



The **HIGHLAND HERALD**

(The Highland Neighborhood Association Newsletter)

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO EVERYONE



FROM THE

HIGHLAND NEIGHBORHOOD

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST

This is a reminder of the HNA Christmas Decorating Contest this holiday season. Members of the Board will be judging homes on the 21, 22 & 23rd of December, with cash prizes to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Please be certain that your house number can be seen through your decorations. If anyone would like to make special recognition of a neighbor's house be sure to e-mail a board member.

Upcoming Neighborhood Meeting Notice – February 15th Douglas School Gym - 7:00 p.m.

With no separate newsletter scheduled to go out in the month of January we would like to make early mention of the next upcoming Neighborhood Meeting we have scheduled. Efforts are underway to have as our scheduled guests the candidates who will be running for one of the Ward 7 Alderman positions in next April's local election. We hope for a big turnout as this meeting will provide an open forum for all the candidates to come and share their qualifications, their hopes for the position and to answer any questions the attendees may have. This will be a great way to meet and hear all candidates and to help everyone make an informed vote for this important position next April. We will share more information in the February newsletter.

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NEW LEAF BURNING ORDINANCE FOLLOW UP

Now that we are entering the winter months our days of yard work and leaves falling are a past memory. This autumn season was the first for Belleville under the revised Leaf Burning Ordinance which limited leaf burning times and dates. The HNA board was curious how this affected the area residents and would like feedback both positive and negative. Anyone wishing to share comments may e-mail any of the HNA board members and we will pass along pertinent information to our Alderman.

It did seem like the overwhelming majority of any leaf burning was done within the newly established times and we thank all for their cooperation with the new ordinance.

Belleville in the Holidays

We would just like to share a reminder that there are many great events throughout the Belleville area through the holidays, many of which are ongoing right in downtown, below are just a few:

- **Gingerbread Contest & Display**

Through - January 3

Stroll down Belleville's Main Street to view award-winning gingerbread creations displayed in downtown merchant windows starting at the Public Square on East & West Main Streets. Belleville Parks & Recreation, 618-233-1416

- **Santa on the Square**

Through - December 24

Downtown Belleville

Visit Santa at his house on Belleville's Public Square, photos are optional. On Saturdays, 1-5pm and Sundays, 12-5 pm enjoy free hot cocoa and cookies. Optimist Club of Belleville, 618-910-0419. For a schedule of Santa's hours visit bellevillesantahouse.com

- **Horse Drawn Trolley Rides**

Through - December 19, Fridays 5 - 8 pm, Saturdays & Sundays, 12 Noon - 5 pm

Take a free leisurely ride through downtown aboard our large horse-drawn trolley. Enjoy Belleville's historic Shopping & Entertainment District from a unique point of view
800-677-9255

Please check out the link: <http://belleville.net/pdf/2010%20Belleville%20Holidays.pdf> for the entire list of holiday events in the greater Belleville area.

BRENNAN'S BLURB

As we leave the year of 2010 I would like to look back at all that happened and send thanks to all the supporters of the Highland Neighborhood Association. Of course this starts with our dues paying members of the neighborhood, please take time to recognize these members with the listed names within. I also would like to send thanks to all volunteers we had at our events whether it is the trivia night early in the year or the annual Easter Egg hunt held at East End Park. Of course these events could not have happened without all the hard work and efforts put in by the HNA board members as well. I personally would like to thank each one for their time and talents, without them none of the events we hold would be possible.

Our biggest event of the year the Easter Egg hunt seemed to be one of our most attended ever. Not even cold weather could stop the big turnout. Also this year, with proceeds from our Trivia night fundraiser we were able to as a board provide new concrete pads which serve as homes for the picnic tables at East End Park. While a small project it is one I hope adds some beatification to our park, and hopefully the first of many that the HNA board can provide over time. Already we have discussed some other ideas to keep making our greatest neighborhood resource even better.

Speaking of East End Park, this year it came to be known that there is a private committee that is intent on bringing a dog park to the north end of the park. While a hot topic throughout the year, I hope that all feel that the neighborhood association offered many forums and chances for all thoughts on the topic to be shared. This issue shows how important it is to have our monthly newsletter and our quarterly meetings or programs at Douglas School so that we can all continue to inform and share thoughts as a community. An important example of this will be our next Douglas meeting in February as we hold an open forum for all the candidates for Ward 7 Alderman in the upcoming April election.

Another big issue in the neighborhood this year was a sharp rise in crime, especially car break-ins in the area. Again working as an association and a neighborhood watch we were more able to educate everyone on avoidance of these threats, provide speakers from the police department and to share the reported occurrences with the spot crime and police blotter links.

I guess looking back it was again another eventful year in our neighborhood and one that makes me glad to serve as part of the neighborhood association. I look forward to next year and encourage all to make a conscious effort to be even more involved next year. Our Douglas Meetings are always informative yet turnouts are often very low. I encourage you to attend a meeting if you never have and to spend just one hour every few months on learning more about the topics of the neighborhood. Also while we are thankful for all paying members, our membership totals of 2010 are going to be our lowest in ten years. I know times are tough for all but I do challenge you for a high membership turnout next year, I know it is possible, just last year we had one of our best membership totals ever.

Thank you and to all a very happy holiday season,
Brennan Hartin, President HNA

MEMBERSHIP

Dues for the year 2011 are now being collected. Have you paid yours? Dues help support this newsletter, the Halloween and Christmas decorating contests, the Easter Egg hunt and improvements to East End Park. Your donation of \$10.00 is important. Please complete the form below and become a dues paying member today!

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
BELLEVILLE IL 62220

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.

Sport Registrations

While summer seems a ways off, this is a reminder that in January many of the kid's sports, including baseball and softball registrations are starting. The Belleville Khoury League will offer registration at the end of January. More information can be found at:

www.bellevillekhoury.org.

There are also many city sponsored sports leagues through the Parks and Recreation office of Belleville, many of which also have upcoming registrations. If curious for more information you may visit their new online registration process for facility reservations, programs and activities. The system is easy to use and will allow participants to enjoy all that the Parks and Recreation department has to offer from the comforts of home.

Directions and the link are below:

www.belleville.net - City Departments, Belleville Parks & Recreation – click on the Tree: Online Registration

Or you can call the Parks and Recreation office at 233-1416



Adams	Tim & Kelly	Kreisel	John	Schwoebel	Daniel & Michelle
Agnew	James & Roseann	Krueger	Dave & Amy	Skelton	Evelyn
Balint	William & Susan	Kussart	David	Slaughter	Stacy
Barnes	Angela	Lanter	Kurt	Smallwood	Tana & Stephen
Baudino	Marty & Margene	Last Name	First Name	Smith	Bruce & Elaine
Boxdorfer	Bruce & Kathy	Lawson	Albert	Stahl	Larry & Wesley
Boyne	Ellen	LeChien	Jack & Nancy	Steffen	Earl & Judy
Brabenec	Mike & Sue	Lengerman	John & Carol	Stephens	Mary
Brethauer	Craig	Lengerman	Louis	Stocker	Daniel
Briesacher	Violet	Lodus	Tom & Robin	Struttmann	Dennis & Karen
Bryant	Jim & Sandy	Lysakowski	Sue & David	Taylor	Rick & Theresa
Canning	Cole & Julie	Mank	Marie	Tedesco	Ted & Sue
Caponi	Peter & Tracey	Mayhew	Charles	Tendick	Toby
Carriel	David & Sue	McCoy	Michael & Africa	Tracey	Roger & Brenda
Ciecka	Mark & Kathy	Metze	Ken & Carolyn	Treadwell	Chris & Lisa
Coggeshall	Myra	Miller	Otis & Sandy	Valdejo	Alissa
Corbett	Janis	Mitzan	Lynn	Vratney	Frances
Dahlmann	Kay	Moore	Donald	Wade	Tom
De Frates	Bob & Jill	Mudd	Steve & Nancy	Wade	John
Deschene	Peter & Jennifer	Mullins	Carol	Wegener	Ron & Jill
Downing	Tom & Angie	Mundloch	Bradley	Weisenstein	Don & Barb
Ebel	Joann	Myers	Bill & Helen	Weiss	Alan
Fields	Murray & Ann	Neff	Mike & Cindy	Weiss	Gerald & Marge
Fields	Murray & Ann	Odem	Dave & Margaret	Wenzel	Norbert & Rita
Fink	Norman	Oldendoeph	Ethel	Whicher	Bill & Helen
Gipperich	Brian & Anita	Ortmann	Walter & Sandra	Wilson	Evan & Carol
Glatz	Ray & Peggy	Percivall	Carolyn	Yoch	Helen
Griebel	Rick & Juanita	Perez	Amy & Carlos	Yung	Robert & Theresa
Grodzicki	Andrew & Mary	Pessin	Sam, Lashley & Dyer Julia	Zacharski	Dan & Karen
Hamilton	Douglas	Quirk	Jim		
Harter	Vincent & Frances	Quirk	Mike & Judy		
Hartin	Brennan & Gina	Ransom	Brian		
Hartmann	Allen & Theresa	Reilmann	Leonard & Marianne		
Hauck	Ralph	Reilmann	Leonard & Marianne		
Hegg	Janice	Reinhardt	Susan & Stephen		
Hickey	Patrick	Renner	Mike & Mary		
Hoffman	Marian & Vernon	Renner	Tom		
Hunt	Bob & Arlene	Rosanswank	Ann		
Hupp	Dennis & Wanda	Rothgangel	Betty		
Jensen	Betty	Rule	Kelly & Tim		
Kirsch	Dolly	Sarka	Jaime		
Knipp	Dan & Linda	Sauerwein	Annalee		
Koopman	Steve	Schloesser	Jane & Daniel		
Krause	Ronald	Schmelzel	Scott & Beth		
		Schulte	Brenda & BJ		