



Many of you have asked since our early large group meetings about the 150th Anniversary celebration of the founding of Bellevue. Here's what we have so far. After the large group meetings last summer, a team of people have bubbled to the surface to lead the various pieces of the celebratory year ahead. Those people are: Jill Fessler, Shauna Kruse, Tina Neyer, Jody Robinson, and Julie Webb.

Major events are taking shape with a launch party set for November 21st and will be the first of many 'Porch Parties' that will happen throughout the year. On March 15, 2020 the official kickoff to the year-long celebration will be held at the Bellevue Vets with state dignitaries and local heroes in attendance. There will be a vintage baseball game held on the new Cincinnati Reds baseball field as well. May is Historic Preservation Month in Kentucky and it proves to be a month that will accentuate and celebrate the rich history that continues to attract visitors and new residents alike. For a week in May, we will have tours of historic buildings, talks on notable people in town, a presentation of various oral histories from our residents and much more. The city will come alive in July with a week of focused celebrations: old-time games and a picnic by the river, a seersucker bicycle ride through town, fireworks and a Bellevue Day at the Behringer Crawford Museum. The year is culminated with a Gala on October 17, 2020 at the Syndicate to celebrate all things Bellevue.

Other community events include once-a-month Historic Happy Hours in various homes around town. Interviewing and archiving the oral history of Bellevue through the elders of our community. Porch parties in neighborhoods around town. An ice cream social. A poem writing contest based on the poem: Where I Am From. An ecumenical Christmas caroling walk through town. Each community event will have a cake celebrating the Sesquicentennial throughout the year.

It takes lots of planning and forethought to bring about such a large celebration. The committee is working on getting branding the celebration, designing merchandise, mining our community for all the talented volunteers it will take to pull off the celebration. We are also working hard on the best ways to communicate with everyone in town so our social media will be up and running but we will also work on getting information in the community news, as well as here in the mayor's monthly newsletter.