

# Belleville ILLINOIS

## 2016 Holiday Events

## Shop Dine Stay & Play

**Belleville.net**  
**800.677.9255**

### **Art & Wine Walk**

**Nov. 5, 5-9p**

Stroll the shops of Downtown Belleville as you sample wine and view art by local artists. \$20/person, pre-sale at [BellevilleMainStreet.net](http://BellevilleMainStreet.net) or \$25/door. 618-233-2015

### **Illinois Trekkers Way of Lights Walk**

**Nov. 15, 3-8p**

Take a relaxing walk through the Shrine's Way of Lights featuring over one million lights, statuary and electro-art displays telling the Christmas story. Illinois Trekkers Volkssport, 618-233-6769

### **Ladies Night Out Holiday Style**

**Nov. 17; Dec. 15, 5-8p**

Grab your girlfriends and do your holiday shopping in style with discounts and prizes! \$5 per person. [BellevilleMainStreet.net](http://BellevilleMainStreet.net), 618-233-2015

### **The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Way of Lights Christmas Display**

**Nov. 18 – Dec. 31, 5-9p**

Enjoy a spectacular 1.5 mile Christmas light display telling the story of Christmas. Beyond the lights, enjoy the tree & wreath displays, choir performances, camel and donkey rides, petting zoo, Lego® display, and more! Admission FREE, donations accepted. The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, [WayofLights.org](http://WayofLights.org) 618-397-6700

### **Girls Day Out**

**Nov. 19, 9a-1p**

#### **Luncheon begins 1p**

A great day of shopping and fun with friends and family. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 618-397-6700

### **Gingerbread Creation Preview & Holiday Show**

**Nov. 19, 11a-3p**

Preview the spectacular Gingerbread Creations & enjoy a Holiday Vendor Show at Fischer's Restaurant. Belleville Parks & Recreation, 618-233-1416

### **The "Nutcracker" Ballet and Concert**

**Nov. 19, 7:30p; Nov. 20, 1:30p & 5p**

Tchaikovsky's Classic Ballet with Belleville Philharmonic Society & Belleville School of Ballet. Scottish Rite Cathedral. [Bellevillephilharmonic.org](http://Bellevillephilharmonic.org), 618-277-1373



### **Holiday Flea Markets**

**Nov. 19-20; Dec. 17-18, 9a-4p**

Visit more than 500 booths to find that unique holiday gift. Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, 618-233-0052

### **Gingerbread Walk Display**

**Nov. 23 – Jan. 1**

Stroll Belleville's Main Street to view award-winning gingerbread creations displayed in 3 blocks both East and West off the Public Square in downtown merchant windows. Belleville Parks & Recreation, 618-233-1416

### **Santa Parade on Belleville Main Street**

**Nov. 25, 10a**

Welcome Santa to Belleville for the largest holiday parade in Southern Illinois with 100 parade units of floats, marching bands and dance groups. Optimist Club of Belleville, [BellevilleOptimist.org](http://BellevilleOptimist.org)

### **Community Sing-A-Long & Lighting of the Fountain**

**Nov. 25, 6p Belleville Public Square**

Kick off the holiday season in Belleville with the lighting of the fountain as everyone enjoys caroling. Optimist Club of Belleville, [BellevilleOptimist.org](http://BellevilleOptimist.org)

### **Holiday Craft Fairs**

**Nov. 25-27; Dec. 9-11; Fri. 3-8p; Sat. & Sun., 10a-4p**

View nearly 500 holiday craft and variety booths under one roof. Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, 618-233-0052

### **Horse Drawn Trolley Rides**

**Nov. 25 – Dec. 18; Fri., 5-9p; Sat., 12 Noon-6p; Sun., 12 Noon-5p**

Take a free ride through downtown aboard horse-drawn trolley. Enjoy Belleville's historic Shopping & Entertainment District from a unique point of view, Start/Stop: 1st Block of East Main Street, Free, No reservations. 618-233-6769

### **Art on the Square Unique Boutique**

**Nov. 25-27, Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18; 11a-5p**

Local artwork, home accessories, variety of holiday wrapped gifts to go. 30 Public Square, 618-233-6769

### **German Christmas Market (CHRISTKINDLMARKT)**

**Nov. 25-Dec. 23,**

**Mon. -Th., 11a-7p; F-Sat., 10a-9p; Sun. 10a-7p**

Authentic German Christmas open-air market daily featuring European vendors, German food/beverages, evening entertainment on Fri. & Sat. Belleville Public Square, Free Admission, BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com, 618-233-6769

### **Santa on the Square**

**Nov. 25– Dec. 24, Mon.-Sun.**

Visit Santa at his house on Belleville's Public Square. Photos optional. See [bellevillesantahouse.com](http://bellevillesantahouse.com) for schedule. Optimist Club of Belleville

### **Shop Small Saturday**

**Nov. 26**

Support Belleville's small shops to find unique and interesting holiday gifts plus friendly service with a smile! [BellevilleMainStreet.com](http://BellevilleMainStreet.com), 618-233-2015

### **Live Reindeer on the Public Square**

**Nov. 26, 11a-2p; Dec. 3, 1-4p;**

**Dec. 9, 5-8p; Dec. 18, 10a-1p**

Visit with Santa's Reindeer during Belleville's Christkindlmarkt. Bring your camera for that unique photo, Free. [BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com](http://BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com), 618-233-6769

### **Gingerbread House Workshop**

**Nov. 26-27; Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18**

Here's your chance to build a gingerbread house. We provide supplies & guidance, you bring the creativity; fun for all ages. Purchase at [Eckerts.com](http://Eckerts.com), 618-233-0513

### **A Christmas Carol**

**Dec. 2-3, 7:30p; Dec. 4, 2p**

Relive the joy of a traditional holiday play production. Lindenwood University Auditorium 618-239-6226

### **Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk**

**Dec. 4, 8:30a**

Run or Walk with the Gingerbread Man thru the festive streets of downtown Belleville. Start and finish at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Register at [gingerbreadrun.com](http://gingerbreadrun.com) Belleville Parks & Recreation, 618-233-1416

### **Tails, Trails & Twinkles**

**Dec. 4, 5p**

Bring your canine friends/family members to enjoy a walk through the lights. During the Barket & Expo, pet-friendly vendors will be on hand with opportunities to shop for your four-legged friends. Enjoy refreshments, pet blessings and more. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, [Wayoflights.org](http://Wayoflights.org) 618-397-6700

### **Angel of Hope Candlelight Service**

**Dec. 6, 7p**

Candlelight memorial service begins at the Stone Lodge in Bellevue Park followed by a procession to the Angel of Hope Statue. For all to remember and honor a beloved lost child, 618-233-1416

### **Old Belleville Historical Luminary Walk**

**Dec. 9, 6-9p; Dec. 10, 5-9p**

Abend & Garfield Streets are lined with candle-filled luminaries, strolling carolers, take pictures with Santa, hot chocolate, candy canes & more, 618-233-6769

### **Gingerbread Cookie Day**

**Dec. 10, Start Time 9-11a**

Sam the Gingerbread Man has left his trail in downtown Belleville! Purchase a Cookie Bag and follow his trail to collect dozens of cookies stopping in shops, eateries & museums. To purchase bag & guarantee cookies, registration form available at [BellevilleMainStreet.net](http://BellevilleMainStreet.net), \$10 fee. 618-277-0830

### **Train Showcase**

**Dec. 10-Jan. 2**

The Gateway Garden Railroad Club features a giant layout of large scale trains bigger than the Lionel's you remember and see a 1950's Lionel department store model layout. On display in the showroom at Oliver C. Joseph, Inc., [Olivercjoseph.com](http://Olivercjoseph.com) 618-233-8140

### **Candlelight House Tour**

**Dec. 11, 2-6p**

View beautifully decorated Belleville area holiday homes. Start at the Belleville Philharmonic Hall, 116 N. Jackson St.; St. Clair County Historical Society, 618-234-0600

### **Christmas Wonders**

**Dec. 11, 3p**

Philharmonic Choral & Orchestra at St. Luke's Church. [bellevillephilharmonic.org](http://bellevillephilharmonic.org), 618-233-3062

### **The Glory of Christmas**

**Dec. 11-12, 7p**

The musical drama includes 200 people encompassing choir, orchestra, drama troupe, horse drawn sleigh and parade of the wooden soldiers. Free will offering. Music Ministry at St. Matthew United Methodist Church. [stmatthewumc.org](http://stmatthewumc.org) 618-397-5994

### **Fine Arts Holiday Concert**

**Dec. 18, 3p**

Presented by St. Paul's UCC Fine Arts Series, 115 W. B. St., Free Will Offering. [stpaulucc.org](http://stpaulucc.org), 618-233-3303

### **A New Year's Eve Musical Showcase**

**Dec. 31, 7p-9:30p**

Ring in the New Year with a two-hour plus gala theater pipe organ concert of various time periods. Lincoln Theatre, 618-233-0018

### **Ringling of the Bells**

**Jan. 1, 2017, 12 Noon**

Bring your dinner bells, cow bells, jingle bells and ring in 2017 at Belleville Public Square, 618-233-6769

### **Shrine Way of Lights Run/Walk**

**Jan. 7, 2017, 6:30p**

Experience this one-of-a-kind evening 5K Run and Fun Walk through the Way of Lights. [Wayoflights.org/run](http://Wayoflights.org/run) 618-397-6700

**Dates, time & locations are subject to change.**



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