



# UPDATE

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

As this highly unusual year comes to an end, together we must stay focused on remaining united as a community while we continue to make a priority of our health and the well-being of our family and friends. The COVID-19 pandemic continues to be a public health threat and we have an obligation to help reduce the spread by continuing to take the proper precautions as we move into a new year that we expect to be much more promising.

The village has remained committed, as I have recapped in the article on this page, to providing an array of important services and resources for our residents. Please read that summary and share it with your family, friends and neighbors so that we stay on the same page about what has been done and what more we must do.

As we approach the holiday season, in the midst of the turmoil and disruption caused by the pandemic, we must remember those who lost a loved one during the pandemic. Personally and on behalf of my family and the entire village, I send to you and your family best wishes for a safe, happy holiday season and a prosperous New Year.

Please continue to stay safe and support each other in the village where Your Family Is Our Future.

**Bellwood Responds to the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
*An Update From Mayor André F. Harvey*



Since the start of the governor’s stay-at-home order in March, Bellwood has continued to provide a variety of important services and resources for our residents, and especially for our seniors who are particularly at risk during this unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic.

In the interest of public health and safety, I ask that all of our residents continue to take the precautions needed to protect themselves and their family, including practicing social distancing, wearing a face covering and regularly using hand sanitizer to minimize your exposure to the virus.



**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**

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**(Bellwood Responds to the COVID-10 Pandemic continued)**

As we all know, the pandemic has significantly impacted our personal and professional lives, including our dedicated village staff. At the same time, however, since March our employees – in particular those who provide direct services as front line employees – have safely provided support and resources to our residents and kept the village operating as our residents deserve and expect.

In addition, we established a COVID-19 Task Force comprising staff from different departments who created a strategic plan to assist residents.

As mayor, I applaud and respect our committed village staff for their dedication and diligence during this extraordinary time. Your health and well-being always is a top priority. For example, for the past several months and continuing to this very day:

- **On multiple occasions the village has distributed personal protective equipment and hand sanitizer to residents. We also appreciate the donation of those supplies from local businesses and individuals.**

- **Staff continues to operate the Pace bus service to transport our seniors to doctor appointments and the grocery store, among other trips.**

- **Village staff and I have made personal phone calls and visits to check in on residents.**

- **We partnered with PLCCA and Bellwood School District 88 to provide food to families in need and with a local business to provide face masks to our residents and seniors at Senior Suites and Prairie View Apartments.**

- **We have safely held village board meetings, committee and commission meetings and monthly Neighborhood Watch meetings while requiring residents and guests to practice social distancing and wear personal protective equipment.**

I commit to you that the village will not and cannot waiver in safely serving our residents who rely on us for various services and resources. As a united community that always emphasizes family, we will get through this pandemic together.



## Paving The Way To Safer Streets

After all of the streets in Bellwood are evaluated, those in the poorest condition but with a solid foundation for re-surfacing are addressed in the Street Resurfacing Program.



This year, the following streets were resurfaced during the program that ended on Nov. 16:

- 600 block of Rice Ave.
- 600 block of Morris Ave.
- 200 block of Eastern Ave.
- 1100 block of Marshall Ave.
- 3900-4000 block of Van Buren St.
- 2900-3000 block of Adams St.
- 200 block of 28th. Ave.
- 100-200 block of 23rd Ave.

The annual program will resume in 2021 and 7-10 streets will be resurfaced next year to continue providing safe conditions for motorists and pedestrians alike.

We Want To  
**HEAR FROM YOU!**

The monthly Bellwood *Update* newsletter and village website ([www.vil.bellwood.il.us](http://www.vil.bellwood.il.us)) deliver important – and sometimes fun – information to and about the village’s residents and business owners ... and we always want to hear from you! Send us stories about your family’s accomplishments at work, in the community and in school to Bellwood Human Resources Director Tonita S. LeShore at [tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us](mailto:tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us) for consideration for the newsletter. Don’t forget to attach a high-quality picture, if appropriate, that we can also consider.

## A Look Back At Safe Halloween Fun



The Memorial Park District Halloween Drive Thru event on October 31 was a success as more than 400 bags full of treats were distributed to children.

Generous sponsors donated candy and toys, and volunteers helped fill Halloween bags. A very special thank you goes to Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey, Village Clerk Janel Moreland and Bellwood School District 88 for their time and generosity.

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(More images from A Look Back At Safe Halloween Fun)



Meanwhile, at the Bellwood Village Hall, on October 30 and for the third consecutive year, employees dressed in colorful costumes to celebrate Halloween. Village officials from the mayor's office and staff from the Building department dressed as Crayola crayons and Finance department staff dressed as M&M's to greet residents and the public.



## DECEMBER CALENDAR

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1</b> Snow Route Restrictive Parking Enforcement Begins</li> <li><b>10</b> Hanukkah Begins</li> <li><b>11</b> Yard Waste &amp; Branch Pickup Ends</li> <li><b>14</b> Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.</li> <li><b>16</b> Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>19</b> Christmas Food/Bag Giveaway</li> <li><b>21</b> Winter Begins</li> <li><b>25*</b> Christmas Day</li> <li><b>26</b> Kwanzaa Begins</li> </ul> |
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\*Village Hall will be closed.



**PLEASE RECYCLE!**

