



# 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 16, May 21, June 18

#### Home Brew & Music Walk

April 18

#### Law Day 5K Run

April 25

#### Old Town Farmers' Market

Saturdays, May 2-Nov. 7

#### Art on the Square

May 15-17

#### Memorial Day Parade & Pre-Parade 5K Run

May 25

#### Ainad Shrine Parade

May 29

#### Metro East Pride Fest

June 6

#### Craft Beer Walk

June 20

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED

April 10

May 25

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

Greetings and Happy Spring! Winter was a long one, and we're in the middle of preparing for one of the busiest seasons in the city. The annual Keep Belleville Beautiful is slated for April 18 from 9 a.m. until noon. If you would like to get involved to help give back to your community, email [info@basicbelleville.org](mailto:info@basicbelleville.org).

Several other events are right around the corner, including the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Art on the Square, the Memorial Day Parade, and the Ainad Shriners' Circus Parade. Please be sure to stay up-to-date with all things Belleville by visiting [www.belleville.net](http://www.belleville.net) for the latest information.

I'd also like to take some time to mention a few changes over the last year at City Hall. We thank Tim Gregowicz for his nearly 14 years of service as the city's engineer. Tim moved onto a new position, and we wish him well in his endeavors! He was an asset to our team, and we'll miss him. But with that, we welcome the new City Engineer Michael Velloff who began with us in February. We are excited to have Michael on the team. His expertise and professionalism are a great addition!

Lots of changes have occurred, and milestones met throughout the city over the last few months. Former President Mark Turner retired after 16 years of leadership at Memorial Hospital. We thank you for your leadership and vision, Mark, and we congratulate Mike McManus on his new role as president of Memorial Hospital. This is a well-deserved appointment, and we look forward to a continued strong relationship with Memorial Hospital in Belleville.

Congratulations to Belleville AmeriCorps for celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. I extend my sincere gratitude to this group, who again volunteered to clean up Mount Hope Cemetery in March. Your

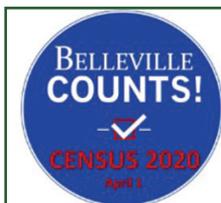
dedication to creating a better Belleville is not unnoticed. To Jay Stokes and the rest of the AmeriCorps crew, thank you and keep up the great work!

I'd also like to acknowledge the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Belle-Scott Committee. The committee was established in 1950 and is the oldest

continuing military/civilian partnership in the nation, working to promote good relationships between the City of Belleville and Scott Air Force Base. The programs created by this committee provide an opportunity for the citizens of Belleville to show their support and appreciation for the men and women of Scott Air Force Base. Members of the committee also assist throughout the year with various activities, including donations to the airman's attic, Operation Cookie Drop, Scott Field Heritage Air Park, the Air Show, the Belleville Dorm, and much more. Thank you for your dedication to creating a strong relationship between our city and the base.

Finally, the 2020 Census is upon us, and I cannot stress how important it is for every person residing in Belleville to get counted. This is one of the most important civic activities you can be part of. This is your chance to get counted to ensure you are represented in your community. The count impacts how federal funding is allocated to the City of Belleville, which impacts our schools, public safety, congressional representation, and more. To learn more about the Census and how to get counted, visit [www.belleville.net/census](http://www.belleville.net/census).

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you ever have any questions or concerns. Belleville continues to prosper. We have excellent residents who attest to the kind of city we are. I look forward to seeing you as the weather warms up, and the buzz of Belleville reignites.



### Census Day is April 1

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In March, you will receive a postcard from the Census Bureau with a specific user code. Use that code online to get counted!

### OPEN CENSUS DAY APRIL 1

No computer? No problem. Visit either branch of the Belleville Public Library and use the computer to get counted. No cost. Open to any Belleville resident during normal business

[www.belleville.net/census](http://www.belleville.net/census).



**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

**HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT NEWS FEATURES?**

If you like reading our newsletter, you'll love reading the News Features available on our website at [www.belleville.net/newsfeatures](http://www.belleville.net/newsfeatures). The News Features page includes interesting stories about events, new businesses, and people in our community.



If you like staying up-to-date on the latest news, you can receive automatic notifications when new feature stories are added to our website. Just follow these steps:

- Go to the home page of [belleville.net](http://belleville.net)
- From the 'How Do I' drop down menu
- Select 'Sign Up For' Notify Me

- Provide your email address and/or mobile phone number
- Check the box(es) indicating how you choose to be notified (HTML email and/or text message)
- Locate the 'News Features' category near the top
- Check the email and/or mobile phone icon, or both!

While you're there, you may want to sign up for other notifications such as the quarterly Newsletter, Emergency Alerts, Bid Postings, Job Openings, Events, or Meeting Agendas. Once you try it, we think you'll like it. You can unsubscribe at any time.

**ALTHOFF'S COMMUNITY SERVICE CLEANS UP OUR CITY**

On March 3, 2020, nearly 300 Crusaders from Althoff Catholic High School teamed with the City of Belleville to pick up litter throughout the city. Each year, the entire school bands together to conduct a day to service, and students chose to focus on litter clean-up in West Belleville. Students picked up hundreds of bags of garbage and also enjoyed a cookout provided by Becker, Hoerner & Yursa Law Firm and Mayor Mark Eckert. "We're very grateful the students chose to give back to their community in this way," said Eckert. "We're very lucky to have students like this in our city who choose to be proactive and engaged in response to the community's needs."



**BELLEVILLE – A RUNNER FRIENDLY COMMUNITY**

The Belleville Running Club presented the City Council with a plaque at its January 6, 2020 meeting, renewing the city's designation as a Runner Friendly Community by the Road Runners Club of America. There are only about 50 cities in the nation that receive this distinction.

To be a Runner Friendly Community, a city must meet several criteria, including:

- Community infrastructure that can foster physical activity in a safe environment
- Community support
- Local government support

The Belleville Running Club (BRC) is a not for profit organization and a member of the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) which supports and encourages running and walking activities for all ages and abilities. For more information about the BRC, visit [www.bellevillerunningclub.com](http://www.bellevillerunningclub.com).

For more information about Runner Friendly Communities, visit the Road Runners Club of America website at [www.rrca.org](http://www.rrca.org).



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

**Bring your lawn chairs and blankets!**

**Toy Story 4**  
Friday 8th

**FREE MOVIES**

**START AT DUSK**

**FROZEN II**  
June 12th

**Belleville**  
MAIN STREET  
**MARATHON**

**SATURDAY**  
**SEPT. 26, 2020**

*Belleville Parks & Recreation*



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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



**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](http://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.*

**HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SOLAR POWER?**

Thanks to the Grow Solar Metro East program, homeowners throughout the metro east may participate in a program to help pool their buying power to secure discounts that make installing solar in their homes more affordable.



If you would like to learn about the basics of solar, its financial implications, and how the program works, you can start by attending one of the free information sessions that will be held in Belleville's City Council Chambers at 101 S. Illinois Street from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 22 or Thursday, August 6.

For more information on Grow Solar Metro East, visit <https://www.growsolar.org/grow-solar-metro-east/>.



**THE BASIC INITIATIVE**

Belleville Achieves Strength In Character

*Keep Belleville Beautiful*

CITY-WIDE LITTER PICK UP

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18 | 9AM - NOON**

FREE T-SHIRTS FOR THE FIRST 250 PARTICIPANTS!  
CONTACT [INFO@BASICBELLEVILLE.ORG](mailto:INFO@BASICBELLEVILLE.ORG) TO SIGN UP:  
NAME • # OF PEOPLE • SHIRT SIZE  
PREFERRED LOCATION

**15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL TOUR DE BELLEVILLE NIGHT BIKE RIDE**

Hosted by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, this year's Tour de Belleville will be held on Friday, July 10, 2020, with a "Ride Like an Egyptian" theme.

The ride begins at 8 p.m. on the parking lot of Union United Methodist Church, 721 E. Main Street, Belleville. Participants can choose to ride either the 5 mile or 13 mile route. Enjoy live music performed by a band from 6-7:45 p.m.

The cost, which includes a shirt and a water bottle while supplies last, is \$18 per person through July 9 and \$25 per person on July 10. Registration begins May 1 at either the Parks and Recreation office or Bicycle World. Raffle tickets can be purchased at either location to win a Giant Brand Bicycle donated by Bicycle World.

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

Special registration events will be held at Bicycle World on Saturdays, June 13 and June 27, from 10 a.m.-noon, including a \$2 discount off each rider registration fee. This discount cannot be combined with the Big Family Discount.

This event is the 2nd leg of the Triple Crown. The 1st is the Law Day Run on April 25, the 3rd is the Gingerbread 5K Run on December 5.

Call 618-233-1416 or visit [www.tourdebelleville.com](http://www.tourdebelleville.com) for more information.



**Belleville's Old Town Farmers' Market**

**Saturdays, May 2 - November 7  
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*



Belleville AmeriCorps needs

**SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS!**

*Have fun working with kids and serving others while gaining experience in the community and earning money for college!*

**Receive a living allowance (\$2,000) and an education award (\$1,289.95)!**

For more information, call 618-235-2700, ext. 5711 or ext. 5713, or visit [swic.edu/ameriCorps](http://swic.edu/ameriCorps).

facebook.com/BellevilleAmeriCorps

- QUALIFICATIONS:**
- 17 years of age to 80+
  - Enjoy working with children
  - Have a desire to serve
  - Available from May 28-July 31

The application deadline is April 20.



**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.



**MUSEUM & MEMORIAL NEWS**

**INDOOR YARD SALE BENEFITING KOERNER HOUSE - JUNE 6**

Volunteers of the Koerner House Restoration Committee are hosting an Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, June 6, 2020, to raise funds for the historic site. Hours will be from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 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.

Shoppers will find an assortment of antiques, household furnishings, toys, art work, mirrors, garden stuff, and much, much more. Items have been donated by the public for this sale and are not part of the museum's collection.

Goods will be priced to sell quickly. Come early for the best selection; come later for the

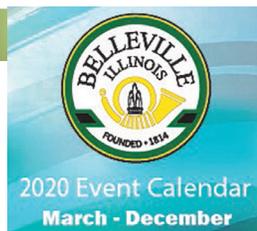
best prices. Check the Gustave Koerner Facebook page for a partial listing of items. Please bring cash for purchases; credit cards cannot be accepted.

Funds are being raised to install Heating and Cooling (HVAC) in the building. Tax-deductible donations toward this goal will also be accepted. For further information, call 618-235-6471.

Gustave Koerner was a friend of Abraham Lincoln and Belleville's most illustrious citizen of the 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LOOKING FOR FUN THINGS TO DO IN BELLEVILLE?**

View the 2020 Events Calendar, available at City Hall, the Parks & Recreation office, both public library locations, the Greater Belleville Chamber office, and many restaurants and businesses throughout the city.



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

**WONDERING WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR WORN AMERICAN FLAG?**



You're not alone. But, thanks to Jake Buettner and his leaders and fellow members of Belleville's Boy Scout Troop 529, worn flags can be dropped off at a specially designed flag collection box located at Belleville's Engine House #4 until it is properly retired along with other flags that have been collected. Jake designed the collection box for his Eagle Scout project.

The box is located at the west end of the Engine House at 1125 S. Illinois St. Drop offs can be made any time between dawn and dusk.

**SCOTT AFB AIRSHOW & OPEN HOUSE**

**Location:** Scott AFB, Illinois  
**Date:** May 30-31, 2020  
**Time:** Gates open at 9 a.m.  
 Gates close at 5 p.m.

FEATURING THE U.S. NAVY'S

*Blue Angels*



**MAY 30-31, 2020**

FREE ADMISSION!

[WWW.SCOTT.AF.MIL/ABOUT-US/AIRSHOW/](http://WWW.SCOTT.AF.MIL/ABOUT-US/AIRSHOW/)



**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

**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

**YARD WASTE AND TRASH COLLECTION TIMES**

8 a.m. - 4:30 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.**

**LARGE ITEM PICK-UP**

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.

## PARKS & RECREATION PROGRAMS & ACTIVITIES

WEBSITE: [BELLEVILLE.NET](http://BELLEVILLE.NET) / FACEBOOK: [@BELLEVILLEPARKS](https://www.facebook.com/BELLEVILLEPARKS) / PHONE #: (618) 233-1416

The BPRD staff welcomes persons with disabilities in all 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

Description: Easter egg hunt that takes place in Bellevue Park. The kids will have an opportunity to hunt for eggs, win prizes, and get a free photo with the Easter Bunny! Parents must pre-register their children to attend. This event will be held rain or shine, please bring your own Easter basket.

Age: 1-7 year-olds  
Date: Saturday, April 4  
Time: 10 -11:00 a.m. (Please arrive by 9:45 a.m.)  
Cost: FREE  
Location: Bellevue Park

#### Mother & Son Bowling Night

Description: Every mom deserves a night out with her Little Man! Bel-Air Bowl will be catering pizza, pasta, and salad for dinner. Each couple will get to bowl two games with shoes included. Children will also receive game tokens for the arcade and a goody bag to take home.

Age: 15 years-old and younger  
Date: Saturday, April 25  
Time: 5 - 8:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40 per couple, \$17 per additional child  
Location: Bel Air Bowl

#### Free Catch & Release Fishing Derby

Description: Kids are invited out to Bellevue Park to test their angling skills! Prizes will be awarded for various categories including most fish caught and strangest catch. Call the parks office to pre-register.

Age: 4-12 year-olds  
Date: Saturday, May 4  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Cost: FREE  
Location: Bellevue Park

#### Father's Day Nerf Night

Description: Spend some time with the man who works so hard for us! Partake in some quality bonding and laughs with Dad by playing nerf wars! Pizza and soda will be provided. All participants must provide their own nerf gun and ammo.

Age: 5-13 year-olds  
Date: Saturday, June 20  
Time: 2- 4:00 p.m. or 5- 7:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$25 per couple (\$10 per additional child)  
Location: Nichols Community Center

### Summer Day Camps

**Camp Quackers** - Our Summer Day Camp program will begin its 33rd season on June 1, 2020, and end the 10-week program on Aug. 7, 2020, in our air-conditioned Stone Lodge in Bellevue Park. Camp Quackers has available hours from 7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. for children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. The cost is \$95 per week for the regular camp hours of 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. We also provide extended care service for an additional fee of \$20 per week. A weekly major field trip is scheduled for all campers (Science Center, STL Zoo, Water Parks, and more)! Field trips are included in the weekly rate.

**Kiddie Camp** - A summer program for children ages 3 to 5. Kiddie Camp will begin on June 8, 2020, and end on July 16, 2020. The program is held Monday thru Thursday from 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Nichols Community Center. This camp provides a socially rich environment for all campers to learn, grow, and create new friendships. Campers discover new interests and learn values that will last a lifetime. The cost of this Camp is \$50 per week. He or she must be potty trained.

### Early Childhood Preschool Program

#### Alphabet Academy

Description: The nine-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. We focus on the individual needs of your

child and create the opportunity to cultivate their learning, enhance character, instill social skills, form friendships and discover new interests.

Age: 3 year-olds  
Dates: Sept. 8, 2020 to May 20, 2021  
Day: Tuesday(s) and Thursday(s)  
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$40.00 Registration fee  
\$115.00 (per month)  
Age: 4 year-olds  
Dates: Sept. 9, 2020 to May 21, 2021  
Day: Monday(s), Wednesday(s) and Friday(s)  
Time: 9:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$40.00 Registration fee  
\$125.00 (per month)

Call (618) 277-9785 today to set an appointment to view the Nichols Community Center and meet the friendly staff, or email [alphabetacademy@hotmail.com](mailto:alphabetacademy@hotmail.com) for more information.

### Youth Programs

#### Mommy & Me Yoga

Description: This is the perfect time of year to start getting in shape, stretch those muscles, and relax with your wee one at Mommy & Me Yoga! For moms & dads who know a lot about Yoga or just getting started.

Age: 3 year-olds and younger  
Dates: Saturdays; June 6 – July 18  
Time: 9 – 9:45 a.m.  
Cost: \$50 per session  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Youth Yoga

Description: Yoga benefits children both physically and mentally. Physically; yoga improves balance, flexibility, and strength. Mentally; yoga can improve attentiveness, memory, and self-esteem.

Age: 4 - 7 year-olds  
Dates: Fridays; June 5 – July 17  
Time: 2 – 2:45 p.m.  
Cost: \$50 per session  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Youth Baseball Leagues

Description: We are bringing the basics back to Baseball through positive competition, good sportsmanship, and skill development within a pressure-free environment! Registrations begins in January and ends in early-May. Players will receive a team shirt and cap. The MERBL Jaycee Leagues do travel and T-Ball, Robat, and Optimist Leagues will play all of their games in Bellevue. VOLUNTEER COACHES ARE NEEDED!

#### Early Bird Registration Discount (January):

T-Ball, Robat and Optimist:  
\$75/MERBL Jaycee Leagues: \$90  
Regular Registration Fee (February & March):

T-Ball, Robat and Optimist:  
\$85/MERBL Jaycee Leagues: \$100

#### Late Registration Fee (April & May):

T-Ball, Robat and Optimist:  
\$95/MERBL Jaycee Leagues: \$110

#### League Birthdates:

T-Ball League  
Sept. 1, 2012 – Dec. 31, 2014  
Robat League  
Sept. 1, 2010 – Aug. 31, 2012  
Optimist League  
Sept. 1, 2008 – Aug. 31, 2010  
Jr. Jaycee Travel League  
Sept. 1, 2005 – Aug. 31, 2006  
Jaycee Travel League  
High School Freshman –  
Senior (year 2019-2020)

#### Little Sluggers Instructional T-Ball

Description: A non-competitive, co-recreational approach to teaching safe baseball to preschool age children. Practice for the first 25 minutes, scrimmage play for the last 25 minutes. Parents/guardians may be asked to assist their child on the field. T-shirt and cap is provided.

Age: 3 - 5 year-olds  
Dates: Saturdays; June 6 – 27, July 11 (July 18 & 25 rainout dates)  
Time: Session 1 (9 - 9:50 a.m.); Session 2 (10

- 10:50 a.m.)  
Cost: \$65  
Location: Laderman Park

#### Little Dribblers

Description: A co-recreational approach to teaching safe basic basketball skills to preschool aged children.

Age: 4 - 6 year-olds  
Dates: Saturdays; April 4, 11, 18, 25  
Time: 8 – 9:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$60 per session  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Youth Pickleball Clinic

Description: Come test your skills and learn the basic fundamentals of pickleball.

Age: 10 - 15 year-olds  
Dates: Saturday; June 13  
Time: 1 :30 – 3:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$5 per person  
Location: East End Park

#### Learn to Play Pickleball – Beginners

Description: You will learn all about basic shots, dinks, volleys, ground strokes, serves, basic rules, and scoring.

Age: 10 - 99 year-olds  
Dates: June 23, 24, 25  
Time: 5 :30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Cost: \$45 per person  
Location: East End Park

#### Spring Outdoor Little Kickers Soccer

Description: This program for pre-school aged children teaches soccer skills in a fun, non-competitive, and educational environment. Our philosophy is to use soccer to nurture, to build self-confidence, and to develop teamwork skills. Practice for the first 25 minutes with fun interactive mini games and scrimmage play for the last 20 minutes. Instructed by Elite FT Soccer Training.

Age: 3 – 5 year-olds  
Dates: Saturdays; April 11 - May 9 (May 16 & 23 rainout dates)  
Time: Session 1 (9 - 9:45 a.m.); Session 2 (10 - 10:45 a.m.)  
Cost: \$65  
Location: Laderman Park

#### Junior Tennis Lessons

Description: Players will be introduced to and progress through the game of tennis. Lessons will take place twice a week over a 3-week span. They will learn the game of tennis through fun games and drills that will improve hand-eye coordination, racquet handling skills and basic tennis strokes. Coach to player ratio will be 10-1 or lower. Racquets will be provided, or players can provide their own.

Grades: Kindergarten – 8th grade  
Dates:  
Session 1 (K – 2nd grade) Mon. & Wed.,  
Jun. 15 – Jul. 1, 9 – 9:50 a.m.  
Session 2 (3rd – 5th grade) Mon. & Wed.,  
Jun. 15 – Jul. 1, 10 – 10:50 a.m.  
Session 3 (6th – 8th grade) Tues. & Thurs.,  
Jun. 16 – Jul 2, 9:30 – 10:20 a.m.

Cost: \$65  
Min/Max: 4/10  
Location: Lindenwood Belleville Tennis Courts

#### Drawing Class

Description: Come test your hand at beginner's cartoon drawing. Our instructor will demonstrate how to make your favorite characters.

Ages: 8 years & older  
Dates: April 4 – 27 & June 1 – 22  
Time: 6 - 7:30pm  
Cost: \$45 per session (supplies included)  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Nerf Night

Description: Come to the Nichols Community Center and enjoy one of our most popular programs. We'll play several short games such as Capture the Flag and also enjoy some pizza and soda.

Ages: 5-13 year-olds  
Dates: Fridays; April 3, May 1, June 5  
Cost: \$12 per child, per night  
Location: Nichols Community Center

### ADULT/SENIOR PROGRAMS

#### Instructional Adult Tennis League

Description: This league is designed for skill levels ranging from beginner to moderate. The first 30 minutes will consist of instruction/drills that will help to improve skill level and knowledge of the game. For the last hour, the participants will be matched up based on skill level and play an 8 game pro set. There will be an instructor on site to teach the game and to coordinate the matchups.

Age: 14 year-olds and older  
Dates: June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21  
Time: 7 – 8:30 p.m.  
Days: Tuesday nights  
Cost: \$60  
Min/Max: 4/12  
Location: Lindenwood Belleville Tennis Courts

#### Adult Pickleball Clinic

Description: Come test your skills and learn the fundamentals of pickleball.

Age: 16 - 99 year-olds  
Dates: Saturday; June 13  
Time: 9 :30 – 11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$5 per person  
Location: East End Park

#### Yoga Gold

Description: Yoga classes designed for individuals in their upper years who want to gain the benefits of yoga and potentially expand their practice to more challenging levels.

Age: 55 year-olds and older  
Days: Thursdays  
Time: 10 – 11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$5 per class  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Zumba

Description: It's a total workout while learning popular dance moves and combining all elements of fitness.

Age: 14 year-olds and older  
Days: Mondays, Wednesdays, & Saturdays  
Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., 9:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Saturdays)  
Cost: \$5 per class  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Zumba Toning

Description: This class emphasizes muscle toning and sculpting. A high energy cardio workout but challenges you by adding resistance for a calorie torching strength training dance fitness party.

Age: 14 year-olds and older  
Days: Tuesdays  
Time: 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$5 per class  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Senior Aerobics

Description: Moderate exercise that gently raises the heart rate, is appropriate for seniors.

Age: 55 year-olds and older  
Days: Mondays & Fridays  
Time: 8 – 9:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$30 for 10 weeks  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Adult Pickleball

Description: This sport is suitable for everyone! It is easy to learn but still challenging because the intensity level increases as the players' skills do.

Age: 18 year-olds and older  
Days: Mondays & Wednesdays  
Time: 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
Cost: FREE  
Location: Nichols Community Center

#### Adult Badminton

Description: Come play a fun game of badminton and test out your strength, endurance, and quick reflexes.

Age: 18 year-olds and older  
Days: Tuesdays  
Time: 2 – 4:00 p.m.  
Cost: FREE  
Location: Nichols Community Center

**FACILITY RENTAL**  
Nichols Community Center & City Parks

**NCC Meeting/Classrooms** COST: \$25/\$30 hour  
These rooms can be used for classrooms, birthday parties, conferences, church meetings, baby showers, etc.

**NCC Gymnasium** COST: \$40/hour  
Rent out the entire gym to fit your needs. Includes a basketball court, volleyball net, and all the basics of any indoor activity!

**NCC Instructional Room** COST: \$50/hour  
Lead a class or activity in this spacious double room. Perfect for most activities from adult aerobics to toddler exercise. This room is also utilized for birthdays, baby showers, and family reunions or meetings.

**Pavilion Rental** COST: \$50 with electric or \$40 without electric  
Rent a pavilion at your favorite park for any

special occasion. Great sites for Birthday Parties, Graduation Parties, Showers, or Family Reunions.

**Soccer Fields** COST: \$45/hour with lights or \$20/hour without lights

**Baseball Fields** COST: \$45/hour with lights or \$20/hour without lights

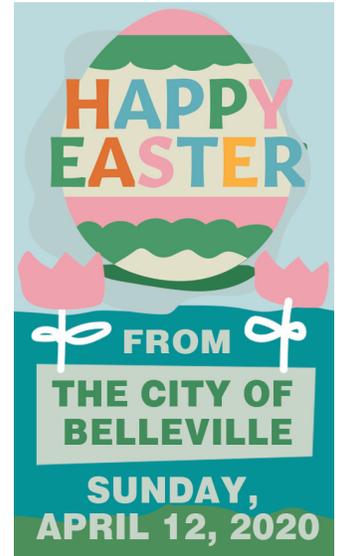
**Stone Lodge** COST: \$125 (6am - 10pm) & \$50 extra on Premium Dates  
(401 Bellevue Park Drive, Belleville, IL 62226)  
The Stone Lodge is the perfect place for Family Reunions, Receptions, Showers, Meetings or Parties. The facility can accommodate 60 people and has a covered pavilion on each side with additional seating. Approximately 60 chairs, 8 tables, refrigerator, stove, and restrooms are provided.  
*This facility is unavailable to rent during the Summer months when Camp Quackers is in session and certain Holidays.*

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

**DODGEBALL PACKAGE: \$115**  
INCLUDES:  
- Game Coordinator  
- 2 Hours of Rental: Gym & Party Room  
- 20 Kids Max

**SPORTS PACKAGE: \$105**  
INCLUDES:  
- Access to utilize basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs & net  
- 2 Hours of Rental: Gym & Party Room  
- 20 Kids Max



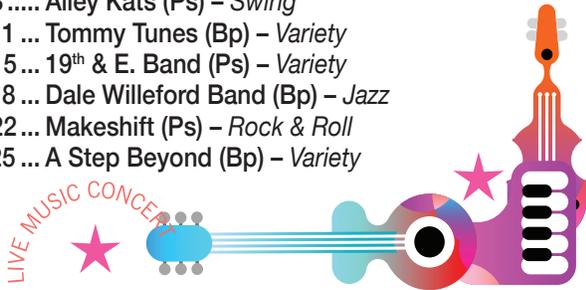
**HAPPY EASTER**  
FROM THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE  
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

**FREE SUMMER CONCERTS - 2020**

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy **FREE** concerts at 7 p.m. every Monday at the Public Square (Ps) and every Thursday in Bellevue Park (Bp), June 1 through July 30.

- Mon., June 1 ..... Blues & Grass Band (Ps) - *Blue Grass*
- Thur., June 4 ..... Papa Chow & The Noise Makers (Bp) - *Rock & Roll*
- Mon., June 8 ..... Alley Kats (Ps) - *Swing*
- Thur., June 11 ... Tommy Tunes (Bp) - *Variety*
- Mon., June 15 ... 19<sup>th</sup> & E. Band (Ps) - *Variety*
- Thur., June 18 ... Dale Willeford Band (Bp) - *Jazz*
- Mon., June 22 ... Makeshift (Ps) - *Rock & Roll*
- Thur., June 25 ... A Step Beyond (Bp) - *Variety*

- Mon., June 29 ... A Step Beyond (Ps) - *Variety*
- Thur., July 2 ..... Papa Chow & The Noise Makers (Bp) - *Rock & Roll*
- Mon., July 6 ..... George Portz Band (Ps) - *Blue Grass*
- Thur., July 9 ..... Dale Willeford Band (Bp) - *Jazz*
- Mon., July 13 .... Waterloo German Band (Ps) - *Variety & German*
- Thur., July 16 ..... 19<sup>th</sup> & E. Band (Bp) - *Variety*
- Mon., July 20 .... Mister T & The Houseshakers (Ps) - *50's Rock & Roll*
- Thur., July 23 ..... Makeshift (Bp) - *Rock & Roll*
- Mon., July 27 ... Tommy Tunes (Ps) - *Variety*
- Thur., July 30 ..... Short Mist (Bp) - *Country Rock*



For more information, call 233-1416.

**NEW BUSINESSES**

**December:**

**Sincerely the Craft\*\***  
24 East Main Street

**Blanquart's Rusty Gem Antiques**  
501 Lebanon Avenue

**People Overcoming with Everlasting Results, Incorporated (P.O.W.E.R., INC)**  
6400 West Main Street, Suite 1F3

**Light Source**  
114 East Lincoln Street

**Metro Market & Deli**  
530 North Douglas

**January: Real Estate with LA**  
6600 West Main Street, Suite 7

**Crystal Stone, LTD dba Crystal Clear Mobile Provider**  
423 North High Street

**Mr. Rogers Outdoor RV & Boat Storage**  
2020 North Belt West

**Lucille's Beauty Supply Fashion and More**  
1401 West Main Street

**Mike Bloomberg 2020, Inc**  
25 East Main Street, Suite A

**Rising Stars dba Venue on Main**  
200 West Main Street

**February: Weissenborn Lawn\*\*\***  
18 Mascoutah Avenue

**Professional Kitchen Solutions, Inc**  
22 South 20th Street

**Kaleidoscope Craft Brew Coffee**  
6435 West Main Street

**M&S Diecast & Design, LLC**  
935B South Belt West

**Bigfoot Comics and Collectibles**  
101 East B Street

**Queen Esther Artistry**  
1830 East B Street, Suite A

**R&J Liquor\*/ \*\*\*\***  
3901 North Belt West, Suite C

**Hemmer Construction**  
18 East Main Street, Suite B

**Assured Tax Prep**  
1809 North Belt East, Suite B

**March: Shrine Restaurant and Banquet Center\***  
442 South DeMazenod Drive

**Cube Smart**  
120 Carlyle Avenue

**BELLEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

**2020 OPEN HOUSE**  
**Saturday, April 4, 2020**  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Belleville Fire Department Engine House #4



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

**SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL WALKWAY of Southern Illinois**



**Fire Accelerant K-9 Demos Featuring "Sadie"**  
11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m.



**Auto Extrication Demo**  
11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.



**Search & Rescue Demo**  
10:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.

**HOT DOGS AND DRINKS AVAILABLE ALL DAY**

**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

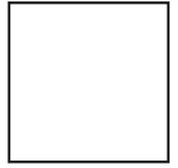
**WARD 8**

Roger Wigginton  
581-0429  
Roger Barfield  
791-3368



**CITY OF BELLEVILLE**

101 S. Illinois St.  
Belleville, IL 62220



**Census Day is April 1**

This is the first year the Census Bureau is asking you to get counted online!

In March, you will receive a postcard from the Census Bureau with a specific user code. Use that code online to get counted!

**OPEN CENSUS DAY APRIL 1**

No computer? No problem. Visit either branch of the Belleville Public Library and use the computer to get counted. No cost. Open to any Belleville resident during normal business

[www.belleville.net/census](http://www.belleville.net/census)



**Experience Belleville's Art on the Square  
May 15-17, 2020**

Fri., May 15, 4 pm - 9 pm

Sat., May 16, 11 am - 9 pm

Sun., May 17, 11 am - 5 pm

- World Class Artists
- Art for Everyone
- Delicious Food & Drink

- Outstanding Entertainment
- Nationally Ranked Art Show
- Free Admission



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**FREE ADMISSION!**