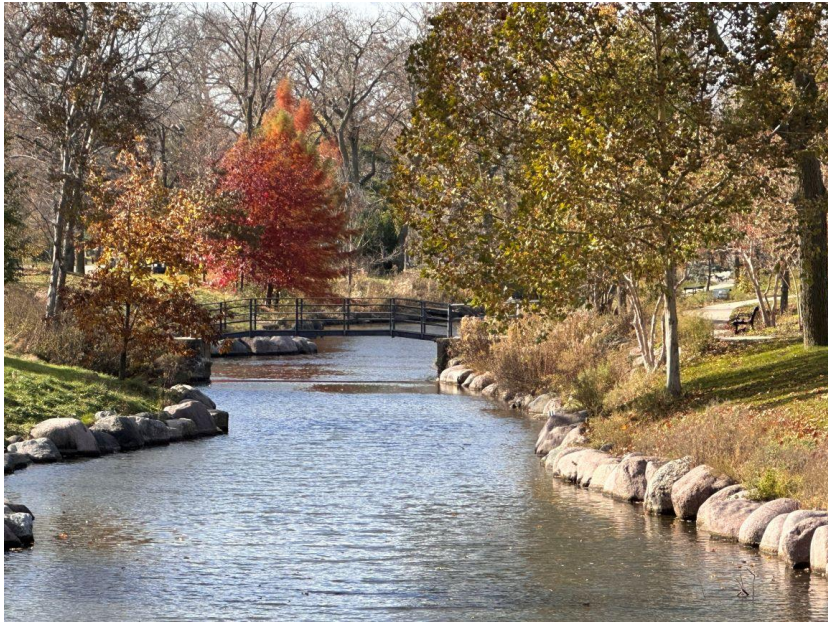


November 16, 2023

BELVIDERE BULLETIN



Your Weekly City News...City Views!!

This week's photo by Karen Snyder

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Belvidere Police Dept.

Like to eat turkey. The Belvidere Police Department will be giving away turkeys to those in need this Thursday, November 16th, 2023 at 3 p.m. We will be in the 300 block of E. Menominee St. One turkey per vehicle, and we will have at least 100 turkeys. This is made possible through the generosity of our community during our Feed The Need food drive.



FEED THE NEED!!

The Belvidere Police Department and V.I.P.S. annual food drive kicks off this Saturday, November 18, 2023, at Aldi, 1021 N. State St. in Belvidere. All food goes to


Belvidere/Boone County food pantries and churches. We will be there from 9 a.m. to noon collecting non-perishable food items.

The need is greater than ever this year, please come out and make this year as successful as the past.



HOMETOWN CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 1, 2023



12 Ways to participate in Hometown Christmas

- 5:30 pm 1** The Belvidere Park District brings us the "**Light up the Night Parade**" to enjoy in Downtown Belvidere.
- 5-9 pm 2** There are many families in need in our community who will benefit from the beautiful **Hometown Christmas Tree Giving** brought to the community by Boone County 4-H Federation. The decorated trees will be on display in the Community Building
- 6:30-9 pm 3** **Pictures with Santa and a Winter Carnival** are hosted at the Belvidere Family YMCA. You can register online for your timeslot
- 6:30-9 pm 4** The annual **Hometown Christmas print** has been a tradition for many years. Buttons are sold in order to raise money for the wonderful events that take place throughout the evening.
- 6:30-9 pm 5** The Belvidere Fire Department hosts **Free Hot Cocoa** Sponsored by Twin Towers and **Badges with Books** at the Fire Station.
- Parade Conclusion 6** Watch as the Mayor of Belvidere hosts a **Tree Lighting Ceremony** for the City of Belvidere Christmas Tree in Hub Plaza.
- 5-9 pm 7** Enjoy **Outdoor Ice Skating** at the Riverside Ice Arena in Doty Park, and an **Elf Shop** in the back of Sips & Sprinkles for children to purchase gifts.
- 6:30-9 pm 8** Children can **make crafts** and decorate cookies in the Hidden Aerie.
- 7 pm 9** The 95.3 Bull Bash Starring Matt Stell at the Apollo Theare AC is going to bring a fun new element to the evening
- 6:30-9 pm 10** A **Horse Drawn Carriage ride** sponsored by the Boone County REALTORS® of the Northwest Illinois Association of REALTORS® and Bill Oswald State Farm in Downtown Belvidere is another magical part of the evening.
- 5-9 pm 11** Just beneath the sparkling Christmas trees in the community building, is **Mrs. Claus's Market** where local vendors sell unique items that are perfect for the season.
- 6-8:30 pm 12** Volunteers from the Immanuel Lutheran Church bring us a **Live Nativity Scene** to enjoy.

Water Department New Hours

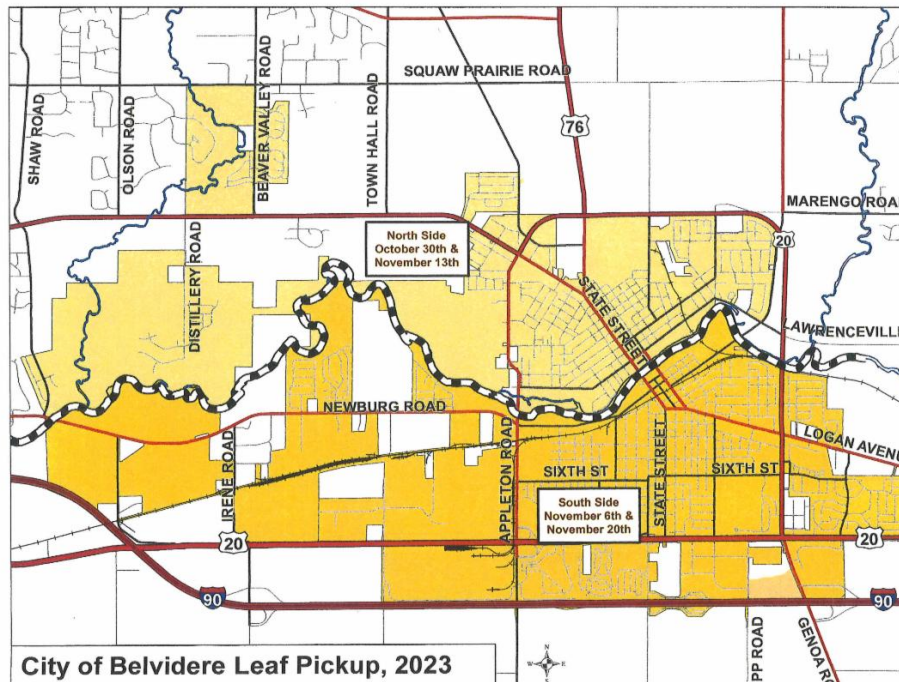
City of Belvidere Water Department office hours are now 8:00am to 5:00pm.

2023 LEAF COLLECTION

DEAR RESIDENT/HOMEOWNER:

The City of Belvidere's annual city-wide leaf collection program this year begins the week of October 30th. For this collection program, the City will be divided in two sections, north and south of the river with City Street Department employees collecting leaves according to the schedule shown on the map below. In order to provide the most efficient service and least inconvenience to you, please follow these guidelines:

- DO:** Have all leaves placed on the terrace, at the curb or along the edge of pavement for non-curbed streets, by 7:00AM Monday on the dates shown for your side of town.
- DO:** The City can only vacuum leaves within three feet of the edge of the pavement. Please make sure that all leaves to be collected are within three feet of the pavement edge or curb.
- DON'T:** Place any other material for collection other than leaves. The City can vacuum leaves only. No grass clippings, branches or twigs.
- DON'T:** Park cars within 30' of the leaves to be collected or the City will not be able to reach the leaves with the vacuum truck and trailer. Inaccessible leaf piles will be collected at the next scheduled date.
- DON'T:** Place leaves along alleys. Collection will only be along city streets and not alleys.



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City Council Meeting

Monday, November 20, 6p.m.

Belvidere City Hall

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Monday, November 27, 6p.m.

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