

CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

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March 24, 2026

**RE: Liberty & Legacy Parade
Belleville, Illinois**

Dear Friends:

As our great nation commemorates the **250th Anniversary of the United States of America**, we are honored to invite you to join us for Belleville's **Liberty & Legacy Parade**, a heartfelt tribute to the courage, unity, and enduring spirit that have shaped our country since its founding. This historic celebration offers our community a moment to reflect on the freedoms we cherish and the legacy we continue to build together.

This Annual Parade through the heart of our city will be held on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at 11 am.

We hope to see residents lining the streets in patriotic display, and we warmly welcome organizations that wish to be part of this vibrant celebration of American pride.

Attached are the entry form, map, and parade guidelines. Please review, and if you would like to join us, please return to Jenny Gain Meyer, Mayor, via email at jmeyer@belleville.net, or via mail at 101 S Illinois Street, Belleville, IL 62220.

Please return the registration by no later than May 20, 2026.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mayor Jenny Gain Meyer, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, at 618-233-6518 extension 1207 or at jmeyer@belleville.net.

We look forward to you joining us for this event.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JG Meyer'.

Jenny Gain Meyer, MS
Mayor



**PLEASE SUBMIT PARADE ENTRY FORM
(NO LATER THAN MAY 20, 2026) TO:**

**Mayor Jenny Gain Meyer
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**BELLEVILLE'S LIBERTY AND LEGACY PARADE
- SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2026 - 11:00 AM
PARADE LINE-UP TIME: 9:00AM TO 10:00AM
(512 W MAIN - ENTER FROM WEST MAIN STREET)**

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
ORGANIZATION ADDRESS: _____
ORGANIZATION EMAIL: _____
CONTACT PERSON CELL PHONE (FOR EMERGENCY): _____

DESCRIPTION OF ENTRY: _____

TYPE OF ENTRY (MARK ONE)

- FAMILY ENTRY INDIVIDUAL ENTRY ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT BAND UNIT
 COMMERCIAL UNIT MARCHING UNIT FLOAT AUTOMOBILE
 TRUCK MOTORCYCLE ANTIQUE CAR ANIMALS

OTHER (DESCRIBE): _____

NOTE: NO POLITICAL CAMPAIGNING ALLOWED - CURRENT ELECTED OFFICIALS ONLY

Please accept the undersigned entry as a participant in the **Liberty and Legacy Parade**, Belleville, Illinois. The undersigned entry as a participant in the **Liberty and Legacy Parade** is solely the responsibility of the undersigned and in no way reflects the approval of the City of Belleville, 101 South Illinois Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220. It is further understood that the undersigned shall hold harmless the City of Belleville, 101 South Illinois Street, Belleville, Illinois 62220, from any liability whatsoever which may occur to the undersigned or their participants during the parade and authorizes release of participant's contact information to the City of Belleville emergency services (Fire & Police Department).

Furthermore, the undersigned agrees that the consumption of alcoholic beverages of any kind is prohibited during the parade, and in consideration of allowing the undersigned to participate, the undersigned agrees to waive, release and discharge the City of Belleville, Illinois from any and all liabilities for damages, death, personal injury or property damage which the undersigned may have, or which may hereafter occur to the undersigned resulting in whole or in part from any consumption of alcoholic beverages during the **Liberty and Legacy Parade**.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____



BELLEVILLE LIBERTY AND LEGACY PARADE GUIDELINES

The Belleville Liberty and Legacy Parade intent is to celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Country.

- 1) The parade is non-political. Only current elected officials will be invited to march in the parade. **NO** political signage or campaigning is permitted.
- 2) We ask that all decorations or music be consistent with the intent of the parade.
- 3) Police will be positioned throughout the parade for safety of those in parade, as well as observers.
- 4) Parade Marshals will be present during the line-up. Parade Marshals will assign a location/position for your entry upon arrival, please follow their instructions.
- 5) Upon receipt and approval of parade applications, all entries will be assigned a line-up number and receive further instructions after approval of entry.
- 6) All units are asked to maintain the pace set by the lead unit and keep a distance of no more than thirty feet between units.
- 7) Please be aware of any overhead obstructions along the parade route when constructing floats. Floats should be no higher than 15 feet. Consider passenger safety when constructing your floats.
- 8) We ask that all materials to be handed-out to observers respect the intent of the parade.
- 9) Each unit is responsible for the safety of their passengers.
- 10) If animals are involved with your unit, please clean-up all waste during line-up and parade route.

