

Art & Wine Walk

Nov. 2, 4-7p

Stroll the shops of Downtown Belleville as you sample wine and view art by local artists. Fee. BellevilleMainStreet.net 618-233-2015

Festive Flea Markets

Nov. 2-3; Dec. 7-8; Sat., 9a-4p; Sun., 9a-3p

Find that special holiday gift from one of the many vendors. St. Clair County Event Center, 618-830-7552

Holiday Flea Markets

Nov. 16-17; Dec. 21-22; Sat., 9a-4p; Sun., 9a-3p

Visit more than 500 booths to find those unique holiday gifts. Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, 618-233-0052

Gingerbread Creation Preview

Nov. 17, 1-3p

Preview the spectacular Gingerbread Creations all in one location, Nichols Community Center. Belleville Parks & Rec., 618-233-1416

Gingerbread Walk Display

Nov. 20– Jan. 1

Stroll Belleville's Main Street to view award-winning gingerbread creations displayed in merchant windows, in first 3 blocks of East & West Main Streets from the Public Square. Belleville Parks & Rec., 618-233-1416

Diva Night Holiday Style

Nov. 21; Dec. 19; 5-8p

Grab your girlfriends and do your holiday shopping in style with discounts and prizes! Fee. BellevilleMainStreet.net 618-233-2015

50th Way of Lights Christmas Lights

Nov. 22-Dec. 31, 5–9p

Visit the largest spiritual, spectacular 1.5 mile light display telling the Christmas story. Beyond the lights, activities include choir performances, Christmas tree room and wreath display, Lego* Block Display, laser show, camel rides, petting zoo, gift shop & restaurant! Admission FREE, donations accepted. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, snows.org/wol 618-397-6700

10th Annual Girls Day Out

Nov. 23, 10a-2p

(luncheon 11:30a, advanced registration/fee required) Jump-start your holidays with over 70+ vendors, free admission. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 618-397-6700

The “Nutcracker” Ballet and Concert

Nov. 23, 7:30p; Nov. 24, 1:30p & 5p

Tchaikovsky's Classic Ballet with Belleville Philharmonic Society & Belleville School of Ballet. Fee. Scottish Rite Cathedral. Bellevillephilharmonic.org 618-277-1373

Illinois Trekkers Way of Lights Walk

Nov. 25, Start Time 3:30-6:30p

Take a relaxing walk through the Way of Lights featuring over one million lights telling the Christmas story. Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center, please bring flashlight, finish by 8:30p. Fee. 618-233-6769

Thanksgiving Eve Dueling Pianos

Nov. 27, 7-11p

Listen to great music with family and friends while enjoying delicious food & refreshment in a relaxing setting. Free Entry at The Weingarten, 618-257-9463

Santa Parade on Belleville's Main Street

Nov. 29, 10a

Welcome Santa to Belleville for the largest holiday parade in Southern Illinois with 100 parade units of floats, marching bands and dance groups. Optimist Club of Belleville, BellevilleOptimist.org

Lighting of the Fountain

Nov. 29, 6p

Enjoy lighting of the Public Square Fountain as residents and visitors enjoy holiday caroling, 618-233-6769

Holiday Craft Fairs

Nov. 29-Dec 1; Dec. 13-15,

Fri. 3-8p; Sat.-Sun., 10a-4p

View nearly 400 crafters, artists and variety booths for your holiday shopping pleasure. Fee. Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, 618-233-0052

Art on the Square Unique Boutique

Nov. 29-30; Dec. 1, 8, 9, 15, 16, 21; 11a-4p

Shop local artwork, jewelry, home accessories & a variety of holiday wrapped gifts to go. 30 Public Square, 618-233-6769

Horse Drawn Trolley Rides

Nov. 29-Dec. 22, Fri., 5-9p; Sat., 12-6p;

Sun., 12-5p

Take a free ride through downtown aboard a 26 passenger horse-drawn trolley. Enjoy viewing Belleville's historic Public Square and the Shopping & Dining District from a unique point of view. Starts/Stops at 1st Block of E. Main St., Free, No Reservations, 618-233-6769

CHRISTKINDLMARKT

German Christmas Market

Nov. 29-Dec. 23, Mon., 11a-5p; Tues.-Th.,

11a-7p; F-Sat., 10a-8:30p; Sun. 10a-7p

Authentic German Style open-air market daily featuring European vendors, German food/beverages, evening entertainment on Fri. & Sat., Free Concert, Nov. 30, 5p. Free Admission, in case of extreme weather, check website at BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com (Closed on Dec. 2 & 9) Belleville Public Square, 618-233-6769

Santa on the Square

Nov. 29-Dec. 24, Mon.-Sun.

Visit Santa at his house on Belleville's Public Square. Free. Photos optional. Optimist Club of Belleville. See bellevillesantahouse.com for schedule.

Shop Small Saturday

Nov. 30

Visit Belleville's small shops to find unique and interesting holiday gifts plus friendly service with a smile! BellevilleMainStreet.com 618-233-2015

Live Reindeer on the Public Square

Nov. 30, 11a-2p; Dec. 7, 1-4p; Dec. 13, 5-8p;

Dec. 22, 10a-1p

Visit with Santa's Reindeer during Belleville's Christkindlmarkt. Bring your camera for that unique photo, Free. BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com 618-233-6769

Gingerbread House Workshop
Nov. 30; Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22

Here's your chance to build a gingerbread house. We provide supplies & guidance, you bring the creativity; fun for all ages. Fee. Eckerts.com 618-233-0513

Meet Emanuele Fontanini
Dec. 1, 3-6p

Visit the Shrine Gift Shop & Meet Emanuele Fontanini of the world-renowned House of Fontanini, makers of Italian nativities for over 100 years. Free. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, snows.org/gs 618-394-6230

Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk
Dec. 7, 8:30a

Join the Gingerbread Man thru the festive streets of downtown Belleville. Fee. Register at gingerbreadrun.com, start/finish at 510 West Main St., Belleville Parks & Rec., 618-233-1416

Old Belleville Historical Luminary Walk
Dec. 7, 5-9p

Take a free walk down Abend & Garfield Streets lined with candle-filled luminaries while visiting the Koerner House, Garfield Street Saloon & Emma Kunz House Museums, 618-234-0600

Candlelight House Tour
Dec. 8, 1-6p

View beautifully decorated Belleville area holiday homes. Start at the Belleville Philharmonic Hall, 116 N. Jackson Street. Fee. St. Clair County Historical Society, 618-234-0600

The Glory of Christmas
Dec. 8-9, 7p

The musical drama includes 200 people encompassing choir, orchestra, drama troupe, horse drawn sleigh & parade of the wooden soldiers. Free will offering. Music Ministry at St. Matthew United Methodist Church. stmatthewumc.org 618-397-5994

Mistletoe Market
Dec. 13-15; Fri., 4-8p; Sat./Sun. 10a-4p

Experience an array of vintage, handmade crafts, holiday décor, food & more. Fee, St. Clair County Event Center, 618-830-7552

Gingerbread Cookie Day
Dec. 14 Start Time 9-11a

Follow Sam the Gingerbread Man through downtown Belleville! Purchase a Cookie Bag & follow his trail to collect dozens of cookies at shops, eateries & museums. \$10 fee, to purchase bag & guarantee cookies, register at BellevilleMainStreet.net 618-233-2015

Train Showcase
Dec. 14-Jan. 3, 10a-4p

The Gateway Garden Railroad Club features a giant layout of large scale trains bigger than the Lionel's you remember. See a 1950's Lionel department store model layout in the showroom at Oliver C. Joseph, Inc. Free event. Olivercjoseph.com 618-233-8140

Christmas Wonders Concert
Dec. 15, 3p

Ring in the season with this annual holiday Chorale concert with chamber orchestra music by the Philharmonic Chorale & Orchestra held at St. Luke's Church. Fee. BellevillePhilharmonic.org 618-235-5600

National Sangria Holiday Day
Dec. 20, 11a-10p

Taste our Signature Strawberry & Apple Streusel Sangria and relax during the midst of the holiday hustle and bustle. Free Entry at The Weingarten, 618-257-9463

Ringling of the Bells
January 1, 2020, 12 Noon

Bring your bells to ring in the New Year, 2020, at Belleville's Public Square, 618-233-6769

10th Annual Way of Lights Run/Walk
Jan. 4, 2020 Start 6:30p

Experience this one-of-a-kind evening 5K Competitive Run & 1.5 Mile Fun Walk through the Way of Lights on the Shrine grounds; Chrono tracking timing. Fee. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows snows.org/run 618-397-6700

All dates, times and locations are subject to change.



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