

**HOLIDAYS IN THE CITY....**

CHRISTKINDLMARKT

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!

COMING EVENTS

City of

# Belleville

NEWSLETTER

December 2024



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FROM THE

# MAYOR'S DESK...

Dear Family and Friends,

Andy Williams first recorded “It’s the Most Wonderful Time of the Year” for his first Christmas Album. And that song and its sentiments convey everything I feel about our Great. Big. Small Town during the holidays. Whether you are browsing downtown at our wonderful Christkindlmarkt and local shops and businesses; watching your kids’ or grandkids’ faces light up when Santa returns each year in our Santa Parade; or driving through the effervescent Way of Lights display at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, there are memories to be made. Concerts, gingerbread houses, a horse-drawn trolley, candlelight walking tours, and the Nutcracker are just a few of the wonderful traditions we have. So I hope that you will shop local this year, throughout the city, and bring a little bit of that Belleville holiday magic home.



In other news, I am also proud to announce that Belleville was featured in a national magazine, “Business in Focus.” The article, “Belleville Is Open for Business,” details how the city is moving strategically forward to implement a comprehensive economic development plan. Our new collaboration with SIU-Edwardsville Forensic Program at The Campus was also featured in one of their University publications.

In closing, I want to wish each and every one of you the happiest of holidays! From Frasier, Bob, and I:  
Happy Holidays!

Mayor Patty Gregory



# First responders

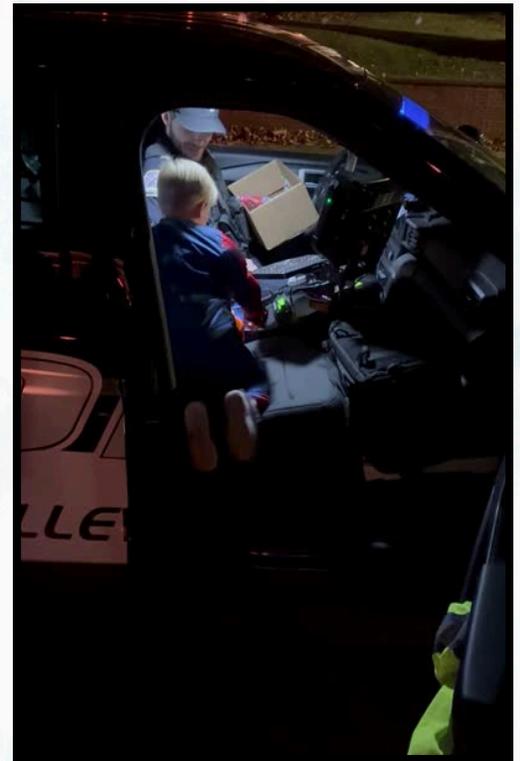


**Belleville Police Department**

**IN THE  
SPOTLIGHT**



**Belleville Cops & Kids 2024** will take place the mornings of December 7th and December 14th at the Belleville Target. Students have already been selected by Belleville area schools for participation. If you see all the officers at Target on these dates, don't be alarmed! To support this event, the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #226 is hosting a Trivia Night on November 23rd at Bel-Air Bowl. For tickets, you can look us up on Facebook, or scan the **QR code** above.



**Halloween Fun!** Officer Brennin Kimes treated new Belleville, 7th Ward Resident, Spiderman (alias: Coulson Evans) to a bit of candy and a quick test of the siren!

**The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #226** had a fun time handing out candy at the Annual Downtown Trick or Treat this year and serving Hot Dogs in front of Bennie's Pizza Pub!





### **Belleville Police Department New Hire and Promotions**

- Joshua Willis was hired as a probationary police officer. He comes to BPD with previous police experience in Alabama.
- MSgt. Beau Barfield was promoted to Lieutenant and assumes command of a night shift squad.
- Det. Keaton Wright was promoted to Sergeant and is assigned to the United States Marshal's Service. Sgt. Wright also supervises all task force officers from BPD assigned to other agencies.
- Officer Dusty Kallal was promoted to Sergeant and has been assigned to supervise a night shift patrol squad.



**Congratulations!**

# First responders

## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Belleville Fire Department**  
**TRAINING, TRAINING, TRAINING!**



J Turn maneuver at Boat Tech Training with River City Rescue



Fire Investigation Unit Quarterly Training



Technical Rescue Team Training at the Chesterfield Mall

Proper lifting, Body Mechanics & Patient Care Training with Phoenix Physical Therapy



Hi-Rise Training at the Lofts on the Square



# CHILI COOK-OFF 2024



# 2024 BELLEVILLE CHRISTKINDLMARKT

## Shop the 2024 Belleville Christkindlmarkt

*an authentic German Christmas Market on Belleville's Public Square*  
4 Weekends, Nov 29-Dec 23

**Admission to the Christkindlmarkt and the following activities and entertainment associated with it are FREE!**



### Belleville Christkindlmarkt

*Shop the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Christkindlmarkt, an authentic, outdoor German Christmas Market on Belleville's Public Square.*  
No admission fee!

4 Weekends, Nov 29-Dec 23  
11am-8pm, Sundays 11am-6pm



### Santa Parade

*Welcome Santa to downtown Belleville during the Annual Santa Parade, organized by the Optimist Club of Belleville.*

Friday, Nov 29, 10am



### Horse Drawn Trolley Rides

*Enjoy FREE trolley rides down East Main St. and through the beautiful Public Square.*

Fridays, 5-8pm, Saturdays & Sundays, 12-6pm



### The Wurst Bavarian Band

*Celebrate the season with this St. Louis based polka and blasmusik band.*

Friday, Nov 29, 1-3pm



### Lighting of the Fountain

*Celebrate the start of the holiday season with caroling, parade award presentations, the reading of the official proclamation by the Christkind, and the lighting of the Public Square fountain.*

Friday, Nov 29, 6pm



### Live Reindeer from HLF Reindeer

*Meet Rocket & Annabelle, two cute and furry live reindeer.*

Saturday, Nov 30 & Sunday, Dec 1, 12-4pm



### Rainbow Ranch Petting Zoo

*Pet, feed, and pose with animals typically seen in the Nativity.*

Saturday, Dec 7 & Sunday, Dec 8, 1-4 pm  
Saturday, Dec 21 & Sunday, Dec 22, 1-4pm



### Greenville University Band

*Enjoy the holiday sounds of this talented brass ensemble.*

Saturday, Dec 7, 11:30am & 4:30pm



### The Buzz & Ukulele Jukebox Bands

*Enjoy the music of the season with these combined ukulele groups from Belleville and O'Fallon. Feel free to sing along!*

Saturday, Dec 14, 1-2pm



### Wir Tanzen German Folk Dancers

*You'll be toe tapping and clapping as this group performs dances from Bavaria, Swabia, Hungary, and other Germanic regions.*

Sunday, Dec 15, 2:30pm & 4:30pm



Sat, Nov 30 &  
Sun, Dec 1  
12-4pm



Rare finds to be found created by artisans from all over the world.. Find the unexpected at the 2024 Christkindlmarkt!



## Feeling the Christkindlmarkt Charm of Downtown Belleville

For the past 27 years, riding the free, horse-drawn trolley through downtown Belleville on the weekends has become a holiday tradition for thousands of people.

Many families come every year, and many folks have come from other cities and states for the experience. If you've ridden the trolley, we'd love to hear your story. What do you enjoy most about the trolley? What is your most memorable experience?

Special thanks go to Clay and Tammi Sutter and their family from NobleShire Carriages, Inc. for bringing the trolley and horses to Belleville for the past 27 years! NobleShire Carriages may be found in Facebook and reached via email at [nobleshire@gmail.com](mailto:nobleshire@gmail.com).



## Trolley Trivia

- The NobleShire Carriages, Inc. horses have drawn the famous, Christkindlmarkt Trolley since 1997
- The trolley horses are of the Shire breed and can weigh up to 1,300 pounds and stand 6 feet tall!
- The five horses names are: Oliver, Abraham, Isaac, Ivan and one female named Tess.



The trolley was handmade by the NobleShire Carriages, Inc. owner Clay Sutter just months before it's first Christkindlmarkt debut in 1997.

BELLEVILLE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S

# The Nutcracker

Featuring the Belleville School of Ballet

- and -

Guests from American Ballet Theater New York

Saturday 11/23/24

Sunday 11/24/24

2pm & 7:30pm

2pm Matinee

Tickets can be purchased online at:  
[bellevillephilharmonic.org/events](http://bellevillephilharmonic.org/events)

Love Church  
1549 Frank Scott Pkwy West  
Belleville, IL 62223

*Did someone say  
"Sugar Plum Fairy"?*

Celebrate the 40th anniversary of this Belleville favorite that highlights the partnership of the Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra and the Belleville School of Ballet.

This holiday favorite is performed in its entirety. Dancers from the Belleville School of Ballet are accompanied by the Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra in this Tchaikovsky classic suite. The performances feature guest artists from the American Ballet Theatre in New York. Come and experience the magic of the Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy in your Great. Big. Small Town!



# BELLEVILLE PHILHARMONIC



The Belleville Philharmonic Orchestra is the second oldest continually operating philharmonic orchestra in the United States. Founded in 1866, the Society has provided countless opportunities for performers and audiences alike in their orchestras, ensembles, and chorale. No holiday is complete without one of their beautiful concerts.



**November 22 - December 31, 2024**

**Free Outdoor Light Display Open Nightly 5 pm - 9 pm**

Wintertime **sparkles** at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows as the annual Way of Lights Christmas display illuminates the grounds. Since 1970, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate have invited one and all to make the Way of Lights a part of their family tradition. As always, driving through the mile and a half of lights and lighted sculptures is absolutely free.



**Visit the largest spiritual display telling the story of Christmas. Among the lights are activities that include choir performances, a Christmas tree room, and wreath auction. For the kiddos (young and old) there are camel rides, a petting zoo, the gift shop and do not forget to check out the Lego block displays!**

## VISITORS CENTER

**Gift Shop:** Open 10:00 am – 9:00 pm daily.

**Food Stand:** Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Brats, Nachos, French Fries, Chili, Cookies, Chips, Soda and Water.  
Open Tuesday – Sunday  
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm, except holidays.



**Christmas Tree Display Area:**

Open 12:00 noon – 9:00 pm; donations accepted.



**Lego Brick Display:**

Open 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
\$5.00 per person (3 and under free).

**Choirs:** Begin at 7:00 pm.

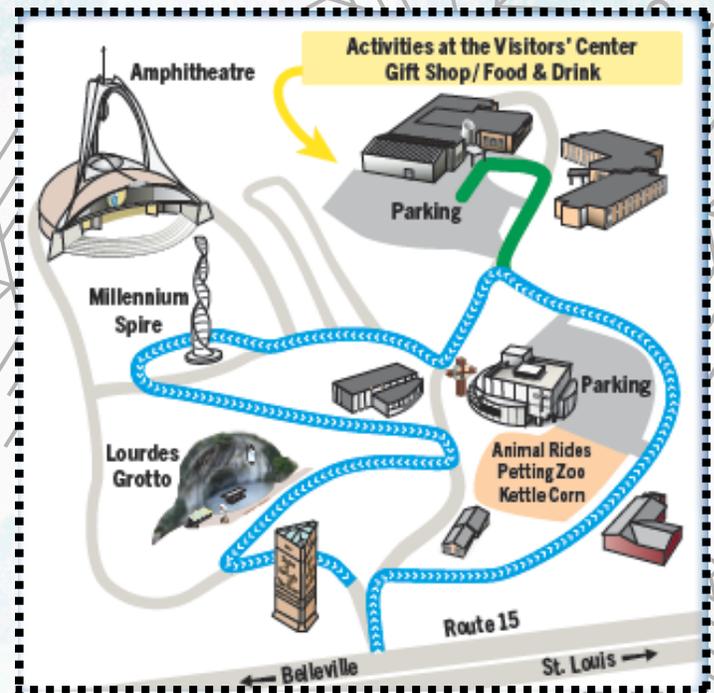
See displayed schedule in Visitors Center.

**Wreath Auction:** Place your bid at information desk or call 618-397-6700.

**Quilt Raffle:** Raffle tickets available at Shrine Gift Shop during Way of Lights: \$5 a chance.

**Interactive Arctic Mission Exhibit:** Great for all ages and open 8:00 am to 9:00 pm; donations accepted.

**Way of Lights oversized picture frame for festive photos and selfies.**



## CHURCH PARKING LOT ACTIVITIES 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Camel Rides**  
**Donkey Rides**  
**Pony Rides**  
**Petting Zoo**  
**Kettle Corn**



## Military Mondays and Family Night Tuesdays discounts:

Monday and Tuesday are fabulous nights to visit the Way of Lights to avoid large crowds and enjoy discounts on activities such as camel rides!

**Camel, Donkey or Pony Rides:** \$1.00 off ticket price  
Buy one cup of carrots, get one free

**Lego Brick Display:**  
\$1.00 off ticket price

**Kettle Corn:**  
\$.50 off any size Kettle Corn



**Way of Lights**  
**5k RUN 2025**  
National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

**Wednesday, January 1**

Experience this unique 5k run on the USATF certified course through the lights featuring Chronotrack chip timing by Big River Running.

Walkers can enjoy a 1.5 mile course through the lights after the competitive race begins.  
More information: [snows.org/wolrun](http://snows.org/wolrun)

**Foodbank.**  
St. Louis Area Foodbank

**FEEDING AMERICA**

**St. Louis Food Bank:** Collecting canned and nonperishable foods each night at the Visitors Center.

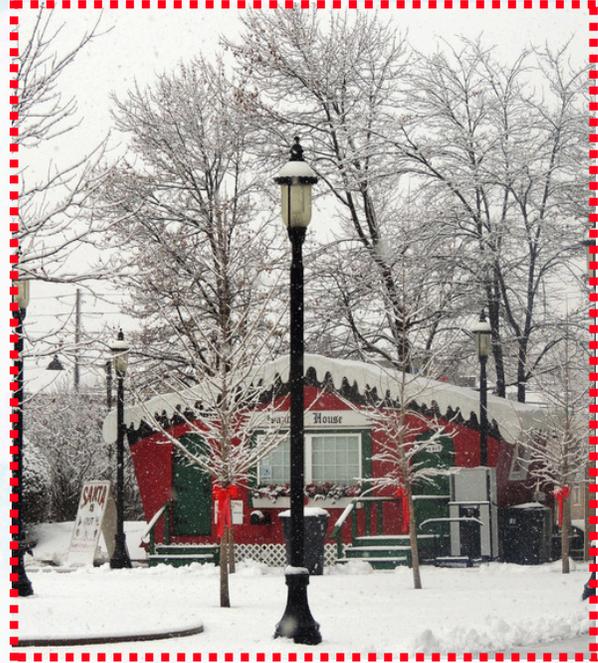
**Toys for Tots:** Drop off at Visitors Center or Shrine Church. Last drop off date will be Saturday, December 14, 2024.



# CITY

## HOLIDAYS PAST







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# Holiday Happenings at the Library!

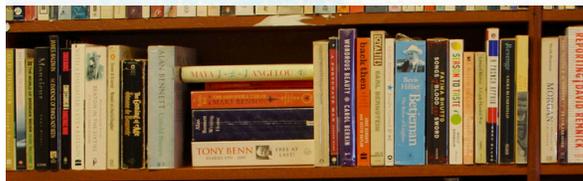
## Your Library Branch Locations:

Main: 121 E. Washington Street

West: 3414 West Main Street



## JOIN THE LIBRARY TODAY!



..... The Paperback Pen Pals .....

# BOOK SWAP

STOCK UP FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

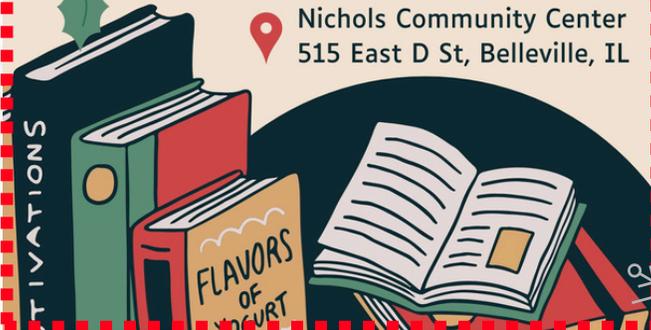
**FREE  
EVENT!**

**Sunday Nov. 17**

**12pm-2pm**

Get ready for the gift giving season and bring your gently used books to swap with **new-to-you books!** Open to all ages and **all genres.** Feel free to donate books without swapping at the NCC on Mondays from 9am-1pm. This is a **FREE** event! Please pre-register at [belleville.net/ncc](http://belleville.net/ncc) or call 618.233.1416

 Nichols Community Center  
515 East D St, Belleville, IL



Join Chef Art Smith for an online discussion

HOLIDAY TIPS AND TRICKS WITH

## CHEF ART SMITH

### Wed, Nov 20 | 7 PM

Join Chef Art Smith for an online discussion

[https://bit.ly/ILP\\_ArtSmith](https://bit.ly/ILP_ArtSmith)



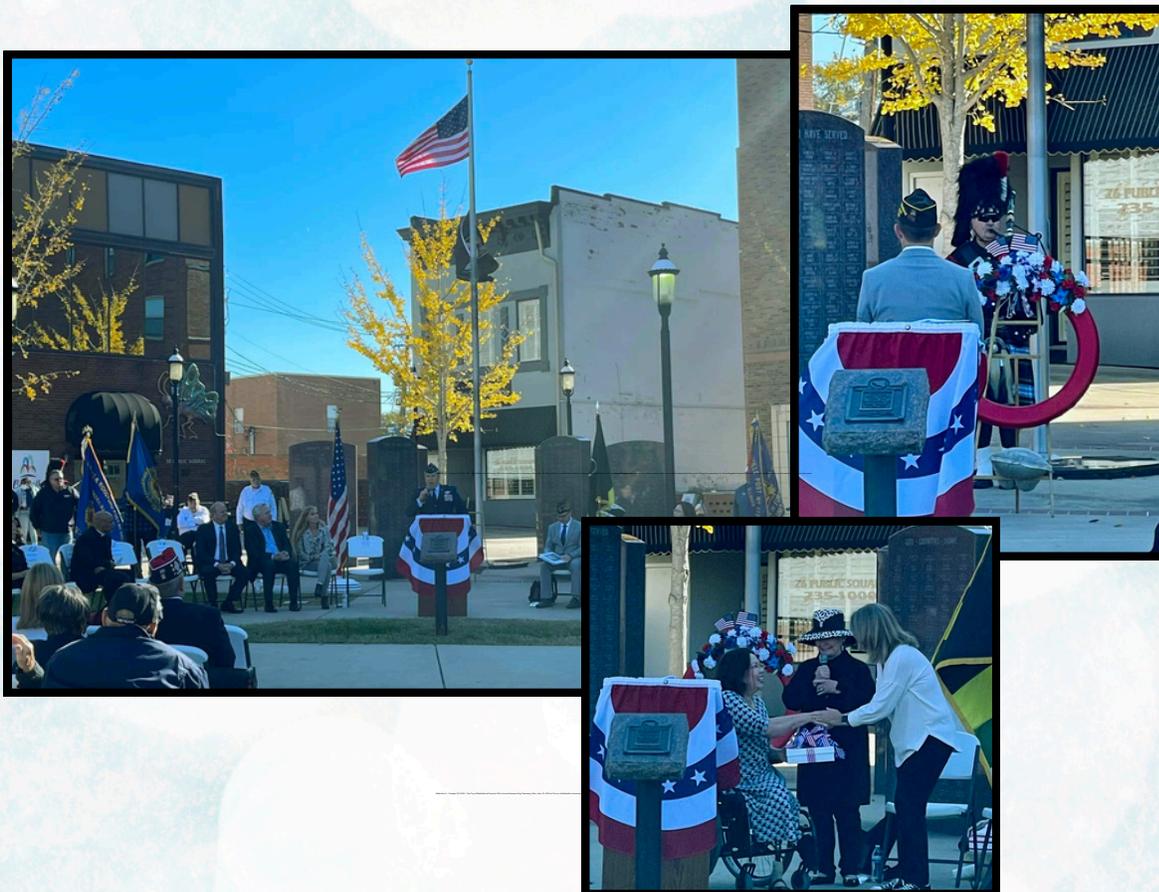
This event is made possible by ILP, a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events.

## Holiday Tips and Tricks with Chef Art Smith

Join Chef [Art Smith](#) to learn about his culinary journey and bring some culinary inspiration into your holiday season. Smith believes "The art of cooking, the act of feeding people, is the most engaging, most memorable way to connect with people."

Smith began his career at the Florida Culinary Institute and honed his skills working with top chefs in France before finding himself in Chicago. Here he served as Oprah Winfrey's personal chef for a decade and opened his first critically-acclaimed restaurant, Table Fifty-Two, known for its modern Southern dishes and locally sourced ingredients.

# *Veterans Day* **2024**



The City of Belleville was honored to host its 26th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony, Monday, Nov. 11, 2024 at 11 a.m. at Belleville's Honorary Veterans Memorial Square. More than 250 people attended to hear addresses by Air Force Brigadier General (ret.) John Michel and Senator Tammy Duckworth.



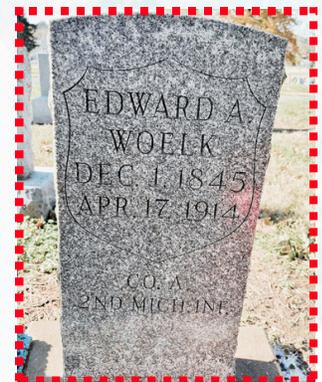
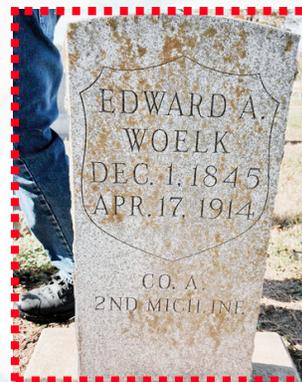
# Remembering & Supporting our Veterans



Belleville VFW Post 1739, Belleville Illinois, started on a long-term project to clean Veteran monuments and headstones at Walnut Hill Cemetery. Mayor Patty Gregory dropped by to lend some support and encouragement for the community service efforts.



Starting an open conversation can **make a difference** for a **Veteran in crisis.**



*Special thanks go to Pour322 for providing coffee and hot chocolate and to Kota's Krunchies for purchasing breakfast sandwiches for the volunteers. The City of Belleville and The Home Depot donated supplies and materials for the project. Volunteers included the 126th Air Refueling Wing, our very own Scouts Pack 1, Scouts Pack 9 and local community volunteer Greg Pickerel.*

Remembering our fallen. What a difference this project has made and is making with the Walnut Hill monuments and headstones.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PLANNING, AND ZONING

**RFQ Alert:** The City of Belleville is seeking a developer(s) to complete the construction of single-family homes on one or more City-owned, vacant properties in Belleville.



The respective, currently vacant properties are in established neighborhoods. The purpose of this Infill Development Program is to provide a process for developers to partner with the city to provide opportunities for redevelopment of vacant, bypassed and underutilized land owned by the city where infrastructure already exists, that is competitive with conventional development and/or redevelopment. The city shall designate such properties that are eligible for projects under this Infill Development Program.

To learn more and view the full RFQ, visit:

<https://belleville.net/bids.aspx?bidID=298> or scan the QR code below.





The City of Belleville was featured in a national magazine, “Business in Focus,”. In the article “Belleville Is Open for Business,” Cliff Cross, Director of Economic Development, Planning, and Zoning, explains in detail how the city is moving strategically forward to implement a comprehensive economic development plan. Check out the below excerpt. To learn more and view the full article, scan the QR code below.

Local leaders are strategically approaching development with a new, carefully thought-out plan. “The City of Belleville just completed and adopted its first ever comprehensive economic development strategy,” Cross says. “What that economic development strategy focused on was the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats that any community faces. And what we also did was identify how we could best move forward in promoting business, attracting business, retaining business, working with larger business partners, working with mom and pops, and, ultimately, looking at it in terms of, ‘how do we best move forward as a city?’” he explains.

*“Belleville has the infrastructure needed to support incoming business, especially along the Route 15 corridor.”*



*“We’ve opened up the eyes of the community and our potential businesses [to the fact] that we’re not just focused on what’s best for Belleville, but what’s best for Belleville while benefiting the county and the region as a whole.”*

### Engineering Tools: The City's Pavement Dashboard

One of the tools that the Engineering Department uses when making plans for street improvements is the Pavement Dashboard. Below is a screenshot of the dashboard.

A filter can be applied to the data so that only one type of pavement is displayed at a time such as brick, concrete, asphalt or oil and chip.

A pavement condition index (PCI) filter can also be applied so that only streets with a PCI under a selected value are displayed.



*Pavement Dashboard can be viewed by visiting:*

*<https://geoapps.twm-inc.com/BellevilleIL/Pavement-Viewer>*

### Projects: Orchards Subdivision Concrete Patching

Concrete pavement patching has taken place on Golf Course Drive. The green epoxy coated tie bars have been installed. They will tie the main line pavement to the existing curb and gutter. The welded wire reinforcement has been installed. It is supported so it will remain in the middle of the new concrete as it is poured.



Special  
thanks!



*A special thank you to the Illinois Legislative Sportsmen's Caucus for their donation to the Annual Youth Fishing Derby to be held at Bellevue Park. Representative Hoffman presented the check to Jason Poole, Director of Belleville Parks and Recreation on October 18, 2024. Thank you!*



2300 West Main Street  
Belleville, IL 62226

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



*Updates continue at the Campus including the Belleville Arena windows and The Campus press box windows at the Stadium.*



# Pickleball, anyone?!?

# Parks & RECREATION



## The Parks & Recreation

Department offer many activities at The Campus. One popular favorite is Pickleball!

Adult Pickleball Lessons are Here!!!!  
A new session of adult pickleball will start in January. However, open-play Pickleball has begun at The Campus. Punch Cards are available for purchase, or drop in for \$2.00! For more information of activities available at The Campus, scan the QR code or contact us for more information at (618) 233-1416.

**BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION**

**OPEN PLAY PICKLEBALL**

**ONLY \$2 PER PERSON**  
(CASH ONLY)

**BEGINS NOV. 1, 2024**

**THE ARENA GYMS @ THE CAMPUS**  
2300 WEST MAIN STREET, BELLEVILLE  
(618) 967-9008

**TUESDAYS  
WEDNESDAYS  
FRIDAYS**

**2 SESSIONS, PER DAY!**  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**PUNCH CARDS** WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE - \$10 for 6 SESSIONS, CASH ONLY!

FOR PROGRAM DETAILS **618-233-1416** OR DROP US EMAIL TO **parksandrec@belleville.net**

**WWW.BELLEVILLE.NET/SPORTS**



# Campus Partners

# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

SIUE's new center for Crime Science and Violence Prevention (CCSVP) has opened at The Campus. The CCSVP creates new opportunities to partner with community organizations, local government and law enforcement agencies to provide research and training to support social justice, crime reduction and violence prevention. To learn more, click the QR code:





**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!





# The Old Belleville Historical Luminary Walk

2nd Saturday of December  
5:00 PM to 9:00 PM



## Reminder

SANITATION DEPARTMENT

After December 13, 2024, there will not be  
yard waste collection until the 2nd full week of  
January 2025

January 2025: January 13-17  
(2nd full week only)

February 2025: February 10-14  
(2nd full week only)





# Ainad Shriners



# FEZtival of Trees

**Get your tickets in person.**

**Where: 23 Public Square, Belleville, IL**

**Enter your chance to win a uniquely decorated Christmas tree covered with gifts! Each tree is decorated differently!!**

-  **Free Admission**
-  **\$1 per chance to win.**
-  **Trees Valued from \$500 and UP!!!**



## Event Dates & Times

<b>November 29, 2024</b>	<b>9 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>
<b>November 30, 2024</b>	<b>11 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>
<b>December 1, 2024</b>	<b>11 a.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<b>December 4, 2024</b>	<b>11 a.m. – 6 p.m.</b>
<b>December 5, 2024</b>	<b>11 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>
<b>December 6, 2024</b>	<b>11 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>
<b>December 7, 2024</b>	<b>11 a.m. – 8 p.m.</b>



**Proceeds benefit Ainad Shriners and are not tax deductible as a charitable contribution.**



**GINGERBREAD  
RUN / WALK  
5K**



17TH ANNUAL  
Belleville Parks & Recreation's  
**Gingerbread  
Run/Walk**  
2024  
December 7th  
5k  
saturday;  
dec. 7th

**EVENT FEES & INFORMATION:**

EARLY BIRD FEE: (through Nov. 6)	→	\$25
REGULAR FEE: (Nov. 7-Dec. 6)	→	\$30
RACE DAY FEE: (day of event, Dec. 7)	→	\$35
KIDS DASH: (ages 5 & younger)	→	\$15

EVENT LOCATION: Belleville Parks & Recreation Admin. Office, 510 W. Main St., Belleville

- FREE:** Water, coffee, bagels, and fruit for all participants.
- ENTERTAINMENT:** Brock Elmore, Let's Celebrate! DJ Service
- AWARDS FOR PLACED RUNNERS:** Overall & Masters Male & Female Champions.
  - 3-deep in each age category: 13 & under, 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70+
- AWARDS PRESENTATION:** Historic Lincoln Theatre, 103 E. Main, Belleville. Concessions open for purchases. After-party begins following the race.

**8:00am Kids Dash**  
**8:30am 5K Run/Walk**

**PACKET PICK-UP DATES**

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2024  
8:00am - 4:30pm

Thursday, Dec. 5, 2024  
8:00am - 6:00pm

Friday, Dec. 6, 2024  
8:00am - 4:30pm

and starting at 7:00am Race Day at Belleville Parks & Recreation Office 510 West Main St., Belleville



**What do you get?**

All registered adult participants will receive an event long-sleeve T-shirt. Shirts/sizes not guaranteed after 11/06/24. Top 3 finishers in each age category will receive an Award Medal Ornament. Hoodies can be purchased separately.

For more info. & to register:  
**WWW.GINGERBREADRUN.COM**



# Belleville Parks & Recreation Department

2024

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# CALLS

from the  
North Pole



The North Pole is busy this time of year, but nothing makes Mr. & Mrs. Claus and the elves happier than to speak to a child! Belleville Parks & Recreation Department is hosting **CALLS FROM THE NORTH POLE!** All calls are made on a first come-first served basis.

Please fill out the attached call form, noting this program is a **PHONE CALL ONLY, NOT A GIFT GIVING PROGRAM.** If your child becomes too shy/excited that the conversation becomes difficult, please let us know and Santa will send a **LETTER FROM THE NORTH POLE** instead.

You must submit forms no later than Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2024. Please, do not tell your child that the call will be on a certain date or time, delays do occur.

## **PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED FORM VIA:**

**Email Form To:** Kari Owens at [kowens@belleville.net](mailto:kowens@belleville.net)

**Fax Form To:** 618-233-1449

**Mail Form To:** The North Pole  
C/O Belleville Parks & Recreation,  
510 West Main Street  
Belleville, IL, 62220



This program would not be possible without the support from Belleville Optimist Club, Belleville Rugby Club, Little Knights Football, and Belle Clair Rotary Club.

**CLIP THIS SECTION AS A REMINDER THAT THE CALL SHOULD COME  
BETWEEN 6:00PM AND 8:00PM ON:**

**TUESDAY 12/3/24**

**WEDNESDAY 12/4/24**

**YOU MUST HAVE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH CHILD**  
**- ATTACH ALL SIBLING FORMS TOGETHER WHEN SUBMITTING -**

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DAY AND DATE THAT YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO RECEIVE THEIR CALL

**TUESDAY – DEC. 3**      OR      **WEDNESDAY - DEC. 4**

CHILD'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

PRONUNCIATION OF NAME (if not common pronunciation): \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER OF CHILD: MALE / FEMALE      BIRTHDATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TO BETTER ASSIST THE PHONE CONVERSATION, THE NORTH POLE RESIDENTS WOULD APPRECIATE YOU SHARING SOME FACTS ABOUT YOUR CHILD:

SIBLINGS NAME(S) & AGES: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE & NAME OF PETS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S FAVORITE PASTIME OR HOBBIES: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DAYCARE OR SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD'S BEST FRIEND(S): \_\_\_\_\_

BEHAVIOR THAT DESERVES COMPLIMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

ANYTHING SPECIAL YOU WOULD LIKE MENTIONED: \_\_\_\_\_



**CALLING ALL COOL PARENTS!**

Take this PERFECT opportunity to get your Christmas shopping done, while the kids have a blast at the NCC!

NERF WARS!

Bring your own NERF gun and we'll provide the darts for an all-out NERF party!

FOOD!

Pizza and drinks provided!



ORNAMENT MAKING!

Belleville Parks & Rec!

# KIDS DAY OUT

HOLIDAY EDITION!

Saturday  
December 14, 2024  
11:00am - 3:30pm

\$25 PER CHILD  
+ ADDITIONAL SIBLING \$20

AGES 5-10!

Extra snacks from home encouraged!

Located at the Nichols Center:  
515 East D St. Belleville, IL

CALL 618.233.1416 TO REGISTER OR VISIT [WWW.BELLEVILLE.NET/NCC](http://WWW.BELLEVILLE.NET/NCC)

**BELLEVILLE PARKS & RECREATION'S**

When  
**SCHOOL'S OUT**



**CAMP'S IN**

**NEXT DAYS AVAILABLE:**

Dec. 23, 26, 27, 30  
Register by Dec. 16, 2024

Jan. 2, 3, 6  
Register by Dec. 23, 2024

Apr. 17, 18, 21  
Register by Apr. 10, 2025

at the Nichols  
Community Center!

AGES: 5 - 12 years

COST: \$30 per camper, per day

LOCATION: Nichols Comm. Ctr., 515 East D St., Belleville

TIME: All-day Camp 9am-3pm

Before Care 7:30am-9am

After Care 3pm-5pm

Before & After care available at an additional cost (\$5 per option.)

Register: (618) 233-1416 or at Parks Office, 510 W. Main St.

CRAFTS! GAMES! SPORTS! FUN!



Belleville Parks & Recreation introduces...

# Tiny Bakers Workshop

December 5, 2024



Children will enjoy baking and decorating Christmas cookies! Each child will make 3 different cookies, plus take home recipe cards, a chef's hat & apron!

Parent participation is required.

**Ages 4 - 9 years old**

Cost: \$12 per child

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Location:  
Stone Lodge at Bellevue Park,  
401 Bellevue Park Dr.

Register here

[www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities](http://www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities) or 618.233.1416

Registration deadline November 28, 2024 or until program is full.

Join Belleville Parks and Recreation for ...

STORYTIME with SANTA and the GRINCH



DECEMBER 18TH, 2024

Hot cocoa & cookies!



photo ops!



ornament making!



Cost: \$7 per child Ages 2-8

Time: 6:00pm-8:30pm

Nichols Community Center: 515 East D St, Belleville

Register at [www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities](http://www.Belleville.net/CurrentActivities) or call 618.233.1416

Registration deadline December 11, 2024 or until program is full.

**Little Spikers**

The Campus Arena Gyms  
2300 W. Main St., Belleville

Belleville PARKS & RECREATION

**ONLY \$60 PER PLAYER**

**FUN FOR AGES 4-7 YRS OLD**

**Fun 4-week program! January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2025**  
**Tuesdays at 5:30 pm**

Little Spikers Volleyball is a non-competitive beginners program that will teach the fundamentals of volleyball. Players will also learn about the core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship, & leadership!

Register 3 Easy Ways: In-Person/Phone/Online!  
510 W. Main St., Belleville ~ (618) 233-1416 ~ [www.Belleville.net/Sports](http://www.Belleville.net/Sports)  
Register by: Dec. 20, 2024

**WHEN IT'S**



**COLD**



**OUTSIDE, COME**

**PLAY WITH US**

**INSIDE!**

**Parks and Rec clinic and program registrations make great holiday gifts!**



**BELLEVILLE Spikers**

AGES 8-11 YRS. OLD

Belleville PARKS & RECREATION

**VOLLEYBALL CLINIC**

Belleville Spikers Volleyball Clinic is a program that will offer a non-competitive approach to the game of volleyball. They'll learn the basic fundamentals of the sport and prepare them for the next level of team play. Plus, learn the core values of respect, responsibility, integrity, sportsmanship, and leadership!

**Saturday Clinic Dates:**

Feb. 8, 15, 22, Mar. 1, 2025

**REGISTER BY: JAN. 24TH**

**\$60 per player**

**The Campus Arena Gyms  
2300 W. Main St., Belleville**

Two sessions to choose from: **9:30am or 10:30am**

**Register 3 Easy Ways: In-Person/Phone/Online!**

Belleville Parks & Recreation, 510 W. Main St., Belleville  
(618) 233-1416 ~ [www.Belleville.net/Sports](http://www.Belleville.net/Sports)



BELLEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION

# 2025 WINTER WOMEN'S RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

10 LEAGUE GAMES + PLAYOFFS  
MONDAY NIGHTS @ THE CAMPUS ARENA GYMS  
2300 W. MAIN ST., BELLEVILLE

ENTRY FEE:  
\$275 PER TEAM

LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS  
JANUARY 6, 2025

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN  
FOR ALL NEW AND RETURNING  
TEAMS!

LEAGUE FEE BALANCE DUE:  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20,  
2024

**EARLY BIRD SPECIAL!** \$10 OFF LEAGUE FEE IF PAID IN FULL BY DECEMBER 6, 2024.

LEAGUE DEPOSIT: ALL RETURNING TEAMS ARE GUARANTEED TEAM PLACEMENT BY SUBMITTING THEIR \$50 TEAM DEPOSIT & ROSTER BY DEC. 6. BEGINNING DEC. 9, ALL NEW TEAMS WILL BE TAKEN ON A FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVE BASIS.

TEAM BALANCE & ROSTERS DUE  
DECEMBER 20, 2024.  
ROSTER CHANGES PERMITTED  
UNTIL AFTER THE 3RD MATCH  
OF THE SEASON.

REGISTER BY PHONE OR IN-PERSON  
BELLEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE  
510 W. MAIN ST., BELLEVILLE  
618-233-1416



# 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+).

 BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



**Let's Talk Genealogy**  
Belleville Public Library  
Belleville, Illinois  
Hosted By:  
St. Clair County Genealogical Society

Free at 12:00 p.m., the 4th Thursday of each month.  
Call (618) 234-0441 to save your seat.



Your library now has a mobile app!



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

## 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



## PRESCHOOL PANIC



Join us for some sensory  
play and learning.

Ages 18 months – 5 years old

10:30a.m. – 11:30a.m.

Every 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Thursday of every month.

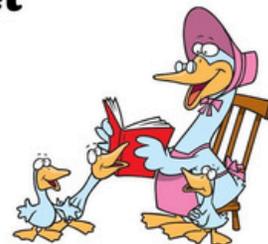


## Mother Goose Storytime

**When:** Tuesdays, 10:00 am

**Where:** 121 East Washington Street

**Who:** Children ages 0-3



Join Miss Becky every Tuesday for nursery rhymes,  
SINGING and FUN! No registration needed!

ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER  
MICHAEL W. FRERICHS

 **I-CASH**  
DISCOVER WHAT'S YOURS



# DISCOVER WHAT'S YOURS TODAY!



The Illinois State Treasurer's Office connects people with their cash and other assets through the I-Cash program.

Illinois State Treasurer Michael W. Frerichs is encouraging Area Residents to attend his I-Cash event.

**December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Belleville Public Library - Main Branch  
121 E. Washington, Belleville, IL 62220**



**Michael W. Frerichs**  
ILLINOIS STATE TREASURER

 [IllinoisTreasurer.gov/ICASH](https://IllinoisTreasurer.gov/ICASH)



★ Merry Christmas ★  
Season's Greetings



**Belleville**  
Great. Big. Small Town.™

