



# UPDATE

**MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey**

Our Seniors' Mother's Day Breakfast is fast approaching so plan to join us on May 11 to shower your mother or the mother figure in your life with love and affection for the selfless sacrifice they make for family and friends alike. If you have not purchased your tickets, make it a priority because seating is limited.

Speaking of celebrating mothers, personally and on behalf of my administration, best wishes to Doris J. Phillips on her 90th birthday. She is a proud 44 plus year Bellwood resident and we are happy to salute Ms. Phillips in this issue of the *Update*.

On another note, as the weather continues to warm, I encourage our residents to ensure their property is maintained in the best condition possible, including making safety checks, home interior and exterior repairs, gardening, landscaping, rodent control, garbage disposal, weed and bush trimming and painting. Property inspectors are out daily to ensure your property meets our village ordinances. If a citation is issued, you must immediately resolve the violation.

Keeping your property maintained is a sign of a good homeowner and it also displays neighborly consideration along with not being loud and noisy, playing loud and profane music, refusing to control and clean up after your dog, and teaching your children to be respectful of adults and each other.

This month's newsletter also includes permit information for property owners and landlords, and contractors, which includes electricians, plumbers and carpenters. The permit process addresses what repair work requires a permit, why a permit is required, the advantages of applying for a permit, and the disadvantages if you do not apply.

Finally, save the dates for the best summertime event in all of Proviso Township: the annual Taste of Bellwood on August 9, 10 and 11. We look forward to seeing all of you at our family friendly, family affordable event.

**Bellwood Fire Department Victorious In Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser**



On Feb. 21, the Bellwood Fire Department participated in the 3rd annual Chili Cook-Off hosted by Top Flite Defense Inc. whose mission is to encourage women veterans to impact their communities.



Contestants included fire departments from Bellwood, Hillside, Maywood, Broadview and Westchester. The last competition in 2016 produced the Westchester Fire Department as the victor for the second straight year. Not to be outdone this year, the Bellwood Fire Department submitted two entries and won 1st place and 3rd place at the event that was well attended by local residents, firefighters and village officials.



**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



**2024 Summer Youth Work Program**

Applications will be distributed **ONLY** on:

**Date:** Friday, April 12, 2024  
**Time:** 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
**Place:** Village Hall Community Room – Room 211

To apply you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a **BELLWOOD** resident
- You must be 14 – 16 years of age

To be considered you must return the **completed** application along with the following items:

- A **copy** of your Birth Certificate
- A **copy** of your signed Social Security Card
- A **current** Water Bill with your parent's/legal guardian's name on the bill

A work permit must be submitted with the application and can be obtained from Proviso West on the following dates and times:


- April 15 & 16, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
  - April 17, 12 – 2 p.m.
- April 18, 22 & 23, 9 a.m. – 12 pm
- April 24 & 25, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

All applications and supporting documents must be returned no later than April 26 at 5 pm. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**



## Avoiding Scams Focus of Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The March 21 Neighborhood Watch Meeting featured Sonya Tompkins, Illinois Attorney General outreach liaison, who addressed various scams that take advantage of residents and others, including those focusing on timeshares, church, home repair, identity theft, Internal Revenue Service and grandparents, to name a few. More information is available on the attorney general office's website: [illinoisattorneygeneral.gov](http://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov).

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

**BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE**

**NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING**

**THURSDAY APRIL 18, 7 P.M.**

**TOPIC:**

- "Care Over Cost" presented by Kate Reading, People's Action campaign

*Has a health insurer stopped you from getting coverage?  
 Has your health care claim been denied?  
 If yes, you should attend.*

**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!

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## Happy 90th Birthday Doris Phillips



A Bellwood resident for more than 44 years, Doris Phillips recently celebrated her 90th birthday with loving friends and family. A dedicated resident of the village, she is the proud mother of Gerry Brothers, Brenda Brothers and Patricia Phillips and a four-decade plus member of Monroe Baptist Church where she is one of the church's living founders. Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey and all of Bellwood wish her peace and good health on her 90th birthday.

# What You Should Know About The Village Permit Process

The Bellwood village ordinance regulates what homeowners and contractors must obtain a permit for when considering new construction and home improvement on projects such as kitchen, bath and whole house remodels as well as additions, new roofs, siding, windows, gutters, driveways, patios, fences, etc.

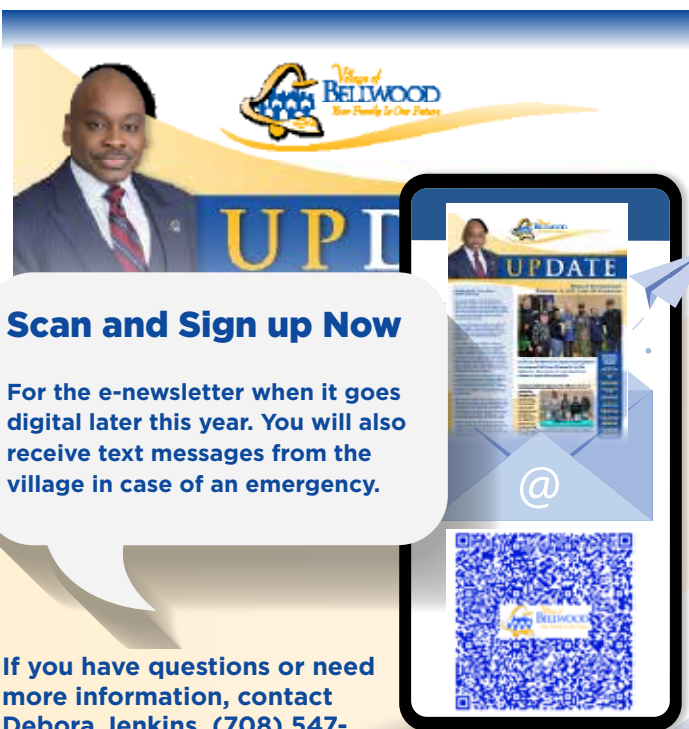
Property owners and contractors must apply for permits for new installation and repairs to the property, including the repair or replacement of stairs, guardrails, handrails, windowpanes, fascia and soffits. Work relating to newly installed and repair electrical services for furnaces and air conditioners must obtain a permit application for review and approval.

The ONLY work that does not require a permit is painting and carpet installation.

A permit application must include a detailed scope of work from either the property owner or a contractor. Complete information, including plans at the time of submittal to the department, can help to ensure timely approval and issuance of a permit.

Permit review times depend on the type of work, and the number of applications submitted. Reviews for smaller jobs may only take from 2-5 days to get a response while larger jobs will take 7-10 days for review and return to the applicant.

Permit applications are available on the village website (vil.bellwood.il.us) or in the Building Department on the 2nd floor of the Village Hall. If you have any questions about the permitting process, call the department at (708) 547-3545.



**Scan and Sign up Now**

For the e-newsletter when it goes digital later this year. You will also receive text messages from the village in case of an emergency.

If you have questions or need more information, contact **Debora Jenkins, (708) 547-3500. Ext. 1514.**



Please join House Speaker and State Representative **Emanuel "Chris" Welch** and Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey for a **COMMUNITY SHRED DAY**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**  
**10:00 AM to 1:00 PM**

**Bellwood Village Hall**  
3200 Washington Blvd. | Bellwood, IL 60104

- Limit two boxes per car.
- Cardboard boxes cannot be left at the event.
- Residential shredding only (no commercial shredding).
- Shredding accepted until shred trucks reach capacity.

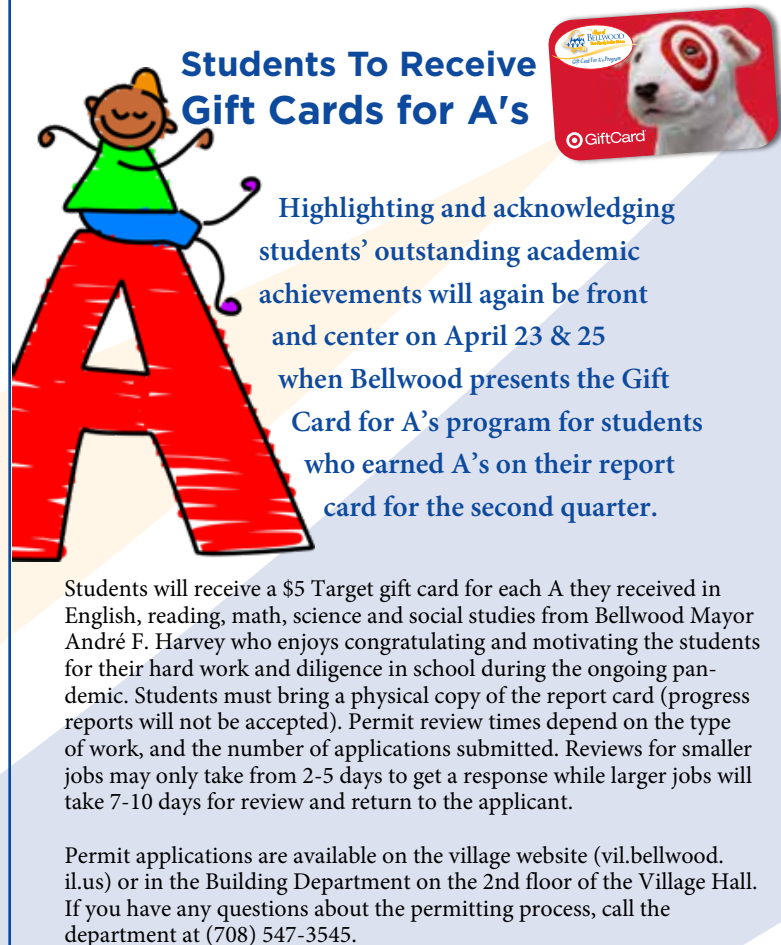
**Please remember to remove all paper clips, staples, and other bindings.**

Help protect yourself from identity theft! Bring documents that contain your personally identifiable information - such as old bank statements, tax returns, bills, receipts, credit card applications and outdated medical records - to be safely shredded.

**Emanuel "Chris" WELCH**  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
7th District  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

For more information, please contact Rep. Welch's constituent service office at 708-450-1000 or RepWelch@EmanuelChrisWelch.com

**THIS EVENT IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC!**



**Students To Receive Gift Cards for A's**

Highlighting and acknowledging students' outstanding academic achievements will again be front and center on April 23 & 25 when Bellwood presents the Gift Card for A's program for students who earned A's on their report card for the second quarter.

Students will receive a \$5 Target gift card for each A they received in English, reading, math, science and social studies from Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey who enjoys congratulating and motivating the students for their hard work and diligence in school during the ongoing pandemic. Students must bring a physical copy of the report card (progress reports will not be accepted). Permit review times depend on the type of work, and the number of applications submitted. Reviews for smaller jobs may only take from 2-5 days to get a response while larger jobs will take 7-10 days for review and return to the applicant.

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Mayor André F. Harvey invites you to



**SENIORS' Mother's Day BREAKFAST**

Saturday, May 11, 2024 • 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 73 • 4550 Roosevelt Road, Hillside, IL



Featuring live entertainment • Tickets: \$15  
Seating is first come, first served. Tickets can be purchased in the Mayor's office from March 20 - April 28  
Questions? Contact Cynthia Euhanks at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1100 or ceuhanks@vil.bellwood.il.us

Adults Only

## Bellwood Fire Department Reads Aloud To Youth



The Bellwood Fire Department recently supported youth on Feb. 7 by participating in the “Read Aloud” program at Lincoln Elementary School. Students can improve their reading comprehension, fluency and vocabulary in the

program that features reading aloud to help build confidence to speak in front of others.

Bellwood Firefighter Brandon Smith was spent time reading with students in 1st and 3rd grade classrooms as they were overjoyed with his presence.

**Secretary of State Mobile Unit Is Coming Back To Town**




**FRIDAY, MAY 17**  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Village Hall - Board Room, 3200 Washington Blvd.

Residents must have proper identification for the following services that will be offered:

- Driver's license renewal, duplicate and correction
- Commercial driver's license renewal or duplicate
- Identification cards issuance, renewal or duplicate
- Vehicle stickers for cars and pick-up trucks
- License plate renewal stickers
- Organ/tissue donor registration



CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

(708) 547-3500 Ext. 1512

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## Get Ready For Cleanup Week in May

Spring is here and that means it's time for Cleanup Week from May 6-10 in Bellwood. Remember to leave materials for pickup on your garbage pickup day that week by 7 a.m.

The season is the ideal time to tackle a variety of indoor and outdoor tasks, including: wash baseboards, doors, windows, screen, window sills and walls; vacuum and wash vents; replace burnt out light bulbs; clean out rain gutters; pressure wash the siding of your home; and, of course, clean out the garage.

## APRIL CALENDAR

1	Yard Waste & Branch Pickup Begins	22	Earth Day
8	Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.	29	Hydrant Flushing Begins
17	Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	30	2023-24 Vehicle Stickers & Animal Tags Expire 2023-24
18	Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m.		Business Licenses Expire



**PLEASE RECYCLE!**

