

MESSAGE
FROM THE
MAYOR by
Frank A. Pasquale

Now that
the
local municipal
elections are over and

the voters in Bellwood and across the Chicagoland area have exercised their right to vote, it is critical for all of us who have been elected and re-elected to immediately get back to work.

To that point, I want to thank the residents of Bellwood for demonstrating their confidence in this administration. We continue to look ahead to reach our ambitious and achievable goals for Bellwood. With your support and input, while the pursuit of progress never stops, we know that Bellwood will become even more of a prosperous beacon of light.

To reach our goals, we need financial resources allocated to Bellwood from President Barack Obama's stimulus plan will be an added plus. Of the \$5.4 million awarded to the West Central Municipal Conference (WCMC), which has been selected to allocate the federal dollars among its 37 members, Bellwood will receive slightly more than \$300,000. The funds will be used wisely, including for the project to improve the Washington Street bridge.

Consistent with our way of doing business, we will continue to keep you informed about the progress of our existing and new projects and plans. We always want to hear of your ideas and concerns to keep the lines of communication open as this administration begins another four years of valued service to Bellwood.

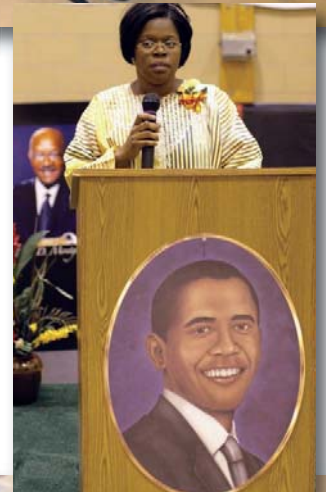
Highlights From Bellwood's Black History Program



With Bellwood Police Chief Robert M. Collins as the emcee, the Village's annual Black History Program on February 21 at the Eisenhower Community Center featured moving performances by students from several schools, including Lincoln, McKinley, Wilson and Thurgood Elementary, Jefferson Elementary, MECA and Living Word Christian Academy, Roosevelt Middle School and Proviso West High School.

The audience enjoyed performances by Gerald Moody of the Hines Verbal Aces (No. 1 public speaking club) and Master Sgt. Zarrod Beck of the Bellwood Police

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Department, who also serves as command sergeant major in the Army National Guard. Master Sgt. Beck, Chief Warrant Officer Reliford and Lt. Young also performed.

Gratitude goes to Bellwood Mayor Frank A. Pasquale, Village Clerk Lena M. Moreland, Committee Chairwoman Tonita S. LeShore, the staff of Memorial Park District, Best Buy and volunteers Sharon Wilder, Jesse Williams, Daisy Mallett, Amanda Jones and Janice Johnson. They, along with area principals, sponsors and parents, made the event a resounding success.



McMahan Family Sponsors Black History Essay Contest

In honor of Doris McMahan, the late executive secretary to Bellwood Mayor Frank A. Pasquale, her family commemorated Black History Month by hosting an essay contest for 8th graders attending school in Bellwood. Students wrote an essay titled "Why I Must Achieve an Education." The winner of a \$100 savings bond was Jeramain Cusic from Roosevelt Middle School.

Black History Month Community Award Recipient Named

Bellwood is proud to recognize the Glen Ellyn-based Mu Xi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. as the recipient of the annual Community Award, which goes to selected volunteers who serve as escorts at the Village’s Senior Valentine Ball and who donate prizes for the ball’s raffle. Last year, the fraternity co-hosted the Village’s Health Fair, and has offered their services for upcoming community events. The fraternity, whose motto is “friendship is essential to the soul,” follows the cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift.

Top Fighter Pilot Hampton Has A “Cool Job”



Remember the movie “Top Gun?” Alex Hampton Jr., 32, of Bellwood is the real deal. A 1994 graduate of Proviso West High School, he’s one of a select group of pilots trained at the U.S. Navy’s Top Gun flight school. Hampton flies an FA/18 E. The “F” means it’s a fighter jet. The “A” means it can drop bombs.

Hampton is one of a few African-American fighter pilots. He fought in Iraq and trains a squadron. He became a part of history during the inauguration of President Barack Obama when he participated in a fly-over by two fighter jets from each of the four branches of the Armed Forces.

Hampton played football at the University of Illinois and enrolled in ROTC while in college. After graduation he was recommended for Naval Flight School and was able to skip basic training. He graduated first in a class of 22 in flight school. He completed two more levels of flight school and graduated first again, which gave him the choice of flying a jet, helicopter or propeller-driven aircraft. Hampton is married to Yvall and the father of Jayson and Zane.

Details on Memorial Park Summer Passes

Summer pool passes to Memorial Park are a great value. You can take \$10 off a family pool pass if it’s purchased by June 1. Take a look!



	In District	Out of District
Family Rate (any combination of 4 immediate family members)	\$109	\$139
Individual – Youth or Adult	\$55	\$79
Additional children living at home included on a family pass	\$15	\$15
Senior Citizens (55 years of age and older) with proof of age	\$40	\$60

Tips From The Bellwood Departments



Police Department

Make sure abandoned automobiles are removed. These vehicles are an invitation to vandalism and theft.

Make sure you don't "pile up" problems.

Spring cleaning inside your home can lead to problems outside. Boxes and other materials can be invitations for arson. Make sure they don't pile up by coordinating your spring cleaning with the Village's annual Clean-Up Day.

Make sure your lights are working. Light is one of the greatest crime-preventers. Check your gangway, garage, porch and backyard lights to ensure that they are in working order. Scan your street and alley lights and report outages to the Public Works Department by calling (708) 547-3540.

Make sure graffiti is removed. The best way to defeat graffiti – and the gang activity that often comes with it – is to remove it immediately. Call the Public Employment Department at (708) 473-0960.

Make sure abandoned and neglected buildings are reported. Left alone, they pose a threat of fire, criminal assault and drug activity. New housing and demolition laws are being effectively used by the Building and Police departments to make sure that such buildings are cleaned out, fixed up or removed.



Fire Department

- Keep children away from open flames and electrical receptacles.
- Make sure your smoke alarm is maintained and working properly.
- Have a smoke alarm in every level of your house.

- Keep your emergency numbers near the telephone.
- Always call the Fire department for any fire, even if the fire has been completely extinguished.
- Have a fire evacuation plan and practice it with your family.

Public Works Department

Now that spring has arrived, here's what you can do to help prevent storm water runoff, a major pollutant of our storm drains and Addison Creek:

- Plant trees, shrubs and ground cover to help rainwater soak into the ground.
- Keep the soil covered; bare soil is the primary cause of erosion.
- Mulch bare areas with straw, grass clippings, stones or wood chips.
- Do not sweep grass clippings in the street; they will clog up the sewer drains.



Water Department

You can use your hot water more efficiently (and cut your water heating bill) by:

- Using less hot water
- Turning down the thermostat on your water heater
- Insulating your water heater
- Buying a new, more efficient water heater
- Buying an Energy Star appliance to conserve water



Building Department

When do I need a building permit? The best way to find out if you need a permit is to call the Building department. The staff provides information about safety and understanding of local building codes. Be sure to discuss your plans with a code official before you begin construction to determine whether you need a permit. If a permit is not needed, the code official will answer your construction questions and provide valuable advice.

Permits are usually required for the following:

- New buildings
- Additions (bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, etc.)
- Residential work (decks, garages, fences, fireplaces, pools, water heaters, etc.)
- Renovations (garage conversions, basement furnishings, kitchen expansions, re-roofing, etc.)
- Electrical systems
- Plumbing systems
- HVAC (heating, ventilating and air conditioning) systems

Energy Saving Tips For Around the Workplace



Lighting

- Turn lights out when leaving a room. If you are gone for more than two minutes, turn out the lights.
- Wherever practical, use a task light instead of the overhead lighting.
- Use daylight when available by turning off light near windows.
- Have maintenance staff de-lamp fixtures that produce a harsh glare or in areas that are over lit.
- Avoid using incandescent lights when possible. Compact fluorescents use less than one third of the energy and last up to 10 times longer.

Office Equipment

- Turn off computer monitors when not in use. Computers come with a sleep mode that is activated through the screensaver control feature.
- Turn off the computer and monitor at the end of the day.
- Make sure the office copier is turned off at night. New copiers with Energy Star features of low power standby are the best choice when replacing machines. Be sure the Energy Star feature is activated. Fax machines come with power saver modes as well.

Space Comfort

- Move desks and cubicles away from the windows. Windows are a source of drafts and draw heat from people in winter, making them feel colder.
- During cool weather, open blinds for light and warmth and close blinds at the end of the day to reduce heat loss at night. In warm weather, close blinds to reduce cooling load.

Appliances

- Turn off power on "optional" equipment/spaces after hours (vending machines, personal computers, coffee makers, etc.).

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- Have the vending machine operator turn off the advertising lighting in the machines.

Utilities and Maintenance

- Report HVAC/energy-related problems to the appropriate personnel.
- Report any leaks or other water problems (leaky faucets, toilets running, sprinklers that water sidewalks, etc.) to the building operator.
- Develop and maintain an energy accounting system to track utility usage and to identify any abnormality in energy use or billing errors.

Bellwood Senior Club Seeks Support

The Bellwood Senior Club that meets weekly on Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Village Hall Community Room invites you to our Wednesday Fun Hour.



Bellwood Student Selected for People to People Program

Roosevelt Middle School student Marquis Polk has been accepted into the People to People Student Ambassador Program, an educational travel program founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Polk will explore Australia for 20 days this summer as a member of the Chicago delegation. By participating in the Australian Adventure itinerary, he can earn academic credit while getting to know the people, culture and history of the destinations visited. Polk will participate in a community service project, snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef, a two-day stay with a host family, learn to throw boomerangs from the Aboriginal people, and learn governmental differences between our country and Australia.

Acceptance into the program is an honor. After being invited to enroll, Polk submitted letters of recommendation and completed an interview process. Before departing he will attend several orientation meetings with program leaders and fellow delegates. Polk will travel under the leadership of Linda Koplin, a teacher-leader from Percy Julian Middle School in Oak Park. The group will be met upon arrival by a local delegation manager who coordinates the cultural and recreational excursions and is familiar with local customs.

President Dwight Eisenhower founded People to People in 1956 with citizen leaders, including entertainer Bob Hope, Olympic champion Jesse Owens, entrepreneur Walt Disney and Hallmark Cards founder Joyce Hall. The ambassador program is based in Spokane, WA, and has been coordinating educational travel for more than 50 years.

Polk needs contributions to help with his travel needs. If you want to make a contribution, checks can be made payable to the People to People Ambassador Programs. For more information, contact Tasha Polk at (708) 257-9358 or send an e-mail to pbjt2000@yahoo.com.

Congratulations

St. Joseph High School

Robert Bavone
Davis Brown
Paris Dilworth
Amber Hawkins-Downing
Vanessa Hollingshed
Rachel Johnson
Timothy Kelly Jr.
Lindsay Lowery
Blake McCullough
Arrealle Owens
Brian Thomas Jr.
Ashley Matthews
DeAndre McCamey
Aisha Payton
Jonathan Pullum
Lamar Reynolds
Alexandria Rhodes
Cydney Robinson
Demarius Robison
Sergio Salazar
Matthew Sanders
Wayne Simon II
LaToya Spears
Kiara Wallace
William Wallace
Kimberly Williams

Raul Rivera
Sharina Scott
Jocelyn Valdez
MarcAnthony Winfield

3rd Grade Honor Roll

Deveon Bryant
Melissa Garcia
Noelle Jackson
Daniel Ramos
Reena Riley
Alexandro Rivas
Darius Robinson
Sean Williams
James Wilson

4th Grade Super Honor Roll

Leslie Agbefe
Steve Carreno
Kiarra Carter
Christian Estrada
Leslie Favela
Kendall Griggs
Kimberly Herrera
Joshua Johnson
Dariyon Minor
Tashara Royster
Devonna Stafford

Jefferson Elementary School

1st Quarter

3rd Grade Super Honor Roll

Brianna Aguirre
Jamil Banks
Dahnie Bridge
Brian Carreno
Daniel Carreon
Yolanda Cooremans
Vanessa Damien
Jaquelyn Escheverria
Julian Fraga
Cayla Greer
Devon Head
Alexis Johnson
Sadiya Khan
Kyla Kirkendall
Marisol Lopez
Alexa Lucero
Desiree Marte
David Miranda
Emily Ramirez

4th Grade Honor Roll

Casandra Carreon Ojeda
Keivon Glispie
Turmaine Jackson
Ray Lockhart
Kayla McCurley
Ivan Olivas
Tarrence Parks
Alexis Patterson
Juan Rivera
Clarissa Robledo
Charles Ross
Ceara Sias
Tanesha Walker

to Our Honor Roll Students!

5th Grade Super Honor Roll

Matthew Allen
Maurice Beecham
Dennis Bryant
Kaitlin Clark
Lakevia Glispie
Martin Hernandez
Destiny Marte
Kyler Northern
Kyler Payman
Maia Reed
Amber Reese
Arielle Reese
Sarah Scott
Dominique Travis
Brian Uribe

5th Grade Honor Roll

Lonnie Carte
DiMone Cathey Lattimore
Ariel Denton
Hector Dorado
Pamela Garcia
Sariah Hall
Rashawn Hopkins
Ladasha Johnson
Tangie Jones
Martina Lee Hill
Andrew Leonard
Kashmire Miller
Debra Misters
Karla Munoz
Ashley Nash
Imani Portee
Yadira Posada
Erick Velazquez
Amadi Walker
Craigin Whitehead
Xavier Williamson

*Note: The following students from **Lincoln Elementary School** were inadvertently left off of the first quarter honor roll list.*

4th Grade Honor Roll

Trenedy Naugle
Imani Horton

4th Grade Super Honor Roll

Kortni McCray
Jada Sherrod
Alexa Magana
Danielle Goodlow

4th Grade Perfect Attendance

Imani Horton
Trenedy Naugle
Jada Sherrod

5th Grade Honor Roll

Angela Caldwell

5th Grade Super Honor Roll

Sunjay Ghai

Lincoln Elementary School

3rd Grade Honor Roll

Richie Bennett
Jasmine Blair
Keishawna Conley
Kristen Jefferson
Gary-Louis Turner
Kasharii Moore
Julissa Ochoa
Lysander Ortiz
Alexia Pearson
Talia Robinson
Anthony Robinson
Tia Smith
Tiaja Williams
Khadijah Wilson

3rd Grade Super Honor Roll

Jamal Branch
Jasmine Denton
Rasheed Goodman
Taylor Redmond
Jamel Reedy
Diamond Stenhouse
Tatyana Walton
Akeia Williams

3rd Grade Perfect Attendance

Jamal Branch
Quiniya Branson
Erick Cabral
Keishawna Conley
Jasmine Denton
Joshua Hall
Lekayla Hill
Kristen Jefferson
Kasharii Moore
Fabian Morales
Anthony Robinson
Adrianne Skinner
Tia Smith
Dayjah Vine
Tiaja Williams

4th Grade Honor Roll

Daemonia Barker
Rashad Brown
Kyara Chilton
Kendriana Daniel
Fantazier Evans
Akya Graham
Mariano Gutierrez
David Hill
Imani Horton
Zyon Jones
Tamarica Lemon
Tajhe McFarland
Trenedy Naugle
Marco Ornelas
Joire Rivers
Terrius Slaughter
Makayiah Thompson
Sierra Trimble
Bobby Turner
Timothy Williams
Joselyn Winston

4th Grade Super Honor Roll

Alexis Burger
Jayla Foster
Danielle Goodlow
Tamia Jackson
Malik Johnson
Alexa Magana
Kortni McCray
Kyandra Mitchell
Jada Sherrod
Danielle Shields

4th Grade Perfect Attendance

Daemonia Barker
Ryan Caldwell
Danielle Goodlow
Mariano Gutierrez
Shalisha Hill
Imani Horton
Tamia Jackson
Kortni McCray
Joire Rivers
Jada Sherrod
Danielle Shields

5th Grade Honor Roll

Angela Caldwell
Tiari Cluke
Lyric Coleman
Alexis Conner
Sydnei Curtis
Daniel Fletcher
Fa'Sion Isaac
Kiana Jefferson
Rashi Lambert
Asa Lang
Faith Lawson
Kyesha Mahan
Savannah McCoy
Arlene Michel
Kellie Myers
Ladabi Neal
Dayana Ochoa
Ivan Sanchez
Michael Williams
Keyari Williams
Justin Winters

5th Grade Super Honor Roll

Davon Branch
Lauren Crumpton
Kalen Gray
Leslie Loeza
Denise McKinney
Ifeany Okusor
Miles Royal
Deriece Williams

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**5th Grade
Principal's Scholar**

Danny Belmonte
Cameron Boyd
Sunjay Ghai

**5th Grade
Perfect Attendance**

Angela Caldwell
Tiari Cluke
Darrin Daniels
Jacoby Gipson
Kalen Gray
Kiana Jefferson
Calvin Johnson
Terry Kitchen
Asa Lang
Kristopher Leggin
Denise McKinney
Arlene Michel
Ladabi Neal
Vivica Wassar
Deriece Williams

**6th Grade
Honor Roll**

Cyna Alexander
Patrick Clay
Carolyn Cooper
James Guerrier
Genesis Hudson
Soriah Taylor
Julien Ward

**6th Grade
Super Honor Roll**

Cierra Lathan
Destiny Mattox

Village Hosts LifeLine Screening Event

On March 13, Bellwood hosted Life Line Screening, the nation's largest provider of community-based preventive screenings, to help 36 local residents identify their risk of stroke, vascular disease and osteoporosis before the catastrophic effects of these conditions can occur.

The conditions are considered "silent killers" because they often strike without warning. Symptoms are rarely present and if they are, they are generally subtle, almost unnoticeable. In fact, four out of five people who have had a stroke showed no apparent warning signs. A simple screening may prevent death or disability.

The screenings offered on March 13 included:

- **Carotid Artery Screening** – a painless, non-invasive Doppler ultrasound is used to visualize the carotid arteries, which bring blood to the brain. The majority of strokes are caused by plaque build up in these arteries.
- **Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening** – Ultrasound is used to visualize the abdominal aorta, the largest artery in the body, to measure the diameter of the aorta. This measurement can indicate if there is a weakening in the aortic wall, which can cause a ballooning effect known as an aneurysm. Aneurysms can burst, and generally are fatal.
- **Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening (PAD)** – also known as "hardening of the arteries." Sufferers have a four to six fold increased risk of cardiovascular disease. Risk is evaluated through a measurement called the "Ankle-Brachial Index,"

which is obtained by reading the systolic pressure in the ankle and arm.



- **Osteoporosis Screening** – Ultrasound is used to estimate the bone density of the heel. This can indicate if there is a reduction in bone density, which may indicate the presence of osteoporosis. The heel is used because it is similar in composition to the hip, where disabling fractures often occur.



BELLWOOD CLEANUP WEEK

May 4-8

**Everyone's participation is welcomed
and encouraged!**



Village of
BELLWOOD
Your Family Is Our Future

MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

1st Week	2nd Week	3rd Week	4th Week
Tuesday Noon Bellwood Lions Club Stimac's, 4843 Butterfield Rd., Hillside 6:00 p.m. Chamber of Commerce Call (708) 547-5030 7:00 p.m. United Way Board of Directors Village Hall Board Room Call (708) 547-6373 Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bellwood Police Explorers Bellwood Office of Management HQ 2726 St. Charles Rd., 2nd Fl.	Monday 7:00 p.m. Bellwood Youth Baseball Village Hall Community Room Tuesday Noon Bellwood Lions Club Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bellwood Police Explorers 7:00 p.m. Library Board Bellwood Library 600 Bohland Ave. Thursday 7:30 p.m. Bellwood VFW #5081 200 30th Ave.	Tuesday Noon Bellwood Lions Club 6:00 p.m. Memorial Park Board Meeting The Center at Stevenson Park 3101 Washington Blvd. 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board Meeting Village Hall Board Room Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bellwood Police Explorers Thursday 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Neighborhood Watch/ Community Policing Meeting Community Room	Tuesday Noon Bellwood Lions Club 7:30 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting Village Hall Board Room Wednesday 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bellwood Police Explorers Thursday 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Community Development Commission (quarterly) Every Saturday 10:00 a.m. – noon Meet Your Elected Officials Village Hall Lobby

SAVE THESE DATES!

May

- 4-8** Bellwood Cleanup Week
- 7** Secretary of State Mobile Unit, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- 10-16** National Police Week
- 13** Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 21** Community Policing Meeting
- 25*** Memorial Day, Village Hall Closed

June

- 17** Village Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 18** Community Policing Meeting, 7 p.m.

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

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



RECYCLING DATES

May 13 & 28
June 10 & 24

We Want To Hear From You!

If you have a story idea or photo that you'd like to be considered for the *Bellwood Community News*, please complete the information below and mail the card to Tonita S. LeShore, Bellwood Village Hall, Rm. 206, 3200 Washington Blvd., Bellwood, IL 60104. Letters to the editor and ideas must be signed and include the writer's name, address and telephone number.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Story or photo idea _____

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