



# Belleville

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## **Around Downtown**

### **Fall 2010/Winter 2011**

#### **Upcoming Events**

##### **DDA Meetings**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 pm—City Hall  
November 17<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup>, January 19<sup>th</sup>

##### **Main Street Construction is Finished! Downtown Celebration and Open House**

Saturday, November 13, 11 am–2 pm  
*The entire Belleville Community is invited to come out to enjoy our beautiful new Downtown on the Lake. Festivities will be centralized at Main Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Square. Come out for music, games, food, family, and fun!*

##### **Holiday Story Times**

Belleville District Library (Sign Up Now!)  
*Family Story Time (Preschool–Elementary), Mondays, 6:30 pm, November 15–December 13*  
*Preschool Pals (Ages 4–6), Tuesdays, 11 am, November 16–December 14*  
*Terrific Toddlers (Ages 2–4), Wednesdays, 11 am, November 17–December 15*

##### **Festival of Trees**

Belleville Area Museum  
Tuesday–Saturday, noon–4 pm  
November 20–December 30  
*Silent auction ends December 15*

##### **Winter Fest**

Saturday, December 4 (See Schedule on Page 4)  
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## **Welcome to Main Street!**

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**THANK YOU** for your patience and support during  
**Downtown Belleville's Main Street Improvement Project.**  
**We're proud of our traditional Downtown and our  
Downtown businesses.**



**Main Street BEFORE Construction**



**Same Area AFTER Construction**



# Save the Date!

## November 13 for Downtown Fun!

After months of streetscape and road construction, we have a beautiful Downtown with a smooth new Main Street. To thank residents and businesses for their patience and support, everyone is invited to come out for family fun. The event will showcase Downtown businesses and feature music, street performers, games and kid's activities, snacks, and giveaways—  
**ALL FOR FREE!**

**Main Street Construction is Finished!**  
*Belleville's Celebration & Downtown Open House*  
**Saturday, November 13**  
**11 am - 2 pm**  
 on Main Street and 4th Street Square  
*Everyone's Invited!*  
**Come and Enjoy Our Beautiful New Downtown**  
 Hosted by the City of Belleville and Belleville Downtown Development Authority

**BUY IT IN Belleville**  
 DOWNTOWN ON THE LAKE

Please Come Out and Help Us

# Celebrate Downtown Belleville!

**Lots of Fun for the Whole Family!**

**Featured Events:**

**Bike Races on Main Street**

Assemble at Main & Third Street  
(Helmets Required)

Ages 3-4 at 12:00 noon

Ages 5-7 at 12:30 pm

**Kids Games and Inflatable Jumpers**

On Fourth Street next to the Museum

**Music and Dancing in the Street for**

all ages at Main Street & Fourth Street

**Harvest Time Bingo Game Drawing -**

**Win a Wii Fit!**

**Plus Sidewalk Chalk Drawing, Shopping, Street Performers, and Tasty Treats**

### NOTICE TO NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS:

Starting with this issue, publication of Around Downtown will be reduced from quarterly to biannually. Please contact Carol Thompson, DDA Administrative Coordinator, with any questions.



## Downtown Belleville Signs

In preparation for the new LED message board installation, the aging Belleville Community Events Sign frame was removed for repairs. Tom Tinsley from Contract Welding on Sumpter Road in Belleville was on board to repair and powder coat the metal frame. Unfortunately, the frame was too deteriorated to repair. Chesley Odom had designed the sign and its lake logo is very popular, so the DDA wanted to keep the same design. Mr. Tinsley generously volunteered to rebuild the sign frame, and his beautiful work is now on display at the corner of Main and High Streets.

The LED message board sign is being installed in early November of 2010. Once installed, organizations from the tri-community area can submit their events to be posted. The sign is also available for alerting the community about public concerns such as a lost child or other emergencies.

The DDA is also considering a new welcome sign across from Doane's Landing and adding wayfinding signs in the Downtown to help visitors find places such as the Museum, Library, parks, and schools. A community input session for the new signage will be held early in 2011.

## New Village Park Pathways

Recently the Belleville Downtown DDA contracted to pave the main walking path in Village Park. Village Park is located on eight acres off Savage Road adjacent to the Victoria Commons subdivision. A striking feature of the park is its three large ponds and surrounding trails.

Previously gravel paths, the recent DDA project graded and paved the 2/3-mile main pathway with asphalt making it ADA accessible. The paths are intended for non-motorized use and the pavement makes them much friendlier for walkers and runners of all ages and abilities.

In addition to the walking paths, Village Park features basketball courts, a children's play area, sand volleyball courts, and the Belleville Skatepark—a rollerblading court.



## Play Harvest Time Bingo and Win

Belleville area residents and visitors are encouraged to Shop Local and support Downtown business. The latest Buy It In Belleville promotion sponsored by the DDA is Harvest Time Bingo. Game cards can be picked up at the Chamber office, Library, Museum, and City Hall, or download a copy from [www.buyitinbelleville.com](http://www.buyitinbelleville.com). To play, visit 16 Downtown stores, restaurants and businesses. Spending a minimum of \$5 and ask the clerk or cashier to validate your bingo card. When all 16 squares on the Harvest Time Bingo card are full, put your name and contact info on the back of the card and drop in the Bingo game box at City Hall. The winner of the grand prize drawing will receive a Wii system and Wii Fit, generously donated by Spicer Group—engineers for the Main Street improvement projects. The drawing will be held during the Downtown Open House and Celebration on Saturday, November 13.



The newly-paved pathway is ADA compliant and can be used for all types of non-motorized use.

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## Support Our Downtown Businesses Shop Dine Stroll

### Downtown Belleville Events (continued from front page)

#### Children's Christmas Ornament Workshops

Belleville Area Museum  
Saturday, December 11, 10 am, 11 am,  
1 pm

#### Santa at the Museum! Two Days!

Saturday, December 11, 10 am–3 pm  
and Saturday, December 18, noon–4  
pm

#### 2010 Belleville Community Chorus Holiday Concert

Belleville First United Methodist  
Church  
Saturday, December 18, 7 pm

#### Used Book Sale

Friends of the District Library  
Saturday, February 5, 2011



### 2010 Winter Fest Events

#### Belleville Jingle Bell 5K & 1K Kids Run

1K Kids Run starts at 9:45 am; 5K starts at  
10 am. Start and finish in Downtown  
Belleville at Horizon Park. All proceeds  
benefit the Van Buren Public Schools  
Education Foundation.

#### Ice Sculptures on Main Street

#### Old Fashioned Main Street Christmas

Ice sculptures and ice carving on Main Street.  
Lighted parade kicks off at 6 pm and travels  
east on Columbia to Main Street, up Main to  
the Museum. Following the parade, City  
officials welcome Santa and hold the  
Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the  
Museum. Sponsored by the Belleville Area  
Chamber of Commerce.

#### Visit Santa at the First United Methodist Church

#### Fireworks at Horizon Park

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