



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

First and foremost, I want to extend my best wishes and gratitude to all of our veterans in honor of Veterans Day. I offer you a heartfelt thanks for your service and sacrifice in keeping our country safe. For the men and women who are currently serving in the armed forces, thank you for protecting the freedoms we enjoy every day.

I also want to wish a happy Thanksgiving to all of our residents. I hope you enjoy this festive time being safe and surrounded by family, food and fun. As we spend time with family, we also are mindful that many dinner tables will be without a loved one this year. On behalf of the entire village, our hearts and best wishes are with you and your family if that is the case. I also send prayers and best wishes to the family and friends of those who sadly lost their life during this unprecedented national pandemic that has impacted almost every aspect of our lives.

Finally, the village's multifaceted 2020 Census campaign has ended and for those who completed the survey, your participation certainly will help ensure Bellwood receives the resources it needs and deserves – and that we receive fair political representation in Congress for the next 10 years. My thanks go to the Complete Count Committee for their strong efforts to raise awareness and engage and educate our residents about the importance of the 2020 Census.

Residents Bike Through Proviso Township



The first annual Tour de Proviso biking event on Oct. 3 attracted bicycling enthusiasts from all over the township.

The event, co-hosted by Bellwood, Broadview and Maywood, was the brainchild of Maywood Trustee Miguel Jones. Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson, who hosts a bike ride with community members every Sunday, also helped plan the event in conjunction with Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey. The cyclists rode from Broadview through Bellwood and ended in Maywood. Mayor Harvey along with staff members from various departments participated in the tour.



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

2020 Census Campaign Closes On High Note

The village's Census Complete Count Celebration on Sept. 26 attracted residents who also were treated to free personal protective equipment, Census promotional items, book bags and school supplies, and food as they completed the Census survey. The village's Census response rate is currently at 72.5%.



Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle discussed the importance of the Census and her support for Bellwood's Census campaign initiatives. A representative from Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough's office encouraged residents to register to vote. Rep. Chris Welch's office provided information on government programs and the US Census Bureau and Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership (CSPL) assisted residents in taking the Census.

Residents who completed the survey were entered into a village-wide raffle and those chosen received prizes, many of which were donated by local businesses and individuals. A special thanks to Bellwood Complete Count Chair Tonita S. LeShore and committee members:

Ronald Nightengale – Trustee, Village of Bellwood
Gay Chase – Fire and Police Commissioner, Village of Bellwood
Mark Holder – Superintendent, School District 88

Arnetta Watkins – President, Bellwood Chamber of Commerce
Mark Flores – Director, Memorial Park District
Amy Crump – Director, Bellwood Public Library
William Gorey – Interim Executive Director, West Cook County Youth Club
Annette Barker – Pastor, Christian Unity Church
Phyllis Logan – First Vice President, Illinois State Conference/Chicago Westside Branch NAACP
Jacqueline Walton – Committeewoman, Proviso Township Democratic Organization
Johnny Boston – President, VFW Post #5081
Theodore Matthews – Lead Pastor, Empowerment Church
Estela Vara – PASO Organizer, PASO West Suburban Action Project
Pablo Cruz – Casa Esperanza Director, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish & Community Center

Camaraderie Makes Softball a Hit In the Village of Bellwood

Bellwood held its third softball game on Oct. 3 that featured the police and fire departments and BOEM competing against the mayor's office, human resources, public works, finance and building departments.

The first responders team emerged victorious by a score of 13-4. Most Valuable Player honors went to Will Finley of the fire department. The friendly competition produces a winner who gets bragging rights and a coveted trophy.

"It was a great way to build camaraderie not just within the department but between the departments. We look forward to seeing the employees take the field and the spectators cheering us on next year," said Mayor André F. Harvey.

Thanks to Mark Flores, Memorial Park director, for the use of the field and workers who assisted in making the game a success, and to Mike Woodard for serving as umpire while making some "questionable" calls in the name of fun. Gratitude also goes to Angie Stewart, Tonita S. LeShore, Lindsley Griffin and the Bellwood Public Works department for helping make the event a success.



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| 1 | Daylight Savings Time Ends | 11* | Veterans Day |
| 3 | Election Day | 18 | Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| 9 | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. | 26* | Thanksgiving |

*Village Hall will be closed.



PLEASE RECYCLE!

