

Mark W. Eckert
Mayor of the City of Belleville, Illinois



Current

- Elected Mayor of Belleville, Illinois, for a four year term in April, 2005 following his appointment as Mayor in December, 2004. Elected to a second term in April, 2009. Elected to a third term in April, 2013.
- First Vice-President for the Illinois Municipal League Board
- President for the Southwestern Illinois Council of Mayors
- Member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Area Belleville Chamber of Commerce
- Member of the Board of Directors of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments
- Member of Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission (SILEC), Belleville Exchange Club, Racial Harmony, Lindenwood University/Belleville Advisory Board
- President of the Belleville Cultural Enrichment Organization
- Honorary Chairman of the Belle-Scott Committee
- Honorary Chairman for the Belleville Sister Cities Organization
- Led the City of Belleville's 30 delegates to Kansas City to compete for the 2011 All America City Award. The City of Belleville was one of the 10 finalists for this award from the National Civic League.
- Life-long member and past President of St. Paul United Church of Christ in Belleville
- Mark and his wife, Rita, have owned and operated Eckert Florist in Belleville for 17 years
- Recipient of several awards including the Distinguished Service Award from the Belleville Jaycees, Belleville News Democrat SIUE Carol Kimmel Community Service Award, Catholic Social Service Award, Scoutmaster Award of Merit, George Meany Award, Belleville Sister Cities Herman Award, Racial Harmony Outstanding Community Service Award, 2009 BTHS West Hall of Fame inductee, and the NAACP Metro East Branch Partners in Justice Award, Metro Area Professional Organization 2012 Honoree, SILEC George A. Lanxon Award
- Mayor Eckert and his wife, Rita, are the proud parents of Kate, Luke and Lucy. Mark also has a son, Lt. Col. Matthew Eckert, a trauma surgeon in the United States Army.

Past

- Elected as a Belleville Alderman (Ward 5) in 1997. As an Alderman, he chaired the Economic Development and Annexation Committee and Keep Belleville Beautiful Committee and was a member of the Master Sewer, Police and Fire, Health and Housing and West Main Improvement Committees
- Owned and operated Maine Chimney Sweep, Ltd. from 1996 - 2007
- Co-founded the Franklin Neighborhood Community Association, serving as its Executive Director from 1992 until December, 1995
- Employee of Pete Gaerdner Funeral Home and Paramedic Ambulance Service for 15 years, 1973-1988
- Belleville Area College for Law Enforcement and Paramedic EMT Training
- Graduate of the Southwestern Illinois Police Academy. Deputy Sheriff for St. Clair County, 1978
- Active in Boy Scouting throughout his life and served as Scoutmaster for 12 years. His two sons are Eagle Scouts as well as 35 other scouts from his troops who achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.
- Volunteer with Hospice of Southern Illinois from 1982 – 1987 working with many child patients
- Past President of Henry Raab School PTA
- Past President of Belleville Main Street, Inc.
- Served on St. Clair County Historical Society Board
- Served on the Lindenwood University Board of Directors, St. Charles, MO from 2006 - 2010