



Happenings in Belleville 2024

1. City of Belleville Economic Development Strategic Plan is adopted.
2. Belleville District #201 begins expansion of the Center for Academic & Vocational Excellence (CAVE).
3. City of Belleville issues 94 Commercial Occupancy Permits.
4. City of Belleville is awarded \$1,161,167 in grant funding:
 - a. \$200,000 in Rebuild Illinois fund the Bicentennial Park Spillway Improvements.
 - b. \$100,000 in SCCPGC funds for stormwater improvements at Bicentennial Park.
 - c. \$99,200 in IDNR/OSLAD funds for improvements at Citizens Park.
 - d. \$350,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds for improvements at the Koerner House Museum.
 - e. \$200,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds for improvements at Laderman Park
 - f. \$181,167 in USDA funds for a tree inventory/management plan and planting of 200 trees.
 - g. \$30,000 in SCCPGC funds for new parks maintenance equipment.
5. Aldi opens on Carlyle Ave.
6. Belleville Books opens at 20 E. Main St.
7. Charlie's Off Main opens at 200 Mascoutah Ave.
8. O'Reilly Auto Parts relocates into Belleville at 110 Carlyle Plaza Dr.
9. DG Market opens at 2100 W. Main St.
10. Club Car Wash opens at Belleville Crossing.
11. Club Car Wash opens a 2nd location at Green Mount Crossing.
12. Bellevue Park improvements are completed, including new playground equipment, fitness stations, pickleball courts and band shell renovations.
13. Citizens Park improvements begin including new concession stand, restrooms, bleachers and ballfield improvements.
14. Justitia's opens at 18 E. Main St.
15. Busy Body Meals opens at 609 S. Illinois St.
16. Chelar Tool & Die completes 15,000 square foot expansion at 1300 East 'A' St.
17. Mystic Greenz cannabis dispensary nears completion at 360 S. Green Mount Rd.

18. New cannabis dispensary/craft grow facility begins improvements at Rt. 15 & South 74th St.
19. St. Clair County begins \$21 million renovations and expansion of Belle-Clair Fairgrounds.
20. Trolley Circle independent senior living begins construction on South 74th St.
21. George Renner & Sons Funeral Home completes expansion on North High St.
22. Immuno Tek nears completion at 5700 North Belt West. When completed, it will provide 40 new medical jobs, including doctors and technicians.
23. 13 derelict structures demolished.
24. SWIC continues a \$2 million renovation on the former Lynx Lodge at the SIJWD Campus (former Lindenwood campus).
25. Bike & Pedestrian Plan nears completion.
26. ADA Transition Plan nears completion.
27. Updates to the City's Historic District Design Guidelines begin.
28. Ollie's announces new location in Carlyle Plaza.
29. George Renner & Sons Funeral Home completes expansion and crematorium on North High St.