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A Message from the Mayor of the City of Belleville, Patty Gregory

It's hard to believe that I've served as the mayor of our beautiful city for six months already. As each week passes, I am excited how all departments have risen to the daily challenges. Between my fellow Elected Officials, our Aldermen and Alderwomen, our Dept. Directors' And appointed staff, we have all come together to find common ground, as we work towards building a community that makes us all proud. With this in mind, I want to share that



we have hired a new Economic Developer to lead this charge, Mr. Clifford Cross. Cliff brings over 20 years of experience in economic development to his position, along with extensive knowledge of urban planning and GIS as well. We are excited for him to be on board, as we all work towards making Belleville a vibrant community for this generation, and the generations to follow.

Our plans at Lindenwood continue to evolve, and we look forward to sharing more information with you in the weeks to come.

We are totally engrossed in our new infill project, slated to start the first quarter of 2022, which will bring positive changes to many of the neighborhoods we each call home.

As the Holiday season fast approaches, we hope that you and your family can spend some more time with us when the Ainad Shriners' Parade returns to Downtown Belleville on November 5th at 7:30pm.

We also invite you and your family to visit us for the Belleville Optimists' Santa Claus Parade, starting at 10 am on November 26th - the day after Thanksgiving. The holidays in Belleville also bring the excitement of our authentic open-air German Christmas Market, when the 8th Annual Belleville Christkindlmarkt comes to our Public Square starting November 26th through December 23rd.

May the joy of this season remain with you and yours all throughout the New Year!

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Effective May 1, 2021

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SAVE these Dates:

Ainad Shriner's Lighted Parade

Starts at N. 3rd and West A Streets, ends at Forest and East Main Streets
Friday November 5 | 7:30p

Art & Wine Walk

For tickets, please visit Bellevillemainstreet.net
Saturday November 6 | 3-7p

Gingerbread Creation Preview

Creations displayed at Nichols Community Center
 Admission is Free
Sunday November 14 | 1-3p

Gingerbread Walk Display in the Shoppe Windows Downtown

1st three Blocks of East and West Main Streets from the Public Square
Wednesday November 17 | Saturday January 1

Way of Lights Christmas Display – National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

1.5-mile lighted display, telling the Christmas story. Also enjoy camel rides, a petting zoo, and the Lego Block Display
Friday November 19 – Friday Dec 31 | 5-9p

DIVA Night – Holiday Style

Gather your girlfriends and plan to do lots of holiday shopping in style, with discounts and prizes! For more info, please visit bellevillemainstreet.net
Thursday November 18 | 5-8p
Thursday December 16 | 5-8p

Santa Parade

The Optimist Club of Belleville brings the joy of the season to town, and Santa Claus arrives too! Starts at N. 3rd Street, and at Forest and East Main Streets
Friday November 26 | 10a

CHRISTKINDLMARKT German Christmas Market

Featuring vendors, food, and beverages for your family to enjoy
Nov 26-28, Dec 2-5, 9-12, & 16-23
Hours: 11a – 8:30p
Sunday: 11a-6p

Santa on the Square

Visit Santa in his house on the public square! For Santa's complete schedule, please visit bellevillesantahouse.com
See Santa's Hours on Page 9 | November 26 – Dec 24

Movie Nights with Santa

Join the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce and Santa at the Skyview Drive In for more information, please call the Belleville Chamber at 618-233-2015
Saturday's Nov 27, Dec 4 & 11 | 6:30p



**Join in on our
RESIDENT RECIPE EXCHANGE**

Everyone at City Hall knows that the best chefs and bakers around come from our Great. Big. Small Town.

That is why we are starting our very own **BELLEVILLE RESIDENT RECIPE EXCHANGE**, so that we can help you share those incredible edible creations you make, with your fellow residents, via our newsletter and Facebook page.

All you have to do to participate is to send your recipe, and a photo of your edible creation to kkaiser@belleville.net, and our PR/Communications Dept will take it from there!

OUR 1ST RECIPE in our RESIDENT RECIPE EXCHANGE

When I heard about the Belleville recipe exchange, I just had to send in my mother's famous chocolate chip cookie recipe. She made them for all holidays, and everyone just raved about them. They were big and gooey and delicious, and she adamantly refused to share "her" special recipe. When my daughter, Jenny and her boyfriend, Mat, came home from college, they always made a beeline to my mother's house for cookies. It was the first thing they did every time right after dropping off their bags. One time, they got home a little early and surprised my mother while she was making the cookies and we all had a good laugh. So, here's my mother's famous chocolate chip cookie recipe, just in time for your holidays:

- 1) Get out a big bowl
- 2) Open up a big roll of softened refrigerated cookie dough and smash in bowl
- 3) Add a lot of softened butter...not margarine...butter
- 4) Add a bunch of extra chocolate chips and walnuts...maybe a little extra brown sugar...
- 5) Throw away all the empty wrappers so no one knows they're not home-made
- 6) Bake in the oven...retrieve the empty wrapper for the exact oven temperature and time...throw the wrapper away again fast so no one sees
- 7) Put them on a nice platter and "lie like a rug" about the origins of this famous "home-made" recipe
- 8) Enjoy with a nice glass of milk with a little toast to my mom, Helen Dowling.

Happy Holidays



WINTER ART CONTEST

Belleville
Parks & Recreation



THEME IDEAS:

- LET IT SNOW
- SNOWMEN
- HOLIDAY FUN
- SNOW DAYS
- WINTER VILLAGE

IN COORDINATION WITH



ART SUPPLY DONATIONS TOWARDS THE GRAND PRIZES CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE ENTRYWAY LOCATED AT 510 W. MAIN ST., MON-FRI FROM 8AM-4:30PM!

Age Groups & Prizes

K - 2nd grades*	\$50
3rd - 6th grades*	\$50
7th - 8th grades*	\$75
9th - 12th grades*	\$125

*One cash prize winner per grade. In addition, 4 grand prizes will be raffled off from all participant entries. Grand prizes will consist of donated art supplies.

- ARTWORK MUST BE WINTER THEMED
- ARTWORK MUST BE ORIGINAL, HANDMADE, & AGE APPROPRIATE
- ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE NAME, PHONE NUMBER, & GRADE
- SUBMISSIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION OFFICE, 510 W. MAIN ST., BY **FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2021**
- WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED ON DEC. 15
- WINNERS WILL BE DISPLAYED AT CITY HALL FROM DEC. 17, 2021 - JAN. 8, 2022

WWW.BELLEVILLE.NET/CURRENTACTIVITIES
510 WEST MAIN STREET HOURS: M-F, 8:00AM-4:30PM
(618) 233-1416 PARKSNREC@BELLEVILLE.NET

Just a Reminder...

The City of Belleville offers a direct debit option to pay your sewer bill, making it convenient for you, and relieving the worry of penalties for late payments...

To set this up, please contact sewerbilling@belleville.net or use this link to fill out the form for direct debit <https://www.belleville.net/DocumentCenter/View/553/ACH-Form-for-Sewer-and-Trash-Payments>

The City of Belleville would like to Thank our generous Sponsors of this year's

FREE HORSE-DRAWN TROLLEY RIDES

Bank of Belleville
Belleville Main Street
Blanquart Jewelers
City of Belleville
Downtown
Development
Redevelopment
Committee
Greensfelder Attorneys
at Law
Lochmueller Group

Belleville Parks & Recreation's
GINGERBREAD 5K
RUN/WALK
DECEMBER 4, 2021

Save the Date

NEW THIS YEAR: GINGERBREAD KIDS DASH!
Register online @ www.gingerbreadrun.com

Belleville Parks &
Recreation's

WINTER PROGRAMS



ALPHABET ACADEMY

Ages 3 & 4 years old.
Early Childhood
Development program at
the Nichols Community
Center.

ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Ages 14 & up.
Winter Volleyball League
consists of 10 games +
playoffs. Starts early
January.

GINGERBREAD 5K RUN/WALK

www.gingerbreadrun.com

GINGERBREAD CONTEST

Submit registration by
November 11, 2021.

CALLS FROM THE NORTH POLE

Your child can receive a
phone call from the
North Pole and speak to
one of their favorite
characters there!

DRAWING CLASS

Youth & Adult classes
available. Test your
hand at beginner
drawing at the Nichols
Community Center.

WINTER ART CONTEST

Ages Kindergarten
- 12th grade.
Entries must be
submitted by
December 10, 2021.

ABOVE ARE JUST SOME OF THE WINTER PROGRAMS STARTING. VISIT
OUR WEBSITE TO SEE ALL OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH,
ADULTS, & SENIORS! www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities

As a RESIDENT OF BELLEVILLE do YOU HAVE QUESTIONS??

Well, our Trash and Sanitation Departments have a few answers for you...

Why should we recycle?

The City of Belleville provides recycling to all residents as part of the normal residential waste service. Benefits of recycling include reducing the amount of waste sent to landfills; conserving natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals; preventing pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials; saving energy; supporting American manufacturing; and helping job creation in the recycling industries in the United States.

The city accepts plastics (no Styrofoam) no plastic bags or utensils, glass (jars/bottles only), paper, cardboard, paperboard, aluminum, tin, and newspapers. Please put your materials in plainly marked containers 32 gallon or smaller labeled "Recycling".

For questions about recycling, please visit <https://www.belleville.net/422/Recycling> or call the Sanitation office at (618)233-6816.



RECYCLING TIPS AND FAQs

- Don't be guilty of WISH-CYCLING. Throwing unacceptable items into your recycling container only causes problems for the recycling center and makes these items take a long and wasteful trip to the landfill.
- No need to rinse! Containers do not need to be rinsed clean, just emptied.
- Keep lids on so they get recycled! They will get lost otherwise.
- Flatten cardboard! That way you have as much room as possible to recycle what you can.
- Do not bag recyclables - put items directly into the recycling container loose.
- Recycle those pizza boxes even with a bit of grease, sauce or cheese.
- Plastic bags, dry cleaning bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, bread bags, case overwrap, and produce bags can all be recycled at any Schnucks, Target, Walmart or other general merchandise or grocery stores.



Don't see it on the list? Visit stlcityrecycles.com/database to find out how to recycle other materials!

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, 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 pick up for all residents with City sanitation services. For questions about yard waste pick up, please visit <https://www.belleville.net/358/Public-Works-Sanitation> or call the Sanitation office at (618)233-6816.

There are so many great things happening in Belleville; some may be easily seen, others may not. That's why we're launching City Highlights, our newest means for keeping you informed about the 'Wins' and 'Kudos' submitted by our individual departments. Check out City Highlights each month to see what's new!

From the Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department

Last Month's Wins

- *Completion of St. Clair Parks Grant Commission replacement of playground equipment at East End Park*
- *Completion of Metro Parks & Recreation District Grant replacement of playground equipment at East End Park.*
- *Addition of a Planner/GIS Coordinator to staff*

Kudos

- *To Penny Moore and Eric Schauster for assisting the department's new Director, Cliff Cross, during his transition into the department.*
- *To the Human Resources staff for assistance in the hiring of a new Planner/GIS Coordinator.*

From the Finance Department

Last Month's Wins

- *The FY21 Audit is complete!*

Kudos

- *Great Job! to the Police Department Administration on settling the agreement with the Telecommunicators/Clerical staff.*

From the Fire Department

Last Month's Wins

- *Hired 4 new firefighters: Kelsey Burrow, Alex Haines, Alex Kuhl, and Brendan Robins*

Kudos

- *Thanks to Niccy Cook for 7 years as our Firehouse Office Manager who recently moved to the Asst. City Clerk position. We're super confident she'll be wildly successful!*

From the Health, Housing & Building Department

Last Month's Wins

- *Hired a new Office Manager, Angel Edson; a tremendous addition to our team!*

Kudos

- *Kudos to the entire staff for their professionalism and helpfulness to each person who visits our office, and for creating a fun and friendly atmosphere.*

From the Human Resources Department

Last Month's Wins

- *Hired 5 new City employees; Library (1), Economic Development (1), Parks & Rec (1), and 911 Dispatch (2)*
- *New hires appreciate the new orientation and on boarding*

Kudos

- *Kudos to Paula Dahlem from Public Works for organizing the Bosses' Day Potluck!*

From the Information Technology Department

Last Month's Wins

*No service outages reported at any sites.

Kudos

*Congrats to Jennifer Starnes, Niccy Cook, and Angel Edson for their new roles in the city.

*Welcome Cliff Cross as the Economic Development Director.

From the Parks & Recreation Department

Last Month's Wins

*Enrollment in Flag Football (80), and in 5th and 6th Grade Volleyball (70)

*150 Boo Buckets sold for Halloween

Kudos

*Thanks to the Parks & Rec staff for organizing this year's Tour de Belleville, another quality event with 650 participants.

From the Police Department

Last Month's Wins

*Hired a new police officer: Zane Wallace

*Reached an agreement with the Telecommunicators and Secretaries on a new seven-year contract

Kudos

*Congratulations to the officers and command staff that kept events functioning without incident and kept the public safe!

From the Public Works Department

Last Month's Wins

*Purchase of a new Street Department Snow/Ice/Dump truck

*Purchase of a new Street Department wheel loader

Kudos

*Thanks to the department's secretaries for handling all of our many passionate residents



**VETERANS
DAY**

In honor of people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces

Please join the City of Belleville
for the 23rd Annual
VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY
Honoring all those who served

Thursday, November 11, 2021 @ 11a
Public Square Southeast Quadrant

Keynote Speaker: Col Rob L. Lowe III,
Vice Commander, 375th Air Mobility Wing
Scott Air Force Base

Santa Parade 10am
Nov 26th Main Street

Santa's House

Downtown Belleville Next to the Fountain

Sponsored by the
Optimist Club of Belleville

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS!**



CLOSED
Mondays and Tuesdays
until December 20th

Nov 26th
1-4:30pm
7-8:30pm
(6-7pm Official Lighting
of the square and Sing-A-Long)

Wed, Thu and Fri
(through Dec 17th)
6-8:30pm

Dec 20, 21, 22 & 23
12-5pm
6-8:30pm

Saturdays
12-5pm
6-8:30pm

Sundays
12-3pm
3:30-6pm

Sunday Dec 19
12-2:30pm
3-5pm
6-8:30pm

Dec 24th
10-1pm



Christmas 2021



★ www.bellevillesantahouse.com ★ facebook.com/SantasHouseBelleville ★

We hope that all our residents are enjoying every thing happening throughout our community since the beginning of September, and that we all continue to follow all Covid-19 precautions, including becoming vaccinated, as we move into 2022.

We also hope that you are enjoying our new newsletter, and the information it provides. Our Newsletter can be found on our website @ belleville.net or on our Facebook page @ Welcome to Belleville, IL

If you would like to be notified when new publications are added to our website, sign up for Notify Me – visit Belleville.net > How do I > sign up for > Notify me – and follow the instructions provided.

You can also have the newsletter mailed or emailed to your home by sending your name, address & email address to kkaiser@belleville.net

Shop the 8th Annual Belleville Christkindlmarkt

An Open-Air German Christmas Market on Belleville's Public Square at IL 159 and Main St.

Featuring unique European and hand-made items

The Market will be open: Nov. 26-28, Dec. 2-5, Dec. 9-12, & Dec. 16-23

Hours: 11am - 8:30pm
Sundays: 11am - 6pm

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BELLEVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ILLINOIS SOUTH TOURISM

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