



# UPDATE

## Thousands Get A Taste of The Taste of Bellwood

### MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

It does my heart good to give a sincere thank you to the thousands of Bellwood residents, their guests and our friends from nearby communities who enjoyed our 3rd Annual Taste of Bellwood. We are proud of what the Taste has become in just three years in terms of the number of vendors, fantastic performers and the number of people who join us every year ... and from Aug. 9-11 we warmly welcomed nearly 30,000 people to our village.

We presented a key to the Village to Bellwood native Terrence Williams, a well-known singer and entertainer who attended Jefferson Elementary School and Proviso West. I am grateful for the elected officials who joined us, and as you will see in the story on this page, we had a great time at the steppers set and enjoyed performances by the Proviso East and West bands.



The dozens of food vendors served up tasty affordable food and our non-profit vendors distinguished themselves by providing important services, counsel and resources. Congratulations to both the participants and winners in the Car & Bike Show for sharing their prized possessions with us. Thank you to the volunteers, Bellwood department heads and staff, and to our police and fire departments and the

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Since Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey introduced a multi-day food festival for Bellwoodians, local businesses and nearby community residents to sample affordable food and enjoy great entertainment, the Taste of Bellwood has grown each year by leaps and bounds.

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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

**(Mayor's MESSAGE continued)**

Bellwood Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for their high level of professional service.

On another note, I want to welcome our students back to school for the 2019-20 school year. Now that our youth have returned to school, it is essential that drivers exercise caution around our schools. That means following directions from police officers and crossing guards, and following the safety signs in and around school zones.

Lastly, it is an honor to wish a love-filled happy birthday to Louise Jenkins, known by many as "Big Mama" who is now 92 years young. I also want to thank everyone who attended the 6th Annual Bellwood Block Club Reunion to celebrate years of getting together with family and friends to promote unity in the community.

## Ronald McDonald Mobile Unit Returns To Bellwood Moving Inspiration

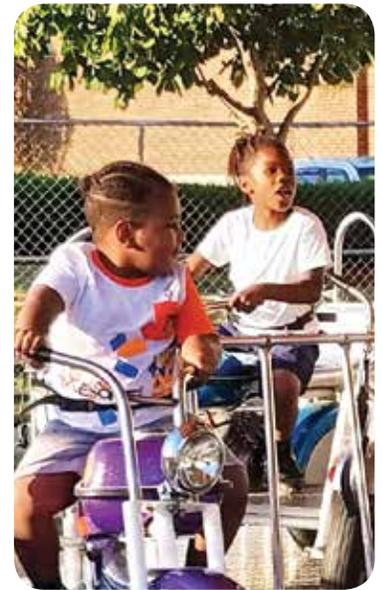
The Ronald McDonald Mobile Unit again was a resourceful benefit to Bellwood families whose children needed immunizations and physicals.



The clinic on wheels is in its 11th year of providing free services to Bellwood residents. A special thanks to Susan Finn, pediatric nurse practitioner/program director of the Loyola Pediatric Community Outreach/Pediatric Mobile Health Unit, and Michelle Kacena, CMA for their continued support.

The state-of-the-art mobile unit provides initial health screenings, immunizations, primary care treatment and referral/follow-up appointments for everyday and serious medical needs. The unit has served hundreds of children in the Bellwood area who otherwise would not have had access to care and as a result gone untreated.

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Case in point: This summer's 3rd Annual Taste of Bellwood on Aug 9, 10 and 11 attracted nearly 30,000 food enthusiasts to three days of family friendly, affordable fun. Featuring musical entertainment, carnival rides, a car and bike show and a magnificent fireworks show that culminated the Taste, the extravaganza is the result of the hard work and meticulous planning of Mayor Harvey and his administration, Village Clerk Janel Moreland, the Taste Planning Committee, Bellwood's departments, sponsors, vendors and numerous volunteers.



## Girls Succeed Awards Ceremony A Moving Inspiration

Led by the vision of Pastor Arnetta Barker, Bellwood Clerk Janel Moreland, Jayda James and Samuella Griggs, The Girls Succeed six-week Mentoring Program was a lasting success as was the Aug. 6 closing ceremony.



The well-organized mentoring program featured learning workshops, guest speakers including Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey, Dist. 88 Superintendent Mark Holder and Bishop Dr. Reginald J. Saffo, among others. The empowering conversations featured guest mentor Cassandra Campbell and Police Officer Skyy Calice from the Aurora Police Department, and River Edge Hospital Mental Health Therapist Tandra Rutledge who addressed pain and suffering, recognizing suicidal thoughts and prevention.

The much-needed conversation featured the participating girls asking thoughtful questions and sharing personal concerns. Discussion topics included mental health and positive alternatives when facing life issues of neglect, negativity, hurt, pain and suffering.



## PLCCA Celebration Honors Legacy of Bishop Porter



On June 27 at the Alhambra Palace Restaurant in Chicago, PNC Bank and Proviso Leyden Council for Community Action Inc. (PLCCA) presented “Legacy Sounds of Giving” to celebrate Bishop Dr. Claude Porter’s outstanding legacy and 50 years of service to PLCCA.

Established in 1968 by Bishop Porter, PLCCA is a non-profit corporation that serves low-income residents in Proviso and Leyden townships and the Chicago metro area through employment training and 30 community need-based programs. Bishop Porter started his career as a community activist before he founded PLCCA, which is headquartered in Maywood.

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

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**

## State's Attorney Office Shares Insight at Neighborhood Watch Meeting



Bellwood residents benefitted from learning more about the services offered by the Cook County State's Attorney office at the Neighborhood Watch Meeting on Aug. 5 at the Bellwood Village Hall.

Supervisor Ruth Gudino and Assistant Supervisor Eugene Woods from the 4th District office in Maywood discussed prosecutions, search warrants and the office's collaboration with local law enforcement.

### We Want To HEAR FROM YOU!

The monthly Bellwood *Update* newsletter and village website ([www.vil.bellwood.il.us](http://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](mailto: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.

# Be A Part of Something Special Bellwood Breast Cancer Support Group Meet & Greet

for survivors, those fighting breast cancer, family members and caregivers

Our Purpose is to Build a Community of THRIVERS helping each other along their breast cancer journey

## SURVIVING + THRIVING

Saturday, September 14 from 2pm-4pm

Eisenhower Park District

700 Speechley Blvd., Hillside, IL

Light refreshments will be served!

Supporting women & men in their journey on all stages of breast cancer including: treatment, recovery, physical and spiritual challenges along the way.

For more information contact  
Toni Williams - (708) 288-4722 or  
Trustee Jo Boston - (708) 601-9921



## SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

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| <p>2* Labor Day</p> <p>8 Grandparents Day</p> <p>9 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>18 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.</p> <p>21 Free Community Fishing Derby, Stevenson Pond<br/>Proviso Idol Open Auditions, Bulger Park</p> | <p>23-27 Cleanup Week (Leave materials only on garbage pickup day)</p> <p>23 Fall Begins</p> <p>*Village Hall will be closed.</p> |
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