



## HAPPENINGS IN BELLEVILLE - 2005

1. City issues \$14.3 million in bonds for public works projects consisting of:
  - a. West Main Street Infrastructure Improvements
  - b. Route 15/South 17<sup>th</sup> Street Infrastructure Improvements
  - c. Main Street Streetscape
  - d. Improvements to police and public works facilities
2. City of Belleville begins \$5 million of construction of South 17<sup>th</sup> Street and associated infrastructure improvements at Illinois Route 15
3. Wagner Buick - GMC - Pontiac announces plans to construct a \$6 million new car showroom and service facility on 10 acres at Illinois Route 15 and South 17<sup>th</sup> Street
4. Oliver C. Joseph breaks ground on a \$5 million new car showroom and service facility on Illinois Route 15 and South 17<sup>th</sup> Street
5. City creates Illinois Route 15 Corridor TIF to facilitate development of 390 acres in vicinity of Illinois Route 15 and Frank Scott Parkway
6. Peoples National Bank opens two (2) facilities on West Main Street
7. THF Realty announces a Super Walmart which will co-anchor with Lowe's to develop a 140 acre \$110 million mixed use commercial residential development containing 269 single family dwellings and 500,000 square feet of retail space at the northeast corner of Green Mount Road and Illinois Route 161
8. The Green Mount/Carlyle TIF is created to facilitate development of the 140 acre THF project
9. Renegotiated Sewer Agreement with the Village of Shiloh is ratified and made a part of THF project
10. Belleville doubles number (300+) of single family residential building permits issued in 2005 from 2004
11. In excess of 600 acres is annexed into the City
12. Construction of the \$1.5 million College Plaza Shopping Center is started on East Carlyle Avenue
13. "Welcome to Belleville Sign" is constructed at the City limits of West Main Street as the initial phase of a corridor enhancement projects' spearheaded by the West End Group, a public - private partnership
14. The \$1 million Artwear Shopping Center on Lebanon Avenue is completed
15. Lebanon Avenue north of Illinois Route 161 is improved at a cost of \$450,000.00

16. Dewey Stormwater Detention basin construction is started by City
17. Construction of a neighborhood shopping center in the 8600 block of West Main housing two eateries is completed as a replacement for a derelict structure
18. 25,000 square foot retail complex with estimated costs in excess of \$6 million is announced by BDG Realty at the northeast corner of Green Mount Road and Illinois Route 177
19. East Main Street Tax Increment Finance District is created
20. 2 mile long East Belleville Trail and Bikeway paralleling Richland Creek is opened
21. City enters into an agreement with U.S. Cellular to construct a new multi-purpose communications tower at 6<sup>th</sup> and West Main Street
22. Rising Star Uniforms and the Acropolis Restaurant both open downtown at 3<sup>rd</sup> and West Main Street
23. Art on the Square taking place in downtown Belleville had its fourth successful year and was named "Best Small Town Art Fair" in the U.S.
24. Ravissant Winery on Illinois Route 15 opens
25. The Orchards single family residential subdivision adds a 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Additions containing 160 dwellings
26. Amarillo Tex's restaurant at 4800 West Main Street reopens
27. Geo's Wings restaurant at 4307 West Main Street opens
28. Big Daddy's Disco Diner opens downtown at 313 East Main Street
29. Fox Valley single family residential subdivision containing 148 dwellings in east Belleville is started
30. Green Mount Freedom Homes single family residential subdivision with 125 lots is started on 40 acres at the intersection of Golf Course Drive and Green Mount Road
31. ReUnion single family residential subdivision continues to expand by creating a 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Phase containing an additional 250 lots
32. Pour Haus tavern and grill opens at 1924/1926 West Main Street
33. \$6.4 million Main Street Streetscape is finalized and made a part of the City's \$14.3 million bond issue
34. Renner Funeral Home expands facility at 200 North Illinois Street
35. Westhaven Meadows single family residential subdivision containing 138 lots on the former nine hole Westhaven Golf Course is started
36. Golden Years Adult Support Center constructs a second facility in the 4800 block of West Main Street
37. Contractors Roofing & Supply announces construction of a new facility consisting of 25,000 square feet on Lot 10 at Belle Valley II Industrial Park

38. The Tamoroa Group announces a \$45 million mixed use residential commercial project on 12 acres abutting the Memorial Hospital Metrolink Station
39. The Bank of Belleville is chartered and opens at 720 West Main Street
40. \$1 million (Phase I) Portland Avenue sewer separation project is started
41. **Egyptian Stationary performs façade improvements at its West Main Street location in downtown Belleville**
42. 14 derelict structures are demolished at a cost of \$345,000.00
43. \$65,000.00 of stormsewer improvements are made in the vicinity of Spruce and Sherman
44. Charter Communication relocates to Kings Point at 7645 Magna Drive and expands it's Belleville office
45. City enters into an agreement with Cingular Wireless to construct a flag pole cell tower at the Public Works garage at 801 Royal Heights Road
46. \$750,000.00 North Charles Streetscape is started as a vehicular and pedestrian corridor from Main Street to the Scheel Street Redevelopment project area
47. City's 2000 Comprehensive Plan is updated in two high growth areas
48. City constructs new \$550,000.00 police garage and parking lot
49. \$50,000.00 of improvements is made to the Chapel at the City's Walnut Hill Cemetery
50. Benoist Brothers Supply Company announces a 45,000.00 square foot facility on Lot 17 at Belle Valley II Industrial Park
51. BB Processing announces pending development of corporate headquarters and refrigerated warehouse estimated at \$2 million on Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Belle Valley II Industrial Park
52. Lil' Munchkins Day Care announces remodeling of former VFW facility at 200 South Illinois Street
53. ROHO, a manufacturer of therapeutic cushions with headquarters in Belleville, completed a \$1.6 million expansion at its 74<sup>th</sup> Street facility and was awarded the U.S. Department of Commerce "E" Award for exporting excellence
54. New \$5 million Downtown YMCA nears completion on South Illinois
55. Gateway Connector highway corridor is finalized by IDOT to Belleville's east and south
56. \$300,000.00 of stormsewer improvements are started by the City in the Scheel Street redevelopment project area
57. Infrastructure construction is started on 580 lot single family residential Richland development in south Belleville
58. 210 lot single family residential Homestead Subdivision on 60 acres between the Lincolnshire and Weatherstone subdivisions is announced in east Belleville

59. City performs \$200,000.00 of various improvements to deteriorating infrastructure throughout Belleville
60. City completes resurfacing of two sections of West Main Street totaling in excess of two miles
61. Belleville performs \$100,000.00 of asphalt repairs on City streets
62. City completes debris clearing at various bridges on Richland Creek
63. Belleville distributes 20,000 stormwater educational pamphlets to citizens
64. Brook Taylor residential subdivision containing 160 single family dwellings is announced on 54 acres at the northeast corner of Frank Scott Parkway and 11<sup>th</sup> Street
65. Autumn Woods residential subdivision containing 157 single family dwellings on 85 acres in West Belleville off 11<sup>th</sup> Street is announced
66. City continues planning and preliminary engineering for a second wastewater treatment plant
67. Belleville initiates a Community of Character Program to foster civic betterment
68. The Leadership Council, the City of Belleville and St. Clair County assist in having Scott Air Force Base experience expansion (800+ personnel) as opposed to closing through the 2005 BRAC proceedings
69. City receives \$50,000.00 in St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission funds for development at Jaycee Park.
70. City receives \$15,000.00 in St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission funds for the purchase of a skid steer loader for the Parks Department.
71. City receives additional \$42,163.00 in IEPA Brownfields grant funds.