



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **Special points of interest:**

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### **HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING TIMES**

The Chief of Police and the City Manager's Office announced that the official Trick or Treat times in the City of Beloit will be from 5:00—7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. The [attached](#) press release contains a number of helpful hints and precautions for safe trick-or-treating.

### **2013 CITY COUNCIL NOMINATION INFORMATION**

Any City of Beloit resident interested in running for a two-year term on the Beloit City Council may pick up a packet of information. Please click [here](#) to read the full press release with more detailed information.

### **BUDGET PREPARATION**

The proposal by Chief Liggett to add some services to the Fire Department's fee schedule will be reviewed at a [Special Council Meeting](#) scheduled for this coming **Monday, October 29, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Forum**. Depending on the outcome of those discussions, an ordinance may be prepared for the November 5, 2012 agenda.

The series of resolutions needed to adopt all aspects of the 2013 Operating and Capital Budget, along with setting the tax levy and updating various schedules of fees for the coming year, will be included on the November 5, 2012 regular City Council agenda.

### **FALL TREE PLANTING REQUESTS DUE BY NEXT WEDNESDAY**

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works is now accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this fall. The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the City forestry Supervisor while taking into account the size of the terrace, presence of utilities and exotic invasive insects. Trees will be planted on a first-come, first-served basis. Public Works will accept requests through Wednesday, October 31, 2012. To be placed on the list, please call the Department of Public Works at 608-364-2929.

### **BOUNDARY LINE NEGOTIATIONS WITH TOWN OF TURTLE**

The City Council had adopted a resolution paralleling language in a resolution adopted by the Town of Turtle Board, committing to enter into negotiations that will, hopefully, lead to a new long-term Boundary Agreement that will serve as a basis for the relationship between the City of Beloit and the Town of Turtle for many years into

the future. Staff has been working on reviewing the existing agreement and various documents from an earlier renegotiation initiative, and preparing some proposed negotiating parameters for review with the City Council. We have scheduled a [Special Meeting with a Closed Session](#) for this coming **Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** for the purpose of discussing the upcoming negotiations with Council and reviewing those proposed negotiating positions and parameters that could be used during the negotiating process. The City and Town have already discussed a joint meeting of the governing boards to serve as a “get to know you” session and to also talk about shared service delivery opportunities as we have with other local governing boards and, of course, to serve as an introduction to the negotiating process. It is envisioned that the parties will have their respective negotiating team begin meetings soon thereafter to determine how a long term modification to the existing Boundary Agreement might be structured.

### SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

This coming **Monday, October 29, 2012 at 5:30 p.m.**, the City has a [Special Meeting](#) scheduled in the City Hall Forum. Included on the agenda:

2. A report and discussion of proposal to expand **Fire Department user fees** for 2013. Fire Chief Liggett raised the issue of expanding fees for various types of departmental services at our budget workshop earlier this year. As noted above, there has been a good deal of research completed with regard to this issue and the Chief will be making a second presentation to the City Council at this meeting. If Council reacts favorably to the discussions, the necessary ordinance to implement the fees, along with adjustments to the fee resolution needed to authorize the exact charges, will be included on a subsequent Council agenda.
3. Discussion of a proposed ordinance to amend Section 1.04 of the Municipal Code related to **residency requirements** for certain city employees. This item was included on an earlier Council agenda following a workshop and was held over until the November 5, 2012 meeting for further study and consideration. The purpose for including this item on the Special Meeting is to provide an opportunity to give Councilors additional information and also get questions and comments from City Councilors regarding the proposed amendment. As noted previously, the purpose for the amendment was to provide some flexibility by being able to grant hardship waivers for certain office and administrative personnel that fall under the residency requirement. The city’s management team, including all department directors and the division heads for the larger operations in the public safety and public works departments would not be eligible for a waiver and would be required to meet the occupancy requirements without exception.
4. The City Council will adjourn into closed session to review information related to various **real estate negotiations**. The City Manager has been involved in negotiations for an extended period of time and will soon be opening negotiations with another party. Both of these matters relate to various real estate negotiations and, once again, the City Manager will be briefing Councilors and receiving input and comments related to the negotiating process. If the negotiations are ultimately successful, the matter will appear on a regular Council agenda for Council consideration.

This coming **Tuesday, October 30 at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Manager’s Conference Room on the 4th Floor of City Hall, there will be a [Special City Council Meeting](#) as noted previously in the Beloit Report. As noted, this Special Meeting will be devoted to discussing various terms and parameters for the upcoming

negotiations regarding the Town of Turtle **Boundary Agreement**. Council will not reconvene and there will be no other announcements following this session.

#### YARD WASTE REMINDER

Residents are reminded that raking leaves into the street is prohibited in the City of Beloit. Raking leaves into the street can cause the storm sewer to plug and cause flooding. Moving yard waste into the street is a violation of City of Beloit Ordinance 15.20, "Littering Prohibited: No person shall place yard waste on the streets, alleys, highway, public parks or other property of the City." Violators of this Ordinance are subject to tickets and fines.

### CITY MEETING CALENDAR OCTOBER 29–NOVEMBER 2, 2012

Monday, October 29	5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Special Council Meeting</a> , Forum (All Councilors)
Tuesday, October 30	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Special Council Meeting</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

**Beloit Public Library** offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information. The Library is collecting new home-made or purchased children's mittens, scarves, or hats for distribution to local families in need. If you would like to donate to the **9th Annual Mitten Tree**, please drop off your donations during regular library hours from now until December 3rd.

The final downtown **Farmer's Market** of the season is Saturday, October 27!

- Friday, October 26 7:00—10:00 p.m. **Special Halloween Skate** at Edwards Ice Arena, Telfer Park. Games, candy, costume contests and music. Free skate rental to those in costume. Regular admission fees apply.
- Saturday, October 27 **Halloween Costume Parade and Party** at the Downtown Farmer's Market. Music, entertainment, carnival rides and activities. Meet at Horace White Park (College St. and East Grand Ave.) at 9:45 a.m. and parade will begin at 10:00. Bring children dressed in costume for parade and trick-or-treating from businesses and Farmers' Market vendors.
- November 5-17 **Food for Fines**. Pay your Beloit Public Library fines with food! One non-perishable food item equals \$1 in fines (good up to \$10). Please make sure your donation is unexpired and unopened. All donations will be given to Beloit's food pantry, Caritas.



# BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## PRESS RELEASE

Date: October 17, 2012  
For Additional Information Contact:

Office of the Chief: 608-364-6807

**BELOIT, WISCONSIN** – Chief Jacobs and City Manager Larry Arft announced that Halloween will be observed on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. The official hours for Trick or Treating in the City of Beloit will be from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

The following precautions are recommended:

- Wear light colored clothing, short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflectors.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks or head coverings.
- Accompany your children and go only to homes with outside lights on.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes where you know the residents.
- Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy and treats.
- Watch for traffic.
- Examine candy before allowing children to eat it.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information, contact:  
Rebecca S. Houseman, City Clerk  
(608) 364-6680

**2013 City Council Nomination Information**

**October 16, 2012 – Beloit, WI:** Any City of Beloit resident interested in running for a two-year term on the Beloit City Council may pick up a packet of information including nomination papers beginning **Monday, October 29, 2012**. The packets are available in the office of the City Clerk on the second floor of City Hall during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- There are seven members on the Council and three seats will be on the ballot.
- Candidates must file required forms with the City Clerk before forming a committee and raising funds.
- The first day to circulate nomination papers is **Saturday, December 1, 2012**.
- Between 200 and 400 valid signatures of City of Beloit residents must be submitted.
- Nomination papers and all forms must be completed and filed with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 2, 2013**.
- An informational session will be held in January for all candidates who have gained ballot access.
- The Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 2, 2013**.
- Newly-elected Councilors will take office on Tuesday, April 16, 2013.

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](mailto:housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us).

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**Beloit City Council**

Special Meeting

Monday, October 29, 2012

5:30 p.m.

Beloit City Hall Forum

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF БЕLOIT COUNCIL  
CITY OF БЕLOIT, 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. Report and discussion of proposal to expand **Fire Department user fees** effective January 1, 2013 (Liggett)
3. Discussion of proposed ordinance to amend Section 1.04 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit relating to **residency requirements** of certain city employees (Arft)
4. The City Council will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. State 19.85(1)(e) to hear a presentation and discuss issues relative to **real estate negotiations** (Arft)
5. Council will not reconvene

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: October 24, 2012  
Rebecca S. Houseman  
City Clerk

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**Beloit City Council**

Special Meeting

Tuesday, October 30, 2012

6:30 p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> Floor City Manager's Conference Room

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

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CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

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1. Roll call
2. The City Council will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. State 19.85(1)(e) for the purpose of consideration of negotiations with the Town of Turtle regarding **boundary agreements** and the bargaining thereof (Arft)
3. Council will not reconvene

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: October 24, 2012  
Rebecca S. Houseman  
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