



UPDATE

MESSAGE From Mayor André F. Harvey

Summer is officially here and with every summer comes a long list of special events and activities in Bellwood for our residents of all ages, and for virtually almost every interest.

For example, it was a pleasure to participate in several festive Juneteenth celebrations in and around Proviso Township as residents learned more about and acknowledged the important history of Juneteenth for not only the African-American community but for our diverse nation. Like Independence Day (commonly known as the 4th of July), Juneteenth represents a sense of self-determination and free will that is at the core of this nation's principles and promises.

Summer also means the much-anticipated Taste of Bellwood is fast approaching and Aug. 7-9 will mark three fun-filled days of great food, memorable performances, and unforgettable experiences for our youth when we gather at one of the major highlights of every year in town. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite friends, family and neighbors to join us.

Finally, and this reminder bears repeating given our continued focus and pride on the village's appearance and safety: Residents must walk your dog on a leash. You must scoop your dog's poop to avoid receiving a citation and fine if you do not adhere to this ordinance.



Summer Youth Workers Attend Rainbow PUSH Coalition Youth Day



More than 40 Bellwood summer youth workers could not be missed on June 10 (with the largest contingent of youth and their supervisors) at the Rainbow Push Coalition Annual Conference in Chicago.

Titled "Fulfilling the American Promise," the gathering kicked off with "Youth Day The Remix: Youth and Culture Experience" that also featured a voter registration drive. The youth were welcomed by Jacqueline Jackson, widow of the late Jesse Jackson Sr., and were greeted by Rainbow PUSH Coalition CEO Yusef Jackson.



The free activities exposed the youth to a content creator and media zone, gaming and tech experience, style culture and wellness self-care and mental wellness. The main stage featured speakers, celebrity guests and conversations about life and success. A special thank you goes to Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey, Cook County Commissioner Tara Stamps and Chicago Teachers Union President Stacy Davis Gates for inspiring the next generation of leaders.

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 JULY 16, 7 P.M.

TOPIC:

- Presentation: Introduction to AI by Robert Dawson of Strategic Data

**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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Village Honors Late Clinton Thornton



At the time of his untimely passing on June 1, Clinton Thornton served as a commissioner on the Bellwood Fire and Police Commission and board member on Bellwood School District 88.

Clint joined the Bellwood Fire department in 1999 where he admirably served until his retirement in 2020. He will be remembered by his fellow firefighters as fearless, humorous and knowledgeable. Clint was respected as a man of many hats who was dedicated to his community and built lasting relationships. Though his work on earth is done, his love, memories and legacy will remain with us always.

Bellwood Honors "Big Ma" For 100 Years of Life



A respected resident of Bellwood for 57 years, Louise Jenkins, better known as "Big Ma" to virtually everyone in town, recently celebrated the glorious milestone of 100 years of life. She shared a few thoughts and expressions of gratitude:

What is the secret to your longevity and good health?

"Eating healthy, my faith in God and raising my children, grandchildren and some of my great grandchildren."

What is the most important lesson you learned in your 100 years?

"Knowing the Lord and trusting in God for everything."

What advice would you give to the younger generation?

"To know God (have a relationship with him), learn of him and trust in him."

What brings you the most joy today?

"That God has given me 100 years of life and to see my children, grandchildren great grandchildren. This gives me the love, gratitude and ability to see most of my family grow up and know God."

How many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and great, great grandchildren do you have? "I have 15 children, 40 grandchildren, 86 great grandchildren and 66 great, great children."

Bellwood Mayor Andre F. Harvey was front and center in making the rounds around local towns at a number of Juneteenth events that featured flag raising, community festivals, historical displays, family gatherings and community cookouts.



"The Chi" Actress Always Calls Bellwood Home

Actress Zaria Imani Primer, who spent her early years in Bellwood, is now completing the final season of “The Chi,” a TV series in which she has been featured across six seasons.



Primer's foundation is tied to Bellwood as she attended Living Word Christian Academy (pre-K to 4th grade) and participated in programs at the Bellwood Public Library. She was also a member of the Boys & Girls Club of Bellwood, where she benefited from mentorship and youth development opportunities.

Filming for the final season begins in nearby Maywood where Primer began her formal arts training at the Maywood Fine Arts Academy. Her artistic path grew through her participation in church choirs at Rock of Ages Baptist Church and Living Word Christian Center (LWCC); vocal training under Dr. Linda Morgan at LWCC; school choirs at Living Word Christian Academy and Providence St. Mel; and recognition as a two-time Proviso Idol winner.

MAYOR ANDRÉ F. HARVEY PROUDLY PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

**FREE
ENTERTAINMENT**

THE RHO HUFF EXPERIENCE

BALLET FOLKLORICO SONE
MEXICANOS DANCERS

DELIVERY POINT BAND

MAURICE MAHON

LADY LUNCHA'BELL

JERALD
DAEMYUN
-VIOLINIST

BOBBIE LANE

KEYA TRAMMEL

YVONNE "WONNIES"
SEABROOKS

Also Featuring:

- One T. Barret
- Jesse White Tumblers
- Michelle Beard featuring Lanthia Weatherby
- Memorial Park Spartans Cheer and Dance Team
- Midnight Sun
- Ms. MISS Marti
- Sherry's R.B. & Blues Band
- Stairway to the Stars Dance Studio
- Shante Chicago Dance Team (Previous Ball -Dancing Divas)

Gospel Fest (Sunday, August 9) Hosted by Stella Award Winner
Radio/TV Personality Sonya Blakey

Also Featuring:

- Israel Lane
- Faith Cathedral Church
- International Christian Fellowship Church
- Lil Barry & Promise
- Monica's Day & Christian Unity Prayer Team
- Minister Lawrence and the Jubilee
- New St. Matthews
- Pastor David Smith & the Contemporary Warriors
- Pastors Kelly (D) McCoy & Marlene Thompson

ARTHUR SUTTON &
THE GIFT OF PRIDE

FLAVORFUL FOOD

- A & M Italian Ice
- Antojitos Poblano El Carmen
- Apple Sweet Treats
- Backyard Boys BBQ
- Backyard Eats
- Bellwood Beverages
- Bellwood Beer and Wine Garden
- Bellwood Fire Department/Road Show
- Benjamin's Gourmet Popcorn
- Chase Winery City BBQ
- Chicago BBQ Trailer
- Crazy Fries
- De Bussini's Rolls
- Dulce Delights
- Family First Eatery
- Family First Icee
- Gigi's Signature Sweets
- Hennessy's Candy Shop
- Home Run Inn
- Jazzy Jerk Grill
- Jerkyville
- July's Jubilee Catering
- Just Good Food
- Just Like Mama's Restaurant
- Kinfolk's Soul Food Catering
- Krazy Grapes
- Lil Vegan Chicago
- MaSylo's Desserts, LLC
- MC Enterprises/Coleman Concession
- Mea's Lunch Truck
- Pressed & Tossed Catering
- Riconosciuto De Arcades
- Seven J Chicken
- Soulful Delite Catering
- Sweet N Goodies Bakery
- Sweet Tee's Catering
- Tasteless Rolls
- Tasty Times
- The Flavor Lab by TCTDC
- The Food Dude
- The Hoagie Queen
- The Jerk Master
- Tiger Spice
- Tips & Tots BBQ Chicken
- TMP Catering, LLC
- Top Watch Soft Serve Ice Cream
- Uncle Dave's Fish Joint

NON-FOOD VENDORS

- Annual Tent
- ARTS & CRAFTS, LLC
- Africa and Back
- Bellwood School District BA
- Chicago Green Works
- Dandel
- Gardens Accessories
- James Tate Jr. State Farm Agency
- Keller Williams/Premiere Properties
- Let Me Tie You Up
- Unleashed Realty CO.
- All Roundtable
- Roundwood Park District
- Rose
- Rosewood TDI
- Fun American Bank
- Personal Elements
- Precious Treasures
- Shades of Joy Eventwear
- Soap and Skincare
- Three College
- West Coast County Youth Club
- You Light Up My Life

ALL FOOD ITEMS COST \$7 OR LESS! • If you would like to be a volunteer, call Taushonia White-Taylor at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1002.

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 Village of
BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

*Taste of
Bellwood*





**CAR, BIKE &
TRUCK SHOW**

Saturday, August 8, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Free Entry
Managed and hosted by Joe Eads/Eads Racing in Bellwood

All Cars, Bikes & Trucks Welcome • Trophies & Awards For All Classes
Plaques Awarded to First 100 Entries

Improved Parking, Entry & Exit • Easy In, Easy Out! • 50/50 Raffle & Giveaways • Food & Drink • DJ

For more information, call Taushonia White-Taylor at (708) 547-3500 Ext. 1102 or Joe Eads at (708) 774-3216.

Car, Bike & Truck Show Committee:
Mayor André F. Harvey
Joe Eads



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Attend The Back To School Health Fair

Bellwood residents: mark your calendar to attend the Illinois Speaker of the House Emanuel "Chris"

Welch's annual on July 25 at Proviso West High School in Hillside from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Students and their families can access free health services before the start of the school year, including a doctors, a dental van and a therapist. Questions? Contact the constituent service office at (708) 450-1000 or send an email to ibie@emanuelchriswelch.com.



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BRIDGING THE GAP
BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

**PARADE AND
COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR**
IN MEMORY OF BISHOP DR. CLAUDE PORTER

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th

PARADE MARCH | KIDZ ZONE | TRIBUTE CEREMONY
FOOD TRUCKS | BATTLE OF THE BANDS | MUSIC | VENDORS

Bishop Dr. Claude Porter, Founder | Claudette P. Harrell, President & CEO
Beverly P. Smith, COO | David Quas, Chairman

Let's come together to make a difference! All ages welcome

We Want To HEAR FROM YOU!

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.

JULY CALENDAR

- 1-30** Free Permits for House Roof, Residential Air Conditioning and Residential Fence
- 3*** Independence Day Observed
- 4*** Independence Day

- 13** Committee of the Whole, 3:30 p.m.
- 15** Village Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- 16** Neighborhood Watch Meeting, 7 p.m.

*Village Hall will be closed.

