



Celebrating Over 200 Years of History, Tradition and Progress

A Community of Character

COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

July – **Citizenship**

August – **Caring**

September – **Respect**

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Old Town

Farmers' Market

Saturdays, 7:30am-Noon

Tour de Belleville

Night Bike Ride

Fri., July 12, 8pm

FREE Concerts

Mondays, July 1- Aug 1

7pm, Public Square

Diva's Night Out

Thursdays, July 18, Aug. 15,

Sept. 19, 5-8pm

Labor Day Parade

Mon., Sept. 2, 10am

Sept. 11 Memorial

5K Run/Walk

Sun., Sept. 8, 9:11am

Oktoberfest

Fri., Sept. 20 & Sat., Sept. 21

11am-11pm

Belleville Marathon

Sat., Sept. 28, 7am



View the 2019 Events Calendar at belleville.net/eventscalendar

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

July 4

September 2

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

2019 is moving along quickly! My wish for everyone is to find time to enjoy some summer relaxation. I know our family is excited to see our extended family for our oldest daughter's wedding.

Many challenges continue to present themselves to our city; the latest being the announcement of Lindenwood University-Belleville closing its Day School in May 2020. This is a very sad announcement, but we are working hard to turn this challenge into an opportunity.

Summer projects are ongoing, and the recent state budget announcements are very favorable for Belleville. Thank you, Representative Hoffman, Representative Greenwood, and Senator Belt. State money will help Belleville build a splash pad for our children and families, extend bike trails, repair the spillway at Bicentennial Park, and improve infrastructure projects that otherwise would be left out. We will also have additional money for our list of condemned properties that



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

are in need of being demolished.

As you may know, the Streetscape Project between 6th and 12th Streets is underway. I apologize for all the dust and detours. However, the end result will be great for Belleville. Next year, construction will begin from 12th to 17th Streets. Thanks to the state budget, the Freeburg Avenue roundabout will be

moving forward within the next year, as well.

Please read the important article below about the 2020 Census. Make our city count!

Thank you to all who participated in and graduated from the 3rd Annual Citizen Police Academy.

Once again, the city appreciates everyone who helped make this year's 18th Annual Art on the Square Art Show a success. Thank you, Patty Gregory and all of the volunteers.

Last but not least, a sincere thanks to all our City of Belleville staff for all of their hard work while preparing the city for our many summer events and parades.

IT'S CENSUS TIME ACROSS OUR NATION

THE IMPORTANCE OF AN ACCURATE COUNT

Every 10 years, the U.S. Census Bureau is responsible for conducting the nationwide census. The next census will be taken in 2020.

An accurate count of every individual is the goal of every census, since the results of the count can have a major impact on communities. The results can determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, and help to plan roads, schools, and hospitals.

Most important to the residents of Belleville, this census count will determine the amount of income tax, use tax, and motor fuel tax our city will receive from the state. These taxes are some of our largest sources of funds to pay for public safety and other important public services.

Please take the time to complete the census form when you receive it in the mail. If residents are not included in this census count for Belleville, it will mean less money from the state to help pay for Belleville services for the next 10 years!

JOIN THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM

The U.S. Census Bureau is currently recruiting and employing Census Takers. To apply on line, visit <https://www.2020census.gov/en/jobs>, or call 1-855-JOB-2020 for more information or assistance with applying.



BE A CENSUS TAKER



2020census.gov/jobs

The U.S. Census Bureau is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



Welcome to Belleville, IL

(618) 233-6810

belleville.net



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CONTACT INFORMATION

Switchboard
233-6810

Cemetery
257-3330

City Clerk
233-6810

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), July 1 through August 1.

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.

CITY OF BELLEVILLE JOB OPENINGS

Job openings may include Part-time, Seasonal, or Full-time opportunities and can be viewed online at belleville.net/jobs.

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

VACATION OR STAY-CATION?

Are you looking forward to some summer fun this year without having to spend a lot on gas, drive a long distance, pack suitcases, board your family pet, worry about watering your plants, stop the mail, wait in an airport, or pay for overnight accommodations? If you answered yes, we suggest you plan a Route 15 Staycation, and Follow the Route to Fun! It's perfect for individuals, small groups, and entire families!

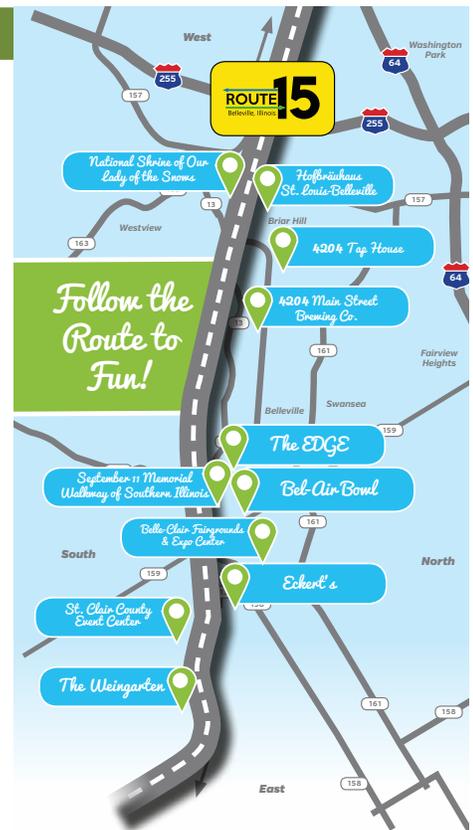


From the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows to the Weingarten and all the attractions in between, enjoy good food and fun times for 'staycationers' of all ages along IL Route 15.

Visit the largest outdoor shrine in North America, enjoy authentic German food and live music, sample delicious craft beers, ride go-karts, play laser tag in the world's largest arena, see the latest movies, go bowling, visit an historic memorial, pick-your-own seasonal fruits and veggies, enjoy an evening concert, visit a flea market, sample wine and cheeses, and so much more.

For help in planning your Route 15 Staycation, visit belleville.net/route15 for a Route 15 brochure with all the details, or pick one up inside Belleville's City Hall, the Main and West Branch library locations, the Parks and Recreation office, or the Greater Belleville Area Chamber office.

Have a safe and happy summer!



Belleville Route 15 • (618) 233-6769 • (800) 677-9255

City Proximity

St. Louis, MO	20 min
Vandalia, IL	1 hr 5 min
Springfield, IL	1 hr 30 min
Carbondale, IL	1 hr 45 min



9/18, 15M

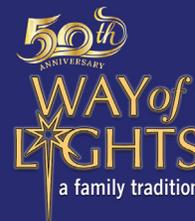
Run, Cheer, or Volunteer!

4th Annual Belleville Main Street Marathon
Sat., September 28, 2019



7:00 AM
26.2 mile Boston Marathon qualifying course

bellevillemarathon.com



THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS

IL Route 15, Belleville
Nov. 22 - Dec. 31, 2019

TAKE A VIDEO TOUR OF BELLEVILLE AT BELLEVILLE.NET

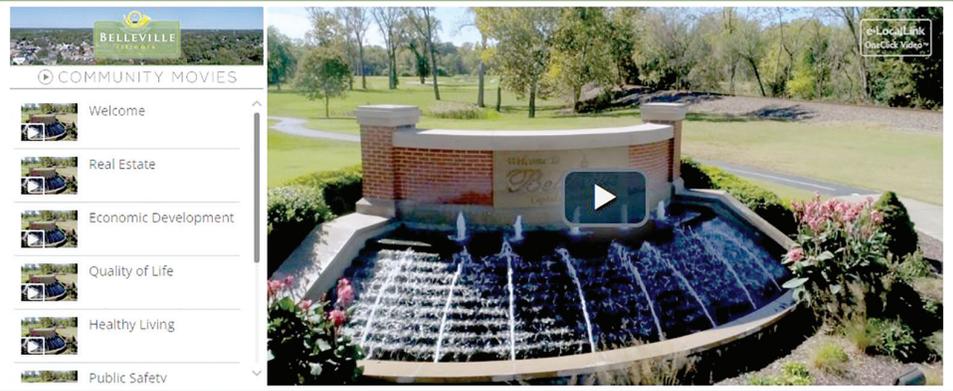
We are proud to announce the launch of Belleville's Community Video Tour, produced in partnership with CGI Communications, Inc. This tour is an innovation to the way the City markets itself to established, new, and prospective businesses, residents, and organizations.

Throughout the series of short video segments, CGI has helped to highlight what makes Belleville a wonderful place to live, work, and play.

Video segments include Welcome to Belleville, Real Estate, Economic Development, Quality of Life, Healthy Living, Public Safety, Education, Honoring our Military and Veterans, and Community Organizations.

During the creation of the video tour, CGI Communications, Inc. filmed locations in and around Belleville, ensuring that those who watch the videos get a real taste of Belleville's unique way of life. Working hand-in-hand with the City, CGI's video tour highlights the advantages of living and working in Belleville, and showcases the city as the growing and thriving community it has become.

With an easily viewable interface on the home page of the City's official website, this video tour enables viewers to learn



more about Belleville's attractions, opportunities, history, quality of life, and so much more. It also serves as an invitation to viewers to come to Belleville to shop, dine, stay, and play.

To view the tour, go to belleville.net, and click on the Video Tour button on the left hand side or bottom of the screen.



The City of Belleville would like to thank the individuals, businesses, and organizations who supported the creation of this video. Links to their websites or video spotlights can be found in the framework surrounding the video segments.

LIBRARY NEWS

ARCHIVED YEARBOOKS

With graduation season now behind us, many proud parents may be reminiscing about their high school years. Likewise, many proud graduates may be wondering about their parent's high school days.

The Belleville Public Library has long housed high school yearbooks from local high schools, past and present, but they had to be viewed at the library. That is no longer the case. Thanks to partnerships with the OCI Yearbook Project and the Internet Archive, the library's collection of yearbooks will soon be available to view online.

Much of the library's collection is already online at belleville.net/yearbook, but check back frequently, since library staff will continue to add schools and yearbooks to the online collection. The website page also includes a list of yearbooks that are missing from the library collection. If you have any of the missing yearbooks and would be willing to loan them to the library for several weeks, please contact the library staff at 618-234-0441.

PASSPORT SERVICES

The Belleville Public Library has expanded its passport services. The passport office is now open on Saturdays, and has begun offering photo services.

The Passport Office is located at Belleville's Main Library at 121 E. Washington St. Office hours are Monday - Thursday, 10:00am to 7:00pm, and Friday and Saturday, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

To view the full line of passport services offered by the library, visit belleville.net/passport.



Friends of Mount Hope Cemetery

located at 9401 W. Main St., Belleville, IL

You are invited to a meeting on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 11 AM - 1 PM

to exchange ideas that support a positive outcome for the cemetery, which is still in State Receivership. Please come and let your voice be heard.

The meeting will be held at
Mount Carmel Peace Chapel
10101 W. Main Street
Belleville, IL 62223

Approximately 12 attended the first meeting at the cemetery five years ago. Since then, the group has grown to just over 40. Although a number of positive things came out of that first meeting, much more needs to be done for the benefit of this cemetery.

New members are welcome. Refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP: egs802092016@suddenlink.net

TOUR DE BELLEVILLE NIGHT BIKE RIDE



Time: 6:00-7:45 PM – Live entertainment by Straight 6 Band
8:00 PM - Ride begins

Route: Begins and ends at Union United Methodist Church, 721 E. Main St.
Choose the 5 mile or 13 mile route

Cost: \$18 per person through July 11
\$25 per person on July 12
Includes shirt, water bottle, and blinkie light, while supplies last

Big Family Discount:
\$55 for family of two adults and two children under age 12
\$10 for each additional child (discount not available on-line)

Register:
On-line at tourdebelleville.com, or
Parks & Recreation Office at 510 W. Main St., or
Bicycle World at 4516 W. Main St.
At Bicycle World only, on June 22 and July 6 from 10am- Noon, receive \$2 off each registration (cannot be combined with other discounts)

This event is the 2nd “leg” of the Triple Crown. The 1st was the Law Day Run in April, and the 3rd will be the Gingerbread 5K Run on December 7.

For additional details, call 618- 233-1416 or visit www.tourdebelleville.com



UPDATE ON ELECTRIC AGGREGATION

Ameren Illinois has released its new residential electric rate for customers in Belleville. Effective June 2019, the new Ameren summer rate (June 2019-September 2019) is 4.56 cents/kilowatt-hour (¢/kwh) and the non-summer rate (October 2019-May 2020) is 4.83¢/kwh. These new rates are lower than the City’s current municipal electrical aggregation contract with Homefield Energy, which is 5.496¢/kwh. The municipal aggregation rate is fixed through December 2020.

The City’s municipal aggregation rate is higher than Ameren’s current default rate for residential accounts by an average of \$7 per month. However, at any time Ameren may raise their rates if it files with the ICC and demonstrates that its costs have increased. While the municipal aggregation rate is currently higher, it continues to deliver price stability and has provided savings over the life of the program.

The majority of the residents of Belleville have participated in the city sponsored program for several years and over those years the stability and cost effectiveness have been more

economical than the Ameren utility rate. However, the city wants to be very clear that the program is the choice of each resident.

City officials believe that since this program’s inception in 2013, it has saved our residents and small businesses a significant amount of money. While the City’s program rate is currently above the Ameren rate we still feel that it is important to have a choice. In our community’s aggregation program, residents are not required to sign a contract and there is no cost to leave or re-join the program. Residents may switch back to Ameren at any time by contacting Homefield Energy at 866.694.1262, or emailing HomefieldCustCare@Dynergy.com.

Customers that choose to opt-out of the aggregation program are subject to a contract lock period and the utility will not allow you to re-join the program or choose another supplier for 12 months.

If you are a new residential electric customer, or uncertain if you are enrolled in our community’s aggregation program, please contact Homefield Energy at 866.694.1262.



Sept. 20 & 21, 2019
11 AM - 11 PM
Downtown Belleville

bellevilleoktoberfest.com



Nov. 29 - Dec. 23, 2019
Belleville Public Square
bellevillechristkindlmarkt.com

MUSEUM & MEMORIAL NEWS

KOERNER HOUSE YARD SALE

Volunteers of the Koerner House Restoration Committee are hosting a Yard Sale on October 5, 2019, from 9 AM – Noon, to raise funds for the historic site at 200 Abend St.

Supporters of history and heritage are encouraged to donate items for the sale: antiques, household furnishings, toys, knick-knacks and/or collectibles are desired items. Clothing items will not be accepted. Delivery or pick up can be arranged by calling 618-235-6471.

Gustave Koerner was Belleville’s most illustrious citizen of the 19th century. He was

known on a local, state and national level. The Koerner House was the only residence he owned, and he lived at 200 Abend street with wife Sophie and children until his death in 1896.

Koerner was a close Lincoln confidant, helped write the 1860 Republican Party platform, and managed Lincoln’s drive to the presidential nomination at the party’s convention in Chicago. Koerner was an ardent anti-slavery proponent and, as a German emigre, played a key role in allying western America’s German population with the Union cause.

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL 5K AND CEREMONY



**SEPTEMBER 11
5K RUN/WALK**

Sun., September 8, 2019 • 9:11AM

**SEPTEMBER 11
MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE
CEREMONY**

Date: Wednesday, September 11, 2019

Time: 11:30AM - NOON

Location: 1125 S. Illinois St. | Belleville, IL

• Parking available behind Engine House •



belleville.net/911memorial | (618) 233-6518, x1245

OIL & CHIP OPERATIONS

The City of Belleville Street Department, in conjunction with the Engineering Department, will conduct oil & chip operations in west Belleville this summer utilizing IDOT approved oil and rock chips. The areas include streets north and south of Main, from 60th to 101st, as well as streets in the Dutch Hollow area. It will not include the Ogles subdivision.

Motorists are asked to observe traffic control signs and flag personnel, and move parked cars off the affected streets by 6:00 AM. Signs are generally posted on streets prior to operations, however, the exact day for a particular street

cannot be determined.

Oil curing time is dependent upon air temperature and humidity, but usually is less than 15 minutes. After the oil is applied, chips are spread, and a roller compacts the chips into the oil.

Motorists are asked to please not drive over fresh oil, and to exercise caution on the freshly chipped streets.

The City of Belleville is not responsible for vehicles driving through fresh oil before chips have been spread, or for weather related issues.

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.



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 233-6518, x2280

AMERICORPS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

Belleville AmeriCorps at Southwestern Illinois College is currently 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 supports programming for neighborhood residents, develops neighborhood projects, partners with local volunteer leaders,

assesses and catalogs existing resources, schedules volunteers for projects, provides overall support and training to volunteers, and develops recognition activities and evaluation procedures.

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

For more information or to apply online, visit swic.edu/amicorps, call 618-641-5713, or send an email to amicorps@swic.edu.

FREE Movie in the Park

Laderman Park Soccer Fields,
1105 Mascoutah Ave., Belleville

- Movie begins at dusk
- Bring lawn chairs or blanket
- Restrooms available
- Concessions available to purchase

**For more information,
call 618-233-1416**



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*

SNAP/EBT accepted

For more information, call (618) 233-2015, or
visit bellevillemainstreet.net

*Locally grown fresh produce, all natural meats,
plants & herbs, honey and crafts*

NEW BUSINESSES

- March 2019:**
Carole Hiatt Design
 41 Royal Heights Center,
 Suite A**
- Caraway, Fischer &
 Broombaugh, PC**
 9423 W. Main St.
- Rain Tree Salon**
 6500 W. Main St., Suite 110**
- Natural Sistah's Salon**
 6400 W. Main St., Suite 3A&3B
- JC Auto Sales**
 1900 W. Main St.
- Lighthouse of Hope**
 45 Sheffield Dr.
- Roger's Place**
 1201 W. Main St.

- Sugarfoot Photography**
 25 Lebanon Ave.
- Wireless Spot**
 651 Carlyle Ave.*
- Wireless Spot**
 4701 W. Main St.*
- April 2019:**
Project Compassion
 6607 & 6611 W. Main St.***
- New Beginnings Church of
 Belleville**
 404 Sycamore St.**
- Top Nutrition and
 Performance**
 110 Mascoutah Ave.
- Value Plants**
 6938 W. Main St.

- 1020 Artworks Studio**
 841 Wabash Ave.
- I Am Changing Life Coach
 Service, LLC and
 Sister Sundayz, LLC**
 6400 W. Main St., Suite 1H
- Advanced Disability Solutions**
 1600 Lebanon Ave.
- Well of Living Water Ministries**
 6400 W. Main St., Suite 517**
- Snowie Sweet Treats**
 8205 W. Main St.
- May 2019:**
Popcorn and Such
 1920 Lebanon Ave.
- Siagon Vietnamese Restaurant**
 1636 Lebanon Ave.***

- June 2019:**
Scott Credit Union
 2020 North Belt East**
- I Am Beauty and
 Barber Salon**
 6400 W. Main St.,
 Suite 3G
- Judith Trentman Wilson,
 Attorney at Law, P.C.**
 103A W. Main St.,
 Suite 204
- Astonishing Prints
 & More**
 6400 W. Main St.,
 Suite 1F2
- Depper's Auto Body**
 501C S. 2nd St.***

*NEW OWNERSHIP

**RELOCATION

***EXPANSION

****NAME CHANGE

Elected Officials

Effective May 1, 2019

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

Jane Pusa
795-0833
Carmen Duco
233-1569

WARD 3

Kent Randle
239-9227
Scott Ferguson
610-5639

WARD 4

Johnnie Anthony
825-0660
Raffi Ovian
444-5171

WARD 5

Ed Dintelman
972-5569
Michelle 'Shelly' Schaefer
660-6295

WARD 6

Dr. Mary G. Stiehl
606-1277
Chris Rothweiler
416-5568

WARD 7

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

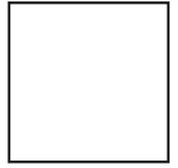
WARD 8

Roger Wigginton
581-0429
Roger Barfield
791-3368



CITY OF BELLEVILLE

101 S. Illinois St.
Belleville, IL 62220



BELLEVILLE NAMED MOST PATRIOTIC CITY IN ILLINOIS!

The City of Belleville has once again been named one of the most patriotic cities in America by Insurify. By analyzing its database of over 1.6 million auto insurance applicants, the company's research team was able to identify the city within each state with the highest share of military service. Belleville received the award in



2018, as well.

Belleville historically has enduring military traditions. We are honored to have a high concentration of active and retired U.S. Military and Veterans living here, and greatly appreciate the service and sacrifices of all U.S. Military and Veterans and their families, throughout America.

