

City of

March 2025

Belleville

NEWSLETTER

WESTWARD PROGRESSION

BUSINESS IS BLOOMING

SPRING IN THE CITY

COMING EVENTS

SPRING...

Has sprung!

“IF YOU LOOK THE RIGHT WAY,
YOU CAN SEE

THE WHOLE WORLD IS A GARDEN.”

-- FRANCES HODSGON
BURNETT

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FROM THE

MAYOR'S DESK...

"Springtime is the land awakening and March winds are the moving yawn". - Lewis Grizzard

Dear Family and Friends,

Mark Twain said, "In the spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather inside 24 hours". This is so appropriate for the City of Belleville's recent weather. Our Public Works, Sanitation, and Sewer Departments have been diligently working to keep up with the havoc the snow and storms have been causing.

According to our Public Works Director, Jason Poole, "In the Midwest, if you don't like the weather, don't worry, it will change tomorrow"!



As Mayor of Belleville, I am so proud of all the departments, elected officials, and Alderpersons who have continued to help move our city forward in a positive manner. Teamwork, collaboration, and the support we provide one another are powerful motivators. These great characteristics and individual strengths contribute to a much larger mission. Our mission, every day, especially at this springtime of rebirth, is Belleville. In this issue of our newsletter, you will read many great articles about renovations happening all over our City. Spring is a time of renewal. New buildings and housing are growing around us. That is a wonderful thing, progress and hope. Spring work and clean-ups are going on with joyful enthusiasm. We need to show our appreciation to the volunteers who helped clean up Mount Hope Cemetery on March 15. Thank you, AmeriCorps, and all who participated in your hard work!

DON'T FORGET! Volunteers are needed for "KEEP BELLEVILLE BEAUTIFUL DAY" on May 3rd, (9 am -12 pm). Contact the City Clerk's office (618. 355-8627) for more information. Springtime is a fun time!

Please take the time, to read about all of the activities going on at our historical Carnegie Library and our Parks and Recreation programming. Our newest spring adventure is, "WOOFSTOCK, A DOG GONE GOOD TIME!" Bring your family and pups to Rotary Dog Park, which is one of the largest dog parks in the entire Metro-East area. Check out the flier in this issue for more information. Springtime in Belleville brings art into the air. On May 15-17, the fabulous Art on the Square will return to the beautiful Honorary Veteran's Memorial Square in downtown Belleville. Hope to see you there, and don't forget to buy some art!

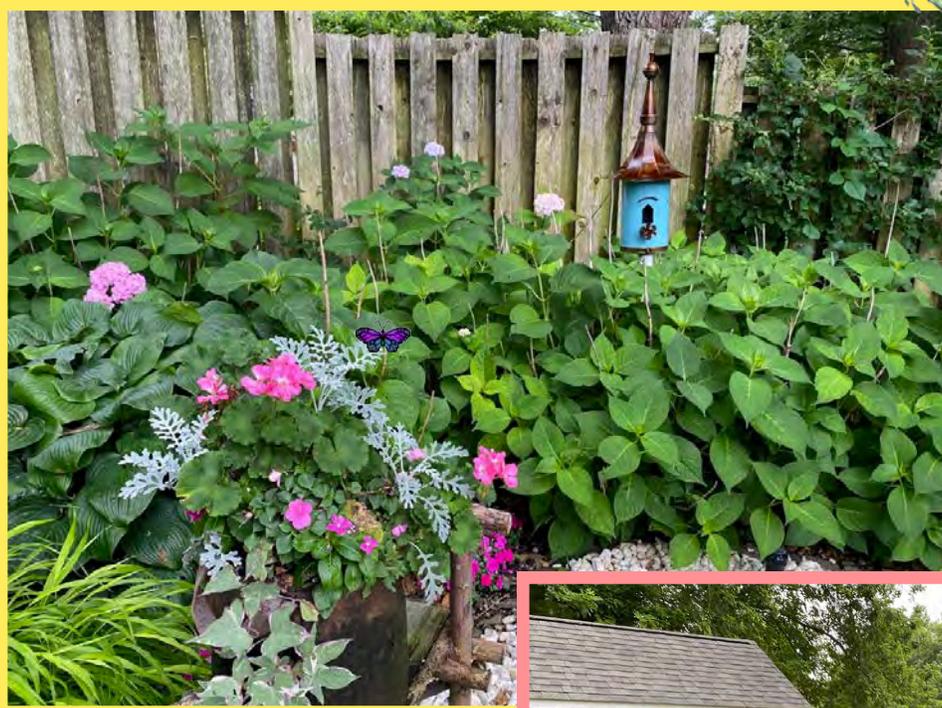


Mayor Patty Gregory

SPRINGTIME...

The glory of gardening:
hands in the dirt, head
in the sun, heart with
nature. To nurture a
garden is to feed not
just the body, but the
soul. - Alfred Austin





IN THE CITY

City of Belleville Campus Partners

Strong Roots to Grow Upon

The city purchased the former Lindenwood University campus in September of 2021. Within three years and ten months, over \$20 million have been invested into the campus from the following:

Southwestern Illinois College (SWIC):

- Football Field Renovations
 - Former Lynx Lodge, Site Sports, and Dorms
- SWIC Police Academy has doubled in size with a total of 1,350 that have gone through the academy!

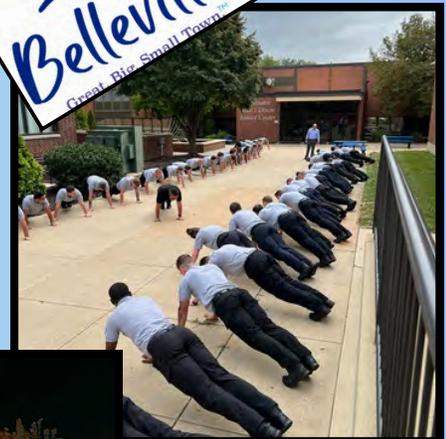
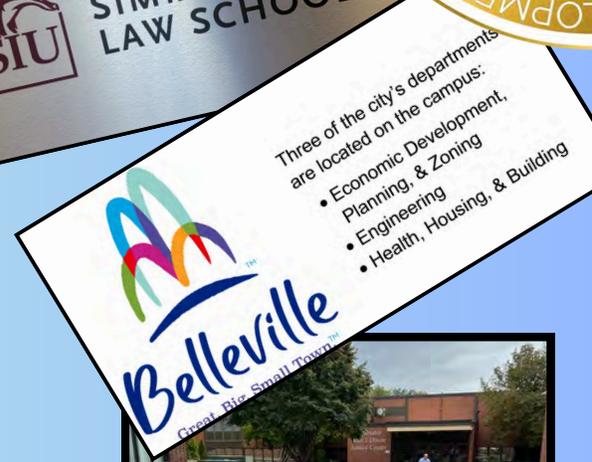
SIU-Edwardsville: Forensic Science Master's Program and training Illinois State Police in collaboration with the Illinois Crime Lab

SIU Simmons Law School Experiential Learning Program: Providing continuing education and workshops for attorneys

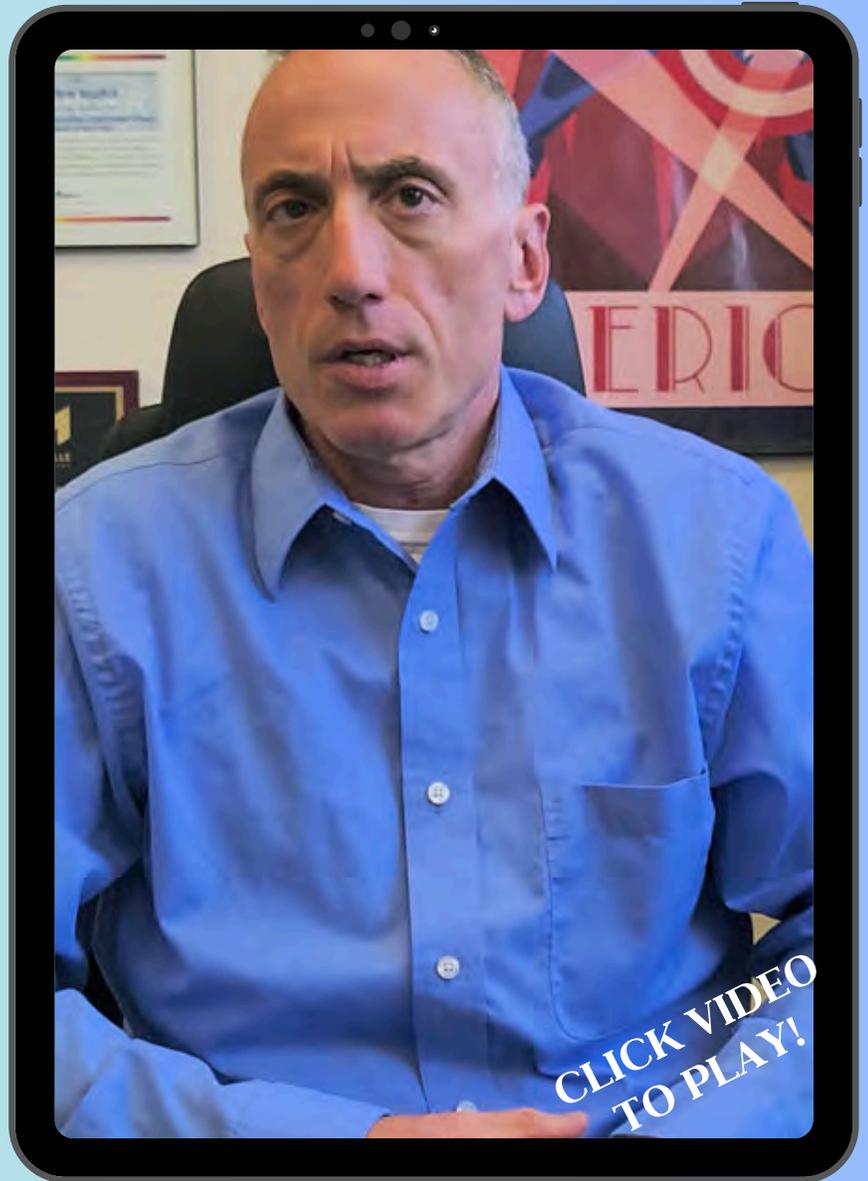
Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission:

To improve and strengthen local law enforcement; to encourage research and development directed toward new and improved methods for the prevention and reduction of crime and the detection and apprehension of criminals. 5,000 law enforcement officers have been trained at SILEC since June, 2022.

The City of Belleville. has received over \$500,000 in annual rental income.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



*Dr. Tom Spudich
Director of the Forensic Science
Masters Program for SIUE*

The Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus is proving to be an anchor for Economic Development and growth. The Campus has approximately 130 employees, support personnel, and students on a daily basis. In addition, the number of unique visitors for sporting or other special events can be upwards of 500 people generating economic impact to our city.



SIHF Expands in Belleville

SIHF Healthcare announced on March 20th, the acquisition and major renovation of the 69,000 sq. ft. medical office building and property formerly owned by HSHS in Belleville. The Board of SIHF Healthcare unveiled plans for a \$6 million makeover which will include the upgrading of the 4-story building located at 180 South Third Street in Belleville, which will become the epicenter of a new medical complex featuring the following services directly and with partners:



- 7-day-a-week InstaCare (Urgent) Clinic
- Behavioral Health Services
- Women's Health Services
- Plastic Surgery
- Outpatient General Surgery
- Orthopedic Care
- Primary Care
- On-Site Pharmacy
- ENT Care
- Gastroenterology
- Podiatry
- Cardiology
- Lab and Imaging



City Growth Through Competitive Grants

In December of 2024, the City of Belleville was awarded a \$181,967.00 no-match Tree Equity grant from the US Department of Agriculture!

This is just one of many grants that either have already been awarded or are in progress from the Economic Development, Planning, and Zoning Department.

These are “competitive” grants. Meaning, our Great. Big. Small Town beat out many other applicants for things such as the City Market (which is currently under design), bike paths, and improvements to our beautiful parks.

Competitive Grants								
Award Date	Project Title	Grant Program	Grant Amount	Match Amount	Funding Agency	Department Coordination	Status	Ward
2022	Koerner House Museum Improvements Phase I	Rebuild Illinois Program (Discretionary)	\$150,000	\$0	DCEO	Mayor	In progress	6
2023	City Market	Tourism Attractions & Festivals Grant	\$424,850	\$424,850	DCEO	Mayor	In design	5
2023	City Market Roof	Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant	\$76,500	\$0	U.S. Dept. of Energy	Mayor	In design	5
2023	Bike & Pedestrian Master Plan	Community Planning Grant Program	\$29,000	\$43,500	Metro East Park & Recreation District	Parks & Recreation	In progress	All
2023	Citizens Park Improvements	Park & Trail Grant Matching Program	\$100,000	\$357,700	Metro East Park & Recreation District	Parks & Recreation	In progress	8
2024	Citizens Park Improvements	Open Space Land Acquisition & Development (OSLAD)	\$99,200	\$100,500	IL Dept. of Natural Resources	Parks & Recreation	In progress	8
2024	Bicentennial Park Stormwater Improvements	St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission	\$100,000	\$0	St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission	Parks & Recreation	In progress	8
2024	Tree Inventory & Tree Plantings (100)	Tree Equity Grant	\$181,967	\$0	U.S. Department of Agriculture	Parks & Recreation	Pending	All
2024	Citizens Park Equipment	St. Clair County Parks Grant/Equipment	\$30,000	\$1,270	St. Clair County Parks Grant Commission	Parks & Recreation	In progress	All
2024	Bicentennial Park Spillway	Rebuild Illinois Program (Discretionary)	\$200,000	\$0	DCEO	Parks & Recreation	In progress	8
Total			\$1,391,517	\$927,820				



WESTWARD

“Per the City’s Economic Development Strategic Plan, the establishment of “*Target Sectors*” such as The Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus, Belleville Crossing Shopping Center, The CAVE, and even Bellevue Park Plaza are imperative for Economic Development and growth.



2023

**2111 West
Main
Street**



2025



2023

**2203
West
Main
Street**



2024

West Belleville native, John Sintzel, owner of Greenstreet Investments, Inc. has rehabilitated seven homes in West Belleville (several across the street from The Campus). The transformations are breathtakingly beautiful! John’s company has invested over \$1M so far in turning around these older beauties. John’s realtor, Courtney Marsh told us, “*Belleville has so much going on and has a ton of beautiful homes that may need some renovations. He never shies away from them and gets the biggest thrill when they are complete. He has even had to hold back from moving into some of them because he loved the finished products!*”

The before and after photos of two of the properties that John has completed. Courtney shared, “*There were skunks, raccoons and other critters that made themselves at home while they were vacant. It was definitely an interesting experience!*”

We have a new one coming up on Forest Lane on the west end, as well as a rehab he is doing on 36th Street. John grew up in the west end so it holds a special place to him seeing it revitalized again! “

Photos courtesy of John Sintzel & Greenstreet Investments, Inc.

PROGRESSION

The CAVE (Center for Academic & Vocational Excellence), of District 201 is located on Magna Drive off of South 74th Street. It opened in August 2022 and is already growing larger! The CAVE offers in-demand vocational programs so that students can take advanced courses beyond what is provided on the main campuses of the high schools. This new growth is a 15,000-square-foot annex, allowing District 201 to expand its programming for aviation, healthcare, automation, robotics, manufacturing, and advanced business applications.



Phase I of Trolley Circle is underway! Trolley Circle is being built as independent living for people ages 55 and older. It is located on Comwest Parkway (also off South 74th Street) and will consist of two, three story accessible buildings containing 70 rental units (53 one-bedroom and 17 two-bedroom).

Bellevue Park plaza received an early 69th birthday present from City Council in November of 2024. TIF 23 was officially approved to promote improvements and revitalization to this 15-acre TIF district. It also includes CVS and the Save A Lot grocery store across North Belt West. This blighted area was highlighted in the Economic Development Strategic Plan as a target location of opportunity for economic growth and future development.



Moving Belleville forward with improvements and economic revitalization



Infill Project Update

Vacant, city-owned parcels are maintained at the city's expense. Mowing alone costs approximately \$1,500.00 per lot per year. Therefore, Mayor Gregory and the Economic Development Department created an Infill Development Program that sets forth a process for developers to partner with the city to provide opportunities for the redevelopment of vacant parcels and for city-owned homes that could be rehabilitated rather than demolished to give those old beauties a second chance at life. Shown are a few of the current Infill Projects. Maybe one is in your neighborhood!

Before



During



Current



201 Portland Avenue



24 Queensway Drive

The designs of these new single-family homes were submitted by C.A. Jones, who responded to the City of Belleville's R.F.Q. (request for qualifications). The home models were specifically chosen to conform and compliment the character of the existing neighborhoods.

The City of Belleville has earmarked more vacant lots for future development. For more information or if you are interested in participating in the Infill Project, contact the Economic Development office at (618) 233-6518, ext. 1250.



1712 Scheel Street

The 1700 block of Scheel Street is seeing a revitalization with two Infill Projects homes nearing completion!

The average price of these homes is \$250,000.00. They are attracting young families to Belleville. Currently, seven homes are being constructed in the city which equates to \$2.5 million in new construction in older neighborhoods.



1715 Scheel Street

First Responders: Belleville Fire Department



Photo credit to Connor Hamilton Photography



Thanks to Eagle Scout Keller Schmidt for updating the Engine House 2 sign for his community service project.



BFD New Recruit, Anthony Dauphin completing his Illinois Fire Service Institutes I-Pump training. Anthony was one of four new recruits! Welcome aboard Anthony Dauphin, Justin Schobert, Kyle Gleadle, and Nathan Fritz.



The Belleville Fire Department promoted John Eachus from Engineer to Captain, Richard Orchard from Firefighter to Engineer, and Zach Miller from Firefighter to Engineer. Congratulations gentlemen!



The Belleville Fire Department is proud to announce, recently three firefighters completed their one-year probationary period. Congrats to Austin Sauget, Sean Hall, & Julian Blount.



Engineer Lara Wolfe & Captain Sydney Byas retired at the end of 2024. We thank you for your outstanding service to our community!

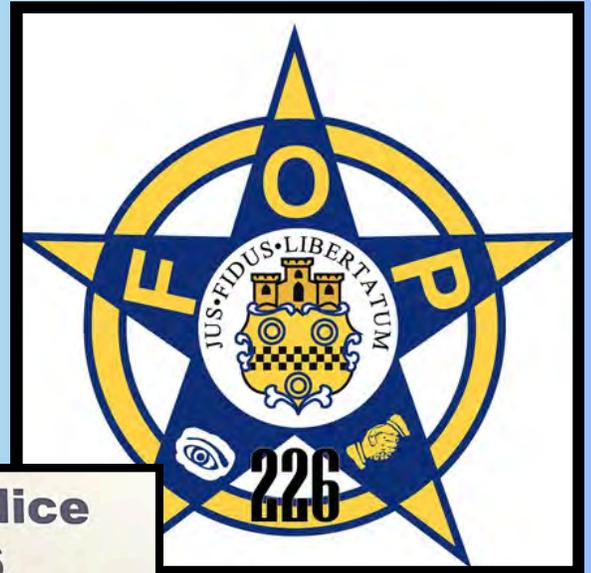


February 23, 2025 marked the 32nd SILEC/SIPCA Awards Banquet, members of Belleville Police Department were honored. Sarah Herzing took home the Blue Light Award and Lt. Barfield and Ofc. Ramirez were recognized for receiving the Life Saving Award! We would like to recognize both of their efforts for playing vital roles in our department and thank them for what an extraordinary job they do within our community!



Also in February, BPD swore in Officer Walker who has previously been employed by the City of Belleville as a Telecommunicator! We look forward to her beginning her training as a full time sworn officer and would like to congratulate her on her next chapter!

The Belleville Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #226 is now selling their 11th Annual 52 Gun Raffle Tickets to support Belleville Police Department's Fraternal Order of Police. You may purchase your ticket at bellevillefop.org or see a member of the FOP! *{Please see the flyer in the rear of this newsletter for more information}.*



**Illinois Fraternal Order of Police
BELLEVILLE LODGE #226**

**11th Annual
52 GUN RAFFLE**

One (1) gun raffled each week for 52 consecutive weeks
Begins April 2, 2025 through March 25, 2026
Each ticket eligible for all 52 weeks
Tickets are \$100 each (\$1.92 per chance)
Only 1,000 tickets to be sold
Early Bird Drawing (a 53rd chance) - February 28, 2025
Early Bird 3-Gun Package
Browning Maxus II Wicked Wings 12ga 3 1/2" Vintage, Kimber 1911 Independence .45
Ruger M-77 Scout 450 Bushmaster
(Combined MSRP \$6467.00)

Raffle Information can be followed at www.facebook.com/ILFOP226

Belleville Police's 2nd Annual Touch-A-Truck event will be Saturday, April 26th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm! This year, we will be co-hosting with Cities in Harmony, at 2300 West Main Street at the Southwestern Illinois Justice and Workforce Development Campus (formerly Lindenwood) where more parking will be available and food trucks will be on site. This event is open to the public! Come meet the people who serve your community every day and promote Autism Awareness!

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 11AM-3PM
• OPEN TO PUBLIC • ALL AGES WELCOME •
FREE! **FOOD TRUCKS ALSO!**

BELLEVILLE POLICE
TOUCH A TRUCK

to SEE the EQUIPMENT and MEET the PEOPLE who serve our community every day. **2025**

QUIET HOUR WITH NO LIGHTS OR SIRENS 11AM-12PM

Engineering Department

Infrastructure Improvements

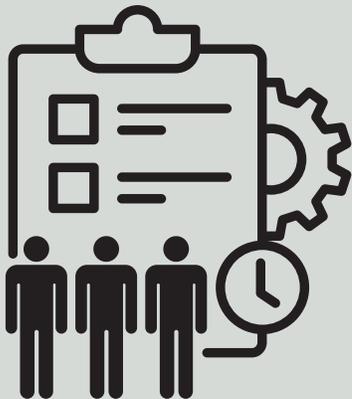


The infrastructure improvement projects that have been administered by the Engineering Department over the past few months are related to stormwater.

Stormwater ditch improvements for Forest Gate Drive.

“Spring is the time of plans and projects.”

-Leo Tolstoy



Failed Culvert Replacement on Country Club Acres



*Replacement of a Failed Culvert
on South Church Street*



*Repairs and rebuilding failed
inlets on Pro Tour Drive*

We have much more work to be done! Please be patient with our 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! \$24.5 Million dollars has been approved and invested in infrastructure in 2021-2024.



Failed Inlet: Repair on Golf Course Drive

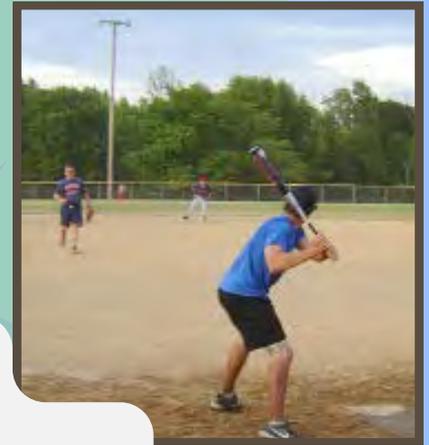
PUBLIC WORKS

Project Sneak Peeks!

Pleasant Hill Park: The current tennis courts will be resurfaced and converted to pickleball courts. The parking lot and walking trail will be resealed and striped, and the two parking lots will be connected via a new connector road.



Citizens Park: The upper softball field will be receiving a new restroom / concession / seating area as well as a new playground! Other minor ball field renovations will also be occurring in the park.



Upcoming Park improvements to happen later this year

Bicentennial Park: The splash pad will be seeing an expanded parking lot, a new decorative fence, and small shade shelter. An enhancement to the spillway is also occurring to prevent future erosion issues.



Laderman Park: The existing playground will be replaced with a new version. Drainage and roadway improvements will occur at the entrance to the park!





Spring HAS SPRUNG!!!

But, did you know...

Thank goodness that Spring has Sprung and we are just about past snow season! Did you know that Lambert International Airport reported 18.2" of snow this past season? How does that compare to some other areas?

- Sioux Falls, South Dakota: 8"
- Chicago, Illinois: 14.8"
- Minneapolis, Minnesota: 16.1"

The Public Works Department can have up to 8 trucks working 12 hour shifts to remove the snow from approximately 560 lane miles of roadway. Putting 560 miles into perspective:

We have to plow one lane from Belleville to Erie, Pennsylvania!

Spring Time Sanitation Second!!!

Yard Waste is collected in two-ply Kraft paper bags or in a 32-gallon container clearly marked yard waste. Cans should have a detachable lid and no wheels. Cans and bags should weigh no more than 60 lbs. when filled. Yard waste will be picked up during the 2nd full week of January & February during the winter. Weekly pickup of yard waste will run the first full week of March through the 2nd Friday of December.





**CLICK VIDEO
TO PLAY!**

JOIN THE LIBRARY!



Spring happenings at the Main and West Branch

Your library now has a mobile app!



SHARE Mobile Library

- Browse new books
- Search digital content
- View book recommendations
- Place holds
- Renew items
- Add multiple accounts, manage family checkouts
- Keep track of school library due dates*
*at participating schools



scan me

App Store | Play Store



Senior Book Bings

Thursday, April 10, 2025
@ 1 pm

Belleville Public Main Library

Register at the Main Circ Desk or call 618-234-0441

We have Senior Tablets!



Belleville patrons 60 or older may borrow tablets that have reading apps on them.

Borrow a Senior Tablet for 30 days. Borrow books and surf the web. Preloaded with our **Hoopla App** (eBooks, eAudios, music, & movies), **Flipster App** (magazines) and **Cloud Library App** (eBooks & movies).

Available at the Main library downtown only. Please contact us at **618-234-0441** to reserve one today.



Reading on electronic devices allows you to adjust the brightness of the screen & font, reducing eye fatigue, along with making the font size larger.

THE BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS PARTNERED WITH THE METRO EAST DIAPER BANK TO PROVIDE DIAPERS TO THOSE IN NEED.

DIAPERS ARE FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. FAMILIES MAY GET ONE PACK OF 25 PER MONTH.

DIAPER SIZES NEWBORN-3 ARE CURRENTLY AVAILABLE AT 121 E WASHINGTON, BELLEVILLE, IL 62220



Large Format Printing!

We are now offering large format printing at the Belleville Public Library.



Printer Information

- Maximum width is 36" or 10,800 pixels
- Cost is \$2.00 per linear foot, rounded up to the nearest dollar.
- Prints can be submitted online or in-person.

STORE YOUR FIREARMS RESPONSIBLY



FREE Gun Locks available

At the Belleville Public libraries

1 per Belleville adult resident.



While supplies last

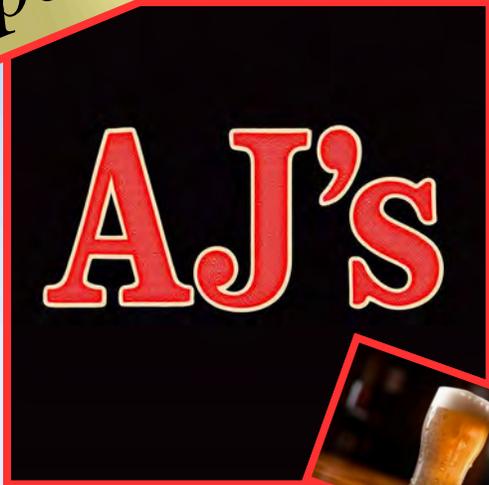


Special
thanks!



A special thank you to Brian Mentzer for his tenure as Superintendent of Belleville Township High School District 201. We appreciate his dedication in ensuring that our high school students received a high-quality education in a safe and supportive environment. Brian built strong relationships with teachers, staff, parents, and the community, which was essential in the promotion of educational excellence. He was also an instrumental and integral part of the creation, management, and expansion of The CAVE. Thank you, Brian for fostering a positive and outstanding learning atmosphere for the children of our City.

Business Spotlight



The new AJ's has a hideout vibe to it, a five-star dive bar if you will, and a place where, as Billy Joel put it, we can all "forget about life for a while."

Draught beers will feature local favorites Shoehorn Brewing from Belleville, and Millpond out of Millstadt. The menu is reminiscent of the Fairview Inn including great bar food at even better prices: Chili \$2.00, Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers under \$5.00, and Pizzas under \$10.

The new AJ's opened on March 16th. We're incredibly excited to have AJ's back, & we think this new iteration is just what the doctor ordered!

Special thanks for publication permissions from "Top of the Hill Association".

West-Enders in particular, will love this: An all-new AJ's Bar is coming to 6980 West Main, with some exciting makeovers!

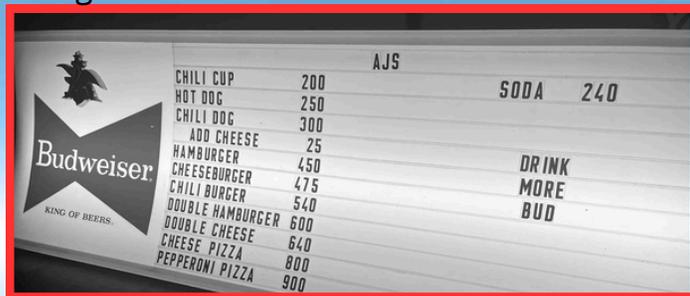
Owner Jim Grindstaff's vision for the new AJ's Bar is a pop-up bar featuring retro styling, retro beer selection, & retro menu items, all at retro pricing.

A pop-up bar is typically a temporary drinking establishment that can appear in unique and unexpected locations for a limited period, ranging from a few hours to several weeks or months. Unlike traditional bars, pop-up bars are often themed around specific events, seasons, or creative concepts, bringing an immersive experience to patrons looking for something out of the ordinary. The new AJ's won't change location, but it won't keep regular hours either. And while Jim isn't ruling out themed events, his primary vision for the new AJ's harkens back to 1970s Belleville!

AJ's will feature a "Retro Flight" of Stag, PBR, Hamm's, & Old Style but also offer bottles, draft, and a full bar.



AJ's Bar's Facebook page states, "Steel tip darts ready and waiting. Free to play but don't hit the wall or there's \$1 charge."



The menu is reminiscent of the Fairview Inn including great bar food at even better prices: Chili \$2.00, Hamburgers and Cheeseburgers under \$5.00, and Pizzas under \$10.

Business is BLOOMING

Business Name	Date Permit Issued		Address
St. Clair County Democratic Central Committee	9/9/2024	7	North High Street
Belleville Books, LLC	9/9/2024	20	East Main Street
The Art Asylum Tattoo Parlor	9/13/2024	223 225	North Illinois Street
Dollar General Store	9/19/2024	2100	West Main Street
805 Beauty Bar	9/20/2024	324	North Illinois Street
The Candy Bar & The Tea Spot	10/3/2024	28	East Main Street
Mystic Greenz	10/3/2024	360	South Greenmount Road
Ashland Storage Centers East	10/9/2024	653	Carlyle Avenue
Drop Dead Vintage, LLC	10/15/2024	25	Lebanon Avenue
House of Curves Bridal	10/15/2024	7008	West Main Street
Tactical Towing	10/15/2024	600	Rear Lebanon Avenue
Visions, LLC	10/21/2024	5801	Mount Pleasant Lane
Marion County Horizon Center	10/21/2024	3540	North Belt West
TASC, Inc.	10/23/2024	7650	Magna Drive
Goddess Hair Studio	10/23/2024	4711	West Main Street
Premiere Protective Services, LLC	10/30/2024	4717	West Main Street Ste 4
Wiglife By Nikki	11/5/2024	6400	West Main Street
Beauty Sense Plus	11/14/2024	4513	West Main Street
Hicks & Spector, LLC	11/14/2024	120	West Main Street
Regaining Hope Ministries	11/14/2024	5312	West Main Street
Penny Pinch Tax Service, LLC	11/13/2024	7100	West Main Street
BCI Construction USA, Inc.	11/13/2024	45	Empire Drive
Ro'Yal Womens Spa	11/20/2024	6011	West Main Street
St. Clair County Historical Society	11/20/2024	701	East Washington Street
St. Clair County Historical Society	11/20/2024	705	East Washington Street
Serenity Chiropractic & Wellness	11/27/2024	653	Carlyle Avenue Suite A

COMING SOON:

WINGSTOP: 5870 BELLEVILLE CROSSING ST.

DISCOUNT TIRE: 5500 BELLEVILLE CROSSING ST.

OLLIE'S: 110 CARLYLE PLAZA DRIVE

**Penny
Pinch
Tax**



7100 West Main



in Belleville!

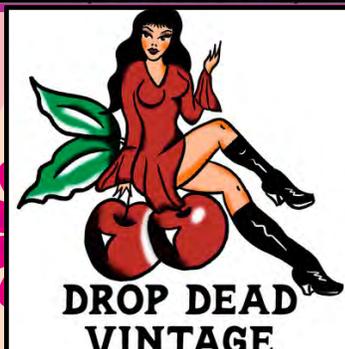
Welcome!!! Let's get acquainted!

Business Name	Date Permit Issued	Address	
Graceful Designs	12/3/2024	103	North 47th Street
Edward Jones	12/12/2024	1924	Lebanon Avenue
Lou Lou's Diner	12/12/2024	7309	Old St. Louis Road
The Killian Corporation	12/12/2024	56	South 65th Street
Jackson Hewitt	12/12/2024	4600	West Main Street
Yoga Sanctuary of Belleville	12/4/2024	1400	East B Street
Cuppa Tea, LLC	12/13/2024	122	Iowa Avenue
Strands 31, LLC (DBA: Strands)	1/2/2025	15	South High Street
AT&T Authorized Retailer)	1/3/2025	2525	Green Mount Commons Drive, Suite 100
Burwitz, Sostak, 7 Werner LLC	1/8/2025	321	East Main Street
My Mini Gifts	1/9/2025	6500	West Main Street
Affordable Family Storage/Cube Smart	1/9/2025	4201	North Belt West
Friends of Jennifer Gain Meyer	1/17/2025	1	South Church Street
Synergy Labs, LLC	1/23/2025	915	South Charles Street
KOB Studios	1/23/2025	6727	West Main Street
Reinhardt & Hursey Transportation, LLC	1/29/2025	56	South 65th Street
Economy Inn	2/11/2025	400	South Illinois Street
The Scholar Academy, LLC	2/11/2025	2511	Eastview Drive
Meineke Car Care Center	2/18/2025	2307	Old Collinsville Road
Meineke Car Care Center	2/25/2025	3608	North Belt West
Next Level Auto	2/25/2025	422	North Illinois Street
Serenity Now Massage	2/25/2025	4717	West Main Street Ste 1
Good Life Rentals	3/3/2025	322	Lebanon Avenue
Belleville Elks Lodge #481	3/3/2025	30	East Main Street
I Don't Know (Restaurant)	3/7/2025	4004	West Main Street
Belt Line Liquor	3/14/2025	1721	South Belt West

YOGA MAKES LIFE MORE BEARABLE



Yoga Sanctuary
of Belleville



April 5th \$20 fill
a bag Sale!



Breakfast
served all day!



Things to Know & Upcoming Events



Did you know you can subscribe to receive news and updates from the City of Belleville through its “Notify Me” subscription? Choose which items you want emailed or texted about and stay up-to-date with all things Belleville!

<https://www.belleville.net/list.aspx>

a message 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!



Belleville AmeriCorps needs  AmeriCorps

SUMMER CAMP COUNSELORS!

Receive a living allowance of \$1,400
an education award of \$416, and
additional awards totaling \$150!

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+
- Completed High School Diploma
- ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN
- Available from May 22-June 30

The application deadline is April 23.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
& SAVE THE DATES!**

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MAY 16-18

Veterans Memorial Fountain | Belleville, Illinois



**May
10th**

Belleville

FREE ADMISSION!



Woofstock

**11am
-3pm**



Join Belleville Parks & Recreation for the revival of our much-loved Belleville Woofstock music & vendor festival! Bring your furry friends and be prepared for a tail waggin' good time!

FOOD TRUCKS!

**ENTER THE KID'S
DOG SHOW!**

**ATTEND
DEMONSTRATIONS
& SHOWS!**



**JOIN THE
DOG PARADE!**

**LIVE
MUSIC!**

**PET-RELATED
VENDORS &
CRAFTERS!**



**TRY OUT OUR
FABULOUS DOG
PARK!
MEMBERSHIPS
AVAILABLE!**

Located at:

**ROTARY DOG PARK
110 N. 6TH STREET
BELLEVILLE, IL**

Think YOU would be a perfect vendor?!

If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact the Parks Department at parksandrec@belleville.net.

Avoid Scammers: Belleville Parks & Recreation is the only vendor contact for this event. If you are accepted, we will call you to take payment. Payments will **never** be requested through social media!

**DO YOU
HAVE THE
CUTEST DOG
IN TOWN?**



Who will be crowned **Miss or Mister**
BELLEVILLE WOOFSTOCK?



Join our friendly competition as we crown our first annual
Pup Prince or Pup Princess of Belleville Woofstock!



Between now and April 10, 2025; submit a photo or two of your cute pup along with a \$5 entry fee. Each Wednesday between April 16-May 7, the public will vote on Facebook for their favorite pup-of-the-week. The final 8 contestants with the most votes will be taken to Belleville Woofstock on May 10th where the event attendees will make the final vote by donating their pocket change for their favorite pup! *The crowned winner will receive a one-of-a-kind pup crown, goodie basket, PLUS their adorable face will be used in next year's advertising campaigns, AND a sketch of the dog will adorn next year's Belleville Woofstock shirts! All proceeds raised from the change war will be donated to BAHS! Open to all Belleville residents & Dog Park members!

Submit photo and fee by April 10, 2025.

Email photo: parksandrec@belleville.net / Pay fee: (618) 233-1416

*No compensation will be given for the use of advertisements.

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH 11AM -3PM

• OPEN TO PUBLIC •

• ALL AGES WELCOME •

FREE!

BELLEVILLE POLICE

**FOOD TRUCKS
ALSO!**

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**A
TRUCK**

to SEE the EQUIPMENT and MEET the PEOPLE
who serve our community every day.

2025



QUIET HOUR WITH NO LIGHTS OR SIRENS 11AM-12PM

2300 W Main Street, Belleville, IL, 62226.

Alphabet Academy

Early Childhood
Development Program

Ages: 3 & 4



Learning with friends,

the fun never ends!



Ready for school!

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

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MOTHER
CELEBRATION!
& SONS

UNDER THE BIG TOP

Join us for Belleville Parks & Recreation's
MOTHER & SONS CELEBRATION

INFLATABLES! ~ *Under the Big Top!* ~ **GAMES!**

Ticket price will include one (1) corn dog, lemonade and cotton candy. More foods available for purchase too!

6:00pm - 8:30pm

\$20 per person
Son ages: 4 - 17 yrs.

Belleville Arena Gym, 2300 W. Main St.

Register: www.Belleville.net/Parks ~ (618) 233-1416

Deadline is April 18, 2025 or until full.





TOGETHER WE RIDE

Through the Eras



June 28
...
Eckert's Belleville Farm
951 S. Green Mount Rd.



Join us for a
~ Swift ~
family bike ride along Orchard Loop Trail!

Event Time
11am ~ 4pm
Bike Ride
Begins @ 1pm
...
Look for **Era Stations**
along the route for music from the albums and fun handouts!
...
Costume & Bike Decorating Contests!

Only \$25
per rider!

\$35
day-of-event

Crafts!
Friendship Bracelet Make & Swap!



Food!
Eckert's
Cider Shed & Food Trucks

Register to Ride or Volunteer at
www.Belleville.net/TogetherWeRide

**Illinois Fraternal Order of Police
Belleville Lodge #226**

11th Annual

52 Gun Raffle



Belleville FOP Lodge #226, a professional law enforcement organization representing members of the Belleville, Illinois Police Department, is conducting its 11th Annual 52 Gun Raffle. A portion of all proceeds will be used to support multiple local charities and causes.

Here is how it works; One (1) gun will be raffled off each week for fifty-two (52) consecutive weeks beginning April 2, 2025, and ending March 25, 2026. The weekly winner will have their choice of firearm or **\$400**. The winning ticket numbers will be determined by the Wednesday afternoon Illinois Lottery Pick 3 Drawing. Every ticket purchased is eligible for all 52 weeks, with multiple chances to win. Complete list of guns, rules and raffle information can be followed at www.facebook.com/ILFOP226 or Bellevillefop.org

An extra (53rd) early bird raffle for a 3-gun package; **Browning Maxus II Wicked Wings 12g 3 1/2" Vintage, Kimber 1911 Independence .45, & Ruger M-77 Scout 450 Bushmaster (Combined MSRP \$5,4767.00)** will be held February 28, 2025, for all tickets purchased up to the evening of the drawing.

Tickets are **\$100 each**. That's only \$1.92 per chance with a limit of **1000** tickets sold. Tickets may be purchased by completing and mailing the form below to the address provided below. Checks can be made payable to: **IL-FOP Lodge #226**.

Tickets may also be purchased online at: Bellevillefop.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Mail completed raffle ticket form and payment to:
IL-FOP Lodge #226
720 West Main St.
Belleville, IL
62220

IL F.O.P. – Belleville Lodge #226 “52 Gun Raffle” Raffle Rules:

- 1000 tickets to be sold. Unlimited number of wins per ticket, \$100 per ticket. All tickets sold are non-refundable.
- Raffle will begin Wednesday 4/02/2025. Winning ticket will be determined by Wednesday mid-day Illinois Lottery Pick 3 drawing. If winning numbers belong to an unsold ticket, that week’s prize will roll over to the next week.
- Tickets are non-transferable, the name on the ticket is the name used for the firearm transfer.
- If ticket sales are not met (500 tickets), a single winner will be determined by a 50/50 drawing, Wednesday 04/02/2025, of those tickets sold.
- 21 or older to participate, All NFA/BATF/IL-FOID rules and laws apply.
- In the unlikely event a firearm is unavailable it shall be substituted with a similar type and value at the discretion of the raffle manager.
- Weekly winner has choice of gun for that week or cash option of \$400.
- Drawing winner(s) is responsible for all fees, applicable taxes, shipping costs.
- 3 attempts will be made to contact winner, in addition to posting on www.facebook.com/ILFOP226. Prizes not claimed after 30 days from day of drawing will be forfeited and donated back to Lodge #226.
- By signing up for this raffle, you are agreeing to sign up for our in-house mailing list to receive information on upcoming fundraisers and raffles.
- This is a public raffle and will have public winners; this said winners will be identified by first initial, last name and city of residence as provided on raffle ticket. We will not sell, rent, or otherwise divulge entrant’s names.

Early Bird Drawing (2/28/2025):

Browning Maxus II Wicked Wings 12g 3 ½” Vintage, Kimber 1911 Independence .45, & Ruger M-77 Scout 450 Bushmaster (Combined MSRP \$5,4767.00)

Wk#1 (4/2) Smith & Wesson 1854 .44 mag.
 Wk#2 (4/9) Beretta A400 Xtreme 12g 3 ½
 Wk#3 (4/16) Colt 1911 Competition Series 70 .45acp
 Wk#4 (4/23) Choice of Glock
 Wk#5 (4/30) Sig Sauer P365 9mm
 Wk#6 (5/7) Kimber 1911 Stainless II .45acp.
 Wk#7 (5/14) Springfield Armory Hellcat Pro 9mm
 Wk#8 (5/21) Savage 42 Takedown 22lr/410
 Wk#9 (5/28) Beretta 92FS Brigadier 9mm
 Wk#10 (6/4) Smith & Wesson Bodyguard .38spl
 Wk#11 (6/11) Springfield Armory 1911 Operator .45acp
 Wk#12 (6/18) Smith & Wesson M&P9 Shield+ 9mm
 Wk#13 (6/25) Browning BL-22
 Wk#14 (7/2) Weatherby Orion O/U 20g
 Wk#15 (7/9) Springfield 1911 Emissary .45acp
 Wk#16 (7/16) Mossberg Patriot 400 Legend
 Wk#17 (7/23) Beretta A400 Xtreme 12g 3 ½
 Wk#18 (7/30) Choice of Glock
 Wk#19 (8/6) Winchester SX4 12g 3 ½
 Wk#20 (8/13) Ruger LCP Max .380
 Wk#21 (8/20) Smith & Wesson Shield Plus 9mm
 Wk#22 (8/27) Winchester XPR Hunter 350 Legend
 Wk#23 (9/3) Choice of Glock
 Wk#24 (9/10) Smith & Wesson 1911 .45acp
 Wk#25 (9/17) Ruger American Gen 2 400 legend
 Wk#26 (9/24) Sig Sauer P226 40th Anniversary 9mm

Wk#27 (10/1) Browning Maxus II 12g 3 ½
 Wk#28 (10/8) Savage 220 20g
 Wk#29 (10/15) Kimber 1911 Custom .45acp
 Wk#30 (10/22) Ruger American Gen 2 350 Legend
 Wk#31 (10/29) Beretta A300 patrol 12g
 Wk#32 (11/5) Springfield Armory 1911 Ronin .45acp
 Wk#33 (11/12) Smith & Wesson Bodyguard 2.0 .380
 Wk#34 (11/19) Winchester SXP Waterfowl 12g 3 ½
 Wk#35 (11/26) Choice of Glock
 Wk#36 (12/3) Ruger Wrangler 22lr (pair)
 Wk#37 (12/10) Beretta A400 Xtreme 12g 3 ½
 Wk#38 (12/17) Winchester SXP Shadow defender 20g
 Wk#39 (12/24) Browning Maxus II Wicked Wings 12g 3 ½
 Wk#40 (12/31) Kimber 1911 TLE II .45acp
 Wk#41 (1/7) Choice of Glock
 Wk#42 (1/14) Howa 1500 .308win
 Wk#43 (1/21) Sig Sauer P320 M18 9mm
 Wk#44 (1/28) Winchester SX4 12g 3 ½
 Wk#45 (2/4) Springfield Armory 1911 Mil-spec .45acp
 Wk#46 (2/11) Ruger 10/22 LVT 22lr
 Wk#47 (2/18) Ruger American Predator G2 .223Rem
 Wk#48 (2/25) Smith & Wesson Shield EZ PC 9mm
 Wk#49 (3/4) Choice of Glock
 Wk#50 (3/11) Rem Arms 870 Defense 12g
 Wk#51 (3/18) Smith & Wesson M&P9 Carry Comp 9mm
 Wk#52 (3/25) Colt 1911 Gold Cup .45acp

Join the fun!



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