



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 Farmer's Market

Saturdays, 7:30 a.m. - noon

The Old Town Belleville's Farmer's Market is open! While socially distant practices and masks are required for everyone's health and safety, you can still get locally grown produce, high quality meats, plants, jams, baked goods, and so much more. The market meets at the corner of Washington and S. Charles downtown Belleville. SNAP/ EBT accepted!

Belleville Late Nights

Thursday evenings

Spend an evening dining and shopping in downtown Belleville! Many stores will be open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Details can be found at www.bellevillemainstreet.net/our-merchants

September 11 Moment of Remembrance Ceremony

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

July 3

September 7

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

July 1 – what an unbelievable first six months in 2020. COVID-19 has affected all of us all in some way. Some have experienced health issues and job loss while others have experienced personal loss with the death of a loved one. This horrible virus may not be over. We must respect the seriousness of this threat and what it can still do to our community. Please exercise good health habits – wash your hands, wear a mask, socially distance, and do not go to work, school, or other functions if you are not feeling well.

COVID-19 has greatly hurt our economy. It is important to do as much business in Belleville as possible. Our small businesses are the backbone of our community and supporting them is extremely important.

Things are still looking different around town. Many events have been delayed or postponed and we're not sure exactly if or when they might be rescheduled. But don't forget Belleville is open for business! Restaurants and shopping are now open again and our merchants and restaurants are doing a great job of maintaining safe practices by wearing masks and disinfect-



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

CENSUS 2020 UPDATE

The U. S. Census Bureau has extended the deadline for the 2020 Census until **October 31, 2020**. If you have not responded by August 10, Census Bureau employees, called enumerators, will begin door-to-door counting on **August 11, 2020**. The easiest way to respond is by self-reporting at my2020census.gov. All Census Bureau employees will be wearing teal shirts, have an official Census Bureau bag, and an official Census Bureau identification card. All information submitted to the Census Bureau is confidential and not shared with any other agency, company, or law enforcement. This is how you can help shape the future of our community. Get counted, Belleville!

ing regularly. Come downtown to shop or dine in the open air setting. Stroll our parks or participate in one of the socially distanced programs put on by Parks and Recreation.

The first half of the year has also shown us several peaceful demonstrations in and around the St. Clair County Courthouse. Situations like that of George Floyd are horrible and must be brought to justice. Chief Clay, Assistant Chief Eiskant and I have been in contact with numerous groups of concerned citizens explaining the training policies and procedures our Belleville Police Department follows. We are proud of our hiring practices, policies and training, and the diversity of our Belleville police department in 2020. The City of Belleville is proud to have a Human Relations Commission working on education and third-party mediation. Rest assured, I am proud of our police department and all our first responders who serve our citizens so well.

Please continue to be vigilant of your health and the health of your loved ones, and remember, we're all going through trying times. Please be sure to be kind and if you need help, reach out.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO GET COUNTED, BELLEVILLE!

GET COUNTED! 2020 CENSUS

VISIT MY2020CENSUS.GOV OR CALL
1-844-330-2020 FOR ENGLISH
OR 1-844-468-2020 FOR SPANISH.



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

Mayor
233-6518 x1239

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

Police
234-1212
non-emergency

Public Relations
233-6518 x 1237

Sanitation
233-6518 x4217

Street
239-3454

Treasurer
233-6518 x1214

Wastewater or Sewer
233-7146

THANKS TO THE GREATER BELLEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Over the last several months, business operations changed drastically throughout the City of Belleville due to the governor's stay-at-home order and subsequent Restore Illinois Plan. Many businesses weren't allowed to operate for months. Some are now open, but only on a limited basis or with special operating procedures.

Running a small business isn't easy as is, and asking small businesses to adapt in order to stay open is challenging for even the most seasoned business owner. But, through the guidance and leadership of the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce, our business community in Belleville has received tremendous support! Over the last few months, the Chamber has hosted virtual meetings in lieu of regular ones, provided resources and access to information for business owners, and supported the community by sharing good news stories, just to name a few of the things its done.

On behalf of the City of Belleville, we would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce for showing unwavering support of our business



REMEMBER WHEN YOU ASKED THAT SMALL BUSINESS TO SUPPORT YOUR FUNDRAISER? NOW IT'S TIME TO SUPPORT THEM. THEY'RE THE HEART OF OUR TOWN.



community. Please remember to support these businesses and the Chamber. They need your support and patronage now more than ever. To learn more about the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce, visit www.bellevillechamber.org/.

BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY OFFERS CURBSIDE PICK-UP

Beginning June 8, the Belleville Public Library started offering curbside pickup to library patrons.

"Even though we are not able to open to the public yet, we want to be sure to offer our residents more services as the state slowly begins to re-open, and we've devised a safe way to do that," said Director of Libraries Leander Spearman.

Patrons may order items online at www.belleville.net/350/Library, via email at curbside@bellevillepubliclibrary.org, or by calling 618-234-0441. Appointments to pick up material will be on Mondays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at the main library, 121 E. Washington, Belleville.

Parking spots will be designated for library pick-up in the parking lot on Washington adjacent to the library. Patrons should park, then call or text the phone number provided on signs, and should provide their name, library barcode, and space number. An employee of the library will then deliver the items to the patron's trunk.

There is a limit of 10 items per account and one library account can be utilized per household.

"As Illinois begins to open, library services will also begin to open as we can to be compliant with the state's Restore Illinois Plan," said Spearman. "Keep your eyes peeled for more information as we can't wait for library services to be fully restored."

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RETIRE YOUR FLAG PROPERLY AT ENGINE HOUSE #4

If you're wondering what to do with your worn American flag, Eagle Scout Jake Buettner has the solution for you.

Buettner, who has been a member of Boy Scout Troop 529 with Our Lady Queen of Peace in Belleville for seven years, designed and built a retired flag drop box to store worn flags until they can be properly retired. Buettner chose Firehouse #4, 1125 S. Illinois St., for the flag collection box as he felt it was an appropriate location given its proximity to the 9/11 Memorial.

The box is available for anyone to retire a worn flag, and drop offs can be made at any time.

For the project, Buettner researched and purchased a collection box that provides a place for flags to be stored to ensure they are kept secure and dry. He fundraised and solicited donations from many family members and friends, and also worked with Pro Signs By Design to help him design the labels and lettering that are displayed on the exterior of the box. The leaders and other members of Troop 529 met to assist in preparing the space, placing forms, pouring concrete and permanently affixing the box to the ground.

"I'm proud of the flag collection box and am also excited to see the enthusiasm with which it has been met," said Buettner. "Many people have already gone out of their way to make sure their worn flags are retired properly. In fact, we held a flag retirement ceremony this past Veteran's Day



Eagle Scout Jake Buettner is pictured with the retired flag drop box he created at the City of Belleville's Firehouse #4, 1125 S. Illinois. St.

and respectfully retired almost thirty flags. So, I thought this would be a great addition to help serve the community."

SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL CEREMONY

September 11
Moment of Remembrance
Ceremony
Friday, September 11, 2020
11:30 a.m.

September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois

Save the date for the September 11 Moment of Remembrance Ceremony. This year's event may be virtual or in-person. Please visit the website to see the specific details of the event as the date nears.

www.belleville.net/911memorial

RESIDENTS RESPOND WITH ACTS OF KINDNESS DURING PANDEMIC

Belleville is a city of great neighborhoods and neighbors and that rang true during the months Illinois was under the stay-at-home order more than ever. On behalf of the City of Belleville and Mayor Eckert, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all residents for doing your part.

While staying home for a few months maybe didn't feel like it was something big, it was actually the most important action to take in our community's fight against the pandemic. More than that, community members responded to needs throughout the community. Thousands of pounds of food donations were made to local food pantries, something spearheaded by many neighborhood associations. In fact, a friendly competition ensued as everyone between the neighborhoods got involved to help. We saw regular donations from the Ogles Watch Neighborhood, Top of the Hill Neighborhood, 17th Street Corridor Neighborhood, and the Highland Neighborhood, just to name a few.

Folks were looking out for neighbors, especially the elderly or immunocompromised by running errands for them, checking in to say hi, and even conducting socially distant parades. It was hard to be apart from loved ones for special occasions like birthdays, weddings, and anniversaries. So, to those who stayed the course and kept distance even during special occasions, again, thank you.

We saw an outpouring of support for our locally owned small businesses. Not only were these businesses required to adapt to stay afloat, our Belleville residents continued to support them by ordering take out, shopping online, or placing orders for gift certificates. Our schools were impacted greatly as we all know. Children had to stay at home, parents had to become home-school teachers overnight, and educators struggled being away from the students they welcomed to their classrooms each day.

To all educators and support staff, parents, and the kids, thank you. Thank you for adapting in these challenging times and for persisting while so many unknowns took hold.

Finally, to our "front-liners" – police and fire, EMTs, healthcare workers, grocery store clerks, gas station attendants, food delivery workers, transportation professionals, mail carriers – thank you! We

relied on you more than ever before and in true Belleville fashion, the community responded with tremendous support. We truly know now that not all heroes wear capes. In Belleville, heroes look more like the folks who dusted off their sewing machines to make masks, the pizza delivery person who dropped dinner off on your front porch, and the neighborhood organizers who organized and collected food donations for those in-need. Even in moments of darkness, Belleville shines. That's why we continue to be perpetually Belleville Proud.



VISIT THE OLD TOWN FARMER'S MARKET



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

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.

Facebook: [facebook.com/BellevilleAmeriCorps](https://www.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.

SWIC SOUTHWESTERN ILLINOIS COLLEGE

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.

PARKS & RECREATION UPDATE

WEBSITE: BELLEVILLE.NET / FACEBOOK: @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.

While the Parks & Recreation Department is open and operating, summer programming looks a little different this summer in wake of the pandemic. Some programs that have started or that will be starting are yoga, Zumba, and youth tennis and golf lessons, with more possibilities on the horizon. Please be sure to check the parks department Facebook page (@BellevilleParks) and www.belleville.net/currentactivities for the latest updates on Parks & Rec programming.

Residents can still enjoy parks throughout the City of Belleville. In fact, Bicentennial Park boasts a new lake trail perfect for biking or walking, and the City offers an 18-hole disc

golf course at Citizen's Park and Bicentennial Park. The St. Clair County Transit District MetroBikeLink also just expanded its trail which now connects the Fairview Heights Metro Link Station to the Memorial Hospital Station in Belleville. Also, the Belleville Dog Park, located at 110 N. 6th St., is open. Individuals can sign up at the Parks & Rec Office at 510 W. Main St., Mon.-Fri. from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The cost is \$24 for resident and \$48 for non-resident. If you have any questions regarding programming or other parks department related matters then call them at 618-233-1416 or send an email to parksnrec@belleville.net.



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.

NEW BUSINESSES

March:
City Goods
125 East Main Street

April:
Loft83
6 South Church Street

TEND2U RP, LLC
2020 North Belt West

Lucille's Beauty Supply
5010 West Main Street

May:
Smoothie King
660 Carlyle Avenue

Cured & Cultured
6401 West Main Street

Marco Investment Group, LLC DBA Advantage Self Storage
2331 W. State Rt. 161

Sandifer & Associates
7008 West Main Street

Nettie B's
8201 West Main Street

*NEW OWNERSHIP **RELOCATION ***EXPANSION ****NAME CHANGE

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



CITY OF BELLEVILLE
101 S. Illinois St.
Belleville, IL 62220

Elected Officials

Effective May 1, 2020

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

David Pusa
406-5548
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

"LIKE" THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!

Be sure to "like" the Belleville Police Department's new Facebook page at www.facebook.com/BellevilleILPolice/



A SYMBOL OF
FREEDOM & PEACE.

*Happy
4th of July
to All!*

May this day inspire us all to fight
for freedom and equality everyday.



BELLEVILLE NAMED MOST PATRIOTIC CITY FOR THIRD YEAR

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 every year since 2018, marking this year as the third consecutive year for the honor. 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. Thank you for making Belleville your home!

