



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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BELOIT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL—HAS ARRIVED!

The Beloit International Film Festival started yesterday, Thursday, February 16 and will be running through this Sunday, February 19, 2012. The ticket office is open at Vision Beloit, 500 Public Avenue, and tickets and other film information is available through the Festival brochure or on their website. For more information regarding the festival, please consult their website at <http://beloitfilmfest.org/>

CITY OF БЕЛОIT TO MAIL POSTCARDS TO ALL REGISTERED VOTERS

This **past week**, postcards were mailed to all registered voters informing them of their new polling location and providing current ward and district information, which changed for many voters as a result of redistricting in 2011.

City of Beloit residents who are not registered voters may also register and vote on election day, provided that they have lived in their residence for 28 consecutive days and are otherwise eligible to vote. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information on methods to find the proper polling location and ward and district information.

REMINDER: SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 21, 2012

On Tuesday, February 21, 2012 there will be a Spring Primary Election in the City of Beloit. The only contest on the ballot is a primary for the Rock County Circuit Court Judge Branch 7. Voters are reminded that Wisconsin's new Voter ID requires that voters show an acceptable form of identification at the polling place as well as sign the poll book starting with the February Election. Further, Beloit's ward numbers and boundaries and polling locations have changed due to redistricting. If you do not know where you vote, you can check the City's website, www.ci.beloit.wi.us, or call the City Clerk's office at 364-6680.

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR THE SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION NOW AVAILABLE IN THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Please find the [attached](#) press release from the office of the City Clerk noting that absentee voting is now available for the upcoming Spring Primary Election. If you will be out of town or otherwise indisposed and need to vote prior to the election, please contact the City Clerk's office as noted on the press release.

CASINO UPDATE

Negotiations continued on the Draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) through Wednesday of this week. We believe we now have a final sign-off on the language;

however, time did not remain for various legislative procedures that needed to be concluded before this item could appear on Council's agenda. Consequently, we have pulled the IGA from Council's regular meeting for this coming Monday, February 20, 2012. The Ho-Chunk Nation's legislature has the item on their agenda for Tuesday, February 21 and will present and discuss the IGA at that time. Tribal representatives were not sure whether a vote would be held at that meeting or at a subsequent meeting of the legislature scheduled for early March. The City will await further feedback from the Nation before we schedule the IGA for Council consideration.

LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES LOBBYING CORPS COMMITTEE

Councilor Van De Bogart and I participated in the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Lobby Day held this past Wednesday. There is a very light agenda of legislative business scheduled for this year and there were only a few items that we discussed with our legislative representatives. Ironically, many of the items did not pertain directly to the City of Beloit, even though they are of importance to municipalities statewide, and the League has taken positions on those issues. The only item of direct interest to the City was Senate Bill 432 entitled "The Workforce Mobility Act" attempting to restore funding for public transit, which was eliminated in the last State budget. These funds come from the Department of Transportation fund and would not impact the State's General Operating Fund. Transportation funds are available to provide this additional funding; however, it is unknown whether this matter will receive serious consideration during this abbreviated legislative session.

ROCK COUNTY DAY IN MADISON

Next week, we will again travel to Madison to join a delegation from Rock County to participate in a Rock County Day lobbying effort. The primary focus of Rock County Day has traditionally been on economic development activities, and we will once again be talking about the very important I-39/90 reconstruction and widening, as well as other economic development related topics. As with the League of Wisconsin Municipalities legislative agenda, it is unlikely that any of these issues will receive consideration, except of course, for the I-39/90 corridor, which was included in the two-year biennial budget. Engineering and design work on the project has actually begun.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2012

At 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 6, 2012, the City Council will hold a Special Meeting in the 4th Floor City Manager's Conference Room and adjourn into closed session per Wisconsin Statute to conduct the City Manager's Annual Review process. Normally this evaluation is done near the end of each calendar year; however, the press of business this year and the need for several special meetings in workshops in January required for all of the Manager's evaluation until this special meeting on Monday.

At 6:30 p.m. the City Council will have an Agenda Review session in the 4th Floor City Manager's Conference Room.

The attached agenda is for the **Monday, February 20, 2012** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. This is a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend the **Zoning District Map** to revert a Planned Unit Development (PUD) previously established at 731 Crist Road and 732 Newark Road for purposes of constructing a residential development. The development was never built and the zoning classification should be returned to the original R-1A, Single Family Residential District. The Plan Commission recommended approval of this zoning change.
- b. This is a public hearing on a proposed ordinance to amend the Zoning District Map to change the Zoning District Classification from DH, Development Holding District, to R01A, Single-family Residential District, for the property located at 2357 Field Crest Road. This property was recently subdivided from a larger agrarian parcel and currently has a single-family home constructed on the site. The residential zoning is the same as the zoning classification in the adjacent residential district. The Plan Commission recommended approval for this zoning change.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **minutes** of the Special and Regular meetings of February 6, 2012.
- b. Resolution awarding **Contract C11-28**, Lean-to Shed Addition. This shed would be constructed at the City's Public Works Operations Facility and is included in the City's CIP. Initial bids for this project were higher and subsequently rejected. The second bid is still slightly in excess of the original budget amount; however, the Engineering Division has determined that good bids were received and we are not likely to receive a lower price for this particular project. Funds are remaining in another Capital account sufficient to cover the difference and staff is recommending that the low bid be awarded as noted in the resolution.
- c. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a **Dam Removal Grant**. There is a small dam located in Springbrook Creek that has been in place for many decades. The structure is located in the City's Leeson Park and the Parks and Leisure Services Division, as well as the City Engineer, have determined that it would be in the best interest of the facility and the operation of the creek if the partial dam were removed. The DNR has a grant program available for this purpose and the City has been advised that funds are available and wishes to submit this application in the hopes of receiving grant support to remove this obstacle from the waterway.

8. APPOINTMENTS

Appointments to various boards and commissions are included on the agenda and listed in the agenda packet.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

The Manager will make a PowerPoint presentation representing his **Annual Community Update** to Council and residents.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** for outdoor seating area and outdoor sales, possession, and consumption of alcohol in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 65 Portland Avenue and known as Kline's Club 88. This Conditional Use Permit would allow outdoor sales, possession, and consumption of liquor within the approved facility. This item was heard earlier by Council but held over pending final action on a fence variance needed for this project.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR FEBRUARY 20-24, 2012

Monday, February 20	5:30 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting with Closed Session, City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, February 20	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, February 20	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All Councilors)
Tuesday, February 21	7:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission , Forum (C. Haynes)
Wednesday, February 22	7:30 a.m.	Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors (K. Leavy)
Wednesday, February 22	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (D. Luebke and J. Van De Bogart)
Wednesday, Feb. 22	Cancelled	Plan Commission , Forum (M. Spreitzer)

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website: www.visitbeloit.com

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [here](#) for more information.

February 16-19	Beloit International Film Festival. www.BeloitFilmFest.org
Saturday, Feb. 18 10:00 a.m.-Noon	Build your own snow shoes at Big Hill Park Nature Center. Pre-register at Beloit Leisure Services, 608-364-2890 or Welty Environmental Center, 608-361-1377. Class size is limited. \$15 per person.
Saturday, February 18	Special Olympics Fundraiser at Edwards Ice Arena, Telfer Park, 2101 Cranston Road. Opening ceremonies begin at 1:00 p.m. Chili cook-off will take place at the Marine Corps League, from 4:00—9:00 p.m.



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(608) 364-6680

City of Beloit to Mail Postcards to All Registered Voters

February 8, 2012 – Beloit, WI: The City of Beloit will be mailing postcards to all registered voters informing them of their new polling location and ward and district information that may or may not have changed due to redistricting in 2011. The postcards will be mailed by Monday, February 13, 2012. Please watch for these postcards and maintain them for future reference.

City of Beloit residents who are not registered voters may still register and vote on Election Day, provided that they have lived at their residence for 28 consecutive days and are otherwise eligible to vote. These residents may use one of the following methods to find the proper polling location and ward and district information:

1. Visit <https://vpa.wi.gov> and enter your name and birthdate or address.
2. Visit www.ci.beloit.wi.us and click on the link to the City of Beloit Wards and Polling Locations page. Review the maps to determine which ward your residence is located and where you will go to register and vote.
3. Call the City Clerk's office at **(608) 364-6680** or stop by the office on the second floor of City Hall during regular business hours (M-F 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us.



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Absentee Voting for the Spring Primary Election
Now Available in the City Clerk's Office

February 7, 2012 – Beloit, WI: Beginning Monday, February 6, 2012, City of Beloit electors may now vote an absentee ballot in the City Clerk's office for the February 21, 2012 Spring Primary Election. Electors who are already registered to vote must bring an acceptable form of proof of identity to the Clerk's office to obtain a ballot. Electors who are not registered to vote or who are changing their names and/or addresses must bring proof of residence to register and proof of identity to obtain a ballot. Late registration and absentee voting will only be available in the City Clerk's office from **Monday, February 6 through Friday, February 17**. This time period was shortened by the Voter ID Law enacted in 2011.

Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence and proof of identity on the following page.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

ONLY one of the following is required:

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- Any other Official ID Card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body
- An ID card with your photo issued by an employer during the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A real estate tax bill or receipt (for the current year or year before the election)
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder by the university, college or technical college dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented
- A utility bill for a period starting no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- A bank statement or current pay check
- A government check or any other official document issued by a unit of government

NOTE: all of the above must contain a current and complete name, including both first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality. If the form has an expiration date, it must be valid on Election Day.

ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION

A valid photo ID is not required to have a current address

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued driver license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A Military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport

Identifications above must have an expiration date after the November 2, 2010 election.

- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An Identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college accompanied by a proof of enrollment in that university or college. The identification card must contain the following:
 - Date of Issuance
 - Signature of Student
 - Expiration date not later than two years after date of issuance



NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Monday, February 20, 2012

5:30 p.m.

4th floor City Manager's Conference Room

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

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CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF BELOIT COUNCIL CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of City Code, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll call.
2. The City Council will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to discuss the City **Manager's Annual Performance Review**.
3. The Council will adjourn the closed session meeting and reconvene at approximately 6:30 p.m. for a workshop.

Following the Special Meeting, or at approximately 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold a **Workshop** in the City Manager's Conference Room to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: February 15, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
City Clerk

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**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 20, 2012**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Proposed Ordinance to amend the **Zoning District Map** to change the Zoning District Classification from PUD, Planned Unit Development District, to R-1A, Single-family Residential District, for the properties located at 731 Crist Road and 732 Newark Road (Christensen) First reading; suspend rules for second reading
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 4-0
 - b. Proposed Ordinance to amend the **Zoning District Map** to change the Zoning District Classification from DH, Development Holding District, to R-1A, Single-family Residential District, for the property located at 2357 Field Crest Road (Christensen)
First reading; suspend rules for second reading
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 4-0

5. CITIZENS' PARTICIPATION

6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Special and Regular meetings of February 6, 2012 (Houseman)
- b. Resolution awarding Contract **C11-28**, Lean-to Shed Addition (Flesch)
- c. Resolution authorizing the City Manager of the City of Beloit submit an Application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for a **Dam Removal Grant** (Flesch)

7. ORDINANCES

8. APPOINTMENTS

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. **Annual Community Update** Presentation (Arft)

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- a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow an Outdoor Seating area and Outdoor Sales, Possession, and Consumption of Alcohol in a C-3, Community Commercial District, for the property located at 65 Portland Avenue (Kline's Club 88) (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: February 15, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
City of Beloit City Clerk
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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG channel 98 or digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and Friday at 1:00 p.m.



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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 7:00 PM
The Forum, 100 State Street**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the December 20, 2011 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Window World of Milwaukee, LLC– Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2012-01 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of twenty-five (25) wooden casement windows for the property located at 650 Park Avenue.
5. Nathan Richardson– Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2012-02 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of deteriorated vinyl siding and trim, installment of soffit and fascia panels, and repair of ornamental trim on a veranda for the property located at 743 Park Avenue.
6. Reverend David J. Fogderud – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2011-32 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of six (6) wood double-hung windows for the property located at 834 Bluff Street.
7. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Education & Outreach Committee
 - B. Grant Writing Committee
9. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at (608)364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Approved: Michael D. Lofton II, Assistant Planner
February 15, 2012

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
February 22, 2012 at 4:30 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Community Development
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-08, Authorizing the Community Development Authority to Acquire 747 Eleventh Street for a Price Not to Exceed \$23,000 (Schneider)
4. Housing Authority
 - a. Presentation of December Activity Report (Pollard)
 - b. Presentation of December Financial Report (Pollard)
 - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-07, Approving the 2011 Section 8 Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) Submission (Pollard)
 - d. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-03, Authorizing the Beloit Housing Authority to Dispose of Non-Operating Appliances and Equipment (Pollard)
 - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-04, Authorizing the Beloit Housing Authority to Award Furnace Replacement Contract to Fleming Heating & Air (Pollard)
 - f. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-05, Authorizing the Beloit Housing Authority to Award Water Heater Replacement Contract to Ryan Heating (Pollard)
5. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: February 17, 2012

Approved: Julie Christensen, Ex. Director

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Plan Commission Members

FROM: Julie Christensen

DATE: February 17, 2012

SUBJECT: **Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting**

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **February 22, 2012** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **March 7, 2012**.

Please contact me at 364-6703 with any questions or comments.