



UPDATE

Appreciation and Awards Highlight Black History Celebration

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

It was both a personal pleasure and reassuring as mayor to see so many Bellwood residents of all ages come out to the village's annual Black History Celebration. We cannot emphasize enough the importance of understanding and respecting the history of African Americans in this country, and their invaluable contributions to all facets of society. Thank you to all of our youth participants, adults, volunteers and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle for her encouraging remarks.

There are always special events and activities happening in Bellwood, and I encourage our residents to stay informed and involved. Our goal is to continue to foster a strong feeling of community for everyone to share and enjoy. For example, in addition to the Black History Celebration, we had a great turnout of engaged residents at the most recent Meet The Mayor event at the Village Hall, and our seniors had a fantastic time at the Mardi Gras Seniors Masquerade Ball. I'm always encouraged by the academic excellence on display when I distribute the Target gift cards to our youth who perform well in school.

Finally, on behalf of the entire Bellwood family, I extend sincere condolences and prayers to all of the family members and friends who lost a loved one in the tragic shooting incident in Parkland, Fla. The unspeakable tragedy reminds us that protecting our youth at school must always remain a top priority. And when it comes to safety, always remember to be aware while you are in and around your car. Never leave your keys in your car or your car running when you are away.



Paying homage to past African-American trailblazers and honoring current influencers were the order of the day as more than 500 people gathered for the village's Annual Black History Celebration on Feb. 25 at the Eisenhower Community Center in Hillside.

Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey welcomed guests to a lively program highlighted by inspiring musical, dance and recital performances by local schools. The program, emceed by Bellwood Village Clerk Janel Moreland, also featured guest speaker Toni Preckwinkle, president of the

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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

Local Business Hosts Lunch For Seniors

Officials from Pan American Bank on St. Charles Road recently treated the seniors at the West Suburban Senior Center in Bellwood to lunch and a gift – and a great opportunity to socialize and network.



Register For The Pink Divas & Gents Breast Cancer 5K Walk & Run

The American Cancer Society estimates that



among women and men this year there will be 268,670 new cases of invasive breast cancer and 41,400 breast cancer deaths.

Here's what you can do to help fight a disease that impacts hundreds of thousands of people: Sign up today for the Pink Divas & Gents 5K Walk & Run that is set for Saturday, June 30 at the Bellwood Village Hall. Check in is from 8 - 9:15 a.m. and the walk/run kicks off at 9:30 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 per person and includes a T-shirt. Adults must register children age 10 and older. Donations and pledges are due by June 11. Registration materials are available now on the village website: vil.bellwood.il.us. For more information, contact Bellwood Village Clerk Janel Moreland at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1103.

(Black History Celebration continued)

Cook County Board of Commissioners.

In addition, community awards were presented to: Bishop George Hagler (Community Spiritual Leader Award); J. W. Scott (posthumously; Community Business Award); Michael Mark Holder (Community Education Award); Daisy Harmon-Allen (Community Humanitarian Award); Calvin Hightower (Community Champion Award); and Barbara Hightower (Community Champion Award).



Highlights From The Mardi Gras Seniors Masquerade Ball

More than 200 seniors – each of whom received a door prize and a mask – laughed and danced the night away at the festive Mardi Gras Seniors Masquerade Ball on Feb. 10 at the Best Western Hotel.



The seniors enjoyed a performance by Those Funny Little People and by recording artist Paula Williams of Royalty 1 Music. Each guest received a free raffle ticket for a chance to win a 55" smart TV that was won by Corey Holman.



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
RSVP by Monday April 30 to
Village Clerk Janel Moreland
at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 103



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BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

Strategic Project Management Honored For 25th Avenue Bridge

Strategic Project Management Inc., which manages economic projects for Bellwood, was recently honored by the American Council of Engineering Companies at its annual Excellence Awards for SPM's management of the 25th Avenue bridge project and for SPM's valuable contributions to the design of game-changing venture.

SPM was recognized by ACEC during a ceremony at the Bridgeport Art Center in Chicago that featured a red carpet reception attended by Mayor Rahm Emanuel and other guests. ACEC is the oldest and largest business association of engineering companies representing more than 600,000 individuals.

SPM President Peter Tsiolis said, "It was a great honor to be recognized for helping bring this incredible structure to the west inner circle communities. It took years of hard work, but seeing the positive results for the residents of Bellwood, Melrose Park and all the other communities in the area makes it all worth it."

Shining A Light On Grandparenting



Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey fondly recalled how his grandparents positively impacted almost every aspect of his life and the importance of grandparents to youth when he

visited with a group of grandparents on Feb. 2 during "The Joys and Challenges of Grandparents and Grand Friendships" class at the College of DuPage.



The class is taught by Helene Block Fields, an authority on intergenerational learning, and former Bellwood trustee Jan Beauchamp. Fields coined the termed "grand friends" to describe seniors who don't have their own biological grandchildren but who nevertheless play that important role in youth's lives.

Bellwood Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Fund

In Association with Memorial Park District

3rd Annual



SATURDAY APRIL 14, 2018

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

The Center at Stevenson Park

3105 Washington Blvd

Bellwood, IL 60104

Registration is only \$10

Prizes given to participants who raise \$500 or more in pledges!!!!

To register and for more information please email us at:

BNWSFC@gmail.com

You can also visit our FaceBook Page

Assistance Available From The Proviso Handyman's Office



Now is an ideal time to check the caulk around your tub and sinks. Leaky sinks mean higher water bills. Replace your furnace filter for a better air flow.

Get help with those needs and more by calling the Proviso Handyman Program at (708) 547-4001 to register for the program or schedule an appointment. The program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township.

MARCH CALENDAR

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| 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins | 21 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| 12 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.
Memorial Park Preschool Starts (Spring Session 4) | 29 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt, Eisenhower Community Center, Dusk or 8 p.m. |
| 15 Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m. | 30* Good Friday |
| 17 St. Patrick's Day | 31 Easter Eggs Scrambler, Stevenson Park, 10 a.m. |
| 20 Spring Begins | *Village Hall Closed |



PLEASE RECYCLE!

