



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

One of the most significant privileges Americans have is the right to vote and all residents must take advantage of that right. I am thankful for the residents who voted during the early voting period and in the March 17 primary election. Your vote is your voice and I encourage you to again exercise your right to vote in the upcoming general election later this year on November 3.

As you know, the primary race to replace Cong. Danny Davis, who currently represents Bellwood, featured 13 candidates. Illinois Rep. La Shawn K. Ford (8th Dist.) was chosen by the voters as the candidate to succeed Cong. Davis. Given that Bellwood is one of the 14 Proviso Township villages Rep. Ford would represent if he is elected in November, I invite all residents to join us for a town hall meeting with Rep. Ford on May 18 at the Bellwood Village Hall to hear more about the legislation and policies he has sponsored.

As the weather warms and outdoor activity increases, it cannot be emphasized enough that drivers should always exercise caution on our streets to ensure the safety of people of all ages. Summer also means residents will be engaging in more outside activity, including grilling and lawn maintenance. Therefore, remember to use outdoor equipment responsibly and safely.

It's not too early to get ready to enjoy our own Taste of Bellwood on August 7, 8 and 9. Come out and enjoy family, food and fun for all ages. As usual, the Taste will feature food vendors, carnival rides, artisans, information vendors, a Kids' Corner, Car & Bike Show, fireworks and free parking. We look forward to seeing you there.

Finally, I must again remind residents to scoop your dog's poop on private and public property. All pet owners must follow the rules that include walking your dog on a leash and scooping your dog's poop to avoid receiving a citation and fine.

Mayor Harvey Attends African American Mayors Association Conference

Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey, along with Broadview Mayor Katrina Thompson and Maywood Mayor Nathaniel Booker, attended the African American Mayors Association (AAMA) 12th Annual Conference on April 9-10 in Washington, D.C., as mayors representing more than 25 million Americans gathered at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center.

The gathering carried the weight of resistance and the urgency of purpose with AAMA Executive Director Phyllis Dickerson setting the tone at the opening press conference. "Over the next two days, black mayors from across the U.S. – the largest gathering of its kind – will engage on policies, innovations and opportunities shaping our cities," said Dickerson. The agenda covered housing and community development, transportation infrastructure, migration and public safety, and reproductive and maternal health. The conference closed with a Legacy Awards reception that honored exceptional public servants.



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

Students Innovate at STEAM Expo

Open to Roosevelt Middle School students and their families, more than 300 people attended “Together We Innovate,” the school’s STEAM Expo on April 22.



A STEAM education integrates Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics into connected, hands-on learning experiences that reflect how the real world works. STEAM helps students think critically, create confidently and collaborate effectively. Instead of memorizing isolated facts, students learn how to ask questions, test ideas, design solutions, and communicate their thinking.

STEAM learning in Bellwood School District 88 has had a strong, visible impact on both students and classroom instruction. Students engage in dedicated STEAM time built directly into the instructional

day, allowing them to consistently explore STEAM subjects through hands-on, problem-based learning rather than isolated lessons.

Check Out The Beautiful Bellwood Gateway Apartments

Looking for a new elegant place to live close to transportation and easily accessible? Then look no further than the first-of-its kind Bellwood Gateway.



This anchor project marks the first-ever workforce housing development to utilize workforce housing bonds in the state and meets the growing demand for workforce housing in West Suburban Cook County. Located at 2711 St. Charles Road, the residential-retail development is an attractive destination and new home for people interested in renting an apartments – now.

Bellwood Gateway features 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, dishwasher, air-conditioning, stainless-steel appliances, spacious closets and high-speed internet. Some units have private balconies. Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey and the project team welcomes prospective residents to take a close look at becoming a part of Bellwood’s “New Downtown.”

To learn and see more, visit bellwoodgatewayapartments.com/apartments/il/bellwood/photo-gallery. To speak with a representative, call (708) 593-3902. Office hours are by appointment only Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; closed on Saturday and Sunday.



Mayor André F. Harvey
Invites Bellwood Residents



TOWN HALL MEETING WITH

Illinois Representative La Shawn K. Ford

May 18, 2026

6 – 7:30 p.m.

Bellwood Village Hall, Community Room
3200 Washington Blvd.

Topics will include:

Legislative and Policy Action:

- Healthcare
- Voter’s Rights
- Social Security Protections

Cook County Health Representative

<https://forms.gle/JzidkWJGY2rsoDtM7>

Scan QR Code
to Register



For more information, contact Tonita S. LeShore
at (708) 202-0312, or email tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us

“Eggs-citing” Easter Egg Hunt For Kids


Memorial Park District, with assistance from Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey, hosted its Annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 4 for more than 80 youth who hunted for prized eggs that included easter baskets and gift cards.



Memorial Park Director Mark Flores and the district’s board of directors give thanks to the residents, who came out in full force despite the inclement weather to the egg hunt indoors at the Stevenson Center.



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

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BELLWOOD COMMUNITY POLICE

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING
Bellwood Village Hall, Community Room, 2nd Floor

THURSDAY
MAY 21, 2026, 7:00 P.M.

TOPIC:


- Public Safety and Volunteer Opportunities With Bellwood Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management by Phillip Schwartz, Director of Operations

The Anonymous Tip hotline number 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!

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 **Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey** and
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District President Kari K. Steele



HOST SHRED DAY

Saturday, June 6, 2026
9:00 -11:00 a.m.
Bellwood Village Hall
3200 Washington Blvd.

- No limit on how many bags you can bring
- Bring paper (unbound), medicine/prescription, electronics
- Wet/mold/mildew paper NOT ACCEPTED

All items will be collected by deputies from the Cook County Sheriff's office and transported to an authorized facility for shredding and disposal.

For questions, contact Tonita S. LeShore at (708) 202-0312 or tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us



COMMUNITY CLEAN & GREEN DAY

Saturday, June 27, 2026 • 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
 Sign in: 8:30 a.m. in the Community Room, 2nd Floor, Bellwood Village Hall



Let's beautify our town!

If you would like to volunteer, click on the QR Code to sign up.

If you have any questions, contact Tonita LeShore at (708) 547-3500 ext. 1512 or tleshore@vil.bellwood.il.us

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MAYOR ANDRÉ F. HARVEY PROUDLY PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

2026 Taste of Bellwood

SAVE THE DATES!

AUGUST 7, 8 & 9

JOIN US AGAIN FOR MORE FUN
 FAMILY FRIENDLY & AFFORDABLE FOR EVERYONE!
TASTY FOOD | FREE ADMISSION
FREE ENTERTAINMENT

VILLAGE HALL, 3200 WASHINGTON BLVD.

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

ALL FOOD ITEMS COST \$7 OR LESS!



Cleaning Up The Illinois Prairie Path

The annual cleanup of the Illinois Prairie Path on April 25 covered a portion of Bellwood and brought out nearly 40 volunteers who gathered at the

Prairie Path and Eastern Avenue for coffee and doughnuts to start the day.

Twelve volunteers from Itasca and Oak Park went to Maywood and the remaining two dozen volunteers tackled the path in Bellwood. In addition to removing a large pile of concrete debris, many interesting items were

discovered, including a concrete pillar, edible mushrooms, car parts and three payloaders full of garbage bags.

The organizers and volunteers send thanks to Bellwood Mayor André F. Harvey and Arnie Brown, Bellwood's assistant superintendent of Public Works, and the staff for assisting in the cleanup.

MAY CALENDAR

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| 1 | 2026-27 Vehicle Stickers Must Be Displayed & Animal Tags On | 11 | Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m. |
| | 2026-27 Business License Late Fee Applied | 16 | CPR Class |
| 4-8 | Clean Up Week | 18 | Town Hall Meeting With Rep. La Shawn K. Ford, 6 p.m. |
| 7 | Secretary of State Mobile Unit | 20 | Village Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| 9 | Mother's Day Breakfast | 21 | Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| 10 | Mother's Day | 25 | Memorial Day |

*Village Hall will be closed.



PLEASE RECYCLE!

