



Celebrating Over 200 Years of History, Tradition and Progress

A Community of Character

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Happy New Year 2020!

As I look back on 2019, I can't help but think it's been a year that attests to the heritage and hard work Belleville and its residents are known for. We've made continued progress on several projects throughout the city, have welcomed new businesses and residents, and continue to be a cornerstone of the economic vitality of southwestern Illinois. That success is due to the supportive, positive, and energetic residents and business owners we have who are dedicated to making Belleville a great place to work, live, and grow.

We've had great media coverage this year for Belleville. Several large news organizations have picked up stories about how local citizens are reinvesting here, demonstrating they are proud to be part of this community. In fact, in October, Belleville was listed as one of the "next hot spots for development" by the St. Louis Business Journal.

We have excellent schools, healthcare organizations, and businesses too! When the State of Illinois released school report cards at the end of October, all schools within the City of Belleville were ranked as commendable, meaning there are no underperforming student groups within our schools. Additionally, Belleville Memorial Hospital is ranked as the fifth-best hospital in the St. Louis region by U.S. News & World Report, and Belleville Shoe Manufacturing Co./Belleville Boot was named as one of the largest defense contractors in the St. Louis area again by the St. Louis Business Journal.

We've also seen updates and improvements throughout the city and new businesses open. Margarita's Mexican Restaurant, Nester Realty, and Circa Boutique, just to name a few, completed major facade improvements, updating and modernizing the look of Main Street. Collector's Corner moved locations, and new restaurants and businesses like C & C Food for Your Soul, Sugar Fix Bakery, and Events at the U now call Belleville home. Additionally, the Belleville Community Development Corporation (BCDC) completed the renovation of a once dilapidated single-family home at 319 S. 9th Street and continues to improve that neighborhood by renovating the property directly across the street. BCDC is dedicated to revitalizing Belleville neighborhoods and provides quality homes to those in need. Likewise, Neighbors for Renewal, is renovating a home on Vander Court, taking another home in severe disrepair and rehabilitating it so that

those in need might be able to afford a home. This attests to the dedication of our residents and business owners, who are proud to be part of the fabric of Belleville.

Arts and culture are very much alive in Belleville, and the impact of those projects continues to gain momentum.

We are not only home to Art on the Square, one of the nation's top art shows, and a staple for the City of Belleville that will be going on its 19th year, but we have new projects growing like the Belleville Mural Project, which installed three murals throughout the city this year and intends to complete more this coming year.

We have a strong partnership with Scott Air Force Base, and I want to extend my sincerest gratitude to U. S. Army Gen. Stephen R. Lyons for delivering our keynote address at our 21st Annual Veterans Day Ceremony. There is a very strong history and culture of military service and involvement in our community, and we are pleased to have such a strong tradition honoring all the men and women who have served our country. We are also happy that many retired military members choose to stay here in Belleville and call it home.

We've seen our annual Christkindlmarkt grow every year, further helping to establish Belleville as a year-round destination. I extend my sincere appreciation to Carole Piontkowsky and all the volunteers who made the Christkindlmarkt a success. Once again, the Belleville Exchange Club did an excellent job decorating our Veterans Memorial Fountain. Special thanks to our Downtown Belleville Optimist Club for organizing a great Christmas Parade and Santa on the Square, and finally, a big thanks to our Belleville merchants for decorating their shops and adjusting their schedules. All these wonderful contributions helped make 2019 a successful year. Thank you to our dedicated city staff and countless volunteers who contribute in so many ways to make Belleville a great place. Thanks, too, to everyone who supports our local businesses.

When I look around the city this time of year, I can't help but be grateful because it truly represents the kind of people we have here in Belleville! I've seen steady, consistent progress throughout 2019 that has allowed Belleville to remain strong and viable, and that's because of the dedicated, positive, and energetic people who are working together to make Belleville the best we can be! I wish all of you a very happy, safe, and prosperous 2020!

COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

January
Integrity

February
Honesty

March
Perseverance

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

Ring of the Bells

January 1,
Noon
Public Square

Sparkle, Suds & Sweets Walk

February 8,
3-7 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Events

March 14
Leprechaun 5K,
9 a.m.
Parade,
11 a.m.
Block Party,
9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Divas' Night Out

March 19,
5-8 p.m.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

January 1
January 20
February 17



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 PD OFFERS 4TH 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.

2020 Citizen Police Academy Details

- Conducted at Belleville Police Department, 720 W. Main Street, Belleville, IL
- Wednesday evenings, April 8-May 27, 2020
- 6 p.m. to approximately 8:30 p.m., depending upon curriculum and class projects
- The Academy is limited to 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 www.belleville.net/citizenpoliceacademy.

SAVE THE DATE:

Belleville Fire Department OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, April 4, 2020
Engine House #4, 1125 S. Illinois St.



Swimming and ice skating are prohibited on all City owned ponds and lakes. Please be safe, and

STAY OFF THE ICE!



Census Day is April 1, 2020!

Questionnaires are mailed in February and March.



It only takes you 10 minutes to fill out 10 questions!



ALL information is kept **CONFIDENTIAL** by law!

No personal information is required (income, social security number, home value, legal status, etc.)

You will be contacted by the Census Bureau *if you do not return your form* or submit the information online by April 1.

Visit <https://respond.census.gov/acs/#respond> to submit your information!

WHY Participate?

It determines how **billions of dollars** in federal funding is allocated to local communities!



Residents use the census to support community initiatives involving legislation, quality-of-life and consumer advocacy.



Businesses use Census Bureau data to decide where to build factories, offices and stores, and these create jobs.



Local government officials use the census to ensure public safety and plan new schools and hospitals.



Real estate developers and city planners use the census to plan new homes and improve neighborhoods.



For more information, visit www.belleville.net/census.

This information is to help residents of the City of Belleville understand the importance of participating in the 2020 Census by filling out the questionnaire online or via mail. The City of Belleville is committed to ensuring that all persons living in the City on April 1, 2020 are counted.

NEWS ON THE STREET

YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE FOR 2020

Yard waste will only be collected the second full week of January 2020 and February 2020.

- 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 from March 2 through December 18, 2020.

DISPOSAL OF LEAVES AND GRASS CLIPPINGS

Belleville’s City Code of Ordinances provides regulations regarding the disposal of grass clippings and leaves into City streets. Debris of any kind, including leaves and grass clippings, should not be placed, thrown, or blown into the street, ditches, culverts, or upon the banks or sides of any stream, creek, lake, or any other flowing watercourse. Doing so can impede the flow of water, causing backups that may result in major damage due to flooding of streets or homes.

The Sanitation Department provides yard waste collection for all residents with City sanitation services. For questions about yard waste collection, please see our website or call the Sanitation office at 618-233-6518 x4217.

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

The City’s Street Department tries to ensure the streets remain clear of snow and ice. Businesses and residents are asked to do their part as well and be aware of factors affecting snow removal.



- Streets marked as Snow Routes need to be kept free of parked cars during inclement weather. When a significant accumulation of snow or ice is forecast, cars should be removed from all public streets so the City’s snow and ice units can maneuver safely. In places where no other parking is available, residents are asked to park only on one side of the street. Snowplows require an open path with a minimum width of 12 feet to maneuver safely and effectively.
- Snow should not be transferred to the roadways from private property. This includes snow from parking lots and residential driveways.
- Designated snow routes and primary routes will be cleared first. These routes include streets leading to a hospital, fire houses, the county courthouse, and the county jail.
- Streets surrounding and leading to schools must be cleared for safety. If schools are cancelled, or inclement weather falls on weekends or holidays, these streets will be cleared in the rotation with their corresponding region. Residential streets and subdivisions are cleared using a grid pattern.

LIBRARY NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, February 15, 2020

Sponsored by Friends of Belleville Public Library For Children’s Summer Reading Program

Place: Althoff High Heritage Hall
West Main St. & Frank Scott Parkway, Belleville

Time: 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Reservations: 234-7169 or mgmurf@yahoo.com
Leave name/number for confirmation call-back

Tickets: \$12 per person
Six to eight participants per table
MC: Roger Schlueter

Snacks & Drinks: Bring your own snacks
Soda for purchase—No alcohol will be sold
Cash Prizes— Mulligans

BECOME A SUPPORTER OF THE LIBRARY BY JOINING THE FRIENDS OF THE BPL

Choose a category below:

- \$10 Individual
- \$15 Family
- \$25 Contributing
- \$50 Patron
- \$50 Organization

Mail your check to this address:

Friends of the BPL
c/ o Belleville Public Library
121 East Washington Street
Belleville, IL 62220

Name _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Zip _____

E-Mail _____

- Renewal is due on the anniversary of the month a member joins. The renewal date is on your mailing label.
- Board Meetings (open to members): 6:00 p.m. - Main Library - 3rd Thursday of August, October, February, April, & June (annual meeting/ election of officers)
- The Friends of the BPL is a non-profit organization. Your donations are tax deductible.

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. Like us on facebook at Welcome to Belleville, IL to receive news feeds regarding job openings.

GENERAL ASSISTANCE SUCCESS STORIES

This is the start of a new year, and a new year means a new start for many people. In 2019, General and Community Assistance worked tirelessly to help give people a new start. Here is just one of this past year's success stories.

In early fall of 2019, a local agency referred a gentleman facing homelessness to our office for assistance while they were providing temporary shelter. We offered him bottled water and began to talk with him about his situation and what brought him into our office. He explained that due to several chronic conditions, including diabetes and congestive heart failure, he was unable to work and had lost his apartment. He had been sleeping in alleys and behind businesses for several weeks. We later learned that he applied for Social Security Disability benefits, but his case had been pending for nearly five years. After a lengthy conversation to determine his needs, the staff got to work.

Today, with the help of many community assistance providers and our staff, this gentleman is off the streets and in his own apartment. We were able to assist him in working with the Social Security Administration and now he is receiving his benefits. We set up doctor's appointments to address his medical conditions and now he has access to the medications that are vital to his health. As the temperature began to drop, we noticed he did not have a coat or adequate

winter clothing. We called an area church and within three days, he had a new coat and several changes of clothes. When he put the coat on, he was so appreciative he started dancing, bad legs and all. He has stated many times, "I never thought that there were people in the world that cared so deeply and are willing to work so hard for a total stranger."

This is what General and Community Assistance does. We meet people where they are by actively listening to their needs while showing compassion and empathy. With a lot of partnerships, hard work, positive encouragement, and dedication, we help to improve the lives of those we serve. General Assistance would like to thank all the area agencies who partnered with us in helping this man and countless others. The community rallying together is the key to our success in improving the lives of those we serve.

General and Community Assistance has opportunities for individuals and groups to help and to improve the lives of those in need. Our newest initiative that was launched in December is "Suds of Love – Belleville." This program provides laundry assistance to enable our homeless and neighbors with low income to wash their clothes free of charge.

If you would like to be a part of "Suds of Love – Belleville" or help in any other way, please call the General Assistance office at 618-212-4379.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION DATES

(Weather Permitting)

January 2020:

January 13-17

(2nd full week, only)

February 2020:

February 10-14

(2nd full week, only)

March-December 2020:

March 2-December 18

Weekly collection beginning

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 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Summer Schedule

May-September, 6 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

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.

THANK YOU 2019 TROLLEY SPONSORS

During the past 23 years, riding the free, horse-drawn trolley through downtown Belleville has become a holiday tradition for many residents and visitors.

Thank you to the following businesses and organizations who partnered with the City as \$1,000 Trolley Sponsors this past holiday season.

- Downtown Development/Redevelopment Commission
- Greensfelder, Hempker & Gale, P.C.
- Bank of Belleville
- Belleville Main Street Organization



SAVE THE DATE:

55th Annual Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Wed., February 19, 2020

7:30-9:00 a.m.

Scottish Rite

1549 Frank Scott Parkway West,
Belleville, IL

For additional details, contact
Erika Eckert at (618) 233-5877
or EEckert@kaskaskiaeng.com

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



CEMETERY DECORATION REMOVAL

In order to perform the annual cemetery maintenance and clean up procedures at Belleville's Walnut Hill Cemetery and Mt. Hope Cemetery, the City requires all gravesite decorations and flowers be removed by March 1, 2020. Redecorating of gravesites can begin again on March 15, 2020. Thank you for your assistance.



DADDY *Daughter* DANCE **March 7, 2020**

It's time again to spend a special night with your little princess. The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department is hosting its 16th Annual Daddy Daughter Dance. Enjoy a delicious pasta dinner while listening and dancing to music. Each couple will receive one free commemorative photo taken by a professional photographer, a rose, prizes/gifts, a dinner, and an evening to cherish forever. Special Guest – Miss Illinois 2019 – Ariel Beverly will be attending!

When: Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 5-8:30 p.m.
 Where: Belleville West High School
 Price: \$40 per couple/\$17 each additional daughter
 Late Fee: \$30 per person (begins 2/26/20)

You must pre-register by calling (618) 233-1416 or (618) 277-9785 or complete the Registration Form (no online registration available). Don't delay, only 500 reservations are accepted.

CHRISTMAS TREE RECYCLING

The City is continuing to accept "live" Christmas trees through January 31, 2020, at the following locations:

- Laderman Park – 1105 Mascoutah Ave.
- Bellevue Park – 401 Bellevue Park Dr.
- North End Park – 1204 N. Douglas Ave.



Trees will be used to support local fisheries habitat programs. **PLEASE**, no bags, ornaments, lights, artificial trees, yard waste, or landscape materials allowed.

2020 HOLIDAYS OBSERVED

The following legal holidays will be observed during the 2020 calendar year. City offices will be closed on the following dates:

New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday, January 20
Presidents Day	Monday, February 17
Good Friday	Friday, April 10
Memorial Day.....	Monday, May 25
Independence Day	Friday, July 3
Labor Day	Monday, September 7
Veterans Day.....	Wednesday, November 11
Thanksgiving.....	Thursday, November 26
Day-After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 27
Christmas Eve - Closed at Noon ...	Thursday, December 24
Christmas Day	Friday, December 25
New Year's Eve - Closed at Noon..	Thursday, December 31

NEW BUSINESSES

September:

- The Salvation Army**
20 Glory Place***
- Sentact Insurance Advisors**
6500 West Main, Suite 216
- C&C Food for Your Soul**
1926 West Main
- Lola's Lemonade & Concessions**
200 South Belt East
- Tactical Towing & Recovery**
15 West Cleveland
- Ashland Storage Centers East**
653 Carlyle Ave, Suite C
- Capitol Group**
20 Empire Drive
- Rainstorm Express Car Wash**
5600 North Belt West

October:

- Siesta Coast Capital, LLC**
228 Freedom Drive
- Edward Jones Branch 26241**
23 Public Square, Suite 110
- ByKeedie**
6500 West Main Street, Suite 401**
- GCI Security, Inc**
120 West Main Street, Suite 210
- Winner Choice Gaming, LLC**
719 Centreville Avenue, Unit B
- MERS Missouri Good Will Industries**
5720 North Belt West, Suite 32**
- Collector's Corner**
120 East Main**
- Pressure Beauty Parlor**
6400 West Main Street, Suite 3E

Sugar Fix Bakery

- 106 East Main Street
- Advanced Approach Counseling**
300 West Main Street, Suite 3B
- PETRA New Life Church**
1913 North Belt East
- Alternative T's**
5300 North Belt West*
- Ash Jack`ee Collections**
1809 North Belt East, Suite B

The Daily Grind
2346 Mascoutah Avenue

Garfield Inn
626 Garfield

November:
Glitter & Glam Studio
 119 East Main Street

Belleville Urgent Care Walk In Clinic
 2801 West Main Street

Lovely Stylz

- 9 North 47th Street **
- Advantage Pest Control**
1421 North Belt West
- AHA Accounting and Tax Firm**
1419 West Main Street
- Stinger's Inc. dba Stinger's Café**
2331 Old Collinsville Road

World Finance Corporation
 1915 Carlyle Avenue**

August Gate Church
 1209 Royal Heights Road

Chinatown Restaurant
 52 Carlyle Plaza*

December:
J Martin Towing
 1646 North Charles 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 Ovia
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

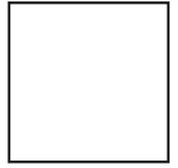
WARD 8

Roger Wigginton
581-0429
Roger Barfield
791-3368



CITY OF BELLEVILLE

101 S. Illinois St.
Belleville, IL 62220



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



All are welcome!
Start a new family
tradition!

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

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 at Noon
Belleville Illinois' Public Square at IL 159 and Main Streets
in the Northeast Quadrant near Curt's Clock

Call (618) 233-6810 or visit belleville.net/holidays for details
In case of inclement weather, visit belleville.net for updates

