



UPDATE

Senior Mardi Gras Dance Highlights

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

I want to thank the staffs at Bellwood and Bellwood School District 88 for hosting a well-attended Black History Celebration on Feb. 25 at Roosevelt Middle School. Thanks to the students who participated and the parents and residents who attended the uplifting event that is a highlight each year. We are proud to celebrate Black History in February and every day of the year.

On the other end of history is the present, and these days spring reminds us that life continues no matter how long or cold the winter season. Now is the time to get ready for spring that begins (on the calendar that is) on March 20. Daylight increases, temperatures are milder and flowers bloom. Spring is time to take walks, spend time outdoors and enjoy family, friends and neighbors at a backyard barbecue.

Spring also is time to spruce up your property, and this issue includes helpful tips to help make your home, apartment or condo look, feel and smell fresh and inviting. Investing in your property benefits all of Bellwood for those who live, work, play and visit our wonderful community.

Take time to enjoy the warmer weather and the outdoor activities that are a part of spring and summer.



More than 150 creatively dressed and energy-filled seniors enjoyed a memorable night at the annual Senior Mardi Gras Dance on Feb. 11 at the Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook Terrace.

The evening was punctuated by comedian Moms Mabey, and live music by the Ultimate Concept Band and DJ Woodhouse.

Another highlight was the drawing for gifts including smart TVs, coffee-makers, personal blenders, gift certificates and various gift baskets. Prizes awarded in the trivia question event included gift certificates and bags, and chocolates.



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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

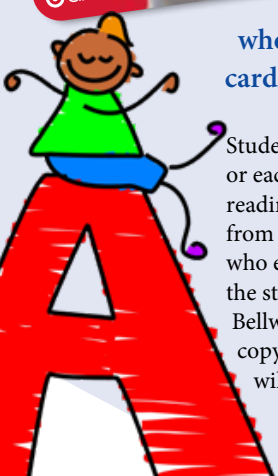
TDD (hearing impaired)
(708) 547-0011



Students To Receive Gift Cards for A's

Highlighting and acknowledging students' outstanding academic achievements will again be front and center on March 21 and 23 from 3 - 5 p.m. 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 or 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. Students, who must be a Bellwood resident, must bring a physical copy of the report card (progress reports will not be accepted).



PROVISO TOWNSHIP



Assessor Steven J. Zawaski
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
(708) 449-4304

Board of Review Appeal

Now Open

Deadline : March 18, 2023

You may come into the office to file your 2022 Board of Review Appeal. You may also file on your own using the link down below.

If you filed the first appeal in December in our office, this appeal has already been filed on your behalf. You may call us if you have any questions.

Cook County property owners will have an extra month to pay their First Installment property taxes this year. First Installment bills will be mailed out in early March and will be due on April 3rd.

First Installment bills are currently available online. To make a payment or download a copy of your tax bill, visit cookcountytreasurer.com:

- Select the blue box labeled "Pay Online for Free"
- Search by property address or enter your Property Index Number
- There is no fee if you pay from your bank account
- Payments made at cookcountytreasurer.com before 11:59 p.m. on April 3 will be recorded as on time.

Partial payments are accepted. Late payments are charged 1.5 percent per month, as required by Illinois law.

The Cook County Assessor will not mail 2022 exemption applications until the Spring of 2023

For the 2022 tax year, there will be **NO** auto renewals of the Senior Freeze Exemption, Persons with Disabilities Exemption, and Veterans with Disabilities Exemption.

If you previously had any of these exemptions, you will need to re-apply for the 2022 tax year.



Details About The Meter Reader Project

Bellwood has officially started its Water Meter Replacement Project that includes replacing old, under-registering meters to improve customer service with standardized meter brands and types.

The project will provide village employees with a safe, efficient way to gather meter readings and easily transfer data from many remote locations to a centralized server that will interface with the current billing system. Scheduling and installation has started and it is anticipated that new meters will be installed and online within nine months. The benefits include accurate readings, reducing apparent water loss and helping to ensure residents are paying for the water they are using.

What You Should Know About Permits

Permits are required for most work that a homeowner, property owner, renter, lessee, contractor, developer or rehabber proposes to perform in the Village of Bellwood. Any repair, replacement, remodeling, additions and new construction for the following all require permits before the work can commence:

- Roofing
- Any trim on the house or garage
- Gutters and downspouts
- Windows and doors including storm and security doors
- Siding
- Concrete, asphalt or paver work, including sidewalks, stairs, stoops, patios, garage aprons, driveways, parking pads, garage foundations and slabs
- Fences, decks, steps, gazebos, pergolas, porches, patio covers, and retaining walls over one course in height
- Underground electric and plumbing, including lawn sprinkler systems
- Water and sewer repair and replacements
- New electric services
- New additions, garages, houses, commercial and industrial buildings with all of their related components and systems
- Interior framing, insulation, electric, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, sheet metal, ductwork and drywall or paneling
- Kitchen, bathroom and basement modifications and remodels
- Egress windows, window wells and drain tile
- Flooring
- Handrails, guardrails, plumbing fixtures, counters, cabinets and countertops

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Bellwood Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Fund Corp.

Since 1992, the Fund has awarded over \$350,000 in scholarships to qualified, college-bound Bellwood residents. Many community donors, including individuals, organizations, businesses and our volunteer board members, have made generous tax-deductible donations.

Donations are accepted year round

Contact us at:
Bellwood Neighborhood Watch Scholarship Fund
[3200 Washington Blvd., Bellwood, IL 60104](https://www.bellwood-il.gov/3200-Washington-Blvd-Bellwood-IL-60104)
BNWSFC@gmail.com
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THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS
APRIL 15



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



BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE

**NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH GROUP**
MARCH 16, 7 P.M.

TOPIC

*** Sex Trafficking presented by the Cook County
Sheriff Special Victims Unit**

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!*

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(What You Should Know About Permits)

The following items do not require a permit:

- Painting the interior or exterior of the structure
- Replacing or installing new carpeting over existing flooring
- Minor maintenance repairs that cost less than \$50 in labor and materials for that individual repair. This only applies to one- and two-family properties.

If you have a question as to whether proposed work requires a permit, call the Building Department at (708) 547-3545.



Spring is fast approaching so here is a helpful checklist to get you started with your spring cleaning:

Indoor Spring Cleaning Tips

- Wash baseboards, door ceilings, windowsills, doors and walls.
- Vacuum and wash vents.
- Wash window treatments (drapes, etc.).
- Dust blinds.
- Dust and shine overhead lights - replace burnt light bulbs.
- Dust and/or vacuum light fixtures and lamp shades.

Outdoor Spring: Cleaning for a Fresh Exterior

- Windows: Washing windows and screens will give you a sparkling view of spring even if it's still a bit too cold to be outside.
- Gutters: Cleaning out rain gutters is a fall chore for many homeowners but rechecking them in the spring will ensure that no debris has become clogged in them during winter storms.
- Siding: Pressure wash the siding of your home to remove dirt. Be sure to start at the highest points of your home to avoid washing dirt down onto clean areas.
- Doors: Scrub down your doors on the outside to give them a shine and remove any stain.
- Garage: Cleaning out the garage will give you more space for summer equipment such as bikes, outdoor games and gardening equipment. This may be an excellent time to call Memorial Park District at (708) 547-3900 to inquire about the upcoming Community Garage Sale on May 27.

**2023
SUMMER
YOUTH WORK PROGRAM**

Applications will be distributed **ONLY** on:

Date: Friday, April 14, 2023
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Place: Village Hall Community Room – Room 211

To apply you must meet the following requirements:

- You must be a **BELLWOOD** resident
- You must be 14 – 16 years of age

To be considered you must return the **completed** application along with the following items:

- A **copy** of your Birth Certificate
- A **copy** of your signed Social Security Card
- A **current** Water Bill with your parent's/legal guardian's name on the bill

A work permit must be submitted with the application and can be obtained from Proviso West on the following dates and times:

April 17 & 24, 8 – 10 a.m.
April 18 & 25, 1 – 3 p.m.
April 19 & 26, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
April 20 & 27, 1 – 3 p.m.

All applications and supporting documents must be returned no later than April 28 at 5 pm.
NO EXCEPTIONS.

Details About Seniors' Mother's Day Breakfast

Bellwood Mayor Andre. F. Harvey invites the village's seniors to the annual Seniors' Mother's Day Breakfast on May 13 at the Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 73, 4550 Roosevelt Rd. in Hillside.



The adults-only event begins at 9 a.m. and features live entertainment. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased in the mayor's office until April 28. Seating is on a first come, first served basis. For more information, contact Cynthia Eubanks at (708) 547-3500 Ext.

MARCH CALENDAR

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| 12 | Daylight Savings Time Begins | 16 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| 13 | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. | 17 | St. Patrick's Day |
| 15 | Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. | 20 | Spring Begins |

