



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

**OCTOBER**  
**2019**

# UPDATE

## Residents Access Resources at Community Housing Fair

### MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

The start of fall every year means our residents and business owners are beginning to prepare for more special events and activities that make our village a great place to live, work and play. Bellwood is planning various events this fall, including the annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration, which we invite you to on Oct. 19 at the Eisenhower Community Center as we celebrate the rich legacy of the Hispanic community.

Our first Community Housing Fair on Aug. 24 was a major success for Bellwood residents and others as more than 50 vendors were on hand at the Eisenhower Community Center to share important housing information for homeowners and renters alike. I want to thank the village of Maywood and the North West Housing Partnership for joining with us to present the productive event, which you can read more about in this issue of the *Update*.

On another note, it is very important that all Bellwood residents prepare for and participate in the 2020 census count. Make sure that you look out for upcoming events and related announcements about the census, which will count different aspects of each household in addition to the number of residents in our community.

Last but certainly not least, I want to wish our youth a happy and safe Halloween. Parents and guardians: Remember the hours to trick or treat in the village are from 3-7 p.m. on Oct. 31 as we work together to ensure our youth have fun.



More than 200 Bellwood residents, along with homeowners and renters from other communities, accessed a wealth of housing-related resources at the Community Housing Fair on Aug. 24 at the Eisenhower Community Center.

Presented by the villages of Bellwood and Maywood and the North West Housing Partnership, 55 vendors participated, including public, private, governmental and nonprofit representatives, to name a few.

The program featured remarks by various representatives, including Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey, Maywood Mayor Edweena Perkins, HUD Regional Administrator Joseph Galvan, Cong. Danny K. Davis, and Sen. Kimberly Lightford, among others. The fair featured multiple breakout sessions on such topics as home weatherization, credit score and down payment assistance.



### 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

## Smile Success Dental Centre Celebrates 30 Years



Dr. Mimi Johnson, owner of the Smile Success Dental Centre, has been treating Bellwood families for 30 years and celebrated that milestone on Aug. 17 during their annual Patient Appreciation Day.

Located at 235 N. Mannheim Rd., the business offered various activities, food and music in the parking lot for seniors, adults and children, for whom they also provide such services as cleanings, dentures, veneers and fillings.

## Recap: Christian Unity Church Gospel Explosion



Christian Unity Church hosted its Annual Gospel Fest on Aug. 17 and shared the church's ministry on Washington Boulevard where members sang in praise and worship.

Church members also provided youth with free food, haircuts and school supplies.



## SD88 Hosts Back 2 School Bash



Bellwood School District 88's Back2School Bash on Sept. 7 on the 2500 block of Oak Street was highlighted by the distribution of 250 plus book bags filled with supplies donated by sponsors, including the Village of Bellwood and Mayor André F. Harvey, Costco, ComEd, Sen. Kimberly Lightford, Michael Castillo, Joseph Burdi, Caldwell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Ramonski Luv, the Flags of the Heart and Rep. Chris Welch.



Bellwood School District 88 Superintendent Mark Holder led the charge along with a host of valuable volunteers and supporters, including the Diva Team, which stuffed the book bags: Connie Riales, Dorothy Clark-Smith, Pastor Annette Barker and Arnetta Watkins.

**Cook County Board of Review**  
**Commissioner Larry R Rogers Jr**  
**Property Tax Appeal Forum**

**Proviso Township**  
**NOVEMBER 19TH, 2019**  
**TUESDAY | 6:30 PM**



Village of Bellwood  
 3200 Washington Blvd  
 Bellwood, IL 60104

In Partnership with:



Mayor of Bellwood  
 Andre F. Harvey



Proviso Township Assessor  
 Steven Zawaski

## Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders Supports The Community

An active supporter of the Taste of Bellwood and annual Breast Cancer Walk/Run, Berghaus Pipe Organ Builders has a long history, leading the pipe organ industry in the design and fabrication of exceptional pipe organs.



With an emphasis on tonal and visual design, the company cultivates the making of exceptional music by producing the highest quality instruments for artists.

Founded by Leonard G. Berghaus, the company constructed its first mechanical action instrument for the O'Fallon United Church of Christ in southern Illinois. The mechanical action instrument was built in the Berghaus' garage in Melrose Park and completed in 1973. The instrument continues to play as it did the day was installed.

Late in 1973, Berghaus moved production from his garage and basement to a 4,000 square foot facility in Bellwood. With only 13' high ceilings, Berghaus Organ Company (as it was known then) was still able to design and construct instruments that stood significantly taller. However, to facilitate a more efficient fabrication and design process, a new two-story erecting room and design offices were added to the facility in 1984. In 2001 Berghaus relocated to a 30,000 square foot production facility a mile from the former plant. With more space, Berghaus obtained more varied and efficient tools.

## Grandparents Inducted Into Annual Hall of Fame

Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey joined Senate Majority Leader Kimberly Lightford as she hosted her 10th Annual Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Hall of Fame on Sept. 9 to celebrate the often-overlooked work that more than 280,000 grandparents in Illinois do to raise their grandchildren.

"I started doing the Hall of Fame because there was no support at all for grandparents," said Lightford. "We just want to provide them with



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### Proviso Handyman Department

**October**

Time to close your windows and keep the cooler air out! We can help take your screen windows off, put them away and install your storm windows. Do your rain barrels and hoses need to be put away? We can do that for you! Please give us a call so we can weatherproof your windows and doors in preparation for the winter months ahead. When was the last time you changed the batteries in your smoke alarms? The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and or disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township. Call us at 708 547-4001 to register or make an appointment for our Proviso Handyman Program.



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

**+Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township+**

**Michael A. Corrigan**  
Supervisor

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

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



Invites you to the

# 17<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL HISPANIC

## Heritage Celebration

**Saturday, October 19, 2019**  
4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Eisenhower Community Center,  
700 Speechley Blvd., Hillside, IL

Performances by students from our local school district and other special guests.

Enjoy music, dance & refreshments as we honor our Hispanic heritage!

**FREE**

**(Grandparents Inducted Into Annual Hall of Fame continued)**

a day that is specifically for their enjoyment, relaxation and entertainment. I want to let them know that I appreciate them for parenting for a second time and caring for their children and families, and not allowing them to become victims of the system.”

Lightford has inducted 267 grandparents into the Hall of Fame. Inductees receive gift bags with home and kitchen supplies to assist with raising their grandchildren. The event also connects grandparents with state resources to help with their responsibilities.



**Bellwood Residents ...  
Mark Your Calendar!**



**BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH GROUP**

**THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 17, 7 P.M.**



**WE WILL DISCUSS...**

\* **Presentation on: Town hall meeting featuring police, fire, streets and sanitation, building department representatives, and community leaders**

**For more information, call Police Commander  
William Goodrum at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1330.**

[www.vil.bellwood.il.us](http://www.vil.bellwood.il.us)

**NORTH WEST HOUSING PARTNERSHIP IN COOPERATION WITH  
METROPOLITAN MAYORS CAUCUS**

**PRESENTS  
STRATEGIES FOR MANAGING NEIGHBORHOOD CHANGE  
WORKSHOP**

**NOVEMBER 14– Mt. Prospect Village Hall, 50 Emerson St. Board Room**

**NOVEMBER 15– Bellwood Village Hall, 3200 Washington Blvd. Board Room**

**Both workshops– 8:30 to 9:00 Registration; 9:00 to 1:30 Workshop**

**Light Breakfast & Box Lunch will be served- \$20 per person**

Join your colleagues for a workshop on *Strategies for Managing Neighborhood Change*. At this interactive workshop you will learn how and why places change and how that change can be better managed. Effective strategies used in other cities and suburbs will be discussed.

**Some basic questions this workshop will address:**

- ◆ What kinds of program tools are needed to address neighborhood revitalization.
- ◆ How can cities build demand for homeownership and quality landlords.
- ◆ How can cities and their partners create more impact from the things they do now?
- ◆ What are the obstacles in addressing neighborhood change?
- ◆ What kind of data needs to be collected to help effectively manage change?

Mike Schubert will lead this workshop. An award-winning trainer for the NeighborWorks Training Institute, Mike has extensive experience in community development. As a consultant he has worked in 39 states, 80 cities, and 135 neighborhoods around the country, focusing on neighborhood revitalization strategy development. He previously served as Commissioner of the City of Chicago Department of Housing and as Associate Director of Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago.

**TO RSVP: CALL NWHP AT 847-969-0561 OR EMAIL, [robysandys@nwHP.net](mailto:robysandys@nwHP.net)**

**Please send checks for lunch to:** 1701 E. Woodfield Dr., Suite 203, Schaumburg, IL 60402. Or you can pay at the registration table the day of the event.

**Please RSVP no later than November 11.**

**THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!!**

**OCTOBER CALENDAR**

**1-31** Fire Safety Month

**14** Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.  
Columbus Day

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

**19** Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration,  
4-6 p.m., Eisenhower Community Center

**31** Halloween, Trick or Treat, 3-7 p.m.



**PLEASE  
RECYCLE!**

