



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON FOR THE SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION**

Beginning this past Monday, February 4, 2013, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the February 19, 2013 Spring Primary Election. For more information, please read the [attached](#) press release.

### **BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT SURVEY**

The Beloit Police Department is seeking public input, recommendations, and suggestions for improvement. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information and a link to the Police Department survey.

### **WELLHEAD PROTECTION ORDINANCE BEGINS REVIEW PROCESS**

The City of Beloit has recently completed a proposed wellhead protection ordinance, which if adopted, would be incorporated into the City's zoning ordinance and become part of our land use regulations. The ordinance is a requirement of the City's Water Utility operating permit, required by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) implementing safe water standards required by the US EPA.

The City had initially anticipated presenting the ordinance, along with a detailed PowerPoint presentation explaining its contents at the February 18 regular City Council meeting as a prelude to requesting Council to refer this ordinance to the Plan Commission to begin the normal review process. Letters notifying property owners, however, had to be distributed this week and since the new overlay district proposed in the ordinance impacts a great many property owners, some 2,400 notification letters were mailed by the Community Development Department. The Water Resources Division also mailed a letter to all impacted business and institutional properties holding an operating permit. That letter provided additional information about how business properties are already complying with most of the major elements of the proposed new wellhead protection overlay district.

The proposed ordinance is available for preliminary review on the City's website so that interested residents and property owners will have an opportunity to read through the draft regulations. Please click [\[here\]](#) and then scroll to the bottom of the page to view the "Draft Wellhead Protection Ordinance 02-06-13."

Fortunately, most of the prohibited uses, as well as new conditional uses identified in the overlay district represent land uses that would not be desirable and likely would not be approved to locate within the City of Beloit with or without the presence of this additional layer of protection. Nevertheless, there are some more benign uses, like gasoline service stations, that would also be covered by this new regulatory standard.

Although significant in scope of coverage, it does not appear that the new overlay district will have significant impact on most property owners, including current business uses within the

City. Nevertheless, public hearings have been scheduled before the following entities on the dates noted. Interested residents are encouraged to attend, particularly the Plan Commission public hearing at which a significant presentation regarding the ordinance will be made and time allotted for questions and comments by property owners and other interested parties.

**Plan Commission Meeting:**

**Wednesday, February 20, 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum**

**City Council Meeting:**

**Monday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum**

## **BIFF PREPARES FOR 8TH SEASON**

The world renowned Beloit International Film Festival conducted its annual reveal party this past Tuesday evening at the Beloit Inn. The Film Festival runs from Thursday, February 14 through Sunday, February 17 and includes a significant number of independent films, music venues added this year, and of course the very special silent film classic presented with accompaniment from the Beloit-Janesville Symphony Orchestra. The program book for the 2013 festival has been published and copies are available at multiple locations throughout Beloit. For more information, go to [www.beloitfilmfest.org](http://www.beloitfilmfest.org).

## **ELECTRONICS RECYCLING—NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DROP OFF CENTER EACH SATURDAY**

Electronic waste is the fastest growing component of waste in the United States. Most electronics contain harmful substances such as lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, heavy metals and chemical flame retardants that can enter groundwater, surface water or air when not properly recycled. As an eco-municipality, the City of Beloit and the Solid Waste work group feels it is important to accept electronics year-round in an effort to preserve our natural environment.

In addition to the recycling opportunities at 2351 Springbrook Court, the City of Beloit is **expanding** our service level and now invites the citizens of Beloit, Town of Beloit and Town of Turtle to drop off electronics at Public Works each Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Electronics often include valuable reusable materials such as steel, gold, silver, copper and glass that the City will be selling to our vendor for recovery.

## **UPDATE ON POHLMAN FIELD—SNAPPERS HOT STOVE EVENT**

I was indeed honored and pleased to welcome a delegation from the Oakland Athletics to the City of Beloit this past Tuesday. Visiting for their first tour of the facility and to meet representatives from the community included Ryan Christenson, a former major league player who will be the Field Manager for the Snappers this season, and Ted Polakowski, Director of Minor League Operations.

We provided an official welcome at 10:00 a.m. and toured the facilities. Unfortunately, the new outfield, which is an important element to the major league affiliate, was covered with snow; however, we did receive numerous complements on the interior renovations that are underway in the office and clubhouse complex. We also explained additional improvements that are planned to the stadium prior to the start of baseball this spring. That evening at the "Hot Stove Banquet" we provided a more formal welcome and wished the Athletics well for a successful affiliation here in Beloit. Once again, the Oakland Athletics play a very exciting style of baseball and residents who have not previously attended a game, or who have been intermittent attendees at Snappers events, may want to consider increasing attendance this season.

## **PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SELECTION**

A selection committee interviewed six finalists for the Public Works Director position this past Thursday and Friday. Significant preliminary screening, including background checks and telephone interviews, have already been conducted and we hope following this round of interviews to be able to narrow the field to two finalists. Final screening and selection will be undertaken in the immediate future and the selected candidate will assume the duties of the position as soon as possible.

## CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND LOBBY CORPS MEETING IN MADISON NEXT WEEK

Next Wednesday, February 13, the City Manager and Councilor Jim Van De Bogart will travel to Madison to participate in the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Lobby Corps event. We will convene in the morning to hear a legislative briefing and then meet with our legislative delegation, which now includes two Assembly persons and two Senators to review our legislative priorities for the coming session.

We will also take the opportunity to hold a second meeting with our delegates later that afternoon to review a number of local issues of interest to the City of Beloit. We will return to the City that same day.

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013

The Council will hold a [special meeting](#) on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 in the Forum to consider a recommendation from the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee that the alcohol beverage license for the Speedway service station, located at 2781 Milwaukee Road, be suspended for a period of 30 days. This action was taken in response to an earlier enforcement action where alcohol was sold to an underage resident.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— FEBRUARY 11 - 15, 2013

Monday, February 11	Cancelled	<a href="#">Appointment Review Committee</a> , (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, February 12	4:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee</a> , Forum (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, February 12	6:30 p.m.	Special <a href="#">City Council Meeting</a> , Forum (All Councilors)
Wednesday, Feb. 13	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Park, Recreation &amp; Conservation Advisory Commission</a> , 2351 Springbrook (S. De Forest)

## 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.

Sunday, Feb. 10	2:00—4:00 p.m.	<b>Public Skate</b> at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road
Thur., Feb. 14—Sun., Feb. 17		<b>Beloit International Film Festival</b> , please click here to view their website with information on tickets, films, venues, etc. <a href="http://beloitfilmfest.org/">http://beloitfilmfest.org/</a>
Friday, Feb. 15	7:00—10:00 p.m.	<b>Heartthrob Holiday Skate</b> , Edwards Ice Arena. Games, candy and music; 2-for-1 skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
Thursday, Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	<b>Downtown Beloit Association Annual Meeting and Awards</b> , LaCasa Grande Banquet Hall, Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Admission \$20. Please RSVP by February 15 to 365-0150.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

**Absentee Voting In Person for the Spring Primary Election**  
**Available Starting February 4, 2013**

**January 25, 2013 – Beloit, WI:** Beginning Monday, February 4, 2013, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the February 19, 2013 Spring Primary Election. Electors who are not registered to vote and those who need to change their names and/or addresses must bring proof of residence to register. Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence on the following page.

Late registration and absentee voting in person will only be available from **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup> through Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**. Electors who would like an absentee ballot mailed to them must make the request in writing via email to [housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us); via mail to 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511; or in person at the City Clerk's office.

Photo identification or other proof of identity will **not** be required to obtain an absentee ballot or to obtain a regular ballot on Election Day at the polling place for this Election.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office by phone at (608) 364-6680 or by email at [housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us).

## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

One of the following is required to register to vote in the Clerk's office during the closed registration period or on Election Day at the Polling Place:

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- Any other Official ID Card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body
- An ID card with your photo issued by an employer during the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A real estate tax bill or receipt (for the current year or year before the election)
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder by the university, college or technical college dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented
- A utility bill for a period starting no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- A bank statement or current pay check
- A government check or any other official document issued by a unit of government

**NOTE:** all of the above must contain a current and complete name, including both first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality. If the form has an expiration date, it must be valid on Election Day. **An individual may not register or vote without one of the above forms of proof of residence.**

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# 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 January 16, 2013

For Additional Information Contact:

Chief Norm Jacobs (608) 364-6843

In order to serve the community in a professional and effective manner, the Beloit Police Department wants to know your attitude and opinions. We seek input concerning the following areas:

- Our overall performance
- Competence of employees
- Perception of police attitude and behavior
- Your concern over safety and security

We wish to read your recommendations and suggestion for improvement.

While you are always welcome to do a police department survey, linked to the city website, this particular seven question survey helps us fulfill one of the 376 standards we comply with as a CALEA accredited police department.

Your responses, good or critical, are appreciated and anonymous.

The survey will be available at the Beloit Police Department or you may take it on line by going to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Beloit13>

or

Login/Facebook/City of Beloit Police Department

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Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3:6 Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

**Beloit City Council**

Special Meeting

Tuesday, February 12, 2013

6:30 p.m.

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. The City Council shall consider a recommendation from the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee that the **Alcohol Beverage License for Speedway, LLC, d/b/a Speedway #4293**, 2781 Milwaukee Road, Nancy A. Bryant, Agent, be suspended for a period of 30 days. (Krueger)
3. The City Council may adjourn into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(a) for deliberations regarding this case and reconvene into open session for possible action.
4. Motion to Adjourn.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: February 6, 2013  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City Clerk

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\*\*Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511



APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
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City of Beloit  
**Appointment Review Committee**  
**Cancellation of Regular Meeting**  
February 11, 2013

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The regularly scheduled Appointment Review Committee meeting to be held Monday, February 11, 2013 in the City Manager's Conference Room, 100 State Street, Beloit, Wisconsin has been **cancelled** due to a lack of applications to consider for committee vacancies.

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C: Appointment Review Committee Members  
Local Media  
R. Houseman LeMire, City Clerk  
Beloit City Council





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

Beloit City Hall - The Forum  
100 State Street, Beloit, WI  
February 12, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll call
2. Motion for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of January 8, 2013.
3. Change of Agent at Speedway #4293, 2781 Milwaukee Rd., from Nancy Bryant to Sheryl LaTronico.
4. Consideration of incident December 12, 2012, Police Report 12-9761, at CVS Pharmacy #8534, 1063 Fourth Street, Judy A. Thomas, Agent. Sale to underage person during alcohol compliance check.
5. Status of Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License for Draeving Companies, LLC, d/b/a Thirsty Badger Bar & Grill, 2683 Prairie Avenue, Michael Draeving, Sr., Agent.
6. Consideration of incident on October 18, 2012 (follow-up from December and January meetings) Police Report 12-8290, at End Zone Bar & Grill, 616 Fourth St, Sandra Manning Brown, Agent.
7. Citizen Comments
8. Committee Comments
9. Police Department Comments
10. Attorney Comments
11. Motion to Adjourn

February 6, 2013  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City of Beloit City Clerk

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**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013**  
**6:30PM**  
**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI**

**AGENDA**

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of:           November 4, 2012
- 3.) Citizens Participation
- 4.) Director's Report
  - a.) Correspondence
  - b.) Parks Report
  - c.) Horticulture Report
  - d.) Grinnell Hall Senior Center Report
  - e.) Leisure Services/Recreation Report
  - f.) Special Projects
- 5.) Old Business - None
- 6.) New Business
  - a.) Consideration and support of new signage proposed along the Rock River by the Rock River Trail Initiative.
  - b.) Consideration and support of "The Denier", a new deterrent system that may improve Goose management within the City park system.
  - c.) Consideration and support of the new lease agreement between the City of Beloit and the Beloit Professional Baseball Association, Inc. (aka Beloit Snappers).
  - d.) Consideration and support for utilizing funds from the Stateline Community Foundation.
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

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**SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

- \*       Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Brian Ramsey @ 608/364-2919 or the Parks Administrative Secretary @ 608/364- 2929 prior to the meeting.
- \*\*       Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services.
- \*\*\*     For additional information or to request this service, please contact the Parks & Leisure Services Division located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by calling 608/364-2929.