



UPDATE

Highlights From Breakfast With Santa

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

I am pleased with our progress in 2018 and excited to start another year with a number of events, developments and programs on the horizon for our wonderful community. While last year was full of notable accomplishments, we are not resting on our laurels and will continue moving ahead to make Bellwood an ideal place to live, work and play.

Be sure to use your official village calendar to stay informed about the many annual and one-time events in the village this year. As you will see in this issue of the *Update*, there are always a number of happenings in Bellwood for people of all ages and interests, and I invite you to participate in and support as many of those events as you can. Doing so adds to the strong sense of community that Bellwood is known for and proud to represent.



In January and February, remember to support Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday (Jan. 21); our Annual Senior Ball (Feb. 16); and the Annual Black History Month Celebration (Feb. 24). Residents are welcome to attend and fellowship while having a great time and building relationships.

Working together in 2019, we are going to keep the village moving forward in all of the areas that are important to our residents and business owners. The future here is bright and as a TEAM, we know "Together Everyone Achieves More."



A great time was had by all as more than 130 Bellwood residents of all ages attended the 16th Annual Breakfast With Santa event on Dec. 8 at the Best Western Hotel.

Highlights from the festive event included a magician from Cupcake's Family Fun Time Entertainment, and an appearance by Santa Claus. Guests received a Santa hat and every child received a goody bag filled with treats and toys.



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

Food Bag Giveaway Brightens The Holidays



With generous donations from local businesses and support from village staff, 225 Bellwood families were gifted with a food bag during this year's Christmas Food Bag Giveaway on Dec. 15.

Seniors expressed their sincere gratitude for the village's annual outreach to provide nourishment during the holiday season.



Spartans Cheer Team Honored At December Board Meeting

On Dec. 5-6 the Memorial Park Junior Varsity and Junior Pee Wee Cheer and Dance Teams competed in the Pop Warner National Cheer and Dance Championships in Orlando, Fla. The Pee Wee team placed ninth in the nation in the poms category.



The team of 15 girls was coached by Dannielle Curry, Latrice Giles and Aisha Foster. The Spartan Junior Varsity team placed fifth in the nation in theme and seventh in the nation in hip hop. The 16-girl team was coached by Sharniece Hathaway, Shaquita Booker, Yolanda Holmes and Zamira Dillard.

Eisenhower Fitness Group Celebrates Birthdays



The Eisenhower Functional Fitness Group hosted its quarterly member birthday celebration and Christmas Party on Dec. 12 with participation by group members whose birthdays are in October, November and December.

A Look Back With Mayor Harvey

I am proud to be a Bellwood resident for 50 years, and to serve as the village's first African-American mayor.

My commitment is strong and lasting because of my personal, family and career investments in our welcoming, family-friendly community.

In 2018, we focused on a number of priorities, including continuing to produce a balanced budget and addressing the village's debt; limiting village tax increases; developing new housing; economic development on Mannheim Road, 25th Avenue and St. Charles Road; upgrading the fire and police departments' technology; expanding the successful Taste of Bellwood; and continuing resources and programs for our youth and seniors – and every group in between.

It is a priority for me to set positive examples to young African-American men that hard work and persistence produces results when you set goals and stay focused. I am also committed to remaining visible and accessible as I have in the past working in different capacities in Bellwood, including as the first African-American firefighter and fire chief, and as an emergency medical technician, among other roles.

With your support, I am prepared to work hard and smart to ensure that in 2019 and beyond your family is our future in Bellwood.



2019: Looking Forward With Village Clerk Janel Moreland



Being elected village clerk after living in Bellwood for 38 years has certainly been a highlight and honor for me, and I again thank our residents for showing their faith in me.

The transition into this role has been smoother because of my familiarity with and connection to virtually every aspect of Bellwood, most recently as assistant vice president and manager of

the Pan American Bank branch on St. Charles Road.

My commitment to our youth means working to engage them in civic and public service life so that they see themselves as an important part of the decision-making process. I have a passion for advocating for the services and resources for our seniors so they can enjoy the quality life they deserve. Bellwood taxpayers, including our valued business owners, are paying for the public services that we provide and it is important to respond to their concerns and suggestions.


Village of BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

PROUDLY PRESENTS

**SENIORS
MARDI GRAS
MASQUERADE
BALL**

PLACE:
Drury Lane Theatre
100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

DATE:
Saturday, February 16, 2019

TIME:
5:30 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

**D.J. • ENTERTAINMENT
• CASH BAR**
Dinner served promptly
at 6:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$35.00 Each
For tickets call
(708) 547-3500 ext. 1103

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED
BY JANUARY 31, 2019
DOORS DO NOT OPEN UNTIL 5:30 PM!
NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!
NO RESERVED SEATING!
ADULTS ONLY!**

Students Gift Senior Center With Contest Proceeds

In support of the West Suburban Senior Center that recently lost funding, during November the Thurgood Marshall Student Council sponsored a friendly class competition called the Naked Turkey Contest.

Feathers were sold for 25 cents and each day the newly purchased feathers were colored and placed on the Naked Turkey outside each classroom. The class turkey with the most feathers won an ice cream party; Mrs. Goetz's and Ms. Parrott's class were winners and students donated the money raised to the center. Senior Center Coordinator Maggie Dodd was presented with a check on Dec. 20.



Details About Gift Cards For A's Program

Gift cards will be distributed for the second quarter marking period in the village's Gift Cards For A's Program on Feb. 26 and 28 in the Village Hall Board Room.

Bellwood is partnering with Target stores to provide encouragement to students in 3rd - 8th grades who earn A's for academic excellence on their report card in the second and fourth grading periods **ONLY**. For each A a student earns 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 can be rewarded for their excellence. Gift cards are presented when the student and a parent or guardian presents a qualifying report card with proof of residency. Report cards can only be presented once per grading period.



PROUDLY PRESENTS THE

2019

Annual
BLACK HISTORY

Celebration

Sunday, February 24, 2019

Eisenhower Community Center, 700 Speechley Boulevard, Hillside, IL

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Girls Conference Hosted at Roosevelt Middle School



On Nov. 17, Roosevelt Middle School hosted The True Eagle Beauty Foundation Inc.'s third annual conference titled the IN.Lighten.ME.nt Girls Conference. Bellwood native VaLerie Humphrey is

the foundation's founder and executive director, and was instrumental in bringing the event to the village. Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey delivered the opening address.

The foundation is a nonprofit that provides presentations, workshops, COMMUNITY programs and mentoring for youth. The programs support young ladies in developing higher self-esteem and allow members to experience success in and out of the classroom. Visit Trueeaglebeauty.com for details.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 1* New Year's Day
- 7 Memorial Park Preschool Programs Begin (Winter Session 4)
- 14 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.

- 16 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
Fire and Police Commission Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

- 21* Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

*Village Hall will be closed.



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