



## September 2011

**Calendar of Events** - for more information, please see <http://www.belleville.net/calendar/##>

**September 20th - Highland Neighborhood Association Meeting - Douglas School Cafeteria - 7 p.m.**

September 23rd and 24th - Oktoberfest - 11 a.m.

September 24th - 6th Annual Car Show

September 28th - Music on Main - 5 p.m.

October 7th - Chili Cook-Off

October 20th - Downtown Divas - 5 p.m.

September 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th - Old Town Market - 7:30 a.m.

September 24th, October 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th - Belleville Historical Walking Tours - 10 a.m.

### September Program Douglas School

**CORRECTION** – The September meeting was mistakenly listed as being held on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> in last month's newsletter, the correct date is Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for any inconvenience

Both Ward Seven Aldermen - Phil Elmore and Lillian Schneider are scheduled to appear at the Highland Neighborhood Meeting this month. The meeting time and place will be as usual, the Douglas Elementary School Cafeteria, at 7:00 p.m. on September 20th.

As scheduled speakers our Aldermen will be attending to review and discuss any City Ordinances, especially commenting on the most commonly offended ordinances. A general review of the ordinance, its wording and what it bans will be covered along with how and to whom to report these violations.

We urge all concerned neighbors to attend.

#### Small Clarification

Since the "August" Newsletter did not make it out until early September for most of you, we do in fact have two DIFFERENT newsletters you will be receiving this month. Sorry for any confusion!

### Important Neighborhood Street News – McClintock

Also at the meeting we will be asking the Aldermen to share whatever information they may have on a possible upcoming street improvements to McClintock Avenue. What improvements these are and when these could start you ask? We will have more detailed information in the coming months but if you want to know early please plan on attending.



### Board Members

Brennan Hartin 416-0174  
PRESIDENT  
Sue Brabenec 233-9848  
VICE PRESIDENT  
Jim Bryant 233-0357  
SECRETARY  
Walt Ortmann 233-5499  
TREASURER

Mike Neff 234-8739  
Tim Rule 277-0409  
Tom Wade 416-3186  
Erin Wittlich 235-3064  
Jim Young 235-2251

### Yard of the Month September Winner

#### **301 S. Pennsylvania**

Congratulations on the  
hard work and enjoy the  
Gift Certificate  
for Sandy's Back Porch!



### **Brennan's Blurb -**

While it seemed at times this summer that fall would never get here fast enough, we now are thankfully moving into the cooler autumn months. While September usually means a welcome respite from the heat, October and the later months usually mean a new set of problems - unwelcome leaves. With all our mature trees, leaves, sticks and general tree debris are an unavoidable common theme of autumn in the Highland Neighborhood. I find myself caught between wishing for the cooler weather and fearing the upcoming months of yard work ahead. As an inherited owner of two LARGE Sycamore trees, here long before I was, my wife and I try our best to keep the grumbling and complaining to a minimum as the saucer-like leaves begin to fall.

This year is going to be especially taxing on the leaf cleanup as there will be minimized burning times and dates allowed within the city. While never a leaf burner myself, I can sympathize that this practice must be a nice shortcut to yard control in years past. This is the last year for leaf burning of any kind and by mid-December it will be banned all together. I can guess that with any ordinance new or old we will have a few that will choose to ignore or even disregard the new rule and dates. I can only plead that everyone tries their hardest to recognize and obey the new leaf-burning policies. A further detailed article within explains the entire new regulations and allowable dates. I am warning against disobeying this rule in the future, not only for the health hazards it may cause, but also for you and your pocketbook. Fines will be steep and they will be written. It is best to not challenge this rule no matter how remote you feel your "burn pit" is located. Please do not burn your leaves unless on a designated day!

Of course the leaf burning issue is the latest of many City Ordinances that Belleville has in place to keep the city and all its neighborhoods in compliance with the image that Belleville wishes to portray. We obviously urge all to strive to not only comply with these regulations themselves but to also take on the responsibility of reporting those offending parties either adjacent to their property or throughout the neighborhood. A successful neighborhood watch extends to reporting violators of City Ordinances. After all, neighborhood beautification starts with all of us. What are all the ordinances to look for and how do you report them you wonder? See the article within regarding this month's HNA Douglas School meeting for some answers.

Brennan Hartin,

President HNA

## **MEMBERSHIP FOR 2011**

Here is my \$10.00 to make me an active member of the Highland Neighborhood Association for 2011.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS:  
\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Place an X in the box if you would like a membership card

**CLIP AND MAIL THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO:**

HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD  
ASSOCIATION  
C/O WALT ORTMANN  
225 SOUTH MISSOURI AVE.  
BELLEVILLE IL 62220

**YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.**

## **Large Item Pick-Up**

The city offers a large item pick up on a daily basis for a minimum fee of \$45.00. To arrange for a pick up call the Sanitation Administration Office one day prior at 233-6816, between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 4:30p.m., Monday through Friday.

## **Leaf Burning Schedule**

The City of Belleville has voted to eliminate all leaf burning, however this new ordinance will not go into effect until **after** this 2011 fall season (effective mid-December of this year).

While burning will be allowed until December it will **ONLY** be allowed on select dates. Please see below for the entire leaf burning schedule and information:

### Dates:

October 1<sup>st</sup> -  
December 15<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays and  
Saturdays **ONLY**

All Leaf Burning will be eliminated within the City of Belleville effective December 16, 2011

### Times:

10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.



### **Violations of City Ordinance:**

**\$100.00 to \$500.00 per occurrence.**

## **Outdoor Recreational Fires**

The City will still allow anyone that has the proper container or has obtained the proper permit to have a recreational fire in their yard. Outdoor fireplaces are allowed. Only dried wood may be burned inside these containers. Oil drums are not approved containers for burning. In order to have a bonfire on the ground you must obtain a permit from the Fire Chief's office and abide by the rules you will be given.

Warning tickets and citations may be issued to anyone that abuses the recreational fire ordinance.

It is intended for recreation only. The proper size container must be used and only dried wood may be burned. Bonfire permits cannot be obtained to burn yard waste. Any city official, whether police or fire, has the authority to have a non-approved fire extinguished and may issue a warning or a citation.

## Yard Waste Pick-Up Reminder

Since those heavy yard waste months are rapidly approaching we thought it would be helpful to review all the common questions and answers regarding the city's yard waste pick-up:

**What are acceptable Yard Waste containers?** Biodegradable two-ply Kraft paper bags designed for yard waste collection or trash cans clearly marked YARD WASTE in letters not less than 4 inches high shall be used. Trash cans must have handles, not to exceed 32 gallons in capacity, and weighing no more than 60 pounds.

**What does yard waste include?** Yard waste includes leaves, grass clippings, limbs, and branches (not to exceed 6 inches in diameter). Yard waste DOES NOT include dirt, sod, rock, concrete, asphalt, lumber, tree stumps, or logs over 6 inches in diameter.

**Yard Waste Schedule:** Yard Waste Collection will be picked up during the 2nd full week of January and February during the winter. Weekly pickup of yard waste will run from the first full week of March through the 2nd Friday of December. Yard waste collection is weather permitting.

## Dog Clean-Up and Leash Laws

The recent cooler weather has allowed for many more people to get outside and enjoy their evening walks. Many times these are family walks and often that includes the family pet. With that in mind, we thought it would be appropriate to remind all of the city ordinance's regarding dog clean-up and the required leash laws.

13-1-3 RESTRAINT.

(A) All animals shall be kept under restraint.

(B) No owner shall fail to exercise proper care and control of his/her domestic animal(s) to prevent them from becoming a public nuisance.

(C) Every domestic animal in heat shall be confined in a building or secure enclosure in such a manner that such animal (s) cannot come into contact with another animal except for planned breeding.

(D) Officers of the Police Department or Animal Control Officer shall be authorized to destroy or tranquilize any dangerous, vicious or animal in heat when necessary for the protection of any person or property.

13-1-4 CONFINEMENT OF VICIOUS OR DANGEROUS ANIMALS. No person shall possess any vicious or dangerous dog unless the vicious or dangerous dog is confined or restrained in compliance with 510 ILCS 5/1 et seq.

13-1-5 IMPOUNDMENT AND VIOLATION NOTICE.

(A) Unrestrained dogs and nuisance animals found running at large by Officers of the Police Department or Animal Control shall be presumed to be in violation of this Section and shall be subject to impoundment by Animal Control in accordance with St. Clair County Animal Control's regulations.

(B) Impounded animals shall be kept at the St. Clair County Animal Control and fall under the rules and regulations of St. Clair County Animal Control.

(C) The owner of an impounded animal may also be prosecuted for any violation of this Chapter.

(D) Every case in which an animal bites a person shall be promptly reported to the Police Department and St. Clair County Animal Control. Investigation of such bites shall be conducted by the Police Department and St. Clair County Animal Control and quarantine of any involved animals shall be in accordance with 510 ILCS 5/13.

13-1-6 ANIMAL CARE.

(L) Animal Waste. The owner of every animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excrement deposited by the animal(s) on public walks, streets, recreation areas, private property or any other property located within the City.