



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**July 6, 2012**

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### BELOIT AND JANESVILLE CITY COUNCILS TO CONDUCT JOINT WORKSHOP

The City Councils of both Beloit and Janesville will meet in joint session next **Monday, July 9, 2012 beginning at 5:30 p.m.** The joint [meeting](#) of the Councils will be held in The Armory, 10 South High Street, Janesville, Wisconsin.

The joint Councils will begin by hearing a briefing and update on various economic development marketing activities underway in Rock County. Following that presentation, Council members will hear an update on joint service delivery and collaboration activities that are on-going between the two municipalities. The meeting will be open and the public is invited to attend.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Trash, recycling and yard waste collection was delayed one day from July 4—7 in observance of the July 4th holiday. The Recycling Drop-Off Center located at 2351 Springbrook Court will be closed Saturday, July 7, 2012 to accommodate equipment and staffing needs for Saturday trash and recycling collection.

For more information, please call the City of Beloit Public works Operations at 608-364-2929.

### SUPERWEEK BIKE RACES COME TO DOWNTOWN БЕЛОIT

Just a reminder that SuperWeek Bike Races will be held in various locations throughout the next several days. These are generally referred to as the ICC SuperWeek Races. This year, the City of Beloit's downtown was honored to be selected as a location and races will be conducted in a downtown circuit this coming **Thursday, July 12** beginning at 8:00 a.m. until approximately 8:00 p.m. A circuit will be laid out and access limited to some of the downtown parking lots, and certainly in and out of the area during race times. Access will be available between the various heats and a very large crowd is anticipated to spend the day in downtown Beloit attending this event. This is another great opportunity to showcase the tremendous improvements that have occurred in our historic downtown in recent years, and if the experience of other communities is a guide, there will be substantially increased activity for local merchants, as well.

### TERRACE TREE WATERING REQUEST

We want to again remind the public that the Public Works Department has issued a request to all residents to assist the City with tree watering, particularly if you have terrace trees that were planted in front of your home in the last couple of years. Young trees without deep root structures are susceptible to damage, even dying in the extremely dry conditions such as we have experienced this year. The City has redeployed much of its seasonal staff and has multiple crews watering trees, landscaping, and other plantings to minimize loss during this unusually dry summer season. We would also urge residents while you're out watering terrace

trees, be sure you also give thought to other plantings on your property, particularly anything that has been planted in the last two to three years and may not have a deep, fully established root structure.

## **CLEAR WATER METERS AVAILABLE THROUGH WATER RESOURCES**

The [attached](#) press release from the Water Resources Division of the Public Works Department reminds residential customers only, that clear water meters can be rented from the City's Water Utility to use for large pool filling and watering of lawns and gardens. Customers that rent a clear water meter for this purpose avoid any wastewater fees, which are also calculated based upon the amount of water that runs through your regular household meter. If you plan on expensive lawn watering due to dry conditions this summer, you may want to consider renting a clear water meter from Beloit Utilities as a lower cost option to meet your watering needs.

Permanent clear water meters can also be installed in your home if you have a lawn irrigation system, a pool that is regularly filled, or other heavy outside watering needs. For more information about both temporary and permanent clear water meters, please contact Water Resources at 608-364-5735.

## **RESIDENTS INVITED TO AN INFORMATION MEETING REGARDING MCKINLEY AVENUE RECONSTRUCTION**

A portion of McKinley Avenue located between Portland Avenue and Liberty Avenue has become badly deteriorated in recent years and is scheduled for reconstruction later this summer. Contracts will be let soon to replace the curb, gutter and driveway aprons along this portion of McKinley, and then to mill and resurface the asphalt driving surface. Adjacent property owners and interested residents are invited to attend an informational meeting that has been scheduled at the **Beloit City Hall, 4th Floor Health Conference Room, 100 State Street from 4:30—6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 11, 2012**. City Engineering staff will be available to discuss the planned improvement with adjacent property owners and interested residents.

## **URBAN CHICKEN ORDINANCE**

The second workshop to work on a draft ordinance which would allow for the keeping of chickens in the City's urban residential neighborhoods was held this past Monday evening. Once again, there were a number of different opinions and attitudes articulated at the session. A number of language issues related to completing a final draft of the ordinance were also discussed. City staff is currently preparing an updated draft of the ordinance to incorporate those suggested modifications and also continuing its research on the experience other communities have had with the keeping of chickens in urban neighborhoods. No specific timeline exists for when a draft ordinance may be placed on Council agenda for formal consideration.

## **BUDGET PREPARATION**

July 6 marked the deadline for departments and divisions to complete and enter their initial operating budget requests into the City's budget software. Initial meetings with department and division directors have been scheduled the week of July 16, 2012 to begin the initial round of reviews for the City's proposed 2013 Operating Budget. This process normally takes about two months to complete for all of the various operating departments and divisions, with final budget preparations being finalized in September for the initial presentation of the budget to Council and the community, which is scheduled for Monday, October 1, 2012.

## **29TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Plans are underway for National Night Out, scheduled for August 7, 2012 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Please see the [attached](#) press release from the Beloit Police Department for more details.

## **MANAGER'S TRAVEL PLANS**

The City Manager will be out of the office for a good portion of next week, traveling to northern Wisconsin to participate in the Wisconsin Municipal League summer board meeting. I will have the cell phone available and will be monitoring voice and e-mails during the absence to attend this important League function.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR JULY 9-13, 2012

Monday, July 9	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Appointment Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Monday, July 9	5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Joint Council Workshop</a> with Janesville City Council at The Armory, 10 South High Street, Janesville (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, July 10	4:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee</a> , Forum (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, July 10	Cancelled	<a href="#">Board of Appeals</a>
Wednesday, July 11	4:30 p.m.	Public Information meeting for McKinley Avenue reconstruction, 4th Floor City Hall
Wednesday, July 11	5:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Parks and Recreation Commission Annual Parks Tour</a> (All Councilors Invited)

## 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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

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

Saturdays throughout the summer offer an opportunity to attend the **Farmers Market**, at the intersection of State and Grand, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Friday, July 6	5:30-8:30 p.m.	<b>Beloit Fine Arts Incubator First Friday's Gallery Opening</b> , 520 E. Grand Avenue. Two man exhibit, displaying the art of Bob Soltau (acrylic two-dimensional) and Roni Golan (paint on patterned canvas).
Friday, July 6	6:00 p.m.	<b>Gospel Jubilee on the RiverFront</b> , Harry Moore Pavilion at Riverside Park
Friday, July 13	11:30-1:30 p.m.	<b>Fridays in the Park</b> at First National Bank Plaza. "The Blue Lightning Band" plays the blues and lunch will be provided by Merrill & Houston's Steak Joint.
Sat., July 14		<b>Wiffleball Tournament</b> at Leeson Park. For more information or to register, please call the Leisure Services office at 364-2890.
Sun., July 15	Noon-4:00 p.m.	<b>Beckman Mill Ice Cream Social</b> , 6 miles west of Beloit on County Road H.

**JOINT WORKSHOP OF THE  
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL AND THE JANESVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2012  
5:30 PM**

DATE: Monday; July 9, 2012

TIME: 5:30PM

LOCATION: The Armory (10 South High Street; Janesville, WI 53548)

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
  - a. Kathy Voskuil, Janesville City Council President
  - b. Charles Haynes, Beloit City Council President
2. Introductions
3. Rock County economic development marketing update
4. Update on Joint Service Delivery and Collaboration (Jacob J. Winzenz, Janesville Assistant City Manager and Larry N. Arft, Beloit City Manager)
5. Adjournment

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Posted July 5, 2012



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:  
Harry Mathos, Director of Water Resources  
(608) 364-5721

**Clear Water Meter Program**

July 5, 2012 – Portable clear water meters may be rented from the City of Beloit Water Utility to be used for large pool filling and watering of lawns and gardens. The benefit to the customer is the avoidance of the wastewater fee of \$2.95/unit for water not entering the sanitary sewer system.

Rental period options are ten (10) days at a cost of \$15 or forty-five (45) days at a cost of \$40. There is also a deposit of \$40 for each rental unit. Kits are available from the City's Water Resources Division between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. We are located in the Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facility at 2400 Springbrook Court.

Clear water meters are available to City of Beloit **residential customers** only. Customers must also be current on their account.

During this period of hot and dry weather it's best to water your lawns and gardens in the morning. Also, water in several short sessions to allow the soil to better absorb the moisture.

For additional information please contact Harry Mathos at (608) 364-5721.

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# BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



Norm Jacobs  
Chief of Police  
100 State Street  
Beloit, WI 53511

Business: (608) 364-6801  
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Facsimile: (608) 364-6608

## PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number:

Date: July 05, 2012

For Additional Information Contact:

Chief Norm Jacobs (608) 364-6843

### **29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

The Beloit Fire Department, the Beloit Police Department, and the Beloit Crime Stoppers will once again partner in celebration of the 29<sup>TH</sup> National Night Out on August 7<sup>TH</sup> 2012.

On August 7<sup>TH</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm residents in neighborhoods throughout Beloit are asked to lock their doors, turn on and display outside lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. Last year over 35 neighborhood blocks registered to participate in Beloit's National Night Out celebration.

Last years' National Night out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian Cites, and military bases worldwide. In all, 37 million people participated in National Night out 2011.

As in the past, Beloit Police, Firefighters, City Officials, Crime Stoppers, and elected representatives will visit many of block parties and cookouts. Each neighborhood block will be responsible for planning special activities. Barricades will be available.

#### **National Night Out is designed to:**

- Heighten drug and crime awareness
- General support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit, and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back

All neighborhood blocks participating in this year's National Night Out activities should register with the Beloit Police Department. Applications are available at the Beloit Fire Station Headquarters, 1111 Church St., Beloit Police Department, 100 State St., and the City of Beloit website, [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us).

The deadline for registration is 5:00pm on July 20<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on National Night Out activities contact Detective John Fahrney at the Beloit Police Department at 364-6840.

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**CITY OF БЕLOIT  
APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
NOTICE AND AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, July 9, 2012 at 4:30 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting June 11, 2012
3. Review of City Council appointments
4. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

- 1 resident (Tinder) – term to expire June 30, 2015
- 1 resident (Berkley) – term to expire June 30, 2015

Board of Appeals

- 1 resident, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate (Bussan) – term to expire May 31, 2014
- 1 resident, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate (Gaul) – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

- 1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014
- 1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2013

Board of Review

- 1 resident (Alternate) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Community Development Authority

- 1 resident (Smith) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Disabled Parking Enforcement Assistance Council

- 1 resident (Ware) – term to expire October 31, 2012
- 1 resident (Johnson) – term to expire October 31, 2013

Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission

- 1 resident (Bosshart) – term to expire June 30, 2014

Municipal Golf Committee

- 1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2012

Municipal Library Board

- 1 resident (Vavrus) – term to expire June 30, 2015
- 1 resident (Witkins) – term to expire June 30, 2015
- 1 resident (Mitchell) – term to expire June 30, 2014

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

- 1 resident (McNulty) – term to expire September 30, 2014
- 1 resident (Brown) – term to expire September 30, 2012
- 1 youth (Patel) – term to expire September 30, 2012

Traffic Review Committee

- 1 resident (Fryar) – term to expire September 30, 2013

5. Member Participation

6. Citizen Participation

7. Adjournment

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**NOTICE & AGENDA  
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Beloit City Hall - The Forum  
100 State Street, Beloit, WI  
July 10, 2012 - 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll call
2. Motion for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of June 12, 2012
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair to June 30, 2013.
4. Application for a new Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License of The Cheese People of Beloit LLC, 431 East Grand Avenue, Lloyd Smith, Agent.
5. Consideration of an incident June 29, 2012 at Adiktion, 1310 Cranston Road, Jaime Hernandez, Agent regarding allowing underage persons on the licensed premise.
6. Citizen Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Attorney Comments
10. Motion to Adjourn

July 2, 2012  
Rebecca S. Houseman  
City of Beloit City Clerk

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Appeals Members

**FROM:** Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

**DATE:** June 29, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **July 10, 2012** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 14, 2012.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or [penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us) if you have any questions or require more information.

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cc: City Clerk's Office  
City Manager's Office  
Media



Department of Public Works  
Parks & Leisure Services Division  
2351 Springbrook Court  
Beloit, WI 53511

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

In lieu of their regular monthly meeting, the Parks & Recreation Commission will be hosting their Annual Parks Tour on Wednesday, July 11, 2012. The Parks Tour will begin at 5:00pm at Grinnell Hall, located at 631 Bluff Street in Beloit, and will visit 17 selected parks and/or recreation facilities within the City of Beloit. The purpose of the Parks Tour is to visit each park facility and evaluate the current condition of the site as well as discuss potential improvements that may need special consideration in the future by the Commission.

Therefore, the next regular scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the Operations Building located at 2351 Springbrook Court in the City of Beloit, Wisconsin.

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Dated: July 06, 2012  
Brian Ramsey, CPRP  
Director of Parks & Leisure Services  
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