



## **HAPPENINGS IN BELLEVILLE – 2007**

1. Art on the Square ranked best art show in the nation.
2. Belleville East High School ranked as one of America's top high schools by U.S. News & World Report.
3. Wagner Buick-GMC-Pontiac opens a new car showroom and service facility at Illinois Route 15 & South 17<sup>th</sup> Street.
4. Belleville Crossing, a 600,000 square foot shopping center, opens with:
  - Target
  - Home Depot
  - Mattress Giant
  - Keck Jewelers
  - Hibbet Sports
  - Maurice's
  - Famous Footwear
5. Petsmart & Office Max begin construction at Belleville Crossing shopping center.
6. Walgreen's & White Castle announce locations at Belleville Crossing shopping center.
7. Green Mount Commons, a 500,000 square foot shopping center, opens with:
  - Lowe's
  - Jan's Hallmark
  - Gamestop
  - National City Bank
  - Advance America Cash Advance
8. Construction on Wal-Mart Supercenter nears completion at Green Mount Commons shopping center.
9. Burger King and Hardee's begin construction at Green Mount Commons shopping center.
10. Home Brite-Ace Hardware completes \$111,000+ parking lot expansion near downtown.
11. Bank of Edwardsville opens new branch at 5800 West Main Street.
12. Scott Credit Union opens new branch at 4800 West Main Street.

13. Construction nears completion on \$6.4 million downtown streetscape project.
14. Kelso Auto Body announces expansion at 712 Sherman Street.
15. Writers' Lofts begins construction at 208 East Main Street.
16. Bar Louie announces new bar & grill at 318 East Washington Street.
17. King's Food Products announces a remodeling & expansion of their current facility located at 12 North 35<sup>th</sup> Street.
18. City Annexes 93 acres to for the third phase of Belle Valley Industrial Park.
19. KFC begins construction of a new restaurant located at 4914 West Main Street.
20. City expands Enterprise Zone to accommodate development of Phase V of Belleville Crossing shopping center.
21. Construction begins on Green Mount Station shopping center at Green Mount Road and Mascoutah Avenue (IL Rt. 177).
22. Cecil Mueller announces 14,000 square foot shopping center at Carlyle Avenue (IL Rt. 161) and Green Mount Road.
23. Building Products Corp completes construction of \$615,000 office building at 950 Freeburg Avenue.
24. Tribout's Distributing announces a relocation and expansion at 517 South Illinois Street.
25. Oregon Trail Roasting Company announces a new coffee shop located at 201 West Main Street.
26. Becky Kern Dance Studio relocates to the Family Sportsplex at 2346 Mascoutah Avenue.
27. City purchases building at 512 West Main Street to house several City departments.
28. City purchases six (6) acres of Illinois-American Water Company property and a 15,000 square foot building at Illinois Route 159 & Illinois Route 15 to house a fourth fire house, an Emergency Command Center and municipal offices.
29. Announcement of "Downtown Imports and Grocer" at 132 West Main Street.
30. Silverstone Realty and Greystone Environmental complete renovations at 4106 & 4108 North Belt West.
31. Announcement of "Seven" Restaurant & Bar located at 7 South High Street.

32. New senior independent living center announced at 29 North 64<sup>th</sup> Street.
33. Hospice of Southern Illinois announces expansion at 305 South Illinois Street.
34. Plus 5 Home Advantage completes construction of first new residential structure using "green" technology.
35. City received EPA approval of a \$60,000,000 expansion of the wastewater treatment plant.
36. Belleville Achieves Strength In Character (B.A.S.I.C.) Initiative continues to be the leader in developing and supporting programs, collaborations and community organizations that serve the greater Belleville community.
37. Neighbors for Renewal renovates house for Belleville High School District #201 "Bridges" program to assist developmentally disabled students learn life skills.
38. City begins work on maintenance campus facilities on Freeburg Avenue.
39. Downtown car show attracts record crowds.