



# Celebrating Over 200 Years of History, Tradition and Progress

## A Community of Character

### COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

April – **Cooperation**  
May – **Self-Discipline**  
June – **Fairness**

### DOWNTOWN EVENTS

**Divas' Night Out**  
April 25, May 16, June 20

**Home Brew & Music Walk**  
April 27

**Law Day 5K Run**  
April 27

**Old Town Farmers' Market**  
Saturdays  
May 4 – Nov 2

**Art on the Square**  
May 17 -19

**Memorial Day Parade & Pre-Parade 5K**  
May 27

**Ainad Shrine Circus Parade & Pre-Parade Run**  
May 31

**Metro East Pride Fest**  
June 8

**Craft Beer Walk**  
June 15

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED

April 19 - Good Friday  
May 27 – Memorial Day

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Greetings and Happy Spring! Winter has been up and down and we're busy preparing for our many seasonal activities. Our annual Keep Belleville Beautiful City-Wide Litter Pick Up is Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 a.m. - Noon. We need volunteers and encourage your participation!

Many other events are just around the corner, including the Memorial Day Parade, the 18th Annual Art on the Square, and the Ainad Shrine Circus Parade. Please check [belleville.net](http://belleville.net) for parade route adjustments due to continued road construction on West Main from 6th to 12th St. for our new streetscape.

We thank Debbie Belleville for 34 years of service to the City of Belleville Parks and Recreation Department and for serving the past 6 years as Director. We also thank Sherry Favre Salvatore for the great impact she has had on Belleville in just 2 1/2 years as Director of Human Resources and Community Development. We wish Debbie and Sherry the best of luck on their retirements!

Due to several other City staff retirements, we have reviewed, restructured, and streamlined several departments beginning with our former Public Health and Housing Department. Our new department, named Residential and Commercial Development Services (RCDS), began on February 3, 2019, and will run as a one-year pilot program. Our Director of Economic Development, Planning and Zoning, Annissa McCaskill, is also Interim Director of RCDS. The former Director of Health and Housing position has been eliminated. This reorganization is an improvement and cost savings to the city and links Economic Development, Planning and Zoning; Health and Housing; and the Belleville Police Department. Under this new structure, we aim to improve customer service for citizens, new and existing businesses, and staff. Our goal is to increase communication, create efficient workflow and problem-solving solutions, eliminate barriers, maintain and develop safe, clean neighborhoods, and create a positive, welcoming new business experience. RCDS is one department/three divisions: Housing and

Code Enforcement Division; Building and Zoning Division; and Economic Development and Planning Division.

We have reorganized Parks and Recreation and Public Works. This one-year pilot program will go into effect on April 14, 2019. Parks and Recreation staff have historically worked closely

with Public Works to manage events and activities. This reorganization connects Parks and Recreation directly to Public Works under our Director of Public Works, Jason Poole, who will also be Interim Director of Parks and Recreation. Our goals are to improve services and activities for citizens and guests, improve communication, create efficient workflow and problem-solving solutions, eliminate barriers, maintain and develop safe, clean neighborhoods and parks, and to create a positive, welcoming and healthy community.

We have also reorganized Community Development and Human Resources. This one-year pilot program will begin on May 1, 2019. Currently, the Director of Human Resources and Community Development supervises the office of General and Community Assistance. Under the new program, our Library Director, Leander Spearman, will also become the Interim Director for Community Development and will oversee the office of General and Community Assistance. Leander already offers community outreach and attends many of the related committee meetings. He also provides services to the area's poor and homeless and demonstrates commitment to community development through outreach. Presently, the Assistant Director for Economic Development runs Community Development Network meetings. Under the new program, Leander will run these meetings. This new structure will allow our H.R. Director to focus more on Human Resources and allow more time for our Assistant Director of Economic Development to focus on economic development growth activities.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have questions about our new pilot programs. Great things continue to happen in Belleville. Thank you for your support to our community!



**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Switchboard**  
233-6810

**Cemetery**  
257-3330

**City Clerk**  
233-6518 x1210

**Community Development**  
233-6518 x2280

**Economic Development, Planning & Zoning**  
233-6518 x1250

**Engineering**  
233-6518 x4272

**Finance**  
233-6518 x1235

**Fire**  
234-2236 non-emergency

**General & Community Assistance**  
212-4379

**Health, Housing & Building**  
233-6817

**Human Resources**  
233-6518 x2280

**Information Technology**  
233-6518 x1730

**Library Downtown**  
234-0441  
West Branch  
233-4366

**Maintenance of City Buildings**  
277-4965

**Marketing**  
233-6518 x1245

**Mayor**  
233-6518 x1239

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

**Police**  
234-1212  
non-emergency

**Sanitation**  
233-6518 x4217

**Street**  
239-3454

**Treasurer**  
233-6518 x1214

**Wastewater or Sewer**  
233-7146

**FREE SUMMER CONCERTS**

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy FREE concerts at 7 pm every Monday at the Public Square (Ps) and every Thursday in Bellevue Park (Bp), June 3 through August 1.

Mon., June 3 ..... Alley Kats Band (Ps)

Thur., June 6 ..... Shortmist Band (Bp)

Mon., June 10 ... Mister T & The House Shakers Band (Ps)

Thur., June 13 ... Chris Talley Trio (Bp)

Mon., June 17 ... Waterloo German Band (Ps)

Thur., June 20 ... Dave Sheppard Band (Bp)

Mon., June 24 ... Tommy Tunes Band (Ps)

Thur., June 27 ... A Step Beyond (Bp)

Mon., July 1 ..... A Step Beyond (Ps)

Thur., July 4..... HOLIDAY – NO CONCERT

Mon., July 8 ..... George Portz Band (Ps)

Thur., July 11..... Blues & Grass Band (Bp)

Mon., July 15 .... 19th & E. Band (Ps)

Thur., July 18..... Dale Willeford Band (Bp)

Mon., July 22 .... Makeshift Band (Ps)

Thur., July 25..... 19th & E. Band (Bp)

Mon., July 29 .... Blues & Grass Band (Ps)

Thur., August 1.. Vince K Band (Bp)



For more information, call 233-1416.

**BELLEVILLE PD OFFERS 3RD ANNUAL CITIZEN POLICE ACADEMY**



The Belleville Police Department is accepting applications for the Citizen Police Academy from residents who are interested in learning about the duties of local law-enforcement officers. The Academy

classes provide an in-depth view into various areas of law enforcement. It is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the City of Belleville. The program will be taught by members of the Belleville Police Department and guest speakers from other agencies.

More importantly, the Belleville Police Department aspires to strengthen a positive and long lasting partnership with the citizens they serve. This partnership is essential in developing lines of communication that will better aide the necessary collaboration between the Belleville Police Department and the community in working together to maintain a quality of life that the citizens of Belleville expect, and deserve.

**2019 Citizen Police Academy Details**

- Conducted at Belleville Police Department, 720 W. Main Street, Belleville, IL
- Wednesday evenings, April 10 – May 29
- 6:00 PM to approximately 8:30 PM, depending upon curriculum and class projects
- The Academy is limited to 20 adults, age 18 and over, who work or reside within the corporate city limits of Belleville, and to students currently attending Lindenwood University-Belleville or Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC). Applicants are accepted on a first come, first served basis.

- A criminal background check (via public records) is conducted on each applicant prior to admittance. The Belleville Police Department reserves the right to deny entry to the Academy based on the results of the background check.
- There is \$25 admission fee. All proceeds will be donated to Backstoppers.

While questions are encouraged and open discussion will be common during the class sessions, this venue is not intended to be used as a platform to vent frustrations and disputes with law enforcement or to seek legal advice.

Participants will be introduced to a variety of topics and hands-on training to include:

- Agency History and Structure
- PD Tour
- Patrol Operations
- Investigations
- Major Case Squad
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Use of Force
- Special Operations Group
- Street Crimes Unit
- Code Enforcement
- Narcotics Investigations
- SWAT
- 4 Hour Ride-A-Long with an Officer

Please inform the Police Department in advance of the class if you require special accommodations or have special needs.

If you have questions regarding the Academy, or if you would like to complete an application for enrollment, please contact Lt. Chris Mattingly at (618) 234-1218, x1732.

Information and applications are also available at [belleville.net/citizenpoliceacademy](http://belleville.net/citizenpoliceacademy).

## GENERAL AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE UPDATE

General Assistance often is referred to as the public assistance program of last resort. It is funded through a general assistance tax levied against real property. Illinois statute requires General Assistance programs to provide financial aid that meets basic maintenance requirements.

Since opening the City of Belleville's office of General and Community Assistance, the case management team has done so much more than assisting people to meet their basic maintenance requirements. Their clients are finding jobs, housing, medical services, and most importantly, hope.

Our staff is encouraged by the notes and phone calls we've received from those for whom our help was life-changing:

*"You saved me."*

*"I'm now settled into my new home. Not having to use my oven for heat is a huge blessing."*

*"Not only did you help with transportation and personal needs, I was helped mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. You would lend an open ear and heart to help me resolve the problems and ease the pain. For that I will forever be grateful."*

*"Your hard work helped a homeless man find strength and dignity. Thank you so much."*

*"The help came at a time when I was suicidal. It saved my life."*

*"All those years when I was homeless, I prayed for help. I was given angels. I wouldn't be alive were it not for you."*

The office of General and Community Assistance assists people in regaining their independence and improving their lives through strong partnerships with the Belleville area's community service providers, area employers, and social service agencies. General Assistance (monthly financial assistance) may be available to qualifying Belleville residents who make less than \$245 per month and receive no additional money or assistance other than SNAP. Assistance with the completion of the application form is available by appointment. **Bus passes** are provided only to Belleville residents who have a documented emergency need for transportation (a doctor's appointment card, for example) no more than once per month. **Community Grant** applications are accepted year-round to provide funding for Belleville projects or programs that help our community's poor and/or senior citizens. All General and Community Assistance funding is subject to review, qualifications, and budgetary restrictions.

## CITY JOB OPENINGS

**City of Belleville job openings are listed online at [belleville.net/jobs](http://belleville.net/jobs)**

Check out current job openings that may include Part-time, Seasonal, and Full-time opportunities. Watch for upcoming listings for Mayor-appointed positions for Director of Human Resources and Director of IT.

Belleville is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of its workforce.

The office of General and Community Assistance is located at 512 West Main Street in Belleville, Illinois and now is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Currently, hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to noon; 12:30-4 p.m. **Effective May 1, hours will expand to Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to noon; 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.** The office will be closed April 19, May 10, and May 27.

Want to help? The General and Community Assistance office accepts donations of nonperishable food items, water, hygiene kits, etc. for distribution to those in need. In cold weather, donations of hats, gloves, and socks also are appreciated.

Sherry Favre Salvatore, the current director of Human Resources and Community Development will retire this May. Of opening the office of General and Community Assistance and providing its supervision, she said, "There is nothing else in my career that has ever challenged and inspired me in such a profound way. The human heart and its desire to survive and flourish is beyond anything I can describe. General and Community Assistance services feed the spirit of our community's people in need as they lead people to find solutions. I remain in awe of the office's dedicated case management team, and the transformative work they are doing. I'm so very grateful to Joe Hubbard for his mentoring. I'm also grateful to Mayor Eckert for sharing my vision for this office and providing daily support and encouragement. I know when I retire the office will remain in the best of hands."

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call General and Community Assistance at 618-212-4379 or stop by during regular office hours.



## CITY OF BELLEVILLE'S GENERAL AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

## OPEN HOUSE AND INFORMATION SWAP

Come see our newly-renovated office space, meet our staff, and bring information about your organization's services to share with other community providers!

**APRIL 23, 2019**

**2-4:30 P.M./RIBBON CUTTING AT 4 P.M.**

512 WEST MAIN STREET

BELLEVILLE, IL

618/212-4379

*LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED.*

## BELLEVILLE SHRINER'S PRE-PARADE RUN

Friday, May 31, 2019 / 6:30 pm

Pre-parade Run Start/Finish: 721 East Main St. (Union UMC)

- Run along the Belleville Shriner's Parade route
  - Athletic Performance shirts for all registrants
  - Finisher's medal for all participants
  - Family-friendly fun for all
  - 100% volunteer-run
  - All proceeds benefit Shriner's Hospital for Children and Belleville Parks & Recreation Children's Summer Programs.
- To date, over \$40,000 has been raised for charity:
- \$20,000 for Shriner's Hospital for Children
  - \$20,000 for Belleville Parks Children's Summer Programs



[shrinersparade5k.com](http://shrinersparade5k.com)

## AINAD SHRINE PARADE

Friday, May 31, 2019 / 7:30 pm

Please note the amended Parade Route for 2019

Parade Start: 3rd and West 'A' Street

Parade heads south to E. Main then east to Forest Ave.

Parade Finish: East Main at Forest Ave.

[ainadshriners.org](http://ainadshriners.org)

## SPRING RAINS

With warmer weather upon us, please be mindful of the spring rains. If you have a catch basin in the vicinity of your house, make sure it is clear of debris, leaves, etc. This will dramatically improve the flow of water in the neighborhoods. It will only take a few minutes with a rake to see the benefits of a properly flowing drain. It is also important to keep the drainage ditches and swales in the neighborhoods flowing properly. Please do not block any drainage areas with yard debris, vehicles, or any structures. If you are having issues with any drainage areas in your neighborhood, please call the Street Dept at (618) 239-3454.



## LOOKING FOR FUN THINGS TO DO IN BELLEVILLE?

View the 2019 Events Calendar, available at City Hall, the Parks & Recreation office, both public library locations, and the Greater Belleville Chamber office.

To view the calendar online, visit [belleville.net/eventscalendar](http://belleville.net/eventscalendar).



## Keep Belleville Beautiful

Saturday, April 27th | 9:00AM-Noon

Volunteers Needed for the City-Wide Litter Pick Up

Free T-shirts for the First 250 Participants

For Information or to Sign-Up, please email [info@basicbelleville.org](mailto:info@basicbelleville.org) or call 618.722.5822

## BELLEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT



## 2019 Open House

Saturday, April 6, 2019

10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Belleville Fire Department Engine House #4  
1125 S. Illinois Street 618-234-2236



View our Fire Trucks and Meet the Belleville Firefighters

### ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

- Car Seat Safety Checks
- Survive Alive House Escape Training
- Fire Extinguisher Simulator Training
- Juvenile Fire-setter Intervention Information



**SURVIVE ALIVE HOUSE**  
Fire Simulations & Escape Training



Fire Accelerant  
K-9 Demos  
Featuring  
"Sadie"

11:00 a.m.  
&  
1:00 p.m.



SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL WALKWAY  
of Southern Illinois



**AUTO EXTRICATION DEMO**  
11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

**HOT DOGS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE ALL DAY**

**MUSEUM & MEMORIAL NEWS**

Saturday, June 1, 2019

## Belleville Museums Open House Day

**Free Admission**  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Participating museums are the Belleville Historical Society, Gustave Koerner House, Labor and Industry Museum, and St. Clair County Historical Society.

**Facebook.com/stcchs**  
618-234-0600

**ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION**

The Parks and Recreation Department will be celebrating Arbor Day this year on April 26. A tree will be planted at Hough Park with the 4th grade class from Franklin School. Each student will receive a small sapling to plant and maintain at their homes. Students will receive handouts discussing the various benefits trees provide us and the environment.

The City encourages homeowners to join in the Arbor Day Celebration and plant a tree at their homes, as well.

Visit [arborday.org](http://arborday.org) for information on selecting the right tree for the right place, as well as tree planting and maintenance guidelines.

**YARD WASTE COLLECTION**

(Weather Permitting)

**January 2019:**

Jan. 14-18  
(2nd full week, only)

**February 2019:**

Feb. 11-15  
(2nd full week, only)

**March – December 2019:**

Weekly collection  
Mar. 4 – Dec. 13  
(1st full week of March through  
2nd full week of December)  
A full week = Monday – Friday

**TRASH CANS**

Trash should be in tied bags, and bags should be inside trash cans. PLEASE, no loose trash in cans. Trash cans up to 45 gallons in capacity must have handles and detachable 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
- Presidents Day
- Memorial Day
- 4th of July
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

**COLLECTION TIMES**

**Winter Schedule**  
October - April, 7 AM - 3:30 PM  
**Summer Schedule**  
May - September, 6 AM - 2:30 PM

**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 pickup for a minimum fee of \$65 to residents with city trash service. To arrange a pickup, call the Sanitation Department at 233-6816.

**14TH ANNUAL TOUR DE BELLEVILLE BIKE RIDE – FRI., JULY 12, 2019**

Hosted by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, this year's Tour de Belleville will be held on Friday, July 12, 2019 with a "Rock, Roll n Ride" theme, and will include stations along the route with Rock n Roll music to enjoy. This year's honorary 1st rider will be Roger Boyd with the Head East Band; a hard rock band originally from East Central Illinois.

Entertainment will be provided by Straight 6 Band with live music from 6:00-7:45 PM. The ride will begin at 8:00 PM on the parking lot of Union United Methodist Church, 721 E. Main Street, Belleville. Participants can choose to ride either the 5 or 13 mile route.

Registration begins May 1 at either the Parks office or Bicycle World. Purchase raffle tickets at either location to win a Giant Brand Bicycle,

donated by Bicycle World. The cost is \$18 per person through July 11, and \$25 per person on July 12, and includes a shirt and a water bottle while supplies last.

Big Family Discount (not available online): Family of two adults and two children under age 12 is \$55. Each additional child is \$10.

Special registration events will be held at Bicycle World on Saturdays, June 22 and July 6, from 10 am - 12 pm, including \$2 off registration fee per rider (does not apply to Big Family Discount, only one discount is permitted).

This event is the 2nd "leg" of the Triple Crown. The 1st is the Law Day Run on April 27, and the 3rd is the Gingerbread 5K Run on December 7.

For more information: 618-233-1416 or [tourdebelleville.com](http://tourdebelleville.com)

**TOP 12 HAPPENINGS IN BELLEVILLE FOR 2018**

- Hofbräuhaus brewery/restaurant opens on Rt. 15.
  - Meredith Home/Lofts on the Square project is approved for state tax credits, allowing the project to move forward.
  - Copper Fire Bar & Eatery opens at 200 E. Main St.
  - The EDGE completes expansion to include indoor go-karts, VR attraction, bowling lanes, and more at 701 South Belt West.
  - Villas of Holly Brook assisted living and memory care center begins construction at Frank Scott Parkway & S. 11th St.
  - New Moto Mart opens at Rt. 161 & Fullerton Rd.
  - Popeye's opens new restaurant at Belleville Crossing.
  - McDonalds completes major renovations at 4422 W. Main St.
  - Althoff Catholic High School completes construction of sports complex on its campus.
  - Sonomacap removes derelict apartment buildings and announces replacement with future new residential villas and single family homes at 7009 W. Main St. & 8512 W. Main St., respectively.
  - Yaekel & Associates Insurance Services begins expansion at 1915 W. Main St.
  - East 'A' Street improvements are completed from Illinois St. to Oak St.
- For a complete list of 2018 Happenings, visit [belleville.net/happenings](http://belleville.net/happenings)**

**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](mailto:peggyh@belleville.net) or 233-6518, x2280

**PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES** BELLEVILLE.NET OR VISIT US ON FACEBOOK

The BPRD staff welcomes persons with disabilities in all of our facilities, parks, and programs. Please contact the Director to arrange for reasonable modifications to participate and make the experience safe and enjoyable.

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

- Easter EGG-stravaganza Egg Hunt - Free (ages 1-7) - April 13
- FREE Fishing Derby, 9am, May 4 at Bellevue Park (ages 4-12, must be accompanied by adult)
- Free Movie in the Park Series - May 10 & June 14 at Laderman Park - Movie Starts at Dusk
- Tour de Belleville Family Bike Ride - Friday, July 12th. Registration begins May 1
- Free Concerts: Mondays at Public Square & Thursdays at Bellevue Park - June & July
- 2nd Annual Mother/Son Bowling Night - Saturday, June 29 - (ages 3-13)

**MOVIES IN THE PARK**  
Laderman Park, 1105 Mascoutah Ave.

**FREE MOVIES!**  
Bring your lawn chairs and blankets, and head over to our Movies in the Park!

**SPIDER-MAN INTO THE VERSER**  
MAY 10th

**RALPH BREAKS THE INTERNET**  
JUNE 14th

**MOVIE TO BE DETERMINED**  
SEPT. 13th

**REGISTRATION FOR SPRING/SUMMER LEAGUES & LESSONS:**

- Men's & Co-Rec Summer Softball (Citizens Park-age 14 & up)
- Girl's ASA Softball (8u-18u)(Laderman/South Side)
- Youth Summer Baseball Leagues (age 5 through grade 12) Practices begin in May. Games played late May, June, & July
- Little Dribblers (ages 4-6), (Sat.) June 8, July 7, Aug. 3
- Little Kickers Soccer (ages 3-5), (Sat.) April 13
- Little Sluggers T-Ball (ages 3-5), (Sat.) June 8
- Lindenwood/BPRD Soccer Training Clinics
- Youth Golf Lessons with Dan Polites at DP Golf Center Inc. April-September (\$75 for 4 sessions) Saturdays, 1-2:30 pm
- Youth Tennis Lessons at Lindenwood University - June and July Sessions, Grades K-8

**REGISTRATION FOR FALL LEAGUES & LESSONS:**

- Girls Volleyball (grades 5 & 6)
- NFL Boy's & Girl's Flag Football (ages 6-8 & 9-11)
- Men's & Co-Rec Fall Softball (ages 14 & up) Citizens Park
- Women's & Co-Rec Volleyball
- ASA High School Softball
- Boy's Basketball (grades 5 & 6)
- Fall Outdoor Little Kickers Soccer (ages 3-5) Starting in September on Saturdays
- 3 on 3 Basketball League (grades 1-8) Starting in October

**JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT TENNIS LESSONS:**

Players will meet two times per week for 3 weeks for grades K-8 beginning in mid-June. Players will be introduced to and progress through the game of tennis. They will learn tennis through fun games and drills that will improve their hand-eye coordination, racquet handling skills and basic tennis strokes. Players will learn to keep score and play matches by the end of the program on modified courts according to age and ability. Coach to player ratio will be 10-1 or lower. The instructor will be Ita Pumphrey who played tennis collegiately. For more info or to register call 618-233-1416.

**LINDENWOOD SOCCER TRAINING CLINICS:**

Lindenwood Belleville University has partnered with BPRD to offer soccer training clinics on weekday mornings in June/July. Players in 1st-12th grade can register. Erika Baptist, Lindenwood Belleville Women's Soccer Coach, along with her players will do the instructing. The training sessions will focus on learning, practicing, and applying technical soccer skills into small sided games. Players will then scrimmage others of like or higher skill levels to challenge what they have learned. Players will be divided into small group sizes so that each player gets individualized attention and be in an environment conducive to learning. For more info or to register call 618-233-1416.

**NICHOLS COMMUNITY CENTER PROGRAMS:**

For information regarding the following programs and activities, call (618) 277-9785.

**Early Childhood/Youth:**

- Little Dribblers (ages 4-6) June 8-29, July 6-27, Aug. 3-24
- Basketball Shooting & Scrimmage Camp (grades 2-6) June 9-30, July 7-28, Aug. 4-25
- Nerf Nights (ages 5-13) April 5, May 3, June 7, July 19
- Sports Nights (ages 6-13) April 26, May 17, June 21, July 26
- Kiddie Camp (ages 3-5) June 10 - July 18 (6 weeks available)

**Adult/Senior Programs:**

- Zumba Fitness (ages 14 & up) - Year Round
- Pickleball - Dates / Times are subject to change (Mon & Wed) 8:30am - 11:00am
- Senior Chair Aerobics (ages 55 & up) - Year Round (Tues & Thurs) 8:00am - 9:00am

**CAMP QUACKERS DAY CAMP**

Our Summer Day Camp program will begin its 32nd season on June 3, 2019, and end the 10-week program on August 9, 2019, in our air-conditioned Stone Lodge in Bellevue Park. Camp Quackers hours are from 7 AM to 6 PM for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. The cost is \$95 per week for the regular camp hours of 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday-Friday. We also provide extended care service for an additional fee of \$20 per week.

**KIDDIE CAMP**

A summer program for children ages 3 to 5. Kiddie Camp will begin on June 10, 2019, and end on July 18, 2019. The program is held Monday thru Thursday from 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM at the Nichols Community Center. We focus on your child and provide the chance to cultivate your child's learning, enhance character, instill social skills, create friendships and discover new interests. The cost is \$45 per week. Child must be potty trained.

**BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES**

The Nichols Community Center is excited to offer the coolest Birthday Party Packages around! It's great fun and a safe way to provide entertainment for kids of all ages. Let us help you take some stress away with planning. Call today to check availability and for more information!

**NERF PACKAGE: \$125.00 INCLUDES:**

- Game Coordinator
- 2 Hours of Rental: Gym & Party Room
- 20 Kids Max

**DODGEBALL PACKAGE: \$115.00 INCLUDES:**

- Game Coordinator
- 2 Hours of Rental: Gym & Party Room
- 20 Kids Max

**SPORTS PACKAGE: \$105.00 INCLUDES:**

- Access to utilize basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs & net
- 2 Hours of Rental: Gym & Party Room
- 20 Kids Max

**ALPHABET ACADEMY (AGES 3-5)**

The 9-month program provides a socially rich environment that caters to the needs of children. We strive to promote independence and everyday skills that will help to enhance the future of these young growing minds. Requirements: Children must be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2018. All children must be toilet trained.

Age:	3 year olds
Dates:	Sept. 3, 2019 to May 21, 2020
Day:	Tuesday(s) and Thursday(s)
Time:	9:00am to 1:00pm
Cost:	\$40.00 Registration fee \$115.00 (per month)
Age:	4 year olds
Dates:	Sept. 4, 2019 to May 23, 2020
Day:	Monday(s), Wednesday(s) and Friday(s)
Time:	9:15am to 12:30pm
Cost:	\$40.00 Registration fee \$125.00 (per month)

**2019 YOUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION**

The Belleville Parks & Recreation Department baseball leagues started taking registrations in December and will continue through May for the T-Ball, Robot Jugs Pitching Machine League, Optimist Baseball League, MERBL Jaycee Jr. Travel Baseball League, and MERBL Jaycee Travel Baseball League. Late registration will be April-May.

League	Child's Birthdate Range
T-Ball League	Sept. 1, 2011 - Dec. 31, 2013
Robot League (Machine Pitch)	Sept. 1, 2009 - Aug. 31, 2011
Optimist League	Sept. 1, 2007 - Aug. 31, 2009
MERBL Jaycee Jr.	
Travel League	Sept. 1, 2004 - Aug. 31, 2007
MERBL Jaycee	
Travel League	HS Freshman-Senior (2018/2019)

**NFL FALL FLAG FOOTBALL**

Flag football is a growing alternative to full contact football and teaches basic skills and concepts of the game. The NFL flag football program is designed to introduce young athletes to the game while providing a safe environment for growth in the sport. Flag football is a "no contact" game and is perfect for boys and girls ages 6-8 or 9-11.

Season runs 6 weeks beginning in late-SEPTEMBER. Registration begins May 1.

Cost includes 6 games & an NFL replica team jersey. Practices and Games on Saturdays between 1 pm - 6 pm at Laderman Park \$70 per player, no experience needed. For more info or to register call 618-233-1416.

**NEW - LEARN TO PLAY PICKLEBALL**

Pickleball is a fun sport played by all ages! The sport is played on a badminton sized court with a tennis height net. Players use ping pong type paddles and a whiffle type ball. The rules are simple and the game is easy to learn.

Days:	Mondays
Cost:	\$25.00 per session, equipment is included
Site:	East End Park
Grades:	4 - 6
Time:	4:00pm - 6:30pm
Dates:	July 29 & Aug. 5
Instructor:	Deb Pazderka (2016 Senior Olympics doubles gold medal)

**NEW - JR. SPIKERS VOLLEYBALL CAMP**

This Camp will focus on the fundamentals of Volleyball. Players will start with the basics of passing and moving to the ball. Then everyone will focus on serving underhand and overhand, focus on setting, and the rules of the game. We will include some agility work as well throughout all three days. The last day will focus on how to play the game and do some scrimmaging.

Days:	Mondays
Cost:	\$65.00
Site:	Nichols Community Center
Grades:	1 - 4
Time:	4:00pm - 6:30pm
Dates:	June 10, 12, & 14
Instructor:	Shelby Mueller

**NEW - DANCE LESSONS**

Join us at the NCC to learn "American Style Social Ballroom Dancing!" Every 5 weeks will be a different style dance. You will get instructions from Bill Trent of Moonlight Dancing Studio.

Age:	16 years old and up
Dates:	May 27 - June 24 - (Rumba) July 22 - August 19 - (Cha Cha)
Days:	Mondays
Time:	6:30pm to 7:30pm
Cost:	\$85 per person, your dance partner is free
Site:	Nichols Community Center

## TUTORS AND VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS NEEDED

Belleville AmeriCorps at Southwestern Illinois College is now accepting applications for the positions of Tutors and Volunteer Coordinators for Belleville Public School Districts 118 and 175!

Tutors are AmeriCorps members who provide academic assistance and develop positive educational enrichment activities for students in grades K through 8.

Volunteer Coordinators are AmeriCorps members who are responsible for recruiting and training community residents to serve as volunteers within organizations, neighborhood associations, and schools. The Volunteer Coordinator will support programming for neighborhood residents, develop neighborhood projects, partner with local volunteer leaders, assess and catalog existing resources, schedule volunteers for projects, provide overall support and training to volunteers, and develop recognition activities and evaluation procedures.

AmeriCorps members earn both a monthly stipend and, if they successfully complete their assignment, an education award. The education award can be applied to qualified student loans or future college tuition. Members over 55 years of age can transfer their education awards to their children, foster children, or grandchildren.

For more information or to apply online, visit [swic.edu/ameriCorps](http://swic.edu/ameriCorps), call 618-641-5713, or send an email to [ameriCorps@swic.edu](mailto:ameriCorps@swic.edu).



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WE WANT YOU.

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Earn a living allowance, plus college money  
for yourself or for a child or grandchild!

*Now accepting  
applications for*

- Summer Counselors
- Fall Tutors
- Coordinators



For more information or to apply,  
call 618-235-2700, ext. 5711 or visit  
[swic.edu/ameriCorps](http://swic.edu/ameriCorps).

## Belleville's Old Town Farmers' Market

**Saturdays, May 4 - November 2**  
**7:30 am - Noon**

*First block of S. Charles Street between E. Main and E. Washington*  
For more information, call (618) 233-2015, or visit [bellevillemainstreet.net](http://bellevillemainstreet.net)

Locally grown,  
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All natural meats  
Plants & herbs  
Honey  
Crafts

## NEW BUSINESSES

**December 2018:**

**Community Interfaith Food Pantry**  
1216 West Main\*\*\*

**Larissa Photography**  
17&19 South High

**Paradyme Financial Solutions**  
114 East Lincoln, Suite A

**The Wine Tap**  
223 East Main\*

**Pour@322 Coffee House**  
322 East Main

**Fullerton MotoMart**  
2235 State Route 161

**Smokin Aces Salon**  
25 East Main, Suite B

**Popeye's #840**  
5750 Belleville Crossing

**MNG 2005, Inc**  
2630 Mascoutah Avenue

**Best Wash Laundromat**  
6323 West Main

**January 2019:**  
**Metro East Veterinary Acupuncture**  
1601 North Belt West

**Arby's**  
5790 Belleville Crossing\*

**Canine Classic Clips**  
1809 N Belt East\*

**Our Church of Metro East**  
1913 N Belt East

**Shrine Restaurant**  
442 S Demazenod\*

**Be Beauty-Full Boutique**  
9821 West Main, Suite B

**February 2019:**  
**BERTCO Automotive**  
609 South Belt West\*

**Belleville Builders**  
20 East Main

**Barstool Gypsy**  
117 West Main

**No Color Lines**  
3028 West Main\*\*

**Scenic Route Landscaping**  
717 Annex

**Law Office of Cheryl Whitley**  
27 East Main

**March 2019:**  
**Star Green House**  
518 Scheel\*

\*NEW OWNERSHIP

\*\*RELOCATION

\*\*\*EXPANSION

\*\*\*\*NAME CHANGE

**Elected Officials**

Effective May 1, 2017

**MAYOR**

Mark W. Eckert  
233-6518 x1239 (office)

**TREASURER**

Dean Hardt  
233-6518 x1214 (office)

**CITY CLERK**

Jennifer Gain Meyer  
233-6518 x1227 (office)

**WARD 1**

Ken Kinsella  
420-5080  
Joe Hazel  
954-9105

**WARD 2**

Mike Buettner  
444-4692  
Jane Pusa  
795-0833

**WARD 3**

Kent Randle  
239-9227  
Scott Tyler  
531-3287

**WARD 4**

Johnnie Anthony  
825-0660  
Raffi Ovian  
444-5171

**WARD 5**

Ed Dintelman  
277-9454  
Michelle 'Shelly' Schaefer  
660-6295

**WARD 6**

Andy Gaa  
978-9690  
Dr. Mary G. Stiehl  
606-1277

**WARD 7**

Phil Elmore  
363-0016  
Dennis C. Weygandt  
580-3054

**WARD 8**

Roger Wigginton  
581-0429  
Roger Barfield  
791-3368



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Sun., May 19, 11 am - 5 pm

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