Village of BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

FEBRUARY 2022

UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

"Negro History Week" started in the second week of February in 1926 when it was created by historian Carter G. Woodson and the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated February as Black History Month and other countries including Canada and the United Kingdom devote a month to celebrating Black history.

As Bellwood residents, we are proud of the historical and current contributions of African Americans in every facet of society, fueled by the Civil Rights Movement, and the battles our forefathers fought for, including for the right to vote. The right to cast your vote is of of critical importance for elections at every level of government. Your voice is your vote, and we must continue to educate and encourage our family and friends to register and vote.

On another very important matter, I want to repeat my call for all eligible residents of the approved ages to get vaccinated and boosted to combat the spread of COVID-19 and the Delta and Omicron variants. To that end, we are offering FREE drive-through testing and vaccines every Tuesday from 6:45 – 11 a.m. in the Village Hall parking lot. Vaccines are administered there as well from 9 – 11 a.m. every Tuesday. Vaccine registration is required. Call Cynthia Eubanks at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1100 to make an appointment.

Christmas Food Basket Giveaway for Village's Seniors

Each year during the holidays, Bellwood looks forward to feeding the village's seniors and on Dec. 10 Mayor André F. Harvey and village staff brightened the season with a delivery of food to 58 seniors at Georgina Lane and 80 seniors at Bellwood Senior Suites.

The giveaway consisted of dinner with yuletide trimmings, including a turkey. The well-received effort promotes the spirit of holiday giving and ensures seniors can share a holiday meal with their families.

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

Bellwood Employment Opportunity: Crossing Guard (Part-time)

wanted

This is a part-time position that assists children and other pedestrians in crossing at specified streets along school routes.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Assembles children and other pedestrians behind curb lines awaiting traffic lulls or signal changes.
- Stops traffic and escorts pedestrians into the street allowing them to cross safely.
- Instructs children in proper procedures for safe street crossing.
- Reports students who do not adhere to safe street crossing procedures to appropriate school officials.

Required Education/Experience/Skills

- A minimum of 18 years of age
- High school diploma or GED
- Ability to communicate with children and adults effectively

Physical Requirements and Working Conditions

Must possess stamina to stand for long periods of time; mobility to escort pedestrians across the street; ability to work outdoors in good and/or inclement weather conditions; good vision for reading printed materials and license plates; and being able to hear and speak well when communicating to others.

Hours & Compensation

Crossing guards are on duty between 7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. and between 2:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The hourly rate for this position is $13.00.

To Apply

Complete an online application at vil.bellwood.il.us/government/employment-opportunities.

Key Tips For Disaster Preparedness

Disasters can happen at any time and anywhere, and you may not have much time to respond. Take these four steps toward preparedness.

1. **Make a Plan** - Talk to family and friends about the types of emergencies that can occur.
2. **Build an Emergency Supply Kit(s)** - Have a kit for your house, vehicle and your place of work. Be prepared to shelter in your home or to be evacuated.
3. **Get Training** - Learn first aid and CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation). Know how to shelter-in-place and how to turn off utilities (power, gas, water) to your home.
4. **Volunteer** - Volunteer in your community as a CERT

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2021 Bellwood Calendar Honored For Design Excellence

The Village of Bellwood 2021 calendar was selected as a winner in the 58th anniversary American Graphic Design Awards by Graphic Design USA from more than 11,000 entries of creative projects.

GDUSA, which has been "the news and ideas magazine for creative professionals since 1963," noted that other organizations and brands whose design agencies and creative departments were chosen as winners include AARP, American Bar Association, Harvard Law School, Los Angeles Dodgers, Smithsonian Institute and the United Nations, among others.

Each year for the past several years, the Bellwood calendar project team comprises Bellwood Human Resources Director Tonita LeShore, editor Derrick K. Baker and graphic designer Karen R. Mazique.

Food Giveaway Brightens the Holidays

The village held its Annual Food Giveaway on Dec. 18 in a drive through format to ensure COVID-19 restrictions were being followed. In partnership with World Deliverance Christian Center and sponsorship from Chicago Methodist Senior Services and Proviso Community Bank, the event provided food to more than 200 families and toys to families with children.

World Deliverance Choir also provided carols and cocoa. Each year Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey and staff look forward to providing cheer to families in need.

Highlights from Christmas With The Governor in Proviso

On Dec. 11, Christmas In Proviso, an event started by founder, philanthropist, and construction entrepreneur Larry Huggins, held a "Christmas with the Governor" event at the Memorial Park Fitness Center as the precursor to the Christmas In Proviso event on Dec. 23.

In conjunction with Gov. JB Pritzker's office, Pastor John Harrell and Black Man United, Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey and Memorial Park District Director Mark Flores opened their doors for Christmas In The Wards and elected officials who presented laptops, toys, and furniture to needy children and their families.

Illinois Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton attended on the governor's behalf. Also attending were Sen. Kimberly Lightford, Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris Welch, Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson, Cook County Clerk Karen Yarbrough, Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson, Forest Park Mayor Rory Hoskins, Hillside Mayor Joe Tamburino, Maywood Mayor Nathaniel Booker and representatives from Melrose Park.

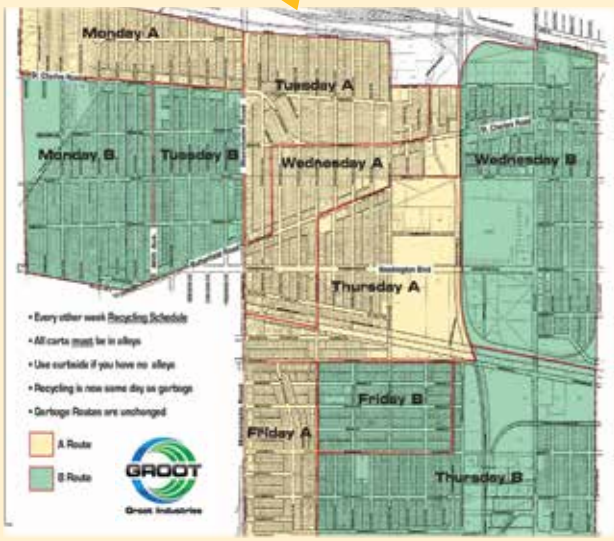
Highlights From Christmas in Proviso

The Christmas elves were busy in December in getting the toys wrapped and distributed to more than 250 families throughout Proviso Township with presents that included bicycles, remote toys, TVs, furniture and food.

A special thanks to event founder, philanthropist, and construction entrepreneur Larry Huggins for the Christmas In The Wards event for supporting needy children and families as well as to Sen. Kimberly Lightford, Ill. House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson, Cook County Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough, Mayors André F. Harvey, Katrina Thompson, Joe Tamburino, Nathaniel Booker, Ron Serpico., and Roy Hoskins. In addition, PLCCA and Black Men United helped to bring smiles on the faces of many children across the township.

FAQ

Bellwood Public Works Department: Frequently Asked Questions & Answers



Q: When is my garbage day?

A: See the map above (that also appears in the official 2022 Bellwood calendar).

Q: When do they pick up my recycling?

A: Recycling is picked up on alternating weeks on your garbage day.

Q: What is the number for Groot?

A: (888) 485-0900

Q: When does yard waste get picked up?

A: Yard waste is placed on the curb in brown biodegradable bags on the same day as your garbage day.

Q: Where do I place branches that have fallen from trees?

A: Branches are to be placed in the alley for pick up. If there is no alley, they can be placed in the front. Branches do not have to be placed in a bag.

Q: I'm selling my home and need a sidewalk inspection. Do I need to be present for the inspection?

A: No one must be present. We will conduct the inspection within 72 hours and will contact you with the results. In the winter months the sidewalk **MUST** be clear of snow and ice for the inspection.

Q: Do I need to repair the sidewalk before closing?

A: The sidewalk either must be paid ($250 per square) and we will repair and replace. If you want to repair the sidewalk yourself, you have to apply for a permit and have the sidewalk replaced prior to closing.

(Key Tips For Disaster Preparedness continued)

(Citizen Emergency Response Team) member, a firefighter or an emergency medical technician.

Prepare Your Emergency Kit(s)

There are basic steps you can take to ensure you are prepared at home, in your vehicle and at work. By building an emergency kit, you and your family will have the basic survival items that are necessary during an emergency.

Since spring 2020, the CDC has recommended people include additional items in their kits to help prevent the spread of coronavirus or other viruses and the flu. Consider adding the following items to your emergency supply kit based on your individual needs:

- Cloth face coverings (for everyone ages two and above), soap, hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes to disinfect surfaces
- Prescription medications
- Non-prescription medications such as pain relievers, anti-diarrhea medication, antacids or laxatives
- Prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution
- Infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream
- Pet food and extra water for your pet
- Cash or traveler's checks
- Important family documents such as copies of insurance policies, identification and bank account records saved electronically or in a waterproof, portable container
- Sleeping bag or warm blanket for each person
- Complete change of clothing appropriate for your climate and sturdy shoes
- Fire extinguisher
- Matches in a waterproof container
- Feminine supplies and personal hygiene items
- Mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils
- Paper and pencil
- Books, games, puzzles or other activities for children

Download the Disaster Kit brochure for an easy-to-use checklist of items suggested for your kit(s).

- Disaster Kit - English version https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/SiteCollectionDocuments/IHS_Disaster_Kit.pdf
- Disaster Kit - Spanish version https://www2.illinois.gov/ready/SiteCollectionDocuments/IHS_Disaster_Kit_Spanish.pdf
- Gather the supplies that are listed. You may need them if your family is confined at home or evacuated.
- Keep the items you would most likely need during an evacuation in an easy-to-carry container (Go Bag), such as a camping backpack or a duffle bag.

Proviso Handyman Department

January

Are your holiday boxes ready to be stored in your attic or basement? Call and we will help put them away! Is it a good time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms? If you haven't winterized your doors and windows our handyman can do that for you also!
Call 708 547-4001 to register for Proviso Handyman Program.

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Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township

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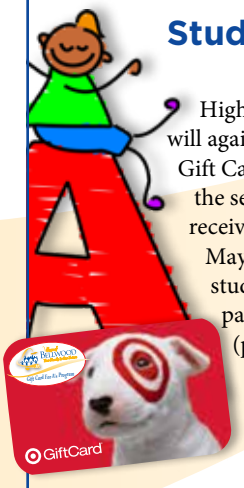
Supervisor

Anthony "Tony" Williams
Clerk

Steven J. Zawaski
Assessor

Evelyn Chavez · Joseph Christopher · Mari Herrell · Clarence E Thomas
Trustees



Students To Receive Gift Cards for A's

Highlighting and acknowledging students' outstanding academic achievements will again be front and center on March 22 and 24 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).

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2 Groundhog Day

14 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.
Valentine's Day

16 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

21* Presidents' Day

***Village Hall will be closed.**

PLEASE RECYCLE!

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