



Village of
BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

AUGUST
2019

UPDATE

Highlights From Pink Divas & Gents Walk/Run

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

Ever since the debut of the Taste of Bellwood in August 2017, the event has grown by leaps and bounds, and now the extravaganza is undoubtedly a major success for our residents and businesses. As a matter of fact, I look forward to summer in Bellwood every year because it means we come together again for the Taste of Bellwood.

Be sure to mark your calendar to bring your friends and family to the 3rd Taste on August 9, 10 and 11 in front of the Bellwood Village Hall. The celebration will feature affordable food for \$3 or less, free parking, carnival rides, and great entertainment, including a Gospel Fest.

Don't forget to enjoy the Car & Bike Show on Aug. 10 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. where you will see some of the most meticulously detailed cars and bikes. And finally, we have scheduled the fireworks display for Aug. 11 at 8:30 p.m. and I hope to see you there as well.

On another note, I warmly welcome our students as they return to school this month and wish them well during this school year. I look forward to congratulating even more students in the upcoming school year as part of the village's Gift Card For A's program that rewards high-achieving students in 3rd – 8th grades for earning an A in selected courses.



Building on last year's success of the first Pink Divas & Gents Walk/Run, more than 330 walkers and runners participated in the June 29 event this year, an increase of 100 participants.

Their engaged support helped to produce \$2,500 in proceeds to show

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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

(Highlights From Pink Divas & Gents Walk/Run continued)

support and raise awareness for breast cancer that was presented by the Village of Bellwood to SWIO (Sisters Working It Out).

The event enjoyed the support of 11 vendors, including Firehouse Subs who provided sandwiches. Representatives of Title Max staffed a break station and handed out water, which was donated by Thornton's gas station. Break stations were located at St. Simeon's Church and at the Bellwood Computer Resource Center.



Retiring Police Officer Johnson Feted at Board Meeting



The Village of Bellwood and Bellwood Police Department celebrated a final farewell to Officer Jeanette Johnson on her retirement from the department after 29 years of outstanding service.



Officer Johnson was duly recognized and presented with a plaque at the June 18 board meeting that was attended by her family and some of her fellow police officers whom she impacted during her nearly three decades of service.

Proviso Tax Assessor Reaches Out To Residents

Dozens of Bellwood residents attended the Proviso Township Tax Assessor event on July 16 to appeal their tax bills and ask questions about their property taxes.



Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey welcomed the residents and noted that as a homeowner he is aware of the weight of property taxes. The village has not raised Bellwood's tax portion of the bill for the past eight years.

Assessor Steven Zawaski presented the importance of reading and understanding the tax bill, how the tax bill is calculated and the taxing bodies that comprise the taxes on your bill. Joining Zawaski were Roxanne Lesus, Marlene Arrendondo, Joe Gotch and Elizabeth Rodriguez.



We Serve
BELLWOOD LIONS CLUB

In Conjunction with



HOSTING A FREE HEARING CHECK
Have your hearing tested

Location: Village of Bellwood
3200 Washington Blvd.

Date: Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2019

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Mobile hearing unit on site:

Bellwood “Gifts” Achieving Local Students



More than 50 students in 3rd - 8th grade received gift cards on July 16 and 18 for their academic success during the fourth quarter of the 2018/19 school year as part of the village's Gift Cards For A's Program.



Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey congratulated the students and encouraged them to continue their academic success during the upcoming school year. He also thanked the parents and guardians for their presence and support in the students' learning and lives.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings Address Property Fraud Prevention, Detention Pond

Bellwood residents gained quality information and updates during the June and July Neighborhood Watch Meetings as the June 22 meeting featured a workshop on property fraud prevention by the Cook County Recorder of Deeds' office.



The July 18 meeting highlighted the detention Pond project at 25th Avenue and Washington Boulevard as presented by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.



Proviso Handyman Department

August

Time to replace your furnace filter in preparation for the fall months. Are you having problems with your door or gate locks? We can replace those for you! Call the Proviso Handyman office to schedule an appointment or to register for our program 708 547-4001. The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township.



Bellwood • Berkeley • Broadview • Brookfield • Forest Park • Hillside • LaGrange Park • Maywood • Melrose Park • Northlake • North Riverside • Stone Park • Westchester • Western Springs.

Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township

Michael A. Corrigan
Supervisor

Anthony "Tony" Williams **Steven J. Zawaski**
Clerk Assessor

Evelyn Chavez • Joseph Christopher • Mari Herrell • Clarence E Thomas
Trustees

Tips To Combat Mosquitoes and West Nile Virus

This year's cool spring suppressed production of the mosquito species involved in West Nile Virus (WNV) transmission and the WNV amplification cycle within the adult mosquito population.



However, the return of warm temperatures means conditions are ideal to reverse the trend. The Desplaines Valley Mosquito Abatement District encourages residents to look for potential mosquito breeding sources around the home, and take the following steps, among other precautions:

- 1) Throw away all trash that can hold water as cans, jars, bottles, etc.
- 2) Clean rain gutters/downspouts to prevent water from standing in gutters or on flat roofs.
- 3) Change water in bird baths, wading pools, etc. at least once a week.
- 4) Remove or turn over containers, buckets, wheel barrows, etc. which may accumulate water.
- 5) Screen rain barrels to prevent adult mosquitoes from depositing eggs on the water's surface.

If possible, avoid outdoor activities around dusk. If not possible, wear shoes, socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. Loose fitting, light colored clothing is best. Appropriate use of insect repellents per manufacturer's instructions is recommended to minimize mosquito bites. Window screens should be inspected and repaired if damaged to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home. In addition, any openings around window air conditioners, clothes dryer vents, etc., should be eliminated for the same reason. For more information, visit <http://www.desplainesvalleymad.com>.

Water Quality Report Now Available

The detailed Bellwood 2018 Water Quality Report is available to residents on the village's website (vil.bellwood.il.us) on the Water Department's page. During last year, as in years past, tap water in Bellwood met all USEPA and state drinking water health standards.

The report summarizes the quality of water provided last year, including details about where water comes from, what it contains and how it compares to standards set by regulatory agencies.



We Want To HEAR FROM YOU!

The monthly Bellwood **Update** newsletter and village website (www.vil.bellwood.il.us) deliver important – and sometimes fun – information to and about the village's residents and business owners ... and we always want to hear from you!

Send us stories about your family's accomplishments at work, in the community and in school to Bellwood Human Resources Director Tonita S. LeShore at tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us for consideration for the newsletter. Don't forget to attach a high-quality picture, if appropriate, that we can also consider.



Mayor André F. Harvey, Bellwood



Mayor Edwenna Perkins, Maywood



Village of Bellwood, Village of Maywood
and North West Housing Partnership
Present



Community Housing Fair

August 24, 2019, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Eisenhower Community Center, 700 Speechley Blvd., Hillside

Get valuable information and counsel from lenders, insurance companies, attorneys, realtors and others!

Featuring

- Elected Officials
- Wintrust Bank, Pan American Bank and other lenders
- State Farm and other insurance companies
- ReMax and other realtors
- New York Life and other finance representatives
- Attorneys
- Phoenix Real Estate Solutions and other home inspectors
- CEDA
- ComEd
- FEMA
- Illinois Housing Development Authority
- North West Housing Partnership
- Proviso Township Handyman Program
- AgeOptions and other senior service providers
- Cook County Recorder of Deeds and other government agencies

If you would like to be a vendor contact Tonita S. LeShore, Director of Human Resources at (708) 202-0312 or tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us.

AUGUST CALENDAR

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| <p>2 Ronald McDonald Immunization Unit Street Resurfacing Program Begins</p> <p>6 National Night Out</p> <p>4 Sharp Pool Closes</p> <p>9-11 Taste of Bellwood</p> <p>12 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.</p> | <p>15 Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> <p>17 Memorial Park Community Garage Sale)</p> <p>19 Memorial Park Ready For Preschoolers Begins</p> <p>21 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.</p> |
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