



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING—INMAN PARKWAY EXTENSION

Please be advised that a [Public Informational Meeting](#) has been scheduled for **Monday, August 27, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at **Aldrich Middle School**, 1859 Northgate Drive (Prairie Avenue) in Beloit, Wisconsin. The purpose for the informational meeting will be to present alignment alternatives for the proposed Inman Parkway Extension. The project was planned to begin at Prairie Avenue, where the current Inman Parkway terminates, continuing to the Southeast intersecting Shopiere Road near the interstate interchange. This alignment was set aside several years ago, anticipating that the roadway would be built to provide better access to commercial properties located in the north end of Beloit and the business park located in the Town of Beloit. The project will also improve access to the Beloit Memorial Hospital complex, as well as residents who reside in both the northern portions of the City as well as the Town of Beloit.

Rock County is the lead agency on the project and the road, if built, would be a rural two-lane road carrying a county lettered designation. The road would link County Hwy. S (Shopiere Road) with County Hwy. G (Prairie Avenue) and would create a rural link allowing the above referenced business traffic along with heavy truck traffic coming from new industries located north of the City to have direct access to an interstate interchange without having to drive through the City of Beloit. One of the alternatives under study is to not build a connector, but have all of the traffic drive through City of Beloit arterial routes, which are primarily Prairie Avenue and Cranston Road, which run through numerous residential neighborhoods.

Persons with an interest in the project should attend the informational meeting and voice their concerns and opinions regarding the project.

SOUTH SEGMENT PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING RE: I-39/90 WIDENING

The [Public Information Meeting](#) will be held on **Tuesday, August 28 at the Town of Turtle Hall, located at 6916 South County Road "J"** in Beloit, WI. Several different alignment options regarding the interstate 43 interchange will be reviewed at this meeting. As noted in last week's status report, the most strategically significant decision in years impacting the City's transportation network will be the final alignment for the reconstruction of this interchange. Included in the options are plans for a linkage between Milwaukee Road and the new Gateway Blvd., which would create direct linkage from the City's existing commercial and residential areas located on the west side of the interstate to the new Gateway Business Park. Interested residents and property owners are encouraged to attend.

COUNCIL WORKSHOP ON EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK

Please be advised that the City Council has scheduled a [workshop](#) on **Wednesday, August 29, 2012** beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Beloit City Hall Forum, 100 State Street. The purpose of the workshop will be to review a draft of a proposed Personnel Manual for Non-Represented Employees. Revisions to the manual, which has been in existence for many years, have been

underway for several months, both to upgrade various sections of the document, as well as integrate provisions impacting formerly unionized workers who are now non-represented employees. The purpose of the meeting is informational only, but the session will be open to the public.

DEDICATION AND RIBBON CUTTING FOR NORTH RIVERSIDE PARK AND THE RENAMED KEN HENDRICKS MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Planning continues for the [ribbon cutting and dedication](#) ceremonies scheduled for **Saturday, September 8, 2012 beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, on the east side of the bridge. The ceremonies will mark the completion of the north Riverside Park improvements. The new monument sign, upgraded walks, lighting and landscaping are currently under construction and the improvements will be completed by that date.

Family members and dignitaries will be unveiling a special plaque installed on the bridge commemorating Ken Hendricks' accomplishments and contributions to the City of Beloit. Following dedication of the plaque, the final ribbon cutting will be held to open the newly renamed Ken Hendricks Memorial Bridge. This will be an extraordinary event in the City's history, marking the final completion of the 20-year Riverside park improvement program and, of course, reopening of the newly constructed bridge renamed to honor Ken Hendricks. Following the dedication ceremonies, the contractor will actually open the bridge for resumption of normal use. Parking for the ceremonies will be in Riverside Park, the Eclipse Center, and Wooten Park (pedestrians will be able to walk across the bridge for the ceremony). Limited parking for family members and dignitaries will be available on Henry Avenue, just east of the bridge near the north end of the park.

BUDGET PREPARATION UPDATE

The Budget Review Committee met this past Thursday afternoon, reviewing the proposed General Fund budget, the recently released equalized assessed value numbers from the State and their impact on the budget preparation process, as well as reviewed the current status of the water utility budget. Much of the preliminary work regarding the document has already been completed. The initial presentation will be at the October 1, 2012 City Council meeting.

EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCHEONS HELD TO THANK WORKERS FOR THE EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS EXPENDED DURING THE RECENT WIND STORM RESPONSE

Last week, Public Works Supervisors held an outdoor bar-b-que for all of the Public Works employees to thank them for their efforts during a recent storm clean-up process. Public Works employees worked long hours under arduous conditions, often in near 100° heat, getting the city streets cleaned and brush and storm damage removed in an expeditious way.

This week, the Fire Department held pizza parties on three separate days so that all of the Fire Department shift personnel would also be thanked for their extraordinary effort on that day. Fire Department crews responded to a large number of calls and then assisted Public Works crews in clearing streets of fallen trees and limbs.

City Councilors were in attendance at all of these sessions and, along with the City Manager, again personally thanked the City employees for their efforts in helping the community recover from this intense storm.

CITY AND TOWN MANAGEMENT TEAMS MEET TO DISCUSS SHARED SERVICE DELIVERY

The management teams of both the City of Beloit and the Town of Beloit met earlier today and spent most of the morning in break out groups discussing various ways that the City and Town can collaborate to create efficiencies and to better improve service delivery. The first part of the exercise was to catalogue all those ways which we have, and continue to collaborate, and then to look at additional things related to everything from joint programming and shared service delivery to joint purchasing that might be done in the future to help cut costs and improve service delivery.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR AUGUST 27–31, 2012

Monday, August 27	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee , (D. Luebke)
Monday, August 27	Cancelled	Police and Fire Commission (Has been rescheduled to September 4)
Monday, August 27	6:00 p.m.	Inman Parkway Extension Public Information Meeting , Aldrich School, 1859 Northgate Dr. (All Councilors Invited)
Tuesday, August 28	8:00 a.m.	Greater Beloit Economic Development Education Summit, Eclipse Center (S. De Forest)
Tuesday, August 28	3:00 p.m.	Public officials invited to hear information on the proposed reconstruction and expansion of I-39/90. Turtle Town Hall, 6916 S. County Road “J” (All Councilors Invited)
Tuesday, August 28	5:00 p.m.	Open House Public Information Meeting with brief presentation at 5:30 p.m. re: Proposed reconstruction and expansion of I-39/90 at Turtle Town Hall, 6916 S. County Road “J” (All Councilors Invited)
Wednesday, August 29	6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop , Forum (All Councilors)

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, August 24 6:00-10:30 p.m. **Movie on the Big Lawn at Riverside Park.** The movie “UP” will be shown on a giant outdoor screen. Free admission! Bring your lawn chair or blanket. Food, family fun and more from 6:00—8:00 p.m.; movie will begin at 8:30 p.m. Rain date is Saturday, August 25.

Friday, August 31 11:30-1:30 p.m. **Fridays in the Park** free summer concert series at the corner of State and Grand. Blues with Glenn Davis & Matt Goodwin, food by La Casa Grande.



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Rock County Highway Department and Ayres Associates will be conducting a Public Informational Meeting for interested parties on Monday, August 27, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. at Aldrich Middle School, located at 1859 Northgate Drive, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of this meeting is to provide information to the public regarding potential **roadway construction improvements between Prairie Avenue and Shopiere Road in the City of Beloit, Town of Beloit, and Town of Turtle**. A quorum of Beloit City Councilors may be present.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: August 22, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) will be conducting a meeting for local government officials on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at 3:00 p.m. at the Turtle Town Hall, located at 6916 S. County Road J, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of this meeting is to provide an **update on the south segment of the I-39/90 expansion project** prior to the public information meeting, which will begin at 5:00 p.m. A quorum of Beloit City Councilors may be present.

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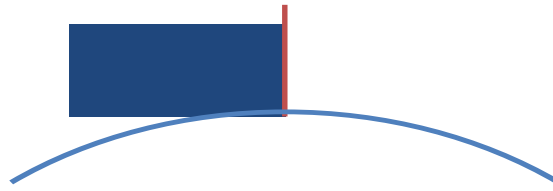
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **workshop** on Wednesday, August 29, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Forum, located on the first floor of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss changes to the City's Non-Represented Employee Manual. A quorum of City Councilors will be present.

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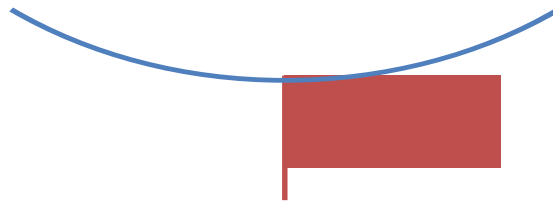
DEDICATION CEREMONIES

VETERANS PLAQUE REDEDICATION

NORTH RIVERSIDE PARK IMPROVEMENTS

HENRY AVENUE BRIDGE RENAMING TO RECOGNIZE KEN HENDRICKS

RIBBON CUTTING TO OPEN THE KEN HENDRICKS MEMORIAL BRIDGE



You are cordially invited to attend the ceremony and ribbon cutting in recognition of and to commemorate completion of the above listed civic improvements.

Saturday, September 8, 2012

10:00 a.m.

The event will be held on Henry Avenue ,
at the east end of the bridge in Beloit.

*Please RSVP to Pam at 364-6614 or lathropp@ci.beloit.wi.us
by Tuesday, September 4, 2012*



NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

To: All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

From: Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

Date: August 20, 2012

RE: Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2012 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **September 24, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.**

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.

Jason Dupuis, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
City of Beloit



**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting CANCELLATION/RESCHEDULE Notice
Monday, August 27, 2012 5:00 PM
City Hall Forum
Beloit WI 53511**

The Police & Fire Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, August 27, 2012 has been cancelled and rescheduled for Tuesday, September 4, 2012; agenda to follow.

Charles Losinske, President
Beloit Police & Fire Commission

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