



MESSAGE FROM Mayor Frank A. Pasquale

At the Village's June 17 board meeting, we started on a very positive note. Village Clerk Lena M. Moreland, the trustees and I proudly presented certificates to seven of the 12 students who recently received their A+ Certification in computer technology from Triton Community College.

The semester-long class took place in our Computer Resource Center at 145 Eastern Ave. where the students received the tuition-free training with a grant from the Illinois Department of Economic Opportunity. To receive the grant, a corporate sponsor and accredited college were required. Jack Stonebraker, general manager of the Best Buy in Melrose Park and a big supporter of Bellwood, and Mark Stephens, board chairman at Triton Community College, joined with me to form a partnership to win the grant money to bring the class to Bellwood. All 12 students completed the coursework and internship, as they shadowed a member of Best Buy's Geek Squad to earn the certification.

"We had high expectations given the really smart young men and women who enrolled, but we never thought the entire class would earn the full certification. This is a very difficult course. The fact all of them succeeded is really remarkable," said Jack. A special surprise was in store for the students who also were presented with a \$200 gift card from Best Buy.

Triton Chairman Stephens noted: "We're all about finding ways to help the members of our community. We're proud to be a part of something that has such a positive effect in all of the communities we serve. Bellwood has been a leading community in the Triton area." Triton provided the instruction at the resource center in the past fall, winter and spring terms.



(Top row, from left) Bellwood Trustees Ronald Nightengale and M.C. Robinson, Damian Haggerty (Bellwood), Bellwood Trustee Annie Delgado, Isaac Vazquez (Melrose Park), Marquanda Stenhouse (Bellwood), Robert Kitchen (Maywood), Shonice James (Bellwood), Felipe Hernandez (Northlake), Jermaine Peart (Bellwood), and Bellwood Trustees Ed Lezza, Michael Ciavattone and Dr. Phylistine Murphy. (Seated, from left) Triton Chairman Mark Stephens, Bellwood Mayor Frank A. Pasquale, Bellwood Clerk Lena M. Moreland and Best Buy (Melrose Park) General Manager Jack Stonebraker.

Public service and politics is a fairly new career for me. I'm proud to say I've been a lifelong educator. To see these kids, every last one of them, get through this tough class and come out ready to get a great job or continue their education just thrills me. These young people are pulling apart computers and putting them together in no time. I'm excited for them and proud of Best Buy, Triton and our board for having the vision to make this possible.

IMPORTANT BELLWOOD PHONE NUMBERS

Village Hall
(708) 547-3500

Police/Fire/Ambulance Emergency
911

Police (non emergency)
(708) 547-3528

Police Anonymous Hotline
(708) 544-5961

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) 547-3509

TDD (hearing impaired)
(708) 547-0011

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Water Department Passes Quality Test

The Bellwood Water department has sent a direct mailer to all residents called the "Consumer Confidence Report" (CCR), which addresses water quality and is mandated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. The USEPA mandates that the report include information regarding Bellwood's source of water, properties of the water, chemical concentrations, sampling results, types of contamination that may exist and additional educational information. The CCR is intended to educate the consumer and provide information that is necessary to help the consumer feel secure that the public water supply meets (or exceeds) the quality standards set by the USEPA. If you have questions, call the Water department at (708) 547-3542.

"Morehouse Man" Credits Family and Church for Success



Recent Morehouse College graduate and Bellwood resident Shaun Varnell Harris credits "home, spiritual centeredness and community"

for being driving forces in his lifelong success. Add into the equation his parents Donald and Idonia Harris, his church, and his sisters, among other influences, and he appreciates the network that has been the foundation for his success to date.

"The mantle then passed to Morehouse College, where thought, experience, and background extended beyond that of my home community and into the world community. In community there have been so many who have impacted my life, whether they have encouraged me to continue, or said, 'We are praying for you,' it was the community that has helped keep my feet on solid ground."

Digital Broadcast Debuts

On June 12 history was made as the day marked the end of analog broadcasts when television moved to Digital Broadcast Transition (DBT). The federal mandate required local television stations to stop broadcasting analog signals and transmit exclusively in digital after June 12. Consumers who lost the analog feed after June 12 have three options:

- Purchase a digital-to-analog converter box
- Purchase a new television with built-in digital tuner or
- Connect their televisions to a video service provider such as Comcast

General information on the DBT is available online at www.dtv.gov or by calling (888) CALL-FCC (225-5322). Information related to the TV Converter Box Coupon Program is also available online at www.dtv2009.gov or by calling the coupon program's toll-free, 24-hour automated system at (888) DTV-2009 (388-2009).



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Friday, July 24, 2009

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

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bnwsc@yahoo.com

Registration required

To register: Contact Mr. Jesse Williams or Ms. Carolyn Young

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JULY CALENDER

- 1-31** Free permits for garage fascia, service door, overhead door and soffit
- 3*** Independence Day observed
- 4*** Independence Day
- 15** Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 21** Community Policing Meeting, 7 p.m. Community Room

*Village Hall closed; refuse will be picked up on following business day.



RECYCLING DATES
July 8 & 22

