



FALL IN LOVE WITH THE CITY....

FIRST RESPONDERS IN THE
SPOTLIGHT

SUMMER IN THE CITY

COMING EVENTS

City of

Belleville

NEWSLETTER

August 2024

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FROM THE
MAYOR'S DESK...

Dear Family and Friends,

For over 20 years as a teacher, late August was not only the end of summer but the beginning of a bright new school year. New backpacks, sharpened pencils and a whole box of unbroken crayons heralded the start of a whole new year of adventures and challenges!



And the same can be said of our Great.Big.Small.Town. Take a moment to relish those photos of a Belleville summer, and review the key accomplishments and activities of our hard-working city departments. But I also hope that you will share my excitement about a whole new season of adventures and challenges coming this fall!

The in-fill project continues to transform neighborhoods. The Campus welcomes a variety of new endeavors with the addition of programming from SIU-E and SIU-C School of Law as well as expansion of classes for our law-enforcement partners. The engineering department is working hard to repair streets, and the Parks and Rec Department and Library offer innovative fun activities for young and old.

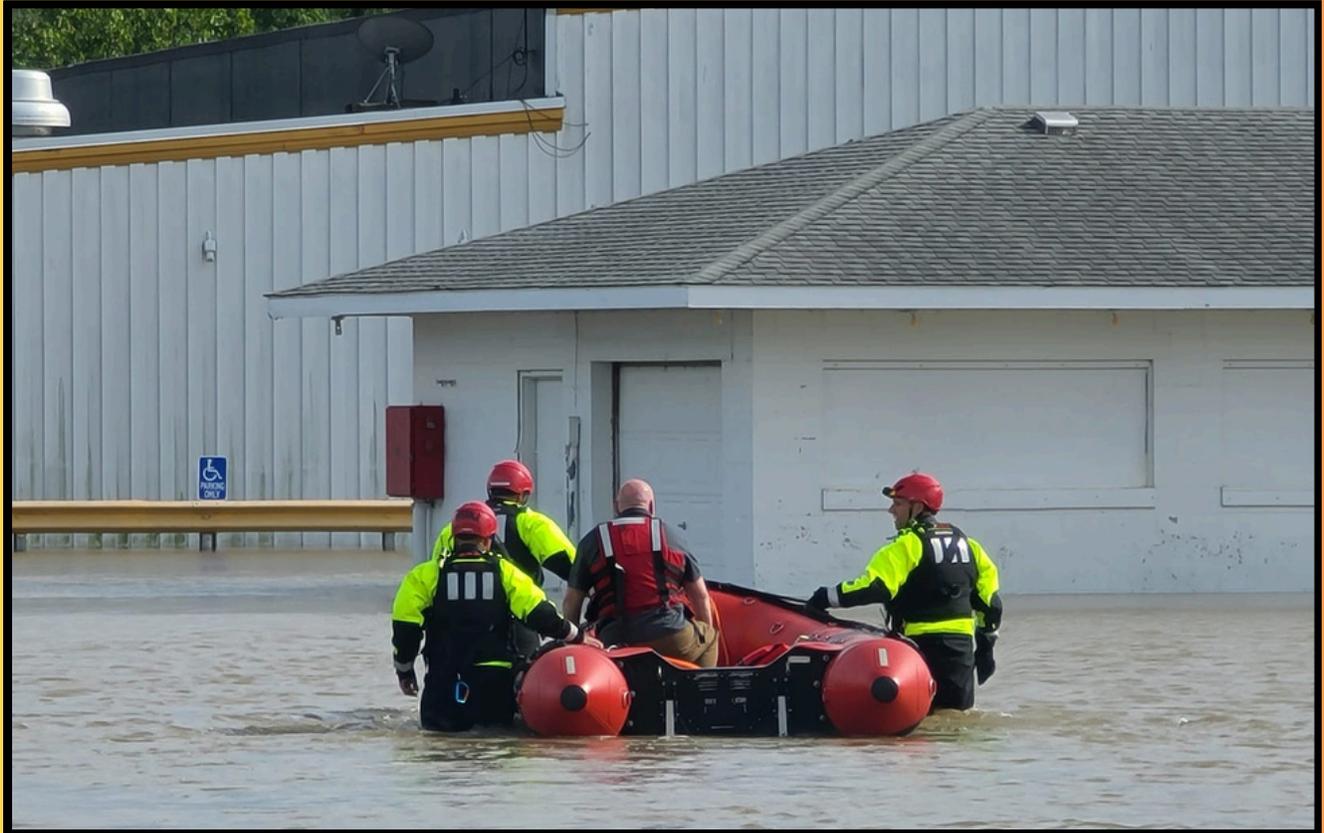
Finally, Belleville comes alive each fall with Oktoberfest, the Chili Cook Off and a slew of other city festivals and events. Notably this year, I will welcome Mayor Michael Dreier, the mayor of our sister-city, Paderborn, who will be visiting Belleville during Oktoberfest to help us celebrate our German heritage.

I hope to see all of you, enjoying this fall in our Great.Big.Small.Town.

Mayor Patty Gregory

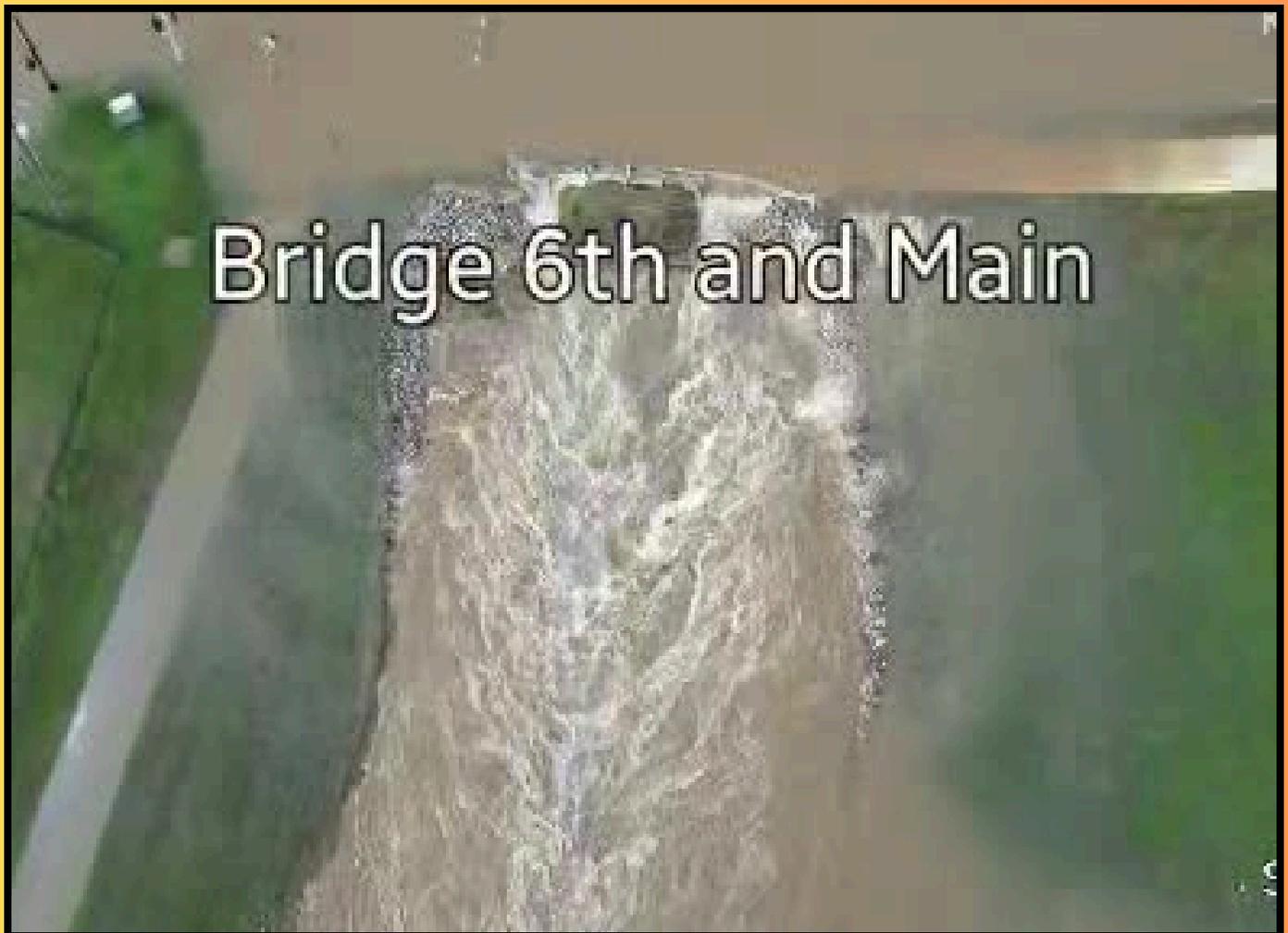
First responders

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



**Flood rescue executed on July 16, 2024
at the St. Clair County Fairgrounds by
Belleville Fire Fighters: Engineer Kyle
Biermann, Engineer John Eachus,
Engineer Kevin Beck.**

The Belleville Fire Department made multiple rescues during the July 16, 2024 flood. As the video below depicts, depending on the specific location, St. Clair County experienced as much as nine inches (9") of rain fall within a six (6) hour period. Drone footage courtesy of Scott Tyler.



First responders

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The Belleville Police Department swore in two new officers on August 14! They also completed their leg of the 2024 Illinois Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Just another example of how our officers support the community every day.



Here at the Belleville Police Department, Belleville FOP Lodge #226 is once again gearing up for the Annual Cops & Kids event. This event allows students to go shopping with BPD officers for the holiday season. With a minimum of 35 students every year, officers and students shop for necessities (clothing, shoes, etc.) and things that they would like to have. We are co-hosting a trivia night with Bar Buddies on 11/23/24 at Bel Aire Bowl to aid in covering the cost of the event. Also come see us at the Annual Downtown Trick or Treat event on 10/25/24. This year we started what will be an annual Autism Awareness Touch-A-Truck Event and it was a huge success. We are looking forward to next year's event in April. If anyone or business would like to make a flat donation, scan the QR code and it will take you to the donation page. All donations will be split between our Cops & Kids event and the Touch-A-Truck event we host in April.



SUMMER IN THE CITY...



Park Fun



Heart Garden



Pickleball!

Lincoln Theater



Concerts in the Park





Splashpad

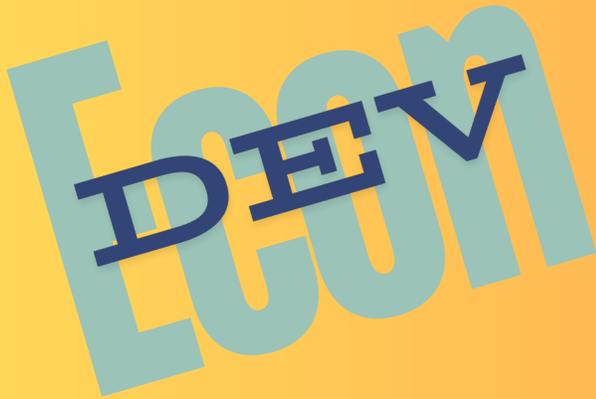


Downtown

Tour de Belleville



This is the peacock that chaperone Andy Gaa had on his vehicle before leaving for the youth exchange in Germany!



Economic Development
Planning and Zoning

Infill Project Update

Vacant parcels owned by the city are maintained at the city's expense. Mowing alone costs approximately \$1,500.00 per lot, per year. The Infill Development Program provides a process for developers to partner with the city to provide opportunities for redevelopment of parcels.

Before

During

Rendering of Completed Home



201 Portland Avenue

The designs of these new single-family homes were submitted by C.A. Jones and specifically chosen to conform and compliment the character of the existing neighborhoods. The City of Belleville is excited to share the status of these three homes built in partnership with the C.A. Jones team!



24 Queensway Drive



316 East B Street





Road improvements were completed and continue in various areas throughout the city. Please be patient with our road crews. Drivers are advised to avoid work areas and when feasible, please consider the use of alternate routes. Please pay close attention to changed conditions, signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits, and of course refrain from using mobile devices to be alert for workers and equipment. We appreciate your help and hope you will enjoy a much smoother, future ride!

DEPARTMENT
Engineering



South Church St
8/22/24



Raab Ave 8/22/24



South Church St
8/22/24





An August Blue Storm soccer match



Break time for SWIC Police Academy Cadets

The Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus houses the SIU Simmons Law School, Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission, Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy, Illinois State Police Forensic Training Institute, Illinois State Police Forensic Institute, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville Forensic Master's Program, Helene and Dennis Sparger Center for Performing Arts, and the City of Belleville offices of Economic Development, Engineering and Housing.



The newly refinished main gym and stadium field.



Drone footage captured and provided by Scott Tyler



Join us for a

Moment of Remembrance

September 11 Memorial Walkway of Southern Illinois

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

11:30 AM

With Guest Speaker:
Colonel Steven E. Putthoff

Fire House #4

1125 S. Illinois St., Belleville, IL

Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations, G3, Scott AFB

Ceremony will be held outside, weather permitting.



For more information, visit www.Belleville.net/911Memorial

Co-hosted by the September 11 Memorial Walkway Committee and the City of Belleville

*26th Annual
Veterans Day
Ceremony*

★ November 11, 2024 ★

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

SE Quadrant of the Public Square

Emcee

John Lawson

Superintendent of St. Clair County,
Veterans Assistance Commission

Guest Speaker

Brigadier General John E. Michel,
USAF, Retired



Parks & RECREATION

BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION'S 2024

SUMMER into FALL

SPORTS

<p>LITTLE DRIBBLERS</p> <p>Ages 4 - 6 years. Boys & Girls will learn safe, basic basketball fundamentals in this instructional clinic..</p>	<p>3 X 3 BASKETBALL LEAGUE</p> <p>Grades K - 8th. League Play co-rec basketball. Skill development with opportunity to improve on the basics of the game.</p>	<p>NFL FLAG FOOTBALL</p> <p>Ages 6-11 years. This league teaches basic skills and concepts of the game of football. Playoff Day at The Campus Football Stadium!</p>
<p>BELLEVILLE KICKERS</p> <p>Ages 3 - 13. Partnering with Elite FT to teach soccer skills while building self-confidence. Begins in September.</p>	<p>5TH & 6TH GR. CO-REC VOLLEYBALL</p> <p>Grades 5th & 6th. Boys & Girls can learn the basics of volleyball in a pressure-free environment.</p>	<p>SENIOR FISHING DERBY</p> <p>Appropriate for ages 55+ Seniors, join us for a FREE Catch & Release Fishing Derby, with food & drinks, as well as Angler awards! Pre-registration is required.</p>

 BE SURE TO CHECK OUT THE REMAINING DATES AT OUR FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES TOO!

 **HEY PARENTS, we have Softball & Volleyball Leagues for you too!** 

ABOVE ARE JUST SOME OF THE SEASONAL ACTIVITIES BEGINNING. VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO SEE ALL OUR PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH, ADULTS, & SENIORS!

www.Belleville.net/Sports

Work hard
play harder





Bulletins...Flyers...&... Things to Know...

from the
TREASURER...

Due to delivery issues with USPS mail, direct debit is strongly recommended as payment for sewer/trash bills.

Use this QR Code to sign up today!



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DOWNTOWN TRICK OR TREAT

FOR CITY OF BELLEVILLE CHILDREN ages 12 and under

WHO?
Children 12 and under, wearing a costume and accompanied by a parent or adult guardian

WHERE?
Visit us on East Main St., between IL 159 & Charles Street

Friday, October 25, 2024
5:30 pm to 7:30 pm

FREE Hot dogs and treats throughout the designated Downtown area

Belleville Fire Dept. & Belleville Police Dept. on-site

MUSIC DURING EVENT PROVIDED BY
WELLS & SONS ENTERTAINMENT

Sponsored by City of Belleville & St. Clair County – Belleville.net/halloween

BE SOMEONE'S HERO
Give Blood

American Red Cross

Blood Drive
City of Belleville

Atrium
101 S Illinois St
Belleville, IL 62220

Monday, September 9, 2024
12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CityOfBelleville to schedule an appointment.

 Come to give blood Sept. 1 to Sept. 15 for an **EXCLUSIVE Red Cross raglan shirt**, while supplies last

 Scan to schedule an appointment.

1-800-RED CROSS | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

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THE GREATER **Belleville** CHAMBER of COMMERCE
Healthcare & Community Service Agencies Committee

AFTER THIS SUMMER'S TERRIBLE FLOODING THAT WREAKED HAVOC AT BELLEVILLE AREA HUMANE SOCIETY,

Let's Show Some Love for our FURRY FRIENDS



what's needed?

SLIP LEADS - COLLARS - FLAT SHEETS - TOWELS - CLOROX WIPES - DOG & CAT TOYS
HEAVY DUTY CONTRACTOR TRASH BAGS

Your old flat sheets & towels are purrfectly acceptable!

Please drop items off at
The Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce.



For questions call 618-233-2015

Join us September 20-21st!

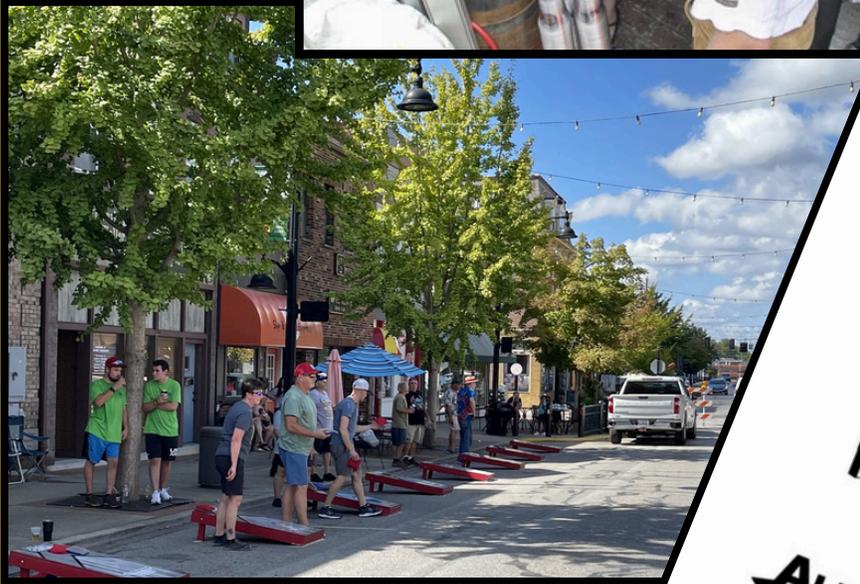


2024 BELLEVILLE OKTOBERFEST			
ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE	20 Sept	Main Stage	Shotgun Creek 3pm-6pm
			Champagne Fixx 7pm-10pm
		German Stage	Rendition 12pm-3pm
			The Wurst Bavarian Band 4pm-7pm
		Community Stage	Uber Cool 8pm-10pm
			Melodic Rythms - School of Rock 5pm-10pm
			Expressions Academy of Dance Performance Team 5:45-6pm
	21 Sept	Main Stage	POSTED SEPERATELY
		German Stage	Belleville Community Band 11am-1pm
			Deutschmeister Brass Band 2pm-5pm
		So Grand Polka Band 6pm-9pm	
Community Stage		White Collar Recession 11am-1pm	
		The Outsiders 2pm-5pm	
		Just One More 6pm-9pm	
		For more info contact: 618-531-0982	
		For more info visit: bellevilleoktoberfest.com	

2024 Beer Stein Holding Competition

Fridays at 8pm
July 26
August 9
August 23
September 6





BELLEVILLE
Oktoberfest



CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

ALLSTAR
Capel & Upholstery Care

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COUNTRY FINANCIAL
Adam Peters

Saturday, September 21, 2024
10 am Check-in at 2nd and West Main Streets

Tournament start time - 11am
A/B Bracket tournament
4 rounds of round robin play into double elimination

Cost is \$50.00 per team on day of event
No t-shirts for same day registration

CASH PRIZES FOR A BRACKET - 1st - \$500 / 2nd - \$300 / 3rd - \$200
B BRACKET PRIZES - 1st - Oktoberfest Beer Mug w/token & T-shirt
2nd - T-shirt and House bags





THE GREATER
Belleville
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

COUNTRY
FINANCIAL



OCTOBER 11-12
**LET'S PARTY
LIKE IT'S 1984!**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT | 40+ VENDORS
DOWNTOWN BELLEVILLE MAIN STREET**

11TH ANNUAL

**CHILI
CHASE**

OCTOBER 12, 2024



Bennie's
PIZZA PUB

REGISTER NOW @
BELLEVILLECHILI.COM

JOIN THE LIBRARY!



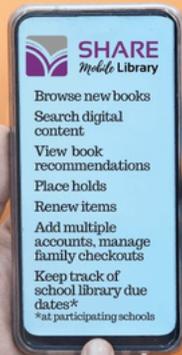
*Autumn happenings
at the Main and
West Branch*

Your library
now has a
mobile app!



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me

App Store Play Store



Brought to you by your library and the SHARE library consortium,
a division of Illinois Heartland Library System



SEPTEMBER



Senior Book Bingo

Thursday, September 12, 2024 @ 1 pm

Belleville Public Main Library

Call 618-234-0441 or sign up at the Circulation Desk

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Reading to your child early sets them up for success.

Any child who hasn't entered Kindergarten is
invited to register on
Beanstack for 1000 Books Before Kindergarten.



Prizes and incentives will be awarded for each
reading milestone you and your child reach.

Contact Becky or Christina for more information
(618)-234-0441

Attention!!! LEGO CLUB Meeting:

When:
EVERY 1ST TUESDAY

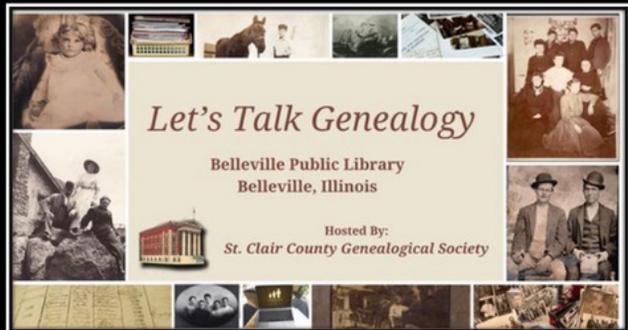
Time:
4PM - 5PM

Where:
121 E. WASHINGTON ST
618-234-0441

**Monthly Challenges!
Family Fun!**

Check our Facebook Page

All Ages are welcomed, but all kids under the
age of 12 must be with an adult (18+).



Free at 12:00 p.m., the 4th Thursday of each month.

Call (618) 234-0441 to save your seat.





Donate your sports equipment!

Give your used sports equipment a second life by donating it to Belleville Parks & Recreation! We are looking to collect gently used sporting goods for the youth in our community.

Donation Schedule :

Thursday, September 19
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM



The Campus
 2300 West Main St., Belleville

Types of Donations

- Baseball gloves, bats, helmets, balls, & catching gear
- Baseball/Softball training nets, batting tees
- Basketballs, volleyballs, & more!



Contact Us

(618) 233-1416 | parksandrec@belleville.net



▷ **TALENTED?** WE NEED YOU. ▷ **SMART?** WE WANT YOU. ▷ **CARING?** WE'VE GOT TO HAVE YOU!

Share your skills with the community!
 Earn a living allowance, plus college money for yourself or for a child or grandchild!

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.



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