



UPDATE

Colorful Highlights From Hispanic Heritage Celebration

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

If you joined us at the village's Annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration last month you know how meaningful – and fun – it was at the Eisenhower Community Center as we embraced Bellwood's diverse culture by supporting our Hispanic residents and business owners.

We celebrated our friends, family, neighbors and co-workers in Bellwood and beyond whose connections to the likes of Mexico, South America, Puerto Rico and beyond are full of rich history and great promise. We were honored to have Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza as guest speaker, and her uplifting words of encouragement resonated with our youth and adults.



Finally, on behalf of the Harvey family and my entire administration, I want to wish everyone a very happy and blessed Thanksgiving holiday. This is an important time of the year when friends, families and strangers gather in the spirit of gratitude, sharing and fellowship.

I wish you all the best this holiday season and look forward to celebrating with as many residents and at as my events as my schedule will allow through the end of the year.



Bellwood proudly hosted its 16th Annual Hispanic Celebration on Oct. 20 at the Eisenhower Community Center with a well-attended event that included cultural presentations, music performances by local students and other impressive performers.

Guest speaker Illinois Comptroller Susana Mendoza shared inspiring words of encouragement with the youth and adults at the event that honors and celebrates the rich Hispanic culture and the community's economic, educational and social contributions to Bellwood and beyond.



(More images inside)

IMPORTANT BELLWOOD NUMBERS

Village Hall
(708) 547-3500

Police/Fire/Ambulance
Emergency
911

Police (non emergency)
(708) 547-3528

Police Anonymous Hotline
(708) 544-5961

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

(More Images From Hispanic Heritage Celebration)



Gospel Fundraiser Supports Homeless Families

The Loving Arms Community Center's first Gospel Extravaganza on Oct. 20 at the Holiday Inn Express in Hillside featured great music from Monroe Baptist Church, DJ John Woodhouse, gospel singers and praise dancers from Missionary Baptist Church, Grace Central Church and New Hope Church, among other performances.



The event also featured a fashion show with such models as Bellwood Village Clerk Janel Moreland; Tonita LeShore, Bellwood director of Human Resources; Liliana Burgos; and Rachel Davis. Loving Arms is a non-profit that helps homeless and displaced families transition into permanent housing in the community. The event raised money to help open a homeless shelter. Betty Lemons, pictured here, was the most seasoned senior at the event.



Local Students Learn Fire Safety



Bellwood firefighter Ismael Zaragoza recently explained the importance of fire safety to preschool students at Lincoln Primary as part of Fire Safety Month in October.

The department visits classrooms in pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade in the village to teach children what to do in the event of an emergency.

Ribbon Cutting Marks Debut of New Playground



Parents, teachers, educators and elected officials were on hand on Oct. 18 as new playground equipment at McKinley and Grant elementary schools made its debut to the joy of excited students. Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey was among the speakers, which also included District 88 Superintendent Hark Holder and Stone Park Mayor Beniamino Mazzulla, both of whom, in addition to others, addressed the crowd before the ribbon cutting to open another fun and safe way for students to exercise and play.

Turkey Fryer Safety

NFPA discourages the use of outdoor gas-fueled turkey fryers that cook the turkey in hot oil. The use of turkey fryers can lead to devastating burns, other injuries and the destruction of property.



The Dangers of Turkey Fryers

- » Hot oil may splash or spill during the cooking. Contact between hot oil and skin could result in serious injury.
- » A hot oil spill can happen with fryers designed for outdoor use using a stand. The fryer could tip over or collapse causing the hot oil to spill. Newer countertop units using a solid base appear to reduce this risk. NFPA does not believe the risks of either type of turkey fryer to be acceptable because of the large amount of hot oil involved and the speed and severity of burns.
- » In deep frying, oil is heated to temperatures of 350° Fahrenheit or more. Cooking oil is combustible. If it is heated above its cooking temperature, its vapors can ignite.
- » Propane-fired turkey fryers must be used outdoors. They are very popular for Thanksgiving. Many parts of the country may have rain or snow at this time of year. If rain or snow hits the hot cooking oil, the oil may splatter or turn to steam, leading to burns.
- » Turkeys must be completely thawed before placing in the fryer, because a partially thawed turkey will cause the oil to splatter causing serious burns.
- » The fryers use a lot of oil, about five gallons. Considering the size and weight of the turkey, extreme caution must be taken when placing and removing the turkey from the fryer to be sure it is not dropped back into the fryer, splattering the oil on the chef.

OIL-LESS FRYERS

NFPA urges those who prefer fried turkey to look for grocery stores, specialty food retailers, and restaurants that sell deep fried turkeys, or consider a new type of "oil-less" turkey fryer."



Your Source for SAFETY Information

NFPA Public Education Division • 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, MA 02169

www.nfpa.org/education

wanted

Job Posting: PACE Van Driver – Part Time

- Driver applicants must be 21 or older.
- Applicants must have held a driver's license for five years without breaks or suspensions prior to the date of application.
- Applicants must pass a criminal background check.
- Drivers must successfully pass drug/alcohol testing.
- To be eligible to operate a Pace vehicle, applicants must meet the following driver standards/qualifications:
 - o No Class I or II convictions.
 - o No Class III or IV convictions in the past two years. However, consideration will be given to a potential driver that has only one Class III or IV conviction in the past five years.
 - o No pattern of driving violations on the record.
 - o No convictions/suspensions of driving while intoxicated or impaired by alcohol or drugs.
 - o Not currently in receipt of a traffic violation.
 - o Drivers must successfully pass a Pace Driver Training Course.
 - o Driver must be a Bellwood resident.

If you are interested, you can complete an application and submit a resume to the Human Resource Office, 2nd Floor, Room 206 no later than November 30, 2018. The Village of Bellwood is an EOE/ADA compliant employer.



Village of
BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

Presents
Annual Christmas Event

16th
"Breakfast
With
Santa"

Saturday,
December 8, 2018

8:45 a.m. – 12:00 (noon)

Best Western Hotel

4400 Frontage Road, Hillside

Hot Buffet Breakfast with Santa
Special Entertainment by
Cupcake's Family Fun
Time Entertainment

Family Photos with Santa

Purchase Tickets from
Nov. 5-26 at the
Mayor's Office,
Rm. 200, Village Hall

Deadline to
purchase tickets
is Monday,
November 26,
2018

Admission

\$10 (13 years and older)

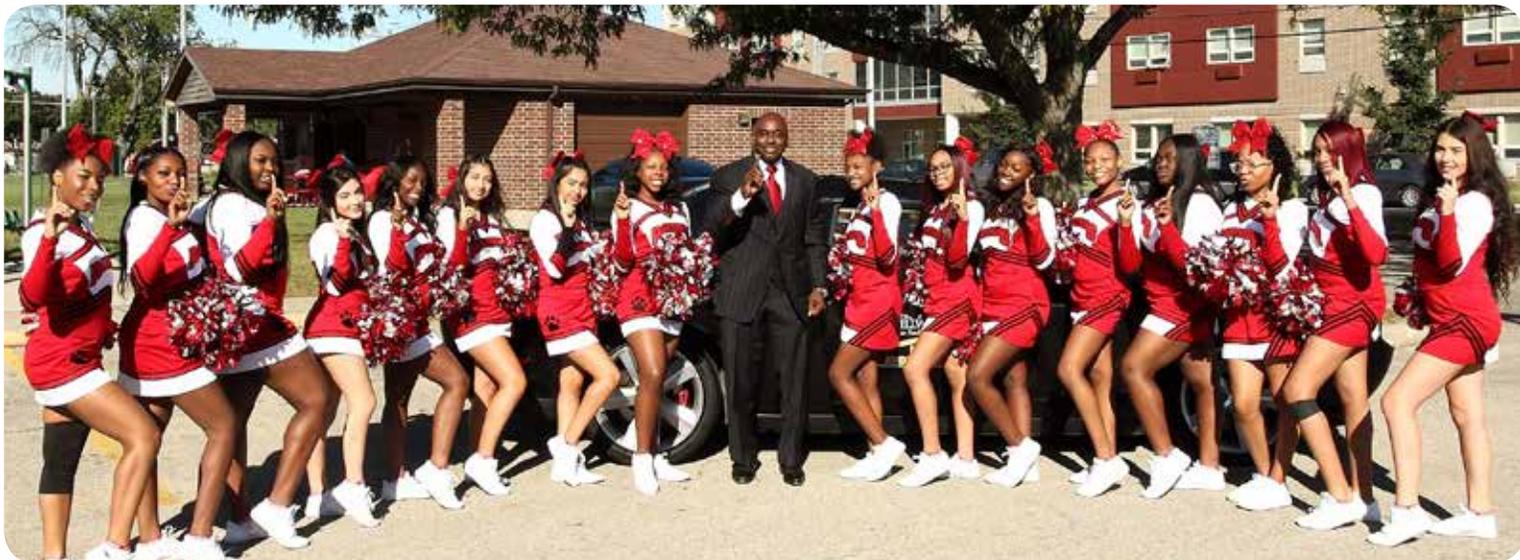
\$5 (3-12 years old)

\$8 (seniors 65 years and older)

Tickets must be presented at the door to enter.
Children MUST be accompanied by an adult.
Please arrive at 8:45 a.m. Breakfast will be
served promptly at 9 a.m. until 10 a.m. ONLY!

Village Supports Homecomings and Pep Rally

The fall season means homecoming, homecoming parades and, of course, football – and the students at Proviso East, Proviso West and the Memorial Park Spartans football program recently celebrated with high-energy pep rallies and parades.



Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey joined teachers, parents, coaches and other adults in supporting the youth and the sports programs that add value to their education.





2018 Christmas Food Bag Giveaway Guidelines

To receive a food bag this year at Bellwood's Annual Christmas Bag Giveaway on Saturday, Dec. 15, village residents must register on Monday, Nov. 26 from 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Village Hall in the Human Resources Department, Room 206. Bellwood residents must bring a photo ID, current water bill and proof of eligibility for SNAP, SSI or Medicaid benefits. Christmas food bags are limited to one bag per household. Phone-in registration is not allowed.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 Daylight Savings Time Ends 6 Election Day (Remember To Vote) 7 Property Tax Appeal Forum, Village Hall, 6:30 p.m. 11 Veterans Day | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12* Veterans Day Observed 19 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. 21 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. 22* Thanksgiving |
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PLEASE RECYCLE!

