



UPDATE

Birthday Commemoration for Police Officer James Davis

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

As 2018 draws to a close, I want to reflect on the year in Bellwood. We worked hard to meet our challenges and because of sound financial management and revenue growth, again we did not raise taxes. Through a strong community network, we accomplished much, including the opening of the Thornton's gas station, Club 717 and Oak Street Health. We will continue to work smart to bring more businesses to Bellwood to drive economic development.

Other significant milestones were our partnerships with District 88, Memorial Park District, Bellwood Public Library, Boys & Girls Club and other organizations in Proviso Township. My administration continues to focus on infrastructure projects to advance residents' safety and health, and to that end, we are focused on road resurfacing and new lighted street signs. Next year, we will continue with the lighted street sign project along Mannheim Road as well as start the St. Charles Road Streetscape Transit-Oriented Project.

I am fortunate to work with dedicated men and women in my administration, and I must acknowledge the outstanding work of Village Clerk Janel Moreland, the Board of Trustees and the department heads who help us offer innovative programs and activities. I commend them for their insight and important support of the Taste of Bellwood, Pink Divas & Gents breast cancer walk/run and Meet the Mayor events, among other offerings. I also am proud of our public safety professionals who raised funds in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, and our firefighters who participated in the Hustle Up The Hancock fundraiser. I'm also grateful for the other events we hosted, participated in and supported this year.

On behalf of the Harvey family and my administration, I wish each of you a safe and peaceful holiday and a happy, healthy New Year.



Family, friends and residents joined in a balloon release on Oct. 26 to commemorate the birthday of the late Bellwood police sergeant James Davis.

The respected officer's son, Russell, and daughter, Alexis, released balloons in his honor and were joined by their father's colleagues in the Bellwood Police Department.



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

Senior Suites of Bellwood Celebrates Halloween

The seniors at the independent living community at Randolph Court donned costumes on Oct. 27 and enjoyed a fun-filled dinner, dancing and music organized by 3201 Committee President Bonnie Dotson and several residents.



Bellwood resident Angela Cook, who was dressed as a wolf, won for best costume. Residents also won prizes playing bingo, enjoyed an open bar, were treated to candy and danced with Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey. Special thanks to Adrian, the facility manager, and Earlene Dotson of Symone's Catering.

Proviso West Hosts Career Expo

On Oct. 24, the College and Career Academies of Proviso West held a Career Expo featuring several businesses and industry leaders who showcased their experience and expertise through hands-on demonstrations.



Proviso West Principal Nia Abdullah noted, "The expo was to build bridges between the students and vendors and make sure students are exposed to different career options. The students and teachers were excited to compare the classroom to the outside world and what students will need to do to succeed."

ComEd Donates School Supplies To Thurgood Marshall School



On Nov. 7, Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey, District 88 Superintendent Mark Holder and Thurgood Marshall School Principal Sarah Kilgore accepted a donation of school supplies and gift cards from ComEd for students in the district. ComEd returned to the school on Nov. 16 and provided additional school supplies.

On hand from ComEd were: Nicole Owens (director); Jamil Muhummad (External Affairs); Richard Shaw (CARE center manager); and employees Calandre Smith, April Evans and Bradley Schumacher.

Oak Street Health Opens First Proviso Location in Bellwood



Oak Street Health, a Chicago-based network of primary health care centers for Medicare patients, held a grand opening on Nov. 15 for a new facility at 456 S. 25th Ave. in Bellwood.

"Patients will have access to door-to-door transportation, along with unique programming, including fitness classes, computer lessons, educational opportunities and movie screenings to foster relationships and build community," the company announced.

Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey said, "They're a great company that is on the move. Our seniors are getting something great and we are happy that they are here to help." Participants at the opening included Victoria Prewitt, Oak Street Health's community relations manager; Brad Minkow, regional vice president; Bob Trinh, president of Oak Street Health's Illinois division; Maywood Mayor Edwenna Perkins; Bellwood Village Clerk Janel Moreland; and Bellwood Trustee Michael Ciavattone.



Village Donates Hats and Gloves To District 88 Students

The Bellwood Fire and Police departments donated hats and gloves on Oct. 25 to District 88 students. Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey, Village Clerk Janel Moreland, Police Chief Jimenez Allen and Fire Chief Doug Dombek spread warmth to District 88 students and received gratitude from Superintendent Mark Holder and district staff.



Seniors Host State Rep. Juliana Stratton

During her campaign to become Illinois lieutenant governor, then Rep. Juliana Stratton greeted seniors from Proviso Township on Oct. 25 at the Cement Masons Training Center to address relevant topics and answer their questions.



Protecting Yourself During the Holiday Season – And Everyday



Any house or car can be burglarized. However, many times theft can be prevented by taking a few precautions:

- Always lock your car doors when you leave the vehicle, even when parked at home.
- Do not leave valuable items in your car, especially overnight.
- When unloading items from your car, don't leave your vehicle open while you take items inside.
- When you are out shopping, hide valuables, even small ones.
- Do not let thieves know what you buy; do not put the boxes they came in out on the curb in plain sight with the trash and recycle. Break the boxes into pieces and place them in the bottom of the bin.
- Don't let mail or papers stack up while you're away; stop mail and newspaper delivery when you go out of town. Call the U.S. Postal Service at (800) 275-8777 to request a vacation hold.
- Ask a neighbor or friend to remove door hangers, business cards or other advertising left on your doorstep.
- Ask a neighbor to bring your garbage cans in if you leave on trash collection day.
- Don't leave a hidden key outside.
- Don't give keys to service people.
- Install exterior lighting, and consider using a motion sensor so lights come on unexpectedly.
- Record serial numbers and photograph household valuables.
- Place a radio or TV on a timer and the volume up loud enough to be heard from outside.
- Lower the sound of your telephone ringer or answering machine so that it can't be heard outside.
- Never leave notes on your door indicating you are gone.
- Forward your home phone to your cell phone. Thieves will sometimes call your home to see if you are there.
- Do not invite strangers into your home, including uninvited carpet cleaning salespeople and young magazine salespeople who may be there to case the house.



Handymen Help During The Holidays

Are you ready for the holidays?

Call the Proviso Township Handyman Program and we will help bring out your decorations. The program serves homeowners over age 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township. Call us at (708) 547-4001 to register.

Ferrara Pan USA Sponsors “Trunk or Treat”

Children accompanied by their parents safely enjoyed Ferrara Pan’s 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 25 hosted by the Memorial Park District at The Center at Stevenson’s parking lot.

The Touch A Truck display featuring Bellwood department vehicles allowed children dressed in costumes to visit trucks filled with candy provided by Ferrara Pan. Mayor Andre F. Harvey, Village Clerk Janel Moreland and staff from the fire, police and street departments joined the Bellwood Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management and District 88 in passing out treats.



Cook County Board of Review Comes to Bellwood



Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Larry R. Rogers Jr. hosted an outreach event on Nov. 7 for filing of property tax appeals for more than 80

Board of Review staffers assisted attendees with filling out assessed valuation appeal forms. The event was co-hosted by the Proviso Township Tax Assessor Steven J. Zawaski; representatives from Recorder of Deeds Karen Yarbrough’s office and New York Life Insurance Company also participated.

Tiny Mites Win Division Championship

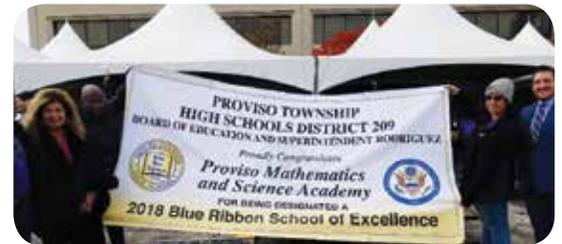


Hearty congratulations were in order at the Nov. 21 Bellwood board meeting in recognition of the Memorial Park Spartans Tiny Mites football team winning the Pop Warner MidAmerica Region Championship in Michigan City, Indiana.

The Tiny Mites beat the LaPorte Indiana Sliders 35-0 on Nov. 10. The team was coached by Donald Mims who filled in for head coach Jerome Mayfield. Bellwood elected officials, parents and guests joined in showing their support for the team at the board meeting.

Proviso Math & Science Academy Receives Blue Ribbon Award

Local elected officials and other dignitaries recently congratulated students at Proviso Math and Science Academy for receiving the National Blue Ribbon on Nov. 8 in Washington, D.C.



Presented by the U.S. Department of Education, the program honors outstanding schools across the country and celebrates systemic excellence in schools that effectively close student achievement gaps.

The Blue Ribbon distinction is the highest award a school can receive; less than one-third of 1 percent of eligible schools receives it each year. All Blue Ribbon recipients maintain a proven record of quality. PMSA students earned extraordinary scores in the ACT, PARCC, SAT, National Merit Scholarship and Advanced Placement participation and performance.

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Snow Route Restrictive Parking Enforcement Begins 3 Hanukkah Begins 5 Free Tree Lighting Festival, Eisenhower Community Center, 6-8 p.m. 8 16th Annual Breakfast With Santa, Best Western Hotel, 8:45 a.m. 10 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. 14 Yard Waste & Branch Pickup Ends | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Christmas Basket Giveaway 19 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. 21 Winter Begins 25* Christmas 26 Kwanzaa Begins <p><i>*Village Hall will be closed.</i></p> |
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