



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

As we recognize Veteran's Day on Nov. 11, I want to send my heartfelt thanks to our veterans for their bravery, service and sacrifice and to those men and women who have served and continue to serve in our military for the freedom and safety of our country. I encourage all our residents and businessowners to also take a moment to recognize a veteran in your family and community by visiting a VA hospital or supporting veteran-focused charities.

On another note, you are invited to join us on Nov. 22 at Bellwood's 3rd Annual Christmas Parade and Festival (see the event flyer in this issue), which will feature holiday shopping with a variety of Christmas bazaar pop-up vendors, Christmas bazaar pop-up shop, free photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus before and after the parade. There will be refreshments, sleigh rides and much more. Bring the entire family and encourage your friends and neighbors to come out for a great event.

This time of the year brings with it some popular events in town. For example, do not forget to sign up for the Christmas Food Giveaway, purchase your tickets for the Breakfast with Santa event, and soon thereafter get your tickets for the Senior Valentine's Day Ball which will be a wonderful event featuring entertainment, food and love. Be sure to purchase your tickets early to avoid being disappointed because tickets are no longer available.

Finally, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us remember the families who are facing challenges and hardships during these unprecedented times. Let us remember to show compassion and the countless ways we can help those in need during this season. Personally, and on behalf of the Board of Trustees, administration, staff and my family, I wish you a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Lincoln Elementary Hosts "Trunk or Treat" Halloween Fun



Lincoln Elementary School held its Trunk or Treat on Oct. 25 where families enjoyed candy, spooky costumes and community fun.

The scary fun event featured parents who decorated their car trunks and parents who dressed in creative costumes to the delight of the 80 plus children who enjoyed warmer-than-usual weather. Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey joined in the fun and members of the Bellwood Fire Department coordinated tours on a fire truck for the youth.



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

Everyone is Invited!

Bellwood's 3rd
Christmas
FESTIVAL
of **LIGHTS**
PARADE



**Saturday,
Nov. 22
2025**



Parade kicks off at 5 p.m.!

**Christmas
Bazaar Pop-Up
Shops at
Stevenson Center
from 3 - 8 p.m.
Come out
& shop!**

**Enjoy free photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus
before and after the parade, along with
refreshments, sleigh rides, holiday shopping with
a variety of Christmas Bazaar pop-up vendors,
and much more!**

Highlights From Annual Hispanic Cultural Celebration

The Village of Bellwood showed its support of Latin Americans in Bellwood and beyond at the annual Hispanic Cultural Celebration on Oct. 18 at Roosevelt Middle School. Guests were entertained with Puerto Rican, Cuban, Mexican and Ecuadorian music and dances.

Illinois Rep. Norma Hernandez, who partnered for the second year with the village, spoke about the importance of keeping the Hispanic culture alive and promoting unity among residents and other communities. Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey shared encouraging words of support for the Hispanic community and highlighted their contributions and engagement around town.



The celebration featured 18 vendors who sold a variety of items such as clothing, accessories and household products. Guests were treated to food from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Guatemala and a Mexican taqueria. Youth enjoyed face painting, balloon sculpting, a bouncy slide and a pinata.



Annual Ferrara Bellwood Fall Festival A Smashing Success

Ferrara Pan employees, Bellwood employees and the village at large celebrated at the Stevenson Center on Oct. 25 at the second annual Ferrara Bellwood Fall Festival. The high-energy special event featured fun games and prizes, hand-painted pumpkins, taffy apples and hot cider.



Kids and adults alike lined up for face painting, cheered during the costume contest, and filled their bags with an eye-opening assortment of candy.

Memorial Park District Hosts Not So Spooky Trail

Interested lookers and trick or treaters in Halloween costumes showed up at Memorial Park's Halloween Trail Fest on Oct. 25 where vendors lined the trail to provide walkers with information, hot chocolate, drinks and trick or treats for those who dared to walk the not so spooky exercise trail adjacent to the Eisenhower Community Center. Guests also patronized a variety of local vendors.

Memorial Park Director Mark Flores thanked the participants and shared a special thank you to Bellwood and Mayor André F. Harvey for helping to make the event a success.

(More images on the back page)





Mayor André F. Harvey
Hosts Annual Christmas

Breakfast WITH Santa

Saturday, December 6, 2025
8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Best Western Plus Chicago Hillside,
4400 Frontage Road, Hillside, IL

\$15 General (13 yrs. & Older)
* \$7.50 (Children 3 – 12 yrs.)
* \$10 Seniors (65 yrs. & Older)

Tickets must be presented at the door to enter. Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult. Please arrive at 8:30 a.m.

Purchase tickets in the Mayor's office at the Bellwood Village Hall from Monday, October 13 – Monday, November 17, or until tickets are sold out.

Breakfast will be served promptly at 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. **ONLY!**



Mayor André F. Harvey Hosts
2025 Annual

Christmas

Food Giveaway

Saturday, December 13, 2025
10 a.m. – 12 noon

You must bring a photo ID, current water bill and proof of eligibility for SNAP, SSI or Medicaid benefits.

Bellwood residents must register from November 10 – 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day at the Village Hall, Human Resources Department, Room 206.

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

(More images from Memorial Park District Hosts
Not So Spooky Trail Event)



Mayor André F. Harvey
proudly presents

SENIOR Valentine's Day GALA

The Drake Oak Brook, 2301 York Road, Oak Brook, IL

Saturday, February 14, 2026
6:00 - 11:00 p.m.

TICKETS: \$40 per person

Table of Ten Reservations: \$350 (\$50 Discount on Table Purchase)

Purchase tickets in the Mayor's Office - Bellwood Village Hall
from Friday, December 26 to Friday, January 30,
or until tickets are sold out.



Guest rooms available at The Drake Oak Brook.
Overnight stay: \$189 plus tax.
Reservations must be made by January 20, 2026.
Call (888) 236-2427 and provide the code: VB2
2 room options: Standard King or Double Room

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M.! NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR!
NO RESERVED SEATING, EXCEPT FOR TABLE PURCHASES!

ADULTS ONLY

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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| 2 | Daylight Savings Time Ends | 19 | Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. |
| 10 | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. | 22 | Christmas Parade and Festival of Lights |
| 11* | Veterans Day | 27* | Thanksgiving |

**Village Hall will be closed.*

