



JUNE/JULY 2015

Calendar of Events - for more information, please see:

<http://www.belleville.net/calendar.aspx?show=all>

July 10th - Tour de Belleville, 8:30 p.m., Union United Methodist Church

July 16th - Diva Night, 4 p.m., Hair on Main and Tavern on Main are hosting

July 25th - Beacon 4th Annual 5K Run/Walk, 8 a.m., (618) 917-6761

Fireworks Ordinances - City of Belleville

The City of Belleville addresses the use of fireworks within city limits. I have posted them below:
30-1-15 FIREWORKS.

(A) Fireworks Defined. The term "fireworks" shall mean and include any explosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing an audible effect by the explosion, deflagration or deterioration, or for the purpose of producing visual effects, and shall include blank cartridges, toy cannons, in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, bombs, or other fireworks of like construction and any fireworks containing any explosive compound, or any tablets or device containing any explosive substance, or compound, or containing any explosive substance, or compound, or containing combustible substances producing visual effects; provided, however, that the term "fireworks" shall not include toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper caps containing twenty-five hundredths (0.25) grains or less of explosive compound are used, provided they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion and toy pistol paper caps which contain less than twenty hundredths (0.20) grains of explosive mixture, the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times.

(B) Fireworks Unlawful. It shall be unlawful for any person to possess, use, display, ignite, sell or offer for sale any fireworks, firecrackers, torpedoes, Roman candles, sky rockets, or other pyrotechnics within the City.

(C) Exception. Public exhibitions or displays of fireworks or pyrotechnics shall be permitted when such display or exhibition is under expert supervision; provided, however, that no public exhibition or display of pyrotechnics shall be had without first obtaining the approval of the Fire Chief of the place of exhibition; and in no event, shall said place of exhibition be within two hundred (200) feet of any building, structure, street or alley; said approval must be obtained from the Fire Chief twenty (20) days before the exhibition. (Ord. No. 3493; 05-02-78) (Sec. 61.14)

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Yard of the Month

Yard of the month is
underway and the flowers
are in full bloom!
Congratulations to our
winner for June!

406 Portland Avenue

Honorable mentions: 114
South Virginia Avenue and
225 Missouri Avenue.

Nominations will be
accepted by phone or
email, [yard@](mailto:yard@highlandneighborhood.org)

highlandneighborhood.org



Donna's Desk -

Well the heat of summer has arrived. Now if we could just slow down the rain we might get started on those wonderful outdoor summer activities!

Life usually slows down in the summer and so does your Board. We will be skipping a newsletter for July as we take a month off. This doesn't mean we are not taking phone calls or emails if you need us or need to report any problems. We will be here to help.

We will resume board meetings in August, followed by our next public meeting in September. This will be on the 15th in the cafeteria at Douglas Elementary School at 7p.m. We have booked Bob Sabo from the Housing Department to speak to us on housing issues, recourses and resources in our neighborhood. This information can help us keep our neighborhood a safe family environment. Mark your calendars now and check your newsletter in August for more information.

Your board tries to make sure that these meetings are meaningful and reflective of what homeowners in our neighborhood are interested in. However, we could use your help and suggestions on topics or guest speakers. Please let us know your ideas.

Our Yard of the Month program runs for 3 more months. Be sure to keep an eye out for that yard you feel reflects one of the best in our neighborhood. Just call or email us with you votes. June's winner and runner-up's are listed in this newsletter.

Just a reminder, there are a lot more people out and about in the summer. Be sure to keep your watch up for strangers or unusual activity in our neighborhood.

I hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer. We will be back to you in a couple months with our next newsletter.

Donna

Highland Neighborhood Association

Area Fireworks Displays

Scheve Park - Mascoutah, IL, July 4th at Dusk

Tri Township Park - Troy, IL, July 4th at Dusk

Glik Park - Highland, IL, July 4th at Dusk

Coolidge Middle School - Granite City, IL,
July 4th at 9:15 p.m.

Glazebrook Park - Godfrey, IL, July 4th at 9 p.m.

Alton Riverfront Park - Alton, IL, July 3rd at 9 p.m.

Fair St. Louis - Forest Park, St. Louis, MO, July 2nd,
3rd, and 4th at 10 p.m. (Metro Link will run to
the fair).

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

Fireworks Safety

If you are heading to an area where it is legal to use fireworks over the holiday, there are a few tips you can follow to make your experience safer. From the National Council on Fireworks Safety:

1. Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.
2. Know your fireworks, read all labels prior to ignition.
3. An adult should supervise all fireworks activity. Never give fireworks to a child.
4. Alcohol and fireworks don't mix. Save your alcohol for after the show.
5. Wear safety glasses.
6. Light one firework at a time then quickly move away.
7. Use fireworks outdoors, in a clear area.
8. Never relight a "dud." Wait 20 min, then douse in a bucket of water.
9. Keep a bucket of water and a hose nearby.
10. Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them into metal or glass containers.
11. Do not experiment with homemade fireworks.
12. Dispose of spent fireworks by wetting them down and placing them in a metal trashcan away from other combustibles.
13. Report illegal fireworks, like M-80's and quarter sticks to the police or fire department.

MEMBERSHIP FOR 2015

Here is my \$10.00 to make me an active member of the Highland Neighborhood Association for 2015.

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 MIKE NEFF
815 FOREST AVENUE
BELLEVILLE, IL 62220

YOUR CANCELLED CHECK IS YOUR RECEIPT.

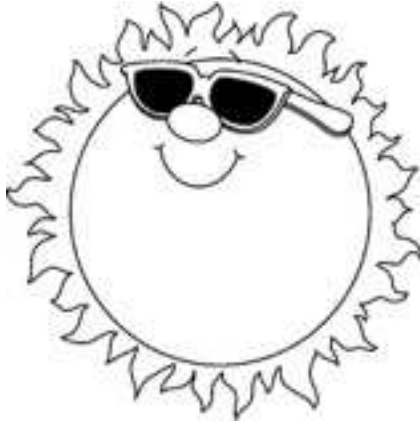
Are you a Block Captain? Are you interested in becoming one, or just learning more about it? We are updating our records and would like to hear from you!

Please email us at:

webmaster@highlandneighborhood.org

ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Beat the Heat - Stay Cool!



With local heat indexes creeping towards 105 degrees, the St. Clair County Health Department is offering suggestions on how to beat the heat and avoid heat-related illnesses.

During extremely hot weather, the body can heat too rapidly to cool itself properly. Health officials recommend you become familiar with the symptoms of heat related illness which include: heavy sweating, weakness, clammy skin, nausea or vomiting and fainting.

There are also precautions you can take to help beat heat-related illness, according to [Ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov/heat) ([http:// www.ready.gov/heat](http://www.ready.gov/heat)):

Never leave children or pets in closed vehicles.

Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to sun and wear sun screen. Postpone outdoor games and activities.

Eat well-balanced, light meals.

Drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Limit alcoholic beverages.

Dress in loose-fitting, light-weight, light-colored clothing that covers as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.

Protect your face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat. Avoid strenuous work during the hottest part of the day.

Check your animals frequently to make sure they are not suffering from the heat and have fresh drinking water.

Dial 211 for a listing from United Way on cooling shelters in your area.