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The Village logo was designed to be representative of not only historical Bethalto, but also the newer and more progressive era.

The old Village Hall at the top was built in 1874 and is now listed on the National Historical Register as the oldest, still standing, and functional municipal building in Madison County. The building was chosen to represent the historical roots of our community. It originally housed the official offices and also served as the “jailhouse”. The upstairs meeting room was home to our public library for a considerable period of time. The building currently is the location of our historical museum.

The coal truck and train represent the rich coal mining industry that dominated the early days of the village. The coal was shipped out of town on the railroad, which bisected the village running east and west. Most people know the old train track area as Plegge Boulevard, now affectionately called the “Expressway”.

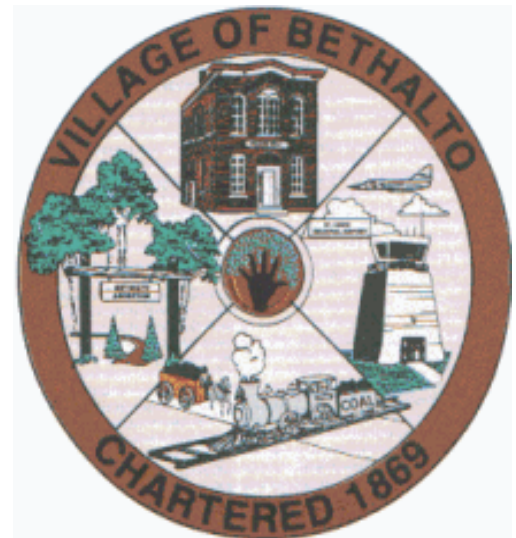
The arboretum was developed in 1966 (the land was part of the railroad right-of-way), and was one of few in the area. It represents the growth and progressive nature of the community. A directory of the trees and bushes is available in the mayor’s and clerk’s offices. A beautiful place to stroll or power walk, its maturation only makes

the experience more pleasant each time you visit.

The airport signifies growth and the ability of Bethalto to take flight

and continue to soar to be the best community in which to live and work. Its small beginning, and continued steady growth, has developed it into one of the more highly recognized and economically important airports in the St. Louis metro area.

The center portion depicts the logo of our civic organization known as Bethalto Spirit. Spirit is a diverse group of citizens coming together to better the quality of life in our fine town. The trunk of the tree is a hand raised in volunteerism, the leaves represent the citizens of our village, and the jet is soaring into the sky to show progress.



Welcome...

Perched upon the edge of the rolling Illinois prairie is your new home - the Village of Bethalto. Low green hills and picturesque farms frame this attractive community of nearly 10,000 residents. We are a bedroom community and one of the three fastest-growing communities in Madison County.

The peaceful setting and relaxed lifestyle make Bethalto an ideal place to raise a family. Yet, it's close proximity to the rest of the St. Louis metropolitan area means that your family will never exhaust the tremendous variety of cultural opportunities and entertainment nearby.

Bethalto is home to the St. Louis Regional Airport, where an office and industrial park's expansion in the last few years has helped pour thousands of dollars into the tax base of the Village. The Village also boasts a beautiful arboretum - home to trees and plants from around the world, a boon to the nature



buff. Just south of the Village Hall is an extensive public library containing more than 30,000 volumes of books, as well as videotapes, cassettes, magazines,

and computers.

Through the week, it's common to find a variety of activities occurring at the community senior citizen's center. A van is available for transporting seniors to and from doctor's appointments, beauty shop appointments, grocery shopping, etc. Reservations can be made by calling 377-5859 a day in advance. Activities include pinochle, potlucks, dinner dances (requiring reservations at least a week in advance), and line dancing lessons offered twice a week.

Bethalto is home to several parks - the largest of which is located on Culp Lane. A three-quarter-mile walking path encircles a stocked fishing lake, children's playground and pavilion, with ample green space. Behind the Village Hall rests the Village Park where weddings take place at the gazebo, summer concerts are performed at the bandstand, the Jaycees

play host to the annual Country Fair, the Rotary Club holds it's annual Easter Egg Hunt, and the Homecoming Association holds it's annual Labor Day Homecoming.



The Village also cares a great deal about its youth. We have a municipal swimming pool, lighted tennis courts, skateboard park, a soccer field, a newly remodeled basketball court and a number of ball diamonds where more than 2,000 boys and girls participate each year in summer games. We have an active Boys & Girls Club, Rainbow Girls, 4-H Clubs, and of course, Girl Scout and Boy Scout Troops.

Bethalto's Public Schools are second to none. From pre-school to a four-year comprehensive university, our region offers a multitude of educational opportunities. The local school district offers an excellent high school, middle school, and neighbor-



hood grade schools. In addition, there are two parochial schools located within

village limits - Roman Catholic and Lutheran. Nearby is Lewis and Clark Community College, a two-year junior college, whose vocational graduates are employed throughout the area. Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, a four-year institution offering bachelor, master and doctorate degrees in many fields, is only minutes away. Within a 15-minute drive, you can learn dentistry, become a beautician, learn to dance or take flying lessons. The spiritual needs of our community are served by churches of varying denominations. A listing is found in this publication.

Bethalto was founded in 1834, incorporated April 19, 1869 under a special charter and again in 1873 under the State of Illinois' general law. It is governed by a Village President and six (6) trustees elected at large.

We are pleased that you have chosen to locate in Bethalto and we hope you and your family will be too. Contact information for your elected officials is listed in this publication. Don't hesitate to call any of them if you have a problem.

History

Three words sum up the early history of Bethalto: grain, coal and trains. The first settlers in the area arrived in the early 19th century and found a land blessed with rich soil and various outcroppings of coal. The construction of the Alton-Terre Haute Railroad in the mid 1850s ensured Bethalto's destiny as a farming and mining center.



It was around 1809 when large numbers of settlers arrived in this area -- many of them Dutch and German settlers who came to farm. Indians were also found in the area, so numerous at one time along Indian Creek that there were Kickapoo villages, and that creek became named after the Indians. Many Indian relics have been found in that vicinity. Block houses were built in case protection might be needed, but there were few problems and only one recorded massacre in 1814.

Bethalto was favored in many ways to become an early settlement. It had good soil for growing grain and all needed food. There was a good vein of coal which had outcroppings that were discovered at an early date.



There was a healthy growth of timber, especially on the west, north and south sides of the site which included oak,

hickory, walnut and other trees suitable for making building materials. The roads were also better than usual in a time when trails were the roads and ferries were the bridges. Game was plentiful, with an abundance of squirrels, rabbits, turkey, prairie hens and other game.

About the time that the railroad was being constructed in the 1840s and 1850s, the population

had grown to the point that it was necessary to plat further development. The first plat was laid out by Joe Starkey and was recorded on June 23, 1854. This is considered to be the humble beginning for Bethalto.

At one time, a railroad track was located where Erwin Plegge Expressway is today. The railroad, the second one built in Madison County, passed through the center of town and was responsible for the growth of Bethalto. The town consisted of four blocks facing the railroad -- West Main and Sherman Streets on the south and Mill and Third (now Central) to Oak Street on the north.

The railroad, built between 1854 and 1856, was extended to St. Louis and was known as the St. Louis & Terre Haute. Later, it was taken over by the Big Four and then the New York Central. Railroads were the major transportation before the days of the car. Therefore, most towns were located near a railroad.

The railroad linked Bethalto to the Mississippi



River so the people could market flour and coal. The opening of the rail line through Bethalto enabled the coal

milled here to be transported to a dock on the Mississippi River near what is now the town of Hartford. From there, coal was carried by steamboat to towns throughout the Midwest. This encouraged the development of more mines. At one time, there were at least 40 mines in or near Bethalto.

Yankee Diggins, one of the largest coal mines in the state of Illinois, was located in Bethalto. During the Civil War in 1861-1865, mine production was down. Following the Civil War, coal production rose; but by 1900, almost all the mines were gone. One by one, they closed during the first decades of the 20th century as the coal supply was depleted and the market diminished. Today, there are no coal mines operating anywhere in Madison County.

Mills also formed a very important part of Bethalto's early history. Construction of the railroad through the Village proved to be as pivotal for the milling industry as it had been for coal mining. At one time, Bethalto was one of the most important flour milling towns in the nation and was home to the largest mill in Illinois.

As the 20th century progressed, Bethalto underwent a gentle transformation. Flour milling and coal mining gave way to corn and soybean farms and industry. Transportation remained a major factor in the Village's development, however, the methods changed.

Construction began in 1946 on what was then called Walston Aviation. Now known as St. Louis Regional Airport, subsequent expansion and addition of an office and industrial park are helping to propel Bethalto, into the future.

The railroad era ended for Bethalto in 1966. The right-of-way was offered to the Village by the New York Central Railroad Company, which last operated the line. The Village did not have the \$15,000 the rail company was asking for the 32 acres of land, so Bethalto National Bank stepped in and provided assistance for the purchase. This made possible the cross-town Expressway, a new home for the bank and a park and arboretum for the Village.

While Bethalto has moved forward, the Village has not forgotten its past. The old Village Hall, built



in 1873 and enlarged in 1885, is a two-story brick Victorian/Italianate town hall. It is the oldest governmental building still in use in Madison County. Recognizing its historical significance, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987 and serves as our Bethalto Museum. The city's tiny one-room jail can still be seen today. The Museum contains exhibits on Bethalto's past including the role of its citizens in World Wars I and II. Other exhibits include the founding of the town, the annual Homecoming Celebration, and a recreated classroom from the past.

In 1998, a fire at a local home revealed a perfectly



protected log cabin within the structure. State historical preservationists estimate that the cabin was built in the mid-1800s.

Bethalto's school children were asked by the Bethalto Rotary Club to help raise the funds needed to move and restore the cabin to its present site next to the Museum. The "History Makes Cents" campaign collected more than one million pennies (\$10,000.) The Bethalto Log Cabin stands as a symbol of the village's pioneer past as well as the resourcefulness of its present youth.

Bethalto Spirit Group

Annual Bethalto Spirit
Christmas Walk
Community Choir / Orchestra
Concert

*2nd Sunday in December
Bethalto Village Center*

Summer Concerts
in the Park

*Watch for dates in the Village newsletter at
www.bethalto.com*

Join Bethalto Spirit!
Choose from six groups...

- Residential Development
- Educational Resource
- Village Center Group
- Human Enrichment
- Resource Development
- Beautification

For information call: 377-0767



Village Hall

Mayor's Office 377-8220
Clerk's Office 377-8723
Village Hall 377-8051
Zoning Administrator 377-7697
Website: www.bethalto.com

The village offices are located at 213 North Prairie Street. There you will find the offices of the mayor, village clerk, and zoning administrator. The police, fire and civil defense departments are also located at this address. The mayor and clerk's offices are open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Services include:

- voter registration
- dog tags
- notary service
- building & occupancy permits
- business licenses
- zoning requests
- burn and garage sale permits
- and reservations of the Community Room and Senior Citizens Center.

Police Department

377-5266
377-5267

Bethalto is proud to have a fine full-time police department serving the community. An officer is sent to the local grade schools for the D.A.R.E. program. An officer also serves as the school resource officer at the high school. The animal control officer is also based at the police station and may be reached by dialing 377-5266. Sponsorship of Explorer Post 500 allows the youth of the community to become involved with the aspects of law enforcement at an early age. The department provides a multitude of services including: bicycle registration, checks of

residences while owners are out of town, disposal of old ammunition and firearms, and installation of car seats for children.

Public Works

377-8013
377-2310

The Public Works Department office at 101 S. Prairie Street., houses both the water and street department. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

WATER SERVICE: Water service may be obtained in your home or business by completing an application at the public works department. You will be billed monthly for water, sewer and refuse. An after-hours drop box at the front of the building is available for payment of your bill. There is also a drive-up window for your convenience. **EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY** after 5 p.m. and before 8 a.m., and the entire weekend at 972-6274.

LARGE ITEM DROP OFF AREA: The public works department provides a place where residents may drop off large items (sofas, chairs, old appliances, etc.) at 1100 Albers Lane. A public works employee will be available to unlock the gate, Monday through Thursday. Please call the water office first.

SPRING AND FALL CLEANUP: Each spring and fall, the village provides a major cleanup free to its residents. At that time, on your first weekly trash pickup day, our trash hauler will provide curbside pickup of old furniture, etc. Watch for the notices on your water bills, in the newspapers, and on the sign board in front of village hall.

BRUSH PICKUP: The village provides one (1) hour per year of free brush pickup and chipping. Any time beyond an hour is charged at \$50.00 per hour in one-half hour intervals. Call the public works department at 377-8013 or 377-2310 to be placed on the brush list.

LEAVES: Weather permitting, the public works department will provide curbside vacuuming of leaves from October through January and again in April. If you do not wish to use the vacuum, you may contract with our waste hauler, Allied Waste, directly at (618) 656-6883. The hauler requires that the leaves be

bagged in biodegradable paper bags. No plastic bags will be accepted.

SNOW REMOVAL: When two inches or more of new snow has accumulated, plowing operations will begin. When snow removal begins, all parked cars must be removed from the streets marked “snow route” until the street surface has been completely plowed.

TRASH COLLECTION: The village has contracted with Allied Waste (618-656-6883) to collect trash twice weekly. There is also curbside recycling pickup on the first day of your weekly trash pickup. Billing for trash collection appears on your water bill.

Fire Department

377-6421

Emergency: Dial 911

The Bethalto Volunteer Fire Department is located at 213 N. Prairie St. Each member of the fire department is trained in firefighting, emergency medical care/treatment, hazardous materials and technical rescue abilities.

Members of the department train weekly to keep their skills up to date and focus on training for new technologies, first responders. They also participate in regional trainings as available. Members of the department also play a part in the Madison County Hazardous Materials Response Team and serve on many regional task forces. Due to the dedication of the fire department, the Village’s insurance rating (ISO) is a 5.

The Fire Department also participates in the community; playing an important role in the Bethalto Homecoming which is held every Labor Day weekend. Members of the fire department host various fire prevention activities during Fire Prevention Month in the October. Members also conduct fire safety and school inspections.

If you are interested in joining the fire department stop by on a Monday night during trainings at the fire station or call 377-6421.

Senior Citizens Center

377-5859

377-5263

Bethalto has one of the nicest senior citizen’s cen-

ter in the area and it is always in demand. It is located at 100 East Central and is available for use by our residents and our close neighbors whose tax dollars help support the building.

Through Madison County, Fort Russell Township, Wood River Township, and the Village of Bethalto, the senior citizens have a handicapped-accessible van at their disposal for doctor appointments, hair appointments, trips to the grocery store, etc. To make arrangements for the van to pick you up, call 377-5859 before noon one day prior to your appointment. The van is for use by residents ages 55 and older.

The seniors are a lively group who have lots of fun, so don’t hesitate to join their organization. The group holds monthly potluck meetings on the first Tuesday of each month. The Village Clerk’s office maintains the calendar for rental of the senior citizens building, as well as all other public buildings. Please call the administrative assistant at 377-8051 if you wish to use any public facility.

Bethalto Swimming Pool

The Town & Country Swimming Pool is located at 325 E. Central Street. It opens Memorial Day weekend, weather permitting, and closes the weekend before Labor Day. The pool is open from 1-8 p.m. daily. Swimming lessons are available during the morning hours. The pool may also be rented after closing for private parties



Bethalto Museum

The Bethalto Museum located at 124 W. Main Street served as the village hall until a new village hall was built. In 1987, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. After several years of renovation, it became Bethalto’s museum. It is open Saturdays from 1-4 p.m., or by appointment by calling Arvel Fowler at 377-9944.

Bethalto Library

The Bethalto Public Library is its own library district which includes Cottage Hills, Meadowbrook,

Moro, Midway, and other surrounding towns. It is located at 321 S. Prairie Street and is open daily. Library cards are issued free to all residents in the district. Over 30,000 volumes are available, as well as computers, an audio visual room, CD-ROM, a new popular materials section, a lower-level community room, and varied children's programs throughout the year. A monthly newsletter is available by mail by calling the library. Notary service, voter registration, income tax forms, and use of typewriter/computer and a fax machine is also available. Visit the Website at www.bethaltolibrary.org

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the regulations/requirements for pet owners? Is there a leash law in Bethalto?

Yes, the Village has a leash law. The owner or keeper of a dog or cat shall keep the animal under restraint or fenced at all times and shall not permit such animal to be at large. Every person owning a dog shall pay to the Village Clerk on or before May 1st, an annual fee of \$2.00. In residential zoning districts, a combination of not more than three dogs, cats, rabbits or other domestic animals may be kept as pets by the occupant(s) of a dwelling.

When do I need a building permit?

A building permit is required if you are building a new home, doing a room addition, finishing a base-

ment, building a garage, adding a new deck or porch, adding a roof over an existing deck or patio, installing a swimming pool (in-ground or above ground) or doing an electrical upgrade. Permits are not needed for fences or the replacement of shingles on an existing roof. Permits are available at the Clerk's office. If you have any questions, call the Zoning Administrator at 377-7697.

Am I required to have a fence if I have a swimming pool?

Yes. Every swimming pool, including above ground pools that are more than two (2') feet deep, shall be enclosed by a wall or fence at least four (4') feet in height. The passage through such wall or fence shall be equipped with a self-closing lockable gate.

Do I need to acquire a permit for a yard/garage sale?

Yes. Garage and/or yard sales are permitted on single-family residential premises after receipt of a permit from the Zoning Administrator. Such sales shall be limited to not more than twice per calendar year for a duration not exceeding two days for each occurrence. All signs displayed for such sales shall be removed within 12 hours of the close of the sale. Permits are available in the Clerk's office.

If you have any questions, please call the Clerk's office at 377-8723. Office hours are Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m.—5 p.m.



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!

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

Local Elected Officials

Village President/Mayor

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Bethalto, IL 62010
Chester Schilling Fire Chief
213 N. Prairie Street
Bethalto, IL 62010

May 2009 Appointments

1-Year Appointments

Fire Chief Chester Schilling
1st Asst. Fire Chief.....Rich Mersinger
2nd Asst. Fire Chief Andy Beiermann
Emer. Servcs & Disaster Coord.Rich Mersinger
Ast. Emer. Servcs & Disaster Coord. Chester Schilling
Police Chief.....(Walter) Alan Winslow
Public Works Director..... Joseph Ricci
Zoning & Code Enforcement.....Rich Mersinger
Asst. Zone & Code Enforcement Joseph Ricci
Building Inspector..... Lee Friedel
Electrical InspectorLarry Carr
Plumbing Inspector Greg Fowler
Fire Inspector Rich mersinger
Village Attorney Kenneth Balsters
Village Treasurer Joseph Schoppet

Committees (*Chaiman)

Liquor Commission *Steve Bryant
Gerald Bourland, Linda Oldendorph

Finance, Revenue & Ordinances..... *Gerald Bourland
Perry Withers, Don Flack

Street, Alleys & Sidewalks *Jeff Mull
Linda Oldendorph, Don Flack

Employee Relations *Don Flack
Perry Withers, Gerald Bourland

Utilities, Water, Sewer, Refuse *Bob DiPaolo
Jeff Mull, Don Flack

Police, Fire, Public Safety..... *Linda Oldendorph
Gerald Bourland, Don Flack

Recreation, Parks, Public Bldgs..... *Perry Withers
Don Flack, Jeff Mull

Equipment Inspection, Acquisition.....*Bob DiPaolo
Perry Withers, Linda Oldendorph

Residential/Commercial Bldg. Plans*Jeff Mull
Perry Withers, Bob DiPaolo

**Mayor is Ex-Officio Member of all Committees

Resources

Village Board of Trustees' meetings are open to the public and held at 7:15 p.m. on the 1st Monday of each month in the Council Room at the Village Hall. If the meeting date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting is held the next day, Tuesday.

Water Board meetings are open to the public and held at 7 p.m. on the 1st Monday of the month immediately preceding the Village Board meetings in the Council Room of Village Hall.

Bethalto Townships include Wood River and Fort Russell. Prairie Street is the dividing line and residents living on the west side of Prairie Street are a part of Wood River Township; those living on the east side of Prairie Street are a part of Fort Russell Township.

Fort Russell Township Supervisor Kevin McRae
377-5660

Fort Russell Township AssessorSandra Strohmeier
377-8260

Wood River Township SupervisorCathy Nevels
259-2366

Wood River Township Assessor.....Thelma Kochan
259-1532

Post Office

Bethalto Post Office
115 W. Central Street - 377-8714
Hours - Monday—Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday, 9 a.m. to Noon
Lobby Box open 24 hours

Driver's License Facility

The Illinois Secretary of State's office provides driver's license examinations, vehicle titles and registrations, and license sticker renewals. You may also sign up as an organ donor. The driver's license facility is located at St. Louis Regional Airport, 20 Terminal

Drive, East Alton. The telephone number is 258-0600.

Emissions Testing

The State of Illinois requires that all Bethalto residents submit their vehicles for emissions testing. You will be notified by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office as to when to have your vehicle tested. The closest Emissions Testing Center is at 230 North Old St. Louis Road, Wood River. The facility is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call (1-800-383-9592).

Newspapers

The Telegraph 111 E. Broadway
Alton, IL 62002
463-2500

St. Louis Post Dispatch900 N. Tucker Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63101
800-365-0820

The Pioneer213 West Main St.
Staunton, IL 62088
635-3172

Hospitals

Alton Memorial Hospital1 Memorial Drive
Alton, IL 62002
463-7311

St. Anthony's Hospital St. Anthony Way
Alton, IL 62002
465-2571

St. Clare's Hospital915 E. Fifth Street
Alton, IL 62002
463-5151

Public Assistance

Ill. Dept. of Public Aid.....608 W. St. Louis Ave.
East Alton, IL 62024
258-1660

Ft. Russell Township..... 113 Cross Creek Dr.
Bethalto, IL 62010
377-5660

Wood River Township.....49 S. Ninth Street
East Alton, IL 62024
259-2366

Bethalto Ministerial Alliance 377-6472

Utilities

Gas & Electric..... AmerenIP
800-755-5000
ElectricSouthwestern Electric Cooperative
Small portion of southeastern Bethalto
800-637-8667
Telephone Service..... AT & T
800-244-444
Cable Television..... Charter Communications
508 Niagara
East Alton, IL 62024
251-2660

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207 State House
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(217) 782-0244

Lt. Governor Vacant
207 State House
Springfield, IL 62706
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Springfield, IL 62756
(800) 252-8980

Comptroller Dan Hynes
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(217) 782-6000

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219 State House
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500 South Second Street
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Senate

51st Senate District

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Greenville, IL 62246
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See what's new
at the
Village Web site
www.bethalto.com

Illinois General Assembly

309 A Capitol Building
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56th Senate District

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Bethalto Historical Museum

Open Second & Fourth
Saturdays 1-4 p.m.,
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Call Arvel Fowler at 377-9944

Bethalto Community Unit #8 Schools

Our mission: to inspire all students to achieve their greatest potential.

Bethalto Community Unit District #8 serves the educational needs of the community with pride, providing a broad range of instructional programs, implemented by a concerned staff of faculty and administrators who are dedicated to bringing out the best in each student.

Bethalto public schools provide educational services for students from the Village of Bethalto and the neighboring communities of Cottage Hills, Meadowbrook, and Forest Homes. The primary mission of the school system is to provide the best quality education for students so that they may assume their roles as knowledgeable and productive individuals who will serve the best interests of our democratic society.

Buildings throughout the district are attractive, well-maintained, and air conditioned. Each attendance center has a computer/media center, audio-visual materials, gymnasium (equipped with physical education equipment), and a commons/cafeteria area. Included at Civic Memorial High School is a theater auditorium.

Parents or guardians seeking to enroll a child in one of the district's schools must provide a birth certificate and proof of immunization. Physical examinations are required by the opening day of school for children entering kindergarten, fifth and ninth grades. A child who will be five years old on or before September 1st. may enter kindergarten.

Bethalto's elementary schools provide a program designed to encourage each student to achieve to the highest level of his or her ability. Reading and mathematics are stressed at all grade levels. Recognizing students' accomplishments and using methods and materials appropriate to the child's level of ability provide an environment which enhances students' self confidence and self respect. All of the elementary attendance centers provide an enrichment program for the academically gifted, as identified by testing and by their teachers. Federally funded Title 1 services are provided for remedial reading in schools that qualify for those services.

At the middle school level, the major academic emphasis is on language arts, math, science and social studies. Also included are encore classes Students

take art, music and physical education classes and are offered the opportunity to take part in band and chorus. The gifted program continues, with accelerated math and English classes available to talented students. Title 1 reading services are also provided. D.A.R.E. programs at the intermediate level are designed to combat drug/alcohol abuse by helping students acquire good decision making skills, good communication skills and enhanced self-esteem.

To best prepare students with different interests, abilities and career plans, Civic Memorial High School offers three basic curricula: College prep, vocational/technical, and general. More than 100 different courses are offered. In addition, Civic Memorial utilizes the Block 8 schedule plan. Under Block 8, students attend class for 85 minutes on alternate day rotations. This system allows students the opportunity to earn credit in 8 different classes each semester.

The college bound student may take four years of English classes, some sections of which are designated as honors English and are designed to challenge the verbally gifted student. Math classes through the level of calculus and science courses including physics, biology and chemistry are offered. Computer classes provide the computer literacy essential in today's world. Two foreign languages - French and Spanish - are taught, as well as numerous social studies classes. Art, chorus, band, drama, journalism, public speaking - all these classes are available for the interested student. There are college level courses offered in english, math, and psychology which carry dual credit.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The high school student who is oriented toward vocational training can take a variety of business, home economics and industrial occupation classes. Some shop classes and business classes offer college credit through Lewis and Clark Community College.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Bethalto Community Unit #8 is one of 11 school districts which are members of Region III, Special Education Cooperative. The district maintains its own programs for mild to moderate disabilities and utilizes Region III programs for children with moderate to severe disabilities. The district also supports children with severe disabilities in day school programs and residential placements.

Resources include barrier free environments;

speech, hearing, physical and occupational therapists; social workers and psychologists; access to state and federally funded facilities and placement in day or residential programs.

Child find activities are conducted to identify children with special needs. Parents of children aged three to five may have their children assessed to see if the child is developing as expected. School aged children may be referred for individual evaluation. Hearing and visual screenings are provided yearly for students receiving special education services and at routine intervals for all other students.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITES

- Home Economics (related occupations)
- Student Council
- Office Occupations
- Future Homemakers of America
- Science Club
- Art Club
- Drill Team
- Varsity Club
- Key Club
- Drama Club
- French Club
- National Honor Society
- Health Careers Club
- Pep Club
- Spanish Club

High School students enjoy dances held after basketball games, the homecoming dance and coronation in the fall, and junior-senior prom and after-prom provided by the parents in the Spring.

SPORTS

CMHS students, both male and female, have the opportunity to develop their athletic abilities as members of teams in the following sports: football, soccer, baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, softball, volleyball, track, wrestling and cross country.

We also have a very active Drill Team called the Purple Pazzazz who entertains at half-time at football and basketball games and also competes regularly. They have brought home state and national championships in more than one category.

Students at Trimpe Middle School compete in football, basketball, volleyball, wrestling, and track and field.

The Eagle Pride Booster Club is a group of enthu-

siastic parents who support the athletic programs at both Trimpe Middle School and CMHS. Bethalto has good reason to be proud of its fine athletes who have competed successfully over the years.

THE CREATIVE ARTS

Students interested in the arts have opportunities to let their talents grow and develop. Drama students at the high school produce two plays each year. Band students' talents are utilized in local parades and at football half-time shows. The annual Fine Arts Festival and the Christmas program allow students' artwork and musical abilities to be enjoyed by the community.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

A seven-member Board of Education elected by the voters in the District meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Simpson Administrative Center Board Room. Regular meetings are open to the public. The Board welcomes citizen attendance at these meetings and time is set aside on the agenda for citizen participation.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Administration

Administration Building
 601 Texas Blvd.
 Bethalto, IL 652010
 377-7200
 Website: www.bethalto.org

Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Sandra Wilson
 Educational Director Dr. Cindy Blasa
 Director of Special Education Danette Peach

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Civic Memorial High School 377-7230
 200 School Street
 Wilbur Trimpe Middle School 377-7240
 910 Second Street
 Bethalto East Primary 377-7250
 309 Albers Place
 Bethalto West Intermediate 377-7260
 101 School Street
 Parkside Primary 377-4100
 600 E. Central
 Meadowbrook Intermediate 377-7270
 111 West Roosevelt Street

Transportation/Maintenance Dept..... 259-2549
 Guidance Office 377-7230
 Director of Health Services.....377-7200 Ext. 211
 Wellness Program 377-7247
 Special Education Coordinator377-7200 Ext. 211
 Athletic Director 377-7235

PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Zion Lutheran School 377-5507
 625 Church Drive
 Queen of Peace Catholic School..... 377-6401
 132 Butcher

WEATHER RELATED SCHOOL CLOSINGS

When severe weather makes it necessary to cancel, you can hear the announcement on the following radio stations:

- KTRS 550AM
- WRTH 590AM
- WBGZ 1570AM
- KMOX 1120AM
- WLCA 89.9FM

State & Regional Education Services

Illinois State Board of Education.....(217) 782-2221
 Springfield, IL
 Madison County Education Service Region. 692-6200
 Ext. 4530
 Edwardsville, IL
 Regional Superintendent of Schools..... 692-6200
 Regional III Special Education Cooperative. 462-1031

Colleges & Universities

Lewis and Clark Community College..... 466-3411
 Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville 692-2000

Bethalto Area Churches

Assembly of God

Cornerstone Church 196 S. Moreland Road
 Bethalto
 377-7625
 FAX: 377-8973

Meadowbrook Assembly of God... 101 Neunaber Dr.
 Meadowbrook
 377-8733

Baptist

First Baptist Church 201 S. Moreland Road
 Bethalto
 377-6472

FAX: 377-6682

Bethalto General Baptist 820 S. Prairie
 Bethalto
 377-5751

FAX: 377-5832

First Southern Baptist Church 105 Fairway
 Meadowbrook
 377-9831

Bible Baptist Church 11 W. McArthur Drive
 Cottage Hills
 259-4196

First Baptist Church 200 N. Williams
 Cottage Hills
 259-2400

FAX: 259-2425

Cottage Hills Baptist Church 43 Neunaber Street
 Cottage Hills
 259-6512

First Southern Baptist Church 1434 Fourth Street
 Cottage Hills
 259-2388

FAX: 259-2390

First General Baptist 166 East Airline Drive
 East Alton
 259-6499

Holiday Shores Baptist Church 6251 Moro Road
 Holiday Shores
 377-7729

Catholic

Our Lady Queen of Peace 132 Butcher
 Bethalto
 377-6519

FAX: 377-9550

Christian

First Christian Church 724 Bethalto Boulevard
 Bethalto
 377-9259

FAX: 377-9350

Church of God

Church of God 800 E. Bethalto Drive
 Bethalto
 377-3070

FAX: 377-3072

First Church of God..... 222 Maple Drive
Meadowbrook
377-8804

Heart's Harvest 111 Sheridan Street
Bethalto
377-8277

Lutheran

Zion Lutheran625 Church Drive
Bethalto
377-8314
FAX: 377-8740
Concordia Lutheran21 Circle Drive
Cottage Hills
259-2911

Pentecostal

Landmark Worship Center..... 123 West Sherman
Bethalto
377-2300

Presbyterian

Bethalto United Presbyterian..... 15 Nelson Drive
Bethalto
377-5317
Moro Presbyterian Church402 West Moro Drive
Moro
377-6395

United Methodist

Bethalto United Methodist 240 East Sherman
Bethalto
377-8413
FAX: 377-9414
St. Paul's United Methodist.....10 N. Center Street
Rosewood Heights
259-5210

United Church of Christ

St. John's United Church of Christ.....7456 Lake
Midway
377-9288
FAX: 377-8963

Non-Denominational

Grace Community Church.....20 Harvel Court
Cottage Hills
258-8633
Riverbend Calvary Chapel.....400 N. Center
Rosewood Heights
258-7211

Municipal & Civic Meetings

Municipal Government Meetings

Water Board First Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Village Board First Tuesday, 7:15 p.m.
Plan Commission Second Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board Third Tuesday, 7 p.m.
Committees Third Monday as needed

Clubs & Civic Organizations

American Legion Post 214.....109 S. Prairie
377-3089
Fourth Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.
American Legion Auxiliary109 S. Prairie
377-3089
Fourth Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Boys 4-H Senior Citizens Center, 100 E. Central
377-8197
Fourth Monday, 7 p.m.
Girls 4-H Senior Citizens Center, 100 E. Central
377-8588
First Monday, 6:30 p.m.
Boys & Girls Club 322 E. Central
377-6030
Second Monday, 7 p.m.
Boys Scouts..... 377-6011
DemolayMasonic Temple, 455 S. Prarie St.
First & Third Monday, 7 p.m.
Eastern StarMasonic Temple,
Second Monday, 7:30 p.m.
Girl ScoutsNeighborhood Bluffs, Dist. 6
377-6963
Jaycees 377-9226
KiwanisGiacolone's Bistro, 128 W. Central
377-0767
Tuesdays, noon
Knights of Columbus400 Rue Beau Chateau
377-3034
Second & Fourth Monday
Masons Masonic Temple, 455 S. Prairie
First & Third Thursday, 7 p.m.
Mississippi Valley Garden Club..... 377-1351
Rainbow Girls Masonic Temple, 455 S. Prairie
Second & Fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Rotary.....Airport Restaurant
 Wednesdays, 6:30 a.m.
 Senior Citizens.....Senior Center, 100 E. Central
 377-3859
 First Tuesday, 11 a.m.
 Bethalto Spirit.....Historical Museum, 124 W. Main
 Second Tuesday, 7 p.m.
 T.O.P.S.Community Room, Village Hall
 377-8584
 Mondays, 5:30 p.m.

T.O.P.S.Bethalto United Methodist Church
 240 E. Sherman
 Thursdays, 5:30 p.m.
 Weight Watchers
 First Christian Church, 724 Bethalto Blvd.
 377-9259
 Tuesdays, 10 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Women’s Club.....Senior Center, 100 E. Central
 Second Tuesday 7:30 p.m.



CURBSIDE RECYCLING



Call 656-6883 if you have any questions
 Please Adhere To The Following Guidelines

ACCEPTABLE PAPER PRODUCTS:

- Corrugated Cardboard (no waxed cardboard)
 - Please break boxes down and tie with twine (no larger than 2'X3').
- Mixed Office Paper (no metal clips, spirals, or binders)
- Junk Mail
- Newspaper & Gift Wrap (remove plastic sleeves from newspaper)
- Chipboard(cereal boxes, Soda cases, etc.)
- Magazines, Catalogs, Telephone & Paperback Books

ACCEPTABLE CONTAINERS:

- Aluminum and Tin Cans
- Glass Bottles (Green, Amber, Clear)
- Plastic Bottles (with #1,2,3,4,5 & 7 in the recycle symbol)
 Colored HDPE (Detergent bottles, Bleach bottles, etc.)

Please remove the caps from the milk, detergent, and soda bottles
 Please rinse all bottles and cans. Place them, loose, in the recycling bin

Examples of Unacceptable Recycle Material:

- Food Contaminated packaging, such as pizza boxes and food wrappers
- Containers previously containing products such as cooking or motor oil
- Styrofoam products, disposable diapers and plastic grocery bags