

## PARKS &amp; RECREATION CALENDAR

## 2013 JANUARY/FEBRUARY/MARCH PROGRAMS &amp; ACTIVITIES:

## Special Events:

American Legion Dinner/Auction - Feb. 2  
 Daddy Daughter Dance Registration - Feb. 9  
 Easter EGG-stravaganza Egg Hunt (ages 1-7) – March 23  
 Pitch-Hit & Run Competition – April 16/Rain Date: April 18  
 Fishing Derby – FREE May 11  
 Tour de Belleville Info available (Ride: Friday, July 12)

## Registration for Spring/Summer Baseball/Softball Leagues:

- Men's & Co-Rec Summer Softball (Citizens Park)
- Girl's ASA Softball (10u-18u)
- Youth Baseball (age 5 through 12th grade)

## Program Registration:

## Early Childhood/Youth:

Little Movers & Shakers (ages 6-18 months)  
 Tiny Tots & Tumbling (ages 2-4)  
 Karate Class (PreK & K, 1st-4th Grade)  
 Little Kickers (ages 3-5) (Outdoor)  
 Little Sluggers T-Ball (ages 3-5) (Outdoor)  
 Kids in Action (ages 3-5)  
 Girls' Basketball (5th & 6th Grade)  
 Mini Sports Clinic (ages 4-6) (Indoor: Baseball, Basketball, Soccer & Tennis)  
 Parent's Night Out - Monthly (ages 3-8)  
 Silly Scientists (ages 4-7)  
 Art & Drawing 101 (ages 8-12)  
 Nerf Wars (ages 8-12)  
 Volleyball: Set, Bump & Serve (ages 8-10)  
 British Soccer Camp – March registration for June & July camps  
 Brazilian Soccer Camp - March registration for July camp  
 Camp Quackers (K-6th Grade) Brochures available in March  
 Kiddie Camp (ages 3-5) Brochures available in March  
**Adult:**  
 Zumba (ages 18 & up)  
 Zumba Toning (ages 18 & up)  
 Geocache (ages 18 & up)  
**Senior:**  
 Senior Aerobics (ages 55 & up)  
 Senior Trips (ages 55 & up)

**N.C.C. PROGRAMS:** We have highlighted a few of our new programs at the Nichols Community Center. For more information or to register, please call us at (618) 277-9785.

## MINI SPORTS CLINICS (ages 4-6)

We will be putting on a variety of sports clinics specialized for youth development in the areas of Baseball, Basketball, Soccer and Tennis. These clinics will give instruction in the basic techniques of each sport along with emphasizing the importance of good sportsmanship, individual skills and teamwork concepts.

## NERF WARS (ages 8-12)

Come to the Nichols Community Center and enjoy our new program, NERF WARS. Pre-registration is required. Participants must provide Nerf gun, Nerf ammunition and safety goggles/glasses. This has become one of the most popular games in the area... don't wait to register, limited spots available!

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

## 55 &amp; OVER CLUB (ages 55 &amp; up)

Would you like to see new programs and trips?? Do YOU have any great ideas? If you answered "yes" to any of those questions, then YOU need to join the 55 & Over Club. The 55 & Over Club acts in an advisory capacity to assist in creating, implementing and evaluating recreational programs, activities and/or trips for their peers. Give us a call today!

## Alphabet Academy / (Ages 3-5)

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 1st, 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	Age: 4 year olds
Dates: September 4, 2012 to May 23, 2013	Dates: September 5, 2012 to May 24, 2013
Day: Tuesday(s) and Thursday(s)	Day: Monday(s), Wednesday(s) and Friday(s)
Time: 9:00am to 1:00pm	Time: 9:15am to 12:30pm
Cost: \$40.00 Registration fee \$100.00 (per month)	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](mailto:alphabetacademy@hotmail.com) for more information.

## 2013 Youth Baseball Registration

The Belleville Parks & Recreation Department baseball leagues will be taking registration December through May for the T-Ball, Robot Jugs Pitching Machine League, Optimist Baseball League, Jr. Jaycee Travel Baseball League, and Jaycee Travel Baseball League. Early Bird Registration will take place December-January, Regular Registration will be February - March and Late Registration will be April-May. Please go to [www.bellevillepark-sandrec.com](http://www.bellevillepark-sandrec.com) for more information and a downloadable form or call 233-1416 for information. Register your entire team or individually!

Early Bird Registration costs will be \$65 for early registration in December & January and \$75 for February and March. Late registration cost will be \$85 for April and May.

## League break down as follows:

T-BALL LEAGUE .....September 1, 2005 - December 31, 2007  
 ROBAT LEAGUE .....September 1, 2003 - August 31, 2005  
 OPTIMIST LEAGUE .....September 1, 2001 - August 31, 2003  
 JR. JAYCEE TRAVEL LEAGUE ..September 1, 1998 - August 31, 2001  
 JAYCEE TRAVEL LEAGUE ...High School Freshman – Senior (year 2012-13)

If you have any questions about the registration dates times etc, please call 233-1416

Anyone interested in coaching any of the above-mentioned leagues please call 233-1416 for more information.

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 233-6518 x 239 (Office)

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 Jerry Turner  
 233-6518 x 240 (Office)

**CITY CLERK**  
 Linda Fields  
 233-6518 x 227 (Office)

**WARD 1**  
 Michael Heisler  
 277-3304  
 Ken Kinsella  
 234-0825

**WARD 2**  
 Dorothy Meyer  
 277-3855  
 Melinda Hult  
 235-1520

**WARD 3**  
 Rob Anderson  
 235-2363  
 A. 'Gabby' Rujawitz  
 235-5077

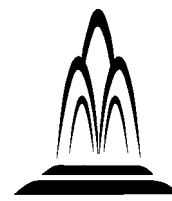
**WARD 4**  
 Tim Carpenter  
 977-2143  
 Dean L. Hardt  
 830-1135

**WARD 5**  
 Phillip Silsby  
 257-1524  
 Joseph W. Hayden  
 234-8956

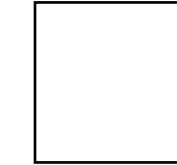
**WARD 6**  
 Paul Seibert  
 233-3917  
 Dave Martinson  
 277-4234

**WARD 7**  
 Phil Elmore  
 235-1987  
 Lillian Schneider  
 234-7569

**WARD 8**  
 James Musgrove  
 233-3967  
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 394-0661



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 Words of the Month**  
 January – Integrity  
 February – Honesty  
 March – Perseverance

## DOWNTOWN EVENTS

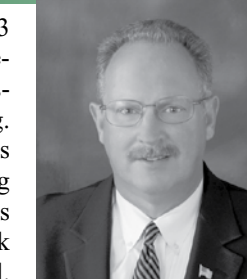
**Diva Nights**  
 January 17  
 February 21  
 March 21  
 5 – 8pm

**St. Patrick's  
 Day Parade**  
 Saturday, March 16  
 11am

**City Hall Closed**  
 Tuesday, January 1  
 Monday, January 21  
 Monday, February 18  
 Friday, March 29

## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! It's hard to believe 2013 is here. This past year ended with the completion of South 17th Street and Belleville Crossing Street. The finished project is outstanding. The City received many compliments on this development and Bicentennial Park is looking great. It will be nice to see work begin this year on our new bike trails from Citizens Park to Bellevue Park and the Signal Hill bike trail. Lindenwood University continues to make many improvements. What a great year of accomplishments. My thanks to all the organizations who helped decorate downtown Belleville this Holiday Season. Many say the City has never looked better. I extend my sincere thanks to everyone who volun-



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teered this past year to help grow and improve our City. We are so excited about the work being done and the unbelievable potential with the neighborhood partnerships.

Belleville is alive with promise and progress. Our dedicated and enthusiastic employees and volunteers work tirelessly to serve city residents and businesses. We look forward to serving you in 2013 and encourage your suggestions and comments at any time. Please feel free to contact me at (618) 233-6810, ext. 239.

May the New Year bring you good health, happiness, peace and prosperity.

## ELECTRIC AGGREGATION PROGRAM = \$ SAVINGS FOR ALL RESIDENTS

On November 6, 2012, the voters in the City of Belleville passed a referendum authorizing the City of Belleville to seek lower electricity rates for eligible residential and small commercial retail customers by establishing an "opt-out" electric aggregation program. After a thorough bid process Homefield Energy was chosen as your retail electric supplier. Homefield Energy is an independent seller of power and energy service and is certified as an Alternative Retail Electricity Supplier by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC Docket No. 11-0673).

## PROGRAM DETAILS

As an eligible participant, your account will be automatically enrolled in the program unless you choose to opt-out by January 16, 2013. You do not need to do anything to become enrolled.

- There is no enrollment or switching fee.
- Your new price of \$0.03909 (3.909 cents) per kWh is guaranteed until June 2014.
- Your new electricity rate will be lower than the current Ameren default rate.
- The price will not change through this term.

The utility's current non-summer rate of \$0.05467 (5.467 cents) per kWh is called your "Price-to-Compare". The Summer rate will be published by May 2013. More information about your "Price-to-Compare" can be found

at the Illinois Commerce Commission site: <http://www.pluginillinois.org/FixedRateBreakdownAmeren.aspx>.

Please note that although the utility's Residential Space Heat rate offers a rate of \$0.03338 (3.338 cents) per kWh for non-summer use over 800kWh, customers in the municipal aggregation program will receive the same rate year round; 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. There is no increase even during normal peak hours of usage. If you are a Space Heat customer, please compare these rates carefully and select the option that will benefit you long-term.

## NO CHANGES IN YOUR BILLING

You will continue to receive one monthly bill from Ameren Illinois. You will still be eligible for the same programs you are eligible for now through the utility, such as Budget Billing, payment agreements and energy efficiency programs. The only change will be in the Electric Supply price on your Ameren Illinois bill. For more details, visit (<http://www.ameren.com/sites/aiu/ElectricChoice/Pages/SupplyCosts.aspx>).

## ENROLLMENT PROCESS

Once your account is enrolled, and again, this enrollment is automatic, you will receive a confirmation letter from Ameren Illinois con-

firming your "switch" to Homefield Energy. Approximately 30 to 45 days after enrollment you will receive your first bill with your new Homefield Energy price. Please see the enclosed Terms and Conditions for additional information.

## OPT-OUT INSTRUCTIONS

If you choose not to participate, you can elect to be removed from the Program by completing and returning an Opt-Out Card by January 16, 2013. You will receive the Opt-Out Card in the mail. An envelope for returning the Opt-Out card will also be provided.

If you have questions or need additional information about Municipal Aggregation or Homefield Energy, please visit [www.homefieldenergy.com](http://www.homefieldenergy.com) for FAQs and community specific information. Homefield Energy Customer Care is available 8:00am to 7:00pm Monday through Friday at 866-694-1262 or via email at [CustCare@HomefieldEnergy.com](mailto:CustCare@HomefieldEnergy.com).

**Please be advised:** If someone comes to your door to present information on possible energy savings, first, make sure they have been issued an official Solicitors Badge from the City of Belleville. And second, ask how the rate they are offering compares to Homefield Energy's rate of only \$0.03909 (3.909 cents) per kWh.

