



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor
André F. Harvey

As our residents know, the spring season is here and as the weather continues to warm, as both your mayor and fellow homeowner, I look forward to seeing our residents spruce up their yards, clear debris and remove unnecessary garbage from their property. Doing so and taking pride in our property means that together we will continue to keep Bellwood beautiful.

It is important to remember that residents are legally required to pick up after their dogs; failing to do so contributes to, among other concerns, the spread of germs, pests and frustration throughout the community when pet waste is left on public or private property. If dog waste is left on someone's property, it is a violation that will result in fines and penalties.

As I have shared many times before, dog owners must comply with local ordinances to avoid fines, impoundment and legal action. Dog owners must register and vaccinate their dog and dogs must be kept on a leash. Don't forget to ensure your dog does not make excessive noise.

To keep up with important announcements and timely reminders, if you have not already signed up to easily receive the electronic version of the monthly Update newsletter, residents should visit www.vil.bellwood.il.us/signup to have the newsletter sent to your email address.

Finally, it is never too early to save the date on your calendar for the festive, fun, family-focused Taste of Bellwood, which is set this year for Aug. 7, 8 and 9. If you would like to be a vendor, contact Takiyah Lane at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1401 or at tlane@vil.bellwood.il.us or contact Taushonia White-Taylor at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1102 or twhitetaylor@vil.bellwood.il.us.

**Transformative Gateway Project Advancing
Toward Completion**



Bellwood resident, business owners and visitors alike have watched the construction of the transformative, first-of-its kind project in Illinois known as Bellwood Gateway – and now construction is anticipated to conclude by the end of April.

The impressive anchor project marks the first-ever workforce housing development to utilize workforce housing bonds in the state and will meet the growing demand for workforce housing in West Suburban Cook County. Located at 2711 St. Charles Road, the residential-retail development promises to be an attractive destination and new home for people interested in renting an apartment. If you are interested visit www.bellwoodgatewayapartments.com/ to reach the Evergreen Property Management Team. The full website site will soon be available and searchable on Google and other search engines. A link also will be added to the village's website.

Bellwood Gateway will feature open concept, one- and two-bedroom apartments with natural light and neutral color palettes that complement wood-style flooring. Features include an in-unit washer and dryer,

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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



Village of BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

2026 SUMMER YOUTH WORK PROGRAM

Applications will be distributed **ONLY** on:

Date: Friday, April 10, 2026
Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 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 13, 15 & 17 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- April 14 & 16 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- April 20, 22 & 24 - 9:00 am – 11:00 am
- April 21 & 23 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

All applications and supporting documents must be returned no later than April 24, 2026 by 5 pm.
NO EXCEPTIONS.



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dishwasher, air-conditioning, stainless-steel appliances, spacious closets and high-speed internet. Some units have private balconies. Community amenities include a resident lounge, rooftop terrace, fitness center, onsite management, bicycle storage, storage units, dog run, online rental payments and a mail/package room.

The development's commercial space is being prepared for a large southern cuisine sit-down restaurant with a full bar and outdoor patio seating; a coffee shop and juice bar; and a casual dining restaurant and bar. Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey and the entire project team eagerly look forward to welcoming new residents and continuing to redevelop St. Charles Road into Bellwood's "New Downtown."

Village Celebrates 100 Years of Black History Month

On February 28, more than 300 people of all ages attended the village's Annual Black History Celebration at Roosevelt Middle School, which again was transformed into a space filled with dance, music, speeches, awards, laughter, food and fun.



Beginning with the presentation of colors by the Proviso West High School NJROTC and performances by Roosevelt Middle School students, the program also featured remarks by Sen. Tammy Duckworth, Illinois Speaker of the House and Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch, Illinois Rep. La Shawn Ford, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County Mariyana Spyropoulos.



"Living Legend" Cong. Danny K. Davis was honored for his long-time contributions to public service and consistent support of Bellwood. Other recognition highlighted Bellwood School District 88 Superintendent Dr. Victoria Stockton; Proviso West High School Principal Jeremy Christian; May Davis, award-winning writer; and Bellwood resident and centenarian Rosebell Thomas.

ILLINOIS SECRETARY of STATE
Mobile DMV



Driver's License & State ID Cards – Standard & REAL ID
(First time, Renewal, Duplicate, Corrected)

Vehicle Registration / License Plate Stickers

For a full list of acceptable documents visit ILSOS.gov
 * Written and road tests are not available at Mobile DMV events.



Community Pop-Up DMV
Coming to the Village of Bellwood
Thursday, May 7, 2026
10:00 am - 2:00 pm
By Appointment Only

IL Secretary of State
 Alexi Giannoulias

Please Scan the QR Code to Sign up




Village of Bellwood
 Mayor Andre F. Harvey

Any questions, contact
 Debora Jenkins @ 708-547-3500 ext. 1514

PAEC Hosts Annual Talent Show

Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey and Michael James, executive director of Proviso Area Exceptional Children (PAEC), along with other supporters, encouraged the performers at the organization's annual talent show on March 20 at the PAEC Academy.



Students from PAEC Academy, which serves Bellwood residents and Proviso Township school districts, expressed themselves in a number of artistic, musical and dance entertaining ways during the show that was presented under the coordination of nurse Sheri Olczak.


Community Leaders Participate in PAEC Strategic Planning Focus Group

Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey recently attended the Proviso Area Exceptional Children (PAEC) 803 strategic planning meeting on March 11 to discuss the Program's 5-Year Strategic Planning for PAEC Programs, which is being developed under the guidance of Michael James, executive director for PAEC and West 40.

As leaders and stakeholders, Mayor Harvey, along with Maywood Mayor Nathaniel Booker, Illinois Rep. La Shawn Ford and community stakeholders supported the cooperative work at the meeting and shared

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



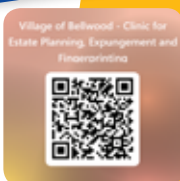
**BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE
NEIGHBORHOOD
WATCH MEETING**

**THURSDAY
APRIL 16, 2026, 7:00 P.M.**

TOPIC:

- Presentation by the Westside Justice Center on Expungement (Criminal Records Relief) and Estate Planning

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



**For more information, call Police Commander, Keith Chilson
(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!

Face coverings and social distancing will be required.

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Finance Department Relocated To Temporary Space

The office space occupied by staff in the village's Finance Department is undergoing renovations to perform in a more efficient manner and meet the growing needs of residents.

Staff have temporarily relocated to the Police Department and to the other side of the Finance Department on the lobby floor. The hours of operation hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and have not changed. Renovation is expected to be completed by May 2026, at which time the finance team will return to a new space that will even better allow us to accommodate residents' needs.

(Community Leaders Participate in PAEC Strategic Planning Focus Group continued)

insight and recommendations with the partner districts and community-based agencies. One of the goals was to discuss community needs, identify weaknesses and develop a strategic plan with informed priorities for the next five years.

PAEC provides quality evidence-based programs and services to general and special education students ages 3-22 and their families across the PAEC Cooperative. The goal is to facilitate growth and development for students to achieve priority long-term outcomes while ensuring the welfare and human dignity of all students.

What You Should Know About Vehicle Immobilization

Vehicles can be immobilized (booted) by the Bellwood Police Department as a result of unpaid tickets.

To avoid being placed on an immobilization list, residents should immediately pay tickets they receive. Remember to always park in approved parking spaces to avoid being booted. Always park on the right side of the street during alternate (odd and even) days.

If you receive a ticket or are unsure if you have an outstanding ticket(s), call the Police Department at (708) 547-3500 to check the status of violations and fines to avoid the inconvenience of being booted.

New Food Choices Debut in Bellwood

Tasty food options in Bellwood have expanded by two with the opening of two new establishments in town: **Tips & Toes BBQ Chicken Co.** and **Baba's Famous Steak & Lemonade.**



Tips & Toes, at 5020 St. Charles Rd., features a new BBQ concept and menu focused on chicken tips, chicken links and roasted potatoes. And residents have another choice in town at Baba's Famous Steak & Lemonade, which is known for its Philly steaks and lemonades, and is serving customers at 1047 25th Ave.

Demolition Activity Makes Way For New Assets in Bellwood



The demolition of the old convenience store on Eastern Avenue and St. Charles Road is almost complete and the village is discussing options for the redevelopment of the land.

The demolition of Gandy's Garage is next and is scheduled to start shortly. The sites will be used to enhance Bellwood's New Downtown on St. Charles Road with the addition of commercial or residential developments or a combination of the two.

Redeveloping these long vacant, dilapidated properties will put the properties back onto the tax rolls and attract new businesses while beautifying the areas and support the village's vision for a prosperous New Downtown.

Save The Date for Clean-up Week

The Village of Bellwood Spring Clean-Up Week this year is set for May 4-8. During that time, residents should place large household items and yard waste at the curb by 7 a.m. on their regular garbage pickup day. No construction or remodeling materials will be collected. In the fall, another Clean-Up Week is scheduled for September 21-25.

APRIL CALENDAR

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| 3* | Good Friday | 16 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| 5 | Easter | 30 | 2025-26 Vehicle Stickers & Animal Tags Expire
2025-26 Business Licenses Expire |
| 13 | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. | | |
| 15 | Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m. | | *Village Hall will be closed. |

