

**MESSAGE** From Mayor  
**André F. Harvey**

August always arrives with a little urgency to it. One minute we're deep in summer, the next minute buses are rolling, and our youth are back in classrooms. The way we close out the summer and the way we start the school year say a lot about who we are as a village.

Speaking of summer, we just wrapped up another successful Taste of Bellwood, and I want to start by saying thank you. Thank you to every resident who came out, to the families who brought their friends, to our vendors and local businesses, and to the staff and volunteers who put in the work behind the scenes.

Every year this event gets better and better. Better food, better music, bigger crowds, and more of that Bellwood spirit you can feel walking down the block. That does not happen by accident; it happens because this community shows up for itself. Thank you for supporting the Village of Bellwood and for making the Taste of Bellwood what it has become.

Now that our youth have headed back to school, I'm asking every resident to slow down. It has been a couple of months since our streets have had youth walking to bus stops. Watch your speed in school zones and on residential blocks. Stop for school buses with flashing lights.

It is the law and it is the right thing to do. Give extra room at crosswalks and intersections near our schools. Put the phone down. A young person stepping off a curb does not get a second chance. Parents and guardians — walk the route with your children before school starts. Talk through where to cross, where to wait, and what to do if something feels wrong. Make sure the school has current contact information for your family. And to our young people: look up, look both ways, and look out for each other.

This is not just a school district or a police department responsibility. This is a village responsibility. Every one of us behind a wheel in Bellwood is part of keeping our young people safe this school year. I am asking you to take that seriously from the first day to the last.

We keep moving the village forward in our downtown, in our neighborhoods, and in the way we look after one another. A safe school year is part of that work.

Another Sustainable Day for The Environment



Nearly 200 energetic volunteers showed up on June 27 ready to “do good” at the 4th Annual Bellwood Clean and Green Day, which etched another mark in sustaining the environment.

Thank you to Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey, Sustainability Chair Tonita LeShore and volunteers from Black Men United, Continental Electric, Cozzi Recycling, Bellwood School District 88, Hancock Engineering, Memorial Park District, Nicor Gas, Omega Psi Phi, Syro-Malabar, West Cook County Youth Club and the Village of Bellwood trustees, staff, Public Works Department, and village residents. Volunteers took ownership and displayed pride through coordinated and collaborative activities in the clean-up assignments. Efforts focused on mulching, planting trees and flowers, painting the underpasses, picking up debris and removing weeds.



A special thank you to Nick Belton at Borg Warner and Peter Cozzi at Cozzi Recycling who continue to support since the first event.

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(708) 547-3520

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(708) 547-3540

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(708) 649-3060

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Bellwood Residents ...  
Mark Your Calendar!

## BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE



### NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING

THURSDAY  
AUGUST 20, 7 P.M.

#### TOPIC:

- Introduction to the Services and Resources for Local Neighborhoods by Nora La Porta, Community Liaison, Cook County State's Attorney's Office

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Keith Chilson (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1335.**

**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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## Bellwood Completes Climate Resiliency Plan, Earns Recognition

Bellwood partnered with the Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) to develop a comprehensive Climate Resiliency Plan (CRP) to help the village identify projects to prepare for climate-related impacts and serve as an educational tool.



The CRP was developed through an inclusive, community-driven approach that involved participation from residents, volunteer groups, institutions, businesses and village and county staff.

The collaborative effort assessed current impacts, established goals and prioritized actions to mitigate hazards and enhance the community's resilience. On Feb. 25, the Cook County Board of Commissioners recognized Bellwood and other municipal partners for their community engagement completed during the development of the plans. The Publicity Club of Chicago awarded the Climate Resiliency Planning for Communities program a Golden Trumpet Award for excellence in the Community Relations category.

Engagement across the program through 90 separate engagement sessions resulted in valuable feedback from more than 1,000 participants to help define the unique goals, priorities and recommendations in community-driven plans. The program also was selected as one of the 10 finalists for the Platinum Trumpet Award

Brian Daly, former program manager for the Department of Environment and Sustainability, in his departing remarks to Sustainability Chair Tonita LeShore, "Working with Mayor Harvey, elected officials, village staff, you and the Village of Bellwood on the climate resiliency plan and implementation, as well as the EV charging station program, has been a major highlight of my time in this office. I deeply appreciated the opportunity to learn more about your community and to see the energy and enthusiasm the Village staff, elected officials, and residents have brought to tackling these important issues."

The report will be available later this month on the Village of Bellwood website.

## Bellwood Resident Sworn In To Township Mental Health Commission

The Proviso Township Mental Health Commission (PTMHC) swore in new board member Jeanette Harris during the June board meeting. Harris has been a resident of Bellwood since 1989.



“The entire board looks forward to working with Jeanette,” said PTMHC Board President Michael Corrigan. “She has tremendous passion to improve the lives of the residents in the Township.”

The PTMHC supports local agencies that help address behavioral health care services through the distribution of grant dollars. These agencies provide critical services to individuals in need of services that address mental health, substance use disorder, youth services, and more.

Harris said she is particularly interested in supporting and expanding the services that are provided to seniors who might struggle with mental health as they age.

“I am honored and excited to get to work with my colleagues at the Commission. I have always been involved in my community whether it is working for the Village of Bellwood or serving at my church’s food pantry,” said Harris. “The Proviso Township Mental Health Commission is a natural extension of showing up for the community and I look forward to the work that lies ahead.”

“There is a need for the services that the Commission provides,” she added. “I am excited to get to work helping residents connect with the providers that they need. This position is a perfect fit for me.”





## Proviso Handyman Department

### August 2026

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## AUGUST CALENDAR

- 4** National Night Out  
**7-9** Taste of Bellwood  
**10** Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.

- 19** Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.  
**20** Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m.

