



PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING at the BELLEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT. PLEASE VISIT the Parks & Recreation's website: www.bellevilleparksandrec.com. You may register with our on-line registration system to make facility reservations, or sign up for many departmental programs and activities. The system is easy to use and will allow participants to enjoy all we have to offer from the comfort of their homes!

CALENDAR AND PROGRAMS:

November

- Gingerbread 5K Run Registration begins online at www.Gingerbread-run.com
- Calls from Santa (ages 3-7). Forms available now
- 2013 ASA/AFA 10,12,14, High School Divisions - Girls fastpitch softball registration

December

- Registration begins for Winter Programs – Leagues begin in January
 - Women's & Co-Rec Recreational Volleyball (Ages 14 and up)
 - Women's Power Volleyball – Volleyball for skilled, competitive players
- Youth Basketball Leagues BPRD & Dist #118 - 5th & 6th grade Girls – Jan-March
- Youth BASEBALL registration begins in December – www.bellevilleparksandrec.com
 - The Belleville Parks & Recreation program offers youth age 5 through 12th grade the opportunity to play organized recreation baseball. Please call 233-1416 or 277-9785 for more information.
- December 1 – Gingerbread 5K Run online Registration at www.gingerbreadrun.com
- December 3,4,5 – Calls From Santa. Forms online at www.belleville.net
- December 8 – Gingerbread Cookie Walk

NICHOLS COMMUNITY CENTER

(515 East “D” Street – Belleville, IL 62220)

- The Nichols Community Center is one of Belleville's “Best Kept Secrets!” We offer a variety of fun & safe recreational programs for ALL ages throughout the entire year. Here are just a few of our current and upcoming programs:

Current Programs

- Alphabet Academy (3 to 5yrs old), Zumba (18yrs old & up), Zumba Toning (18yrs old & up)

October Programs

- Parent's Night Out (3 to 8yrs old), Little Kickers (3 to 5yrs old), Junior Spikers (3rd & 4th graders)
- Watercolor Painting (8 to 12yrs old), The Brick Snowman / Crafts (55yrs old & up)
- Nerf Wars (8 to 12yrs old), Kids in Action (3 to 5yrs old), Kimmswick Apple Butter Festival (55yrs old & up)

November Programs

- Parent's Night Out (3 to 8yrs old), Nerf Wars (8 to 12yrs old), Family Art (8yrs old & up)
- Kids in Action (3 to 5yrs old), Nerf Wars (8 to 12yrs old)

December Programs

- Parent's Night Out (3 to 8yrs old), Nerf Wars (8 to 12yrs old), Parent's Night Out (3 to 8yrs old)

For more information please call us at (618) 277-9785.

PLEASE CALL THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 233-1416 FOR MORE DETAILS

55 & OVER CLUB (NICHOLS COMMUNITY CENTER)

Do YOU have any great ideas? Would YOU like to see new programs and trips?? Do YOU have a little extra time on your hands??? If you answered yes to any of these questions then YOU need to join the 55 & Over Club! The 55 & Over Club acts in an advisory capacity to the Belleville Parks and Recreation Department in matters of creating, implementing and evaluating recreational programs, activities and/or trips for their peers. The club consists of local citizens that are 55 years of age or older and one of the Belleville Parks & Recreation employee. If you are just looking for a great way to meet people and have fun than sign-up today! Contact Marty Strieker at (618) 277-9785.

KIMMSWICK APPLE BUTTER FESTIVAL TRIP (AGES: 55 & UP)

DON'T FORGET to register for the next 55 & Over Club trip to visit Kimmswick, MO and their annual Apple Butter Festival. Over 500 vendor booths have filled the city park and lined the streets selling a variety of crafts and food items. We will depart from the Nichols Community Center on Sunday – October 28th, 2012 at 10:30am and will return at approximately 4:30pm. The cost of the trip is \$15.00 which covers transportation. Limited spots available...register today!

For more information on these or upcoming trips/activities please call (618) 277-9785

ALPHABET ACADEMY

Alphabet Academy is a 9 month Early Childhood Development Program which is held at our Nichols Community Center for 3 to 5 year olds. This program began on September 4th, 2012 and will finish on May 24th, 2013. Our program provides a socially rich environment that caters to the needs of your child. We strive to promote independence and everyday skills that will help to enhance the future of these young growing minds. We focus on the individual needs of your child and create the opportunity to cultivate their learning, develop character, instill social skills, form friendships and discover new interests. For more information or to register please call us today at (618) 277-9785.

BASEBALL CAMP (2ND – 8TH GRADES)

The Belleville Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce our new partnership with Lindenwood University. We have come together to develop an instructional Baseball Camp that covers fundamental baseball skills for 2nd through 8th graders. Instruction will be given by the Lindenwood University coaching staff and/or athletes. The camp will be comprised of 3 sessions; Fielding & Running, Pitching & Catching and Hitting.

The camp will be held over 2 days: November 17th and 18th, 2012, and the cost will be determined by how many sessions you register for; 1 session will cost \$50.00, 2 sessions will cost \$75.00 and all 3 sessions will cost \$100.00. For more information about the Baseball Camp please call (618) 277-9785 or (618) 233-1416.

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394-0661



CITY OF BELLEVILLE
101 S. Illinois St.
Belleville, IL 62220



NEW BUSINESSES IN BELLEVILLE

• **Local Lucy's**
18 E. Main, 277-LUCY

• **Ameren**
2315 Old Collinsville Rd.,
236-6291

• **Dermacare on Main**
3608 W. Main,
397-6605

• **Greenhaven Cremation Chapel**
219 S. Illinois,
213-6000

• **Dana Howard Construction**
10400 W. Main

• **Mastercraft Exteriors of IL**
615a S. Belt West,
234-6533

• **A Beauty & Fashion**
101 N. 47th St.,
337-7933

• **Kaskaskia Engineering**
208 E. Main, Ste. 100,
233-5877 (relocation)

• **Jiffy Lube**
2608 Green Mount Commons,
236-2200

SOUTH SIDE PARK MISSION CONTINUES PROJECT

The City of Belleville and its Parks & Recreation Department would like to thank all of the volunteers and businesses who made donations and worked to improve and beautify South Side Park on Saturday, August 18th. We were fortunate to have assistance from 100 players from Lindenwood University's football team, the soccer team from East High School, members of AmeriCorp and South Side Improvement Association, and many other valuable volunteers. We greatly appreciate “The Mission Continues” and Fox Sports Midwest staff for choosing Belleville as one of three summer service projects. Our 384 volunteers made this project their largest for the Summer Service Slam and

Greater St. Louis Metro area.

Mission Continues challenges individuals and veterans to serve and lead in their communities. This event allowed everyone to come together and unite in service. The volunteers removed fencing around the softball field, painted the concrete backstop, handrails and two storage buildings, rebuilt and stained the horseshoe pits and retaining walls, resurfaced the warning track with new limestone, laid new rock border around the pond, installed a new flagpole and foul-poles, and removed the pea gravel from the playground area. The City recently replaced the ball diamond lights. You will see more park improvements in the near future.

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Words of the Month

October: Responsibility
November: Peace
December: Empathy

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

29th Annual Chili Cook-Off
Fri., Sat., Oct. 5-6

Diva Nights
3rd Thursday
Oct. 18, Nov. 15, Dec. 20
5-8pm

Wine, Dine & Jazz
Fri., Sat., Oct. 19-20

Halloween Trick-or-Treat
Fri., Oct. 26, 5:30-8pm

Veteran's Day Ceremony
Sun., Nov. 11, 11am

Art & Wine Walk
Sat., Nov. 17, 5-9pm

Gingerbread Displays
Wed., Nov. 21 – Wed., Jan. 2

Santa Parade
Fri., Nov. 23, 10am

Lighting of the Fountain/Caroling
Fri., Nov. 23, 6pm

Free Horse Drawn Trolley Rides
Fri, Sat, Sun only
Nov. 23 – Dec. 23

Santa on the Square
Fri., Nov 23 – Mon., Dec. 24

Gingerbread Cookie Run
Sat., Dec. 1, 8:30am

Gingerbread Cookie Walk
Sat., Dec. 8

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark W. Eckert

The holidays are getting closer! As the City prepares for the final three months of 2012, we focus on the preparation for our Holiday Season.

An exciting project that will be completed in October is the opening of South 17th Street through to Belleville Crossing and Belleville West Parkway. Bicentennial Park will also have the Kimball Plaza area developed by the end of this year. It is great to see East Washington Street improvements completed.

Congratulations to Lindenwood University on their new football program and the many continued improvements to their campus. Everything they do helps Belleville!

Thank you to our Belleville Chamber, Belleville Main Street, and Lindenwood University for partnering with the City as this year's horse drawn trolley sponsors. Please join all of our businesses and sponsors and make this holiday season the best ever throughout Belleville. Please continue to shop Belleville. It makes a huge difference in what we can provide for our citizens.

14TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Please join us on Sunday, November 11 at 11am at the Veteran's Memorial Monument in downtown Belleville's Public Square to honor the brave and loyal men and women who have served this great country and have sacrificed so much for our freedom. This year's guest

speaker will be Lt. General Darren McDew, Commander of the 18th Air Force at Scott Air Force Base. All Veteran groups and their auxiliary members are invited to attend and be recognized. **Thank you, Veterans.**

TOWN HALL MEETINGS

All Ward 1 Residents are invited to meet with Alderman Heisler and Alderman Kinsella on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 7pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall for a Town Hall Meeting. Watch for signs posted in your Ward 1 neighborhood prior to the meeting.

All Ward 6 & 7 Residents on the South and East borders of the City are invited to meet with their Aldermen on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6:30pm in the Douglas School Gymnasium located at 125 Carlyle Ave. Representatives from the Housing and Police Departments will answer resident's questions in an effort to learn more about Housing Codes and how the Police Department works with these issues.

If you are uncertain about which Ward you live in, please call City Hall at 233-6810.

UPCOMING REFERENDUMS

Residents of the City will have the opportunity to vote on two referendums on the Tuesday, November 6, 2012 General Election ballot.

Referendum: Shall Video Gaming be permitted in the City of Belleville, Illinois in liquor licensed establishments including bars, restaurants, and certain fraternal & veteran's organizations? The passing of this referendum would allow Video Gambling in all establishments that have a liquor license to pour and serve alcohol.

Referendum: Shall the City of Belleville have the authority to arrange for the supply of electricity for its residential and small commercial retail customers who have not opted out of such program? The passing of this referendum would approve participation in municipal electric aggregation, allowing the City to bargain for a less costly electric supply for residents who do not opt out of such a program.

CITY HALL CLOSED

Mon., Nov. 12 • Thurs., Nov. 22 • Fri., Nov. 23 • Mon., Dec. 24 (after Noon) • Tues., Dec. 25 • Mon., Dec. 31 (after Noon)



CITY DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Switchboard
233-6810

Cemetery
233-6518 x 236

City Clerk
233-6518 x 210

Economic Development & Planning
233-6518 x 250

Engineering
233-6518 x 272

Finance
233-6518 x 235

Fire
234-2236 non-emergency

Health, Housing & Building
233-6817

Human Resources
233-6518 x 280

Library Downtown
234-0441
West Branch
233-4366

Maintenance
277-4965

Mayor
233-6518 x 239

Parks & Recreation
233-1416
Nichols Community Center
277-9785

Police
234-1212 non-emergency

Sanitation
233-6816

Street
233-6518 x 213

Treasurer
233-6518 x 240

Wastewater or Sewer
233-7146

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The Belleville Public Library is about to undergo a major facelift. The library is preparing to embark on a major renovation of its main facility at 121 E. Washington St. The improvements will include a new main entrance and the restoration of the current historic entrance. The plans include a new circulation and reference desk on the 1st and 2nd floors respectively, a new public computer area, and new multimedia technology lab paint, carpeting and shelving. We will be releasing more information about the renovations in the coming weeks.

Belleville Public Library has a Facebook page

Main Library
121 E. Washington
Mon-Thur: 9am-8pm
Fri-Sat: 9am-5pm
Sun. Closed
234-0441

West Branch Library
3414 West Main St.
Mon, Wed, Sat: 9am-5pm
Tues, Thur: Noon-8pm
Fri, Sun: Closed
233-4366

and Twitter account. It is now easier than ever to find out what's going on at the library simply by friending us on Facebook or following us on Twitter, www.facebook.com/bellevillepubliclibrary.

The next quarterly library book sale is October 25th-27th, 2012 at both locations.

2012 - GINGERBREAD FESTIVITIES...

GINGERBREAD CONTEST

23rd Annual in Downtown Belleville
REGISTER NOW - Over \$4000 in Prize Money, including \$1000 for the Best of Show

Let your imagination run wild to bake that special creation...

Master's, General, Landmark/Historic, Fantasy & Children's Categories.

Creations will be placed in Downtown Belleville store windows from November 21, 2012 thru January 2, 2013. All entries must be delivered between 9am and Noon on Saturday, November 17th to the Nichols Community Center, 515 East "D" St. More information and registration is available by calling the Belleville Parks & Recreation Department at 233-1416 or by viewing the form at www.bellevilleparksandrec.com. Click on Programs, then Special Events.

GINGERBREAD 5K RUN

"5th Annual", Saturday, December 1, 2012

Run with the Gingerbread Man... through beautiful downtown Belleville this holiday season.

Early Bird Registration is \$20.00 per Adult, Youths (18 & under) is \$15.00. Late entry fee (after 11/30/12) is \$25 per participant. The Awards Ceremony will be after the race at the Historic Lincoln Theater. Race begins at 8:30 am at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Visit www.gingerbreadrun.com to register

JOIN THE GEOCACHE CHALLENGE

Be a part of a real-world outdoor treasure hunt within the boundaries of Belleville where teams of two try to locate hidden containers, called Geocaches, using a Smartphone or GPS. Each location will be given a point value based on difficulty and each container will have a challenge for which additional points can be earned for successfully completing it. The team to return to home base with the most points before the time limit expires is the winner. 1st and 2nd place prizes will be awarded. At least 1 person on each team must

be 18 years or older. For more information please call (618) 233-1416 or (618) 277-9785.

Date: Sunday, November 4th, 2012
Time: 1:30pm check in, 2:00pm start
Cost: \$20 per team
Start/End: Nichols Community Center, 515 East "D" Street, Belleville, IL 62220
Min./Max.: 6 teams/12 teams

or stop by the Parks & Recreation Department at 510 West Main Street to pick up your entry form. This is the final event for the 2012 Triple Crown Series.

GINGERBREAD COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 8, 2012

We invite you to walk part of Illinois' longest Main Street while sneaking a peek at the beautiful Gingerbread House Contest entries in the storefront windows. Stop and enjoy Christmas carolers, barber-shop singers and jazz. Stroll through quaint shops and great eateries. Go for a free horse drawn trolley ride, visit Santa, or finish your Christmas shopping!

Spend the day! Come walk with us! Registration Fee is \$3 for all walkers. Purchase a Gingerbread Cookie Bag for \$6.00 and stop at 36 Belleville Merchants along the way and receive 36 different cookies. Bags are limited so pre-registration is recommended. 5K and 10K trails will be marked. Start Location: Bank of Belleville, 720 W Main St., Belleville.

Start Time: 9-11 am.

Event will take place regardless of weather.

Pre-registration is recommended by Thurs., November 29, 2012 to guarantee your cookies.

Register at www.Illinois-trekkers.org. For more information, contact Deb Kruep at (618) 277-0830 or debmarkkruep@yahoo.com.

Thanks!

For Buying in Belleville!

Please support our city by Buying in Belleville this Holiday Season and in the New Year.

It works for everyone!!!





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CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The City's Parks & Recreation Department will accept "live" Christmas trees for recycling from Friday, December 14, 2012 until January 31, 2013 at the following locations.

- Laderman Park – 1105 Mascoutah Avenue, Belleville, Illinois
- Bellevue Park – 401 Bellevue Park Drive, Belleville, Illinois
- North End Park – 1204 North Douglas, Belleville, Illinois

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL WALKWAY - A MONUMENTAL PROJECT

In July of 2011, a 35 foot long, 7,100 pound piece of steel was transported to Belleville from the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The steel column is an actual remnant from the World Trade Center as a result of the tragedy of September 11, 2001.

A committee to construct the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois has completed design plans that will feature the steel column in a memorial that will honor all those who perished during the tragic events of September 11. The Memorial will feature elements of the World Trade Center, Flight 93, and the Pentagon.

This project has been planned with the hopes that all southern Illinois communities, businesses, organizations and individuals will work together to build an historical monument that will be recognized nationwide, both now and for generations to come. The Memorial will respect-

fully represent the victims and survivors of that fateful day and will stand for the resolve of Americans to join hands and hearts and forge forward in the aftermath of tragedy.

Fundraising efforts are underway with an immediate goal of raising \$100,000. These funds, coupled with the commitments of donated materials, labor, and services, will allow construction to begin. If you are interested in supporting this project and would like to arrange for a presentation of the plans to your business or organization, please contact Cathleen at cathleen.lindauer@bellevillechamber.org or (618) 233-2015.

For more information on the September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois, including design plans, levels of donations, and a virtual tour of the proposed Memorial, please visit www.wtcmemorial.us.

DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT

Calling all kids, ages 12 and under to Boo-tiful downtown Belleville for a fun, safe Trick-or-Treating event on East Main Street on Friday, October 26th from 5:30 – 8:00pm. All Trick-or-Treaters must be in costume and must be accompanied by a parent or other adult guardian.

Fun and yummy treats will be provided by local businesses and organizations. Come and enjoy free wagon rides aboard Eckert's tractor-pulled wagons, tours

through the Fire Department's Survive Alive House, and hot dogs provided by the Police Department and the Belleville Main Street Organization.

If your business or organization would like to participate in this year's event, or if you would like more information about the event, please call (618) 233-6810, ext 239.

HYPER REACH EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

In 2008 the City of Belleville contracted with The Asher Group to use Hyper Reach, an electronic emergency notification system for alerting the residents of the City about various types of information. The system has two primary alert activations.

The first and most commonly used is the manual alerting by city staff which is done through a database of phone numbers and email addresses. This database is a combination of land line phone numbers within city limits that are obtained through the 911 office, cell phone numbers, text message numbers, and email addresses that are registered by the citizens through online signups or paper forms. With this manual alerting system, the staff can choose to send a message that is either voice recorded or text-to-speech generated to every number and email address in the database, or it can be sent to a geographic area based on the address registered with each number. Examples of past use of this type of alerting are the fireworks ban during this year's Fourth of July holiday season which was sent to the entire database, missing persons which are done by geographic areas near the residence or last known location of the missing person, water line breaks which may

cause boil orders, etc.

The second is an automated weather alert for tornado warnings ONLY. This alert is only sent to numbers and email addresses of people that have completed the weather alert signup form. The messages for weather are activated by the National Weather Service with no involvement of city staff.

The city purchases the database of landline numbers annually, however it quickly becomes outdated as new numbers are added and others deleted by customers on a weekly basis. It is suggested that every citizen residing in the city complete a signup form or register online so the list is complete. As more people move to cell phone only numbers it is even more important for registration to take place. There is also the ability for adding or subtracting numbers and email addresses from the system for either the automated weather alerts or manual notifications.

Signup is easy. Simply visit the city website www.belleville.net and choose Tab 3 at the top of the home page for Hyper-Reach. Select "Community Signup" where you can choose to register for both Weather Alerts and/or Emergency Notifications.

KEEP STORMWATER MOVING AND CLEAN

Maintaining the sewers in the City of Belleville is a job for both the Sewer Lines Department and the Street Department. But, each homeowner and resident can help keep the storm sewers and sanitary sewers in combined flow areas moving. As part of the City's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Program, everyone can help.

A storm sewer system collects and carries water from rain and melted snow off of surfaces, such as roads and parking lots. In some cases, the system can even carry spring water. The storm sewer system is composed of catch basins, pipes, swales and other types of inlets and outlets. This water ends up in our streams, rivers, and lakes, which are all part of our waterways, including drinking water intakes.

Some pollutants commonly found in storm sewers are:

- Trash or litter
- Leaked automotive fluids
- Sediments

- Leaves and other yard waste
- Pesticides and other chemicals from lawns and farms

Trash, leaves, and sediments clog up storm sewer pipes, ultimately causing floods in areas and eventually littering our waterways. Automotive fluids, animal waste, and chemicals pollute water which can cause damage or death to watershed animals and plants.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

- Do not throw trash, grass clippings, leaves or other debris in the catch basins or drainage paths to catch basins. This means DON'T THROW GRASS AND LEAVES INTO THE STREET.
- Maintain your vehicles to prevent fluid leaks
- Use pesticides and lawn chemicals sparingly. Think of where they may end up once you use them.
- Contact the Street Department or the Sewer Lines Department when you see clogged storm sewers and paths during dry conditions.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

If you are planning a Neighborhood Watch meeting and would like City representation from the Police, Fire, or Health & Housing Department, please contact Peggy in the City's Human Resources Department/Belleville Neighborhood Partnership Program at peggyh@belleville.net or 233-6810, ext 280.

YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

Yard Waste Collection will be picked up during the 2nd full week of January and February during the winter.

Weekly pick up of yard waste will run from the first full week of March through the 2nd Friday of December.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION IS WEATHER PERMITTING

GARBAGE

Trash cans up to 45 gallons in capacity must have handles and lids and weigh no more than 60 pounds when filled.

TRASH SCHEDULE

The Sanitation Department does not operate on the following holidays:
New Years Day
M.L. King Day
Memorial Day
4th of July
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

IF YOUR PICK-UP DAY FALLS ON OR AFTER A HOLIDAY, YOUR PICK-UP FOR THAT WEEK WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE (1) DAY.

The City offers a large item pick up on a daily basis for a minimum fee of \$45. To arrange for a pick up, call the Sanitation Department at 233-6816.