



UPDATE

Staff Celebrates Halloween At Village Hall

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

This year proved to be productive in the continued growth of Bellwood in more ways than one. While I am sure many of you join me in marveling at how quickly 2019 has passed, we can look back with great pride and a sense of accomplishment on how hard and smart we worked together to ensure Your Family Is Our Future.

Whether it was continuing partnerships with our local school districts; collaborating with the many generous, community-minded businesses that call Bellwood home; or working with the dozens of churches, nonprofits, other organizations in our community, we offered an array of special events, programs and activities that were of interest and service to residents of all ages.

Operating a well-run municipality means you must have dedicated professionals in your administration, and I am honored and grateful for the contributions and commitment from everyone in my administration. It is a pleasure to work alongside our Village Clerk Janel Moreland and the Board of Trustees to present such successful events as the Taste of Bellwood, Pink Divas & Gents breast cancer walk, Breakfast With Santa and the Christmas Basket Giveaway (for the less fortunate) and several other events.

On behalf of the entire Harvey family, I sincerely hope each of you had an enjoyable Thanksgiving as we all look forward to a blessed, peaceful holiday season and a prosperous New Year.



In the spirit of promoting teamwork among Bellwood employees and departments, Mayor André F. Harvey, Village Clerk Janel Moreland and the village's Human Resources and Building departments competed against the Finance department in a "Best Costume" contest on Oct. 31.

Members of the mayor's team dressed as Police Commander Kevin Davis and Marvel super heroes. Staff in the Finance Department dressed as characters from the "Incredibles" movies. The departments promoted teamwork, improved communication and inter-department cooperation while spotlighting creative talents among staff and building morale.



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

Celebrating Dia De Los Muertos



On Nov. 2, Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey, Memorial Park District Director Mark Flores and Memorial Park Commissioners Selena Martinez and Madalyn Arredondo helped in the fun activity of decorating sugar skulls for Dia De Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) and acknowledging how it is celebrated in the Latino communities around the world.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting Features Town Hall



The final 2019 neighborhood watch meeting on Oct. 17 was held in a town hall format to facilitate residents' questions and concerns for the village's various departments.

Panelists were Bellwood Police Commander William Goodrum, Police Chief Jiminez Allen, Fire Chief Doug Dombek, Raul Tinoco from the Building Department, Arnie Brown representing the Street Department and Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey. Also attending were Bishop Reginald Saffo, Bishop Thomas Clark IV and village trustees Jophelia Boston, Michael Ciavattone and Gloria Holman.

Residents Gain Property Tax Information



Bellwood residents attended a tax appeal outreach event for filing of property tax appeals on Nov. 19 at the Village Hall.

Presented by Cook County Board of Review Commissioner Larry R. Rogers Jr. and Proviso Township Tax Assessor Steven J. Zawaski, the event offered useful tips, including the only requirement for a taxpayer to appeal a property assessment was to complete a complaint form filed before the township appeal period closes.



Illinois Treasurer Michael Frerich's office, ComEd Energy Efficiency Program and New York Life/AARP also provided resources and assisted residents. If you missed the event, and want to file an appeal or have questions, call (708) 449-4304.

Monument Dedicated To Veterans and First Responders

Nov. 9 marked a special day as representatives from the Memorial Park District in conjunction with Bellwood Memorial VFW Post 5081 and the Home Depot Foundation hosted a monument dedication



ceremony at Stevenson Park to honor those who have served and are serving in the military and as well as first responders.

The event was attended by fellow servicemen and women, family, friends, elected officials and Bellwood employees.

Senior Suites of Bellwood Hosts Halloween Party

Residents at the Senior Suites independent living community donned colorful costumes on Oct. 26 at a dinner/dance featuring music by DJ Larry Davis.

Organized by 3201 Committee President Bonnie Dotson and several residents, guests won prizes at bingo, enjoyed an open bar, were treated to candies and socialized with Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey. Special thanks to Adrian Taylor, the facility manager, and Earlene Dotson of Symone's Catering. Resident Connie Bowdry, who was dressed as a butterfly, won for best costume.



Village Of Bellwood Celebrates Louise "BigMa" Jenkins



As the celebrated matriarch to one of the largest and most storied families in Bellwood, Louise Jenkins can talk about some impressive family numbers having raised her own 14 children, and helped raise 41 grandchildren, 109 great grandchildren and 30 great-great grandchildren.

Born in Autaugaville, Alabama, she married James L. Jenkins in 1943 and they parented nine girls and five boys. The Jenkins resided in Alabama then moved their family to Chicago in 1954 before moving to Bellwood in 1969 where today the family remains in the same house. James passed away in 1972 and although his death had a huge impact on the family Louise made it known that it was by God's grace and mercy for her to make it through.

As the grandmother to the neighborhood children, she has provided love, support and compassion by welcoming many to her dining room table where she shares knowledge and wisdom. Louise has been active locally, including with School District 88 PTA and the Proviso Counsel on Aging.

Her home has been a safe haven for many youth who have faced challenges. She has touched countless lives and many Bellwood residents and their children still come by to visit, bring flowers or enjoy conversation.



Village Clerk Hosts Ukrainian Lawyer



Ukraine resident and lawyer Olesia Boichuk, who completed a fellowship in Rep. Chris Welch's office through the U.S. Department of State's Professional Fellows Program, visited with Village Clerk Janel Moreland on Oct. 22 to learn more about Bellwood and the clerk's role and responsibilities.

Olesia, who also received a tour of the Village Hall and the Fire Department, is affiliated with the Center of Legal Samopomich Union Faction at the Parliament of Ukraine.

Ferrara Pan USA Sponsors "Trunk or Treat"

On Oct. 24, more than 100 children accompanied by their parents safely enjoyed Ferrara Pan's 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat event hosted by the Memorial Park District.

The event was held at The Center at Stevenson's parking lot and included a Touch A Truck display of Bellwood department vehicles.

Children dressed in costumes visited the vehicles' trunks and trucks filled with candy from Ferrara Pan candy. Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey, Village Clerk Janel Moreland and staff from the Fire, Police and Street departments, Bellwood Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and School District 88 passed out treats to trick-or-treaters.



Bellwood Chamber of Commerce Hosts Membership Meeting



Local business owners and members of the Bellwood Chamber of Commerce gathered on Oct. 24 at the chamber's membership meeting at Borg Warner.

Guests toured the plant that manufactures car parts. Bellwood Economic Development Director Peter Tsiolis delivered keynote remarks and discussed business opportunities in the village; how Bellwood can assist help new businesses; and the future of Bellwood for business.



Protecting Yourself During the Holidays (And Everyday)

- 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. This makes the items remaining in the car easy for thieves to take.
- Park your car in a well-lit area when shopping.
- When you are out shopping, hide valuables, even small ones.
- Do not let thieves know what you buy. Do not put the boxes the items were packed in on the curb in plain sight with the trash and recycling. 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. The Postal Service will hold your mail at your local post office until you can pick it up or are home to receive it.

**13th Positive in conjunction with
Bellwood School District 88 and the Village of Bellwood**

Putting The Happy Back into The Holidays

Toy Drive / Holiday Party

**Parade starts at 9:30am at Washington Square Mall (470 25th Ave)
Ends at Roosevelt Middle School**

**Roosevelt Middle School
2500 Oak St
Bellwood, IL 60104**

**December 21st, 2019
11am - 3pm**

**Toys benefit children ages 3 through 14 years
Toys given away until supplies are exhausted
Donate new, unwrapped toys now
through December 20th**

Drop off toys at one of the participating locations below:

Bellwood School District 88 (All Locations)	Village of Bellwood	Village of Maywood	MW Tires
Kimberly Lightfoot Illinois State Senator	Chris Welch State Representative	ADM Custom Cabinets Chicago, Inc	Harlem Tires & Wheels
WC Connections Tires & Wheels Representative	Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Glen Ellen Area Alumnae Chapter	SPECIAL DONORS: Caldwell Chapel AME Zion Church	Bellwood SD88 PTO/PTA

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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| <p>1 Snow Route Restrictive Parking Enforcement Begins</p> <p>4 Free Tree Lighting Festival, Eisenhower Community Center, 6 p.m.</p> <p>7 Breakfast With Santa</p> <p>9 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>14 Christmas Food Giveaway</p> | <p>18 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.</p> <p>20 Yard Waste & Branch Pickup Ends</p> <p>22 Hanukkah Begins
Winter Begins</p> <p>25* Christmas</p> <p>26 Kwanzaa Begins
<i>*Village Hall will be closed.</i></p> |
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