



Happenings in Belleville 2010

1. City of Belleville partners with Wagner Buick/GMC to reacquire franchises.
2. Belleville is chosen from over 100 cities by Delilah for “Paint the Town”. Over 60 buildings were painted by over 1,000 volunteers.
3. City of Belleville is selected as a finalist for the All American Cities Award by the National Civic League.
4. Cave Creek Properties begins renovation of 15 S. High Street to house three lofts and one retail space in a former office building.
5. City of Belleville receives a \$179,200.00 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to complete energy efficiency retrofits in several City buildings.
6. City of Belleville receives \$342,000.00 ITEP grant for the construction of the West Belleville Bike Trail-Phase I to connect Citizens Park with Bellevue Park.
7. Dos Gorditos Mexican restaurant opens at Green Mount Station.
8. Main Street Café opens at 1601 West Main Street.
9. Art on the Square is again named the #1 art show in the U.S. for 2009 by Art Fair Sourcebook.
10. Cleveland Avenue bridge replacement completed.
11. Lindenwood University continues expansion of Belleville campus.
12. Lindenwood University announces plans for student dorms.
13. Wastewater Treatment Plant begins \$44 million Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) that includes Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) removal, plant expansion and Belle Valley non-combined sewer separation.
14. Wastewater Treatment Plant receives \$63,000 DCEO Public Sector Grant to install high efficiency variable speed drives for their 100 and 150 hp blowers.
15. Sanitation Department is relocated due to Wastewater Treatment Plant expansion and new building is completed on Freeburg Avenue.
16. City expands East Main Street TIF (#17) District in the downtown area.

17. Lee's Chicken opens near the intersection of Carlyle Ave. and Green Mount Rd.
18. City purchases 103/105/107 S. 74th St. apartments near Claymont Ct. for future green space and bike trail.
19. City of Belleville is awarded \$1,000,000.00 Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) grant funds for the West Main Streetscape from 6th Street to 17th Street.
20. Skyview Drive-In announces plans to expand drive-in to include a third screen.
21. Demolition of former Quad Cinema in completed.
22. Belleville fitness events, Law Day Run, Gingerbread Run & Tour de Belleville have largest number of participants in its history.
23. Eckert's Orchard continues \$6 million expansion with the opening of a new country store and expanded restaurant.
24. Labor & Industry Museum begins expansion to house additional exhibits.
25. South 17th Street widening begins from West Main Street to South Belt West.
26. The DESCO Group begins expansion of Belleville Crossing with:
 - a. GNC-General Nutrition Center
 - b. Dollar Tree
27. City of Belleville receives \$30,000 in St. Clair County Parks Grant funds for improvements to Pleasant Hill Park.
28. City of Belleville receives \$25,000 in St. Clair County Parks Grant funds for improvements to South Side Park.
29. Mattress Source opens at Green Mount Commons shopping center.
30. Tractor Supply opens a new store on IL Rt. 15, next to Fischer Lumber.
31. McCullough's Flooring relocates and expands at 4400 North Belt West
32. Abbott Ambulance Services relocates to 4400 North Belt West.
33. Green Diamond opens at 732 South Illinois Street.
34. City Council passes leaf burning ordinance to improve air quality in Belleville.
35. South 10th Street improvements, including sidewalks & driving surface, are completed with CDBG funds.
36. Page Avenue improvements are completed.

37. Angel of Hope walking trail completed at Bellevue Park.
38. The city along with the Corps of Engineers completed the Portland Avenue sewer separation project which began around 2003.
39. The city began construction of Bellevue Park Retaining wall to be completed by spring, 2011.