



## **Happenings in Belleville 2009**

1. City opens 4<sup>th</sup> firehouse on South Illinois Street.
2. Belleville Fire Department ISO rating improves from 4 to 3.
3. O.C. Joseph Chrysler-Dodge announces new Jeep dealership.
4. Kaskaskia Engineering Group & Belleville Streetscape Project wins Special Achievement Award from the American Civil Engineering Council of Illinois.
5. Art on the Square ranks as the #1 art show in the nation.
6. Belleville Crossing continues growth with the opening of:
  - a. Walgreens
  - b. Radio Shack
  - c. AT & T
  - d. White Castle
  - e. Wendy's
  - f. Arby's
  - g. All About Eyes
  - h. Dollar Tree (to be completed in 2010)
7. Green Mount Commons continues growth with the opening of:
  - a. The Shoe Dept.
  - b. Solomon Trading
  - c. Super Cuts
8. Allsup, Inc. receives "Greater St. Louis Top 50 Award" for its positive impact on the business community.
9. City of Belleville conducts a survey for a second National Register Historic District in the city's central west end with a \$15,000.00 grant from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.
10. Harold Smith Pharmacy completes expansion, including new drive-up window, at 1406 West Main Street.
11. Howard Concrete Pumping completes construction of a new facility located in Belle Valley Industrial Park.
12. Power Maintenance & Constructors begins construction of a new facility located in Belle Valley Industrial Park.
13. Illinois State Police crime lab construction announced as part of the State of Illinois Capital Improvements Bill.
14. North Belt West resurfacing announced as part of the State of Illinois Capital Improvements Bill.

15. Hick's BBQ opens at 609 South Illinois Street.
16. Lindenwood University begins day classes in fall, 2009.
17. King's Food Products completes \$2 million relocation & expansion at 3 Amann Court in Belle Valley Industrial Park.
18. Gas Mart opens at Green Mount Station shopping center located at Green Mount Road and Mascoutah Avenue.
19. Orchard Dental opens at Green Mount Station shopping center.
20. Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches opens at 100 East Main Street.
21. City of Belleville purchases building at 9700 West Main Street to house the West End Redevelopment Corporation (WERC) offices, etc.
22. Memorial Hospital announces a \$24,000,000/85,000 sq. ft. expansion.
23. City of Belleville begins Waste Water Treatment Plant major expansion and EPA updates with a total cost of \$88,000,000 over the next 20 years.
24. City completes renovations at 510 West Main Street to house several City departments.
25. The Abbey coffee house announces relocation & expansion to 5800 block of West Main Street.
26. Demolitions at 17<sup>th</sup> St. & Main St. completed to allow for the widening of 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
27. City purchases 40+ acres of former Anglers Club property for the future Bicentennial Park.
28. City holds 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Character Recognition Dinner.
29. Projects Completed in 2009:
  - a. South Belt Sewer improvements.
  - b. Sandwedge Drive intersection.
  - c. Westhaven School Road improvements.
  - d. Belle Avenue improvements.
  - e. Royal Heights Road improvements.
  - f. Cleveland Avenue resurfacing.
30. Projects Started in 2009:
  - a. 17<sup>th</sup> Street widening.
  - b. Frank Scott Parkway widening (from Concordia Rd. to BTHS West).
  - c. Sanitation building & maintenance campus on Freeburg Ave.
  - d. Cleveland Avenue bridge replacement.
  - e. Portland Avenue area sewer improvements.
31. Cathedral Church announces senior living community on South 1<sup>st</sup> Street.
32. Mi Casa Mexican restaurant opens in former Wendy's building at 4311 West Main Street.