

BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Holiday Events 2021



SHOP, DINE, STAY & PLAY

BELLEVILLE.NET/HOLIDAYS

800-677-9255

Shriners' Lighted Parade

Nov. 5 | 7:30p

Start your holiday festivities with Belleville's Lighted Parade starts at N. 3rd & W. A Streets, ends at Forest & E. Main Streets. 618-233-6769

Art & Wine Walk

Nov. 6 | 3-7p

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

Woodcarvers Show

Nov. 6 - 7 | Sat., 9a-5p; Sun., 10a-4p

The best carvers from around the country sell their artwork. Belle-Clair Fairgrounds • 618-233-0052

Festive Flea Markets

Nov. 6 - 7 & Dec. 4 - 5 | Sat. 9a-4p; Sun. 9a-3p

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

Gingerbread Creation Preview

Nov. 14 | 1-3p

Preview the spectacular gingerbread creations all in one location at the Nichols Community Center. Free. Belleville Parks & Rec. • 618-233-1416

Gingerbread Walk Display

Nov. 17 - 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. 18 & Dec. 16 | 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. 19 - 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, camel rides, petting zoo, and gift shop. Free, donations accepted. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. snows.org/wol • 618-397-6700

Girls Day Out Vendor Fair

Nov. 20 | 10a-2p

Jump-start your holidays with a variety of vendors. Free. National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows • 618-397-6700

Holiday Flea Markets

Nov. 20 - 21; Dec. 18 - 19 | Sat., 9a-4p; Sun., 9a-3p

Visit more than 300 booths to find those unique holiday gifts. Belle-Clair Fairgrounds • 618-233-0052

The "Nutcracker" Ballet & Concert

Nov. 20 & Nov. 21 | Sat. 2p & 7p; Sun. 2p

Tchaikovsky's Classic Ballet with Belleville Philharmonic Society & Belleville School of Ballet. Fee. Love Church. BellevillePhilharmonic.org • 618-277-1373

Illinois Trekkers Way of Lights Walk

Nov. 22 | Start Time 3:30-6:30p

Take a relaxing walk through the Way of Lights featuring over one million lights telling the Christmas story. Please bring flashlight, finish by 8:30p. Fee. Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows Visitor Center. Illinois Trekkers Volkssport • 618-397-6700

Thanksgiving Eve Dueling Pianos

Nov. 24 | 7-11p

Listen to great music with family and friends while enjoying delicious food and refreshments in a relaxing setting. Free. The Weingarten • 618-257-9463

Thanksgiving 5K & Turkey Chase

Nov. 25 | 8a

Gear up to run prior to your big feast in downtown Belleville starting at the Public Square. Fee. Thanksgiving5KRun@gmail.com Santa Parade on Belleville's Main Street

Santa Parade on Belleville's Main Street

Nov. 26 | 10a

Welcome Santa to Belleville for the largest holiday parade in Southern Illinois with multiple parade units of floats, marching bands and dance groups. Starts at 3rd & W. A Streets, ends at Forest & E. Main Streets. Optimist Club of Belleville • 618-233-6769

Lighting of the Fountain

Nov. 26 | 6p

Enjoy lighting of the Belleville Public Square Fountain as residents and visitors enjoy holiday caroling. Optimist Club of Belleville • 618-233-6769

Holiday Craft Fairs

Nov. 26 – 28; Dec. 10 – 12

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

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

Horse Drawn Trolley Rides

Nov. 26 – Dec. 19

Fri. 5-8:30p; Sat. & Sun., 12-6p

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

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German Christmas Market

Nov. 26 – 28; Dec. 2 – 5, 9 – 12, & 16 – 23

Hours: 11a-8:30p; Except Sun., 11a-6p

An open-air German Christmas market featuring vendors, food and beverages. Giant Snow Globe (Dec. 5 & 18). Free. In case of extreme weather, check website at BellevilleChristkindlmarkt.com. Belleville Public Square • 618-233-6769

Santa on the Square

Nov. 26 – Dec. 24; Daily

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. 27

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

Movie Nights with Santa

Nov. 27; Dec. 4 & 11 | 6:30p

Come snuggle up with your family and join the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce for a Christmas movie at Skyview Drive-in and see Santa in person! Fee. 618-233-2015

Gingerbread House Workshop

Nov. 27 & 28; Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, & 19

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

Gingerbread 5K Run/Walk

Dec. 4 | 8:30a

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

Holiday Sip & Shop

Dec. 5 | 12-4p

Purchase your favorite wine while browsing the vendors for your holiday shopping pleasure. The Weingarten • 618-257-9463

Old Belleville Historical Luminary Walk

Dec. 11 | 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

Gingerbread Cookie Walk

Dec. 11 | Start Time 9-11a

Follow Sam the Gingerbread Man through downtown Belleville! Purchase a cookie bag, and follow his trail to collect dozens of cookies at shops and restaurants. \$15 fee to purchase bag and guarantee cookies. Register at bellevillemainstreet.net. 618-233-2015

The Glory of Christmas

Dec. 12 | 3p & 7p

This 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

Holiday Pops Christmas Spectacular

Dec. 19 | 1p

Ring in the season with this holiday pops concert featuring the Philharmonic Chorale & Orchestra held at the Lincoln Theatre. Fee. 618-235-5600

The Winter Ball

Dec. 31 | 8:30p (Doors open 7p)

Ring in the New Year with "Old Salt Union", Jesse Farrar & a champagne toast at the historic Lincoln Theatre. Fee. 618-233-0123

Annual Way of Lights Run/Walk

Jan. 2, 2022 | Starts at 5p

Experience this one-of-a-kind evening 5K Competitive Run & 1.5 Mile Fun Walk through the Way of Lights on the Shrine grounds; Athlinks services 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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