



Celebrating 200 years of History, Tradition and Progress

Community of Character

Words of the Month

January – Integrity

February – Honesty

March – Perseverance

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Diva Nights

January 16

February 20

March 20

5 – 8pm

St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sat., March 15

11am

City Hall Closed

New Year's Day

Wed., January 1

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Mon., January 20

Presidents' Day

Mon., February 17

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe 2014 is here; a year of celebration for our 200th Anniversary as a City.

This new year is going to include a fabulous series of parties to recognize all our accomplishments, culture, and outstanding citizens who have contributed so much and brought much positive attention to Belleville.

The Belleville 200 Committee



Mark W. Eckert

has been working since last summer to organize events and activities, including a parade and 5K run, a gala, fireworks, and The Weekend of September 19 – 21, featuring great food, great music, and fun for all ages. Please visit www.belleville200.com for details on these and other events, information about the Belleville 200 Stores featuring unique gifts and memorabilia, and to find out how you can get involved in the upcoming 200th Anniversary celebration.

During 2014, I believe a new police facility will be under way, and a number of road projects, including the work on McClintock Ave., will be completed.

Belleville is alive with promise and progress. Our dedicated and enthusiastic employees and volunteers work tirelessly to serve City residents and businesses. We look forward to serving you in 2014 and encourage your suggestions and comments at any time. Please feel free to contact me at (618) 233-6518, x1239.

May the new year bring you good health, happiness, peace, and prosperity.



THE VALUE OF SERVICE

The men from Lindenwood University-Belleville's Kappa Sigma Fraternity have provided numerous hours of community service to the City of Belleville since the inception of their colony on campus last spring. They assisted in clearing brush and rubbish this past spring from Bicentennial Park and added a protective covering to the outfield fence at Southside Park this fall. They also worked at the latest Chili Cook-off emptying trash bins. If successful in their goal to become a formal chapter, they will become the first fraternity on the Lindenwood University -Belleville campus. The Kappa Sigma Fraternity's core values focus upon the four pillars of Fellowship, Leadership, Scholarship and Service. There are more than 18,000 undergraduate Kappa Sigma men on 314 college campuses.

Thank you LU-Belleville's Kappa Sigma Fraternity, for your service to the Belleville community.





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 x1240

Wastewater or Sewer
233-7146

BELLEVILLE'S FIRST DOG PARK IS OPEN!

The City's Dog Park Grand Opening was held on Saturday, August 3rd. We continue to have an overwhelming response with over 260 memberships at this time. During our Parks Master Plan, 53% of those who participated in a community survey expressed the importance of having a dog park in our community. After several years of planning, fundraising, grants and donations, the premiere dog park, which includes agility dog park equipment, became a reality and everyone is having a BARKtastic time.

Safety of the dogs and owners is our number one concern! We require an application along with copies of the dog's annual shot records. Memberships are available for Residents: 1 dog-\$24, 2 dogs-\$36, 3 dogs-\$48 and Non-Residents: 1 dog-\$48, 2 dogs-\$60, 3 dogs-\$72.

Thank you to all of the contributors for your assistance and support in building this premiere dog park.



DINE FOR THE DOGS

The Olympic Restaurant is helping the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department raise money for the Belleville Dog Park. When you or your family dine at the Olympic Restaurant on March 14 and April 18, 2014 from 6am – 9pm, 10% of the entire day's

sales will be donated to support the Belleville Dog Park. Carry outs are available. Olympic Restaurant is located at 4508 West Main Street in Belleville, IL 62226, and is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

METRO EAST PARK AND RECREATION DISTRICT GRANT

Thank you to the Metro East Park and Recreation District for awarding a grant of \$35,726 to the City of Belleville as part of their FY13 Park and Trail Grant Matching Program. This grant money will be used towards placement of a modular

restroom building at Hough Park, 417 North 3rd St. The project will also include a paved trail and drinking fountain accessible along the Richland Creek Greenway Trail. Look for construction to be completed in 2014.

PROJECT COMMUNITREE

The Parks and Recreation Dept planted twelve trees this fall with the help of Forest ReLeaf of Missouri and Project Communitree. The City received the free trees due to the generosity of the sponsors of this wonderful program. Six trees were planted at Cambridge Park, including an overcup oak, tulip tree, sugarberry, and a Kentucky coffee tree. Six trees were also planted at Bicentennial Park. These included bald cypress, swamp white oak, sycamore, and river birch. All of these trees are native to this region.

Thank you to the sponsors of this wonderful program including Ameren Missouri, Missouri Department of Conservation, St. Louis County Parks, Employees Community Fund of Boeing St. Louis, Missouri American Water, and many others.



GINGERBREAD 5K RUN

Nearly 650 runners registered to run the 8th Annual Gingerbread Run scheduled for Saturday, December 7, 2013, however, due to the snow, ice, extreme temperatures, and safety concerns, the event was canceled. The icy conditions of the roads and temperatures between 8-12 degrees made the event unsafe for both the runners and the 160 volunteers. We encourage all Triple Crown participants and the runners who were waiting to receive their shirt Saturday morning, to pick up their medals and shirts at the Parks Department during working hours.

“Thank You” to our major Sponsors: St. Elizabeth's Hospital, MetroEast Park and Recreation District, Chiro-med, McCarthy, Getup & Go, Lincoln Theatre, Kelso Auto Body, In Focus, Monster Energy and Phil Elmore's Mobile Music Machine. Thank you to all the registered runners for your support and to the 160 volunteers from various community organizations who were willing to assist in our annual run. We hope to see you all next year for the Gingerbread 5K Run on December 6, 2014!



LIBRARY RENOVATIONS PLANNED

With the New Year comes a new look to the historic Belleville Public Library. Four years of hard work and dedication have finally paid off and the long awaited and badly needed renovations to the main library are finally about to begin. A \$1 million renovation of the main library is scheduled to begin in February 2014. As a result, there will be several times throughout the coming year when we will have to close the library for safety reasons. The West Main Street branch library will remain open throughout the entire renovation of the E. Washington main library.

The staff and administration of the Belleville Public Library look forward to bringing the residents of Belleville the State of the Art Library they deserve in the New Year.

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

For the latest news and events please check the library's website at: www.bellevillepubliclibrary.org



AMERICAN LEGION DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

DATE: Saturday, January 25, 2014

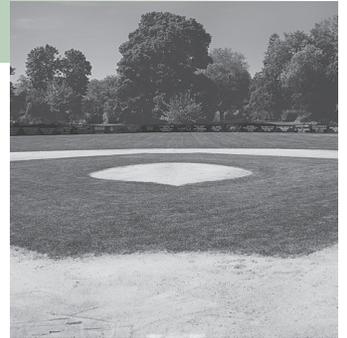
Location: Scottish Rite Bodies, 1549 Frank Scott Parkway West, Belleville, 5:00 Cash Bar/ 6:15 Dinner/ 7:30 Program

Cost: Adult Tickets - \$36, Youth Tickets: \$16 (15 & under), 2013 Legion Players: FREE

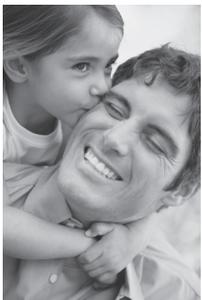
Please join us for our 14th annual baseball banquet to celebrate the history and tradition of Hilgard baseball and see teammates and friends and reminisce about all the great memories. Come to see the new mem-

bers inducted into the "Hilgard Hall of Fame" and to thank Whitey Herzog for his continued support to the City of Belleville as we enjoy the Whitey Herzog Baseball Field.

Reservations are available through the Belleville Parks & Recreation Department, (618) 233-1416.



DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE



Dear Dad... please take me to the Daddy Daughter Dance on MARCH 1st!!!

It's that time again, when you spend a special night with your little princess. Enjoy a pasta dinner from Seven Restaurant & Lounge while listening and dancing to the sounds of music by Phil Elmore's Mobile Music Machine. Everyone will receive a "free" picture taken by a photographer, a rose, prizes/gifts and an evening to cherish forever. The 9th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance,

sponsored by the Belleville Parks & Recreation Department, will be held on March 1, 2014 at Belleville West High School from 5:00 - 8:30 PM.

Price: \$35 per couple/\$15 each additional daughter. Don't delay and disappoint that little girl. You must pre-register and this quality event sells out every year!

Registration deadline is February 21, 2014 on a first come-first served basis with a maximum of 500 reservations. Make your reservations now by calling (618) 277-9785 or (618) 233-1416.

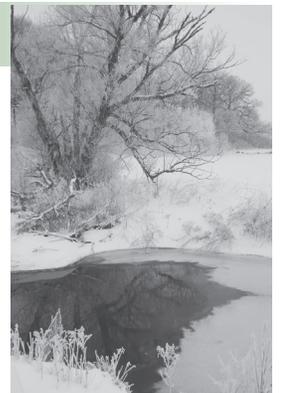
SKATING ON THIN ICE

Belleville has numerous wonderful gathering places throughout the City with scenic ponds and lakes, including South Side Park, Bellevue Park, and our newest park - Bicentennial Park, which are open for all to enjoy. But, BEWARE! During cold weather, these bodies of water can appear to be frozen when in fact, they are not safe for walking or playing on. All sources clearly state that ice is never 100 percent safe.

Ice strength is based on many factors, like thickness, temperature, and age. Moving water, snow cover and fish activity reduce ice formation, making it even more dangerous. If you see anyone on the ice, tell them to carefully get back to shore. If they fall in, stay on the bank and

call 911 immediately!

While some areas of the country have extended periods of freezing temperatures where lakes can freeze and ice can form that is strong enough to support recreational activities, Belleville is not one of them. **Swimming and ice skating are prohibited on all City park lakes. Be safe, and STAY OFF THE ICE!**



TOWN HALL MEETING

All Ward 1 residents are invited to meet with Alderman Heisler and Alderman Kinsella on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 7pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall for a Town Hall Meeting. Watch for

signs posted in your Ward 1 neighborhood prior to the meeting.

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



WHO IS GUSTAVE KOERNER?

Gustave Koerner was a member of the Illinois Supreme Court in the 1840's when he heard Abraham Lincoln argue cases. After a term as Lieutenant Governor in the 1850's, Koerner joined with Lincoln to form the Republican Party to stop the expansion of slavery. Koerner supported Lincoln for the U.S. Senate in 1858 and for the Presidency in 1860. Lincoln appointed Koerner as Ambassador to Spain in 1862.

Gustave Koerner and his wife, Sophie, lived in Belleville at 200 Abend St. Their home, located at the intersection of Mascoutah Ave. and Abend St., is being restored by the Gustave Koerner House Restoration Committee. To volun-

teer on the committee or for more information, visit online at www.gustavekoerner.org or call 235-6471.



SEWER AND TRASH PAYMENTS MADE EASIER

The City Treasurer's office collects over 18,000 payments on sewer and trash accounts every month. Residents often ask about more convenient ways to pay their bill. There are several payment methods available.

- Pay by check or money order and send it by mail or use the convenient drop boxes. Drop boxes are located on S. 1st St. by the St. Clair County parking garage labeled "City of Belleville Payments Sewer/Trash and Parking Tickets" and next to the revolving door at the City Hall Washington St. entrance. Payments are processed daily at the beginning of the business day.

- Pay in person by check, cash, money order, MasterCard, Discover or American Express at City Hall located at 101 S. Illinois St. Office hours are 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. The office is closed on scheduled holidays.

- Arrange to have your payment directly debited from a bank account. Once this service is arranged, a statement will be mailed advising of the amount and date to be debited. A link to the form can be found online at www.belleville.net. Follow the drop down menus starting with Government>Department>Treasurer>Sewer & Trash Billing. Print and complete the form, attach a voided check to confirm routing and account information, and mail to the Sewer Billing

Department at City of Belleville, P.O. Box 388, Belleville, IL 62222. This is a very convenient method for payment and ensures that payments are timely.

- Visit www.belleville.net and click on "Online Payments" located at the left side of the home page. You will be directed to our online credit card payment processor, Illinois E-Pay. The site will ask for the account number that is located on your bill. Follow the instructions to make a payment on your account. Illinois E-Pay accepts MasterCard, Discover and American Express. This is very convenient as it can be done from the comfort of your home. Do not use this method of payment if you have received a shutoff notice as payments to this site are only processed once a week on Mondays.

For landlords and management companies, the Illinois E-Pay site is a good resource to monitor properties you are responsible for and ensure tenants are current on their sewer and trash bills. By entering the account number for the subject property, you will be informed as to whether there is an outstanding balance on the account. If the site responds with 'no result' to your search, the account is current and has no outstanding balance.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above methods of payment, please contact the sewer billing department at 233-6518, ext. 1246.

EASTER EGG-STRAVAGANZA

Children, ages 1 to 7 years old, are invited to our Annual Egg Hunt at Bellevue Park on Saturday, April 12, 2014. This event is open to the public and is co-sponsored by the Turkey Hill Grange. There will be free cookies and punch after the hunt. A "Special" Bunny may also make an appearance for photo opportunities. Mark your calendars and come join us for a great morning of fun with the kids!!! The event will take place, RAIN or SHINE.

Participants must be pre-registered by April 7, 2014. Call (618) 277-9785 for more information.



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 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 Day
Presidents 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.



PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

Special Events

American Legion Dinner/Auction - January 25
 Daddy Daughter Dance Registration - March 1
 Easter EGG-stravaganza Egg Hunt (ages 1-7) – April 12
 Pitch-Hit & Run Competition – April 14/Rain Date: April 16
 Fishing Derby – FREE, May 10
 Tour de Belleville Info available (Ride: Friday, July 11)

Registration for Spring/Summer Baseball/Softball Leagues:

- Men's & Co-Rec Summer Softball (Citizens Park)
- Girl's ASA Softball (10u-18u)
- Youth Baseball (age 5 through 12th grade)

Program Registration:

Early Childhood/Youth:

Karate Class (PreK & K, 1st-4th grade)
 Little Kickers (ages 3-5) (outdoor)
 Little Sluggers T-Ball (ages 3-5) (outdoor)
 Kids in Action (ages 3-5)
 Sports Saturday (ages 3-5)
 Girls' Basketball (5th & 6th grade)
 Mini Sports Clinic (ages 4-6) (indoor: Baseball, Basketball, & Soccer)
 Kid's Night - Monthly (ages 3-8)
 Silly Scientists (ages 4-7)
 Kids Krafts (ages 6-8)
 Ceramics/Pottery (ages 7-9)
 Ceramics/Pottery (ages 10-12)
 Art & Drawing 101 (ages 8-12)
 Nerf Wars (ages 8-12)
 Volleyball: Set, Bump & Serve (ages 8-10)
 British Soccer Camp – March registration for June
 Brazilian Soccer Camp - March registration for June & July
 Camp Quackers Brochures available in March (K-6th grade)
 Kiddie Camp Brochures available in March (ages 3-5)
 Adult:
 Zumba (ages 18 & up) , Zumba Toning (ages 18 & up)
 Senior:
 Senior Aerobics (ages 55 & up)

N.C.C. PROGRAMS: We have highlighted a few of our new programs at the Nichols Community Center. For more information or to register, please call (618) 277-9785.

MINI SPORTS CLINICS (ages 4-6) We will be putting on a variety of sports clinics specialized for youth development in the areas of Baseball, Basketball, Soccer and Tennis. These clinics will give instruction in the basic techniques of each sport along with emphasizing the importance of good sportsmanship, individual skills and teamwork concepts.

NEW: KID'S KRAFTS: Around the World! (ages 6-8) Children will explore the world through various crafts relating to different countries and cultures. We will begin by creating a PASSPORT, which will be stamped after each region's craft is completed. Children will explore several regions, but the main goal is for children to have fun crafting!

NEW: CERAMICS/POTTERY (ages 7-9 & ages 10-12) This 4 - week program is designed to provide children with the experience of learning the art of pottery using air dry clay. This is the perfect class for beginners! The projects are fun and creative and will be taught by an accomplished artist/teacher. No prior ceramics experience is required. More challenging work will be assigned to students with previous experience.

CONTACT PARKS AND RECREATION AT (618) 233-1416 OR WWW.BELLEVILLEPARKSANDREC.COM

NERF WARS (ages 8-12)

Pre-registration is required. Participants must provide Nerf Gun, Nerf Ammunition and safety goggles/glasses. This has become one of the most popular games in the area. Don't wait to register, limited spots are available!

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, 2013. 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 3, 2013 to May 22, 2014

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 4, 2013 to May 23, 2014

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 alphabetacademy@hotmail.com for more information.

2014 YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION

The Belleville Parks & Recreation Department baseball leagues will be taking registrations January through May for the T-Ball, Robot Jugs Pitching Machine League, Optimist Baseball League, Jr. Jaycee Travel Baseball League, and Jaycee Travel Baseball League. Early Bird Registration will take place January, Regular Registration will be February – March, and late registration will be April-May. Please go to www.belleville.net for more information and a downloadable form, or call 233-1416 or 277-9785 for information. Register your entire team or individually!

Early Bird Registration is \$65 for early registration in January and \$75 in February and March. Late registration will be \$85 in April and May.

League break down as follows:

T-BALL LEAGUE September 1, 2006 - December 31, 2008
 ROBOT LEAGUE..... September 1, 2004 - August 31, 2006
 OPTIMIST LEAGUE September 1, 2002 - August 31, 2004
 JR. JAYCEE TRAVEL LEAGUE September 1, 1999 - August 31, 2002
 JAYCEE TRAVEL LEAGUE High School Freshman – Senior (year 2013-14)
 If you have any questions about the registration dates and times, please call 233-1416 or 277-9785. Anyone interested in coaching any of the above-mentioned leagues please call 233-1416 for more information.

KID'S NIGHT OUT (Ages: 3 to 8 years old) HEY PARENTS!!! It's time to get your social life back and what better way is there to do it then to let us watch your children while you spend the night "guilt-free"? Instead of wasting time trying to find a babysitter, use the Nichols Community Center and their reliable staff. Catch a movie, find a new restaurant, hangout with your friends or just spend a quiet night at home. The kids will have a great night playing a variety of fun games, meeting new friends and soooo much more!!! DATES: January 25, February 15, and March 8 from 5:30-9:30 PM. For more information about this great program or to register for the next Kid's Night Out, call (618) 277-9785. Don't wait! Limited spots are available.

Elected Officials

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

Michael Heisler
277-3304
Ken Kinsella
234-0825

WARD 2

Melinda Hult
235-1520
Janet Schmidt
416-3533

WARD 3

A. 'Gabby' Rujawitz
235-5077
Kent Randle
239-9227

WARD 4

Johnnie Anthony
825-0660
Jim Davidson
398-1781

WARD 5

Phillip Silsby
257-1524
Joseph W. Hayden
234-8956

WARD 6

Paul Seibert
233-3917
Bob White
558-7030

WARD 7

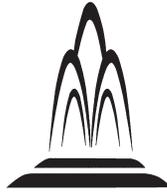
Trent Galetti
773-742-5865

WARD 8

James Musgrove
233-3967
Joe Orlet
550-9355

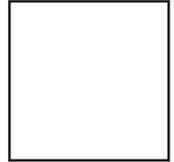
AT LARGE

Lillian Schneider
234-7569



CITY OF BELLEVILLE

101 S. Illinois St.
Belleville, IL 62220



NEW BUSINESSES IN BELLEVILLE

October

- **Green Forest Vapor Shop,**
106 E. Main St.
- **Sack's Thrift Avenue,**
6007 W. Main St.
- **Julia's Place,**
1403 W. Main St.
- **Belle Valve,**
100 Lebanon Ave., Rear
- **Sleep Solutions,**
5551 Belleville Crossing
- **Belleville Diner,**
6401 W. Main St.

• Gold Ace,

4003 N. Belt West

- **Inside-Out Thrift Ministry Inc.,**
1620 & 1630 Lebanon Ave.

- **Sukha Yoga Center,**
8 S. Church St. (relocation)

- **Davidson Counseling LTD,**
6400 W. Main St., Ste. 3H

November

- **The Center for Racial Harmony,**
207 N. Second St. (relocation)

December

- **C. Richard Vernier,**
25 Royal Heights Rd.
- **Hoyleton Youth & Family Services,**
300 N. Church St.
- **Shear Magic Barber Shop,**
3a Wade Square