



# Celebrating Over 200 Years of History, Tradition and Progress

## A Community of Character

### WORDS OF THE MONTH

- October – **Responsibility**
- November – **Peace**
- December – **Empathy**

### DOWNTOWN EVENTS

#### Old Town Farmer's Market

Saturdays through Nov. 2  
7:30am – Noon

#### Chili Cook-off

Oct. 11 & 12, 11am – 10:30pm

#### Chili Chase 5K & Kids' Pepper Dash

Oct. 12, 9am

#### Diva's Night Out

Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, 5 - 8pm

#### Trick-or-Treat

Oct. 25, 5:30 – 7:30pm

#### Art & Wine Walk

Nov. 2, 4 – 7pm

#### Veterans Day Ceremony

Nov. 11, 11am

#### Gingerbread Contest Displays

Nov. 21 – Jan. 1

#### Thanksgiving Day 5K

Nov. 28, 8am

#### Santa Parade

Nov. 29, 10am

#### Lighting of the Fountain

Nov. 29, 6pm

#### Horse Drawn Trolley Rides

Fri. – Sun, only  
Nov. 29 – Dec. 22

#### Christkindlmarkt

Nov. 29 – Dec. 23

#### Santa on the Square

Nov. 29 – Dec. 24

#### Holiday Opening Celebration

Nov. 30, 5pm

#### Gingerbread 5K Run

Dec. 7, 8:30am

#### Gingerbread Cookie Day

Dec. 14, 9am

#### Ringling of the Bells

Jan. 1, 2020, Noon

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

The city is busy preparing for the busiest fall and winter season yet!

Please join us as we pay tribute to veterans at our 21st Annual Veterans Day Ceremony on November 11th at 11:00 a.m. on the Public Square. We are proud

to host this wonderful event in honor of the many men and women who serve our country.

We hope you enjoy our holiday events, including the Downtown Trick-or-Treat event on Friday, October 25th, the largest Christmas parade in southern Illinois the day after Thanksgiving, our month-long Christkindlmarkt and Santa on the Public Square, horse-drawn trolley rides, and the Ringing of the Bells on January 1, 2020 at Noon on the Public Square by Curt's Clock.

Construction continues on the W. Main Streetscape from 6th St. to 12th St., and Hanks Excavating will be in full force by the time you receive this newsletter. Road improvements are planned for N. 42nd and N. 39th Streets, as well. Raab Ave. and Forest Ave. from E. Monroe St. to E. McKinley St. will be greatly improved before June 30, 2020. Belleville Crossing St. will receive a new street overlay. Numerous house demolitions will be accomplished over the next six months.

We are excited to see new development and the reinvestment of many properties in our city! Here are some recent economic development happenings. For a more detailed list, please visit [www.belleville.net/newdevelopments](http://www.belleville.net/newdevelopments).



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

#### Downtown facade/building renovations include:

- Circa Boutique at 128 E. Main St.
- Friday's South at 624 S. Illinois St.
- Hospice of Southern Illinois at 305 and 333 S. Illinois St.

- Margaritas Restaurant at 117 E. Main St.
- Nester Realty at 12 E. Main St.

#### East end new developments/building renovations include:

- Ashland Storage Centers East at 653 Carlyle Ave.
- Fieldstone Apartments under construction at Carlyle Ave. and Coyote Run
- Larkspur Properties - Belleville Storage Facility at 120 Carlyle Plaza Dr.
- Schnucks relocates to 800 Carlyle Ave.

#### West end new developments/building renovations include:

- Rainstorm Car Wash at 5600 N. Belt West
- The Villas of Holly Brook Assisted Living and Memory Care Center under construction at Frank Scott Parkway and S. 11th St.
- Yaekel & Associates Insurance Services completes expansion at 1915 W. Main St.

In closing, please remember to Buy in Belleville, and help stimulate and strengthen our economy. The sales tax revenue you generate when you Buy in Belleville helps to create and sustain jobs, support vital services such as police and fire protection, and maintain roads, parks, and trails in our city.

### YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

For October – December of 2019: Yard waste will continue to be collected weekly through Friday, December 20, 2019, weather permitting. It will not be collected again until the week of January 13-17, 2020.

For January – December of 2020: During the months of January and February, yard waste is only collected during the 2nd full week of each month (a full week is considered to be Monday – Friday).

- January 2020 - Yard Waste will only be collected **January 13-17**

- February 2020 - Yard Waste will only be collected **February 10-14**

• March – December 2020 - Weekly collection will resume during the 1st full week of March and will continue through the 2nd full week of December, specifically **March 2, 2020 – December 18, 2020**, weather permitting.

After December 18, 2020, there will be no yard waste collection until the 2nd full week of January, 2021.

For additional collection information, see the side bar on page 5 of this newsletter.



**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

**BELLEVILLE'S GENERAL & COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE CHANGES LIVES**

Homelessness and poverty are realities of the world we live in, and we see everyday individuals who are struggling to survive. Often times, individuals do not receive the help they need either because they are too proud to ask or they do not know who to ask.

This is where Belleville's General & Community Assistance Office comes in and tries to close that gap. We do this in some cases by providing direct assistance to the client. In other cases, we refer individuals to other resources and agencies and we advocate for them. It is our goal to ensure that every individual who reaches out for help leaves our office better than they were when they came. We have launched a Facebook page, and in the coming weeks we will be posting some of the remarkable success stories of individuals whose lives we have helped to change.

If you would like more information about what General & Community Assistance does or you would like to help impact the lives of the poor and

homeless in our community, please feel free to contact us at 618-212-4379. We would be happy to talk to you about what we do or how you can help.

If you know of someone in the community who is in need of assistance, they can be referred to us via our intake form on the city website at [www.belleville.net/GCA](http://www.belleville.net/GCA).



**LIBRARY NEWS**

**NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW START**

Summer is over and school is back in session. Shortly, research papers and book reports will be due, and students will come to the library to find just the right book. They will proceed to check out the book only to find out that they have a fine for late material from previous years and will be unable to get the book until the fine is paid. This is a far too frequent occurrence, and many times the students and their families lack the means to address this issue in a timely manner.

The Belleville Public Library is joining with dozens of libraries throughout the country in saying that a child should not be denied access to

books and literature based on financial reasons. Public libraries promote and encourage reading and literacy, especially among younger kids, and should not be creating barriers to a child's ability to access books.

Effective September 1st, 2019, all children's and juvenile materials will be exempt from fines. In other words, there will no longer be charges for late fees for children's materials. As long as the material is returned in good condition, no fees will be assessed and additional materials can be checked out. Please visit the Belleville Public Library for more information.

*For the love of music...Since 1867*

**153RD SEASON  
PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY  
OF BELLEVILLE**




**NEW SEASON BEGINS  
OCTOBER 19, 2019**

[www.bellevillephilharmonic.org](http://www.bellevillephilharmonic.org)

**Art & Wine WALK**

**Saturday  
November 2  
4-7 PM**

20+ participating Merchants  
[www.bellevillemainstreet.net](http://www.bellevillemainstreet.net)

**\$25**  
EARLY REGISTRATION  
\$30 at the door  
(limited tickets available)



Sponsored by Belleville Main Street

**MUSEUM & MEMORIAL NEWS**

**YARD SALE BENEFITING KOERNER HOUSE – SAT., OCT. 5**

Volunteers of the Koerner House Restoration Committee are hosting an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, October 5, 2019, to raise funds for the historic site. Hours will be from 9 AM to 2 PM, rain or shine.

The Koerner House and adjacent storage building are located at the corner of Abend Street and Mascoutah Avenue in Belleville. Both sites will contain sale items. Funds are being raised to install Heating and Cooling (HVAC) in the building. Tax-deductible donations toward this goal will also will be accepted.

Shoppers will find an assortment of antiques, household furnishings, toys, books, art work, mirrors, garden stuff, and much, much more. Items



will be priced to sell quickly. Come early for the best selection; come later for the best prices. Check Gustave Koerner Facebook page for a partial listing of items.

Watch for the annual Quilt Raffle to be launched this fall. Tickets will be available soon, with the winner's name drawn in December.

Gustave Koerner was a friend of Abraham Lincoln and 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 St. with wife Sophie and children until his death in 1896. For further information, call 618-235-6471.

**18TH ANNUAL ANGEL OF HOPE CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL SERVICE**



December 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at the Stone Lodge Facility located at Bellevue Park, 401 Bellevue Park Dr., Belleville, IL 62226.

The Angel of Hope Monument was brought to Belleville to support parents who have lost a child of any age, for any reason. To honor children's memories, a memorial wall and walkway have been established.

The Belleville Angel of Hope is located to the East of the Bellevue Stone Lodge, facing the beautiful lake. Benches are spaced around the perimeter so that loved ones can rest and meditate in a serene setting.

For more information, please contact the Belleville Parks & Recreation Department at 618-233-1416.

**DOWNTOWN TRICK-OR-TREAT - FRI., OCT. 25**



Calling all kids, ages 12 and under to downtown Belleville for a fun, safe, FREE Trick-or-Treating event along East Main Street between High St. and Charles St. on Fri., Oct. 25 from 5:30 -7:30pm.

Fun and yummy treats will be provided by local businesses and organizations. Enjoy free wagon rides aboard Eckert's tractor-pulled wagons, tours through the Fire Department's Survive Alive House, and hot dogs, music and more. All Trick-or-Treaters should be in costume and must be accompanied by a parent or other adult guardian.

If your business or organization would like to participate in this year's event, please call Sharon at (618) 233-6518, ext 1245, or visit [www.belleville.net/halloween](http://www.belleville.net/halloween).



**Belleville's 21st Annual Veterans Day Ceremony**

Monday, November 11th • 11am at Veterans Memorial Monument  
Downtown Belleville Public Square

*In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held inside City Hall, 101 S. Illinois St.*

All Veterans, Veteran groups and Auxiliary members are invited to attend and be recognized. The general public is invited.



For more information visit [belleville.net](http://belleville.net) or call 233-6518 x 1245

# Experience the Holidays

## GINGERBREAD FESTIVITIES

### 30TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD CONTEST

REGISTER NOW - Over \$4,000 in Prize Money, including \$1,000 for the Best of Show

**Four Adult categories: 1st-Time Entrants, Holiday Category, General, and Master's.** Creations will be judged by professionals associated with the baking/food industry. All participants will be asked to complete a short form explaining their creation.

**Three Children's categories: K-5th, 6th-12th, and Group.** These creations will be judged by local school teachers. All entries must be delivered between 9:00am and 12:00pm on Sat., Nov. 16 to Nichols Community Center, 515 East "D" Street, Belleville, IL  
**Gingerbread Creation Preview & Awards Presentation: Sun., Nov. 17 from 1:00-3:00pm**

Contest entry Award Presentation begins at 1:30pm. Creations will be placed in downtown Belleville store windows from Nov. 21 - Jan. 1, 2020. Details and registration information is available by calling (618) 233-1416, or viewing the form at [www.belleville.net/CurrentActivities](http://www.belleville.net/CurrentActivities)

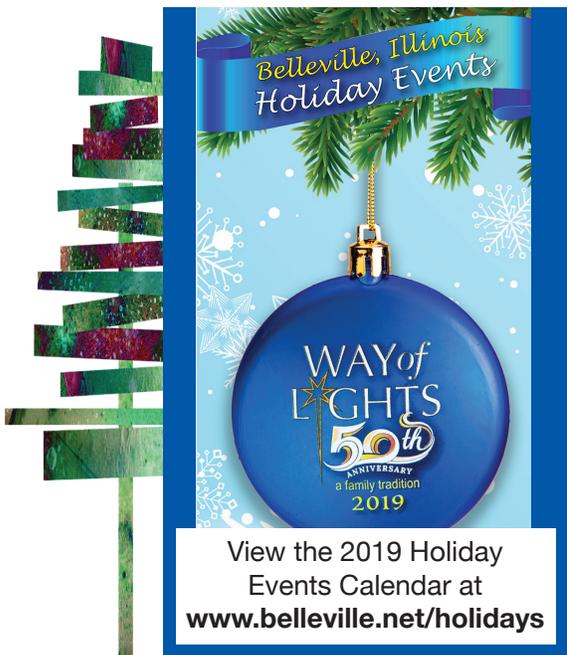
### 13TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD 5K RUN – Sat., Dec. 7

Registration is \$25 per Adult, and \$20 per Youth (17 & under). Adult hoodies will be available for \$35 but must be ordered prior to 11/1/19. Both event apparel items are blue shirts, with multi-color artwork. Race Day Fee is \$35 per participant. The race begins at 8:30am in front of the Parks & Recreation Office. To register, visit [www.GingerbreadRun.com](http://www.GingerbreadRun.com), or stop by the Parks & Recreation Department at 510 W. Main St. to pick up an entry form. The awards ceremony will be held after the race at the Historic Lincoln Theater. All age category Champions will receive a special inscribed medallion!

All Triple Crown participants (2019 Law Day Run, Tour de Belleville & Gingerbread Run) will receive an inscribed medallion for their accomplishment. This is the final event for the 2019 Triple Crown Series.

### GINGERBREAD COOKIE DAY – Sat., Dec. 14

Purchase a Gingerbread Cookie Bag for \$10 (limit 1 bag per person) and follow the Gingerbread Man's trail while collecting 30 cookies. You must be present to pick up your bag. Only those with bags will be given cookies. Pre-registration is recommended. Only 400 bags are available. Walk in registrations will be accepted at the Bank of Belleville, 215 S. Illinois St., from Sept. 1 – Dec. 1 until sold out. All entries are accepted on a first come/first served basis. Registration forms available at [www.BellevilleMainStreet.net](http://www.BellevilleMainStreet.net). Direct questions to [www.GingerbreadCookieWalk@yahoo.com](mailto:www.GingerbreadCookieWalk@yahoo.com).



Belleville, Illinois  
Holiday Events

WAY of  
LIGHTS  
50th  
ANNIVERSARY  
a family tradition  
2019

View the 2019 Holiday  
Events Calendar at  
[www.belleville.net/holidays](http://www.belleville.net/holidays)

## Ring in the New Year with the City of Belleville



**Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at Noon**

Belleville Illinois' Public Square at IL 159 and Main Streets  
in the Northeast Quadrant near Curt's Clock

*Bring your bells...  
dinner bells, jingle bells,  
cow bells, hand bells...  
any bells that ring*

Everyone is  
welcome  
Start a new family  
tradition!

**Call (618) 233-6810 or visit [belleville.net/holidays](http://belleville.net/holidays) for details**

*In case of inclement weather, visit [belleville.net](http://belleville.net) for updates*

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES



The City of Belleville is a premier employer with exceptional employees who take pride in their work! Are you interested in opportunities to be a part of our dynamic team? Check out current job openings at [www.belleville.net/Jobs](http://www.belleville.net/Jobs). Like us on facebook at Welcome to Belleville, IL to receive news feeds regarding job openings.

# in Belleville

## CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The Parks & Recreation Department will accept "live" Christmas trees from Fri., Dec. 6 through Jan. 31, 2020 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

**No bags, ornaments, lights, artificial trees, or yard waste - RECYCLABLE material ONLY!**

## 6TH ANNUAL CHRISTKINDLMARKT NOV. 29 - DEC. 23

### EUROPEAN VENDORS, GERMAN FOOD & BEVERAGES

Mon., Dec. 16 and 23 - 11am - 5pm  
 Tues. - Thurs., 11am - 7pm  
 Fri. & Sat., 10am - 8:30pm  
 Sun., 10am - 7pm  
 Closed Mon., Dec. 2 and 9

**LIVE REINDEER:**  
 Nov. 30  
 Dec. 7  
 Dec. 13  
 Dec. 22

### SPECTACULAR OPENING CELEBRATION ON THE PUBLIC SQUARE

Saturday, Nov. 30 5pm  
 FREE Concerts by James Carothers and Whiskey Racoons

An Authentic Open-Air German Christmas Market

Belleville Public Square • FREE Admission • [bellevillechristkindlmarkt.com](http://bellevillechristkindlmarkt.com)

## FREE Horse-Drawn Trolley Rides

November 29 – December 22, 2019

| Dates                 | Times                  |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Friday, November 29   | Noon – 4pm and 5 – 9pm |
| Saturday, November 30 | Noon – 6pm             |
| Sunday, December 1    | Noon – 5pm             |
| Friday, December 6    | 5 – 9pm                |
| Saturday, December 7  | Noon – 6pm             |
| Sunday, December 8    | Noon – 5pm             |
| Friday, December 13   | 5 – 9pm                |
| Saturday, December 14 | Noon – 6pm             |
| Sunday, December 15   | Noon – 5pm             |
| Thursday, December 19 | 5 – 8pm                |
| Friday, December 20   | 5 – 9pm                |
| Saturday, December 21 | Noon – 6pm             |
| Sunday, December 22   | Noon – 5pm             |

Passengers can board and disembark in the first block of East Main Street at the Public Square near the entrance to the Christkindlmarkt.

## 50th ANNIVERSARY WAY OF LIGHTS

a family tradition

Activities Open 5 - 9 P.M.  
 Nov. 22 - Dec. 31, 2019  
 The lights will remain on however, activities are closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

442 S. De Mazonod Dr. Belleville, IL 62223  
 618.397.6700 [Snows.org](http://Snows.org)



### YARD WASTE COLLECTION

(Weather Permitting)

**October-December 2019:**  
 Weekly through Dec. 20

**January 2020:**  
 Jan. 13-17  
 (2nd full week, only)

**February 2020:**  
 Feb. 10-14  
 (2nd full week, only)

**March – December 2020:**  
 Weekly collection  
 Mar. 2 – Dec. 18  
 (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](mailto:peggyh@belleville.net) or 233-6518, x2280





**BELLEVILLE 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 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 can transfer their education awards to their children, foster children, or grandchildren.

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

Please Join us for

# FALL FOOD FRIDAYS!

October 4  
October 18  
October 25  
November 1



Food Trucks at West Main & 2nd Street & Chinese Food at the Golden Dragon

**11 am - 2 pm**

Each week, we will host 1-2 food trucks & Golden Dragon at 128 West Main will be open! Take some time to explore this corner of West Main!



## 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](http://bellevillemainstreet.net)

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

**SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY**



**SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

**November 30, 2019**

**NEW BUSINESSES**

**June:**  
**Down the Hall Homebrew**  
122 East Main

**Fed Ex Office**  
2608 Green Mount Commons Road

**Self Defense & Fitness/BSAFC Training**  
6500 West Main, Suite 337

**Datix, LLC**  
120 West Main, Suite 201

**Burger King**  
2508 Green Mount Commons\*

**Hospice of Southern IL**  
333 South Illinois Street\*\*

**First Step DUI Evaluation**  
101 South Jackson, Suite 101

**July:**  
**Redemption Community Church**  
10 South Jackson, Suite 300C

**Hi Tokyo**  
1628 Carlyle Ave

**Buttons and Bows**  
1407 West Main

**Iklias Kloset**  
1409 West Main

**Events at the U**  
4715 West Main

**August:**  
**GSM Belleville, LLC dba Gateway Storage Mall**  
17 Royal Heights Center\*\*\*

**Solve Your System**  
2331A Old Collinsville Road

**Capitol Roofing Solutions, LLC**  
2425 Amann Drive

**Phase 2 Contracting**  
719 Centreville Ave

**Nester Realty**  
12 East Main

**September:**  
**Pose-itively Yoga, LLC**  
7645 Magna Drive, Suite 101

**Executive Real Estate Consulting Services, INC (ERCS)**  
660 West Main, Suite 1

**B-RAD the Magnificent**  
4300 West Main, Suite 100

**Ashland Storage**  
653 Carlyle Ave., Suite C

**Correction from July: Roger's Place**  
1201 East Main Street

\*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

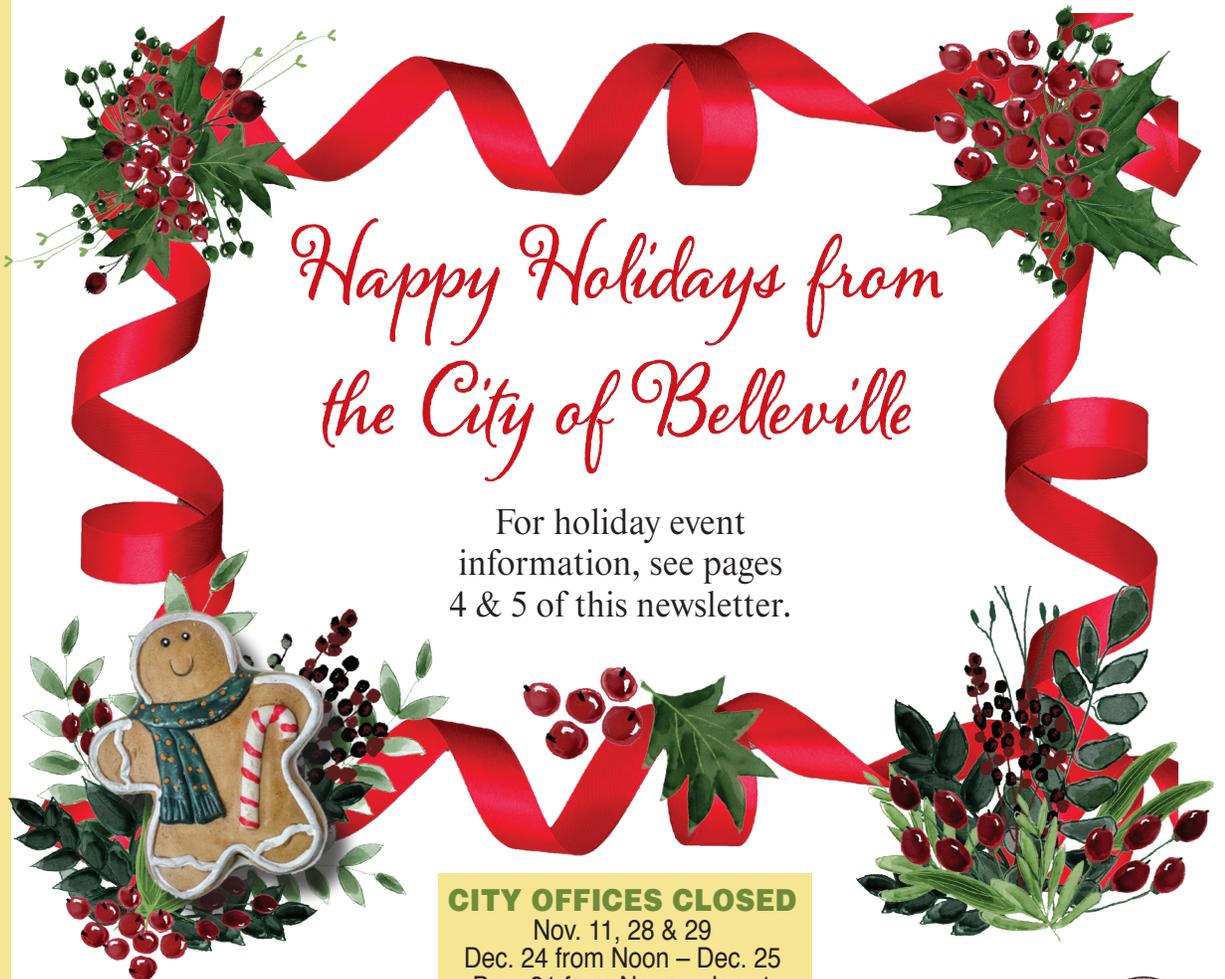
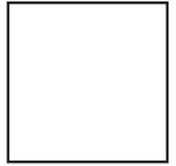
**WARD 8**

Roger Wigginton  
581-0429  
Roger Barfield  
791-3368



**CITY OF BELLEVILLE**

101 S. Illinois St.  
Belleville, IL 62220



*Happy Holidays from  
the City of Belleville*

For holiday event  
information, see pages  
4 & 5 of this newsletter.

**CITY OFFICES CLOSED**

Nov. 11, 28 & 29  
Dec. 24 from Noon – Dec. 25  
Dec. 31 from Noon – Jan. 1