

Celebrating Over 200 Years of History, Tradition and Progress

COMMUNITY OF CHARACTER WORDS OF THE MONTH

- January**
Integrity
- February**
Honesty
- March**
Perseverance

RING IN THE NEW YEAR

***Remote* Ringing of the Bells**
Join in this longstanding Belleville tradition! At noon on Jan. 1, go outside and ring your bells for two minutes to welcome the New Year. While distanced, we can still be together in community spirit! Happy New Year!

SAVE THE DATES

- FEBRUARY 10**
Mayor's Virtual Prayer Breakfast
- APRIL 3**
Belleville Fire Department Virtual Open House

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

- January 1
- January 18
- February 15

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year 2021! I know so many of us have been eagerly waiting to see the end of 2020 and welcome 2021! To say this past year has been unique is a serious understatement. 2020 has been extremely challenging for cities and towns throughout the country. It has been an emotional roller coaster and a financial nightmare. We all know the problems and losses we faced in 2020, but even with those in mind, the City of Belleville continues making progress on several projects while welcoming new businesses and residents.



Mark W. Eckert, Mayor

As of the top of December, the City of Belleville issued 77 commercial occupancy permits for 2020. Some of the new restaurants you may want to try for the new year include Sugar High, a café and bakery at 100 E. Main St., Joe & Onie's, a coffee shop and café at 18 E. Main St., and Nettie B's, a southern style restaurant at 8201 W. Main St. We have also seen continued progress at the Lofts on the Square, a 47-unit senior living facility on Belleville's Public Square. You have probably seen that progress as you drive by on Rt. 159, passing the fountain. Likewise, the apartments on Rt. 161 next to the Carlyle Ave. YMCA will open soon and will be a great place for our military friends down the road at Scott Air Force Base to call home.

We have also seen progress by our many excellent organizations throughout the city. The Belleville Mural Project installed another mural at 801 W. Main St., adding color and art to the newly finished streetscape from 6-12th streets. Additionally, our very own Memorial Hospital was named as a "High Performing" hospital and Memorial Care Center was named as one of "America's Best Nursing Homes" by U.S. News & World Report. Memorial Hospital also received the MAGNET designation by the American Nursing Credentialing Center, something

only 6 percent of hospitals in the nation have received. I extend my sincere gratitude to our healthcare workers who have been brought front-and-center because of the pandemic. Thank you for what you do. We know you are exhausted, emotionally and physically, but thank you for your selfless service to your community.

This year, the City of Belleville also received a substantial amount of funding through the Rebuild Illinois Grant. A half of a million dollars of that funding will be dedicated to infrastructure improvements and demolitions of derelict properties; \$300,000 will be dedicated to the construction of a splash pad at Bicentennial Park; \$100,000 will be dedicated to improvements to N. Virginia Ave. We are also very happy to be the recipient of \$150,000 in Local CURE's Act funding for the Belleville COVID-19 Business Recovery Grant Program. These funds will go to locally owned small businesses affected by the pandemic.

I want to take this moment to thank each and every resident who has been making a concerted effort to shop and support locally. Our local businesses are the cornerstone of our city and they have suffered more this year than ever before. So, to those of you who understand the importance of supporting local shops and restaurants, thank you! The money you spend in Belleville stays in Belleville to help fund essential services like fire and police protection. Your locally spent dollars also support your family members, neighbors, and friends who own and operate our local businesses. I know they appreciate your support whether it's in the form of dining outside, purchasing a gift certificate, or shopping online. Please don't let this support falter as we move into the new year; the economic challenges facing our small businesses won't be over with the turn of a calendar page. Please, continue to support them!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

From the City of Belleville

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We wish you a happy, healthy and safe 2021!



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

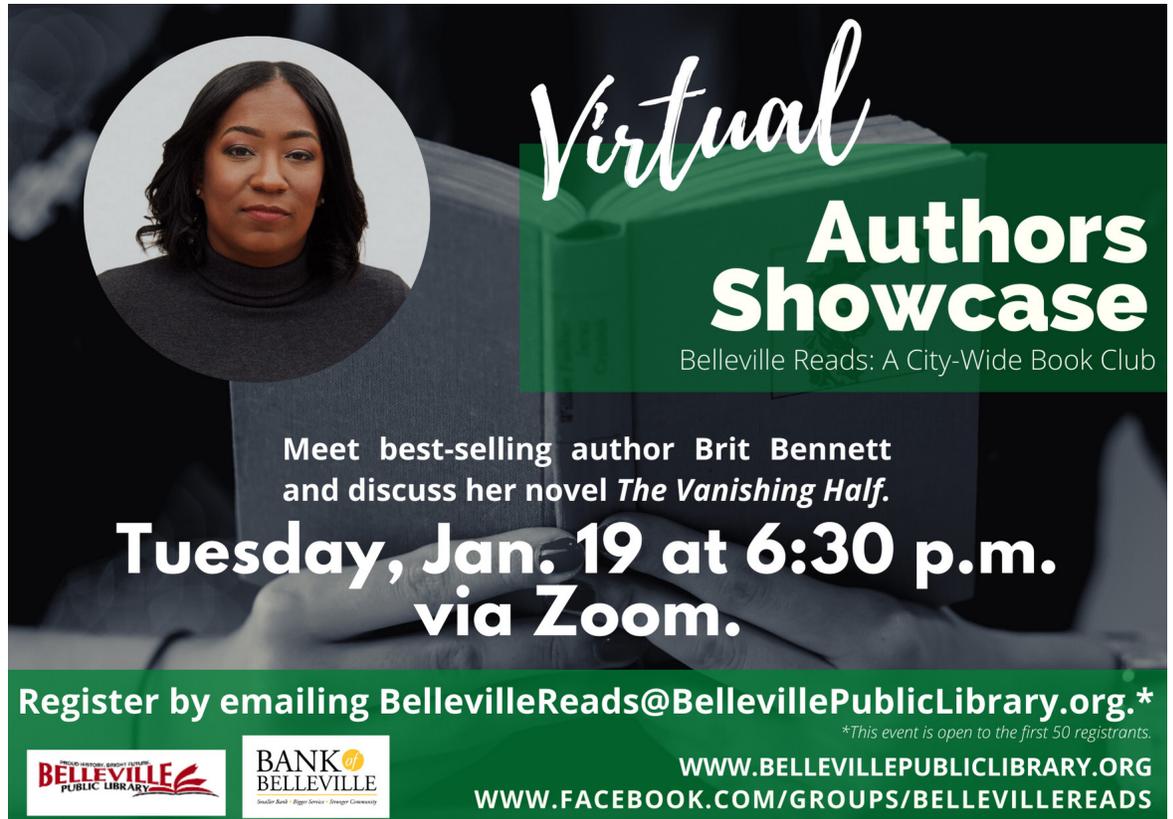
Sanitation
233-6518 x4217

Street
239-3454

Treasurer
233-6518 x1214

Wastewater or Sewer
233-7146

LIBRARY NEWS: AUTHORS SHOWCASE WITH BRIT BENNETT



Virtual
Authors Showcase
Belleville Reads: A City-Wide Book Club

Meet best-selling author Brit Bennett and discuss her novel *The Vanishing Half*.

Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Register by emailing BellevilleReads@BellevillePublicLibrary.org.*

*This event is open to the first 50 registrants.

WWW.BELLEVILLEPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/BELLEVILLEREADS




2021 HOLIDAYS OBSERVED

The following legal holidays will be observed during the 2021 calendar year. City offices will be closed on the following dates:

- New Year's Day - Friday, Jan. 1
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - Monday, Jan. 18
- Presidents Day - Monday, Feb. 15
- Good Friday - Friday, April 2
- Memorial Day - Monday, May 31
- Independence Day - Monday, July 5
- Labor Day - Monday, Sept. 6
- Veterans Day - Thursday, Nov. 11
- Thanksgiving - Thursday, Nov. 25
- Day-After Thanksgiving - Friday, Nov. 26
- Christmas Eve – Closed at noon and observed Thursday, Dec. 23
- Christmas - Observed Friday, Dec. 24
- New Year's Eve – Closed at Noon and observed Thursday, Dec. 30
- New Year's Day - Observed Friday, Dec. 31



PLEASE STAY OFF THE ICE!

Remember, ice skating is prohibited on all city owned lakes and ponds. Please be safe and stay off the ice!



SEASONAL UPDATES FROM PUBLIC WORKS

WEEKLY YARD WASTE PICKUP RESUMES IN MARCH

Yard waste will be collected only once in January and February, and weekly collection resumes in March.

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).

- Jan. 2021 - Yard Waste will be collected Jan. 11-15
- Feb. 2021 - Yard Waste will be collected Feb. 8-12
- March – Dec. 2021 - Weekly collection will resume during the 1st full week of March and will continue through the 2nd full week of December, specifically March 1, 2021 until Dec. 17, 2021, weather permitting. After Dec. 17, 2021, there will be no yard waste collection until the 2nd full week of Jan. 2022.

For more information about sanitation services, visit www.belleville.net/358/Sanitation.

DISPOSAL OF LEAVES & 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 call 618-233-6518 ext. 4217.

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 rotation with their corresponding region. Residential streets and subdivisions are cleared using a grid pattern.
- Please understand that the City of Belleville works hard to clean the city streets for residents’ safety. Sometimes this results in snow being pushed near the end of residential driveways. It is the responsibility of the resident to remove any snow accumulation that may be pushed into the driveway by the snow plow. Thanks for doing your part!

CEMETERY DECORATION REMOVAL

In order to perform 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, 2021. Redecorating gravesites can begin again on March 15, 2021.



PARKS & RECREATION

Live Christmas Tree Recycling

MON. DEC 21, 2020 - SUN. JAN. 31, 2021

- Laderman Park – 1105 Mascoutah Avenue
- Bellevue Park – 401 Bellevue Park Drive
- North End Park – 1204 North Douglas

No bags, ornaments, lights, artificial trees, or yard waste -
RECYCLABLE MATERIAL ONLY, PLEASE!

**YARD WASTE
COLLECTION DATES**
(Weather Permitting)

March-December 2021:

March 1-December 17

Weekly collection beginning
1st full week of March through
2nd full week of December
(A full week = Monday-Friday)

January 2021:

January 11-15

(2nd full week, only)

February 2021:

February 8-12

(2nd full week, only)

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

**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
pick up on a daily basis, by
reservation, for a minimum fee
of \$65 for one load, \$90 for two
loads, and \$120 for 3 loads. To
arrange for a pick up, call the
Sanitation Department at 618-
233-6816 between the hours of
8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday
through Friday. All building
materials must be cut and
bundled in 4 foot lengths or less
with twine, string, or rope.

The following items will not be
picked up for a large item pick
up: concrete, bricks, shingles,
tires, appliances, electronics,
paint or other hazardous
wastes, batteries, yard waste, or
Waste Management bags filled
with items.

NOW HIRING



Serving. Learning. Earning.

Ages 17-80+

Earn \$ for living
and \$ for school!



Southwestern Illinois College
2500 Carlyle Ave., Belleville
ISB Room 2011

618-235-2700, ext. 5711

swic.edu/americorps



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.

PARKS & RECREATION

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.

NEW BUSINESSES

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| <p>September:
 Nicque's 3K
 6400 W. Main St., Ste 1F-6</p> <p>Thermodyne CCCS, Inc.
 300 W. Monroe St.</p> <p>The Nail Stop Shop, PLLC
 2630 Mascoutah Ave., 106</p> <p>Cured & Cultured
 6401 W. Main St.</p> <p>Belleville Surgical Center
 28 N. 64th St.</p> <p>The Girls Room
 9821 W. Main St., Unit A</p> <p>Glass & More, Inc.
 5400 N. Belt W.</p> <p>Forsythe Storage
 2201 S. Belt W.</p> | <p>Belleville Towing & Recovery
 2201 S. Belt W.</p> <p>Ramirez Diversified Services
 921 S. Belt W.</p> <p>HD Painting & Stain, LLC
 500 N. High St., Unit C</p> <p>October:
 V Lux Lady SPA
 1417 W. Main St.</p> <p>Joe & Onie's, LLC
 18 E. Main St.</p> <p>All Around Transportation
 3920 N. Belt W.</p> <p>The National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows*
 442 S. DeMazenod Dr.</p> | <p>Imperious Celebrations & Decor Event Center
 6600 W. Main St.</p> <p>November:
 Dormeshia Haire Taxes
 6500 W. Main St., Ste. 410</p> <p>Baldree-Orelt Insurance Agency
 6907 W. Main St.</p> <p>Belleville Christian School
 1901 Mascoutah Ave.</p> <p>Mystique Salon & Spa
 6600 W. Main St., Ste. 8</p> <p>Professional Title
 1634 Carlyle Ave.</p> <p>The Reserve
 2630 Mascoutah Ave.</p> | <p>Sugar High, LLC
 100 E. Main St.</p> <p>Beacon Ministry
 1901 Mascoutah Ave.</p> <p>St. Vincent DePaul
 8800 W. Main St.</p> <p>Patterson Automotive
 815 N. Deleware Ave.</p> <p>Helping Hounds, LLC
 1481 S. Illinois St.</p> <p>December:
 Covered Bridge Counseling
 7312 W. Main St.</p> <p>Apollo Medical
 100 W. Main St., Ste. 100</p> |
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*NEW OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT
 **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

WEST END PAYMENT DROPBOX

The City of Belleville has installed a new drop box for sewer and trash payments, located at 8800 W. Main St.

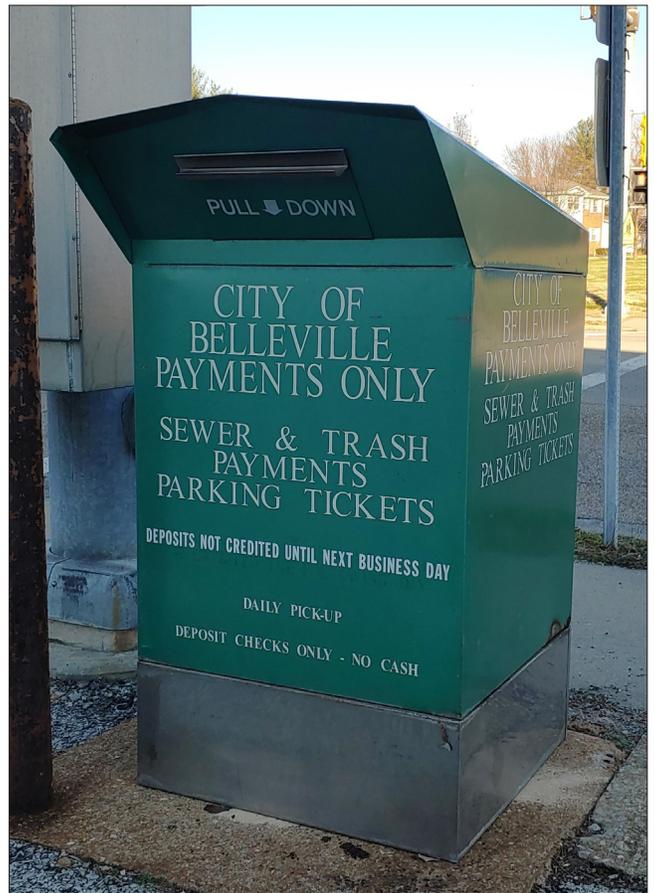
To pay sewer and trash bills, residents may drop checks or money orders at any of the the payment drop boxes throughout the city. Other payment drop boxes are located on the second block of South 1st St. along the County Parking Garage, and at the north entrance of City Hall, 101 S. Illinois St., Belleville. Residents may also call 877-885-7968 to pay over the phone or visit www.paymentservicenetwork.com to pay online.

Effective, Mon. Nov. 16, 2020, the City of Belleville closed its buildings to the public in accordance with the recommendation of the Illinois Department of Public Health to help slow the spread of the coronavirus.

All essential services continue, including housing inspections, and each department remains operational with staff. Appointments are being accepted for essential business. The public should contact City Hall at 618-233-6810 to discuss what service they need and how it is being conducted. All employees will report to work as usual unless otherwise notified.

The City of Belleville encourages all residents and visitors to the city to exercise extreme caution with COVID-19 recommendations to keep yourself, family, and fellow residents healthy.

To learn more about the City of Belleville's response to COVID-19, visit <https://www.belleville.net/706/COVID-19-Information-Responses>.



Please shop and dine locally!

DOLLARS SPENT IN BELLEVILLE STAY IN BELLEVILLE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICES LIKE FIRE & POLICE PROTECTION. SPENDING LOCALLY SUPPORTS YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS WHO OWN AND OPERATE OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES!





**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**HAPPY
NEW
YEAR**

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

CITY OF BELLEVILLE

**VIRTUAL FIRE DEPARTMENT
OPEN HOUSE**

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 2021



56th Annual

MAYOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Virtual Event

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

This year, participants will be able to donate toward the cost of meals for healthcare workers.

