



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

This year's Taste of Bellwood is over – but what is not are the fantastic memories and connections made during our annual festival that is both a major attraction for Bellwood residents, business owners and our fellow residents from towns near and far.

We are excited and humbled to report that our largest crowd ever – more than 50,000 people of all ages – came out on Aug. 12-14, which again made the Taste a major highlight of the year. We welcomed people from out of state and throughout Illinois as they enjoyed appetizing, affordable food, musical entertainment galore (including dancing) and carnival rides for the kids. Not only did we set a record for guests, but this year's Car & Bike Show was our largest ever, and we had the highest number of food and non-food vendors participating.

The high-energy event also attracted a number of elected officials and other dignitaries, including Illinois House Speaker Chris Welch, Cong. Danny K. Davis, Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson and Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson.

Personally, and on behalf of our team of employees and volunteers, I want to thank everyone for their time and talent to present an amazing event. We appreciate the vendors, entertainers and participants in the car show for their role in our success. Thank you to Joe Eads for hosting the Car & Bike Show.

Finally, August was also time for our youth to return to school whether it is elementary, high school, college or graduate school. We wish them nothing but the best. Continued, positive support from parents, guardians, family, friends and neighbors can make a major difference in their education. We owe it to them to show our support and engagement.

A Record-Setting Taste of Bellwood



This year's Taste of Bellwood set a few records in the process of proving to be another wonderful special event for people of all ages. A record 50,000 plus people enjoyed the three-day event; the Car & Bike Show attracted the largest number of participants; and a record was set for the most food and non-food vendors that participated.

Here's a picture recap from the Taste.



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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

(More images from Record-Setting Taste of Bellwood)



(More images on back)

Benbenek Retires From Water Department

After 35 years of service as a laborer in the Bellwood Water Department, Henry “Hank” Benbenek hung up his boots for the last time on July 15 to transition to a well-earned retirement.

Dubbed the department’s “monarch,” he will be remembered for his hard work and dedication to the team. Benbenek will be missed but now he can take long overdue hunting and fishing trips and enjoy the fruits of his labor.



Highlights From Property After Death Forum



Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough's office presented a Property After Death forum on July 19 at the Bellwood Village Hall to educate property owners about various free programs and services, including the Property Fraud Alert Service, Free Military/Veterans Discount Card and how

veterans can record their DD-214's in the clerk's office for safekeeping.

Speakers at the forum shared options for transferring their wealth (property, car and bank account) upon their death to their beneficiaries and the importance of having a plan in place, as well as information on how they can get this done with a Transfer on Death Instrument (property), Secretary of State Beneficiary Affidavit (car), and a Payable on Death Account (money/back account). Property owners seeking general information can call the clerk's office or consult with an attorney. Forms can be found online at cookcountyclerk.il.gov.



Bellwood Residents ...
Mark Your Calendar!



BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 15, 7 P.M.

TOPICS:

* Presentations on Woodlake Hospital
by Shannon Jones, CEO
and

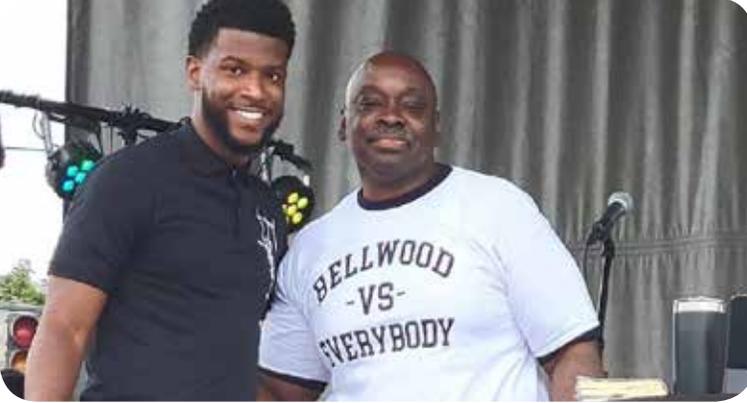
Oak Street Health, Medicare Enrollment by
Ana Presa, Outreach Manager

The Anonymous Tip hotline number is
(708) 547-3500 Ext. 1301.

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!

(More Taste of Bellwood images)



Bellwood Residents: ... Please Join Us At The Tour de Proviso

Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey strongly encourages Bellwood residents to participate in the Tour de Proviso annual bike, which started as a ride through Bellwood, Maywood and Broadview. The ride encouraged people to stay active in 2020 during the pandemic and continues to focus on promoting exercise and healthy living.

The 3rd Annual Tour de Proviso is set for Oct. 1 beginning at 7:30 a.m. and kicking off in Guthrie Park in Riverside.



Parking is available at the Riverside train station. The free and fun event is open to participants of all ages who will enjoy a community expo after the ride to learn more about all that the communities have to offer. *The village will transport Bellwood residents' bikes to Riverside on a first come, first served basis.* **Call Taushonia at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1102 to reserve a space for your bike to be transported to this unity in the community event.**

For more information and to register, go to visitoakpark.com/tourdeproviso.

Reserve Your Ad for the 2023 Bellwood Calendar



Planning has already started for the official 2023 Village of Bellwood calendar. If you are a business owner and want to gain valuable visibility among residents and other businesses with an ad, send an email to Human Resources Director Tonita LeShore at tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us to receive information, including costs and ad dimensions.

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

5*	Labor Day	15	Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m.
12	Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.	22	Fall Begins
21	Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	26-30	Cleanup Week

*Village Hall will be closed.

