



# UPDATE

## MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

As our residents know, the village paid its heartfelt respect to the family and friends of James Davis, one of our part-time police officers, and his lovely wife, Diva, who lost their lives in a tragic domestic incident on March 2.



I knew James for more than 40 years and we even shared the same babysitter. It was truly an honor to speak and represent Bellwood at the funeral service. As I said in my remarks, officer Davis truly was my hero, and if he was a hero, Diva was a “hero-ess.” The loss of all law enforcement and fire personnel is a loss to an entire community as their role as valued first responders benefits everyone in one way or another. We honor and respect their dedicated service and selfless commitment.

Sadly, the village also recently lost another bright light: Bishop George Hagler, founder of True Vine Church of God in Christ, which he established in 1972 in Chicago and moved to Bellwood in 1988. Like my relationship with Officer Davis, I knew Bishop

Hagler for more than 40 years and greatly respected and admired his commitment to Bellwood. Before his passing, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle and others joined me in honoring him at the village’s Annual Black History Month Celebration. It was a privilege to share my thoughts at his service as mayor and a fellow Bellwoodian.



Finally, on an uplifting note, residents can look forward to a bigger, better and longer Taste of Bellwood festival this summer on Aug. 10, 11 and 12. We’ve added an additional day and an exciting new feature: fireworks. Mark your calendar and get ready for a food- and fun-filled time.

## Proviso West Honors Student-Athletes With Retired Jerseys



The athletic and academic success of Philadelphia 76ers forward Robert Covington and WNBA standouts Khara Smith and her cousin Charlene Smith (both former DePaul University players) was recognized by Proviso West High School when their alma mater retired the jerseys of all three former Bellwood residents.

As a Proviso West senior in 2008–09, Covington led Proviso West to the West Suburban Championship and was an All-Area and All-Conference first-team honoree. He played for four years at Tennessee State University and moved to the NBA where he has also played for the Houston Rockets.

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### IMPORTANT BELLWOOD 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) 547-3500**

## Fire Department Announces Promotion

Nick Amato was sworn in as a lieutenant in the Bellwood Fire Department during a Feb. 21 ceremony at the Village Hall. Lt. Amato, a 20-year veteran of the department, was raised in Bellwood and attended McArthur Middle School and St. Joseph High School.



## Students Rewarded With Gift Card For A's

High-achieving students from Sunny-side Elementary and McArthur Middle schools recently received gift cards from Bellwood Mayor Andre Harvey and Village Clerk Janel Moreland for earning an A in select classes as a part of the village's Gift Cards For A's program that rewards students for diligence in school.



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A three time All-American, Khara Smith was selected in the third round of the WNBA draft by the San Antonio Silver Stars. Charlene played five years professionally including time with the Houston Comets.

"We are incredibly proud of how these student-athletes have achieved great success through athletics and college scholarships," said Mayor Andre Harvey. "They certainly are role models who have set a great example for our youth to follow."



## Illinois Secretary of State Mobile Unit

FRIDAY, APRIL 13  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Village Hall - Boardroom 3200 Washington Blvd.

Residents must have proper identification for the following services that will be offered:

- Driver's license renewal, duplicate and correction
- Commercial driver's license renewal or duplicate
- Identification cards issuance, renewal or duplicate
- Vehicle stickers for cars and pick-up trucks
- License plate renewal stickers
- Organ/tissue donor registration



CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION  
(708) 547-5300 Ext. 1512  
[www.vil.bellwood.il.us](http://www.vil.bellwood.il.us)

## Firefighters Climb For Health

Eight members of the Bellwood fire and police departments climbed 94 floors of the Hancock Building in Chicago On Feb. 25 as part of the Hustle Up The Hancock fundraiser to raise funds for the Respiratory Health Association.



The event is one of Chicago's most iconic winter fitness events having raised more than \$16 million for the local fight against lung disease.

## Bellwood and Pan American Bank Nourish The Community

Bellwood Village Clerk Janel Moreland joined staff from Pan American Bank & Trust to pack and donate food to benefit The Night Ministry, which brings accessible, compassionate healthcare to individuals and families who might be unable or ineligible to get services elsewhere.

The ministry's mobile approach focuses on serving neighborhoods with high concentrations of poverty and homelessness. The service responds to the neighborhoods' most immediate needs by providing food, medical care, hygiene supplies and a sense of community.



Mayor André F. Harvey  
invites you to

Senior's

# Mother's Day Breakfast

Saturday, May 12, 2018  
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Best Western Hotel, Lafayette Room  
4400 Frontage Rd., Hillside

Featuring live entertainment!

**Tickets: \$10**

Seating is first come, first served. Purchase tickets before April 30. For any questions contact Village Clerk Janel Moreland at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1103 or [jmoreland@vil.bellwood.il.us](mailto:jmoreland@vil.bellwood.il.us)



Village of  
**BELLWOOD**  
*Your Family Is Our Future*

(Students Rewarded With Gift Card For A's continued)



# 2018 Summer YOUTH WORK PROGRAM

Applications will be distributed **ONLY** on:

**Date:** Friday, April 20, 2018

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**Place:** Village Hall Community Room – Room 211

To apply you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a **BELLWOOD** resident
- You must be 14 – 16 years of age

To be considered you must return the **completed** application along with the following items:

- A **copy** of your Birth Certificate
- A **copy** of your Social Security Card
- A **current** Water Bill with your mother/father/legal guardian's name on the bill
- A **signed** Work Permit by the student/parent/legal guardian and an authorized official

Work permits for students 14-15 years old should be taken by the student and/or parent/legal guardian to be processed by an authorized official at Proviso West High School Office (main office) between April 24 – 27 and May 1 - 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All completed applications and the required documents must be returned to the Village Clerk's Office no later than Friday, May 4th by 5:00 p.m. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Bellwood Residents ... Mark Your Calendar!

**BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP**

**THURSDAY APRIL 19, 7 P.M.**  
Bellwood Village Hall, Community Room, 2nd Floor

**WE WILL DISCUSS...**

\*Presentations on elder abuse and online safety



**Call the Anonymous Tip Hotline: (708) 544-5961**

For more information, call Police Commander, William Goodrum at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1330

Great opportunity to meet, greet and show support for Bellwood's police officers!

Comments, feedback and suggestions are welcome. Hope to see you there!

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## How Secure Is Your Home?

A representative of the Bellwood Police Department will be conducting home security checks to give homeowners advice on the areas around their home that may be vulnerable to theft.



To schedule an appointment, call or email Commander William Goodrum at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1330 or at [wgoodrum@vil.bellwood.il.us](mailto:wgoodrum@vil.bellwood.il.us).

## APRIL CALENDAR

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| 1  | Easter   | 18 | Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.                              |
| 2  | Yard Waste & Branch Pickup Begins                              | 22 | Earth Day  |
| 9  | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.                              | 30 | Hydrant Flushing Begins<br>2017-18 Vehicle Stickers Expire |
| 13 | Secretary of State Mobile Unit, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., Village Hall |    |  |



**PLEASE RECYCLE!**

