



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

Last month on September 11, Americans solemnly reflected on the events that forever changed the nation 20 years ago when nearly 3,000 people were killed after terrorists hijacked airplanes and destroyed the World Trade Center towers in New York City, crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., and crashed a plane in a Pennsylvania field. We continue to pay homage and recognize the men and women who lost their lives and honor those who helped during the rescue, recovery and rebuilding.

This Halloween we encourage parents and youth to practice social distancing and to focus on safety on Oct. 31. Parents, please remember to check the candy your child receives before they eat it. The hours to trick or treat in the village are 3 – 7 p.m. You can celebrate by attending the Memorial Park and Bellwood Halloween Drive Thru from 12 noon – 2 p.m. at Stevenson Park.

On another note, we join our Hispanic residents in celebrating Hispanic Celebration Month from Sept. 15 – Oct. 15. We recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success.

The village continues to help find answers for homeowners about their property taxes, including applying for all tax exemptions to which you are entitled. The two outreach events the village hosted on Sept. 14 and 30 were key in supporting residents. As I have said, as your mayor and a homeowner, I am committed to advocating about this important issue that has impacted so many of us.

Taste of Bellwood Returns With Fanfare



In case you missed it, the return of the Taste of Bellwood was a huge success as more than 45,000 people from Bellwood and beyond safely attended the three-day event that was even more impressive as it was held with many safeguards in place due to the pandemic.

The fun-filled event was complete with an assortment of affordable food; informative resources offered by non-food vendors; fun rides for youth; great entertainment; and a car and truck show that featured



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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) 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

(Taste of Bellwood Returns With Fanfare continued)

some jaw-dropping vehicles. Elected officials from virtually every level of government attended the Taste that was masterfully organized by the planning committee and assisted by many volunteers and Bellwood employees alike. Here are more memories from the Aug. 13-15 family event that will be even better in 2022.



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Bellwood Partners To Provide COVID-19 Vaccinations

In an effective public effort to help provide vaccinations, Bellwood partnered with the Illinois Department of Public Health to offer COVID tests and vaccines at the Taste of Bellwood from Aug. 13-15.



The department provided the second shot to eligible citizens on Sept. 3. Twenty-four attendees took advantage of the opportunity for which the village thanks IDPH and Prism who were instrumental in the important project.

Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey encourages residents who are not vaccinated to “Don’t Wait. Please Vaccinate!” To find a vaccine provider and schedule an appointment, visit vaccines.gov.

Free Medical Services Offered By Ronald McDonald Mobile Unit



For more than 17 years, the Ronald McDonald Mobile Unit, a 13-ton, 40-foot health facility, has offered medical treatment to uninsured and underinsured children – and on Aug. 30 the unit returned to Bellwood.

The clinic on wheels, which was the first of its kind in the Midwest, offers routine physical examinations, immunizations, health screenings, educational sessions, lab tests and asthma checks. The mobile unit’s medical staff has treated thousands of patients since it opened in 1998, which has led to fewer school absences and emergency department visits. The village sends a special thank you to Susan Finn, program director and advanced practice nurse, and Michelle Kacena, certified medical assistant.

What You Should Know About COVID-19 and Bellwood

Bellwood residents should know and share the following from the Cook County Department of Public Health about residents’ vaccine status.

Visit <https://ccdphcd.shinyapps.io/covid19/> for details about the state of Bellwood and vaccines:

- **11,554 people in Bellwood with at least one vaccine dose**
- **9,039 people with complete vaccine series**
- **60.6% of population with at least one vaccine dose**
- **47.4% of population with complete vaccine series**

Bellwood residents are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated to help save lives.

Firemen Sworn in at Village Board Meeting

Cedric Rowland and Michael Lorimer were sworn in as new members of the Bellwood Fire Department at the village’s Aug. 18 board meeting.



Rowland, who has been with the department for five months, currently serves as a chemical specialist in the United States Army Reserves and as a sergeant for the past nine years. He is married with two children and enjoys working out, spending time with family, traveling and “studying the word in my men’s group.”



Lorimer, who was hired by the department in March 2020, grew up in Lombard. He and his wife are expecting their first child in January 2022. He enjoys golf, biking and traveling.

(More images from Taste of Bellwood Returns With Fanfare)



October 31st | Noon to 2 PM | Stevenson Park

SPONSOR THIS EVENT!

Memorial Park District
In partnership with the Village of Bellwood and the Mayor's office

Halloween Drive Thru

Bring your child by car and your little goblins will receive a treat bag!
For children in costume up to 9 years of age.

HAPPY Halloween

Memorial Park District Residents Only.
3105 Washington Blvd., Bellwood, Illinois

OCTOBER CALENDAR

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| 3 | Fire Safety Week | 23 | Hispanic Heritage Celebration |
| 11 | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.
Columbus Day | 30 | Halloween Spook-tacular, Eisenhower Community Center, 12 p.m. |
| 20 | Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. | 31 | Halloween |
| 21 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m. | | |



PLEASE RECYCLE!

