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A Community of Character

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Welcome Fall! There is much excitement as we approach the end of 2015. As you may have heard, the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity has approved our application and certified the ordinance that expands the boundaries of the Belleville Enterprise Zone. We are delighted that Missionary Ventures, LLC and Game On Sports Development, LLC will now be able to move forward with construction of the development of land located directly across State Route 15 from the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The estimated value in projects for Illinois exceeds \$100 million for Belleville. The Keller family has plans to build an exclusive to the Metro Area Hofbrauhaus Pub, up to four hotels, a convention center, several restaurants, and a convenience store. The Kansas City-based Game On Sports Development plans

to build a soccer/multi-sport complex and clubhouse. Follow the progress of this new, major development at www.belleville.net/newdevelopments.

I extend my sincere thanks to all the 200 plus volunteers who worked at our 5th Annual Belleville Helping Belleville Day this past September. What outstanding citizens who volunteered to make a difference in our community!

Volunteers are working hard to build additional chalets for the 2nd Annual Christkindlmarkt that will take place November 27th - December 23rd in downtown Belleville. Members of our Downtown Optimist Club are putting the finishing touches on a refurbished Santa House. Thank you for supporting our local businesses in the past and throughout this upcoming holiday season.

Also, please join us for the 17th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11:00am on the Public Square.

WELCOME TO BELLEVILLE, IL

There are so many great things happening in our community. Visit our official Facebook page and Like Us at Welcome to Belleville, IL to stay informed. And please, invite all of your friends to like us too!



MORE PAGES, MORE NEWS

We've expanded our newsletter so we can share more good news with you. This issue of the City's Quarterly Newsletter includes two additional pages. The good news is that the pages have been added at no additional cost. Because we are switching to a more standard size paper, the cost of printing is no more than it was for printing the tri-fold newsletter. We hope you like the new magazine format, bold text, and added pages. Please let us know what you think by contacting Sharon Strausbaugh, Marketing Manager, at sstrausbaugh@belleville.net or (618) 233-6518, x1245.

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COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

October: Responsibility
November: Peace
December: Empathy

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Old Town Market

Saturdays through Nov. 7
7:30am - Noon

Chili Cook-Off

Fri., Sat., Oct. 2-3

Chili Chase 5k Run

Sat., Oct. 3, 9am

Diva Nights

Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Dec. 17
5 - 8pm

Trick-or-Treat

Fri., Oct. 30, 5:30-8pm

Art & Wine Walk

Sat., Nov. 7, 5-9pm

Veterans Day Ceremony

Wed., Nov. 11, 11am

Gingerbread Displays

Wed., Nov. 18 - Sat., Jan. 2

Santa Parade

Fri., Nov. 27, 10am

Lighting of the Fountain

Fri., Nov. 27, 6pm

Free Horse Drawn Trolley Rides

Fri., Sat. & Sun., only
Nov. 27 - Dec. 20

Christkindlmarkt

Fri., Nov. 27 - Wed., Dec. 23

Santa on the Square

Fri., Nov. 27 - Thurs., Dec. 24

Gingerbread 5K Run

Sat., Dec. 5, 8:30am

Gingerbread Cookie Day

Sat., Dec. 12, 9am

CITY HALL CLOSED

Nov., 11, Nov., 26, Nov. 27,
Dec. 24 (after noon), Dec. 25,
Dec. 31 (after noon)



CONTACT INFORMATION

Switchboard
233-6810

Cemetery
257-3330

City Clerk
233-6518 x1210

Community Development
233-6518 x2280

Economic Development, Planning & Zoning
233-6518 x1250

Engineering
233-6518 x4272

Finance
233-6518 x1235

Fire
234-2236 non-emergency

Health, Housing & Building
233-6817

Human Resources
233-6518 x2280

Information Technology
233-6518, x1730

Library Downtown
234-0441
West Branch
233-4366

Maintenance of City Buildings
277-4965

Marketing
233-6518 x1245

Mayor
233-6518 x1239

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

Police
234-1212
non-emergency

Sanitation
233-6816

Street
239-3454

Treasurer
233-6518 x1241

Wastewater or Sewer
233-7146

DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT, OCTOBER 30

Calling all kids, ages 12 and under to Boo-tiful downtown Belleville for a fun, safe, FREE Trick-or-Treating event on East Main Street on Friday, October 30th from 5:30 – 8:00pm.

Fun and yummy treats will be provided by local businesses and organizations. Come and enjoy free wagon rides aboard Eckert's tractor-pulled wagons, tours through the Fire Department's Survive Alive House, and hot dogs, music and more. All Trick-or-Treaters must be in costume and must be accompanied by a parent or other adult guardian.

If your business or organization would like to participate in this year's event, or if you would like more information about the event, please call Sharon at (618) 233-6518, ext 1245.



CEMETERY BURIAL RECORDS AVAILABLE ON CITY WEBSITE

Burial records from Walnut Hill Cemetery dating back to 1855 are now available on the Cemetery Records page of our website, www.belleville.net/



[cemeteryrecords](http://www.belleville.net/cemeteryrecords). The records are available in date and alphabetic order and were created from information contained in the cemetery's original burial books called the Sexton Books. These records are also available at the main branch of the public library.

The Cemetery Records page also contains cemetery maps to help you locate individual burial sites that are listed in the burial records. The Cemetery page includes information on the history of Walnut Hill Cemetery, cemetery fees, and quick links to other pertinent resources.

Walnut Hill Cemetery, located at 1101 Mascoutah Avenue in Belleville, is a city-owned cemetery. If you have any questions about the cemetery or any of the records on our website, please call (618) 257-3330.

9/11 MEMORIAL NEWS

Local Fire Fighters Host Fundraiser

On Saturday, October 24, 2015, Belleville Fire Fighters Local 53 will host a Cosmic Bingo Fundraising Event and will donate all proceeds to the construction of the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois. Cosmic Bingo is not your Grandma's bingo. It's fun and easy; even for first-timers. Tickets are \$20 per person in advance, and \$25 at the door, and include 6 bingo cards per round, a dabber, hat, music, a DJ, lots of laughs, and the opportunity to win prizes, including cash! You must be 18 years or older to attend.

The event will be held at the Elk's Hall, 1481 S. Illinois St., Belleville. Doors open at 6pm and the fun begins at 7pm. Call 234-2236 for reservations and/or more information.

When completed, the **September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois** will be a memorial to the nearly 3,000 innocent people who perished on Sept. 11, 2001. Featured at the memorial site will be a 35.25 foot long, 7,106.9 pound steel column from the fallen World Trade Center that was acquired from the Port Authority of New York & New Jersey. A timeline of events that occurred on September 11, 2001 will be incorporated into an educational and informative walkway that extends from the parking lot down to the artifact. The memorial will also include a tribute to Flight 93 and the Pentagon.

To learn more about the September 11 Memorial project, call (618) 234-2236 or visit www.wtcmemorial.us to view memorial plans, including a virtual tour video of the planned memorial site, and information on how you can continue to support this project.

THANK YOU TO VETERANS OF ALL WARS 17TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY, NOVEMBER 11

Please join us on Wednesday, November 11 at 11am at the Veterans Memorial Monument in downtown Belleville's Public Square to honor the brave and loyal men and women who have served this great country and have sacrificed so much for our freedom. All Veteran groups and their Auxiliary members are invited to attend and be recognized. The public is invited. For more information, call 233-6518, x1245.

RECENT PROJECTS AND DEVELOPMENTS

Missionary Ventures, LLC

Belleville City Council recently approved two development agreements that will bring a \$100 million plus development to property located near the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows on IL Rt. 15. Missionary Ventures, LLC will build a 46,000 sq. ft. convention center, four hotels, a Hofbrauhaus brewer/restaurant, four additional upscale restaurants, and a convenience store/gas/fast food complex on 33 acres on DeMazenod Dr. Earthwork is currently underway and construction on the buildings will begin soon after. The City created a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district, a Business District (BD), expanded its Enterprise Zone (EZ), and raised the City's hotel and motel tax to 8% to create an incentive package that will allow the project to move forward. All incentives provided for the projects will be from dollars generated within the development and not from other City revenues. The City will extend sewer service to the site. Between sewer tap-on fees, and sales and property tax revenues, the City estimates the costs for sewer construction could be recouped within two to three years.



televised events. This project both accelerated the timeline for build out and expanded the scope of the Missionary Ventures project.

Game On Sports Development, LLC, along with their partner Global Sports International, also operate a similar sports complex in Overland Park,

KS. A combination of EZ benefits (sales tax exemption on building materials) and a rebate of a portion of the hotel taxes generated within the Missionary Ventures project make up the incentive package that allows this project to occur. Like the Missionary Ventures project, the only incentives that Game On Sports Development will receive are from revenues generated within

the development. David Thorman, Managing Partner of Game On Sports Development said, "GSI and Game On are excited to bring in partnership with the City of Belleville this world class complex that will be a game changer for the region in youth sports play. We look forward to becoming an integral part of the Belleville community for many years to come."

Together, these projects are estimated to bring over one million visitors to Belleville each year. If sales projections for the developments are met, the project could also bring nearly one million dollars a year in sales tax to the City. Roadway improvements to IL Rt. 15 and IL Rt. 157 to accommodate the increase in traffic due to these projects are currently in the planning phase.

For more information and continuous updates on these projects, visit belleville.net/newdevelopments

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Parks & Recreation Department will accept "live" Christmas trees from Friday, December 11, 2015 through January 31, 2016 at the following locations:

- **Laderman Park** – 1105 Mascoutah Avenue, Belleville, Illinois
- **Bellevue Park** – 401 Bellevue Park Drive, Belleville, Illinois
- **North End Park** – 1204 North Douglas, Belleville, Illinois

Please, no bags, ornaments or lights - RECYCLABLE material ONLY!



European Vendors
German Food & Beverages

2nd Annual Authentic Open Air German Christmas Market

Nov. 27 – Dec. 23

Sun.-Thurs., 10am-7pm
Fri.-Sat., 10am-9pm

Belleville Public Square
FREE Admission

bellevillechristkindlmarkt.com

SEWER BACKUPS – WHAT EVERY HOMEOWNER SHOULD KNOW

Sewer backups are a problem that every city and its residents face. Here is important information you should know.

- The city is not automatically liable for resulting property damage or cleanup expenses when a sewer backup occurs
- Many homeowner insurance policies exclude damages resulting from sewer backups. Thus, homeowners often end up looking to the city to pay for their damages when their own insurance company denies their claim.
- Many homeowner insurance companies do provide sewer backup coverage and it is possible for homeowners to protect themselves against this risk. Contact your insurance agent regarding coverage for sewer backups.

Illinois courts have made it clear that cities cannot guarantee that sewers will never back up. Common waste from residents and businesses, including disposable diapers and grease, can clog the sewer system. While cities can adopt rules prohibiting the disposal of these things into the sewer, there is no way the city can prevent it.

Other factors, such as tree roots and extraordinary amounts of rainfall, can also cause backups. Gutters and downspouts that are illegally connected to city sewers via the homeowner's laterals are a major contributor to backups.

Common Sewer Backup Problems

Most sewer problems that occur are a result of some type of trouble within the house plumbing or in the sewer line which runs from the house to the city sewer. Contrary to what some think, when invasive tree roots are an issue, cutting down the trees will not alleviate the problem. If tree roots are a recurring problem, the homeowner must have the roots removed from their house sewer line on a routine basis. The ultimate fix, however, can only be accomplished by replacing the sewer line from the house to the street. In some cases, rehabilitating the sewers with liners may avoid the need to dig the entire line.

If You Experience a Sewer Backup

If water backs up in your basement after flushing a toilet, using a clothes or dish washer, or running water, chances are the problem is in your plumbing between the house and the

street.

If the sewer is backing up when no water is being used, the problem is more likely to be in the city's sewer line in the street. In this case, contact the city immediately. Even if you are unsure of the cause of the sewer backup, you are advised to call the city first since failure to report a possible problem with a city sewer main could result in significant damage.

To report a sewer backup problem and request emergency assistance, call 618-233-7146 during normal business hours. During holidays, weekends and after hours, call 618-234-1212. A maintenance person will be dispatched to investigate the problem and will attempt to contact you about what was found

Who Cleans Up and Pays For the Mess?

When a sewer backup has occurred in your basement, you are responsible for cleaning up the mess. The city's maintenance persons are not authorized to provide assistance with cleaning up the mess, even if the cause of the backup occurred in the city's sewer main.

Damage Claims

If a person feels the city is responsible for damages incurred as a result of a sewer backup, they must file a written claim with the City of Belleville Human Resources Department at 510 West Main Street. Since it may take several days before a person can fully itemize all damages, they are advised to call the Human Resources Administrator at 618-233-6810 to report any pending claim. Once the administrator receives a formal claim, it will be referred to the city's insurance carrier for investigation by a claims adjuster. The adjuster will make contact by phone with the person filing the claim. Articles of value damaged as a result of the backup should not be disposed of until the adjuster has a chance to see them. Please be advised that filing a claim does not necessarily mean your damages will be paid by the city.

Over the past fifteen years, the city has developed a very aggressive sewer repair and reconstruction program. This has resulted in a dramatic reduction in sewer backup problems and it is our intention to continue with this effort to provide better and more trouble free service to our citizens. If you have any further questions regarding sewer problems or filing a claim, please contact the City of Belleville Wastewater Treatment Plant at 618-233-7146, or visit the Sewer Lines page at belleville.net.

CITY SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

The Street Department tries to ensure that streets remain clear, however, residents are asked to do their part as well and to be aware of factors affecting snow removal.

Streets marked as snow routes need to be kept free of parked cars during inclement weather. When a significant accumulation of snow and ice is forecast, cars should be removed from all public streets so the snow/ice removal vehicles can maneuver safely. Where this is not possible, residents should park on only one side of the street. Keep in mind there needs to be at least a 12 foot clearance from side to side for a snow plow



to pass through. No one is to dispose of snow by transferring it to the roadway from private property; this includes parking lots and residential driveways.

Designated Snow Routes & Primary Routes will be cleared first, along with streets leading to hospitals, fire houses, the court house and the county jail. Area streets surrounding and leading to schools must be cleared for safety. If schools are cancelled, or inclement weather falls on weekends/holidays, these streets will be cleared in rotation for that region. Residential streets and subdivisions are cleared using a grid pattern.

WHAT'S UNDER THE HUGE TENT AT 6TH AND W. MAIN ST?

Ameren Illinois is conducting an environmental remediation of a former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) that was located at 111 S. 6th Street. PSC Industrial Outsourcing, LP (PSC), an environmental engineering firm under contract with Ameren Illinois did the preliminary site testing and will perform the cleanup. Ameren has enrolled this remediation site within the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Site Remediation Program. This is a voluntary cleanup program administered by the Illinois EPA. The investigation has been completed, an Open House was held on the site on September 1, 2015 and remedial activities began the next day in cooperation with the Illinois EPA.

Incorporated in 1856, the Belleville Gas Light & Coke Company produced gas from coal at this location for the purpose of lighting the City. In 1902, the original company reorganized into the Belleville Gas & Electric Company, which was empowered to include the manufacture of and sale of electricity in the city. In 1907, a New



Jersey company consolidated the Belleville plant and the East St. Louis Gaslight Company into the St. Clair County Gas & Electric Company. Two years later, the gas works in Belleville were discontinued and the gas was supplied from the East St. Louis plant via pipeline to Belleville, Edgemont, Collinsville and Caseyville. St. Clair County Gas & Electric Company eventually passed into Illinois Power ownership in 1922. Illinois Power was acquired by Ameren in 2004 and is now Ameren Illinois.

Learn more about the history of the MGP in Belleville and the clean-up process by visiting the Home Page of belleville.net or our Facebook page, Welcome to Belleville, IL. Photos of the inside and outside of the structure can be found in our website Photo Gallery at belleville.net/mgpsite.

EMERALD ASH BORER UPDATE

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle has been located nearby in Marion, Perry, and Williamson Counties in Illinois, and in St. Charles County and the City of St. Louis in Missouri. Millions of native ash trees are dying in the Midwest. The adult size of the Emerald Ash Borer beetle is approximately 1/2" long. EABs are spreading quickly and relentlessly throughout the Midwest. Treatments are available for individual trees, but there is no known method to eradicate the

beetles. The adult EAB beetle lays eggs on the bark of ash trees. The eggs hatch and the larvae bore under the bark creating channels and eventually killing the tree. One method of transmission is through the transportation of firewood. You can help to prevent the spread of EAB by purchasing your wood where you burn it. For more information, visit www.emeraldashborer.info or www.mortonarb.org.

WHITEY HERZOG BASEBALL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

The infield of the Whitey Herzog baseball complex was recently overhauled, thanks to James Beaver and his donation of expertise, time, and guidance provided to the Parks Department employees. Our first class Whitey Herzog complex is used by many organizations from mid-March through October, including Althoff High School, American Legion, Mon Clair League, and the Forever Baseball Senior League teams.



NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

If you are planning a Neighborhood Watch meeting and would like City representation from the Police, Fire, or Health & Housing Department, please contact Peggy in the City's Human Resources Department/Belleville Neighborhood Partnership Program at peggyh@belleville.net or 233-6518, x2280



YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

Yard waste will be picked up in the winter during the 2nd full week of January and February. Weekly pick-up of yard waste will resume during the first full week of March and will continue through the 2nd Friday in December, weather permitting.

TRASH CANS

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 Day
- Presidents Day
- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Sanitation department hours are 6am - 2:30pm, May - September.

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.

BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Year Round Programs

Zumba & Zumba Toning (14 yrs & up)
Senior Aerobics (55 yrs & up)

October/November/December

Youth Basketball Leagues

BPRD & Dist #118, 5th & 6th grade boys

Gingerbread 5K Run

Registration begins online Oct. 15
at www.gingerbreadrun.com

Parents Night Out

5-13 years, Oct. 2, Nov. 13 & Dec. 11

Nerf Night at Nichols Center

5-13 years, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 6 & 20,
Dec. 4 & 18

Little Dribblers at Nichols Center

4-6 years, Oct. 10, Nov. 7, & Dec. 12

Fall Jr. Basketball Skills Camp at Nichols Center

2nd-4th grade, Oct. 10, Nov. 7 & Dec. 12

Fall Basketball Skills Camp at Nichols Center,

3rd-8th grade, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 & Dec. 6

Fall Basketball Shooting Camp at Nichols Center

5th-8th grade, Oct. 14 & Dec. 2

Kids In Action at Nichols Center

3-5 years, Oct. 14

Story Time School at Nichols Center

3-5 years with caregiver, Oct. 19 & Nov. 23

Baby Fun Stories & More

0-3 years with caregiver, Oct. 19 & Nov. 23

Cheerleading Experience at Nichols Center

6-11 years, Oct. 20 & Dec. 1

Drawing Class at Nichols Center

8 years & up, Oct. 26 & Dec. 7

Karate at Nichols Center, Nov. 7

November

Volleyball Camp at Lindenwood U

3rd-8th grade, Nov. 8

Baseball Camp at Lindenwood U

2nd-8th grade, Nov. 21, 22

Calls from Santa, ages 3-7

Forms available Oct. 15

2016 ASA 10,12,14 High School Division

Girls Fast Pitch Softball,

Registration Nov. 1

December

Gingerbread 5K Run, Dec. 5

Register online at gingerbreadrun.com

Calls From Santa, Dec. 7-9

Forms online at belleville.net

Gingerbread Cookie Day, Dec. 12

Women's & Co-Rec Recreational Volleyball

Begins in January (14 yrs & up)

Youth Basketball Leagues BPRD & Dist #118

5th & 6th grade girls, Jan-March

Youth Baseball registration begins in January

Nichols Community Center

(515 East "D" Street)

Belleville Parks & Recreation offers many programs/camps through the Nichols Community Center. Our programs focus on safety and fun with a wide variety of activities from infant to senior citizens.

Call (618) 277-9785 to register for programs. Pre-registration is required due to limited availability.

Nerf Birthday Party Package

2 hours of gym rental for nerf play/party room

20 kids max, Cost: \$125

Facility Rentals

Meeting/Classrooms, Wi-Fi Available

Cost: \$20-\$25 per hour

Gymnasium, Cost: \$40 per hour

Instructional Room, Cost: \$40 per hour

Kimmswick Shopping Trip

Date: November 18th, 2015

Fee: \$59 per person

Enjoy a day in historic Kimmswick, MO. Ride a climate controlled Motor Coach Bus that departs from the Nichols Community Center at 9am and returns at 4pm. Our first stop will be at the Blue Owl Restaurant for lunch, which is included in the fee. The rest of the afternoon will be spent shopping at all the unique shops. This activity is for adults. For more information call 618-277-9785.

Alphabet Academy (Ages 3-5)

REGISTER NOW...Alphabet Academy is held at the Nichols Community Center. The nine month program 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 1, 2015. All children must be toilet trained. The Alphabet Academy accepts CHASI and offers Military discounts.

Age: 3 year olds

Dates: Sept. 8, 2015 to May 26, 2016

Day: Tuesday(s) and Thursday(s)

Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm

Cost: \$40 Registration fee
\$110 (per month)

Age: 4 year olds

Dates: Sept. 9, 2015 to May 27, 2016

Day: Monday(s), Wednesday(s)
and Friday(s)

Time: 9:15am to 12:30pm

Cost: \$40 Registration fee
\$120 (per month)

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

Baseball Camp

(2nd-8th grades) - November 21 & 22

We're pleased to announce our new partnership with Lindenwood University. We have come together to develop an instructional Baseball Camp that covers fundamental baseball skills for 2nd through 8th graders. Instruction will be given by the Lindenwood University coaching staff and/or athletes. The camp will be comprised of 3 sessions (Fielding & Running, Pitching & Catching, and Hitting).

The cost for the camp will be determined by how many sessions you register for; 1 session will cost \$50, 2 sessions will cost \$75, and all 3 sessions will cost \$100. For more information, call (618) 233-1416.

Volleyball Camp

(3rd-8th grades) November 8

We're teamed up with the Lindenwood University women's volleyball team and coaching staff to offer a one day volleyball camp. Hosted at Lindenwood University (Belleville), the camp is comprised of three sessions: Session 1-Passing (10-Noon), Session 2-Setting (1-3pm), and Session 3-Attacking (3:30-5:30pm). The cost is \$40 per session or \$100 for all three sessions. Call (618) 233-1416 to sign up or for more information.

Special Basketball Camps

Belleville Parks & Recreation and Southern Illinois Storm have teamed up to offer basketball camps. Call (618) 277-9785 to register.

Basketball Skills Camp (3rd-8th grades)

Players will build basketball IQ, understand and develop proper basketball footwork, increase hand and foot speed, instill ball handling skills, learn proper shooting mechanics, and establish skills to further advance playing ability.

Basketball Shooting Camp (5th-8th grades)

This program narrows its focus from an overall skills camp, and specifically teaches the art of shooting. We teach your player the proper footwork, balance, and elevation needed for him/her to reach their highest shooting potential.

Jr. Basketball Skills Camp (2nd-4th grades)

Players will build basketball IQ, understand and develop proper basketball footwork, increase hand and foot speed, instill ball handling skills, learn proper shooting mechanics, and establish skills to further advance playing ability.

To sign up for programs and activities, or to reserve facilities, visit belleville.net, or call (618) 233-1416 Mon-Fri from 8am-4:30pm or (618) 277-9785 Mon-Fri from 8am - 8:30pm and Sat-Sun from 9am-1pm

GINGERBREAD FESTIVITIES

26th ANNUAL GINGERBREAD CONTEST

REGISTER NOW - Over \$4000 in Prize Money, including \$1000 for the Best of Show

Calling all bakers! It's time to begin planning your creation and gathering your supplies in hopes of winning some prize money.

The four adult categories are: **First Time Entrants** - Designed to encourage bakers who have never entered this contest. **Gingerbread House** - A new category for skilled bakers who want to showcase the house of their dreams, or an historic landmark. **General** - Welcomes any adult bakers. **Master's** - For experienced bakers, creative individuals, or Culinary School Students/Graduates.

These creations are judged by professionals associated with the baking/food industry. All participants will be asked to complete a short form explaining their creation. The participants will receive a copy of the judges' notes so they will know how they scored based on the requirements of the competition.

Children's categories can be a great project for families, Girl/Boy Scout troops, special clubs, or schools.

There are three divisions to enter: **K-5th, 6th-12th and Group**. These categories are judged by local school teachers.

LOCATION: All entries must be delivered between 9 am - NOON on Saturday, November 14th to Fischer's Restaurant, 2100 West Main, Belleville, IL.

We had great success with the venue last year and we are once gain offering the event to the public - Gingerbread Creation Preview & Holiday Show: Sunday, November 15 - 11am-3pm

Contest Entries - Awards will be presented by Mayor Eckert at 1:30pm. Ribbons will not be displayed prior to the presentation.

Creations will be placed in downtown Belleville store windows from November 18, 2015 thru January 2, 2016. This is a wonderful time to stroll downtown to shop, dine and enjoy festive holiday season. Details and registration information is available by calling (618) 233-1416 or viewing the form at [www.belleville.net/Parks Department/GingerbreadContest2015](http://www.belleville.net/Parks%20Department/GingerbreadContest2015).

9th ANNUAL GINGERBREAD 5K RUN

Saturday, December 5

Run with the Gingerbread Man through beautiful downtown Belleville on Saturday, December 5. Early Bird Registration is \$22 per Adult, and \$17 per Youth (18 & under). Entry fees after December 4 are \$30 per participant. The race begins at 8:30am at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. To register, visit www.gingerbreadrun.com, or stop by the Parks & Recreation Department at 510 West Main Street to pick up an entry form. The awards ceremony will be held after the race at the Historic Lincoln Theater. All Triple Crown participants will receive an inscribed medallion for their accomplishment. This is the final event for the 2015 Triple Crown Series.

GINGERBREAD COOKIE DAY

Saturday, December 12

Sam the Gingerbread Man has left his mark on downtown Belleville! Follow his trail and walk a portion of Illinois' longest Main Street, while viewing the Gingerbread contest entries in the storefront windows and collecting 36 different cookies. While strolling, experience the sights and sounds of Christmas carolers, Barbershop music, Way Out Balloons, and the Christkindlmarkt; an authentic open air German Christmas Market, with unique food and vendors from around the world. Experience the quaint shops on Main Street and stop for lunch along your way.

To collect the cookies, purchase a Gingerbread Cookie Bag for \$10 (limit 1 bag per person). Cookies will only be given to individuals with this bag. Pre-registration is recommended. Only 400 bags are available. Walk in registrations will be accepted at the Bank of Belleville's new location at 215 S. Illinois Street from November 1 - December 4. All entries are accepted on a first come/first served basis. Registration forms are available at bellevillemainstreet.net. Please make checks payable to Belleville Main Street and mail to Gingerbread Cookie Day, c/o Deb Kruep, 220 Clearwater Drive, Belleville, IL 62220. There is no need to preregister if you are only walking and not collecting cookies. For additional information, call (618) 277-0830.

NEW BUSINESSES

June

- **Gaines Smith**, 501 Lebanon Ave.
- **Bob Rowan's Auto World**, 1800 S. Belt West
- **North Belt West Liquor**, 3620 N. Belt West
- **Diamond Hair & Kutz Studio**, (relocation)
4418 W. Main St.
- **Great Clips**, 2630 Mascoutah Ave., Ste. 103
- **URS Midwest**, Inc., 521 W. Main St., Ste. E
- **The Mance Leahy Group**, 521 W. Main St., 201F

July

- **John Demos Insurance**, 4106 N. Belt West (relocation)
- **Priest Outdoor**, 1646 N. Charles
- **Casa Maria**, 100 N. High St.
- **Ken's American Motors**, 3827 N. Belt West

- **AAA DUI Services**, Inc., 300 W. Main St., Ste. 2
- **Vintage Support Group**, 5801 Mount Pleasant
- **Princess Thrift Shop**, 1624 W. Main St. (relocation)
- **Full Circle Insurance**, 521 W. Main St., Ste. 201-O
- **Bass Automotive**, 208 Hickman St.
- **Larissa Photography**, 1121 E. Main St.
- **Jazzibel Jewels Boutique**, 2633 W. Main St.
- **Kyra's Klotset**, 6600 W. Main St., Ste. 1A
- **Avenue Realty Associates**, 124 E. Main St., Ste. B
- **The Corner Chill & Grill**, 341 Centreville Ave.

August

- **Roto Rooter**, 110 W. Main, Ste. 160
- **Bank of Belleville**, 215 S. Illinois
- **Master Cellular & Wireless**, 3905 N. Belt West

Elected Officials
Effective May 1, 2015
MAYOR
Mark W. Eckert
233-6518 x1239 (office)

TREASURER
Dean Hardt
233-6518 x1240 (office)

CITY CLERK
Dallas B. Cook
233-6518 x1227 (office)

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Ken Kinsella
234-0825
Joe Hazel
954-9105

WARD 2
Janet Schmidt
416-3533
Mike Buettner
444-4692

WARD 3
Kent Randle
239-9227
Scott Tyler
531-3287

WARD 4
Johnnie Anthony
825-0660
Raffi Ovian
444-5171

WARD 5
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257-1524
Ed Dintelman
277-9454

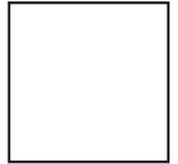
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Trent Galetti
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WARD 8
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101 S. Illinois St.
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When you purchase your everyday items such as food, clothing, gas, gifts, appliances and cars in Belleville, sales tax dollars remain in Belleville. Buying in Belleville supports our local economy and vital services including Police, Fire, Street and Parks Departments, helping to make our city a better place to live, work and play.

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Don't Forget To Shop Small Businesses On Sat., November 28

