



# UPDATE

**MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey**

With Thanksgiving approaching later this month, I personally want to thank everyone in my administration, all staff members, residents, business owners, and members of our community for making Bellwood a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Each day I am reminded of how thankful I am to be surrounded by people who make our community an exceptional village with a future that remains bright and promising. I also want to wish everyone safe travels during the Thanksgiving holiday, and especially to those of you who will be visiting family and friends in other cities and states. As we all know, each year the holiday season means increased traffic on the roads, so travel safely wherever you go.

I hope you have a Thanksgiving that is filled with family, friends, food, and all the festivities of the holiday.

And finally, for Veterans' Day on Nov. 11, I extend my respect, best wishes and gratitude to our veterans for your service and sacrifice in keeping our country safe. For the men and women who are currently serving in all branches of the armed forces, thank you for protecting the freedoms we enjoy – and sometimes take for granted – every day.

**Oak Street Health Presents At Neighborhood Watch**



**Representatives from Oak Street Health, a medical facility that offers primary care for adults on Medicare, delivered an informative presentation on Medicare for seniors at the Sept. 19 Neighborhood Watch Meeting at the Village Hall.**

Oak Street Health encourages senior residents to visit its Bellwood health clinic that is staffed by experienced primary care doctors who specialize in caring for adults on Medicare. The doctors and nurse practitioners accept most Medicare, Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage insurance plans. If seniors need accessible and affordable healthcare, call (773) 694-2722 or visit the facility at 456 25th Ave.

Visit [oakstrethealth.com/locations/illinois/bellwood/bellwood-health-clinic](http://oakstrethealth.com/locations/illinois/bellwood/bellwood-health-clinic) for more information.

**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**

## Diversity A Hallmark of Bellwood Police Department

The Bellwood Police Department is one of the most diverse police departments in the western suburbs. More specifically, the department currently employs 47 full- and part-time officers. Of the 47 officers:

- 19 are white (40%)
- 14 are Hispanic (30%)
- 13 are African American (28%)
- 1 is Asian (2%)



The composition of the force is 58% minority. Regarding gender, 40 officers are male and seven are female. With respect to age, nine officers are ages 20-30 (20%); 15 are 30-40 years old (32%); 14 are 40-50 years old (30%); eight are ages 50-60 (17%); and one officer is between the ages of 60-70 (1%).

The department's leadership embraces its diversity and encourages residents and minorities to explore the law enforcement profession locally.

## Residents ... Stay Informed In Case of An Emergency

In the event of a community-wide emergency or disaster, and for general information, Bellwood officials want to inform residents of the event and provide updates. To assist in that effort, residents should send the following contact information to [ceubanks@vil.bellwood.il.us](mailto:ceubanks@vil.bellwood.il.us):

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Cynthia Eubanks at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1100.

## Surviving Warriors Share Important Breast Cancer Information



In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the Surviving Warriors gave a presentation and demonstration on Sept. 19 on the signs of breast cancer and how to administer a breast self-exam.

The presentation was delivered by Dianna Burke-Hendrix, a nurse for over two decades and nurse practitioner student who has a passion for women's health. She worked as a case manager for the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer unit for six years before transitioning into primary care. In addition, Burke-Hendrix volunteers for breast cancer groups as a community educator. She is a certified community health educator and a certified mammocare breast instructor.



The Surviving Warriors members and cancer survivors are Toni Williams, Diane Williams, Marie Taylor, Maylala Sapp, Bellwood Trustee Jophelia Boston and Pam Cobbs, who is a support member to the group. The Warriors meet at Stevenson Park every second Tuesday at 6 p.m. on the second floor.

If you are a cancer survivor, living with and or been affected by cancer, contact Toni Williams at (224) 513-9265 or at [survivingwarriors.bcsfg@gmail.com](mailto:survivingwarriors.bcsfg@gmail.com).

## Scholarship Fund Seeks New Board Members

The Bellwood Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Fund is seeking new board members. If you are a Bellwood resident or work for an employer located in Bellwood and are interested in assisting local youth in furthering their educational goals, submit a letter of interest and a community service resume to:

The Bellwood Neighborhood Watch Scholarship  
Fund Corporation  
3200 Washington Blvd.  
Bellwood, IL 60104

You can also send an email and questions to [bnwsfc@gmail.com](mailto:bnwsfc@gmail.com).

## Bellwood Upgrading Streets and Signs

In a coordinated plan to repave and improve the quality of the village's streets and upgrade street signs that are an essential element for guiding traffic, Bellwood is managing two improvement projects that will benefit residents, pedestrians and motorists alike.



New street signs already are highly visible throughout the village; the words on each sign are reflective, which makes the signs more visible at night. The Bellwood Public Works Department is replacing 475 signs around town. Approximately one-third of the signs have been replaced so far. The program will continue until all signs have been replaced.

The village also is repaving streets throughout town to improve safety, appearance and residents' driving experience. The work is included in the village's annual budget and will continue according to plan.



## Water Department Employee Retires After Respected Career

Brian Hoey, a Bellwood maintenance worker in the Water Department who began his career in July 1984, took off his boots, hung up his hard hat, and completed his duties for the last time on Aug. 31 after nearly 37 years of serving the residents of Bellwood.



Hoey was a dutiful and respected member of the department; always ready and willing to perform, which makes his retirement well-deserved. He was congratulated by his peers and Mayor André F. Harvey for being an excellent employee. Hoey also is known as a fantastic baker who makes tasty cookies, cakes and pies.

Bellwood residents and employees are appreciative of his lengthy career and wish Hoey the best in retirement.



*Mayor André F. Harvey  
Hosts*

# *2021 Christmas Food Giveaway*

*Saturday,  
December 11, 2021*

Bellwood residents must register on November 15, 16 & 17 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Village Hall in the Human Resources department, Room 206. You must bring a photo ID, current water bill and proof of eligibility for SNAP, SSI or Medicaid benefits.

Food is limited to one per household. Phone-in registration is not allowed.

## Village Hosts Property Tax Outreach Events

As mayor responding to homeowners' concerns, and as taxpayer himself, Mayor André F. Harvey recently held two Property Tax Outreach events; the first for 100 seniors on Sept. 14 at the Village Hall; and the second on Sept. 30 at Roosevelt Middle School that was attended by more than 130 residents.

Carolyn Wilhight, a deputy clerk from the Cook County Clerk's office, assisted seniors on Sept. 14 with filing all of the exemptions to which they were entitled, and answered their questions regarding their tax bill.

On Sept. 30, a PowerPoint presentation was presented by Scott Smith, chief communications officer for the Cook County Assessor's office, who explained to residents how property taxes are assessed. Staff members Kelvin Harris, director of Outreach, and Teresa Chandler, community outreach strategist, also provided answers. Zawaski and his staff, including Deputy Assessor Marlene Arredondo and Administrative Assistants Elizabeth Rodriguez and Jocelyn Arredondo, also provided insightful information and answered questions.



## Free COVID-19 Testing and Vaccinations Offered



Beginning Oct. 19, Bellwood in partnership with Free COVID Care began offering free testing and vaccinations every Tuesday for Bellwood residents and employees of businesses in the village. Call (708) 202-0312 or email [tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us](mailto:tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us) to schedule an appointment.

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 7   | Daylight Savings Time Ends        | 17  | Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| 8   | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. | 25* | Thanksgiving                  |
| 11* | Veterans' Day                     | 28  | Hanukkah Begins               |

\*Village Hall will be closed.



**PLEASE RECYCLE!**

