



# UPDATE

## Fall Opening Set For Bellwood Senior Apartments

### MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

Every year spring and summer time means fun and family time in Bellwood, and this year will not be any different.

The village will host, participate in and co-sponsor a number of special events and important activities for families, youth and adults over the next several months. And, of course, we will continue to make announcements about our growing local economy and business development that contributes to the vibrancy and security we all deserve and expect.

*For example (and be sure to mark your calendar and spread the word):*

- May 18 will mark the ribbon cutting ceremony and grand opening at 9 a.m. of the new Quick Trip gas station and convenience store at 25th Avenue near the Eisenhower Expressway. We are excited about this new addition to the village, which is the first Quick Trip location in northern Illinois. Join us for this wonderful event as the business community grows in town.
- Be sure to register and attend the C4 Engagement Meeting on May 22 at Roosevelt Middle School to share your input and provide feedback on Bellwood’s climate action and equity and resiliency plan.
- June 29 is the date for the Cook County Assessor’s event, which will focus on how residents’ taxes are determined and the assessor’s role in the process. Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room.
- The Taste of Bellwood is coming back on Aug. 11-13. It’s a can’t-miss spectacular for everyone in town.
- Beyond summer, fall will mark the debut of the Bellwood Senior Apartments, which means another major milestone in town for seniors and their families. Read more about this impressive development in this issue of the *Update*.

And finally, a timeless reminder: Always remember to walk your dog on a leash and “scoop their poop” to help keep the village clean for everyone.



Bellwood’s long-standing support of the village’s seniors is continuing in a major way with the upcoming opening in September this year of the Bellwood Senior Apartments.

The modern building is a four-story, 80-unit building at the site of the former Walgreens at 25th Avenue and Washington Boulevard.

The building’s proximity to public transportation and expressways allows for seniors to explore the restaurants, stores and sites in Proviso Township, the western suburbs and beyond. The vibrant community will offer affordable senior apartments for those age 62 and older. The one- and two-bedroom apartments are designed to maximize living and entertaining space.

The apartments are designed to be 100% affordable for area senior citizens. The \$30 million project offers 76 one-bedroom and four two-bedroom independent living apartments for seniors with incomes at or below 60 percent of the area median income. Bellwood’s financial partners for Bellwood Senior Apartments include the Illinois Housing Development Authority, Bank of America, Hudson Housing Capital and Cook County.

For more information, including how to submit an application, call (312) 780-9188; send an email to [bellwoodmgr@evergreenreg.com](mailto:bellwoodmgr@evergreenreg.com); or visit [bellwoodseniorapartments.com](http://bellwoodseniorapartments.com).

### 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

## New Firefighter Joins Bellwood Department

At the April 18 Village Board meeting, the Bellwood Fire Department welcomed to its ranks probationary firefighter Derek Blair who has served for 13 years (and counting) in the military and is currently in the reserves.



Blair graduated from the Good Samaritan paramedic program. He completed fire academy training and was hired by the Broadview Fire Department where he spent one year before joining the BFD. Blair, who is currently enrolled at the College of DuPage, is married to Katherine and they have two children. His hobbies are hunting, hiking and traveling.

## Speaker Welch and Bellwood Present Community Shred Day April 15



Illinois House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch hosted his annual Shred Day event on April 15 at the Bellwood Village Hall that featured two trucks that both nearly reached capacity with a record 65 loads of material being shredded. Shred Day is free to the public to help protect residents from identity theft by safely shredding important documents.

"I'm grateful our annual Shred Day was such a success," said Rep. Welch. "We exceeded our usual demand and nearly reached full capacity on two trucks. I'm proud to organize an event that benefits our community, and one that people look forward to. I want to

thank my district staff and all of the volunteers who help make this event a success year after year."



# Surviving

Promotes

# A Healthy Fitness Festival

Join us for a day of fitness & fun

June 10, 2023

12:pm - 3:pm

Stevenson Park

3101 Washington Blvd. Bellwood, IL 60104

Trainers

Toni, Wava,  
April, Tracey,  
& Kelly

**Information:**

Fitness Contest  
Raffles  
Light Snack and water provided  
Donations are appreciated

**A Free Event**

For more information, please contact  
Toni Williams @ (708)665-6015 or  
Email: [survivingwarriorsbcsg@gmail.com](mailto:survivingwarriorsbcsg@gmail.com)

Fighting together, one battle at a time.

# GRAND OPENING

WE WELCOME YOU TO  
TAKE A NEW LOOK AT AN OLD PLACE!

JUNE 10TH, 2023  
1-4 PM  
600 BOHLAND AVE  
BELLWOOD, IL 60104

## Highlights From Easter Egg Hunt

The team at the Memorial Park District thanks everyone who attended the April 8 Annual Easter Egg Hunt at The Center as local youth had an eggs-citing time searching for prizes.



Supporters included the Village of Bellwood, Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey, Bellwood Police Department, Bellwood Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Bellwood Lions Club, Bellwood trustees, Westchester Food Pantry and Bellwood School District 88.

## Recap of Year's First Neighborhood Watch Meeting

The first Neighborhood Watch meeting of the year on March 16 featured the Cook County Sheriff Special Victims Unit with a presentation on sex trafficking and an introduction to canine officer "Boone" and his handler Investigator Daniel Codd, who explained how Boone sniffs out electronics and doubles as a therapy dog. The village sends thanks to Sgt. James Draz and his team at the Cook County Sheriff's Department.



Bellwood Residents ...  
Mark Your Calendar!



### BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH GROUP

MAY 18, 7 P.M.

#### TOPICS:

- \* Norcomm will discuss the Central Dispatching Center and the Bellwood Police Department will discuss gun safety.

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!

[www.vil.bellwood.il.us](http://www.vil.bellwood.il.us)



## Road to 2050 Green. Equitable. Resilient. How will we get there?

### Help Shape Our Community

- Community Engagement Public Meeting
- May 22, 2023 @ 6 p.m.
- Roosevelt Middle School  
2500 Oak St., Bellwood

Please attend to share your suggestions  
and feedback on Bellwood's Plan  
for Climate Change.

For more information,  
contact Tonita LeShore at  
[tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us](mailto:tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us).



To register, Scan the QR code.

Refreshments will be served.



VILLAGE OF BELLWOOD PROUDLY PRESENTS



SAVE THE DATES!

AUGUST 11, 12 & 13



JOIN US AGAIN FOR SOME FUN  
FAMILY FRIENDLY & FAMILY AFFORDABLE  
FREE ADMISSION GREAT FOOD  
FREE ENTERTAINMENT

VILLAGE HALL, 3200 WASHINGTON BLVD.

ALL AGES • FREE PARKING • CARNIVAL RIDES • INFORMATION BOOTHS  
FOOD VENDORS • CAR & BIKE SHOW • FIREWORKS

ALL FOOD ITEMS COST \$5 OR LESS!

Secretary of State  
Mobile Unit is Coming  
Back to Town



Bellwood and the Secretary of State's office will host an outreach event on May 19 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. to bring mobile unit services to village residents. The mobile unit will provide such services as renewal, replacement and correction of driver's license; purchase vehicle stickers; and information on organ and tissue donation.

### Sign Up For Community Clean and Green Day

Bellwood invites all residents to participate in the June 24 Clean and Green Day of Service to improve the village. During Clean and Green, residents and local organizations will help to revitalize areas in their community by collecting litter, removing weeds and clearing vacant lots.

The village will provide brooms, rakes, shovels, bags and gloves for each cleaning project. Residents and groups interested in volunteering should call Tonita LeShore at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1512 or at tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us by June 19.

### MAY CALENDAR

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| 1 Hydrant Flushing Begins                  | 17 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.  |
| 2023-24 Vehicle Stickers Must Be Displayed | 18 Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m.                                   |
| 5 Cinco de Mayo                            | 19 Secretary of State Mobile Unit, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.                     |
| 8 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.        | 22 Community Engagement Public Meeting, Roosevelt Middle School, 6 p.m. |
| 13 Seniors' Mother's Day Breakfast         | 29* Memorial Day  |
| 14 Mother's Day                            | *Village Hall will be closed.   |
| 15 Water Restriction Begins                |   |



PLEASE RECYCLE!

