



Bethalto Villager

Mayor's Corner

With the April elections behind us, I look forward to serving this community and its residents for the next four years. I look forward to addressing the issues that are before us, and I am also excited as we look for new and creative ways to fund transportation projects and other infrastructure needs of this community.

Several areas of discussion during the past election centered on future planning and attracting new business to Bethalto. Over the next year, we will be updating areas of our Comprehensive Plan, as well as Zoning, and Land Use Maps. We will then use those tools to attract different segments of commerce including Professional



Lane is currently running ahead of schedule and should reopen sometime late spring or early summer. We are also finalizing the design on West Central to Moreland and expect that road project to start in late fall of this year. Funding has been secured through the State for both phases of Roosevelt Street running from Prairie Street to Moreland Road. Those projects are tentatively scheduled for 2011 and 2012. Phase II of the West Corbin

Office, Commercial, Retail, and also work to continue growth in our residential area. Jinkinson Bridge on Culp

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Extension is to begin in the next month or so, and is expected to take approximately 18 months to complete. We are also working

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Village unveils steps to green government

<p>Newsletter saves paper, goes online</p> <p>Bethalto residents will soon be able to receive information about the village in their inbox and online. In an effort to increase efficiencies and reduce waste, the Bethalto Villager will now be delivered directly to residents' inboxes, or available online. While a minimal</p> <p>number of hard copies will be available at the Village Hall and Senior Citizens Center for those without access to computers, the newsletter will no longer be published in print form in large quantities and delivered through the mail. This innovation is one of several being</p> <p style="text-align: right;">See Newsletter, Page 6</p>	<p>Virtual Village highlights new Web site</p> <p>Important information is now just a click of the mouse away. With the launch of the village's new Web site, residents will have immediate access to useful forms, permits, licenses, announcements and news items. Residents can also enroll in email groups and have news and announcements, meeting</p> <p>agendas and minutes, public hearing notices and other information delivered directly to their inbox. The creation of Virtual Village is an effort to make important documents and information available to residents in an easy, convenient manner. Now, residents</p> <p style="text-align: right;">See Virtual, Page 6</p>
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Top Cops: Police contribution is largest in state

A donation from the Bethalto Police Department and the Village Charities Committee deepened the pockets of Special Olympics Illinois.

Special Olympics Illinois President and CEO Doug Snyder was in town to receive a ceremonial check for more than \$59,000 to the organization's Torch Run. The Bethalto contribution was the largest single donation of any law enforcement agency in the state in 2008. As recognition, the Bethalto Police Department will appear atop the list of contributor's on the back of the 2009 Torch Run T-shirts.

"I'm very proud of our department, the charity committee, the volunteers and the residents in our community who worked hard to make us the top contributor in the state," Bethalto Police Chief Alan

Winslow said.

The donation, which was presented during the April meeting of the Village Board, represented about half of the money raised by the Village Charities group organized last year by Mayor Bryant. The Committee also donated more than \$50,000 to Autism Speaks.

"We sincerely appreciate the efforts of the Bethalto Police Department and the Village Charities Committee," Snyder said. "Approximately 3,000 officers representing every branch of law enforcement across the state from local police officers to FBI agents carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles, running through thousands of Illinois communities to its final destination – the Opening Ceremonies of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games."

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single



Bethalto Police Chief Alan Winslow (far left) and Mayor Steve Bryant (far right) accept awards from Special Olympics Illinois President/CEO Doug Snyder (rear) and three-time gold medal winning Special Olympian Charles Dunn at the April Village Board meeting.

largest year-round fund-raising event benefitting Special Olympics Illinois. The Torch Run has raised nearly \$17 million over the last 23 years.

In a show of appreciation, Special Olympian Charles Dunn, a three-time gold medal winner in the 100-meter

walk, snowshoeing and tennis ball throw, presented members of the fund-raising committee a plaque commemorating the event. Members of the Village Charities Committee played host to a reception for Snyder and Dunn following the presentation.



Bethalto Jaycees Country Fair

Bethalto Central Park

May 28-31

Rotary Cruise Tickets Sale

\$20 per ticket

Drawing held Labor Day weekend

Prize value \$2000-\$2500

See a Rotarian



First National Bank celebrates 75th anniversary

First National Bank is proud to be "growing older". This year marks the bank's 75th year of service to the communities and customers it serves.

Chartered in 1934, First National started with \$1 million in assets which has now grown to more than \$400 million. Based in Staunton, there are now

10 locations, one is located here in Bethalto at the corner of Texas and Route 140. Many remember the site as the former home of Citizens Savings and Loan which First National purchased in 1994.

The bank's growth in Bethalto has required not one, but two additions to the building to better serve

customers. Locally owned banks are becoming a rarity these days but First National works hard to maintain its independence and community spirit.

Trying to serve "all" of the community, the bank offers special membership in the Goldenaires Club for the mature customers as well as a Kid's Club for

the younger generation. To serve those in between, the bank provides up-to-date technology services.

First National is proud to be 75 years strong and looks forward to 75 more years of being a Friendly Neighborhood Bank.

Watch for the birthday cake float in the Memorial Day Parade.

Fiftieth Annual Memorial Day parade and program set

Floats, decorated vehicles and bicycles are welcome to participate in the 50th Annual Memorial Day parade which will step off from the Bethalto Boys

& Girls Club Monday, May 25th at 10:15 a.m. Those interested in participating in the parade should contact parade organizer Clyde Jones at 377-9956 or 410-

8658.

The parade will end at Roselawn Memory Gardens, where a ceremonial program will follow at approximately 11 a.m. The guest speaker for the program is Civic

Memorial High School Principal Debra Pitts.

The parade and program are sponsored by The Village of Bethalto, American Legion Post #214 and Rose Lawn Memory Gardens.

Bethalto Historical Museum

Open Saturdays 1-4 p.m.
or by appointment.
Call Arvel Fowler at 377-9944

2009 Bethalto Spirit Summer Concerts in the Park

June 28
The Diz Strohman Big Band

July 12
You Can't Beat Experience Jazz Band

July 26
The Belleville Community Band

August 9
The Five and Dimers

All concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethalto Village Park.
Severe weather will cancel the concert.

Zion Lutheran Church continues 150th Anniversary Celebration

June 14 - Old Fashioned Church Picnic
July 19 - SonShine Celebration Reunion
Aug. 16 - Giving Tree for School Supplies
Sept. 13 - Zion Cemetery Tour
Oct. 4 - Main Anniversary Celebration
Nov. 15 - Candlelight Service honoring Veterans
Dec. 19 - Live Nativity Scene
Dec. 20 - Sunday School Christmas Program



Where hearts and hopes take flight

2009 Scheduled Events

June 26 - Benefit Golf Tournament at Clover Leaf
July 25 - Car Show in the Village Park
August 14 - Charity Auction at KC Hall
October 3 - Mayor's Walk for Charity and Family Day
at Culp Lane Park

More events may be added to the schedule!

Cornerstone Church set to light up summer sky

For the third straight year, Cornerstone Church will bring a full evening of activities to the grounds of St. Louis Regional Airport, capped off with a community fireworks display.

On June 28, Bethalto Fireworks will feature

horse rides, children's inflatables, volleyball, children's games, a car show, a live broadcast by Christian radio station WIBI, washers tournament, food and soda. Everything is free except for the food and soda.

Stage activities feature

children's hand bells, the Next Level Band, patriotic songs and the Harmon Family Band at 8 p.m.

"Cornerstone Church provides the fireworks as a way of bringing our community together and celebrating our nations historical freedoms," said

the Rev. Phil Schneider, the church's senior pastor. "The fireworks and all of the activities are a free gift from the church to our entire community."

All activities begin at 6 p.m.; the fireworks display will begin at 9:20 p.m. No coolers or alcohol.

First Christian Church unearths community garden

Do you prefer fresh vegetables but are unable to have a garden? First Christian Church is planning a community garden this summer. The ground will be prepared and you can plant the vegetables or flowers of your choice. You must

agree to maintain your area (pull weeds, etc.), then enjoy fresh produce all season.

Call the church at 377-9259 for details, garden guidelines and plans.

Other activities include: Cub Scouts in the Family Life Center Monday

Nights at 6:30 p.m.; Weight Watchers in the Fellowship Hall Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

A Blood Drive will be held the church on July 8th from 4 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 401-8731.



321 S. Prairie St., Bethalto, IL 62010
Phone: (618) 377-8141 Fax: (618) 377-3520
www.bethaltolibrary.org

Library News

Lapsit

Friday mornings, 9:30 a.m. at the Little House
Lapsits are designed for our youngest patrons (0-24 months) and their caregivers. Stories, songs and simple crafts fill this 30-minute program

Storytime

Thursdays 10:30 a.m.
Thursdays 6:30 p.m.
Fridays 10:30 a.m.
Storytimes are held at the Little House and designed for children ages 2-5. They offer a fun time of listening to books, songs, crafts and snacks. Caregivers must stay with the children during this 45-minute program.

Paws to Read

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
3rd Saturday every month at the Library
Paws to Read is a time to share a book with a furry four-legged friend. Trained therapy dogs visit the library where children choose a book and a furry friend and enjoy some special reading time. Caregivers must accompany children to this program.

BPL Adult Book Club

The Adult Book Club is an informal discussion group which meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Little House. Call or drop by the Library for the current Book Club selection.

Sunday Afternoon with Author Cheryl Jett

"Alton"
May 17th, 1:30 p.m. at the Library
Sunday Afternoon with an Author - Come to the Library and visit with the author of *Alton (Images of America)*, Cheryl Jett. Follow the stories of Easton, Lovejoy, the developers and the politicians, the entrepreneurs and the workers, and the famous and the infamous through vintage images from Madison County Historical Society, Hayner Public Library, the Telegraph, and other collections. Jett's book will be for sale and available for signing.
Look for more *Sunday Afternoons with an Author* through out the coming year along with our *Adult Speakers Series*.

Summer Reading Program 2009 **READ on the WILD SIDE** begins **June 1**. June and July is a fun time at the Library for the whole family. We have been planning some wild times like: drop-in craft days, visits from authors, marionettes, a girl stunt show, contests, bugs and of course lots of books and as with all Library programs...it's free and open to everyone. For those of you who just can't wait one more day we will be having an early registration day on Sunday, May 31st. Come for a wild and crazy day at the Library. You just never know who or what you'll see at the Bethalto Library during the summer.

Used Book Sale

July 18, 2009
8:30 a.m. to Noon (books from 25¢ to \$3.00)
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (\$3.00 to fill any size bag. Bring your own!)
Held at the Bethalto Public Library's "Little House" - next door to the Library.
Sales are cancelled for rain.

For more information about Library Programs or Events please call, come by or check out our website.

Bethalto Women's Club

Regular Meeting
2nd Tuesday

6:30 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center
September through May

President: Jan Enos - 377-7651

Vice President: Evelyn Tice - 377-5695

Benefit Golf Tournament

To support Autism Speaks and Special Olympics



AUTISM SPEAKS™
It's time to listen.

Friday June 26, 2009

Tee-Off at 10:00 AM

Clover Leaf Golf Course
Fosterburg Rd., Alton, IL.



**4-Person Scramble / Shotgun start / FOUR Hole-in-One Prizes
Two Closest to Pin Prizes / Skins**

Both Lunch and Dinner included!

Coupon for Free round of golf for every Player!

Only \$75 per person

Player 1: _____
Player 2: _____
Player 3: _____
Player 4: _____

Return this form and a check payable to:
Village of Bethalto Fund Raiser Acct.
Bethalto Police Dept.
213 N. Prairie St.
Bethalto, IL 62010
618-377-5266

Par 3 Hole #13

Fire Department prepares for Homecoming

The fire department is getting ready for the Labor Day Homecoming weekend. Plans are underway to make this year's Homecoming bigger and better.

The fire department wants to thank the community for its support of the fish fries that were held at the Fire House during Lent. Money raised from this event goes to help

buy new equipment.

We continue to look for new members to join the volunteer department. Trainings are held on Monday nights. It's a great way to serve the community and make a difference. Applications can be obtained at the Village Hall.



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with federal and state officials for funding of the final phase of that project.

We were also recently notified by Madison County that we were successful in our grant application to reconstruct the basketball court next to the tennis courts this spring, along with a grant to purchase additional rubberized mulch for our parks making them safer for the children. Also the Public Works Department received a grant for a new sanitary sewer/ storm water camera system and GPS system to help locate problem areas

associated with backups and flooding issues.

Please take time to visit our newly revamped web site at www.bethalto.com. We have made several changes in an effort to keep the residents better informed on all areas of the Village. We will continue to make the necessary changes over the months ahead to make it as user friendly and informative as possible.

Last but not least, I want to thank all the citizens of the village for their continued support. I assure you all the elected officials in the Village will do our best to make Bethalto a better place to live and raise our families.



See what's new
at the
Village Web site

www.bethalto.com

Trash Talkin'

Allied Waste Services of Edwardsville provides twice-weekly trash collection of regular household waste and recycling once per week. Allied recognizes six holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. Should your pickup day fall on a holiday, your trash will be collected the following day.

All trash should be properly bagged before being placed inside the container. Recycle is collected on the first day of regular service and must be in the recycle bin.

Trash Tips

- Set trash and recycling out by 6 a.m. Do not mix yard waste with trash.
- Set trash and recycling as close to curb as possible.
- Rinse all bottles and cans; remove all caps from milk, detergent and soda bottles, and place in trash.
- Do not set recycle out in plastic grocery bags or newspapers in plastic wrappers.
- Break cardboard boxes down into bundles no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet and stacked no higher than 10 inches and tied with non-plastic or non-metallic twine.
- All trash should be bagged inside trash containers.

Call 656-6883 with any questions.

Bethalto CHARITY Events

Autism Speaks
It's time to listen.

TOUCH A RUN

Saturday July 25, 2009
9:00AM - 4:00PM
Registration 9:00AM - NOON

CAR SHOW

FOOD - SOFTDRINKS - DOOR PRIZES
DASH PLAQUES - 50/50 - FAMILY EVENTS

Bethalto Village Park

Corner of E.Main and Park Dr.
Bethalto, Illinois

Proceeds go to AUTISM SPEAKS/SPECIAL OLYMPICS FOUNDATION OF ILLINOIS

\$250.00 Best of Show "Stock"
\$250.00 Best of Show "Custom"

\$100.00 FOR CAR CLUB WITH MOST CARS
\$100.00 FOR CAR CLUB FROM FARTHEST DISTANCE

Elias Kallal & Schaeff
Funeral Home
 The BANK
of Edwardsville
 Shop 'n Save, Part Stop
 INDEPENDENT
TIRE DEALER

www.bethaltocharityevents.com

Blind minister invited to help worshippers see opportunities

As Zion Lutheran Church in Bethalto continues its 150th anniversary celebration this year, its members are enjoying reconnecting through special activities each month. You may see them participating in some old-fashioned games this summer, including three-legged races, sack races and a cake walk.

In August, Zion will celebrate missions. On Aug. 16, Zion welcomes the Rev. David Andrus, a blind minister, who is executive director of the Lutheran Blind Mission in St. Louis. Blind since age 11 due to a rare disease, Andrus will help worshippers “see” that blindness offers many opportunities that sighted

people don’t have.

During the week of June 15, the church is playing host to vacation Bible school for children ages 3 to 12 (kids before preschool to just finishing sixth grade) with the theme “Gadget’s Garage.”

All neighborhood children are invited to join Zion’s kids as they explore the innovative world of teen inventor, Gadget, and his robot, Gizmo. In Gadget’s Garage, kids learn that Jesus makes all things new. VBS will meet from 9 to 11:30 a.m. To register, call the church office at 377-8314.

In September, Zion will play host to a cemetery tour, complete with guides dressed in period costumes

who will tell visitors about the life and history of some early Zion pioneers buried in the church cemetery.

Other events are planned through the end of the year. For more

information visit the church Web site at www.zionbethalto.org

Enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year is open for all classes. Call the school office at 377-5507.

Newsletter

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considered by village officials to reduce paper waste and be more environmentally friendly through the use of effective technology. In addition to finding the newsletter online, various permits, licenses, announcements, news items and calendars are also available.

Residents can view the newsletter online and enroll to have it delivered to their

inbox by visiting www.bethalto.com.

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can avail themselves to this information from the comfort of their homes, work, or anywhere they can access a computer and the Internet. As the site evolves, more useful tools will be added to make it even easier for residents to obtain the information they need on a regular basis.