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CONTACT INFORMATION for CITY SERVICES

Switchboard 618-233-6810	Library Downtown 618-234-0441
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Community Dev 618-233-6518 Ext 2280	Maintenance 618-277-4965
Engineering 618-233-6518 Ext 4272	Mayor's Office 618-233-6518 Ext 1207
Finance 618-233-6518 Ext 1235	Parks & Recreation 618-233-1416
Fire (Non-emergency) 618-234-2236	Nichols Community Center 618-277-9765
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Human Resources 618-233-6518 Ext 2280	Public Works/Streets 618-239-3454
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	Sewer 618-233-7146
	City Treasurer 618-233-6518 Ext 1241

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

Dear Residents:

It's a new year! Let's take a look at some of the major accomplishments we've made for the City of Belleville!

Director Scott Tyler and the Housing Department issued 1650 occupancy permits throughout the past year. He and Director Jason Poole have also been instrumental in implementing our Q-Alert system making it easier for residents to report problems throughout the city.

With the new 2022 contract, the Belleville Police Department has hired 23 additional officers, bringing the total to 74. The addition of these officers has substantially improved our ability to respond to 35,780 calls in 2021, and 35,047 calls in 2022. The promotion and leadership of Chief Matt Eiskant, Lt. Col. Mark Heffernan, Capt. Todd Keilbach, and Capt. Chris Mattingly also promise a safer city for our businesses and residents.

Newly hired Fire Chief, Lloyd Stinson comes to our city with over 30 years of military fire experience. His expertise and

commitment to fire safety promises to breathe new life into our current department.

Spearheading our current economic growth boom, is the Economic Development, Planning & Zoning Department, led by Director, Clifford Cross, AICP. The department has brought multiple new businesses to Belleville, including: a new Aldi on Carlyle Avenue; a new Discount Tire at Belleville Crossing; the construction of two new car washes; an Immuno Tek Bio Tech



New Belleville Police Department Cadets after SWIC Police Academy Graduation in December 2022.

Lab; the opening of two cannabis dispensaries in 2023; and a new Senior housing residential community, Trolley Circle, slated to begin construction in 2023. The department issued 105 Business Occupancy permits since May

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Elected Officials

Effective May 1, 2021

The City of Belleville Offices are CLOSED

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2021, and all these enterprises will increase revenue to the city and offer good jobs. Finally, Mr. Cross's department oversaw the demolition of the derelict Executive Inn, a promise I made during my campaign.

Complementing our economic development strategy is our Marketing Department, led by Director, Kathy Kaiser. Working in conjunction with the mayor's office, a comprehensive marketing plan was implemented for the city in October of 2022 to make our Great.Big.Small.Town a destination site for tourism, new businesses, and families wanting to make their homes here.

City Engineer, Sal Elkott, P.E., and his department are implementing major capital improvements projects. These include street resurfacing and sidewalk improvements, as well as numerous storm sewer rebuilds, necessitated by the historic July 2022 flooding.



One of three new buildings being erected at Belleville Crossing

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WARD 5
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Schaefer
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WARD 6
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WARD 7
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WARD 8
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WARD 3
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WARD 4
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WARD 5
Edward Dintelman
618-972-5569

WARD 6
Dr. Mary Stiehl
618-606-1277

WARD 7
Phillip Elmore
618-363-0016

WARD 8
Kara Osthoff
618-578-2488

Presidents Day
Monday, February 20, 2023

Good Friday
Friday, April 7th, 2023

Memorial Day
Monday, May 29, 2023

Juneteenth Observed
Monday, June 19, 2023

Independence Day
Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Labor Day
Monday, September 4, 2023

Veterans Day
Saturday, November 11, 2023

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 23, 2023

Day-After Thanksgiving
Friday, November 24, 2023

Christmas Eve Observed
Closed at Noon Friday, December 22, 2023

Christmas Day Observed
Monday, December 25, 2023

New Year's Eve Observed
Closed at Noon
Friday, December 29, 2024

New Year's Day Observed
Monday, January 1, 2024

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, January 17, 2024

Director Jason Poole wears “many hats” for the city of Belleville, supervising 4 departments: Sanitation; Streets, Cemetery and the Parks and Recreation Departments. His team also supervised the construction of our new Splash Pad, completed in late 2022. It will be available for use by families this summer and residents can also access our new playground, built in East End Park.

The Southwestern Illinois Justice & Workforce Development Campus continues to grow and evolve and is a major anchor for our central corridor. The campus houses programs offered by SWIC; SIU-Edwardsville; SILAC; the SIU-Carbondale School of Law; the Illinois State Police; and the JETS youth sports program. I am justifiably proud of the partnership between my administration, the State of

Illinois, SWIC, and a determined group of citizens to make this facility the successful institution it has become.

Another source of pride is the partnership between the City of Belleville and St. Clair County. Joining forces has brought the city many opportunities including the acquisition of the Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, a vital component in any county wide emergency response and an intergovernmental agreement for redeveloping and maintaining a county-wide emergency alert siren system.

Thank you again for giving me the opportunity of serving as your Mayor. To an even bigger and brighter 2023!



Sincerely,

**Patty Gregory, Mayor
City of Belleville**



Mayor Patty Gregory & St. Clair County Board Chairman Mark Kern on with KMOV News 4 discussing purchase of Belle Clair Fairgrounds



ADA accessible parking being constructed on the corner of North Church & East Main Streets



Demolition of the Executive Inn property at 1234 Centreville Ave

New Directors at the City of Belleville

Chief Lloyd Stinson
Belleville Fire Dept



Eric Walls
Director, IT Department



Splash Pad in Bicentennial Park
Opening Summer 2023

You also don't want to miss any of the excitement happening in Downtown Belleville, thanks to our fabulous

Belleville Main Street Organization



For all the information about what's happening on Main Street...please visit bellevillemainstreet.net or @bellevillemainst on Facebook



A Message from City of Belleville Police Department Chief Matt Eiskant...

Happy New Year to the citizens of Belleville! I want to update you regarding several projects and crime statistics as we begin 2023:

Uniform Crime Reporting for 2022 has been completed and reported crime to the Belleville Police Department is down in every category except burglary. We saw a small rise in reported burglaries in 2022. We will continue to strive to improve upon these statistics and create a safe environment for our citizens and visitors.

All Belleville Police officers have been equipped with body cameras. The body camera program has been implemented two years prior to being required by the State of Illinois. Feedback from the officers has been largely positive.

Body cameras have been proven to protect officers and citizens alike, and have quickly become a vital piece of equipment in our officer's tool kit. An advisory committee of officers and command staff has been created to continue to improve the body camera program prior to the 2025 mandate.

Officers are being equipped with new Motorola portable radios after partnering with St. Clair County Emergency Management Agency on a bulk radio purchase. With the support of the City Council, we were able to purchase a new radio for every officer. The radios are currently being programmed and formatted and will all be deployed by the end of January.

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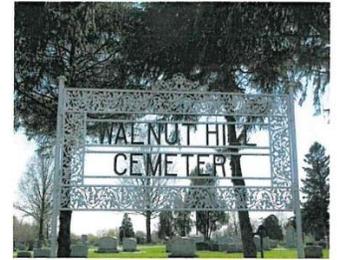
If you or a loved one is making plans for your final resting place, our staff at the Walnut Hill Cemetery is available to assist...



Spring Flower Removal
All flowers and decorations must be removed by end of Feb and decorating can begin again on March 16th



*New Columbarium/Niches



Our Vision

Walnut Hill is owned, operated, and maintained by the city of Belleville.

Walnut Hill Cemetery Cemetery History

Originating in 1850, Walnut Hill Cemetery is the oldest and most historic public cemetery in this area. Settled among gently rolling hills, a peaceful lake, and a chapel available for funeral services, you will find a Civil War Memorial, a Veterans of Foreign War Memorial, above ground monuments, lawn crypts, and various other statues. This peaceful and picturesque setting offers a tranquil resting place for loved ones.

Contact Us

Cemetery Location
1101 Mascoutah Ave
Belleville, IL 62220
Hours: Daily, Dawn to Dusk
Maintenance Hours:
Mon thru Fri 7am to 3:00pm

Cemetery Office
Public Works
512 West Main St
Belleville, IL 62220
Hours: Mon thru Fri 8am to 4:30pm
618-257-3330

WALNUT HILL CEMETERY
Belleville, IL

Opening and Closing Fees for Casket Services Monday – Friday

Direct	\$700
Chapel	\$750
Graveside	\$800
Saturday	\$1000
Sunday/Holiday	\$1200

Opening and Closing Fees for Ashes Monday- Friday

Direct	\$350
Chapel	\$375
Graveside	\$400
Saturday	\$600
Sunday/Holiday	\$600

Opening and Closing Fees for Niches

*One Set Of Remains	
Mon – Fri	\$1500
Saturday	\$1600
Sunday/Holiday	\$1700
*Two Sets of Remains	
Mon – Fri	\$2500
Saturday	\$2600
Sunday/Holiday	\$2700

Graves - \$800 each, including endowed care



Duties of the Department

- Arranging burials
- Selling graves
- Adhering to the cemetery policies and procedures
- Maintaining burial records/genealogy
- Maintaining the cemetery grounds

WALNUT HILL CEMETERY
1101 MASCOUTAH AVE
BELLEVILLE, IL
618-257-3330

58th Annual



Seating will be limited to 300 due to the space of the venue. No registrations will be accepted the day of the event. We look forward to renewing our community and spiritual bonds during this most cherished annual get-together!

The Sponsoring Committee cordially invites you and your guest to attend the

Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

"Belonging Begins With Belleville"

Wednesday February 15, 2023
7:30am to 9am

Bellecourt Manor
225 East A Street
Belleville, IL

\$30 per person

Please make your reservations @

<https://www.ticketsignup.io/TicketEvent/MayorsPrayerBreakfast>

ALPHABET ACADEMY IS LOOKING FOR NEW FRIENDS

Alphabet Academy
Early Childhood Development Program
Ages: 3 & 4

Dressed for success!

Learning with friends, the fun never ends!

Ready for school!

I'm a big kid now!

Nichols Community Center
515 East D Street,
Belleville
618-277-9785

The 3-year-old program is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

The 4-year-old program is on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9:15am - 12:30pm.

Questions? Please call us at the office at 618-233-1416 or email alphabetacademy@hotmail.com



TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday, Feb. 18

7 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.)

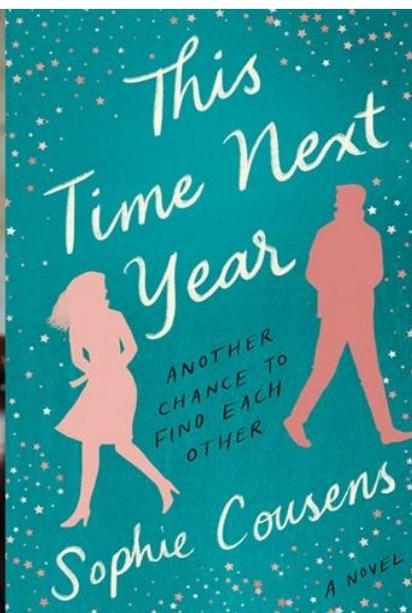
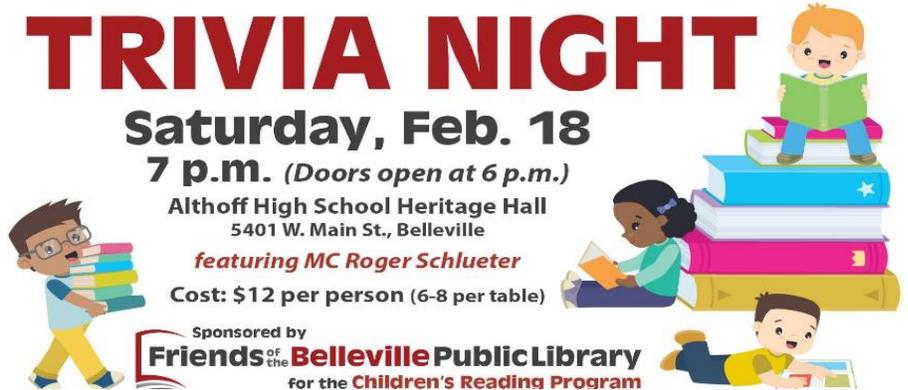
Althoff High School Heritage Hall
5401 W. Main St., Belleville

featuring MC Roger Schlueter

Cost: \$12 per person (6-8 per table)

Sponsored by

Friends of the Belleville Public Library
for the Children's Reading Program



The Belleville Public Library invites you to join BELLEVILLE READS - our online book club

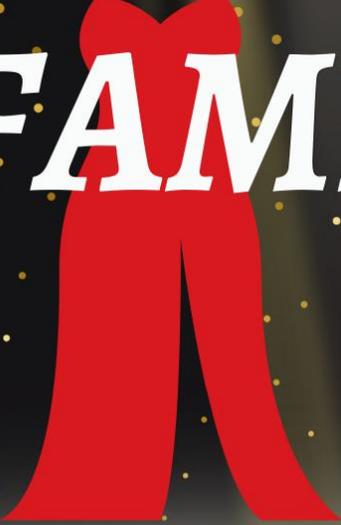
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/bellevillereads>

Just in time for 2023...

A love story that begins on New Year's Day...thirty years ago. We will be reading "This Time Next Year" by Sophie Cousens as our first selection for the new year! We are sure this light-hearted Rom-Com will make you want to join in on all the reading fun that will be happening throughout the year, as part of our online book club!!



Belleville Parks & Recreation's



FAMILY



Formal

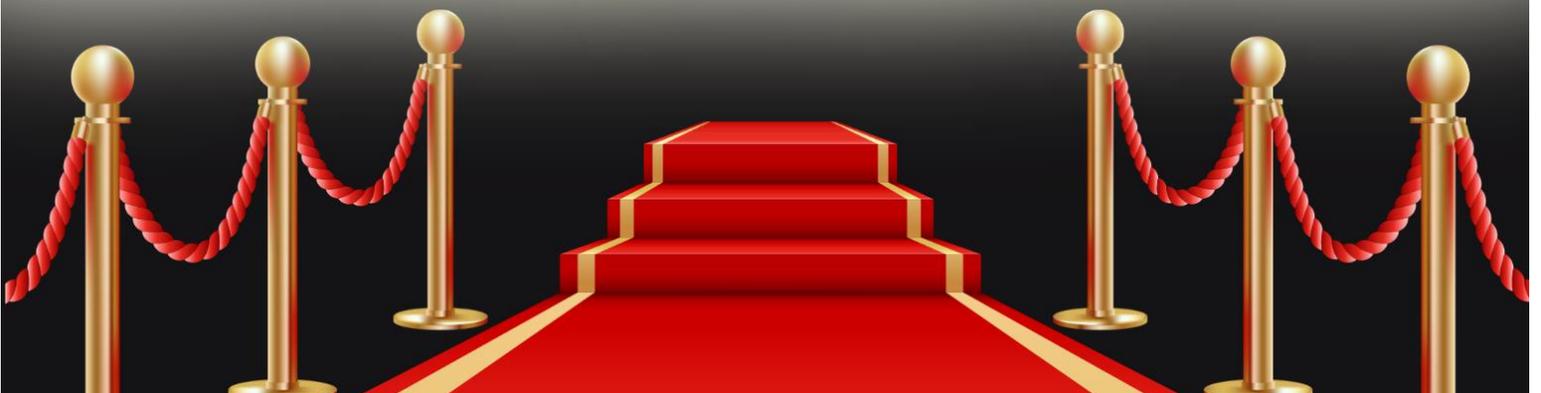
SAT., MARCH 4, 2023

PUT YOUR DANCIN' SHOES ON! SPEND A SPECIAL NIGHT WITH YOUR FAMILY AT OUR FIRST ANNUAL "FAMILY FORMAL DANCE!" ENJOY A 3-COURSE DINNER, DANCE CONTEST, KIDS GIFT, & DANCING THE NIGHT AWAY TOGETHER. MAKING MEMORIES TO LAST A LIFETIME! ❤️

COST: **\$20.00 PER PERSON** (REGISTRATION BEGINS 11/22/22)
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: 2/21/23

LOCATION: **BELLEVILLE WEST HIGH SCHOOL**
4063 FRANK SCOTT PKWY WEST, BELLEVILLE
(ENTRANCE IN BACK OF SCHOOL)

TIME: **DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 P.M., EVENT ENDS 8:30 P.M.**



SANITATION DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

During the Months of January and February each year, Yard Waste will be collected during the second full week of each month.

March – December - Weekly collection will resume during the first 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.

TRASH PICK-UP will be delayed one day, if your normal pick-up day falls on, or after the following Holidays...

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Day

Trash pick-up will remain on the regular schedule for the following Holidays, due to the Land Fill remaining open on their regularly scheduled days:

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Presidents Day
- Good Friday
- Juneteenth

Belleville Parks & Recreation's
YOUTH BASEBALL LEAGUES
SUMMER 2023

<p>EARLY BIRD registration NOW OPEN!</p>	<p>T-BALL AGES 5-7 YRS.</p>	<p>ROBAT AGES 7-9 YRS.</p>	<p>OPTIMIST AGES 9-11 YRS.</p>	<p>JAYCEE TRAVEL JR. HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL</p> 
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(618) 233-1416 ~ www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities ~ 510 W. Main St., Belleville

If you would like to receive a newsletter via email, please contact our PR/Communication Director, Kathy Kaiser at kkaiser@belleville.net, and we will send our quarterly newsletter to you via email.

SPONSORS

Please consider being a Law Day Run sponsor! Proceeds benefit Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation and other non-profit organizations.

Visit www.lawdayrun.com for details

ORGANIZED BY



BELLEVILLE
RUNNING CLUB



The
St. Clair County
Bar Association

CHIP TIMING BY



www.runningstartsports.com

20th Annual Law Day 5K Run/Walk 1K Youth Fun Run / Toddler Trot 200M



Saturday 9:00AM April 29, 2023

Historic Downtown Belleville, IL (Assembly at North High & East "A")

- FREE beer*, other beverages, and post-race food (*for all entrants 21 & over)
- FREE Adult Performance shirt for 5K participants. **must register before April 11th*
- FREE children's activities after the race!

AWARDS Overall & Masters Male & Female Champions:

Top 3 Male and Female in each age category...13 & under, 14-18, 19-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70+. All Youth 1K Fun Run and Toddler Trot finishers receive a commemorative "Champion" medal. An award will also be given for the fastest licensed attorney.

5K Entry Fee: Adults \$35.00 Youth (18 & Under) \$25.00 Late Entry (after 4/11) \$45.00
1K Fun Run (13 and Under only) \$12.00

Please make checks payable to Law Day Run and mail to:

Belleville Running Club
P.O. Box 8343
Belleville, IL 62222

Or Register Online at www.LawDayRun.com

Name _____ Please Check if you are a licensed attorney

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Birthdate _____ Sex (M) _____ (F) _____ Age On Race Day _____

Event: 5K _____ 1K (Kids under age 13 and under only) _____

Phone (day) _____ Toddler Trot _____

Emergency Contact name _____ Emergency Contact Phone _____

Email Address _____

Shirt Size (circle one) Adult Unisex - XS S M L XL XXL Youth - S M L XL

Mandatory Waiver (All Participants Must Sign): I know that walking/running is a potentially hazardous activity and I should not enter this event unless I am properly trained, medically able and take into account any pre-existing medical conditions. I assume any and all risks associated with this event including but not limited to: falls, contact with participants or traffic, the effects of weather, and road conditions, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts, and in consideration of your acceptance of my entry, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the St. Clair County Bar Foundation, St. Clair County Bar Association, Law Day Run Committee, Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc., Toolens Running Start, Belleville Running Club,, City of Belleville, St. Clair County, St. Clair County Legal Auxiliary, Get Up & Go!, its sponsors, members, employees and all other organizations and persons connected with this event. They are not held liable or responsible for any injuries which I may suffer while taking part in this event or as a result thereof. I hereby waive any claim for injuries/damages to my person or property. I grant full permission for organizers to use photographs, videotape or motion pictures of me, and/or quotes from me in a legitimate manner in the promotion of this event. No refunds are available. Event held rain or shine. T-shirts are not guaranteed for late registrants.

Signature _____ Date _____

SEASONAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

WINTER

DECEMBER ~ JANUARY ~ FEBRUARY

Gingerbread Contest ★
Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk ★
Calls from the North Pole ★
Winter Art Contest ★
Little Dribblers Basketball
Nerf Night

District #118:
5th & 6th grade Girls Basketball
Sports Night
Alphabet Academy



SPRING

MARCH ~ APRIL ~ MAY

Family Formal Dance ★
Easter Egg-stravaganza ★
Belleville Kickers Soccer
Tee to the Green Golf Lessons
Youth Baseball League
Nerf Night

U.S.A. Girls Select Fast-Pitch Softball
Co-Rec 5th & 6th grade Volleyball
Sports Night
Alphabet Academy



SUMMER

JUNE ~ JULY ~ AUGUST

Tour de Belleville ★
Fishing Derby ★
Camp REC Summer Camp
Kiddie Camp
Tee to the Green Golf Lessons

Little Sluggers T-Ball
Junior Tennis Lessons
Youth Baseball League

FALL

SEPTEMBER ~ OCTOBER ~ NOVEMBER

District #118:
5th & 6th grade Boys Basketball
Belleville Kickers Soccer
Co-Rec 5th & 6th grade Volleyball
Little Dribblers Basketball

NFL Flag Football
Alphabet Academy



★ Special Event

Important Information from the City of Belleville Sewer Billing Department

DIRECT DEBIT OPTION

to pay your Sewer Bill!

Avoid late penalties and make bill pay easy and convenient by signing up for Direct Debit at www.belleville.net or by emailing sewerbilling@belleville.net for the form.

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 (\$3,000) and an education award (\$1,374)!

For more information, call 618-235-2700, ext. 5711 or ext. 5713, or visit swic.edu/ameriCorps.

 [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 29-July 31

The application deadline is April 23.



ADULT SUMMER SOFTBALL

AT CITIZEN'S PARK

MEN'S LEAGUE
MON/THUR

PLAY BEGINS:

APRIL 17

16 GAMES + PLAYOFFS

LEAGUE FEE - \$700

CO-REC LEAGUE
WED/FRI

PLAY BEGINS:

APRIL 19

14 GAMES + PLAYOFFS

LEAGUE FEE - \$525

- REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY 2023 -

MANDATORY COACHES MEETING:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29TH
CO-REC 5:30PM & MEN'S 6:00PM
AT THE NICHOLS COMMUNITY CENTER
515 EAST "D" STREET, BELLEVILLE, IL. 62220

Early Bird Special:

\$50 off Men's League if paid in full by Feb. 1
\$25 off Co-Rec League if paid in full by Feb. 1

DEPOSIT: \$100 due with registration

FINAL BALANCE: due 4/3/23, completed roster before 1st game.

Call office for special accommodations by 3/29/23.
Roster changes allowed up until 5/26/23.

Belleville Parks & Recreation Office
510 West Main Street, Belleville, IL, 62220
Phone: 618-233-1416



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Reading Challenge
Ages 4-8



VISIT 121 E. WASHINGTON
BELLEVILLE, IL 62220





Chief Matt Eiskant's Letter continued from page 4

Recently, Belleville Police officers stopped a violent criminal who perpetrated a heinous murder in Freeburg, Illinois. The officers stopped the suspect before the murder had been discovered. The officer's intuition told them this was not simply a traffic stop for a moving violation. They investigated further and located evidence that led to the discovery of the victim.

The officers' actions may have prevented additional crimes, and brought justice to the victim's family. I am proud of the officers who made the traffic stop and arrested the suspect, and the detectives who assisted Freeburg Police to ensure a quality case for prosecution. We have many other projects and crime fighting strategies that will be forthcoming in 2023. Our resolve in providing top quality law enforcement service has never been stronger. The men and women of the Belleville Police Department will always be there to serve you!



Respectfully,
Chief Matthew Eiskant
Belleville Police Department

