

The Illinois Trekkers invite you to walk with us in downtown Belleville, Illinois on New Year's Eve 2017. Belleville is French meaning "beautiful city". Most of the population, however, is of German heritage. Join us for a walk along Main Street (claimed to be America's longest continuous Main Street). True or not, it is the longest in Illinois! We will walk the Downtown part of Main Street all decked out for the holidays, The Veterans Memorial Fountain on the Square will be lit and decorated and there will be lights over the street to brighten the night. Be sure to check out the annual Gingerbread Contest creations in the store windows.

**START LOCATION**: Balance Coffee and Tea, 732 South Illinois Street (Illinois Highway 159), Belleville, Illinois.

**START TIME**: 5 p.m. − 6 p.m.

Please Note: Registration will ONLY be from 5-6 p.m.

**FINISH TIME**: Must be finished by 8 p.m.

**TRAIL**: There are two 5k loops, both on city sidewalks and rated 1A. This is a winter walk so dress accordingly.

A flashlight is recommended since this is a night walk.

**AWARD**: IVV credit is given for the walk.

**REGISTRATION**: Everyone is welcome to participate in this event for the fee of \$3. An adult must accompany children age 12 & under. All participants must check-in at the Registration Table & receive a start card. There is no refund for monies paid. Pets are welcome, but

must be kept on a leash. Pets are not allowed in the coffee shop.

DINNER RESERVATIONS: After the walk we will gather at at the 4204 Main Street Brewing Company at 4204 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois. If you plan to join us for dinner you must make reservations by calling or emailing Susan or Nikki by Wednesday, December 20th . Please Note: We will be in the Party Room at the back of the restaurant. The Party Room will be available at 7 p.m. for cocktails and dinner at 8 p.m. The restaurant will close at 10 p.m.

INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions and reservations: Susan Hodgson, 618-416-5533, email <a href="lkcs246@gmail.com">lkcs246@gmail.com</a> or Nikki Wilcoxen, 618-973-3825, email <a href="njwilcoxen@aol.com">njwilcoxen@aol.com</a>

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Illinois Trekkers website is www.illinois-trekkers.org

**DISCLAIMER**: AVA and the sponsors of this event are not liable for accidents, thefts or material damages. Every effort will be made by the sponsors to make this a safe, enjoyable & memorable event.

**MISCELLANEOUS**: Refreshments and restrooms are available at the Start/Finish.

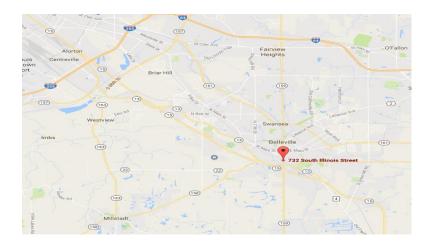
**SPECIAL PROGRAMS:** Honoring Our Flag, Walking the USA A-Z.

Start 2018 by walking many of the YREs (16+)available within immediate Metro-East IL/St. Louis area.





**DIRECTIONS AND MAP:** I-64 exit 12 (IL-159). Follow IL-159 S. Continue through Swansea to downtown Belleville. After going around Fountain (circle) continue on IL-159S (Illinois Street) to 732 Illinois Street (Train Depot) on left.





Start Point: Balance Coffee and Tea 732 South Illinois Street Belleville, Illinois

Thank you for being there for the Illinois Trekkers

## Holiday/New Year's Eve Annual Walk & Dinner

A non-competitive 5k & 10k Walk Credit Only



## Presented by Illinois Trekkers Sunday, December 31, 2017

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