



Happenings in Belleville 2013

1. Lindenwood University completes construction of a 2-story women's dormitory on its campus.
2. Lindenwood University announces construction of a 3-story men's dormitory to be completed in 2014.
3. Art on the Square named #2 art show in the nation for 2013.
4. City of Belleville passes Crime Free Housing ordinance.
5. City of Belleville launches new website, www.belleville.net
6. City of Belleville begins the revisions of its Comprehensive Plan, which will guide growth and development of the city over the next 20 years.
7. Work begins on the first phase of the West Belleville Bike Trail, that will connect Citizens Park to Bellevue Park.
8. City of Belleville is awarded a \$1,293,640 in Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant for the second phase of the West Belleville Bike Trail, that will connect phase one of the trail to the Signal Hill Bike Trail.
9. City of Belleville receives \$25,000 grant from the St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission for the development of Rotary Dog Park.
10. Rotary Dog Park opens near downtown.
11. The first phase of Bicentennial Park opens on Belleville Crossing Street.
12. The second annual "Belleville Helping Belleville" Day, in conjunction with the Belleville Neighborhood Partnership, occurs, with three (3) community service projects with over 100 volunteers.
13. The "Big Day of Service" occurs in July with over 1,200 volunteers completing 24 service projects throughout Belleville.
14. Preparations begin for the City of Belleville's Bicentennial to be held throughout 2014.
15. Replacement Services begins \$978,000.00 renovation to former YMCA/Turner Hall building.
16. City of Belleville receives \$335,000 grant from IDNR for improvements at South Side Park.
17. State Police Crime Lab continues construction and is scheduled to be completed in 2014.
18. South 23rd Street improvements are completed.
19. City of Belleville continues its \$44,000,000 wastewater treatment plant expansion.

20. Over 30 Business Occupancy Permits issued by the City of Belleville, including:
 - a. Mary's Hidden Treasures: 800 East Main St.
 - b. Plumbers Supply Company: 400 West Monroe
 - c. Harpy IT Solutions: 625 East Main St.
 - d. Facial Rejuvenation Center: 3 North High St.
 - e. Happy Hop Homebrew: 122 East Main St.
 - f. East End Auto Sales: 1013 Sherman St.
 - g. The Patriot Restaurant: 20 South Belt West
21. Chick Fil-A opens new restaurant at Green Mount Commons.
22. The First Annual "Belleville Ale Fest", sponsored by the Belleville Chamber, is held at Belleville Crossing.
23. McClintock Avenue improvements begin.
24. Belleville Neighborhood Partnership continues growth with several new neighborhood watches and associations.
25. City of Belleville hires Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Coordinator.
26. Joseph Gass Park is created by a partnership of the Pleasant Hill Neighborhood Association, volunteers and the City of Belleville on West 'C' Street.
27. Ben's Crafts & Floral completes a \$450,000 expansion in downtown Belleville.
28. City of Belleville Police Department hired three (3) Community Service Officers.
29. City of Belleville hired one (1) new police officer, bringing the Police Department to 83 officers.
30. St. Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral begins planning Cottages at Cathedral Square, a 2.272 acre PUD that will consist of attached single family (multi-unit) housing and a two-story 16 unit residential building for elderly residents in a gated community setting. Property clearing and demolition to begin in early 2014.
31. My Little School Daycare opens at 423 South Illinois Street.
32. The Center for Racial Harmony relocates to 207 North 2nd Street.
33. City of Belleville approves Resolution to Support Complete Streets.
34. City of Belleville plans for third phase of Belle Valley Industrial Park.
35. St. Paul's Home breaks ground for new \$29.5 million nursing home.
36. The Pleasant Hill neighborhood is designated as a "Get Up & Go Neighborhood" by the St. Clair County Health Department.
37. FCB bank purchases 401 South Illinois Street for its first Belleville location.
38. The City of Belleville hires the Lawrence Group to complete a feasibility study, which will lead to a new police department and upgrades to City Hall.