

**Directions:**

FROM INTERSTATE 64:

Take exit Route 159 South (Fairview Heights/Belleville). Follow Route 159 several miles until you reach the fountain roundabout. At roundabout continue straight to first stoplight (Washington.) Turn left on Washington. Go two blocks. The parking lot will be on your left across from Papa Vito's. Follow signs to Toot's Candy.  
FROM ROUTE 15: Take Route 159 exit, follow 159 north to Washington St. Turn right, go two blocks. The parking lot will be on your left across from Papa Vito's. Follow signs to Toot's Candy.

**Web Sites:**

Gateway Milers----- [www.gatewaymilers.org](http://www.gatewaymilers.org)

AVA Headquarters----- [www.ava.org](http://www.ava.org)

# Mardi Gras Madness

Saturday, March 2, 2019

Belleville, Illinois



5K, 10K, distances Rating: 1A

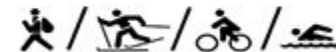
EVENT: MA19-113412

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*Special Event: Make a Wish-Water Fountains, Walk in a City Park,  
Walking the United States, Walk the USA street by street, A-Z*



Eligible for credit toward IVV Achievement Awards



## Welcome to Mardi Gras Madness

Follow our trail and visit downtown stores to collect beads and stamps in your Mardi Gras passport. Turn in your passport at our finish point to receive a sampling of traditional Mardi Gras cuisine such as Red beans and rice, Étouffée, jambalaya and King cake.

Gateway Milers, we make walking fun!

**PASSPORTS:** Purchase a Mardi Gras Passport for **\$4.00**.

*Passports are limited so preregistration is recommended.*

**START LOCATION:**

**Toot's Cake Decorating and Candy Supply**, 314 East Main St, Belleville IL 62220 (see map on back cover) **Enter from the rear on Washington Street.**

**PARKING:** Ample free parking on behind Toot's in the Washington Street parking lot. Parking is also free on city streets on Saturday.

**TIME:** Start between 9 AM and 11AM. Walk or run at your own pace. You must be finished by 2 PM. Event will take place regardless of weather. Rest rooms and refreshments will be available at the start point and checkpoints. ***Leashed pets (not in store buildings)*** are allowed in Belleville but you must ***pickup after your pet.***

**DISTANCE:** 5K and 10K trails will be marked with arrows and streamers. Strollers and wheelchairs may have some difficulty going in and out of small stores. Walk will be on city sidewalks. Trail is rated 1A.

**AWARD:** NO AWARD, JUST MARDI GRAS FARE

**SANCTION:** Sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association (AVA), a member of the International Federation of Popular Sports (IVV). We remind you to bring both IVV books (event and distance). IVV books are available at the start/finish for \$6.00 each.

**REGISTRATION:** Fee is \$3 for all walkers. **Pre-registration is recommended to guarantee your PASSPORT.** We usually do have a few passports available on walk day. Event is open to the public. This event counts toward acquisition of IVV achievement awards. **No refunds for no shows.**

**REFRESHMENTS:** Water will be provided at the Start/Finish and checkpoint.

**PROCEDURE:** At the start get a start card and fill it out. Carry this card with you on the walk and present it at the checkpoints. Start cards remain the property of the Gateway Milers and must be turned in at the finish point when the walk is completed.

**POC:** Mark Mackey, Deb & Mark Kruep [debmarkkruep1@yahoo.com](mailto:debmarkkruep1@yahoo.com)

**DISCLAIMER/CANCELLATION POLICY:** The sponsors of this event are not liable for accidents, thefts, and/or material damage. Every effort will be made by the sponsors to make the event a safe, enjoyable, and memorable event. In the event of severe weather (ice) and cancellation there will be **NO REFUNDS. This event will be held in snow or rain.**

**PRE-REGISTRATION:** **CUTOFF** for mail in registration is **Saturday February 16, 2019 (MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE).** There is no need to pre-register if you are walking only. Make checks payable to Gateway Milers and mail form to:

**Gateway Milers Mardi Gras Madness  
220 Clearwater Dr.  
Belleville, Illinois 62220**

**(No refunds for no shows)**

Name, Address & <b><u>Telephone #</u></b> (please print & list all walkers)	Walk & Passport <b>\$7</b>	Walk <b>\$3</b>

Gateway Milers is first and foremost a walking club. Our mission is to promote walking through fun events. Walking our Mardi Gras Madness trail gives you the opportunity to collect stamps in your passport. Only people walking the event can stamp their passport. Limit one passport per person.