

PARKS & RECREATION CALENDAR

SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING at the BELLEVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

PLEASE VISIT our NEW website: www.bellevilleparksandrec.com. Register with our online registration system to make facility reservations, or sign up for many departmental programs and activities. The system is easy to use and will allow participants to enjoy all we have to offer from the comfort of their homes!

- June 4-August 10** Camp Quackers Day Camp - Sign up weekly (Ages K-6th)
- June 11-July 19** Kiddie Camp - Sign up weekly (Ages 3-5)
- July 1** Registration begins for Fall programs: Men's & Co-Rec Softball (Ages 14-up) Women's & Co-Rec Volleyball (Ages 14-up) ASA High School Softball (Freshman-Senior) Girl's Volleyball (5th & 6th Grade) Boy's Basketball (5th & 6th Grade) Outdoor Little Sluggers (T-Ball, Ages 3-5) Outdoor Little Kickers (Soccer, Ages 3-5)
- July 13** Tour de Belleville-Bike Ride (Family Event)
- September** Volleyball, Softball begin (Ages 14 - UP)

ALPHABET ACADEMY / (Ages 3-5 yrs)

REGISTER NOW... Alphabet Academy provides a socially rich environment that caters to the needs of children. We strive to promote independence and everyday skills that will help to enhance the future of these young growing minds.

We focus on the individual needs of your child and create the opportunity to cultivate their learning, enhance character, instill social skills, form friendships and discover new interests.

Requirements: Children must be 3 or 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2012. All children must be toilet trained. The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department's Alphabet Academy accepts CHASI and offers Military discounts.

Age: 3 year olds
 Dates: September 4, 2012 to May 23, 2013
 Day: Tuesday(s) and Thursday(s)
 Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm
 Cost: \$40.00 Registration fee
 \$100.00 (per month)

Age: 4 year olds
 Dates: September 5, 2012 to May 24, 2013
 Day: Monday(s), Wednesday(s) and Friday(s)
 Time: 9:15am to 12:30pm
 Cost: \$40.00 Registration fee
 \$110.00 (per month)

Call (618) 277-9785 today to set an appointment to view the Nichols Community Center and meet the friendly staff, or email alphabetacademy@hotmail.com for more information.

PLEASE CALL THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 233-1416 FOR MORE DETAILS

The NICHOLS COMMUNITY CENTER

has been referred to as "BELLEVILLE'S BEST KEPT SECRET!" Our programs focus on safety and fun with a wide variety of activities for all, from Infants to Senior Citizens.

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED/LIMITED AVAILABILITY

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| July 2 - 19 | Kiddie Camp | (Ages 3-5 yrs) |
| July 20 | Nerf Wars | (Ages 8-12 yrs) |
| July 27 | Parent's Night Out | (Ages 3-8 yrs) |
| August 2 - 23 | Watercolor Painting | (Ages 8-12 yrs) |
| August 9 - 30 | Happy Feet for Toddlers | (Ages 3-5 yrs) |
| August 10 & 24 | Parent's Night Out | (Ages 3-8 yrs) |
| August 17 | Nerf Wars | (Ages 8-12 yrs) |
| September 6 - 27 | Silly Scientists | (Ages 4-7 yrs) |
| September 6 - 27 | Art & Drawing Program | (Ages 8-12 yrs) |
| September 8 - 29 | Little Movers & Shakers | (Ages 6-18 mo) |
| September 8 - 29 | Tiny Tots & Tumbling | (Ages 2-4 yrs) |
| Sep. 8 - Oct. 6 | Junior Spikers | (Grades 3-4) |
| Year round: | Karate (Ages 4 & UP) | |
| Zumba | (Ages 18 & UP) | |
| | Zumba Toning | (Ages 18 & UP) |
| | Senior Aerobics | (Ages 55 & UP) |
| | 55 & Over Club | (Ages 55 & UP) |
| | Adult Trips - TBA | (Ages 18 & UP) |
| Other Programs: | Little Dribblers | (Ages 4-6 yrs) |
| | Kids in Action | (Ages 3-5 yrs) |

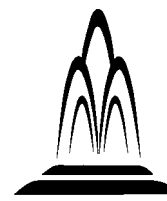
Check us out on Facebook or give us a call at the NCC: (618) 277-9785!

FREE SUMMER CONCERTS

- Bring your own lawn chairs and get a good seat. Monday on Downtown Square OR Thursday in Bellevue Park. All concerts begin at 7 PM
- MON., JULY 2 A STEP BEYOND (Public Square)
 - THUR., JULY 5 NO CONCERT
 - MON., JULY 9 JIM CHADDERTON & THE SPECIAL EDITIONS (Public Square)
 - THUR., JULY 12 WATERLOO GERMAN BAND (Bellevue Park)
 - MON., JULY 16 FOUR OF A KIND (Public Square)
 - THUR., JULY 19 THE CASUALTIES (Bellevue Park)
 - MON., JULY 23 ALLEY KATS BAND (Public Square)
 - THUR., JULY 26 COUNTRY MUSIC MACHINE (Bellevue Park)
 - MON., JULY 30 ED & FRIENDS (Public Square)
 - THUR., AUG. 2 A STEP BEYOND (Bellevue Park)

55 & OVER CLUB

Are you 55 years old or over??? If so, become a member of the NEW 55 & Over Club! As a member you will be a part of the inner workings in programming for your peers by discussing trips, special events, classes and much more. You'll discover new interests, meet new friends, and participate in exciting recreational and social activities... become a part of US today! One of the first trips we are planning to make will be on August 25th to Lambert's Cafe in Sikeston, Missouri. "The Only Home of Throwned Rolls." For more information please call (618) 277-9785.



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 235-1987
 Lillian Schneider
 234-7569

WARD 8
 James Musgrove
 233-3967
 Joe Orlet
 394-0661

NEW BUSINESSES IN BELLEVILLE

April

- **Body Focus Massage Therapy,** 6608 W. Main
- **Lohr Distributing Co. Inc.,** 34 Empire Dr., 314-231-6400
- **Consumer Electronics & Goods,** 7303 Old St. Louis Rd., 233-5830
- **C & B Wireless & More,** 4003 N. Belt West, 709-8464
- **A-1 Med Car Services,** 6600 1a W. Main, 800-340-9171
- **Southern IL Home Care & Start Now,** 7645 Magna Dr., 332-6132
- **My Vintage Addiction,** 119 E. Main, 530-4791
- **Lucinda's Grill & Cafe,** 925 S. Belt West

- **Extreme Detail,** 7919 Ruck Dr., 606-5677
- **At Home Computer Repair,** 72 Carlyle Plaza Dr., 234-4664
- **McAteer's Landscape Lighting,** 4108 N. Belt West, 233-3400
- **Fit Zone,** 631 Mascoutah Ave.
- **Mom's Soul Food,** 3905 N. Belt West, 416-6711

May

- **Cooper Color,** 1610 W. Main, 444-7429
- **Tony's Food Mart,** 701 Sherman Ave., 394-8904
- **Christopher Mikals Photography & Media,** 625 E. Main, 447-5747
- **Better Days Adult Care Center,** 7707 W. Main, Ste. 15, 606-0225
- **Plum Local,** 1011 W. Main, 781-5232
- **All In Shipping,** 5343 Belleville Crossing
- **The Miracle Garden,** 201 N. 47th St.
- **The Door Christian Center,** 215/219 S. Jackson, 477-7777
- **Cord Moving & Storage,** 48b Empire Dr., Ste. 24, 235-5561
- **The Wine Shop at 10th St. Bakery,** 1021 W. Main, 236-3937

June

- **Quik Way Dent Inc.,** 4501 N. Belt West



Community of Character

Words of the Month
 July - Citizenship
 August - Caring
 September - Respect

DOWNTOWN EVENTS

- **Tour de Belleville** July 13
- **Diva Nights** July 19, August 16, September 20 5 - 8pm
- **Music on Main** July 26, August 23, September 27 6 - 9pm

Summer Concerts on the Square
 July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 7pm

Old Town Market
 Saturdays
 July - October
 7:30am - Noon

Labor Day Parade
 September 3
 10am

Oktoberfest
 September 21, 22
 11am - 11pm

CITY HALL CLOSING
Independence Day
 Wednesday, July 4

Labor Day
 Monday, September 3

MAYOR'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe it was just a little over one year ago that Belleville earned the All-America City Award! Great things continue to happen in Belleville this year including the Outstanding Character Recognition of Henry Raab Elementary and Central Jr. High Schools.

Art on the Square was recognized in December of 2011 for once again being named the #1 Art Show in the nation, making it #1 four of the last five years. The May 2012 show was possibly one of our best shows ever, including outstanding weather. Stay tuned in December for the results.

The City of Belleville was recently notified by Fox Sports that our City has been chosen as a site for a service project to rejuvenate our South Side Park through The Mission Continues Organization. Read more about it in the Parks & Recreation information on page 2 of this newsletter.



Mark W. Eckert

Watch for the 3rd Annual Back Pack to School event coming up on August 8 from 5-7pm at Belleville West High School. The event is hosted by the Greater Belleville Chamber's Education Committee. Students and their families from Belleville schools will be invited to attend. Call the Chamber at 233-2015 for more information.

Belleville is widely known for its Volunteer Spirit and commitment to serve, and Belleville Helping Belleville Day is another example of the volunteer efforts in our community and what people working together can achieve. Read more about the positive impact this September 8 event will have on our community on page 3 of this newsletter.

Great things continue to happen in Belleville, thanks to the many citizens, businesses and organizations that continue to show great character. Have a safe and fun Summer!

PUBLIC HEARINGS

A Public Hearing regarding the **Video Gaming Act**, which legalized video gambling in Illinois, is scheduled for Tuesday, July 10, 2012 at 7pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Discussion will include what is best for the City of Belleville under the new law that legalizes gambling.

A Public Hearing regarding a **Crime Free Housing Program** is scheduled for Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7pm in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The program is intended to increase the quality of life for residents by decreasing the incidents of public safety violations.

Residents of the City are encouraged to attend both hearings.

TOWN HALL MEETING

All Ward 1 residents are invited to meet with Alderman Heisler and Alderman Kinsella on Wednesday, July 25, 2012 at 7pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall for a Town Hall Meeting. Watch for signs posted in your

Ward 1 neighborhood prior to the meeting. If you are uncertain about which Ward you live in, please call City Hall at 233-6810.

SANITATION DEPARTMENT SUMMER SCHEDULE

Trash, yard waste, and recycling will be picked up on a daily basis from 6:00 am - 2:30 pm, May through

September. See the side bar on page 4 for the Sanitation Department's summer holiday pick-up information.

CITY DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Switchboard
233-6810

Cemetery
233-6518 x 236

City Clerk
233-6518 x 210

Economic Development & Planning
233-6518 x 250

Engineering
233-6518 x 272

Finance
233-6518 x 235

Fire
234-2236 non-emergency

Health, Housing & Building
233-6817

Human Resources
233-6518 x 280

Library Downtown
234-0441
West Branch
233-4366

Maintenance
277-4965

Mayor
233-6518 x 239

Parks & Recreation
233-1416
Nichols Community Center
277-9785

Police
234-1212 non-emergency

Sanitation
233-6816

Street
233-6518 x 213

Treasurer
233-6518 x 280

Wastewater or Sewer
233-7146

WHAT IS TIF?

When many Belleville residents receive their tax bills from St. Clair County, they notice a line item on the bill described as "TIF". TIF stands for Tax Increment Financing. It is a tool that communities can use to help revitalize an area and eliminate "blighting" factors that exist in the district as a whole. One of the biggest misconceptions about TIF is that it is an additional tax but it is not. Repeat, TIF is NOT an additional tax. It is all in the distribution of the taxes you pay. If the TIF district in which you live were to expire tomorrow, you would still pay the same amount of property tax and the amount that was in the TIF line item on your tax bill would be distributed among the taxing bodies.

When a TIF district is created, whatever property tax is collected and distributed to the various taxing bodies

is called the "base value". Over the 23 year life of the TIF district, any taxes collected above that base value, whether by the value of your property going up or by increased multipliers, etc. goes into a TIF fund, which is administered by the City. The TIF fund can be used for a myriad of things such as infrastructure improvements (roads, sewers, etc.), police and fire protection, incentives, parks projects and much more.

For more information on TIF, visit the Illinois Tax Increment Association's website at http://www.illinois-tif.com/about_TIF.asp. For more information about Belleville's TIF districts, please contact Eric Schuster, Economic Development Specialist/Grants Coordinator at (618) 233-6810, Ext. 249 or eschuster@belleville.net.

TOUR DE BELLEVILLE - JULY 13TH

The Belleville Parks and Recreation Department's Tour de Belleville event provides individuals and families with a fun recreational activity while gaining the benefits of exercise and raising money for safety/maintenance equipment for the City. As a result of the 2011 Tour de Belleville proceeds with 1991 riders, we are pleased to announce we have installed a picnic shelter, benches, water fountain and a bicycle rack to form a rest area along the trail conveniently located by the McKinley Call Tower.

This year's 7th Annual Tour de Belleville will be held on Friday, July 13th with a cowboy theme; the "Great Bicycle Roundup". Ya'll gather your "Posse",

wear cowboy hats or bandanas, and do a little "Boot-Scootin'" to the sounds played by the "Social Remedy" band from 6:30-8:30 pm. The ride begins with a "Shot-Gun" start at 9 pm with a choice of a 6 or 15 mile route. All of the festivities begin at Union United Methodist Church, 721 E. Main St., Belleville (rear parking lot).

You can register to ride at www.tourdebelleville.com or www.bellevilleparksandrec.com. The cost is \$15 per person through July 12th. Beginning July 13th, the cost is \$25 per person (cost includes shirt and water bottle). For additional detailed information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (618) 233-1416.

SOUTH SIDE PARK - MISSION CONTINUES PROJECT

This summer the City of Belleville-Parks & Recreation Department will be working with the Mission Continues to plan and execute a service project at the South Side Park in Belleville. The Mission Continues is a non-profit organization that challenges veterans to lead and serve in communities across America. This project is part of the Fox Sports Midwest Summer Service Slam. We plan to recruit over 300 volunteers to help the veteran leaders refurbish the park. Volunteers will be asked to paint, stain, rebuild, along with resurfacing the warning track and lay new rock border around the pond.

STEP UP TO THE PLATE on SATURDAY, AUGUST 18th. Registration: 8:00 am. Project work time is 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. All of the registered volunteers will be served lunch prepared by South Side Improvement Association.

Please visit the Event Link: <http://missioncontinues.zissousecure.com/event/FSMWBelleville>.

If you have any questions, able to provide any of the needed supplies or would like to be part of the volunteer team to work this fabulous service project, please contact Debbie Belleville at the Parks & Recreation Department: (618) 233-1416

BELLEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

The Belleville Neighborhood Partnership program has completed its first round of introductory meetings. The Partnership has been presented to each of the City's 13 zones and the Zone A Ambassadors have completed leadership training. Leadership Training will be scheduled for the remainder of the Zones (B through M) throughout the summer and fall. By the end of the 2012 calendar year, all Zones should be actively operating. Zone plans will continue to be developed throughout the year and should be in place by

the end of the calendar year, as well. It is important to remember that a zone plan can be as simple as a few bullet points outlining the issues most important to the zone. Remember that every property in the city is located in a zone. If you have questions about the zone in which your residence or business is located, or if you would like to become involved in the Belleville Neighborhood Process, please contact Peggy Hartmann at (618) 233-6810 x280.

LIBRARY HAPPENINGS

The Board of Directors for the Belleville Public Library has voted to change the library's fee structure for non-resident card holders. Instead of paying a percentage of your property tax, which has been our policy since 2009, we are returning to a flat non-resident fee. The flat fee is calculated using a formula that figures the average tax for non-residents. The new flat fee for 2012-2013 is \$64.00 and will go into effect July 1, 2012. For those of you who purchased a library card under the "percentage of your property tax bill" method, your cards are valid for one year from the date you purchased them. When you renew your card, you will be charged the flat fee of \$64.00.

The Belleville Public Library continues to grow and evolve as we are expanding our programs and services. We now offer one-on-one instruction in how to use your Nook, Kindle, or other e-reader to view the library's downloadable content. Please call the Main Library to set up an appointment.

Public fax service is now available at both locations at a cost of \$1.50 for the first page and \$1.00 for each additional page for faxes anywhere within the continental United States. International faxes may be sent at a cost of \$3.50 for the first page and \$3.00 for each additional page. You can only send faxes from the library; you cannot receive a fax.

The Summer Reading Club is in full swing. We have reading programs

Main Library
121 E. Washington
Mon-Thur: 9am-8pm
Fri-Sat: 9am-5pm
Sun. Closed
234-0441

West Branch Library
3414 West Main St.
Mon, Wed, Sat: 9am-5pm
Tue, Thur: Noon- 8pm
Fri, Sun: Closed
233-4366

for the entire family; children, teens and adults. You can register at either location. Video games for Xbox, Wii and PS3 are now available at both locations.

Coming in July, you will be able to make color copies as well print in color from our public computers. Color copies will be \$.50 per page. Black and white copies will remain \$.20 per page. The new copy machines will also allow you to print directly from or scan directly to a flash drive or other media storage device without having to sign-up for a PC.



SECOND PUBLIC MEETING IS SCHEDULED

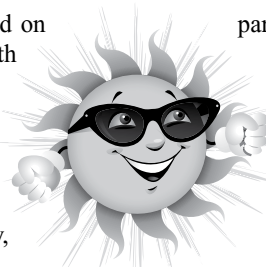
The City of Belleville would like to thank the many residents of Belleville and Swansea that attended the first Community Planning Area meeting, held on April 11, 2012, as part of the Regional Plan for Sustainable Development. Thirty-two (32) residents attended the meeting and not only listened to a presentation on the importance of regional planning, but were also able to give their feedback on issues of concern. FOCUS St. Louis and East West Gateway Council of Governments led the group in a discussion of topics related to the environment, transportation options, housing options, and other similar topics.

Key findings from this workshop include the need for more housing options, the determination of key transportation priorities that include public transit, walking, and biking, as well as the need for environmental preservation (i.e. maintaining clean air and water). Key strengths identified as part of this workshop include: small town feel with access to big city, community involvement, short commuting times/convenience to work, Scott Air Force Base, and MetroLink access. Key concerns identified as part of the

BELLEVILLE HELPING BELLEVILLE

The first annual Belleville Helping Belleville day will be held on September 8, 2012. This date was chosen in order to coincide with the annual National Day of Service and Remembrance, which was designated by Congress as September 11. Numerous service projects across the nation will be completed in the days surrounding September 11.

The Zone Leaders of the Belleville Neighborhood Partnership will work to establish service projects in each zone. On this day,



participants will build community while coming together to help others and to serve those who serve. This sense of community will be built upon as service projects continue to be completed throughout the year. More information will be provided as it becomes available on the City's website (www.belleville.net) and through your zone leader. Please contact Peggy Hartmann at 233-6810 x280, if you would like to know your zone and zone leader.

THANK A MASTER GARDENER

When you see the lovely terra cotta planters filled with colorful flowers throughout our town, thank the volunteer Master Gardeners from the

University of Illinois Extension program for their efforts to help beautify Belleville.

REMOVE DOWNSPOUTS AND SUMP PUMPS FROM THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

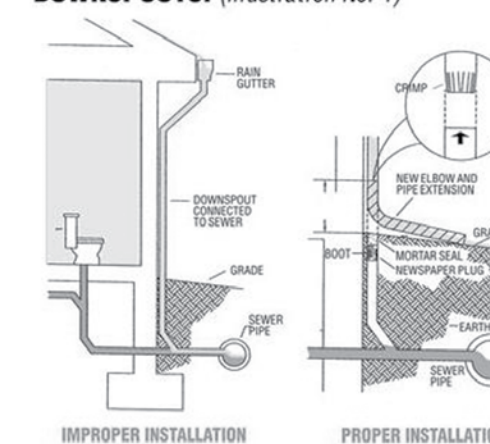
When down spouts and sump pumps are connected to the city sanitary sewer system, their flow is taking up space needed to carry sewage to our treatment plant. These incorrect and illegal connections can cause sewage to back up into your basement, your neighbors' basements, or overflow into our rivers and streams. This extra water also unnecessarily increases treatment costs.

If your down spouts disappear into the ground, they are most likely connected to the sanitary sewer system. The water from your down spouts should discharge into your yard, a storm sewer or other appropriate drainage structure.

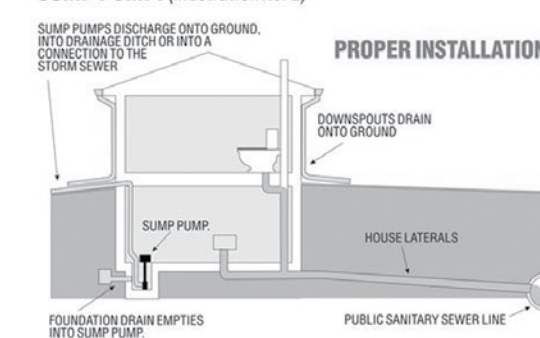
CHANGING DOWN SPOUT CONNECTIONS:

1. Cut down spouts in two places. Leave enough space to insert elbow.
2. Remove section of existing pipe and discard.
3. Insure no broken pipe or debris enters into pipe.
4. Crumple newspaper into solid ball and stuff tightly about 6" into boot.
5. Mix mortar into paste-like consistency and seal above newspaper plug.
6. Secure elbow to down spout with screws and attach pipe extension to elbow. Make sure paper ball fits tightly to prevent mortar from leaking into sewer pipe. Crimp existing down spout to fit inside of new elbow.

DOWNSPOUTS: (Illustration No. 1)



SUMP PUMP: (Illustration No. 2)



LOWERING SEWER AND TRASH BILLS

If you are minimally 65 years of age, you qualify for the senior trash rate of \$14 per month instead of \$18 per month. To be billed at the reduced rate, you must present your driver's license or other verification of age to the Treasurer's Office at City Hall.

Avoid excessive water usage. Water usage determines your sewer bill. Are you watering grass and flowers? Do you have a swimming pool that regularly requires additional water? If so, a Deduction Meter might be a good investment. Deduction Meters measure water that is not entering the sanitary sewer system and provide

evidence for deducting that usage from the calculations of sewer charges. For information about Deduction Meters, please contact the City's Sewer Billing Department.

If you have had a significant water leak, the City will adjust your sewer bill. For the reduction, two things are required: 1.) proof that a leak has been repaired, and 2.) payment of the remaining balance.

Please contact Jerry Turner, City Treasurer, at 233-6810, ext. 240, for additional information regarding the above.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH:

If you are planning a Neighborhood Watch meeting and would like City representation from the Police, Fire, or Health & Housing Department, please contact Peggy in the City's Human Resources Department/Belleville Neighborhood Partnership Program at peggyh@belleville.net or 233-6810, ext 280.

YARD WASTE SCHEDULE

Yard Waste Collection will be picked up during the 2nd full week of January and February during the winter. Weekly pick up of yard waste will run from the first full week of March through

the 2nd Friday of December. YARD WASTE COLLECTION IS WEATHER PERMITTING

GARBAGE

Trash cans up to 45 gallons in capacity must have handles and lids and weigh no more than 60 pounds when filled.

TRASH SCHEDULE

The Sanitation Department does not operate on the following holidays:
New Years Day
M.L. King Day
Memorial Day
4th of July
Labor Day
Veterans Day
Thanksgiving Day
Christmas Day

IF YOUR PICK-UP DAY FALLS ON OR AFTER A HOLIDAY, YOUR PICK-UP FOR THAT WEEK WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE (1) DAY.

The City offers a large item pick up on a daily basis for a minimum fee of \$45. To arrange for a pick up, call the Sanitation Department at 233-6816.