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January / February

2022



Belleville

Great. Big. Small Town.™

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

Dear Friends...

Many thanks to all of our hard-working City employees and volunteers who made the 8th Annual Christkindlmarkt, and all our recent festivals such outstanding successes. Seeing the excitement of our children and families, makes all the effort so worthwhile. It is also that time again, a New Year, when we have the opportunity to reflect on our past, and dream of our future.

For so many of us, 2021 was a tough year. It was filled with multiple challenges to our health, to our finances, and to the very fabric of how we come together as a family, as friends, and as a country. But it was also filled with stories of how we met those challenges head-on, as our healthcare workers braved the new frontier of battling a pandemic. Our first responders and other essential workers kept our cities going strong, and the list goes on and on with so many stories: some sad.

some heroic: with many of those filled with love and sacrifice.

So, as we begin the year of 2022, my hope is that we remember not only the challenges of 2021, but the grit, love, and determination of all those around us. My hope for all of you, as it is for me, is that those lessons resonate to make this year just as filled with grit, love, and determination. And as Susan Sontag once wrote: "Kindness, kindness, kindness. I want to make a New Year's prayer, not a resolution. I'm praying for courage."

Wishing you courage and kindness for 2022, and all the year's beyond...

Mayor Patty



Elected Officials

Effective May 1, 2021

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WARD 4

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WARD 5

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WARD 6

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WARD 7

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WARD 8

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The City of Belleville Offices will be CLOSED on the following dates

Presidents Day
Monday, February 21st

Good Friday
Friday, April 15th

Memorial Day
Monday, May 30th

Independence Day
Monday, July 4th

Labor Day
Monday, September 5th

Veterans Day
Friday, November 11th

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 24th

Day-After Thanksgiving
Friday, November 25th

Christmas Eve Observed
Closed at Noon Friday, December 23rd

Christmas Day Observed
Monday, December 26th

New Year's Eve Observed
Closed at Noon Friday, December 30th

New Year's Day Observed
Monday, January 2nd, 2023

Belleville
ILLINOIS
Parks & Recreation

FOUR DE BELLEVILLE

"Down on the Farm"

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022
AT ECKERT'S BELLEVILLE FARM



The City of Belleville Sewer Department would like to remind you about our **DIRECT DEBIT** option to pay your Sewer Bill!

You can make bill paying easy and convenient, alleviating the issue of late billing charges, by contacting sewerbilling@belleville.net or by signing up for direct debit at <https://www.belleville.net/DocumentCenter/View/553/A/CH-Form-for-Sewer-and-Trash-Payments>

SAVE THESE DATES TO ENJOY PROGRAMS THROUGH OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPT

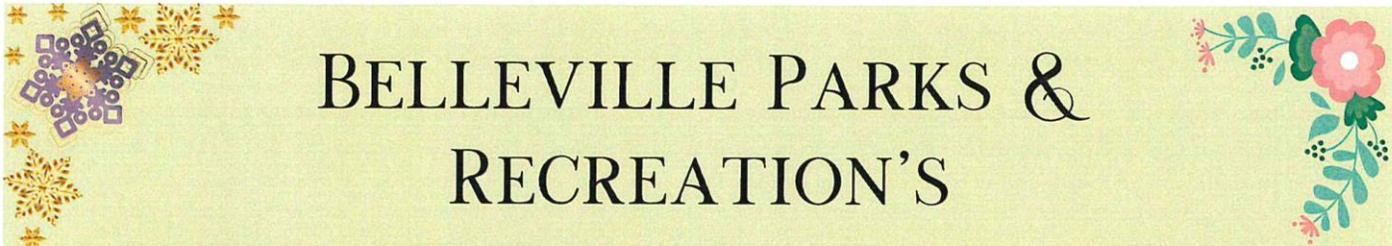
Belleville Parks & Recreation's

DADDY

Daughter

DANCE

MARCH 5, 2022



BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION'S

WINTER *into* SPRING



ACTIVITIES



YOUTH BASEBALL

Ages 5 - 12th grade. Our league teaches good sportsmanship & skill development. Registration begins January.

GIRLS SOFTBALL

Ages 7 - 11 yrs. Metro East Youth Softball League includes Belleville, Granite City, & Collinsville. Registration begins mid-January.

BELLEVILLE LITTLE DRIBBLERS

Ages 4 - 6 yrs. Players learn safe, basic basketball fundamentals. Begins in February.

3-ON-3 BASKETBALL

Grades 2nd - 4th. This league offers positive competition and equal opportunity play. Begins in February.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

Saturday, March 5th. Enjoy dinner and dancing with your little princess at the Annual Daddy Daughter Dance!

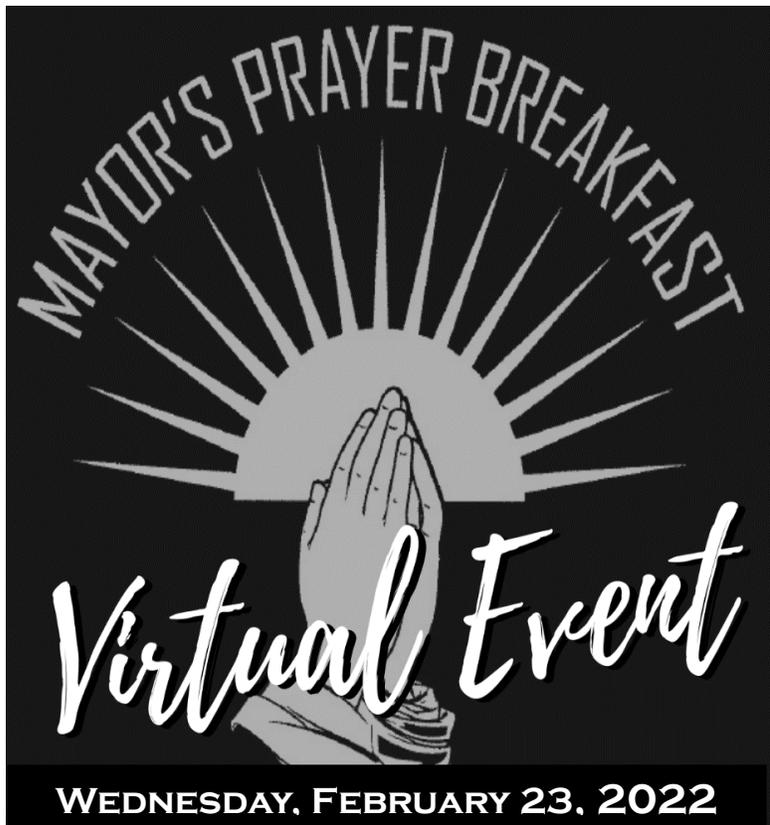
TOUR de BELLEVILLE

Saturday, April 30th. A daytime, family-fun, bike ride to begin and end at Eckert's Belleville Farm.

YOGA & ZUMBA for SENIORS ~ We have several senior programs available at our NCC year around!

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

www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities



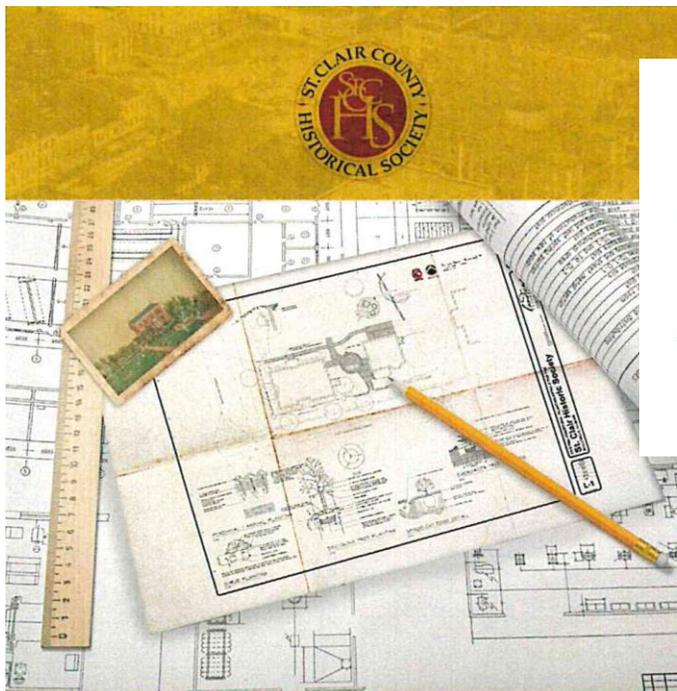
Due to the resurgence of pandemic-related illnesses, this year's Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will once again be a virtual event.

This year's virtual breakfast will be focusing on the theme of "Service with Selflessness," with the committee highlighting the incredible work of our medical community through this pandemic. The day will also include a message from Dr. Omer Badahman, Infectious Disease Physician at Memorial Hospital / BJC, along with a message from Patty Gregory, Mayor of the City of Belleville.

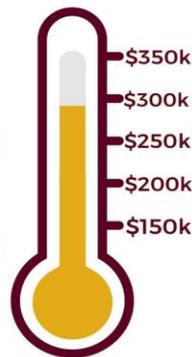
This event will be available through a variety of platforms, including the City of Belleville's website and the Welcome to Belleville, IL Facebook page.

Please visit Belleville.net for continuing coverage of this event.

You too can help to preserve OUR HISTORY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS, by donating to the ST. CLAIR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S DISCOVERY CAMPAIGN



**WE'VE
RAISED
\$289,000
OF OUR
\$350,000
GOAL!**



**HELP US
REACH
OUR GOAL**

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
**DISCOVERY
CAMPAIGN**
stcchs.org/discovery

Let's Make History Together

Make your gift now to create a legacy that will extend beyond our lifetimes.
To make an online donation, please visit: stcchs.org/discovery.
Checks can be made payable to the St. Clair County Historical Society and mailed to:
701 E Washington St, Belleville, IL 62220

Donations are tax deductible.
Contact our Curator, William P. Shannon IV, at 618.234.0600 or stcchs.curator@gmail.com for more information on how you can make history with us.
Thank you so much for your support of our community's past, present and future.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S
**DISCOVERY
CAMPAIGN**

"I made this gift so that children can learn to appreciate what they have now by seeing artifacts from previous generations. My dream is to expand those opportunities to keep people curious about history."
- Daphne Sumner

SANITATION DEPARTMENT 2022 INFORMATION

YARD WASTE COLLECTION INFORMATION for 2022

During the Months of January and February 2022, Yard Waste will be collected during the 2nd full week of each month.

JANUARY 2022 – Yard Waste will be collected January 10-14

FEBRUARY 2022 – Yard Waste will be collected February 14-18

March – December 2022 – Weekly collection will resume during the 1st full week of March and will continue through the 2nd full week of December, weather permitting.

HOLIDAY COLLECTION DATES FOR the CITY OF BELLEVILLE SANITATION DEPT.

Remember that if a Holiday falls on your regular pick-up day, your trash will be picked up the following day. Please have your refuse out by 6am on the day of pick-up.

These are the Dates our Sanitation Department observes each year:

New Year's Day
Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Presidents Day
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

STREET DEPARTMENT 2022 INFORMATION

SNOW REMOVAL PROCEDURES

The City of Belleville's Street Department tries to ensure that streets remain clear of ice and snow. Businesses and residents are asked to do their part as well, and to 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 and ice is forecast, cars should be removed from all public streets so the city's snow and ice removal vehicles can maneuver safely. In places where no other parking is available, residents are asked to park on one side of the street. Snowplows require an open path with a minimum width of twelve 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 & Primary Routes will be cleared first. These routes include streets leading to hospitals, fire houses, the 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 for that region. Residential streets and subdivisions are cleared using a grid pattern throughout the city. 5

**OUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT
WOULD LIKE TO SHARE THE
NEW BUSINESSES
THAT JOINED OUR GREAT. BIG. SMALL TOWN IN 2021**

GRAFTED Wine Bar
310 East Washington Street



LOFTS on the SQUARE
18 South Illinois Street



The Quarter Restaurant & Bar
126 East Main Street



Tribout's Belle Vegas Bingo Hall
517 North Illinois Street



Belle City Fitness
110 Mascoutah Ave



The Villas of Hollybrook
4360 Frank Scott Parkway West



1101 Restaurant and Tapas
1101 West Main Street

Medicine Express, LLC
7650 Magna Drive, Ste 130 & 135

Bacon, Farmer, Workman Engineering & Testing, Inc
521 West Main Street

PC's for People
100 Florida Ave

D Bossy Boutique
16 South High Street

Savannah Motors
514 South Illinois Street

Farnsworth Group
300 East Main Street

The Gori Law Firm
6 East Washington Street

Heart2Heart Coffee
6435 West Main Street

The Perfect Gourmet Popcorn
5112 North Belt West

Lochmueller Group
18-B East Main Street

Thompson Civil, LLC
521 West Main Street

Weave and Wobble
310 East Main Street

WELCOME TO



**THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR TROLLEY SPONSORS
FOR MAKING OUR HOLIDAY SEASON DOWNTOWN
SO SPECIAL**



ECKERT'S COUNTRY STORE AND FARMS EXPANDS WITH ENTERTAINMENT VENUE at their Belleville Location

Since 1910, Eckert's Country Store and Farms has been a staple in our community, giving millions from the St. Louis Metropolitan area a little slice of country life, down on their farm.

With a 5-million expansion project back in 2010, Eckert's enhanced their customer experience to include a new Country style Restaurant, and a new Country Store, full of those fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and bake goods for your family to savor, meal after meal. While this expansion had us longing to eat and shop, luckily, we were still able to do what many of us consider "our favorite thing" to do at Eckert's, picking seasonal strawberries, peaches, apples, and a pumpkin or two, come Fall.

And some 10+ years later, the Eckert family is once again making an investment in their Belleville location, and in their customer's experiences by creating, Eckert's Cider Shed.

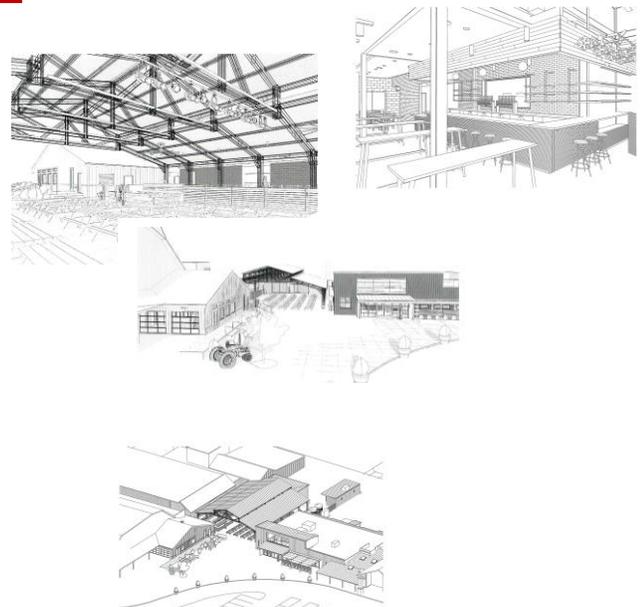
Chris Eckert, CEO and President of Eckert's shared that

"This multi-million-dollar project at our Belleville location will help us achieve another milestone in elevating the customer experience when you visit with us. This new open-air space within our property will allow the opportunity for those twenty-one and over to enjoy cider tastings, causal dining options, and a larger ticketed LIVE Entertainment venue, all in one place. Customers will also have the opportunity to view national and local sporting events, while dining with us too. We literally can not wait to achieve our proposed date of completion by Memorial Day this year, so we can offer our customers a Summer filled with really good times, that they won't soon forget."

And we, at the City of Belleville, cannot wait to visit this Summer, to enjoy everything too.

For more information about everything happening at Eckert's Country Store and Farms, please visit eckerts.com

Renderings of the proposed ECKERT'S CIDER SHED



7TH Generation of the Eckert's Family



**FRIENDS OF THE BELLEVILLE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

TRIVIA NIGHT

**ALTHOFF CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
HERITAGE HALL**

5401 West Main Street, Belleville, IL 62226

ANSWER MAN ROGER SCHLUETER
Will serve as the TRIVIA MASTER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM

TICKET PRICE - \$12 PER PERSON

Bring your own snacks and drinks
(Alcohol will be allowed, but not sold)
Water & Soda will be available for purchase.
Cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners

FOR RESERVATIONS – Please call 618-304-3938

(Please leave your name, along with phone number if you wish confirmation of reservation)

All Proceeds Benefit the Children's Reading
Program at the Belleville Public Library



SUMMER 2022

BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION
**MEN'S & CO-REC
ADULT
SOFTBALL LEAGUES**

AT CITIZENS PARK

MEN'S LEAGUE

MONDAY/THURSDAY

PLAY BEGINS:
APRIL 18, 2022

LEAGUE FEE:
\$700.00

16 GAMES + PLAYOFFS

CO-REC LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY/FRIDAY

PLAY BEGINS:
APRIL 27, 2022

LEAGUE FEE:
\$525.00

14 GAMES + PLAYOFFS

IMPORTANT TEAM INFORMATION

REGISTRATION:

Returning 2021 Summer Softball Teams:

~Registration begins 01/05/22

~Early Bird Special - \$50 off Men's League fee if paid in full by
02/01/22

- \$25 off Co-Rec League fee if paid in full by
02/01/22

New 2022 Softball Teams:

~Registration begins 02/02/22

~First come, first serve

DEPOSIT:

\$100.00 deposit will hold your team's spot.

ROSTERS:

Final balance with completed Roster is due before first game.

Roster changes allowed up until 05/27/22.

COACHES

MEETING:

This meeting is mandatory. It will be held on 03/30/22 at the Nichols Community Ctr., 515 East D St., Belleville, IL, 62220. (618) 277-9785

~ Co-Rec League - 6:00pm, 2nd floor

~ Men's League - 6:30pm, 2nd floor

SPECIAL

ACCOMODATIONS: If special accommodations are needed, please call our office by 3/23/22.

Belleville Parks & Recreation Office
510 West Main St. Belleville, IL, 62220-1509
Phone: 618-233-1416 / Fax: 618-233-1449
parksnrec@belleville.net



▷ **TALENTED?**
WE NEED YOU.

▷ **SMART?**
WE WANT YOU.

▷ **CARING?**
WE'VE GOT TO HAVE YOU!

▷ **NEED JOB EXPERIENCE?**
WE HAVE IT!

▷ **NEED A LIVING ALLOWANCE?**
WE HAVE IT!

▷ **NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE OR STUDENT LOANS?**
WE HAVE IT!

Now accepting applications for

- Summer Counselors
- Fall Tutors
- Coordinators



For more information or to apply, call 618-235-2700, ext. 5711 or visit swic.edu/ameriCorps.

If you would like to receive the **CITY OF BELLEVILLE** Newsletter via email, please email your name to **kkaiser@belleville.net**, or call **618-792-1115** and leave your name & email address for inclusion in our resident email distribution.



Welcome to Belleville, IL



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