



# UPDATE

**MESSAGE From Mayor  
André F. Harvey**

Last month, from Aug. 8-10, the Village of Bellwood was the place to be seen – and the annual Taste of Bellwood was the place to be.

Thousands of Bellwood residents and throngs of guests of all ages showed up and showed out, as the saying goes, at our three-day food, family and fun event. The Taste was its usual success thanks to our many sponsors, vendors, village staff, volunteers, Bellwood police, law enforcement from other jurisdictions and the Bellwood Public Works department. They all worked together to ensure the event was seamless and safe. The article and photos in this issue recap the Taste of Bellwood. I could not be prouder and more energized to get started planning for next year.

In the area of representing the interests of the village’s taxpayers, the Cook County Board of Review in partnership with Bellwood will host a Tax Appeal Outreach on Sept. 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Bellwood Village Hall. This will be an informative opportunity to learn about the appeals process and for Bellwood residents to appeal your taxes at the same time.

Finally, be sure to check out our village website at [vil.bellwood.il.us](http://vil.bellwood.il.us) for ways to stay connected and report issues you may encounter. The Contact Us form on the site is a quick way to reach out to the village’s departments with questions, concerns and requests.

**Annual Taste of Bellwood: Another Winning Weekend**



The village proudly hosted another successful Taste of Bellwood that brought together residents, families and visitors for a weekend filled with food, entertainment, wellness and community pride.

This year’s event saw continued growth, welcoming more than 90 food, retail and resource vendors and offering something for everyone to enjoy:

- Friday night kicked off with Steppin’ Under the Stars and guests were also treated to a surprise appearance by legendary DJ Farley “Jackmaster” Funk, who kept the crowd dancing. Saturday morning focused on wellness with Spin with the Mayor featuring fitness expert LaToya Hicks and Fast Tail.



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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



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



**BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
WATCH MEETING**

**THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025, 6:30 P.M.**

**TOPIC:**

- Property After Death and Property Fraud by the Cook County Clerk's Office

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

**For more information, call Police Commander, Keith Chilson at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1335.**

*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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- The ever-popular Car & Truck Show returned with an expanded showcase of both classic and custom vehicles.
- The Taste remained committed to youth and seniors with activities for all ages.
- Live entertainment was highlighted with a diverse range of outstanding performances in arts, blues, gospel and R&B music.
- The grand finale was a fireworks spectacular that lit up the night sky.



**Mark Your Calendar  
For Cleanup Week**

**Bellwood residents: Get ready for Cleanup Week from Sept. 22-26 and remember the following:**

- Garbage will ONLY be picked up on your regular garbage pickup day.
- During Cleanup Week, garbage must be outside by 7 a.m.
- Garbage will only be picked up from your regular pickup area.

**Construction material WILL NOT be picked up.**

*(More images on the back page)*



(More Images from the Annual Taste of Bellwood: Another Winning Weekend)






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**COOK COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW**



**PROPERTY TAX APPEAL FORUM**  
 HOSTED BY COMMISSIONER LARRY R. ROGERS, JR.  
 AND MAYOR ANDRE HARVEY

Join us for a presentation outlining  
 the appeal process, followed by a  
 dedicated Q&A session!





**BELLWOOD VILLAGE HALL**  
 COMMUNITY ROOM - 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR

3200 Washington Blvd.  
 September 25th, 2025, at 6:00 PM



**SEPTEMBER CALENDAR**

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| <p>1* Labor Day</p> <p>8 Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>12 Water Restriction Ends</p> <p>17 Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.</p> <p>18 Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m.</p> | <p>20 CPR Class (Pre-registration Required With Fire Department)</p> <p>22 Fall Begins</p> <p>22-26 Cleanup Week</p> <p><i>*Village Hall will be closed.</i></p> |
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