



Belleville, Illinois

2018 Holiday Events

SHOP, DINE, STAY, PLAY

Belleville.net 800-677-9255



ART & WINE WALK

NOV. 3, 4-7P

Stroll the shops of Downtown Belleville as you sample wine and view art by local artists. Fee. BellevilleMainStreet.net, 618-233-2015

FESTIVE FLEA MARKETS

NOV. 3-4; DEC. 8-9; SAT. 9A-4P; SUN. 9A-3P

Find that special holiday gift from one of the many vendors. St. Clair County Event Center, 618-830-7552

ILLINOIS TREKKERS WAY OF LIGHTS WALK

NOV. 13, 3:30-6:30P

Take a relaxing walk through the Way of Lights featuring over one million lights telling the Christmas story. Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center, Please bring flashlight, finish by 8:30p. Fee. Illinois Trekkers Volkssport, 618-233-6769

DIVA NIGHT HOLIDAY STYLE

NOV. 15; DEC. 20; 5-8P

Grab your girlfriends and do your holiday shopping in style with discounts and prizes! Fee. BellevilleMainStreet.net, 618-233-2015

WAY OF LIGHTS CHRISTMAS DISPLAY

NOV. 16 - JAN 1; 5-9P

Visit the largest spiritual, spectacular 1.5 mile Christmas light display telling the story of Christmas. Beyond the lights, activities include choir performances, tree room, wreath auction, Lego® Block Display, camel rides, petting zoo, gift shop & restaurant. Free admission, donations accepted. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, snows.org/wol, 618-397-6700

GIRLS DAY OUT

NOV. 17; 10A-2P (LUNCHEON 11:30A)

A great day of shopping and fun with friends and family. Luncheon Fee, registration required. Vendor Admission Free. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 618-397-6700

THE "NUTCRACKER" BALLET

NOV. 17, 7:30P; NOV. 18, 1:30P & 5P

Tchaikovsky's Classic Ballet with Belleville Philharmonic Society & Belleville School of Ballet. Fee. Scottish Rite Cathedral. BellevillePhilharmonic.org, 618-277-1373



HOLIDAY FLEA MARKETS

NOV. 17-18; DEC. 15-16; 9A-4P

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

GINGERBREAD CREATION PREVIEW

NOV. 18, 1-3P

Preview the spectacular Gingerbread Creations all in one location at the Nicholas Community Center. Free. Belleville Parks & Rec., 618-233-1416

GINGERBREAD WALK DISPLAY

NOV. 21 - JAN. 1

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

SANTA PARADE ON BELLEVILLE'S MAIN STREET

NOV. 23, 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

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIRS

NOV. 23-25; DEC. 7-9; FRI. 3-8P; SAT. & SUN., 10A-4P

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

HORSE DRAWN TROLLEY RIDES

NOV. 23 - DEC. 23; FRI. 5-9P; SAT. 12 NOON-6P

SUN. 12 NOON-5P

Take a free ride through downtown aboard a 26 passenger horse-drawn trolley. Enjoy seeing Belleville's historic Public Square and Shopping & Dining District from a unique point of view. Starts/Stops at 1st Block of E. Main St. Free. No Reservations, 618-233-6769

ART ON THE SQUARE UNIQUE BOUTIQUE

NOV. 23-25; DEC. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21, 22; 11A-4P

Shop local artwork, jewelry, home accessories & variety of holiday wrapped gifts to go. 30 Public Square, 618-233-6769

CHRISTKINDLMARKT

GERMAN CHRISTMAS MARKET
NOV. 23-DEC. 23; MON.-TH. 11A-7P
F-SAT. 10A-9P, SUN. 10A-7P

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

SANTA ON THE SQUARE

NOV. 23- DEC. 24; DAILY

Visit Santa at his house on Belleville's Public Square. Photos optional. Optimist Club of Belleville. See bellevillesantahouse.com for schedule.

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY

NOV. 24

Visit Belleville's small shops to find unique and interesting holiday gifts plus friendly service with a smile! BellevilleMainStreet.com, 618-233-2015

LIVE REINDEER ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE

NOV. 24, 11A-2P; DEC. 1, 1-4P; DEC. 7, 5-8P;
DEC. 16, 10A-1P; DEC. 21, 2-5P

Visit with Santa's Reindeer during Belleville's Christkindlmarkt. Bring your camera for that unique photo. Free. BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com 618-233-6769

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

NOV. 24-25; DEC. 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23

Here's your chance to build a gingerbread house. We provide supplies & guidance, you bring the creativity; fun for all ages. Fee. Eckerts.com, 618-233-0513

MEET EMANUELE FONTANINI

NOV. 25; 3-6P

Visit the Shrine Gift Shop & Meet Emanuele Fontanini of the world-renowned House of Fontanini makers of Italian nativities for over 100 years. Free. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, snows.org/gs, 618-394-6230

MISTLETOE MERCHANTS

NOV. 29; 6:30-9:30P

Jumpstart your holiday shopping with a relaxing evening featuring all local vendors, Food & Drink Specials, Live Music. Free Entry at The Weingarten, 618-257-9463

BELLEVILLE CHRISTMAS PICKERS MARKET

NOV. 30-DEC. 2; FRI. 3-8P; SAT. 10A-5P; SUN. 11A-3P

Experience an array of antiques, vintage, handmade crafts, holiday décor, original art, live music, food & more. Fee. St. Clair County Event Center, 618-830-7552

GINGERBREAD 5K RUN/WALK

DEC. 1, 8:30A

Join the Gingerbread Man thru the festive streets of downtown Belleville. Fee. Register at gingerbreadrun.com, start/finish at 510 West Main St. Belleville Parks & Rec., 618-233-1416

TAILS, TRAILS & TWINKLES

DEC. 2, 4-6P

Bring your canine friends/family members to enjoy a walk through the lights & pet blessing. Barket & Expo pet-friendly vendors. Photo with Scotty, Scott Credit Union Mascot. Dogs only & must be on leashes. Free Admission. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows 618-397-6700

GINGERBREAD COOKIE DAY

DEC. 8 START TIME 9-11A

Sam the Gingerbread Man has left his trail in downtown Belleville! Purchase a Cookie Bag & follow his trail to collect dozens of cookies at shops, eateries & museums. \$10 fee, to purchase bag & guarantee cookies. Forms available at BellevilleMainStreet.net

OLD BELLEVILLE HISTORICAL LUMINARY WALK

DEC. 8, 5-9P

Take a free walk down Abend & Garfield Streets lined with candle-filled luminaries while visiting the Koerner House, Garfield Street Saloon & Emma Kunz House Museums, 618-234-0600

TRAIN SHOWCASE

DEC. 8-JAN. 3

The Gateway Garden Railroad Club features a giant layout of large scale trains bigger than the Lionel's you remember. See a 1950's Lionel department store model layout in the showroom at Oliver C. Joseph, Inc. Free. Olivercjoseph.com, 618-233-8140

CANDLELIGHT HOUSE TOUR

DEC. 9, 2-6P

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

CHRISTMAS WONDERS

DEC. 9, 3P

Ring in the season with annual holiday Chorale concert with chamber orchestra music by the Philharmonic Chorale & Orchestra held at St. Luke's Church. Fee. BellevillePhilharmonic.org, 618-235-5600

THE GLORY OF CHRISTMAS

DEC. 9-10, 7P

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

A NEW YEAR'S EVE MUSICAL SHOWCASE

DEC. 31, 7-9:30P

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

RINGING OF THE BELLS

JAN. 1, 2019, 12 NOON

Bring your dinner bells, cow bells, jingle bells & ring in 2019 at Belleville Public Square, Free, 618-233-6769

WAY OF LIGHTS RUN/WALK

JAN. 5, 2019 START 6:30P

Experience this one-of-a-kind evening 5K Competitive Run & 1.5 Mile Fun Walk through the Way of Lights on the Shrine grounds, Chrono tracking timing by Big River Running. Fee. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, snows.org/run, 618-397-6700

ALL DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

