



# Celebrating Over 200 Years of History, Tradition and Progress

A Community of Character

### COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

October: Responsibility  
November: Peace  
December: Empathy

### DOWNTOWN EVENTS

#### Old Town Market

Saturdays through Nov. 5  
7:30 am-Noon

#### Chili Cook-off

Oct. 7 & 8  
11 am-10:30 pm

#### Chili Chase 5K & Kid's Pepper Dash

Oct. 8, 9 am

#### Ladies' Night Out

Oct. 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15  
5-8 pm

#### Trick-or-Treat

Oct. 28, 5:30-7:30 pm

#### Art & Wine Walk

Nov. 5, 5-9 pm

#### Veterans Day Ceremony

Nov. 11, 11 am

#### BMS Holiday Open House

Individual Store Hours

#### Gingerbread Displays

Nov. 23-Jan. 1

#### Thanksgiving Day Run

Nov. 24, 8 am

#### Santa Parade

Nov. 25, 10 am

#### Lighting of the Fountain

Nov. 25, 6 pm

#### Free Horse Drawn Trolley Rides

Fri., Sat., and Sun. only  
Nov. 25-Dec. 18

#### Christkindmarkt

Nov. 25-Dec. 23

#### Santa on the Square

Nov. 25-Dec. 24

#### Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk

Dec. 3, 8:30 am

#### Gingerbread Cookie Day

Dec. 10, 9 am

#### Ring of the Bells

Jan. 1, 2017, Noon

#### CITY HALL CLOSED

Nov. 11, Nov. 24-25,  
Dec. 23 (afternoon)-Dec. 26,  
Dec. 30 (afternoon)-Jan. 2

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

I extend my sincere appreciation to all the participants of the Moment of Remembrance Ceremony and Dedication of Phase 1 of the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois, including Colonel Laura Lenderman, Installation Commander of Scott Air Force Base, 375th Air Mobility Wing, for her heartfelt remarks. Many thanks to the September 11 Memorial Walkway Committee, and the numerous donors and contractors who gave much of their time into creating an unbelievable memorial, located at 1125 South Illinois Street, to honor those who perished 15 years ago in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The committee hopes to complete the plans and have all phases of the memorial completed for dedication by 9/11 of next year.

Fall is a busy time in Belleville. There are many activities and projects going on throughout our city from October 1st until the end of 2016. The 33rd Annual Chili Cook-Off is on the first Friday and Saturday of October. What a great family event! Our Downtown Belleville Trick-or-Treat is on Friday, October 28th from

5:30pm-8:00pm. Please join us in honoring our Veterans on November 11th at the 18th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11:00am on the Public Square. Our annual Optimist Santa Parade is the day after Thanksgiving and the beginning of our 3rd Annual Christkindmarkt that is open every day through December 23rd.

Fall will see the completion of the North Illinois Streetscape, demolition of our old police administration building, asbestos abatement of City Hall, and increased work at the development of land across State Route 15 from the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. (Many other announcements to come!)

We are very excited to see the reinvestment of the shopping complex located at 6401 West Main Street, including the expansion of Main Street Brewing Co. 4204, and other improvements. Also, the proposed upgrades scheduled for the Ace Hardware complex located at 6938 West Main Street are equally exciting.

Please remember to shop Belleville and make some family memories with all our holiday activities scheduled!

## THANK YOU TO VETERANS OF ALL WARS 18TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY, NOVEMBER 11

Please join us on Friday, 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. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will take place inside the St. Clair County Courthouse, 10 Public Square. For more information, call 233-6518, x1245.

## POLLING PLACE CHANGES



There have been two polling place changes for two precincts in the City of Belleville. The precincts affected are Belleville 17 and Belleville 23. These polling places have been moved from the Parks and Recreation Office at 510 West Main Street to the Roosevelt School Gymnasium at 700 West Cleveland Avenue.

Voters from these two precincts were issued new

voter ID cards from the St. Clair County Clerk's Office. This move is temporary due to offices from City Hall being moved to the Parks and Recreation Office because of renovations at the City Hall. Once renovations are completed, the polling places will be moved back to the Parks and Recreation Office. Voters will be issued new ID cards at that time.

## 3rd Annual Authentic Open Air German Christmas Market - Nov. 25 - Dec. 23



European Vendors,  
German Food & Beverages

Mon - Thurs, 11 AM - 7 PM • Fri - Sat, 10 AM - 9 PM  
Sun, 10 AM - 7 PM

Belleville Public Square • FREE Admission  
bellevillechristkindmarkt.com

### Live Reindeer:

Nov. 26, 11AM-2 PM  
Dec. 3, 1PM-4 PM  
Dec. 9, 5PM-8 PM  
Dec. 18, 10AM-1 PM



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www.belleville.net

**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

**MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL NEWS**

**PHASE 1 OF MEMORIAL TO SEPTEMBER 11 COMPLETED**

On Sunday, September 11, 2016, the 15th Anniversary of 9/11, the City of Belleville and the committee to construct the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois co-hosted a Moment of Remembrance Ceremony & Dedication of Phase 1 of the September 11 Memorial Walkway. Both the ceremony and the dedication paid tribute to the nearly 3,000 innocent victims that were killed by terrorists on September 11, 2001, representing the largest loss of life on American soil by a foreign attack.

This first phase of the memorial features a 7,100 pound steel column from the fallen World Trade Center supported by two concrete columns representing the Twin Towers. Leading up to the artifact is an educational timeline of events that help to tell the story of what happened on 9/11.

Future phases of construction will include

a tribute to Flight 93, landscaping and lighting, flagpoles, and a gathering area with an informational kiosk.

The memorial is located in front of the Fire Administration offices at 1125 S. Illinois Street in Belleville. A parking lot and the entrance to the memorial site are located behind the Fire Admin building. The memorial is open to the public for viewing.

For more information on this memorial, including opportunities to contribute toward its completion, visit [wtcmemorial.us](http://wtcmemorial.us), or call Sharon at (618) 233-6518, x1245.

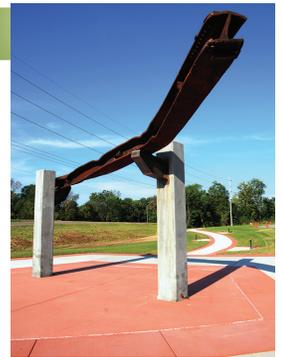


Photo by George Gasparich

**AMERICAN MINERS' ASSOCIATION ORIGINS IN BELLEVILLE**

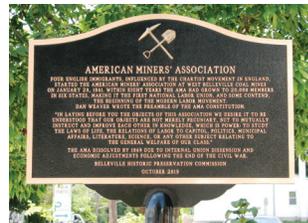
A book entitled, "The American Miners' Association; a record of the origin of coal miner's unions in the U.S.", written by Edward A. Wieck in 1940 and published by the Russell Sage Foundation, states in Chapter 1, "from that strike in 1861 in Illinois grew the American Miners' Association, which may justly claim to have initiated the modern labor movement in the United States." The AMA is also considered the first national union because it grew from fifty organizers in West Belleville to twenty thousand members in Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Kentucky, Pennsylvania and Tennessee.

The strike Wieck refers to came about after West Belleville, Illinois miners met on January 28, 1861, to discuss the formation of a union. The movement spread to St. Louis, Missouri, where miners joined with their fellow workers to negotiate wages and working conditions; the first effort that crossed state lines.

The book describes the AMA's emphasis on improving the working conditions and economic status of miners through passage of state legislation. Their first success came when "coal scalers" were appointed to make sure miners were not cheated when day's work was weighed.

A plaque to commemorate the historic significance of the West Belleville miners' contributions to the labor movement was installed in October, 2015, at Ninth and West Main Streets in Belleville, the former site of Huff's Beer Garden and Dance Hall; a favorite meeting place of miners. The project was funded by the Belleville Historic Preservation Commission and approved by Mayor Mark Eckert and the Belleville City Council. The plaque was installed by the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department.

Jack LeChien,  
Historic Preservation Commission



**TEMPORARY OFFICE AND MEETING RELOCATIONS**

**TEMPORARY OFFICE RELOCATIONS**

Renovations to Belleville's City Hall began recently and are expected to be completed in early 2017. While these renovations are taking place, all offices that were located within City Hall have been temporarily relocated as indicated below. Phone numbers, mailing addresses, and emails will

remain the same for these offices.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding during the next few months. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience during this renovation, but feel that the renovations will help us better serve our businesses and residents in the years ahead.

Office Relocations	Temporary Relocation Address	City Building
Mayor	720 W. Main St.	New Police Department
City Clerk, FOIA Officer	512 W. Main St.	Parks & Recreation/HR Admin Bldg.
City Treasurer, Cemetery, Sewer/Trash Billing	512 W. Main St.	Parks & Recreation/HR Admin Bldg.
Finance	720 W. Main St.	New Police Department
Economic Development, Planning & Zoning	407 E. Lincoln St.	Public Services Bldg.
Marketing and Website	720 W. Main St.	New Police Department

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**TEMPORARY MEETING RELOCATIONS**Temporary relocations are shown in **RED** and will be effective July 2016 - January 2017.

Meeting	Date	Location	Time
Board of Fire & Police Commission	3rd Thurs	New Police Station - 720 W. Main St. 3rd Floor Conference Room	3 pm
Building Code Board	As Needed	Location TBA	
Cemetery Board	3rd Tues (Quarterly: Jan, April, Jul & Oct)	Parks & Rec/HR Admin Bldg - 510 W. Main St.	10:30 am
City Council Meetings	1st & 3rd Mon	Lindenwood University - 2600 W. Main St. Alan J. Dixon Bldg, Banquet Hall	7 pm
Downtown Development/Redevelopment	4th Mon (No Dec meeting)	Main Library - 121 E. Washington St. Basement Meeting Room	4 pm
Economic Development & Annexation	1st Wed	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	5 pm
Electrical Commission	4th Mon	Public Services Admin Bldg - 407 E. Lincoln St.	6 pm
Finance Committee	2nd Mon	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	7 pm
Fire Pension Board	Last Tues (Dec meeting TBD)	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	8:30 am
Historic Preservation Commission	3rd Tues (No Dec meeting)	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	7pm
Human Relations Commission	As Needed	Location TBA	
Legislative Committee	As Needed	Location TBA	
Library Board	2nd Thurs	Main Library - 121 E. Washington St. Basement Meeting Room	6:30 pm
Master Sewer Committee	1st Mon	Lindenwood University - 2600 W. Main St. Alan J. Dixon Bldg, Rear Banquet Hall	6 pm
Ordinance & Legal Review Committee	2nd Tues	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	6 pm
Parks & Recreation Board	2nd Wed	Parks & Rec/HR Admin Bldg - 510 W. Main St.	6:30 pm
Personnel & Strategic Planning	As Needed	Location TBA	
Planning Commission	1st Wed	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	7 pm
Police & Fire Committee	2nd Mon	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	6 pm
Police Pension Board	Last Tues (Dec meeting TBD)	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	3 pm
Public Health & Housing Committee	1st Wed	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	6 pm
Streets & Grades Committee	3rd Mon	Lindenwood University - 2600 W. Main St. Alan J. Dixon Bldg, Rear Banquet Hall	6 pm
Traffic Committee	2nd Tues	Fire Admin Bldg - 1125 S. Illinois St.	8 am
Zoning Board Of Appeals	4th Thurs (3rd Thurs in Nov & Dec)	Lindenwood University - 2600 W. Main St. Alan J. Dixon Bldg, Banquet Hall	7 pm

## EXPLANATION OF CHANGES TO YOUR SEWER BILL

On July 18, 2016 the City Council passed Ordinance #7970-2016 amending Chapter 38-3-1 and 38-3-3 of the City Code. This was due to Illinois American Water converting water meters that recorded usage in CCF (100 Cubic Feet or 748 gallons) to CGL (100 Gallons). With the addition of a second unit of measure and different rates charged for each, it is necessary to notate the unit of measure users are being billed for.

Shown below is an example account that has recently had its meter converted from CCF to CGL. The original meter service description is listed as "INRESCCF" (In Town Residential CCF). The new meter service description is "INRESCGL" (In Town Residential CGL). This is more descriptive than the previous description of "SEWER". The meter readings and units of measure can be confirmed by comparing the information stated on your Illinois American Water bill.

Previous Reading	Present Reading	Usage	Service	Amount
192	196	4	INRESCCF	23.32
0	9	9	INRESCGL	12.10
0	0	0	INRESCCF	7.50-
			TRASH	18.00
			LINE INS	.60

For the month that the change in meters occurs, it will be necessary to credit the amount of the base charge due to billing two separate rates that include base charges. This credit line will report no usage and will be represented by the amount of the base charge as a credit to the total user fees.

The location of your service address and type of account will determine what service description will reflect on your bill. Below is a list of the service descriptions that will be used on sewer bills going forward.

- INRESCCF – In Town Residential CCF
- INCOMCCF – In Town Commercial CCF
- OUTRESCCF – Out of Town Residential CCF
- OUTCOMCCF – Out of Town Commercial CCF
- INRESCGL – In Town Residential CGL
- INCOMCGL – In Town Commercial CGL
- OUTRESCGL – Out of Town Residential CGL
- OUTCOMCGL – Out of Town Commercial CGL

If you have any questions regarding the changes to your sewer bill or the billing of your account, the Sewer Billing Department is prepared to answer any questions. You can reach them at (618) 233-6518, Ext. 1246. This explanation is also available on the city's website at [belleville.net/billdescription](http://belleville.net/billdescription).

## NEWS ON THE STREET

### Snow Removal Procedures

The City's Street Department tries to ensure that streets remain clear of ice and snow. Businesses and 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 city's snow and ice removal vehicles can maneuver safely. In places where no other parking is available, residents are asked to park on

one side of the street. Snow plows require an open path with a minimum width of 12 feet to maneuver safely and effectively.

• **Snow should not be transferred to the roadways from private property.** This includes snow from parking lots and residential driveways.

• **Designated Snow Routes & Primary Routes will be cleared first.** These routes include streets leading to hospitals, fire houses, the court house, and the county jail.

• **Streets surrounding and leading to schools must be cleared for safety.**

If schools are cancelled, or inclement weather falls on weekends or holidays, these streets will be cleared in rotation for that region. Residential streets and subdivisions are cleared using a grid pattern.



### Disposal Of Grass Clippings And Leaves

Chapter 40, Section 1-16 (A) of Belleville's City Code of Ordinance provides regulations regarding the disposal of grass clippings, leaves, and snow into City streets. It states that, "No person shall dispose of any snow, leaves, or grass from private property by transferring such snow, leaves or grass to the streets of the City. (Ord. No. 6806: 12-19-05)"

Debris of any kind, including leaves & grass clippings, should not be thrown into the street or upon the banks or sides of any stream, creek, lake, or any other flowing watercourse. Doing so can impede the flow of water through city streets, ditches, drainage easements, or natural drains, causing backups that could result in major damage due to flooding.

## VIEW CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON TV AND INTERNET

Belleville City Council meetings can be viewed on The City of Belleville/Lindenwood University Charter Channel 989. Viewings are scheduled for the Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday following the meetings at the following times: **Wednesday at 7 PM, Thursday at 10 AM, and Sunday at 1 PM.** Viewing times are subject to change.

Viewings of the October 3, 2016 and December 5, 2016 meetings are scheduled as follows:

- Oct. 3 meeting will air on Oct. 6 at 10 AM and 7 PM, and Oct. 9 at 1 PM
- Dec. 5 meeting will air on Dec. 8 at 10 AM and 7 PM, and Dec. 11 at 1 PM

Videos of City Council meetings are also available via the City's website, [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net). From the home page, select the link on the left labeled City Council Meetings & Misc. Videos.

**DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT, OCTOBER 28**

Calling all kids, ages 12 and under to Boo-tiful downtown Belleville for a fun, safe, FREE Trick-or-Treating event along East Main Street on Fri., Oct. 28 from 5:30 –7:30pm.



Department's Survive Alive House, and hot dogs, music and more. All Trick-or-Treaters should be in costume and must be accompanied by a parent or other adult guardian.

Fun and yummy treats will be provided by local businesses and organizations. Enjoy free wagon rides aboard Eckert's tractor-pulled wagons, tours through the Fire

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.

**CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING**

The Parks & Recreation Department will accept "live" Christmas trees from Fri., Dec. 9 through Jan. 31, 2017 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

*No bags, ornaments, lights, artificial trees, or yard waste - RECYCLABLE material ONLY!*



**DOES YOUR BUSINESS NEED A COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT?**

**New business:** Any new business wishing to operate within the city limits of Belleville is required to submit a Commercial Occupancy Application and supporting documents.

**Existing business:** If an existing business is expanding, under new ownership, relocating from another location in the City, or is a temporary/seasonal business, a new Commercial Occupancy Application is required.

**Do I need a Commercial Occupancy Permit to operate my business in Belleville?**

If your business has been in operation prior to June 2008, you are not required to obtain a permit. If your business opened after June 2008 and you do not have a Commercial Occupancy Permit, you may be in violation of City Code. Contact the office of Economic Development, Planning & Zoning located at 407 E. Lincoln St., (618) 233-6810, Ext. 1250, or email edpz@belleville.net for assistance.

**My business is temporary or seasonal. Do I need a permit?**

A Commercial Occupancy Permit is required for temporary or seasonal businesses.

**What is the application fee?**

The application fee is \$100.00. This fee covers the first inspection and re-inspection. If occupancy cannot be granted after the first inspection and re-inspection, a new application, supporting documents, and application fee must be submitted.

**Does my application expire?**

The application of Commercial Occupancy

and any supporting documents will expire sixty (60) days from date of submittal.

**Does my permit expire or have to be renewed annually?**

The permit does not expire or have to be renewed unless your business is expanding, under new ownership, relocating from another location in the City, or is a temporary/seasonal business.

**Will an inspection be required?**

Once a Commercial Occupancy Application and fee are submitted, inspections by the City Fire & Building Departments will take place. Provided the building meets current code standards, and all other requirements are fulfilled, the permit may be issued.

**Will I be required to obtain an annual Business License?**

In some instances, a Business License is required. City staff will determine if a license will be issued.

**My business is in my home. Do I need a permit to operate?**

If your business is home-based, you must obtain a Home Occupation Certificate, available through the Health, Housing & Building Department at 407 E. Lincoln St., (618) 233-6810, Ext. 4243.

**Where can I get the application?**

The Commercial Occupancy Application, Instructions & Checklist, Review Guide, and General Information Brochure can be picked up at the office of Economic Development, Planning & Zoning located at 407 E. Lincoln, or the documents can be found on the City website at www.belleville.net/COP.

**COMMERCIAL OCCUPANCY PROCESS**



**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)  
Yoga (14 yrs & up) - NEW

### October/November/December

#### Youth Basketball Leagues

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

#### Gingerbread 5K Run

Registration begins Oct 15 online at  
[www.gingerbreadrun.com](http://www.gingerbreadrun.com)

#### Dodgeball Night

8-13 years, Oct.7, Nov.4 & Dec.2

#### Nerf Night at Nichols Center

5-13 years, Oct.14 & 28, Nov.18,  
Dec.9 & 16

#### Little Dribblers at Nichols Center

4-6 years, (Sat.) Oct.1-22; Oct.29-Nov.19

#### Fall Basketball Skills Camp at Nichols Center

2nd-3rd grade, (Sun.) Oct.2-23, Oct.30-  
Nov.20

4th-6th grade, (Sun.) Oct.2-23, Oct.30-  
Nov.20

#### Kids In Action at Nichols Center

3-5 years, (Wed.) Oct.12-Nov.2

#### Drawing Class at Nichols Center

8 years & up, (Mon.) Oct.3-24; Nov.7-28

#### Karate at Nichols Center

3yrs-4th grade, Nov.5-Dec.17 (Sat.)

#### Volleyball Camp at Lindenwood U

3rd-8th grade, Oct.15

#### 2017 ASA 10,12,14 High School Division

Girls Fast Pitch Softball, Registration  
Oct. 1

#### From the Tee to the Green, Golf Lessons

2nd-High School, Oct.22-Nov.12

#### Free Learn to Play Lacrosse Camp

7th-8th grade, Oct.8 & 15

### November

#### Baseball Camp at Lindenwood U

2nd-8th grade, Nov.19 & 20

Calls from Santa, ages 3-7

Forms available Oct.15

### December

#### Gingerbread 5K Run, Dec.3

Register online at [gingerbreadrun.com](http://gingerbreadrun.com)

Calls From Santa, Dec. 5-7

Forms online at [belleville.net](http://belleville.net)

#### Gingerbread Cookie Day, Dec.10

#### 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.

#### Facility Rentals - (Birthday parties, baby showers, church meetings, etc.)

Meeting/Classrooms, (Wi-Fi Available)

Cost: \$20-\$25 per hour

Gymnasium, Cost: \$40 per hour

Instructional Room, Cost: \$40 per hour

### 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, 2016. All children must be toilet trained. The Alphabet Academy accepts CHASI and offers Military discounts.

Age: 3 year olds

Dates: Sept. 6, 2016 to May 25, 2017

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. 7, 2016 to May 26, 2017

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 [HYPERLINK "mailto:alphabetacademy@hotmail.com"](mailto:hyperlink)alphabetacademy@hotmail.com for more information.

### Baseball Camp (2nd-8th grades)

- November 19 & 20

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)

October 15

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 (2nd-6th grade)

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.

### Ladies Night Out Paint Party

Art with Allie Paint Party is a great way to spend a night with friends or family and paint the night away! We provide instruction and the supplies, including the 12"x12" canvas. We are there to help you bring out our creative side to make your own or follow one of our designs.

Ages: 21+

Cost: \$25 per night

Day: Friday, Oct. 14th or Dec. 2

Time: 6:30-9:00pm

Site: Bellevue Park Stone Lodge

401 Bellevue Park Dr.

Belleville, IL 62226

To sign up for programs and activities, or to reserve facilities, visit [belleville.net](http://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

### 27TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD CONTEST

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

Four Adult categories: 1st-Time Entrants, Fantasy Category, General, and Master's

Creations will be judged by professionals associated with the baking/food industry. All participants will be asked to complete a short form explaining their creation.

Three Children's categories: K-5th, 6th-12th, and Group. These creations will be judged by local school teachers.

All entries must be delivered between 9am and Noon on Sat., Nov. 19 to Fischer's Restaurant, 2100 West Main, Belleville, IL.

Gingerbread Creation Preview & Holiday Show: Sun., Nov. 20 from 11am-3pm

Contest entry awards will be presented by Mayor Eckert at 1:30pm.

Creations will be placed in downtown Belleville store windows from Nov. 23 thru Jan. 1, 2017. Details and registration information is available by calling (618) 233-1416 or viewing the form at [belleville.net/gingerbread](http://belleville.net/gingerbread).

### 10TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD 5K RUN – Sat., Dec. 3

Early Bird Registration is \$22 per Adult, and \$17 per Youth (17 & under). Hoodies will be available for \$35 but must be ordered prior to 11/3/16. Race Day Fee is \$30 per participant. The race begins at 8:30am at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. To register, visit [gingerbreadrun.com](http://gingerbreadrun.com), or stop by the Parks & Recreation Department at 510 W. 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 (2016 Law Day Run, Tour de Belleville & Gingerbread Run) will receive an inscribed

medallion for their accomplishment. This is the final event for the 2016 Triple Crown Series.

### GINGERBREAD COOKIE DAY – Sat., Dec. 10

Purchase a Gingerbread Cookie Bag for \$10 (limit 1 bag per person) and follow the Gingerbread Man's trail while collecting 36 different cookies. You must be present to pick up your bag. Only those with bags will be given cookies.

Pre-registration is recommended. Only 400 bags are available. Walk in registrations will be accepted at the Bank of Belleville, 215 S. Illinois St., from Nov. 1 – Dec. 2. All entries are accepted on a first come/first served basis. No registration necessary if you are only walking and not collecting cookies. Registration forms are available at [bellevillemainstreet.net](http://bellevillemainstreet.net), or by calling (618) 277-0830.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Belleville Public Library has recently expanded its services, offering more than the traditional books and DVD's. The library offers a very comprehensive digital collection that include magazines, EBooks, audio books, streaming videos and music, graphic novels, and streaming children's story books. A media lab with a 3D printer and digital conversion equipment is available for use.

Hunting for a job? The Library has a trained career specialist who will help walk you through everything from filing for unemployment benefits to resume writing and completing job applications.

Need meeting space? The library has a meeting room equipped with WiFi and a 60" touch screen interactive smart board for presentations that accommodates up to 60 people.

## IT'S THAT CHILI TIME OF YEAR

**33rd Annual Belleville Chili Cook-off**  
Friday & Saturday, October 7 & 8  
Downtown Belleville  
11am-10:30pm  
Free Admission

**10th Annual Junior Idol**  
Saturday, October 8, 1pm



**4th Annual Belleville Chili Chase & Kids Pepper Dash**  
Saturday, October 8, 9am  
Starts at East Main & Church St. in Downtown Belleville  
Chili Chase Registration Fee: \$25 in advance, \$30 day of race  
Kids Pepper Dash: \$5 (13 & under)

For more information on these events, call 618.233.2015 or visit [bellevillechili.com](http://bellevillechili.com)

## NEW BUSINESSES

**June**  
**The Sweet Tooth, restaurant**  
4004 W. Main St.

**C. T. Hair Spa Nail, salon**  
2000 N. Belt West

**Clean Rides, auto detailing**  
708 W. Harrison St.

**Battoe Realty, realtor**  
4 S. Church St.

**July**  
**CVS Pharmacy inside Target,**  
5601 Belleville Crossing

**David & Lynn's Consignment Shop,**  
1407 W. Main St.

**Special Touch, hair salon**  
6600 W. Main St.

**Dot's~That Looks Like Mine, resale**  
1624 W. Main St.

**Seafood by Crushed Velvet, restaurant**  
121 E. Main St.

**Support Systems & Services, small community residence**  
32 Dale Allen

**Special Education Service, school**  
6400 W. Main St.

**August**  
**Recovery One Towing,**  
1646 N. Charles

**Demetria's Dancewear & Costumes,**  
1722 N. Belt West

**September**  
**Nail Spa, nail salon**  
5860 Belleville Crossing

**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)

**WARD 1**  
Ken Kinsella  
234-0825  
Joe Hazel  
954-9105

**WARD 2**  
Mike Buettner  
444-4692  
Jane Pusa  
795-0833

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

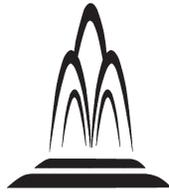
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Johnnie Anthony  
825-0660  
Raffi Ovian  
444-5171

**WARD 5**  
Phillip Silsby  
257-1524  
Ed Dintelman  
277-9454

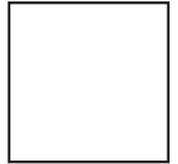
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Paul Seibert  
233-3917  
Bob White  
558-7030

**WARD 7**  
Trent Galetti  
(773) 742-5865  
Phil Elmore  
363-0016

**WARD 8**  
James Musgrove  
233-3967  
Roger Wigginton  
581-0429



**CITY OF BELLEVILLE**  
101 S. Illinois St.  
Belleville, IL 62220



**Don't Forget To Shop  
Small Businesses On  
Sat., November 26**



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**Anniversary  
Season**

Begins October 22  
visit [bellevillephilharmonic.org](http://bellevillephilharmonic.org)



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