



# 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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### **WELLHEAD PROTECTION ORDINANCE UNDER REVIEW**

Staff and Plan Commission review of the Wellhead Protection Ordinance continued this week. The Plan Commission met this past Wednesday evening, heard testimony from a number of interested residents (most of whom were business owners), and voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Ordinance with certain modifications. Staff has also been looking at the list of conditional uses at the request of some businesses and has contacted the Department of Natural Resources to determine whether or not modifications can be made to the model ordinance. This entire matter, including an update staff report, will be back on the City Council's agenda for the March 4 City Council meeting.

### **ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF MUNICIPAL ISSUES TO CONTINUE**

Councilor Van De Bogart and the City Manager attended the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Lobby Corps Day in Madison last week. With the introduction of the Governor's budget, there will be additional advocacy activity required on behalf of the City in particular, and Wisconsin municipalities in general. Fortunately, there are no cuts proposed in State Shared Revenue sources for municipalities in this year's budget. That is extremely good news and the first time in the last three budget cycles that municipalities have not received significant revenue reductions. Municipal officials have been asking for some increase in revenue since we have been cut on numerous occasions going all the way back to 2002.

There is also an unrelated issue in the Governor's proposed budget, which would prohibit local governments from incorporating residency requirements in their personnel policies. Residency requirements are a long standing practice on behalf of local governments. At times, they are included in labor contracts or other personnel policies to ensure that employees are close by to facilitate emergency response capabilities. Often, top managers in local government jurisdictions, such as City Managers, School Superintendents and Department Directors, are required to live in the community they serve and make public policy recommendations, including matters related to taxation and fees. The City of Beloit has had residency requirements in place for a number of years for its department and division level personnel. City Council reviewed those standards just this past year and again confirmed their interest in maintaining residency for those employees. Regardless of the specific issues related to residency, this has traditionally been a local option or decision that rests with the elected boards in the respective jurisdictions. It is hard to see any possible public purpose or issues related to public health, safety and welfare, which would necessitate a state regulation on this matter. We have already contacted our elected representatives, asking for support to make sure that this item is not included in the final adopted budget.

In a couple weeks, Council President Haynes and I will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in the National League of Cities winter legislative conference, which will be an opportunity to meet and interact with our elected Federal representatives, as well as key staff in their Washington offices who we don't often see. Once again, we will be talking about Federal

issues of concern to municipalities, as well as specific issues like the pending casino application and the very important Interstate 39/90 reconstruction and widening project, which is under the ultimate jurisdiction of the Federal Highway Administration.

## **APPROVAL OF LAND SALE TO THE HO CHUNK NATION**

This past Monday, City Council heard a detailed confidential briefing related to selling real estate to the Ho Chunk Nation and decided to move forward with that sale at this time. The City obtained a good price for the land and has good terms and conditions in the sales contract, which will be of significant benefit to the local community. The sale also allows the Ho Chunk Nation to gain title to not only the 32-acre trust site, but to an additional 41+ acres of adjacent land, which along with the trust site, will comprise the total casino complex. Once again, we think this acquisition will strengthen their fee to trust application and hopefully move the casino project toward ultimate approval and implementation.

## **CITY MOVES FORWARD WITH PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR SELECTION PROCESS**

This coming Monday, **February 25, 2013**, the two finalists for the Public Works Director position will again be interviewed and will engage in a number of other activities which are part of the selection process. The day will culminate at **4:00 p.m.** with a reception with city administrators and Councilors. The reception is by invitation and a quorum of City Councilors may be present. Meeting notice [attached](#).

## **MERRILL COMMUNITY CENTER CONDUCTING THEIR ANNUAL RADIO FUND RAISER**

Help to support the Merrill Community Center, who today conducted their annual radio fund raiser. I was fortunate to be able to stop by the facility around 11:00 a.m. to make a few comments and assist with their important fund raising activities. If you have any questions or would like to contribute, please don't hesitate to contact the Merrill Community Center at 1428 Wisconsin Avenue, Beloit, WI or 365-1488.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— FEBRUARY 25—MARCH 1, 2013

Monday, February 25	1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (D. Luebke)
Monday, February 25	4:00 p.m.	Reception for Public Works Director candidates, Beloit Public Library Community Room (All Councilors invited)
Monday, February 25	Cancelled	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a>
Wed., February 27	7:30 a.m.	Visit Beloit Board Meeting (J. Van De Bogart)
Wed., February 27	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (D. Luebke, K. Leavy)

## 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.

**Krueger-Haskell Golf Course** **2013 season passes selling at a discount until March 1st!** Passes are available Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Leisure Services Office, 1003 Pleasant Street, Beloit.

Tuesday, Feb. 26	Noon-1:30 p.m.	<b>Lunch with "Will"</b> at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. Ron Scot Fry of The Optimist Theatre in Milwaukee will present a program in the character of The Bard, describing English life in Elizabethan times. Bring a brown bag lunch, desserts and beverages provided by the Library. Sponsored by FABL.
Saturday, March 2	10:00 a.m.	<b>Rise and Shine 2013!</b> Friends of RiverFront will unveil their 2013 season at Rotary River Center, Riverside Park. Free event with continental breakfast offered.
Saturday, March 16	10:00 a.m.	<b>Easter "Eggstravaganza,"</b> Easter egg hunt, Fun Zone, face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and more. Horace White Park. Sponsored by the Downtown Beloit Association and the Greater Beloit Young Professionals.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit will hold a **reception** for the two finalists for the Public Works Director position on Monday, February 25, 2013, at 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library, located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI 53511. A quorum of City Council members may be present.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: February 20, 2013  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City Clerk  
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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Traffic Review Committee**  
**Monday, February 25, 2013 1:30 P.M.**  
**City Manager's Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**  
**Beloit, WI 53511**

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the November 26, 2012 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
3. Public Participation.
4. Presentation of the 2013 Traffic Review Committee calendar.
5. Ordinance to remove the No-Parking restrictions on the north side of Olympian Boulevard between Vine Street and Eighth Street and on the south side between Vine Street and Oak Street.
6. Ordinance to remove the 2-hour parking restrictions on State Street between East Grand Avenue and Public Avenue.
7. Committee Member participation.
8. Next meeting –the next meeting is scheduled for **March 25, 2013**.
9. Adjournment

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**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting CANCELLATION Notice  
Monday, February 25, 2013 5:00 PM  
City Hall Forum  
Beloit WI 53511**

The Police & Fire Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2013 has been cancelled.

Charles Losinske, President  
Beloit Police & Fire Commission

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
Community Development Authority  
February 27, 2013 at 4:30 pm  
City Manager's Conference Room  
Beloit City Hall, Fourth Floor  
100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Election of Officers
  - a. Nomination and election of Chairperson
  - b. Nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson
3. Citizen Participation
4. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 30, 2013
5. Appointment of a CDA member to the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation (Christensen)
6. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of December Activity Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of December Financial Report (Pollard)
  - c. Presentation of January Activity Report (Pollard)
  - d. Presentation of January Financial Report (Pollard)
  - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-05, Approval of Revision to Beloit Housing Authority's Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plan (Cole)
7. Community Development
  - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-06, Increasing the NSP3 Budget for 122 Hackett (Schneider)
  - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-07, Authorizing the Sale of 517 Liberty Avenue (Schneider)
8. Adjournment [Return to page 3](#)

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: February 22, 2013

Approved: Julie Christensen, Ex. Director

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