



Village of
BELLWOOD
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UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

Despite the major challenges that we all continue to face in light of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, I am hopeful that our students have been enjoying the summer responsibly and safely with their friends and family. We all have enjoyed staycations, family reunions, barbecues and time with families and friends while practicing social distancing.

As you know, COVID-19 is an invisible respiratory disease that does not discriminate based on your age, race or religion. That is why we must continue to listen to the health professionals, exercise social distancing, wear face coverings and wash our hands when possible and use hand sanitizer when you can't wash your hands. As the flu season approaches, it is even more critical that we all exercise care and caution in terms of our health.

As we move closer to the end of summer, we look forward to our students getting back to their studies and pursuing academic excellence. I urge you to continue checking with your local school district for the latest information on upcoming school openings and details.

Another upcoming date is October 31, which is the end of the 2020 Census count. I cannot stress enough the importance of completing the survey, which only takes a few minutes. Please take a few minutes today to complete the census and help us bring much-needed resources to Bellwood.

Finally, remember that with the extension granted for vehicle stickers, residents must display the new sticker beginning July 1. Stickers were required to be purchased by June 30.

Business Owners Support Village's Frontline Responders



Bellwood businesses recently stepped up in a major way to support the village's police and fire departments with generous donations of personal protective equipment and safety devices for use during the pandemic.

Business owners Jose Jorge and David Lolis demonstrated their support for the departments by donating a supply of face coverings to help protect the frontline responders in each department. In addition, Borg

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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

(Business Owners Support Village's Frontline Responders continued)

Warner employees Richard Pridgen and Brandon Brodsky recently delivered a device that takes the temperatures of Village Hall employees and visitors. Mayor Andre F. Harvey accepted both donations and shared his gratitude and appreciation from the departments and village.

Residents Rewarded For Completing The Census

More than 500 Bellwood residents were winners on two fronts at the June 27 Proviso Township Census Celebration as they received fresh produce, protective personal equipment and assistance in completing the 2020 Census. Most residents arrived in their personal vehicles while others walked to the free event.

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Justice Troopers Hold Peaceful Protest To Bellwood



The Justice Troopers, a group of high school students from Proviso Math and Science Academy in Forest Park and other students from Proviso Township, made a public statement on July 7 during their Blackout Protest/Peace Protest march to promote economic development in the African-American community.

The students' march began at the Village of Broadview Municipal Building and ended at the Bellwood Village Hall. Co-sponsored by Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey and Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson, the student-led march encouraged people to shop at and support black businesses, and to bring important awareness to the Black Lives Matter movement.



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Proviso Census Liaison Nathaniel Booker, Broadview Village Clerk Kevin R. McGrier and Bellwood Census Project Coordinator Tonita LeShore coordinated the event in partnership with the Pink Divas & Gents, Delta Sigma Theta sorority and other organizations for residents who wore face coverings and practiced social distancing.

Elected officials Cong. Danny K. Davis, Sen. Kimberly Lightford, Rep.

Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson and other volunteers greeted residents. Bellwood's current Census response rate is 67.4%. Residents can still complete the census online at my2020census.gov; by phone at (844) 330-2020 and (844) 468-2020 (Spanish); or mail the completed survey.

Students Earn Gift Cards For A's



On July 21 and 23, Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey rewarded 20 achieving students with gift cards for the fourth quarter of the school year in the village's Gift Cards For A's Program. Bellwood partners 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, they receive a \$5 Target gift card. Students who live in Bellwood and 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. The fourth quarter proved challenging for the students and learning as COVID-19 has changed education dramatically and lead to the rise of e-learning.





Free Immunizations Coming To Bellwood

Loyola University Medical Center's Ronald McDonald Mobile Unit and the Village of Bellwood are proud to host free immunizations, physical exams, sports physicals, blood pressure, hearing and vision screenings for children 3-18 years old.



WHEN: Friday, August 31, 2020

WHERE: Village of Bellwood Parking Lot

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Parents/guardians must complete a consent form in advance and bring immunization records on the day of the appointment. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

You must schedule an appointment by calling Tonita Leshore at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1512.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

10 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.
19 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

31 Ronald McDonald Mobile Unit, 9:30 a.m.



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