

Belleville, Illinois

2017 Holiday Events

SHOP, DINE, STAY & PLAY

Belleville.net
800.677.9255

Art & Wine Walk

Nov. 4, 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. 4-5; Dec. 2-3; Sat., 9a-4p; Sun. 9a-3p

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

Illinois Trekkers Way of Lights Walk

Nov. 14, 3:30-6:30p

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

Ladies' Night Out Holiday Style

Nov. 16; Dec. 21, 5-8p

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

Way of Lights Christmas Display

Nov. 17 – Dec. 31, 5-9p

Visit the largest outdoor spiritual Christmas Display. The Way of Lights is making faith fun with choir performances, camel and donkey rides, a petting zoo, Lego® Brick display and more! Admission FREE. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Snows.org/WOL, 618-397-6700

Girls Day Out

Nov. 18, 9a-1p

Luncheon 12 Noon

A great day of shopping and fun with friends and family. (Luncheon fee.) National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, Snows.org/GDO, 618-397-6700

The "Nutcracker" Ballet and Concert

Nov. 18, 7:30p; Nov. 19, 2p & 5p

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



Holiday Flea Markets

Nov. 18-19; Dec. 16-17, 9a-4p

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

Gingerbread Creation Preview

Nov. 19, 1-3p

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

Glockenspiel Clock Sand Sculpture

Nov. 23-Dec. 25

View a gigantic Glockenspiel Clock created out of sand by a master sand sculptor at Belleville's Public Square. Bring your camera! BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com 618-233-6769

Gingerbread Walk Display

Nov. 24– Dec. 31

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

Santa Parade on Belleville's Main Street

Nov. 24, 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

Holiday Craft Fairs

Nov. 24-26; Dec. 8-10; Fri. 3-8p; Sat. & Sun., 10a-4p

View nearly 500 holiday craft and variety booths under one roof. Fee. Belle-Clair Fairgrounds, 618-233-0052

Horse Drawn Trolley Rides Nov. 24 – Dec. 23;

Fri., 5-9p; Sat., 12 Noon-6p; Sun., 12 Noon-5p

Take a free ride through downtown aboard a large horse-drawn trolley. Enjoy Belleville's historic Shopping & Dining District from a unique point of view, Start/Stop: 1st Block of East Main Street, Free, No Reservations, 618-233-6769

Art on the Square Unique Boutique

Nov. 24-26, Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 22, 11a-4p

Shop local artwork, jewelry, home accessories & variety of holiday wrapped gifts to go.

30 Public Square, 618-233-6769

German Christmas Market (CHRISTKINDLMARKT)

Nov. 24-Dec. 23, Mon. -Th., 11a-7p; F-Sat.,

10a-9p; Sun. 10a-7p

Belleville Public Square, Authentic German Christmas open-air market daily featuring European vendors, German food/beverages, evening entertainment on Fri. & Sat. Free Admission.

In case of extreme weather, check website at

BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com 618-233-6769

Santa on the Square

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

Visit Santa at his house on Belleville's Public Square.

Photos optional. Optimist Club of Belleville. See

bellevillesantahouse.com for schedule.

Shop Small Saturday

Nov. 25

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. 25, 11a-2p; Dec. 2, 1-4p;

Dec. 8, 5-8p; Dec. 17, 10a-1p; Dec. 22, 2-5p

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. 25-26; Dec. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24

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

Shopping Through Our Past Dec. 2, 9a-12Noon

Shop till you drop without leaving the museum as you explore holiday shopping long ago.

Victorian House Museum, 618-234-0600

Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk

Dec. 2, 8:30a

Join the Gingerbread Man thru the festive streets of downtown Belleville. Fee. Register at gingerbreadrun.com, start/finish at 512 West Main St., Belleville Parks & Rec., 618-233-1416

Tails, Trails & Twinkles

December 3, 5-7p

Bring your canine friends/family members to enjoy a walk through the lights. During Barket & Expo, pet-friendly vendors for shopping for your four-legged friends. Photo with Scotty, Scott Credit Union Mascot. Dogs only & must be on leashes. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 618-397-6700

Gingerbread Cookie Day

Dec. 9 Start Time 9-11a

Sam the Gingerbread Man has left his trail in 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, 618-277-0830

Old Belleville Historical Luminary Walk

Dec. 9, 5-9p

Abend & Garfield Streets are lined with candle-filled luminaries; visit the Koerner House, Garfield St. Saloon & Emma Kunz House Museums, 618-234-0600

Train Showcase

Dec. 9-Jan. 3

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. Olivercjoseph.com 618-233-8140

Candlelight House Tour

Dec. 10, 2-6p

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

Christmas Wonders

Dec. 10, 3p

Traditional holiday music by the Philharmonic Chorale & Orchestra held at St. Luke's Church. Fee. BellevillePhilharmonic.org 618-235-5600

The Glory of Christmas

Dec. 10-11, 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

Fine Arts Holiday Concert

Dec. 17, 3p

Holiday music by St. Paul's UCC Fine Arts Series, 115 W. B. St., Free Will Offering. StPaulUCC.org 618-233-3303

A New Year's Eve Musical Showcase

Dec. 31, 7p-9:30p

Ring in the New Year with a two-hour plus gala theater pipe organ concert of various time periods. Fee. Lincoln Theatre, 618-233-0018

Ringling of the Bells January 1, 2018, 12 Noon

Bring your dinner bells, cow bells, jingle bells & ring in 2018 at Belleville Public Square, 618-233-6769

Shrine Way of Lights Run/Walk

Jan. 6, 2018 Start 6:30p

Experience this one-of-a-kind evening 5K Competitive Run & 1.5 Mile Fun Walk through the Way of Lights, Chrono tracking timing by Big River Running. Fee. Snows.org/run 618-397-6700

All dates, times and locations are subject to change.



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