



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

We are fast into the second month of the year; one of the months that I – and many Bellwood residents – eagerly look forward to each year. Namely, February is Black History Month, which is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a very special time for recognizing their central role in American history.

I am proud to celebrate and recognize the monumental contributions made by our forefathers that contributed to the growth and development of our country and to all segments of society. As a history maker myself as Bellwood’s first African-American firefighter and fire chief and again as our town’s first African-American mayor, the focus of Black History Month resonates loudly with me.

Black History Month grew out of “Negro History Week” as the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every president has officially designated February as Black History Month.

We invite you to join Bellwood School District 88 and the village at our annual celebration on Feb. 17 at Roosevelt Middle School. We will honor the trailblazers and highlight our youth as they sing songs, dance and deliver spoken word performances to pay homage to those who paved the way.

I look forward to seeing our seniors and their guests at the Annual Senior Mardi Gras dance on Feb. 10 at the Double Tree By Hilton-Chicago in Oak Brook. Although this is still a cold time of the year, the dance always is a festive, warm event during the continuing winter weather months.

Finally, mark your calendar to attend an important event on March 14 sponsored by Solstice as Bellwood is partnering with the company to bring Bellwood ComEd customers the benefits of clean energy.

Operation Uplift Honors Proviso Township’s High Achievers



Among the several deserving honorees at the Operation Uplift Inc. 35th Annual Dr. MLK Jr. Celebration and Community Awards Gala was Taushonia White-Taylor, administrative assistant to Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey.

White-Taylor, who was recognized along with the other honorees as a “Proviso Township High Achiever,” received the Robinson-Wheeler Good Neighbor/Helping Hand Award at the Jan. 13 event that was attended by more than 400 guests, including Mayor Harvey and a contingent of Bellwood trustees and staff.

Joining White-Taylor were 16 other awardees, including Pastor Scott Bradley, author/lecturer/historian and 37-year Chicago Bulls chaplain (Wallace W. Sykes Theologian Award); Dr. Victoria Hansen-Stockton, superintendent of Bellwood School District 88 (Home Town Dream Weaver Award); and Brigadier General Dr. Maurice McKinney, Bellwood’s first black hometown general with the U.S. Air Force/National Guard (Barack Hussein Obama Pioneer Award).

The evening featured music by the D.L. Perkins singers and the Charlie Johnson Ensemble. The evening was capped off with a keynote address by pastor Sandra Riley of Just for U Ministries in Chicago.

IMPORTANT BELLWOOD NUMBERS

Village Hall
(708) 547-3520

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

Dunkin' Debuts in Bellwood

The list of businesses doing business in Bellwood grew again Dec. 12 when Dunkin' held the grand opening of its new location at 445 25th Ave. The new location offers more space and a fantastic two-window drive-thru that will boost service and attract more residents and others to the village's 25th Avenue corridor.



Bellwood Economic Development Director Peter Tsiolis said, "Having this impressive new Dunkin' directly on 25th Avenue in the heart of the village is a terrific addition to the rapidly developing area."

The new Dunkin' is open from 4:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.



17
FEBRUARY
2 P.M. – 5 P.M.
GYM AT RMS

Black
History
Month
Celebration

Knowing Our Past, Shaping Our Future

Bus Shuttles from Grant, Lincoln and McKinley will start at 1:45 p.m.



Bellwood and Solstice Partner to Bring Electricity Bill Savings to Residents



Bellwood is partnering with Solstice Community Solar to help residents lower their electricity bills without installing solar panels on their homes.

Residents who sign up with Solstice will be assigned a portion of a local shared solar farm. As your portion of the solar farm produces energy for your community, you will receive reductions on your electricity bills.

Here is what residents can expect:

- No cost to enroll
- Guaranteed savings of 60% off your solar credits, same bill as always: still get your electricity bill from ComEd but with a discount on your bill each month.
- No installation: no solar panels on your roof!
- Who's eligible: Renters and homeowners who use ComEd.
- It's easy and free to unsubscribe from community solar at any time.

Solstice Partnership Benefits:

- Residents who enroll receive a \$50 Visa gift card.
- For the next 3 months, for every resident who enrolls, Solstice will match the \$50 enrollment bonus to help Bellwood finance sustainability efforts. The goal: help 100 residents enroll!

If you are interested in signing up, visit the Bellwood-Solstice website at solstice.us/bellwood.

Bellwood residents can sign up in-person at the community engagement on March 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Bellwood Village Hall, Community Room.

Limited availability of openings; residents should take prompt action. For assistance, contact Solstice at (866) 826-1997 and reference referral code: BELLWOOD.





Proviso Handyman department

February 2024

Do you know that ceiling fans help distribute heat evenly to your rooms.

Are yours in good working order? When was the last time you changed the filters in your furnace?

Give our Handyman office a call to schedule an appointment or to register for our program.

Call 708-547-4001

The Proviso Township Handyman Program serves homeowners over the age of 60 and disabled homeowners who are residents of Proviso Township



Bellwood · Berkeley · Broadview · Brookfield · Forest Park · Hillside · LaGrange Park · Maywood · Melrose Park · North Riverside · Northlake · Stone Park · Westchester · Western Springs

+ Only Homeowners within the boundaries of the Proviso Township+

Michael A. Corrigan
Supervisor

Anthony "Tony" Williams
Clerk

Steven J. Zawaski
Assessor

Evelyn Chavez · Joseph Christopher · Gay F. Chase · Clarence E. Thomas
Trustees



Bellwood Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Volunteers We Need your Help!!

Join the Bellwood Office of Emergency Management!

The Bellwood Office of Emergency Management meets on Monday nights at 7pm at 2512 St. Charles Rd Bellwood, IL

For additional information, please contact us by email at dhsem@bellwood.il.us or via phone at 708-544-2290

Mike Sabel, Chief BHSEM

Requirements:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be willing to learn and participate in training (Monday nights 7 pm)
- Be willing, when available, to respond to emergency calls at all hours of the day and night
- Be willing to work at pre-planned public events in support of local community activities

Responsibilities include:

- Traffic control, scene lighting, and scene security at accidents, fire scenes, and other incidents
- Search and rescue operations
- Emergency Communications-Division 20 Calls
- Major emergency/ disaster preparedness, response, and recovery
- Proviso Township HS Parades

So much more!!!



We are looking for someone like you.....

Calling all 18 years and older

Active & retired law enforcement

Class B (Non CDL) Drivers

ROTC Students

Future Officers/ Firemen



Recruitment Team: Off. Ladarius Terrell Off. Isaac Blount



The monthly Bellwood *Update* newsletter and village website (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 for consideration for the newsletter. Don’t forget to attach a high-quality picture, if appropriate, that we can also consider.

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

2	Groundhog Day	19*	Presidents' Day
10	Senior Mardi Gras Dance	21	Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
12	Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m	17	Black History Month Celebration, 2 p.m., Roosevelt Middle School
14	Valentine's Day		

*Village Hall will be closed.



PLEASE RECYCLE!

