



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

The official start of summer is June 20, which of course, means more outdoor activity for people of all ages – and especially the young people in our community. As I note every year with a great deal of attention, please drive safely in and around Bellwood. Now that school is out, please stay alert for kids and youth playing in parks and near their homes to help ensure this summer is both safe and fun for everyone in Bellwood.

This summer also means that we are excited to bring back the Taste of Bellwood festival on Aug. 13-15 on Washington Boulevard in front of the Village Hall. As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the cancellation of last year’s festival. I am thrilled that we are continuing to plan this year’s event that will be as exciting and diverse as in past years. If you are interested in becoming a vendor at the Taste, make sure to read the information in this issue of the *Update* newsletter.

In addition, summer is the time to keep our lawns properly maintained, which helps make our homes and apartment buildings – and the entire village – look beautiful. Property owners should remember that as part of village ordinance, weeds, bushes, grass and landscaped areas must be maintained free from excess vegetation or growth of weeds. Grass and weeds must be maintained less than 8 inches. Trees must be pruned to prevent injury and cannot obstruct private walkways.

Finally, although we continue to make important progress in fighting against the COVID-19 virus, the more people who receive one of the three available vaccines, the better for each person and the entire community. I encourage you to get vaccinated and to also encourage those who you know and love to also get vaccinated. Doing so is an important step in helping to ensure this summer is as safe, open and fun as possible for everyone in Bellwood and beyond our family-focused community.

Swearing In Ceremony Highlights Village Board Meeting



Bellwood residents and business owners were on hand on May 19 as Mayor André F. Harvey and the slate of the victorious Bellwood First Party candidates were sworn in for four-year terms at the board meeting at the Village Hall.

In his remarks, the mayor thanked residents who voted overwhelmingly on April 6 in a show of confidence in his administration and management of village business. The party captured 83% of the vote in one of the largest victory margins in the history of Proviso Township.



As a 52-year Bellwood resident and 32-year employee who has held several leadership posts in Bellwood, the mayor highlighted his commitment to the village and emphasized the progress made -- and planned -- since his first term began in 2017. Also sworn in were Bellwood trustees Michael Ciavattone, Annie Delgado and Ron Nightengale, and Clerk Janel Moreland. Judge Gay Chase administered the official swearing-in and Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough extended well wishes.

IMPORTANT BELLWOOD NUMBERS

Village Hall
(708) 547-3540

Police/Fire/Ambulance
Emergency
911

Police (non emergency)
(708) 547-3528

Police Anonymous Hotline
(708) 547-3500
Ext 1301

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

TDD (hearing impaired)
(708) 547-0011

VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD PROUDLY PRESENTS



AUGUST
13, 14 & 15

JOIN US AGAIN FOR SOME FUN

VENDORS INVITED TO THE TASTE OF BELLWOOD

A great opportunity has returned for local vendors to connect with thousands of Bellwood residents – and their family and friends – by way of this year's Taste of Bellwood on Aug. 13-15 as the popular festival returns to town.

Vendors can gain valuable, lasting exposure for their products and services by becoming a vendor at the Taste that will be held along Washington Boulevard in front of the Bellwood Village Hall. The benefits are immediate and long lasting and can provide access to new customers of all ages and interests.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR VENDORS:

- All applications will be processed first come, first served.
- Vendors will not be allowed to sell the same items.
- Vendors are not allowed to sell any beverages and may be subject to immediate removal without receiving any refunds.
- Food vendors are required to have a fire extinguisher in their booth.
- Any food vendors using propane tanks must properly secure the tanks.
- All food items must be priced \$3 or less. Food vendors can select the size of each portion for sale.

For more information, contact Cynthia Eubanks at ceubanks@vil.bellwood.il.us; (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1514 or Taushonia White at twhite@vil.bellwood.il.us; call (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1102.

ALL FOOD ITEMS COST \$3 OR LESS!

New Women's Locker Room For Bellwood Police Officers



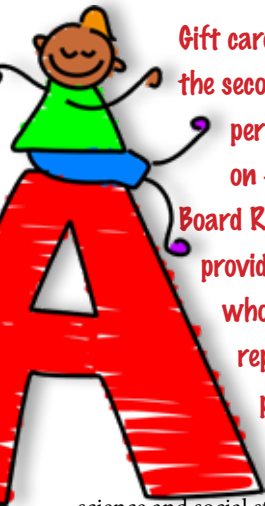
In another action to reinforce the Bellwood Police Department's commitment to recruiting and supporting a growing number of women in its law enforcement ranks, on April 21 Mayor André F. Harvey, Police Chief Jiminez Allen and Operations Commander William Goodrum officially passed the keys to a new women's locker room at the department. The keys were presented to police officers Lisa Brennan, Cecily Vizcarrondo, Monique Calloway and Alyssa Griffin.

Family and Friends Celebrate "Big Ma's" Birthday



Family members and friends gathered on the 500 block of 22nd Avenue on May 20 for a festive happy birthday celebration for Louise Jenkins, affectionately known as "Big Ma" as she celebrated a wonderful 95 years of life. The loved matriarch greeted her guests that included Mayor André F. Harvey, Trustee MC Robinson and others who admire Big Ma and her legacy in the community.

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 June 22 and 24 from 3 - 5 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room. 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 ONLY, they will receive a \$5 Target gift card. Bellwood students who attend a school in Districts 88 and 87, 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.

Highlights From District 88 Softball Game



Roosevelt Middle School's first annual end of the school year 8th grade students against staff/community leaders softball game on May 15 was a hit in more ways than one.

All eight grade students, school staff and community leaders were urged to sign up for the first fun-filled event that also featured grilled beef hot dogs, cookies, beverages, chips, popcorn and peanuts.

The game opened with District 88 Superintendent Mark Holder and included Pastor Teddy Matthews and District 88 board member Sondra McClendon. The first pitch was thrown by Mayor André F. Harvey. The event ended with the students and community leaders receiving a certificate and winners' trophy.

Bellwood Residents ...
Mark Your Calendar!



BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP



THURSDAY
JUNE 17, 7 P.M.

TOPIC:

* Smart 911

* Workforce Development - PLCCA

The Anonymous Tip hotline is (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1031.

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



Great opportunity to meet, greet and show support for Bellwood's police officers!

Great opportunity to meet, greet and show support for Bellwood's police officers! Comments, feedback and suggestions are welcome. Hope to see you there!

Face coverings and social distancing will be required.

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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS WALK-INS WELCOME

BY APPOINTMENT OR WALK-IN.

Appointments can be made at myshotcookcounty.com or by calling 833-308-1988.

Last walk-in accepted 30 minutes prior to close.

Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Vaccinations are free, regardless of insurance or immigration status. Hours subject to change.

Monday—Friday **8AM – 8PM** Saturday **8AM – 6PM**

AGE 12+



DES PLAINES (FORMER KMART)
1155 E. OAKTON ST., DES PLAINES, IL

AGE 12+



FOREST PARK (FORMER HOBO)
7600 W. ROOSEVELT RD., FOREST PARK, IL

AGE 12+



MATTESON (FORMER TARGET STORE)
4647 PROMENADE WAY, MATTESON, IL



I DID IT

Updated May 12, 2021 Effective May 13, 2021

Memorial Park District Separate From Village of Bellwood

It is important for Bellwood residents to know that the Memorial Park District is a separate governing unit that levies its own tax to provide park facilities and recreation for the residents of the district.

The district's innovative leadership starts with a community-elected, five-member Board of Commissioners who are elected to six-year terms and serve without compensation.

The district's meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the Stevenson Fitness Center board room. The public is always welcome to attend the open meetings and is encouraged to participate. Many Bellwood residents incorrectly assume that the village determines and controls various agencies such as the park district, school district and community-based organizations. Bellwood does not have jurisdiction over the district.



Mayor André F. Harvey

LET'S CELEBRATE!



Payment Assistance Options

Supporting customers when payment assistance is needed.

As a community, working together to move beyond the impact of COVID-19 is important. At ComEd, we understand that some of our valued customers may need help paying their electric bills. That's why we are offering additional assistance opportunities for eligible customers, as part of our ongoing effort to ensure safe, reliable and affordable energy.

Extended payment arrangements and protection from disconnection.

Eligible customers may be able to spread out balances over 18 months, with 0% down, and be exempt from disconnection through June 30, 2021. All other residential customers with balances are eligible for an 18-month, 10% down payment plan.

A one-time financial hardship grant.

ComEd's CARE program offers grants to eligible customers in need, including veterans and active military, while funds are available.

Additional Federal & State Assistance.

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funds are available to households in need, but the deadline to apply is May 31, 2021. For more information, visit HelpIllinoisFamilies.com and to apply for LIHEAP call 877-411-WARM (9276).

COMPLETE DETAILS AVAILABLE:

ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance
or call 800-EDISON1 (800-334-7661)

SAVE ENERGY, SAVE MONEY.

ComEd provides income eligible customers with tips and offers to help them save on their electric bills.

ComEd.com/IncomeEligible



Other federally funded customer assistance programs are expected to become available in the coming months. ComEd will share information about those programs and how to access them at

ComEd.com/PaymentAssistance.

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JUNE CALENDAR

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| 1-30 Free Permits For Single-Family Homes | 16 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| 5 Adventure Bay & Sharp Pool Open | 17 Neighborhood Watch Group, 7 p.m. |
| 7 Memorial Park Summer Day Camp Begins | 19 Juneteenth |
| 14 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. Flag Day | 20 Summer Begins |



**PLEASE
RECYCLE!**

