



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

**JULY**  
**2018**

# UPDATE

## MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

We all know that the school year has ended but summer is always an ideal time for our students to become an active part of their community. We want our youth to enjoy a fun, safe summer and get a summer job to strengthen their work ethic. It is important to gain workplace experience and meet adults who can support our youth. Everyone wins when our youth become outstanding students, citizens and ambassadors for Bellwood.

Speaking of youth, I look forward to the Gift Card For A's program and congratulating our students in 3rd – 8th grades who earned A's on their report card in the fourth grading period when we distribute Target gift cards on July 17 and 19 in the Village Hall Board Room.

We are excited to announce that a new Bellwood website will debut later this month with a bold new design and updated features. The new website will be informative and easy to use on smartphones and tablets, including paying your water bill and contacting Bellwood departments with your questions or concerns. The web address will be the same as the current website: [www.vil.bellwood.il.us](http://www.vil.bellwood.il.us).



Finally, our plans are coming together for next month's Taste of Bellwood festival on Aug. 10-12. Make sure you mark your calendar to join us for great food and fun in our own backyard as we are excited to add

a third day to this year's Taste based on the huge success of last year's event..

## Summer Youth Work Program Kicks Off



The village kicked off its Summer Youth Work Program on June 11 by providing more than 23 teens ages 14-16 with a leg up in the job market.

Village Clerk Janel Moreland, program coordinator, is supported by six supervisors and Public Works employees Tyran Robinson and Glen Allen who gather for a morning roll call Monday – Friday in front of the village hall.

The youth workers are scheduled to work for three weeks at various locations as they travel on the Summer Youth Work Program bus to paint curbs and beautify the town. The Public Works and Water Department provided six young adults ages 17-21 with the



### 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

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opportunity to learn how to maintain the town's infrastructure including street patching, tree trimming, trash pick-up, fire hydrant and curb painting under the direction of Marty Walker, director of Public Works, and supervision of Arnie Brown Jr., assistant superintendent.

## Cook County Hosts Community Conversation

In collaboration with West Central Municipal Conference, Loyola University Health System and Proviso-Leyden Council for Community Action, Mayor Andre Harvey hosted a Community Conversation on May 30 to develop a policy-driven, four-year strategic plan that included views from residents and community residents.



Under the direction of Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinckle, the conversation addressed an array of topics, including healthy, open, sustainable, vital, smart, and safe and thriving communities. County officials assured residents of their commitment to collaborating with Bellwood and ensuring that needed services are being offered.

## Mayor Receives Most Distinguished Men of Illinois Award

Mayor Andre F. Harvey received a Most Distinguished Men in Illinois Award and was inducted into the class of 2018 on June 2 during an honor-filled ceremony.



Earlier this year, members of Continuing Academic Training Children and Youth Services Inc., a Chicago-based not for profit, and a committee of anonymous community leaders reviewed nominations of outstanding men. Requirements included outstanding leadership in fostering the growth and development of urban youth and their families in the context of their respective professional occupations. Mayor Harvey was among the 27 men chosen.

## Law Enforcement Hits The Streets for Special Olympics Torch Run

Mayor Andre Harvey, Police Chief Jimenez Allen, Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson, along with Bellwood, Broadview, Forest Park, Maywood and Westchester police officers, firefighters and public servants, hit the streets on June 9 to participate in one leg of the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run, a nationwide initiative to raise money and gain awareness for athletes who compete in the Special Olympics.



Thanks to the Law Enforcement Torch Run and its corporate sponsors, Special Olympics Illinois is able to reach more athletes and offer them more year-round training and competition opportunities.

## CEDA Intake Comes to Bellwood

In partnership with Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago, CEDA Weatherization conducted an application intake event for Rebuilding Together Bellwood participants to improve the homes and quality of life of Cook County residents. Weatherization application intake opened on July 2. For more information, call CEDA at (800) 571-2332.



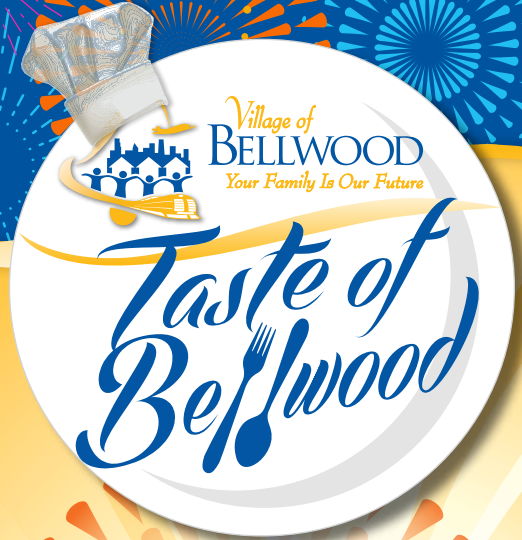
## Mayor Receives Leader of the Year Award

“Chambers United in Excellence” was the theme on June 6 at Triton College as the Bellwood, Maywood, Broadview and Melrose Park Chambers of Commerce hosted the Annual Proviso Township Joint Chambers of Scholarship and Awards Banquet where honorees were Mayor Andre F. Harvey (Civic Leader of the Year); Nicor Gas (Business of the Year); and Pastor Pamela Lawrence (Community Person of the Year).



The Chamber also presented \$1,000 scholarships to six deserving young people: John Dawson, Proviso Math & Science Academy; Joseph Douglas, Proviso East High School; Chelsea James, Proviso Math & Science Academy; Kayla Mendoza, Proviso Math & Science Academy; Shalisha Hill, Proviso West High School; and Talia Robinson, Proviso Math & Science Academy.

VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD PROUDLY PRESENTS



**3 DAYS  
AUGUST  
10, 11 & 12**

**JOIN US TO CELEBRATE  
OUR 2ND ANNUAL TASTE**

**MEET US FOR SOME FUN**

**FRIDAY** AUGUST 10, 6-10 PM

**SATURDAY**, AUGUST 11, 12-10 PM

**SUNDAY**, AUGUST 12, 12-9 PM

**FAMILY FRIENDLY & FAMILY AFFORDABLE**

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VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD ON WASHINGTON BLVD.

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FIREWORKS**

**ALL FOOD ITEMS COST \$3 OR LESS!**

## Important Details: Gift Cards For A's Program

Gift cards for the fourth quarter marking period will **ONLY** be distributed on Tuesday, July 17 and Thursday, July 19 from 3-5 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room. Bellwood students and parents and guardians must remember the following important details:

- Bellwood has partnered with Target stores to encourage students in 3rd – 8th grades who earn A's for academic excellence on their report card in the **fourth grading period ONLY**.
- For each "A" a student earned in **English, math, reading, science and social studies classes ONLY**, they will receive a \$5 Target gift card.
- Bellwood students who attend a school in Districts 87 or 88 or, a school outside of the village and who earn A's on their report card can be rewarded for their excellence.
- Gift cards are presented when the student and a parent or guardian presents a qualifying report card along with proof of residency.
- Report cards can only be presented once per grading period.

## Mayor Donates to Proviso West Boys Relay Team

Proviso West High School track stars Gregory Williamson, Kavon Williams, Derrick Cosby and Katrell Askins – along with Sondra Hamlin (aka "Track Mom") – celebrated their victory in the state 4x400 relay race with a donation from Mayor Andre F. Harvey for support at the New Balance National Track and Field Championship in Greensboro, North Carolina. They competed against other top track and field athletes there, and were watched by college scouts. The team is coached by Johnny Jenkins.



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### Free Immunizations Coming To Bellwood

Loyola University Medical Center's Ronald McDonald Mobile Unit and the Village of Bellwood are proud to host free immunizations, physical exams, sports physicals, blood pressure, hearing and vision screenings for children 3-18 years old.

**WHEN:** Friday, August 10, 2018

**WHERE:** Village of Bellwood Parking Lot

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Parents/guardians must complete consent forms and bring immunization records on the day of the appointment. Children 9 years and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

To schedule an appointment, please call Tonita LeShore at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1512.

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## Event Helps Residents Appeal Tax Bills

Proviso Township Tax Assessor Stephen J. Zawaski hosts a free community outreach event on July 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Bellwood Village Hall to support residents interested in pre-filing property tax appeals. Bring a copy of your tax bill. For details, call the Proviso Township Assessor's office: (708) 449-4304.

## Free Building Permits For Garage Repairs

Bellwood residents can receive a free permit during July from the Building Department for the following improvements: garage fascia, garage service door, garage overhead door and garage soffit. Work must be restricted to the garage. In order to receive a permit, all utility bills must be current and there cannot be any outstanding police tickets or building code violation fines.

## JULY CALENDAR

**1-31** Free Building Permits for Garage Repairs

**4\*** Fourth of July

**9** Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.  
 Memorial Park Kiddie Kamp Starts (Session 2 of 2)

**16** Water Restriction Begins (Ends Sept. 14)

**18** Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

**24** Tax Assessor Outreach, Village Hall, 6:30 p.m.

\*Village Hall will be closed.



**PLEASE RECYCLE!**

