 each. Tables of 10 are available for \$900. For more information, if you want to contribute a raffle or auction prize or make a donation to sponsor a member of the club, contact the Boys & Girls Club's administrative office at (708) 547-6960. Or you can mail to P.O. Box 183, Bellwood, Ill., 60104 to RSVP by March 5. To make a donation online, visit www.bgcwestcook.org.

Memorial Park Spartans Seeks Coaching Staff

The Memorial Park Spartans are seeking to fill positions for administrators and football and cheer coaches for the upcoming 2010 football season. For more information on joining the Spartan family, contact Mario Golden at (708) 547-5400 Ext. 4.

Sign Up For Memorial Park Recreational Activities

Get active and have fun by signing up for preschool and youth and adult activity programs at Memorial Park. Call (708) 547-3900 Ext. 4.

Disaster Grants Available

The Cook County Disaster Grant has been established to assist businesses, families and individuals who were impacted by the severe storms and flooding that occurred from Sept. 13 – Oct. 5, 2008. For more information on eligibility guidelines, an application and answers to frequently asked questions, call (312) 603-7600 or visit www.cookcountydisastergrant.org.

MARCH CALENDER

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| 10 | Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| 18 | Proviso Township Tax Assessor's Outreach, 10 a.m. – 12:00 noon, Village Hall Board Room |
| 24 | Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m. |



RECYCLING DATES
March 3 & 17

