

## PARKS &amp; RECREATION CALENDAR

## RECREATION ACTIVITIES:

April 1	Late Registration for baseball – April & May (Cost \$75) Sign up for British Soccer Camps and Brazil Soccer Camps. www.belleville.net Sign up for Little Slugger T-Ball (Ages 3-5) year round Jr. Tennis Lessons (Grades 2-6) Sign up for Tennis Academy (Ages 8-18)
April 9	Men's Softball Starts Citizens Park
April 16	Co-Rec Softball Starts Citizens Park
April 17	MLB Pitch, Hit and Run Competition – Laderman Park
May 1	Youth Baseball (T-Ball thru Jaycee League) Practice begins ASA Girls Fast-pitch Softball – Laderman Park (Ages 10-18)
May-Aug	5th & 6th Grade Girls Volleyball Early Bird Registration
May 1	Registration begins for Tour de Belleville Bike Ride Youth Baseball (T-Ball thru Jaycee League) Practice begins Girls Volleyball (5th & 6th Grade) Early Registration begins
May 12	Free Fishing Derby Bellevue Park (Ages 5-12)
May 30	Little Sluggers T-Ball (Ages 3-5)
June 1	Youth Baseball Games begin (Ages 5-18)
June 2	Camp Quackers Open House
June 4-Aug 10	Camp Quackers Day Camp begins-Sign up weekly (Grades K-6)
June/July	Concerts on the Public Square (Mondays) - FREE
June/July	Concerts at Bellevue Park (Thursdays) - FREE
June 11-July 19	Kiddie Camp – 6 weeks (Ages 3-5)
July 1	Registration begins for these Fall Programs: Men's & Co-Rec Softball/Women's & Co-Rec Volleyball/ ASA H.S. Softball/Girl's Volleyball/Boy's Basketball/ Alphabet Academy (Ages 3-5) – Early Registration
July 13	Tour de Belleville Bike Ride

## The NICHOLS COMMUNITY CENTER

## PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED/LIMITED AVAILABILITY

April 5	Happy Feet for Toddlers (Ages 3-5) Watercolor Painting (Ages 8-12)
April 6 & 20	Parent's Night Out (Ages 3-8)
April 13	NERF WARS (Ages 8-12)
April 14	Little Movers & Shakers (Ages 6-18 mo.) Tiny Tots & Tumbling (Ages 2-4)
April 23	Alphabet Academy 2012/13 Enroll (Ages 3-4)
May 1	Art & Drawing Program (Ages 8-12)
May 3	Acrylic Painting/ Beginners (Ages 18 & up)
May 4 & 18	Parent's Night Out (Ages 3-8)
May 10	Silly Scientists (Ages 4-7)
May 11	NERF WARS (Ages 8-12)
June 1 & 15	Parent's Night Out (Ages 3-8)
June 2 & 3	Weekend Art/ Screenprint (Ages 8-13)
June 8	NERF WARS (Ages 8-12)
June 9 & 10	Weekend Art/ Abstract Art (Age 8-13)
June 11	Kiddie Camp (Ages 3-5)
June 16 & 17	Weekend Art/ Portraits (Ages 8-13)
June 23 & 24	Weekend Art/ Landscapes (Ages 8-13)

PLEASE CALL THE PARKS &amp; RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 233-1416 FOR MORE DETAILS

Year round: Zumba (Ages 18 & UP)  
Senior Aerobics (Ages 55 & UP)  
55 & Over Club (Ages 55 & UP)  
Karate (Ages 4 & UP)  
Adult Trips - TBA (Ages 18 & UP)  
Little Kickers Soccer (in/outdoors) (Ages 3-5)

Check us out on Facebook or give us a call at the NCC: (618) 277-9785!

## ALPHABET ACADEMY / (Ages 3-5)

Alphabet Academy provides a socially rich environment that caters to the needs of children. We strive to promote independence and everyday skills that will help to enhance the future of these young growing minds.

We focus on the individual needs of your child and create the opportunity to cultivate their learning, enhance character, instill social skills, form friendships and discover new interests.

Requirements: Children must be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 1st, 2011. All children must be toilet trained. The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department's Alphabet Academy accepts CHASI and offers Military discounts.

Age: 3 year olds  
Dates: September 6, 2011 to May 24, 2012  
Day: Tuesday(s) and Thursday(s)  
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm  
Cost: \$40.00 Registration fee  
\$100.00 (per month)

Age: 4 year olds  
Dates: September 7, 2011 to May 25, 2012  
Day: Monday(s), Wednesday(s) and Friday(s)  
Time: 9:15am to 12:30pm  
Cost: \$40.00 Registration fee  
\$110.00 (per month)

Call (618) 277-9785 today to set an appointment to view the Nichols Community Center and meet the friendly staff, or email alphabeticademy@hotmail.com for more information.

## FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

Bring your own lawn chairs and get a good seat because concerts are held during the summer every Monday at the Square and every Thursday in Bellevue Park beginning June 4th. The schedule will feature great music from a different area band each evening who will be giving FREE concerts starting at 7 P.M. Schedule available in May.

## ARBOR DAY

The City of Belleville will be celebrating Arbor Day on Friday, April 27th. It will feature a short interpretive program with the fourth grade class at Franklin School. The benefits of trees as well as how to plant a tree will be discussed. Each class member will also receive a sapling to plant at home provided by the Fourth Grade Foresters Program.

## PITCH HIT and RUN COMPETITION

April 17, 2012, the MLB/National Aquafina Pitch Hit and Run Competition will be held at Laderman Park in Belleville, IL. This event is open to all boys and girls ages 7 -14 (age is determined as of July 17, 2012). Competition will take place in the 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, and 13-14 age groups with boys using baseballs and girls using softballs and competing separately. The event will begin at 5:30 pm and continue until 8:00pm. Registration is required with parental permission necessary and proof of age will be required should the child qualify to move on to the sectional competition.

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234-0825

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277-3855  
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235-2363  
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234-8956

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233-3917  
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277-4234

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235-1987  
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234-7569

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233-3967  
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# Belleville

Information you can use

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A Community of Character

## Community of Character

## Words of the Month

April – Cooperation  
May – Self Discipline  
June – Fairness

## DOWNTOWN EVENTS

## Diva Nights

April 19, May 17, June 21,  
5 – 8pm

## 11th Annual Law Day Run

April 28, 9am

## Old Town Market

Saturdays, May – October,  
7:30am - Noon

## Public School Parade

May 14, 9:30am

## 11th Annual Art on the Square

May 18 – 20

## Memorial Day Parade

May 28, 10am

## Shrine Circus Parade

June 1, 7:30pm

## Music on Main

April 26, May 24,  
June 28, 6pm

## CITY HALL CLOSING

Friday, April 6  
Monday, May 28

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There are many reasons to celebrate this Spring. It seems we have escaped any extreme weather and that surely helps our City budget. As you drive or walk throughout our City, you will notice another substantial amount of projects and improvements.

The State Police Crime Lab is coming out of the ground. This \$38 million project will bring many police officers to Belleville from all over Southern Illinois. Lindenwood University is buzzing with improvements, which includes a \$2.3 million renovation to their football stadium. The final phase of South 17th Street is under construction and we should be able to use it to drive from West Main Street to Belleville Crossing shopping center or Belleville West High School by Nov. 1 of this year. Another section of our City's bike trail will begin soon from Citizens Park to Frank Scott Park-



Mark W. Eckert

way and them to Bellevue Park. Be watching for the construction of the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois on the front lawn of the Fire administration offices at 1125 So. Illinois Street. What a great tribute that is being created to the victims of September 11, 2001. Please support this project, if possible. For more information

on the memorial, visit www.wtcmemorial.us. The East Washington Street coupler project will begin in a few weeks and will provide new curbs, sidewalks and a street overlay. Please become involved with our Belleville Neighborhood Partnership Program, a program intended to give neighborhoods direct input and a greater voice in improving the community. To learn more about it, please read the article included in this issue of the newsletter.

Great things are happening in Belleville and we need everyone to help strengthen our City. Thank you.

## BELLEVILLE MAIN STREET PRESENTS MUSIC ON MAIN

Gather your friends together and join us for some live outdoor music in beautiful downtown Belleville at the courtyard at East Main and Church Streets.

Shows are scheduled for 6pm on April 26, May 24, and June 28.

Food and drink will be available for purchase from downtown Belleville restaurants.

In case of inclement weather, the music will be moved indoors to The New Ground Floor at 215 East Main Street. For more information visit, www.bellevillemainstreet.net.



## BELLEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP

The Belleville Neighborhood Partnership was established in August 2011 with the mission to give neighborhoods direct input and a greater voice in improving their community through effective communication and collaboration. The Belleville Neighborhood Partnership program is structured so that the City and surrounding areas are divided into zones. Each zone will consist of a number of neighborhood organizations, neighborhood watches, and homeowners' associations, as well as various churches, non-profit groups, businesses, schools, and service organizations. All zones will be established over the next 6-8 months with the goal that all zones are active by October 2012.

The Community Development Committee is the facilitating group for the Belleville Neighborhood Partnership. While the City does have representation on the committee, other members also include

The BASIC Initiative, Belleville Human Relations Commission, Racial Harmony, Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce, Get Up and Go, and various neighborhood association and community service organization representatives. The Belleville Neighborhood Partnership is truly a grassroots effort. Each Zone will be challenged to create a Zone Plan, a simple document that will be developed to determine the Zone's priorities, while partnerships will be forged to achieve the zones' goals.

The City of Belleville is in the process of documenting existing neighborhood watches, neighborhood associations/organizations, and homeowners associations in order to build a solid foundation on which the Belleville Neighborhood Partnership will grow. To report a neighborhood group, or to get involved, please contact Peggy Hartmann by e-mail at peggyh@belleville.net or by phone at (618) 233-6810.



## CITY DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

**Switchboard**  
233-6810

**Cemetery**  
233-6518 x 236

**City Clerk**  
233-6518 x 210

**Economic Development & Planning**  
233-6518 x 250

**Engineering**  
257-7649

**Finance**  
233-6518 x 235

**Fire**  
234-2236 non-emergency

**Health, Housing & Building**  
233-6817

**Human Resources**  
233-6518 x 280

**Library Downtown**  
234-0441  
West Branch  
233-4366

**Maintenance**  
277-4965

**Mayor**  
233-6518 x 239

**Parks & Recreation**  
233-1416  
Nichols Community Center  
277-9785

**Police**  
234-1212 non-emergency

**Sanitation**  
233-6816

**Street**  
239-3454

**Treasurer**  
233-6518 x 240

**Wastewater or Sewer**  
233-7146

## TOP 10 HAPPENINGS IN BELLEVILLE IN 2011

- Belleville receives the All America City Award from the National Civic League.
- Art on the Square is chosen as the #1 art show in the U.S. by Art Fair Sourcebook for the 4th time in the last five years.
- Belleville Neighborhood Partnership is established to give residents a greater voice in what happens in their neighborhood.
- The EDGE begins a \$1.6 million expansion to include movie theaters and interior renovations.
- Lindenwood University continues expansion of Belleville campus and receives St. Louis Commerce Magazine's Top 50 Award.
- \$38 million State Police Crime Lab breaks ground, to be completed in 2013.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant begins \$44 million Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) that includes Com-

binated Sewer Overflow (CSO) removal, plant expansion and Belle Valley non-combined sewer separation.

- South 17th Street widening completed from West Main Street to South Belt West and final phase of work begins.

- Belleville receives a piece of the World Trade Center twin towers for a memorial as part of the September 11th Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the September 11th attacks.

- City receives \$400,000 grant from the Kimball Foundation for Kimball Plaza located at Bicentennial Park.

For a complete list of Happenings in Belleville in 2011, visit [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net).

## NEWS FROM THE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Recently, City Hall has received several reports regarding odors from some areas around the City; particularly within a ½ mile radius of the Wastewater Plant near the Belle Clair fairgrounds and into downtown Belleville.

Routine treatment operations are designed to reduce the amount of odors present; however, certain weather conditions and equipment maintenance as well as upgrades may lessen the effectiveness of these routine odor control operations.

Odors have many sources. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is only one of them. During this recent time of cool nights and warm days, odors from the treatment plant, farm fields and even lawn treatment chemicals all contribute their share of odors. The Wastewater Treatment Plant is currently undergoing many changes that may contribute to these odors. Most of the odors detected in and around wastewater treatment plants are signals that nature's treatment process is working; organic matter is decomposing and pollutants are being removed from the wastewater. Odors are typically contained to the wastewa-

ter treatment plant site, but occasionally odors drift from the plant site depending on weather conditions and wind direction.

Wastewater that is undergoing aerobic digestion emits a characteristically musty odor due to the particular type of biogases released in the process. And, aerobic digestion is the new treatment system being used at the City's Wastewater Plant. These odors will subside in the near future after new treatment units are brought on line.

The Water Pollution Control Plant strives to provide the best level of customer service and we apologize for any inconvenience these odors may cause.

Among the recent construction projects for the wastewater division is a new project starting at 60th and West Main Streets that will begin in late April. This improvement will result in some traffic slowdowns as your sewer system is being repaired.

If you have any questions or want to know more about the wastewater treatment system please call 233-7146 or contact us via [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net).

## 7TH ANNUAL TOUR DE BELLEVILLE

The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department's Tour de Belleville event provides individuals and families with an enjoyable recreational activity while gaining the benefits of exercise and raising money for safety/maintenance equipment for the City. As a result of the 2011 Tour de Belleville proceeds with 1991 riders, we are pleased to announce we have installed a picnic shelter, benches, water fountain and a bicycle rack to form a rest area along the trail conveniently located by the McKinley Call Tower.

This year's 7th Annual Tour de Belleville will be held on Friday, July 13th with a cowboy theme; the "Great Bicycle Roundup". Ya'll gather your "Pose", wear cowboy hats or bandanas, and do a little

"Boot-Scootin'" to the sounds played by the "Social Remedy" band from 6:30-8:30 pm. The ride begins with a "Shot-Gun" start at 9 pm with a choice of a 6 or 15 mile route. All of the festivities begin at Union United Methodist Church, 721 E. Main St., Belleville (rear parking lot).

You can register beginning in May by visiting [www.tourdebelleville.com](http://www.tourdebelleville.com) or visit [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net) and click on Parks & Recreation. The cost is \$15 per person through July 12th. Beginning July 13th, the cost is \$25 per person (Price includes shirt and water bottle). For additional detailed information, please call the Department of Parks and Recreation at (618) 233-1416.

## LIBRARY HAPPENINGS (NOT JUST BOOKS ANYMORE)

If you have not visited the library in a while, you will notice a few changes the next time you visit. Do you have a Nook, Kindle or some other e-reader device? Did you know that you can download books and other e-media at the library? Coming soon the library will begin offering classes on how to setup and download e-media to your device.

For all you gamers out there, the library now has video games available for the Wii, Xbox, PlayStation and Nintendo DS gaming systems.

Do you enjoy knitting? Have you ever wanted to learn to knit? If this is you, stay tuned for a new series of programs at the library specifically for all you knitters. There will be some basic instruction as well as projects to work on.

The library is expanding services as well. If you are a teacher, admin-

istrator or childcare worker at a school or childcare facility in the city and would like for your kids to visit the library or would like the library to visit you at your facility, please call and we would be happy to arrange a visit.

In today's highly technological world, we often take for granted some of the most basic services that we used to depend on. In response to public demand, beginning in June, the library will begin offering public fax services for outgoing faxing only.

Check with the library in the coming weeks for more information on all the above.

**Main Library**  
121 E. Washington  
Mon-Thur: 9am-8pm  
Fri-Sat: 9am-5pm  
Sun. Closed  
234-0441

**West Branch Library**  
3414 West Main St.  
Mon, Wed, Sat: 9am-5pm  
Tues, Thur: Noon-8pm  
Fri, Sun: Closed  
233-4366

## LOOK WHAT'S NEW AT THE OLD TOWN MARKET!

### Market opens Saturday, May 5

2012 promises to be a banner year for the Old Town Market! The expansion to West Main Street and the Northwest Quadrant of the Square provides great visibility and the opportunity to offer more vendors, exciting events and new activities. The market has already secured 27 full-time vendors for the upcoming season, which is more than double the number of last year.

There are plans in place to offer outdoor fitness classes, such as Boot Camp, Yoga and Zumba at the market. This is a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle while you enjoy a vigorous outdoor workout. Stay afterwards and purchase fresh locally-grown produce to take home and prepare a delicious meal.

Belleville Animal Clinic will be at the market once a month with the St. Clair County Animal Adoption Center pets. You'll want to check this out for sure! Adoption applications will be available onsite.

On Saturday, May 5th, Cycle of Giving will host a Bicycle Drive at the market. Cycle of Giving's mission is to provide low and middle income families access to new and used bicycles, encourage exercise and healthy lifestyles and provide alternatives to automobile transportation. Drop off any old bikes, even those that need repair. On May 12th, bring



your e-waste items – old cell phones, computers, TVs, DVD players and more. Most electronic devices contain a variety of materials, including metals, that can be recovered. Recycling these items saves resources and protects the Earth. Donations benefit Cycle of Giving.

Another unique opportunity arrives when Cycle of Giving partners with Bicycle World. Interested adults and children can rent a bike and then cycle around town on their own or on a predetermined route. After you return your bike, stick around and participate in the Farm to Table for Kids program where children ages 5-13 can gain hands-on cooking experience and even take home ingredients featured in the recipes.

The market is held every Saturday from 7:30 a.m. – Noon, rain or shine at West Main and 1st Streets. The 2012 season starts on May 5th, and it's not too late for new vendors to sign up. If you are interested in joining the market as a produce vendor, handmade artisan vendor or food vendor (including both licensed restaurants and foods prepared in home kitchens as allowed by the Illinois Cottage Food Bill), please contact Toni Togias at 618.416.5196.

## BELLEVILLE PARTNERS WITH SWANSEA

The City of Belleville has partnered with the Village of Swansea to participate in a region-wide planning effort that seeks to coordinate housing, transportation, environmental, and economic development planning across the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. Residents, business owners, and public leaders will have the opportunity to share their hopes, concerns, and expectations for our community by participating in a series of public meetings over the course of the next 12 months.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

All Ward 1 residents are invited to meet with Alderman Heisler and Alderman Kinsella on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 7pm in the City Hall Council Chambers for a Town Hall Meeting. Watch for signs post-

ed in your Ward 1 neighborhood prior to the meeting.

If you are uncertain about which Ward you reside in, please call City Hall at 233-6810.

## CALL JULIE FIRST

If you are planning to dig for anything this spring, summer or anytime of the year, call the locating service that will keep you and your utilities safe. According to state law, anyone planning an outdoor project that requires any type of excavation, regardless of depth, should call JULIE first at 1-800-892-0123.

JULIE, inc. (Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators), also known as the "Illinois One-Call System," is a not-for-profit corporation that provides contractors/excavators, homeowners, and others who may be disturbing the earth, with a free service through a single toll-free phone number (1-800-892-1234 or 811) to call for the locating and making of underground utility facilities. JULIE is a message handling, notification service for underground facility owners, taking information about planned excavations and distributing this information to its membership. It is then the responsibility of each facility owner to mark the location of the underground facilities at the excavation site. JULIE neither owns nor marks any underground facilities.

According to state law, the person actually doing the digging is required to make the call to JULIE with the locate request information at least 48 hours or two working days (excludes weekends and holidays) in advance of the start of the excavation.

You will be given a "dig number". If an underground utility is not marked, this dig number will be proof that you called JULIE with a locate request.

You must start your project within 14 days from your call to JULIE.

## LEAF BURNING BAN REMINDER

Effective December 16, 2011, there is a total ban on open burning in the City of Belleville, which includes all leaf burning.

## BELLEVILLE BIKE RACE 2012

Be there for the finish when the areas fastest cyclists sprint up Belleville's West Main St. in the 2012 Ardie Miller Belleville Bike Race. On April 29th, Belleville will host an exciting day of racing, festivities, and fun when professional and amateur cyclists fly through downtown Belleville. Race Day features a

## TREE & BENCH MEMORIAL PROGRAM

A memorial is a long-lasting opportunity to honor or remember a loved one. At the same time it improves the beauty of the City of Belleville's Parks. Donors can choose from two types of memorials. A Bench Memorial includes the installation of a personalized park bench plus a customizable granite

If possible, mark the area where you will be digging with white paint or flags.

Do not call JULIE on Saturday or Sunday for a project to be marked on the same weekend.

### CHECKLIST FOR A LOCATE REQUEST

- Give your name, address, and a phone number where you can be reached.
- County and city of the township you are in.
- Location of the excavation with a cross street within ¼ mile of the dig site.
- Start date and time of the planned excavation.



Within 2 working days of your contact with JULIE, a representative from each member utility company will mark the location of their underground facilities with paint and or flags at the excavation site. Make sure that your property is accessible. The utilities are only required to mark the facilities that they own, not privately installed or owned lines or facilities. Privately owned services may include water and sewer services, as well as

electric and gas lines to a garage or workshop. Sewer lines owned by the City of Belleville will be marked, but the homeowner sewer from the home to the City sewer line will not be marked.

A helpful reminder is that if your project is to start on a weekend be sure to call JULIE on the Wednesday before the weekend. Remember, you may not begin your excavation before the dig start time of your ticket, even if all utilities have been marked.

## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

If you are planning a meeting and would like city representation, please contact the Mayor's office in writing at:

Mayor's Office  
City Hall  
101 S. Illinois  
Belleville, IL 62220

Please state what kind of representative is requested. (i.e. Police, Fire, Health & Housing, etc.)

## YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

Yard Waste Collection will be picked up during the 2nd full week of January and February during the winter. Weekly pick up of yard waste will run from the first full week of March through the 2nd Friday of December.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION IS WEATHER PERMITTING

## GARBAGE

Trash cans up to 45 gallons in capacity must have handles and lids and weigh no more than 60 pounds when filled.

## TRASH SCHEDULE

The Sanitation Department does not operate on the following holidays:  
New Years Day  
M.L. King, Jr. Day  
President's Day  
Memorial Day  
4th of July  
Labor Day  
Veterans Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Day

**IF YOUR PICK-UP DAY FALLS ON OR AFTER A HOLIDAY, YOUR PICK-UP FOR THAT WEEK WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE (1) DAY.**

The City offers a large item pick up on a daily basis for a minimum fee of \$45. To arrange for a pick up, call the Sanitation Department at 233-6816 one day in advance.