

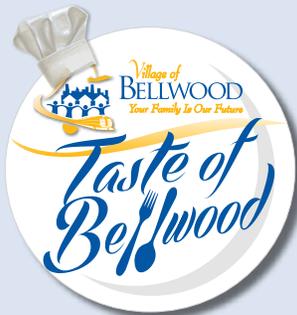


Village of
BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

AUGUST
2022

UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey



August is the month and the 12th, 13th and 14th are the days for one of the best times of the year – every year – in our village.

That’s because I am looking forward to meeting and greeting residents of all ages at this year’s Taste of Bellwood that will feature a wide array of tasty, affordable food (\$5 or less), family fun, free admission and free entertainment that spans so many types of music and dance.

If you have attended the Taste before, you know firsthand how many memories are created every year for our youth on the carnival rides and for everyone who participates in and is wowed by the Car and Bike show. And, of course, the much-anticipated fireworks show on Sunday night is always a huge hit.

Mark your calendars to join us at the Taste of Bellwood:

- **Friday, Aug 12: 6 – 10 p.m.**
- **Saturday, Aug 13: 12 noon – 10 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Aug 14 – 12 noon – 9 p.m.**

August is also the back-to-school month for the youth in our community. I encourage our parents, guardians, grandparents and mentors to offer strong, consistent support to our youth as they continue their education and participation in sports and extracurricular activities. Our youth are the future and our investment in them today will greatly influence their tomorrow.

Ground Broken on Bellwood Senior Apartments



“This is going to be the site of a (transformative) development,” said Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey at the June 23 groundbreaking ceremony for the Bellwood Senior Apartments, a four-story, 80-unit building at the site of the former Walgreens at 25th Avenue and Washington Boulevard.

The mayor was joined by representatives of various levels of government and those from the Evergreen Real Estate Group to celebrate the groundbreaking for the apartments that are designed to be “100% affordable” for area senior citizens. The \$30 million project will be operated by Evergreen’s in-house management team and will offer 76 one-bedroom and four two-bedroom independent living apartments for seniors age 62 or older, with incomes at or below 60 percent of the area median income.

Evergreen will begin accepting applications for the apartments in spring 2023, with completion scheduled for mid-2023. Bellwood’s financial partners include the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Bank of America, Hudson Housing Capital and Cook County.

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) 547-3520

Water Bill (Billing Questions)
(708) 547-3520

Building Department
(708) 547-3545

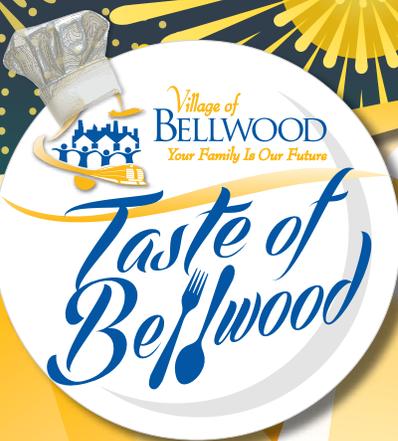
Public Works Department
(708) 547-3540

Community Service
(708) 649-3060

Human Resources
(708) 547-3500

TDD (hearing impaired)
(708) 547-0011

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GREAT FOOD

FOOD VENDORS

- A Lil Bit of This & That
- A & M Italian Ice
- Autojos Poblanos El Carmeu
- Backyard Eats
- Back Yard Boys BBQ
- Bellwood Beverages
- Bellwood Beer and Wine Garden
- BFD Roasted Corn
- Cathey's !Kitchen!
- Chase Windy City BBQ
- Chicago Sensation
- Crazy Fries
- Donnie's Grill
- Family First Icee
- Home Run Inn
- Ignite Catering
- Just Good Food
- Just Like Mama's
- Kinfolks Soul Food Catering
- Krazy Grapes and Fruits
- Lit Vegan Chicago
- Magallanes Tacos
- MaSyls, LLC
- NC Enterprises/Coleman Concession
- Nea's Lunch House
- Premier Catering
- Pressed 4 Time Catering
- Seven J Café
- Sha-Poppin' Gourmet Popcorn Shop
- Soulful DeLite
- Sweet Tooth-N-Company
- Tastee Rolls
- Tasty Tizers'
- The Food Dude
- TMP Catering
- Top Notch Ice Cream
- Uncle Dave's Fish Joint

NON-FOOD VENDORS

- Aamori Yoni
- Borg Warner
- Broadview True Value Hardware
- Easterseals Early Learning Services
- First Student School Bus Company
- Fit2BSnatched
- Goddess Accessories
- New Jackk Swagg
- Nzuri Kulture
- Premier Midwest Realty
- Shades of Joy Eyewear
- Ti-Town-Children's Books
- Triton College
- Unbothered2 Clothing
- You Light Up My Life

ALL FOOD ITEMS COST \$5 OR LESS!

Bellwood Police Officers Receive Lifesaving Awards



Bellwood Police Chief Jiminez Allen presented four lifesaving awards to heroic members of the department during the June 15 village board meeting for their efforts in performing CPR in two emergency cases.

The Chief of Police Citizen Award was presented to telecommunicator Stacy O'Connor who on Feb. 25 received an emergency call for an 8-year-old child experiencing a medical emergency. O'Connor remained calm and professional and instructed the relative on how to perform CPR. Bellwood Police Officer Francisco Meraz arrived and performed critical CPR that prolonged the youth's life until medical personnel arrived.

Chief Allen also praised three officers for their excellence during a situation on April 14 in which Bellwood Detective John Setlak, Detective Warren Hernandez and Officer Cory Nagle rotated in performing CPR on a person experiencing a medical emergency, which saved the person's life. The person joined the board meeting virtually to express sincere appreciation for the officers' heroism.

Summer Youth Job Orientation Preps Students



On June 17 and July 8, Bellwood hosted an orientation for 24 students participating in the Annual Summer Youth Work Program. Mayor André F. Harvey welcomed the students and encouraged them to capitalize on the opportunities to succeed and learn new skills while earning and saving money.

Gay Chase, a former administrative judge and current Bellwood Fire and Police commissioner, served as moderator and shared what the workplace expects of an employee and how a job can be a rewarding experience if you take the time to listen, ask questions and work hard.

The program focuses on the beautification of the village. Each day the youth board a bus to an assigned location to paint curbs. On rainy and extremely hot days, the village partners with Bellwood School District 88 and the youth help with various tasks at the local schools and bus garage. They are managed by five supervisors and staff from the Bellwood Public Works department. Tonita LeShore, Bellwood human resources director, oversees both the Summer Youth and Intern work programs.

Why Residents Need A Permit

Permits are mainly about safety. Permits help to ensure that any work performed in your home meets the minimum safety standards of the code for the specific type of work being performed. Your safety while you go about your daily lives in your home is the main focus of the village's adopted codes.

What work does not need a permit? In Bellwood homeowners can paint their homes and garages without a permit. Permits are also not required for the installation of carpeting.

What is the permit process? A permit application and supporting documentation is required to be submitted to the Building Department for any proposed work on your property. Generally, the application is submitted with a proposal outlining the type of work to be performed with the details of how the work is going to be performed so a determination can be made as to whether the proposed work will comply with the minimum safety standards of the code. Some work also requires the submittal of construction plans and/or a plat of survey to help the reviewer determine compliance with the building and zoning codes.

A proposal and plans may be submitted by you, the owner occupant of the property, or you may choose to have a contractor make the submittals. If you choose to use a contractor, they are required to be registered with the Building Department to perform work in the village. Submittals are reviewed and comments are generated requesting additional information, if needed, to ensure compliance with the minimum safety standards of the code.

Compliant submittals may be approved at the first review and a permit issued without requiring additional information. When the permit is ready to be issued, staff will call and let you know the permit is ready for pick up and inform you of the fee. When the permit is issued, a permit card is supplied and required to be installed in a front window so it can be seen from the street. The approved paperwork is to be on hand for you or the contractors and the inspectors to consult during the construction.

Who should you call with questions regarding a permit? Call the Building Department at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1609 or 1610. You can also direct your general questions to permitclerk@vil.bellwood.il.us. For more technical questions, email Jim Stock at jstock@vil.bellwood.il.us or Rob Helton at cinspector@vil.bellwood.il.us.

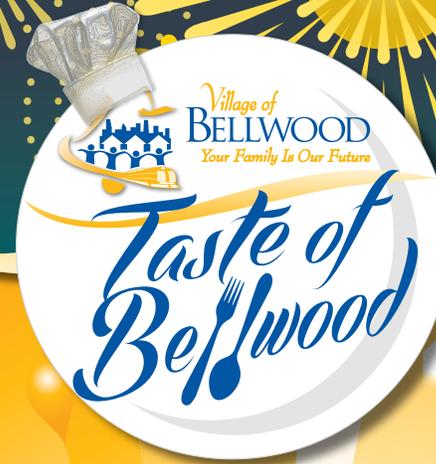
Home Utility Savings Highlighted at Neighborhood Watch Meeting



At the June 16 Neighborhood Watch meeting in the Bellwood Village Hall, Keenan Walker from the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program shared information about a free offering that is exclusive to Bellwood residents.

For a limited time, qualifying residents can register to have a free smart thermostat installed in their homes by contacting nicorgas.com/smartsavings. The program helps customers save money and energy year-round. For additional ways residents can save at home, visit nicorgas.com/saveathome.

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FREE ENTERTAINMENT

ENTERTAINMENT

- Ballet Folklorico Sone Mexicanos Dancers
- ConQuest the Band
- Dante Hall
- DJ Woodhouse
- Jesse White Tumblers
- Marchete Band featuring Laretha Weathersby
- Midnight Sun
- Proviso Bills (Dancing Divas)
- Proviso East Marching Band
- Shorty's R.B. & Blues Band
- Stairway to the Stars
- Ultimate Concept Band

DANTE HALL

JESSE WHITE TUMBLERS

BALLET FOLKLORICO SONE MEXICANOS DANCERS

ARTHUR SUTTON & GIFT OF PRAISE

MARCHETE BAND FEATURING LARETHA WEATHERSBY

CONQUEST THE BAND

GOSPEL FEST (SUNDAY)

Hosted by Stellar Award-Winning Sonya Blakey Radio/TV Personality

- Arthur Sutton & Gift of Praise
- Award Winners Percy Gray Jr. and Joshua's Troop
- DL Perkins Singers
- Keshia McFarland
- Maestro Zay
- VJ McCoy & Worship Experience

PERCY GRAY JR. AND JOSHUA'S TROOP

SONYA BLAKEY

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West Suburban Villages Host Juneteenth Parade



The villages of Oak Park, Maywood, River Forest and Forest Park came together to host the inaugural West Village Juneteenth Parade and related Juneteenth activities on June 17-19 in Broadview and Forest Park.

The parade, including a float carrying elected officials and the mayors of the host suburbs, commenced at Randolph and Brown streets in Forest Park and continued west on Washington Boulevard.

Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey collaborated with the villages and was among the guests that included Cong. Danny K. Davis, Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi and Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson; west suburban mayors Katrina Thompson (Broadview), Rory Hoskins (Forest Park) and Nathaniel Booker (Maywood); and Village presidents Catherine Adduci (River Forest), Joseph Ballerine (Riverside) and Vicki Carman (Oak Park), all of whom represented their constituents in the memorable event.

Bellwood Beats Maywood/Broadview in Softball Games



The first annual “In The Woods” softball games between the villages of Bellwood and Maywood/Broadview proved to be a fun affair as Bellwood staffers won both games that were separated by a brief rain delay.

The Bellwood team was well represented by the mayor and employees from the human resources, public works, building, fire and police departments, as well as the Bellwood Office of Emergency Management.

Operation Uplift Hosts Juneteenth Event



For the last six years Operation Uplift Inc. and its West Town Museum of Cultural History have preserved the legacy of Juneteenth for the Proviso Township Community by hosting an all-day celebration on their facilities' grounds at 104 S. 5th Avenue in Maywood.

Over the years, the event has hosted panel discussions on historic preservation, racism, voting and reparations for Foundational Black Americans. In 2017, the event hosted WGCI-FM radio personality and Bellwood native Al B. Sylk. In 2021, the event included a keynote address from Pastor Wheeler Parker of Argo, Ill., the cousin who survived the infamous kidnapping of Emmitt Till in Mississippi. In 2022, they hosted Ron Wright of Flossmoor, Ill., educator and author of “Responsible Money: A Standard Based Financial Curriculum” for developing financial literacy in the African-American community. Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey shared remarks on the importance and significance of National Freedom Day.

**Bellwood Residents ...
Mark Your Calendar!**

**BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE
NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH GROUP
AUGUST 18, 7 P.M.**

TOPICS:

- * Presentations on Economic Development in Bellwood by Peter Tsiolis, Director of Economic Development
- * Requirements for Opening A Business in Bellwood by Jim Stock, Building Commissioner

The Anonymous Tip hotline is (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1031.

For more information, call Police Commander, William Goodrum at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1330.

Great opportunity to meet, greet and show support for Bellwood's police officers! Comments, feedback and suggestions are welcome. Hope to see you there!
Face coverings and social distancing will be required.

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AUGUST CALENDAR

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| <p>2 National Night Out</p> <p>8 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>12-14 Taste of Bellwood</p> | <p>17 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.</p> <p>18 Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> | |
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