



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

As this year's holiday season continues, I am hopeful that everyone in Bellwood enjoyed a happy and safe Thanksgiving with family and friends. And as we move closer to celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, I extend my sincere wishes for health and prosperity for all as we move toward the start of a new year.

In that spirit, I want to thank everyone who attended the 2nd Annual Christmas Parade and Festival of Lights, which proved to be a success due to great planning and the support from our volunteers and vendors. Washington Boulevard was literally and figuratively lit and judging by the faces and smiles of the children and adults alike, everyone enjoyed themselves.

As we look forward to another productive year, my administration also looks forward to building a better Bellwood through such innovative initiatives as our Gateway Project on St. Charles Road, attracting new businesses and strengthening the village's infrastructure and financial picture.

Finally, as 2025 is around the corner, remember to mark your calendar and save the date for the Senior Valentine's Dance on Feb. 15 at The Drake Oak Brook. Tickets can be purchased in the mayor's office from Dec. 26 through Jan. 26.

Festival of Lights Shines Brightly in Bellwood



On Nov. 23, Bellwood -- and more specifically Washington Boulevard -- became an impressive light display at the village's second Annual Christmas Festival of Lights and Parade that marks the start of the holiday season, festivities and family and friend gatherings.

Residents lined the streets of the parade route to witness Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey and the village trustees who were joined by Maywood Mayor Nathaniel Booker; Westchester President Greg Hribal; Memorial Park District representatives; emergency first responders; representatives from Maywood, Westchester, Melrose Park, Hillside and Forest Park; Proviso East Marching Band; and community organizations. The procession also included floats and vehicles. The highlight of the night was the lighting display on Washington Boulevard in front of the Village Hall. Attendees also enjoyed the train and sleigh rides, food trucks, retail vendors, photos with Santa and Ms. Claus, and a treat bag for the children.



IMPORTANT BELLWOOD NUMBERS

- Village Hall (708) 547-3520
- 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

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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.

Bellwood Fire Department Victorious In Chill Cook-Off Fundraiser



Highlights From Memorial Park Halloween Haunted Trail



A scary good time was had by all on Oct. 26 as more than 200 people enjoyed the annual Halloween Haunted Trail hosted by Memorial Park District.

Families walked through the trail and haunted house and collected treats that included candy and prizes while outdoor activities like a bouncy house and inflatable slides added more fun to the festivities. A number of community-based organizations provided treats and resources at the event that also was supported by Bellwood officials and residents.

Scan and Sign up Now

For the e-newsletter when it goes digital. 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.



Progress Continues With Bellwood Climate Resiliency Plan

Over the past year, Bellwood has collaborated with Cook County to research and gather information for a Climate Resiliency Plan for the village that will help residents manage changes in our climate and make the village a better, healthier and more resilient place to live.



To that end, the plan's project team continues to receive input from village staff, a community stakeholder group, and the public during events like a Taste of Bellwood and the Back-to-School Bash festival. Feedback was shared on Nov. 14 as the project team held an open house that allowed members of the community to provide input on the plan's recommendations, learn more about the process, play games and win prizes.

The plan still is in development, and many stakeholders, including village staff will continue to give input on details to identify community projects funded by Cook County to improve Bellwood's climate resiliency.



**Mayor André F. Harvey
proudly presents**



**The Drake Oak Brook,
2301 York Road, Oak Brook, IL
Saturday, February 15, 2025**

6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$40 per person

Table of Ten Reservations: \$350

(\$50 Discount on Table Purchases)

Tickets on sale from December 26, 2024 - January 31, 2025

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.!
NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!
NO RESERVED SEATING, EXCEPT
FOR TABLE PURCHASES!**

ADULTS ONLY

Guest rooms available at The Drake Oak Brook

Overnight stay: \$169 plus tax.

Reservations must be made by January 20, 2025.

Call (888) 236-2427 Provide Code: VB2

**2 options available: Standard King or
Standard Double Room**

(More images Festival of Lights Shines
Brightly in Bellwood)



Proviso Handyman department

December 2024

Over the river and through the woods to Grandmother's house we go....

Are you ready for the holidays? Give us a call and we will help bring out your boxes of decorations! It is also a good time to change the batteries in smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

Call 708-547-4001

The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township



**Bellwood · Berkeley · Broadview · Brookfield · Forest Park · Hillside ·
LaGrange Park · Maywood · Melrose Park · North Riverside ·
Northlake · Stone Park · Westchester · Western Springs**

+ Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township+

Michael A. Corrigan
Supervisor

Anthony "Tony" Williams
Clerk

Steven J. Zawaski
Assessor

Evelyn Chavez · Joseph Christopher · Gay F. Chase · Clarence E Thomas
Trustees

DECEMBER CALENDAR

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| 6 Yard Waste & Branch Pickup Ends | 21 Winter Begins |
| 7 Breakfast With Santa, 8:30 a.m. | 25* Christmas Day |
| 9 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. | 26 Kwanzaa Begins |
| 18 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. | <i>*Village Hall will be closed.</i> |



**PLEASE
RECYCLE!**

