



# UPDATE

## MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

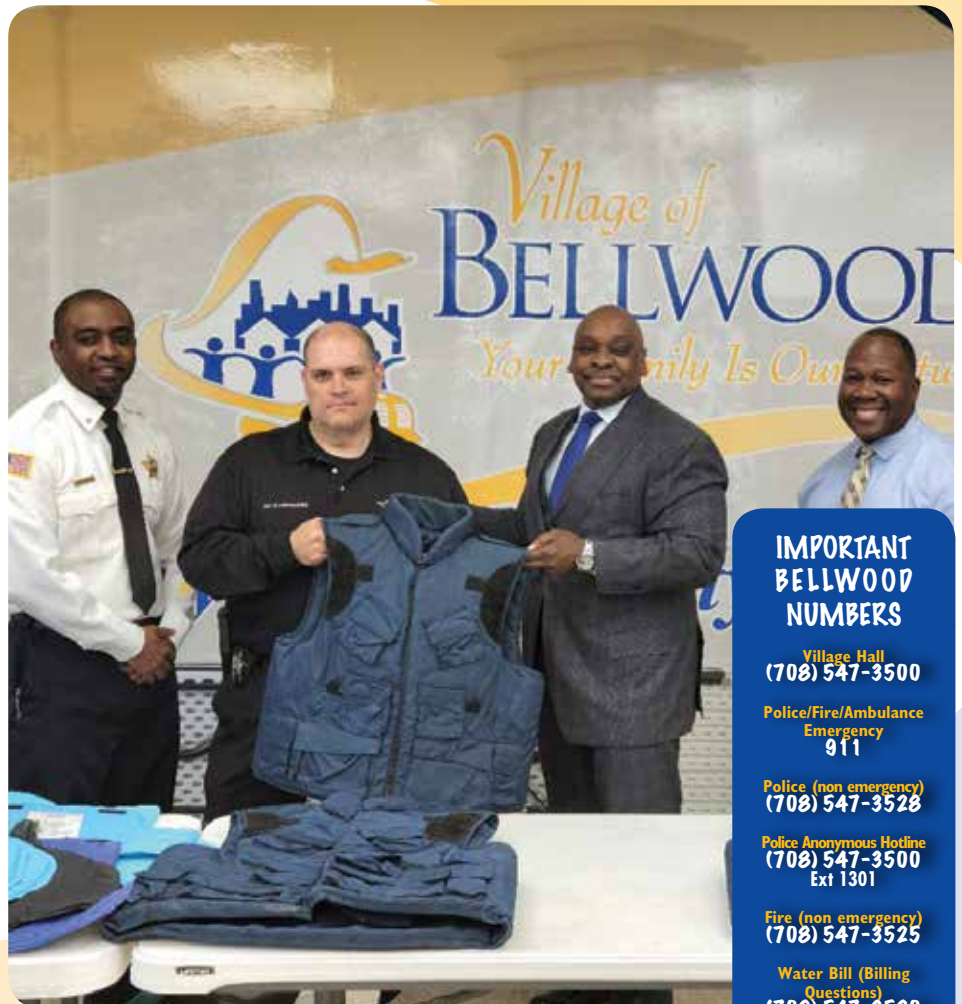
The weather continues to slowly warm up, which means spring is in the air, but so too is the COVID-19 virus, which unfortunately continues as a risk for everyone, particularly if you still have not been vaccinated.

And if you have not been vaccinated, there is still time and an opportunity to do so to protect yourself and everyone around you, including your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. As you have already heard, COVID-19 and other related variants of the virus are still impacting the lives of vulnerable people and others. While the incidence of the virus has been reducing, medical professionals lately are pointing to a slow, documented rise in the number of infected people and those who require hospitalization.

I cannot continue to stress how important it is to get vaccinated and still wear a mask and socially distance when required. Your health, and the health of us all, depends on everyone making the right decisions to protect our community.

On an uplifting note, I want to wish a happy Mother's Day to all mothers, stepmothers and mother figures in Bellwood and beyond. We are looking forward to our Senior's Mother's Day Breakfast that is always a positive and warm gathering that represents how Bellwood takes care of and loves its own.

## Bellwood Police Department Sends Vests to Ukraine



On March 28, the Bellwood Police Department donated 30 ballistic panels and four complete raid vests to support the Ukraine war effort.

The vests were packaged and delivered to a company in Carol Stream for delivery to Ukraine. The donated vests were accumulated over the years because of newer vests purchased for Bellwood police officers.

### 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

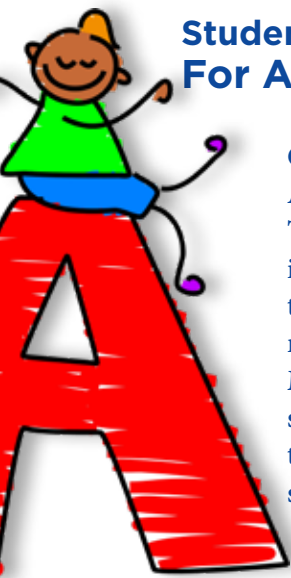
Building Department  
(708) 547-3545

Public Works Department  
(708) 547-3540

Community Service  
(708) 649-3060

Human Resources  
(708) 547-3500

TDD (hearing impaired)  
(708) 547-0011



## Students Earn Gift Cards For A's

On March 24, Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey presented a \$5 Target gift card to 37 students in 3rd – 8th grades for every A they earned in English, reading, math, science and social studies. Mayor Harvey encourages every student to work hard and do their best throughout the school year.



## Recap of Connie Riales Little Free Pantry Ribbon Cutting



The ribbon cutting ceremony for the Connie Riales Little Free Pantry on March 17 marked the debut of a grassroots, crowd-sourced solution to an immediate, around-the-clock resource that provides free non-perishable food, hygiene products, laundry products, toiletries and disposable silverware for people in need.

The Little Free Pantry helps feed neighbors and nourishes neighborhoods and is located at the east entrance of the Bellwood Library. The community is encouraged to "Take what you need, give what you can."

## Bellwood HR Director Honored by Operation Uplift



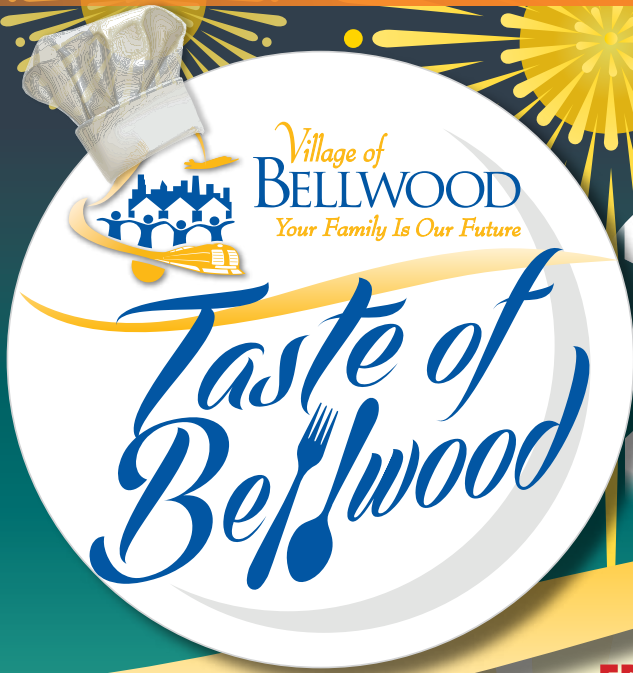
Bellwood Human Resources Director Tonita S. LeShore was honored on April 2 with the Robinson-Wheeler Good Neighbor/Helping Hand Award during Operation Uplift's 33rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration and Black-Tie Awards Gala.

Titled "Remaining Awake and Steadfast Through A Great Revolution," the gala at the Diplomat West in Elmhurst allowed Operation

Uplift Inc. to celebrate 54 years of providing community service to the Proviso Township area, celebrate the legacy of Dr. King and honor the community's high achievers.

The fundraiser, which recognized several other honorees before more than 400 guests, was dedicated to the memory of two of the organization's late pillars: Mattie Robinson and Jean Wheeler, both of whom passed away from COVID-19. The event also memorialized all Proviso Township residents who were lost to the dreadful pandemic. The gala garnered financial support for Operation Uplift, Inc. and its West Town Museum of Cultural History, which has provided 54 years of job training and historic preservation services to low- and medium-income people, unemployed and untrained youth, and adults in Proviso Township.

MAYOR ANDRÉ F. HARVEY PROUDLY PRESENTS THE ANNUAL



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**FRIDAY, AUG 12 – 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM**  
**SATURDAY, AUG 13 – 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY, AUG 14 – 12:00 PM – 10:00 PM**



ULTIMATE CONCEPT BAND

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**FAMILY FUN • AFFORDABLE FOOD**  
**FREE ADMISSION FREE ENTERTAINMENT**

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**FOOD VENDORS • CAR & BIKE SHOW • FIREWORKS**



**ALL FOOD ITEMS COST \$5 OR LESS!**

# FAQ

## Building Department: Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

**Q:** What is the cost of my permit?

**A:** The cost of permits is based on the repair or construction cost of most projects. Specific repairs (electrical, plumbing, mechanical, roofing and alarms) have specified fees depending on what is being done. All permits include a processing and review fee based on the project scope.

**Q:** What is considered an exempt transfer stamp?

**A:** An exempt transfer is when a property is being transferred or conveyed with no consideration (no money changing hands), such as a quit claim, trust, judicial sale and or facsimile deed. The cost for this type of stamp is \$10.

**Q:** What type of work and/or repair requires a permit from the Building Department?

**A:** All work or repairs requires an approved Building permit except for interior and exterior painting and the installation and/or removal of carpet.

**Q:** What is the maximum allowed lot coverage permitted by code in rear yards?

**A:** The maximum allowable coverage in a rear yard is 40%. The remaining 60% of rear yards must stay as green space.



**Q:** Can the driveway approach in the parkway be asphalt?

**A:** Existing driveway approaches when replaced must use concrete.

**Q:** What is the depth for post holes when installing a new fence?

**A:** The depth for post holes when installing a fence is 42". This measurement coincides with the official depth for the frostline of this region.

**Bellwood Residents ...  
Mark Your Calendar!**


**BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH GROUP  
MAY 19, 7 P.M.**

**Presentations by:**

- \* **PLCCA on Job Readiness and Work Programs, Energy and Weatherization Assistance, Counselling and Treatment Social Services**  
*PLCCA will distribute a Community Needs Assessment for residents to share the services and resources they need.*
- \* **Navigating employment issues during the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**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! Comments, feedback and suggestions are welcome. Hope to see you there!*

Face coverings and social distancing will be required.

[www.vil.bellwood.il.us](http://www.vil.bellwood.il.us)

**SURVIVING**




**PROMOTES:**

**A Healthy Fitness Festival**  
Join us for a day of fitness & fun

**JUNE 4, 2022**  
10AM - 2PM  
STEVENS PARK  
3101 Washington Blvd. Bellwood, IL 60104

A FREE EVENT

For more information, please contact  
Toni Williams @ 224-513-9265 or  
Email: [survivingwarriors.bcs@gmail.com](mailto:survivingwarriors.bcs@gmail.com)

**INFORMATION:**  
FITNESS CONTEST  
RAFFLES  
Light snack and water provided  
Donations are appreciated

Trainers:  
Toni, Wava  
April & Tracey

**I AM STRONG**

**I AM POWERFUL**

## MAY CALENDAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 2022-23 Vehicle Stickers Must Be Displayed</li> <li>2-6 Cleanup Week</li> <li>5 Cinco de Mayo</li> <li>8 Mother's Day</li> <li>9 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 Water Restriction Begins (Ends September 15)</li> <li>18 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.</li> <li>30* Memorial Day</li> </ul> <p><small>*Village Hall will be closed.</small></p> |
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