



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH DRAWS TO A CONCLUSION**

Please note that Library Card Sign-Up Month is drawing to a conclusion, but Library staff is always available during regular business hours to assist residents with obtaining a Library card. For more information, please see the [attached](#) release.

### **BUDGET INFORMATION**

The 2013 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget has been posted to the City's website with a link from the home page. The document can be accessed here: <http://tinyurl.com/9c4pt4z>

The budget will be officially presented to the City Council and the community at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting this coming evening.

Budget review will follow the schedule below, with all sessions open to the public. Additional workshops may be scheduled as necessary.

- **Monday, October 1, 2012  
7:00 p.m., City Hall Forum**  
The proposed budget will be presented to the City Council and the community at the regular City Council meeting.
- **Monday, October 8, 2012  
8:00 a.m., Beloit Public Library Community Room**  
Full day workshop with the City Council on the proposed budget.
- **Monday, October 15, 2012  
7:00 p.m., City Hall Forum**  
Formal Public Hearing on the proposed budget in conjunction with the regular City Council meeting. Residents are invited to speak.

### **NEW ELECTRONICS INSTALLED IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

The technological upgrades to the Council Chamber were installed and tested this week. The new camera system for video broadcasting, along with the built in monitors for following agenda and PowerPoint presentations, in addition to a new sound system, are all in place and have been tested and are operational. At Monday night's Council meeting there will be two PowerPoint presentations, so an opportunity to utilize the new technology. Residents in attendance as well as those at home watching the broadcast should note an improvement, not only in picture and sound quality, but also in the ability to follow PowerPoint and other presentations made during the meeting.

**SENIOR FAIR SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TUESDAY**

Once again, Beloit's very well patronized Senior Fair will be held this coming Tuesday, October 2, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Central Christian Church, located at 2460 Milwaukee Road. Flu and pneumonia inoculations will be available for seniors, along with other special events and many educational and vendor displays for your information and education. Please see the [attached](#) brochure for additional information.

**CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND URBAN ALLIANCE MEETING THIS FRIDAY**

Today, Friday, September 28, I will be out of the office most of the day attending an Urban Alliance meeting scheduled in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. Once again, the Urban Alliance is a component of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities, which represents mostly the larger urban places within the State of Wisconsin.

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2012**

The City Council will hold a [workshop](#) at 6:30 p.m. in the Fourth Floor City Manager's Conference Room on Monday, October 1, 2012 for the purpose of reviewing the Council agenda.

The [attached](#) agenda is for the **Monday, October 1, 2012** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

**3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Proclamation declaring October 7-13, 2012 as **National Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Beloit, to be accepted by Fire Chief Liggett.

**4. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend the **Zoning Map Amendment** for properties located at 220 and 250 Garden Ln to C-3, Community Commercial District. Councilors are aware that this is the former County court building located on the west end of downtown Beloit. The property has been purchased by a private party and is undergoing substantial redevelopment at this time. The general commercial zoning classification gives the owners flexibility to continue repurposing this old structure.

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of September 17, 2012.
- b. **Bike/Pedestrian Plan** to be referred to the Plan Commission. This plan was completed a few years ago following a number of public meetings and discussions regarding its content. Unfortunately, it was not then forwarded to Council for the normal review and approval process. The Engineering Division would like to move the plan forward at this time for Plan Commission review and recommendation to Council for final action on the plan.
- c. Application for a **Construction Easement** for the Broad Street Parking Lot. This construction easement would set over the City's parking lot, a substantial portion of which will be used by Corporate Contractors, Inc. (CCI) during the Phoenix reconstruction project. Having a construction easement on the parking lot would afford the City additional liability protection during construction. This matter is being referred to the Plan Commission for review and recommendation.
- d. Application for a **Class "B" Beer** License for Mexico Dominicana, LLC, located at 854 Henry Avenue. We understand this is a new owner of the existing business and a Class "B" Beer license is being requested. This matter is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee to review and recommendation.

- e. Application for a **Class "A" Beer** license for S & S Express Mart, located at 1407 Liberty Avenue. The owner is requesting a packed sales license for that location and the matter is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.
- f. Application for a **"Class A" Liquor** License (requested addition to an existing Class "A" Beer License) which would extend the current package liquor sales authority at the Beloit Mobil Station located at 1902 Shopiere Road from beer only to full liquor sales. Once again, this matter is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee.

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance amending Section 1.04 of the Code of General Ordinances applying to **residency requirements** for certain City employees. This ordinance was prepared following a recent workshop where employee residency issues were discussed. Councilors will recall that many issues, concepts and alternatives were reviewed and discussed by all in attendance at that workshop. Our recollection of the final consensus was that Council would consider a hardship waiver provision for certain smaller division head and related supervisory positions, many of which are administrative in nature, while all line managers would be required to meet the residency requirement without exception. We would like Council to consider officially amending the Code to adopt this option, which would give us some additional flexibility in recruiting to fill vacancies in these respective positions. We built a number of safeguards into the process, including Council notification anytime a waiver is granted.

## 8. APPOINTMENTS

There are appointments on the agenda for this meeting.

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation of **Proposed 2013 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets**. The PowerPoint presentation for this meeting is attached to the agenda packet. Residents are encouraged to go to the City's website at [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us) to find a link to the budget from the home page. As always, we recommend Councilors read the budget transmittal letter and, at a minimum, study the tables incorporated in that document in preparation for the introductory workshop.
- b. Request to schedule **Council Budget Workshop** to begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 8, 2012 in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library. This will be an all day workshop, which could easily run until after 5:00 p.m. that afternoon as we attempt to go through a more in depth analysis of all the various divisions and funds in both the Operating and Capital budgets. If we are unable to finish or Council wants additional workshops, those can be scheduled following our October 8th session.
- c. **Fall Yard Waste Collection** program. This program will be presented by Public Works Supervisor Jodine Saunders. Once again, the PowerPoint slides are included on the agenda for pre-review.

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution establishing and naming the **Dog Park** to be located at the intersection of Springbrook Court and Willowbrook Road. This is currently an unused parcel of land that is owned by the City. The idea of a dog park where dogs can be left to run at large has been requested often over the last several years by many residents requesting such a facility. This location is in an industrial park and is adjacent to other city facilities and would be convenient to most of the City of Beloit, yet located in an area where it will not disturb other parks or impact any residential neighborhoods. The Park, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission has recommended approval of this plan, as has the Plan Commission, both with unanimous votes for approval.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR OCTOBER 1–5, 2012

Monday, October 1	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Agenda Review</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (All Councilors)
Monday, October 1	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">City Council Meeting</a> , Forum (All Councilors)
Wed., October 3	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Wed., October 3	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Plan Commission</a> , City Hall Forum (C. Kincaid)

## 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 fall 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.

Tuesday, Oct. 2	10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Beloit Senior Fair</a> , celebrating 25 years. Health screenings, flu & pneumonia shots, music, food, free bus rides by Beloit Transit and more! Event will take place at Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road.
Tuesday, Oct. 2	6:30 p.m.	<b>31st and 45th Assembly District Debates</b> , sponsored by the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce, to be held in the Beloit City Hall Forum, 100 State Street
Friday, Oct. 5		<b>Deadline to register</b> for City of Beloit Adult Volleyball Leagues. Call 364-2890 for more information.
Saturday, Oct. 13	11:00-4:00 p.m.	<b>Fire Department Annual Survive Alive House Fundraiser</b> , Pizza Hut on Prairie Avenue.
Friday, October 19	7:00-10:00 p.m.	<b>Public skate</b> at Edwards Ice Arena, Telfer Park

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For Immediate Release

Contact: Tina Kakuske

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### **Library Card Sign Up Month Featuring Local Citizens**

As students head back to school this September, libraries across the nation are encouraging parents to make sure their children and teens sign up for the most important school supply of all - a library card. Beloit Public Library is launching a community campaign featuring posters and bookmarks that display eight local citizens and organizations. A new library card "kit" will be handed out to all who apply for a first time library card. Library cards are free. For more information, contact the circulation desk at the library, 364-2911.

Two different near life-size posters will be featured each week of the month, along with bookmarks and community posters. Individuals who sign up for their first library card will receive a new library card kit, one especially designed for adults or one for children.

For those interested in seeing the large poster panels at the library, the schedule is:

Week of September 3: Stephanie Klett-Wisconsin Secretary of Tourism; Jeniah Burnett, a young library patron

Week of September 10: Larry Arft-Beloit City Manager; Alicia Gramling and her Reading Education Assistance Dog, Lilly

Week of September 17: Cindy Laube-Coordinator at Beloit Even Start Family Literacy Program; and Snappy and Zach Jones of the Beloit Snappers

Week of September 24: City of Beloit Firefighters David Ferger, Bill Bartz, Jeff Polglaze, Jessica Flanagan, Charlie Cunningham, and Debbie Rykowski; and Veronica Weber-Beloit Police Department School Resource Officer

With school starting up, libraries become an even more important resource for students, providing public computers, research assistance from library professionals and much more. "Having a library card not only allows students to use computers and check items out of the library but through our website, special databases and online library catalog, the library is actually available 24/7," said Tina Kakuske, Beloit Public Library Circulation Services Manager.

Beloit Public Library is located at 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit. The phone is 608-364-2905. The website address is: [www.beloitlibrary.info](http://www.beloitlibrary.info). You can follow the library on Facebook. The hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; closed on Sunday.

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# Beloit Senior Fair

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**Tuesday, October 2, 2012**

**10:00am – 2:00pm**

*Central Christian Church  
2460 Milwaukee Road, Beloit, WI*

- ✓ Over 60 Exhibitors
- ✓ Health Screenings
- ✓ Rx Round-up
- ✓ Wheel Chairs Available
- ✓ Flu & Pneumonia Shots
- ✓ Free Bus Rides by Beloit Transit
- ✓ Food Available for Purchase
- ✓ Cash & Prize Giveaways!

**Live Music by Bill Stevens 10am-Noon & John Solis Noon-2pm**

This Event Sponsored By:

**Beloit Health System, Highview in the Woodlands, HomeCare Pharmacy**

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, October 1, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: September 26, 2012  
Rebecca S. Houseman  
City Clerk  
[www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us)

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**AGENDA  
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL  
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511  
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, October 1, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Proclamation declaring October 7-13, 2012 **National Fire Prevention Week** in the City of Beloit (Liggett)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Proposed Ordinance to amend the **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the Zoning District Classification from PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District, and C-1, Office District, to C-3, Community Commercial District, for the properties located at 220 and 250 Garden Lane (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 Regular Meeting of September 17, 2012 (Houseman)
- b. **Stateline Area Bike and Pedestrian System Plan** (Flesch) (Plan available for review at [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us)) Refer to Plan Commission
- c. Application for a **Construction Easement** for the Broad Street Parking Lot (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
- d. Application for **Class "B" Beer** License for Mexico Dominicana, LLC, Juan Carlos Taveras, Owner, located at 854 Henry Avenue (Houseman) Refer to ABLCC
- e. Application for **Class "A" Beer** License for S & S Express Mart, Inc., d/b/a S & S Express Mart, Inc., Harjinder Samra, Agent, located at 1407 Liberty Avenue (Houseman) Refer to ABLCC



- f. Application for **“Class A” Liquor License** (requested addition to an existing Class “A” Beer License) for Samra & Singh Inc., d/b/a Beloit Mobil, Harjinder Samra, Agent, located at 1902 Shopiere Road (Houseman) Refer to ABLCC

## 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend Section 1.04 of the Code of General Ordinance of the City of Beloit relating to **residency requirements** of certain city employees (Arft) First Reading, suspend rules for Second Reading

## 8. APPOINTMENTS – none

## 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## 10. CITY MANAGER’S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation of **Proposed 2013 Operating, Library, and Capital Improvement Budgets** (Arft/York) (Budget available for review at [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us))
- b. Schedule **Council Budget Workshop** for 8:00 a.m. on Monday, October 8, 2012 in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library (Arft)
- c. **Fall Yard Waste Collection** Presentation (Walsh)

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving the Establishment and Naming of a **Dog Park** on the properties located at 2425 Springbrook Court and 1980 Willowbrook Road (Ramsey) Park, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission recommendation for approval 5-0. Plan Commission recommendation for approval 4-0.

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

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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 City Plan Commission**  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM**  
**The Forum**  
**Beloit City Hall, First Floor**  
**100 State Street, Beloit**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the September 19, 2012 Meeting**
3. **Temporary Construction Easement - Broad Street Parking Lot - 425 Broad Street**  
Review and consideration of Hendricks Commercial Properties' request for a Temporary Construction Easement over a portion of the Broad Street Parking Lot located at 425 Broad Street to allow the staging and storage of equipment and materials during the Phoenix redevelopment project.
4. **Stateline Bike and Pedestrian System Plan**  
Review and consideration of the amended Stateline Bike and Pedestrian System Plan
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: September 28, 2012

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community  
Development Director

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