



THE BELOIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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BIKE RACERS NAVIGATE THROUGH DOWNTOWN BELOIT

On Thursday, July 12, the City of Beloit hosted the Downtown Beloit Criterium presented by "Be Active Outdoors." The event, which was part of the ICC SuperWeek Bik Races, included eight semi-professional races and one fun ride for amateurs who wanted to sample the race course. The criterium loop consisted of a 0.8 mile loop, which traveled clockwise from West Grand to East Grand, south on Pleasant Street, and west on Broad Street. The athletes enjoyed the course that was part of their 17-day bike tour circuit, and gave positive feedback to the organizers. Again, this was a wonderful opportunity to showcase our beautiful downtown area, as well as demonstrate our hometown hospitality to the athletes and their supporters, some who came from around the world.

MANAGER OUT OF THE CITY ATTENDING THE LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AND SUMMER RETREAT

The City Manager left on Wednesday and will return late on Friday afternoon; we will have a full Beloit Report on on-going activities prepared for Council and the community next Friday.

TERRACE TREE WATERING REQUEST

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 that 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.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 29th Annual Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7 from 5:30—8:30 p.m. 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. The deadline to register a block party is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 20. Please click [here](#) to read the press release and access the block party registration form.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JULY 16, 2012

The City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 16, 2012 in the City Manager's Conference Room located on the 4th Floor of City Hall. The Council will immediately adjourn into **Closed Session** to discuss two possible property acquisitions. One involves a property in downtown Beloit that is under negotiation, and a second one involving some properties in the Gateway Business Park area. The Council will reconvene into open session.

Mid-week, a new issue arose, which constitutes an unanticipated opportunity for the City's Central Business District. At approximately 6:15 p.m., City Council will consider a supplemental appropriation to the **2011 Capital Improvement Budget** in the amount of \$90,000 to provide additional funding for the Upper Floor Housing Initiative in the City's Central Business District. This initiative, along with the façade renovation grant program, was started about three years ago, and there have been some participants. This summer, as we near the conclusion of the TIF expenditure period, we have suddenly received a number of applications from property owners to do both façade renovations and upper floor housing projects before the TIF expenditure period closes. This would literally be a last minute opportunity to make significant improvements in a number of downtown buildings.

The funds are, of course, available and TIF #5 and the relatively small supplemental appropriation would facilitate completion of a significant number of second floor housing projects prior to the closure of the TIF expenditure period. As previously noted, there are also a significant number of façade renovation projects included in this last round of grant approvals, although no supplemental appropriation is required to support that program. This supplemental appropriation will allow the Downtown Beloit Association Loan Committee to approve all applications currently pending, which would make them eligible for reimbursement, even if the work is not concluded until later this fall.

At approximately 6:30 p.m., the City Council will hold the normal Agenda Review Workshop in the Manager's Conference Room.

The **attached** agenda is for the **Monday, July 16, 2012** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are no special orders of the day or announcements.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public Hearing to Solicit Input on the Community Development, Housing, and Homeless Needs in the City for inclusion in the **2013 Annual Action Plan** for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) local funding priorities. Also included in the Council packet is a resolution establishing priorities that have been determined by the Community Development Authority Board for the 2013 program year.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of July 2, 2012.
- b. Resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for The Cheese People of Beloit, located at 431 E. Grand Avenue. The Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee unanimously recommended for approval with a contingency.
- c. Resolution awarding Public Works contract for the **2012 Street Resurfacing Phase II projects**. The paving projects include resurfacing of Colley Road from Willowbrook Road east, approximately 1,900 feet, along with improvements needed to various roads in the East Lawn Cemetery and Big Hill Park. The Chester Square parking lot, downtown, will also be resurfaced under this particular bid, although funding for this project will come from downtown TID #5 funding sources.

- d. Resolution awarding a Public Works contract for **Pavement Markings** for the 2012 construction season. The bid will refresh pavement markings along Milwaukee Road, between Lee Lane and Freeman Parkway; Cranston Road between Milwaukee Road and Settler Avenue; and place new pavement markings on Frederick Street between Liberty Avenue and Madison Road.
- e. Application for an **Obstruction Easement** to allow a sign in the public right of way abutting the property located at 2460 Milwaukee Road. This request was made on behalf of Central Christian Church to construct a 16-ft. pylon type pole sign in the public right of way adjacent to the church property located at 2460 Milwaukee Road. This is a somewhat unusual request, since we normally do not allow the installation of private signs within the public rights-of-way, which are generally reserved not only for street use but also for the installation of both above and underground utilities on an as-needed basis. This application is being forwarded to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.

7. ORDINANCES

- a. An ordinance amending the Section 13.05(3) of the Municipal Code related to **Overnight Parking Permits** for the downtown Business Improvement District. This ordinance was presented at the last meeting and received a first reading. It is back on the agenda for Council consideration of second reading and approval.

8. APPOINTMENTS

There will be appointments to various boards and commissions for Council consideration.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Paul York, Director of Finance and Administrative Services along with representatives from Baker Tilly will be in attendance to present the **2011 Audit Report** to the City Council. The audit report has been posted to the City's website and can be viewed [\[here\]](#).

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing the **Application and Borrowing of up to \$377,000 from the State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands, State Trust Fund Loan Program**. This loan covers some of the smaller, shorter life span capital spending included in the 2012 capital projects budget. The loan was anticipated and included in the consultant's analysis of debt for 2012, which was submitted to Council for review prior to the bond issues authorized earlier this year. We have reached the point in the application process where a Council resolution is required to continue processing the State Trust Fund loan.
- b. Resolution releasing a right of first refusal for a residential property located at **348 Locust Street**. This property was purchased by the City over ten years ago and underwent some remodeling. Prior to its sale, the City was approached by Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois about acquiring the property for \$5,000 to be used as a domestic violence shelter. While the property sale was being negotiated, the City requested a "right of first refusal" be inserted into the contract so that if for any reason the agency ever ceased operating the program or no longer wished to utilize this facility, the City would have the right of first refusal to repurchase the property in the amount of \$5,000.

The agency has now terminated its use of the facility and wishes to place the property for sale in the open market. Family Services believes the property could be sold for substantially more and would like the opportunity to recover that money from the potential sale, which would then be used to subsidize the agency's operating budget.

At the present time, the City has a number of residential properties in inventory that are listed for sale. Four more will be coming on-line over the next several months, which are being remodeled under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. Councilors are aware that residential properties have been selling at a slow pace and we have had some in

inventory for over two years, awaiting a buyer. Consequently, the City has no particular interest in acquiring this property and placing it in inventory, where it may require some remodeling or maintenance expense, and then sit on the market for an extended period of time. We are recommending that the Council authorize the waiver of the right of first refusal, allow the agency to proceed with a conventional sale of the property. If the agency is successful, they will recover more than the \$5,000, which would be used for providing services to the Greater Beloit community.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR JULY 16–20, 2012

Monday, July 16	5:30 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, July 16	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, July 16	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, July 17	7:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission , Forum (C. Haynes)
Wed., July 18	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Golf Committee , Krueger-Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse
Wed., July 18	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board , Beloit Public Library
Wed., July 18	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission , Forum

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.

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 13	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Music at Harry's Place , "Red Stick Ramblers" play a "unique hybrid of Cajun, honky-tonk and swing."
Sat., July 14		Wiffleball Tournament 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.	Beckman Mill Ice Cream Social , 6 miles west of Beloit on County Road H.
Friday, July 20	11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	Fridays in the Park , free summer concert series at First National Bank Plaza on State and Grand. Classic favorites with "The Steve Doiel Trio" with food by Bagel's & More.
Friday, July 20	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Music at Harry's Place , "Cash Box Kings" play the blues. They have received three nominations for the 2012 Blues Blast Music awards.



BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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

Business: (608) 364-6801
Administration: (608) 364-6807
Facsimile: (608) 364-6608

PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number:

Date: July 05, 2012

For Additional Information Contact:

Chief Norm Jacobs (608) 364-6843

29th 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 29TH National Night Out on August 7TH 2012.

On August 7TH 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 Cities, 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.

The deadline for registration is 5:00pm on July 20th.

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

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NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Monday, July 16, 2012

5:30 p.m.

4th Floor City Manager's Conference Room

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF БЕЛОIT COUNCIL
CITY OF БЕЛОIT, 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)(e) to **discuss property acquisitions** (Arft)
 - a. Possible acquisition of property located in downtown Beloit
 - b. Discussion regarding possible real estate acquisition in the Gateway Business Park area
 3. Motion to reconvene into open session
 4. Resolution amending the **2011 Capital Improvement Budget** to reflect the inclusion of the Upper Floor Housing Initiative (TID #5) (El-Amin)
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 5. Motion to Adjourn
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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: July 11, 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, July 16, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Public Hearing to Solicit Input on the Community Development, Housing, and Homeless Needs in the City for Inclusion in the **2013 Annual Action Plan** and Resolution Approving 2013 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Local Funding Priorities (Christensen)
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 Regular Meeting of July 2, 2012 (Houseman)
 - b. Resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for The Cheese People of Beloit, LLC, located at 431 E. Grand Avenue, Lloyd Smith, Agent (Houseman)
ABLCC recommendation for approval 6-0
 - c. Resolution awarding Public Works **Contract C12-19, 2012 Street Resurfacing Phase II** (Flesch)
 - d. Resolution awarding Public Works **Contract C12-09, Pavement Markings 2012** (Flesch)
 - e. Application for an **Obstruction Easement** to allow a sign in the public right of way abutting the property located at 2460 Milwaukee Road (Christensen)
Refer to Plan Commission
7. ORDINANCES
 - a. An ordinance to amend Section 13.05(3) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit Relating to **Overnight Parking Permits for Residents of Business Improvement District** (Janke/Casper) 2nd reading
8. APPOINTMENTS

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. **2011 Audit Report** Presentation (York/ Carla Gogin and Joe Lightcap, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP)

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing the **Application and Borrowing of up to \$377,000 from the State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands State Trust Fund Loan Program** for Projects contained in the 2012 Capital improvement Budget (York)
- b. Resolution releasing **Right of First Refusal for 348 Locust Street** (Casper)

12. ADJOURNMENT

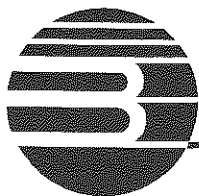
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Dated: July 11, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
City of Beloit City Clerk
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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG channel 98 or digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the 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, July 17, 2012, 7:00 PM
The Forum, 100 State Street**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the June 19, 2012 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Beth Doerrfeld – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2012-24 Review and Consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to construct a detached garage, install a new driveway, and install two new private sidewalks for the property located at 528 Bluff Street.
5. Leon I. Foxen– Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2012-23 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate the exterior of the property located at 957 Bluff Street.
6. Scott Schneider – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2012-12 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to renovate the property located at 326 St. Lawrence Avenue.
7. Muoi Duong – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2012-22 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to enclose the front porch for the property located at 810 Bluff Street.
8. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
9. Historic District Sign Subcommittee Creation & Appointment
10. Committee Reports
 - A. Education & Outreach Committee
 - B. Grant Writing Committee
 - C. Site Visit Committee
11. Adjournment

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*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
July 10, 2012

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MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

**Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 18, 2012, 4:00p.m.
Krueger-Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse
1611 Hackett
Beloit, WI 53511**

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the June 20, 2012 Meeting.
2. Citizen Participation
3. Club Reports
 - Senior's
 - Women
 - Men's
4. Review Season Pass Refund Policy
5. 2013 Proposed Budget - 1st Draft
7. Marketing Report
8. Manager of Golf Operations Report
 - 2012 Revenue Report
 - 2012 Expense Report
 - Golf Course Inspection
9. Director's Report
 - Social Media Marketing - Gatehouse Media
10. Comments by Committee Members

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For additional information to request this service, please contact the Parks Division at 364-2929, 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI, 53511.



beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, July 18, 2012 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Welcome and Introduction of new Library Trustee, John Watrous
3. Approval of minutes of the June 27, 2012 meeting
4. Public comment
5. Library Director Report
6. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
7. 2013 Budget
8. Action Items
 - a. Election of Library Board Officers
 - b. Library Board Committee Assignments
 - Foundation (3)
 - Personnel (2-3)
 - Budget (2-3)
 - FABL (1)
 - ALS (1)
 - Strategic Planning (2-3)
 - c. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
9. Trustee Comments
10. Motion to adjourn

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, July 18, 2012 at 7:00 PM
The Forum, Beloit City Hall
100 State Street, Beloit

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the June 20, 2012 Meeting**
3. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment – 220 and 250 Garden Lane**
Public hearing, review and consideration of amendments to the Future Land Use Map of the City's Comprehensive Plan from Single-Family Residential – Urban to Community Commercial for 220 Garden Lane and from Office to Community Commercial for 250 Garden Lane
4. **Obstruction Easement – Right-of-Way Adjacent to 2460 Milwaukee Road**
Review and consideration of an Obstruction Easement to allow the installation of a 16-foot pylon sign in the right-of-way adjacent to the property located at 2460 Milwaukee Road in the C-1, Office District, and MRO, Milwaukee Road Overlay District
5. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
6. **Adjournment**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Gail Riddle in the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.**

Notice Mailed: July 13, 2012

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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