

TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE AGENDA
101 S. Illinois St., 2nd Floor Conference Room
Monday March 16, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

- A. Call to Order / Roll call of members and staff / Explanation of disaster procedures
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| Ward 7 Alderperson Phil Elmore, Chairman | Ward 6 Alderperson Dr. Mary Stiehl |
| Ward 1 Alderperson Lillian Schneider | Ward 8 Alderperson Kara Osthoff |
| Ward 2 Alderperson Carmen Duco | Scott Saeger, City Engineer |
| Ward 3 Alderperson Kent Randle | Capt. Rob Thomason, Police Dept. |
| Ward 4 Alderperson Raffi Ovian | Jason Poole, Public Works Director |
| Ward 5 Alderperson Edward Dintelman | |
- B. Approval of November 17th, 2025, and February 17th, 2026 minutes
- C. Recognition of guest Alderman
- D. Emergency Procedures
- E. Public Participation
- (a) Members of the public may address the City council in accordance with Section 2.06(g) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06(g).
 - (b) Public comments are limited to **three (3) minutes** per speaker.
 - (c) The subject of public comments shall be reasonably related to matter(s) identified on the meeting agenda and/or other City business.
 - (d) Repetitive public comments should be avoided, to the extent practical, through adoption of prior public comments (ex. agreeing with a prior speaker).
 - (e) The following conduct is prohibited during public participation:
 - acting or appearing in a lewd or disgraceful manner;
 - using disparaging, obscene or insulting language;
 - personal attacks impugning character and/or integrity;
 - intimidation;
 - disorderly conduct as defined in Section 30-1-2 of this Revised Code of Ordinances;
 - (f) Any speaker who engages in such prohibited conduct during public participation shall be called to order by the chair or ruling by the chair if a point of order is made by a sitting Alderman.
- F. Old Business:
- 1. Motion to repeal schedule one of chapter 76 of the City ordinance that states no parking on the south side of West Cleveland from State Street to S. 6th St.
 - 2. Motion to repeal ordinance number 4792: No parking on the south side of W Cleveland Ave, 88 ft East of S 6th St.
- G. New Business:
- 1. Discussion on traffic concerns in the vicinity of E B St. and Walnut.
 - 2. Motion to approve handicapped parking space at 111 E Adams in the name of the applicant only.

Anyone requiring accommodations provided for in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to participate in this public meeting, please contact Shelly Schaefer, City Clerk/ADA Coordinator at (618) 355-8627 or sschaefer@belleville.net a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting

Kaci Simonin

From: Jason Poole
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 1:49 PM
To: Kaci Simonin
Subject: Fw: Cleveland

Traffic agenda item... old business please
Talk later about it

Jason R Poole
Director of Public Works/Parks & Recreation
City of Belleville

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From: Capt R Thomason <thomasonr@bellevillepolice.org>
Sent: Monday, February 23, 2026 7:19:32 AM
To: Jason Poole <jpoole@belleville.net>
Subject: Cleveland

It looks like there is more confusion on the parking ordinance for Cleveland. We probably do need better signs, and maybe further discussion.

Under Schedule 1 of Chapter 76 of the City Ordinance, there are two different listings for Cleveland around S 6th St. The first says there is no parking on the south side from State St to S 6th St., with no ordinance number listed.

	intersection
Clayton Court (North)	From 74th Street to Bogey Drive
Cleveland Avenue (South)	From State Street to S. 6th Street
Cleveland Avenue (South)	From S. Illinois Street to the easterly end of the bridge across Richland Creek
Courthouse (Southwest quadrant)	No parking contiguous street side
Delaware Drive (North)	From Central Ave to Frank Court

The second says that there is no parking on the south side of W Cleveland Ave, 88 ft east of S 6th St. With an ordinance number of 4792.

	alleyway for street magazine & new church
W. Cleveland (South)	From S. 6th Street to a point 88 ft. east
W. Harrison Street (Both)	From 1st Street to 2nd Street
W. Harrison Street (South)	2 signs, one to be located 10 ft. of the easterly line of the first alley west of

Under Schedule 1, section 2(d) Fire Lanes, it further restricts parking on both sides of Cleveland Ave from State St to S 5th St. With Ordinance number 6315.

	Street	
Cleveland Avenue (Both)	From State Street to S. 5th Street	6315
Cleveland Avenue (North)	From 3rd Street to 6th Street	3208
Cleveland Avenue (North)	From S. Illinois Street to the east end of the bridge across Richland Creek	
Columbus Drive	From W. Belle Street extending south	

There is a No Parking Here to the corner sign on the north side of W Cleveland near State St. I believe it causes confusion and recommend it be changed to a Fire Lane sign.

Kaci Simonin

From: Capt R Thomason <thomasonr@bellevillepolice.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 4:26 PM
To: Jenny Meyer; Scott Saeger; LT. Col. Heffernan; Jason Poole
Cc: Kaci Simonin; Rene Thompson; Chief Secretary; Erin Clifford
Subject: Re: Urgent safety concerns regarding East B St

I will address with extra traffic enforcement and the speed trailer if possible. We can also discuss further at the next traffic meeting.

Captain Robert H. Thomason
Belleville Police Department
Patrol Division Commander
(618) 967-6164
thomasonr@bellevillepolice.org



From: Jenny Meyer <jmeyer@belleville.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Scott Saeger <ssaeger@belleville.net>; Capt R Thomason <thomasonr@bellevillepolice.org>; Lt Col M Heffernan <heffernanm@bellevillepolice.org>; Jason Poole <jpoole@belleville.net>
Cc: Kaci Simonin <ksimonin@belleville.net>; Rene Thompson <rthompson@belleville.net>; Chief Secretary <chiefsecy@bellevillepolice.org>; Erin Clifford <eclifford@belleville.net>
Subject: FW: Urgent safety concerns regarding East B St

FYI

See below

Jennifer Gain Meyer, MS
Mayor
City of Belleville
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jmeyer@belleville.net

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-----Original Message-----

From: Evan Palumbo <evan.palumbo@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 26, 2026 11:59 AM
To: Jenny Meyer <jmeyer@belleville.net>
Subject: Urgent safety concerns regarding East B St

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Hello!

I'm writing to formally document and request action regarding ongoing and escalating safety hazards present on East B Street. This seems to touch a lot of departments, so I'm not entirely sure where else to direct this message. I've reported the various issues through other channels but have gotten redirected without resolution.

East B Street is designed and functioning as a high-speed arterial roadway, yet is surrounded by residential homes and families. The width of the lanes, in addition to the wide parking areas that are seldom used, and lack of striping, crosswalks or bump-outs directly encourages excessive speed, reckless driving, and dangerous maneuvers. Drivers routinely feel comfortable traveling 50+mph through what is fundamentally and historically a neighborhood environment. The design itself signals to motorists that this speed is acceptable, and the results are predictable.

In the last two weeks alone, a motorist has blown past a stopped schoolbus with red flashing lights and sign extended almost every single day, sometimes two drivers in succession, despite the bus driver laying on the horn. This is not a minor infraction, it is a life-threatening violation occurring in plain view, repeatedly. Children who live on this street or many adjacent streets (due to the layout of the bus routes) must walk along it daily to reach their bus stops. Sidewalks are frequently obstructed by snow and debris, with no effort from homeowners to clear them, forcing pedestrians—those same children—into the roadway to complete their commute. Drivers routinely fail to yield to pedestrians, which results in a game of chicken happening daily for the kids who need to cross.

At the intersection of E B and Walnut, I've witnessed two collisions firsthand within the last year, along with near-misses occurring at least weekly. The roadway design promotes speed and encourage aggressive driving, and there is insufficient physical infrastructure or enforcement to correct behavior.

In addition to the safety threat, the livability of this street is deteriorated. Excessive vehicle speeds, poorly muffled motorcycles and vehicles, and constant high-volume through traffic create noise levels that physically shake nearby homes. I'm talking "rattling the windowpanes, vibrating the stuff hung on your wall" noise. The highway-wide lanes result in aggressive drivers drag-race accelerating to high speed between stop signs, resulting in more noise. This is not a normal condition of a residential space, but a result of design and policy choice.

Enforcement presence here is essentially nonexistent. In the past couple years, I've only observed a handful of traffic stops along this corridor for any reason. Speeding and reckless driving are not effectively deterred at the rates that they are enforced. Despite excessive noise being a city violation (§ 72.03), I have yet to see this policy enforced anywhere, with the roars of such vehicles frequently circling around downtown and everyone who lives here for hours, well after 10pm.

This is not a situation where homes were later built along an existing major arterial; this is a situation where a historically residential street is being forced into the role of an arterial through design and policy choices. The convenience of a handful of motorists who likely don't live here cannot outweigh the safety and livability concerns

of those who live here. If drivers need to take an additional minute out of their day to take an alternate, higher-speed route, that is an entirely reasonable tradeoff.

Other than the safety and livability concerns, this is just a real drag on the City, especially this neighborhood. It's 2 blocks from downtown, it's pretty walkable, has excellent transit access, is close to schools full of people who care. But knowing what I know now, the road being a threat to safety is a real big con on a list of reasons to move somewhere.

I am not the only person to have these concerns. I've talked to a number of neighbors and residents around me and all share the same frustrations and fears as I. All share the same view: the problems are real, they're dangerous, they're likely to be tragic, and the issue has gotten worse in recent years.

Let me be clear: I'm not laying blame on my neighbors and fellow residents. While there are some bad actors who clearly need to meet enforcement, most of these people are just trying to get to and from where they need to be. But when the lane widths exceed the standards for the Interstate Highway System, the subconscious message to drivers doesn't match what the little white sign tells them. I, who am extremely conscious about my speed and the safety of those around me (due in no small part to my experience around E B St), still occasionally find myself over the posted speed with a need to correct, or find myself pressured by other drivers, through tailgating or other aggressive driving, to move faster. This isn't how infrastructure is supposed to be.

Someone is going to be seriously injured or killed on this road. I'm hoping and praying it's not one of our kids.

I'm requesting an evaluation and implementation of corrective measures, including but not limited to roadway narrowing, traffic calming infrastructure, enforcement, intersection redesign and pedestrian safety improvements, especially along school bus routes. The current condition of East B Street is unacceptable and unsafe. I look forward to a response from the City detailing what actions will be taken here. If we have the money to pave, we have the money to make streets safe.

Sincerely,
Evan Palumbo
Ward 2 Resident



CITY OF BELLEVILLE - TRAFFIC COMMITTEE SIGN PACKET

Use these forms to request **NEW** traffic sign installation (Stop, Yield, Parking, Loading, Handicap Parking).

To report damaged signs or request non-regulatory signs (Dead End, Deaf Child.), Please go to "Report a Concern"

Return completed forms to your Alderman or Traffic Committee Chairman, 101 S. Illinois St., Belleville, IL 62220

Procedures and guidelines used by the traffic committee on traffic/parking sign installation requests. (Requests will be reviewed by the Traffic Committee and final determination of request will be provided to the requestor)

Submit Traffic Forms (Including petition if indicated) to Ward Alderman/Traffic Committee

- Committee will review request
- Traffic study may be done
- Accident history may be obtained

Input from the alderman of the ward – opinion on validity/recommendation

Approval will be based upon the determination of validity after reviewing appropriate studies (traffic/accident) or other staff input and legal guidelines.

The requestor and/or the ward alderman are encouraged to attend the Traffic Committee meeting or furnish a statement to the committee if unable to attend.

Please review the following guidelines used by the Traffic Committee relating to installation of traffic signs:

YIELD or STOP signs should be considered at the intersection of two minor streets or local roads where the intersection has more than three approaches and where one or more of the following conditions exist:

- A. The combined vehicular, bicycle, and pedestrian volume entering the intersection from all approaches will be considered in the review process:
- B. The ability to see conflicting traffic on an approach is not sufficient to allow a road user to stop or yield in compliance with the normal right-of-way rule if such stopping or yielding is necessary; and/or
- C. Crash records indicate that five or more crashes that involve the failure to yield the right-of-way at the intersection under the normal right-of-way rule have been reported within a 3-year period, or that three or more such crashes have been reported within a 2-year period.

YIELD or STOP sign should not be used for speed control.

CITY OF BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Traffic Committee Request Form

Date: 2-25-26

Name: Gwen Grogan / Williamsburg Apartments

Address: 6896 W. Main St. Belleville, IL 62223

Phone Number: 618-213-7400

Email Address: ggrogan@eegmanagement.com

Name of Alderman Contacted: _____ Ward (1 - 8): _____

Reason for Request (circle one or more): Safety Related Speed Related Signage Other

Problem Location/Address: 111 E. Adams St. Belleville, IL 62220

Problem (Include, illustrations, petitions and/or photos, attach additional sheets if needed):

The tenant that resides at 111 E. Adams St. - Unit C, is an elderly handicapped woman. Walking from her vehicle to her unit is difficult and even more challenging when she has to park far away from her building.

Requested Action: We would like to request permission to put up a handicapped parking sign in front of her building, for this tenant's safety and well-being. We do already have the sign, & the post. Thank you for your time.

For Official Use Only

Date Received: _____

Comments: _____

Sent to Traffic Committee: _____

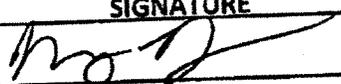
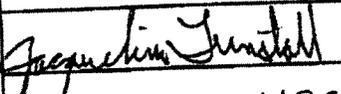
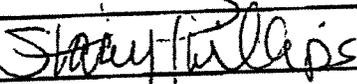
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City of Belleville Traffic Committee Petition

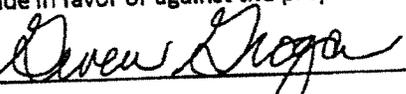
This petition is to be circulated to all neighboring residents that will or may be affected by the requested item to determine the validity of the request and to show support or opposition to the request be put forth before the Traffic Committee.

This petition is hereby circulated regarding the proposed item hereby described as:

We would like to put up a handicapped parking sign for the tenants that are handicapped on East Adams St

SIGNATURE	PRINT NAME	ADDRESS	YES	NO
	Nydia Brown	115 unit C E. Adams St, Belleville, IL 62220	X	
-no answer		115 unit D E. Adams St - Belleville, IL		
	Jacqueline Trustell	115 unit A E. Adams St	X	
-no answer		115 unit F E. Adams St		
	VACANT	111 unit A-E, Adams St		
	REFUSED TO SIGN	111 unit B-E, Adams St		
	Stacy Phillips	111 C E. Adams St.	X	
-no answer		111 D E. Adams St. Belleville IL 62220		

I hereby affirm that this petition was circulated to all residents and that this is a true representation of the will of those individuals that would be directly impacted by the requested change. I will also attend the Traffic Committee meeting that will discuss and decide in favor or against the proposed change.

Circulator Signature:  Date: 2-25-26

Print Name: Gwen Grogan Address: 6896 W. Main St, Belleville, IL 62221

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----- Staff/Committee Use -----

Notion Received By: _____ Date: _____