



THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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ARBOR DAY CELEBRATED ON FRIDAY, APRIL 26

We had a good turn out and a large degree of participation from the Robinson Elementary School students for this year's Arbor Day celebration. A tree was planted and the traditional Arbor Day festivities were observed.

BLOOM! 2013

Just a reminder that tomorrow, **Saturday, April 27**, the Friends of RiverFront will hold their annual "Bloom!" event with a Meet the Artist Reception and Silent Auction beginning at 6:00 p.m. A live auction will commence at 7:30 p.m. All events will be held in the Rotary River Center on Riverside Drive in Beloit. Please see the [attached](#) flyer for additional information.

CLEAN SWEEP—2013—HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Please be advised that two "Clean Sweep" hazardous waste collections have again been scheduled for Rock County this year. The collections are scheduled in Milton on April 26 and at Beloit Public Works Operations, 2351 Springbrook Ct. on **Saturday, April 27 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The pick-ups will be for residential and farm hazardous waste products only. For more information, see the [attached](#) flyer. **NOTE: You must RSVP prior to the event.** www.co.rock.wi.us/clean-sweep

SPRING TREE PLANTING AVAILABLE

The City's Department of Public Works is now accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this spring. Species will be determined by the City Forestry Supervisor. There is no cost and trees will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (608) 364-2929. All requests must be received by Friday, May 31, 2013 to participate in the spring planting for this year.

EMERALD ASH BORER CONFIRMED IN BELOIT

As we have suspected for over a year, the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is present in ash trees within the City of Beloit. Last year there were two confirmed findings in the City of Janesville. On Wednesday, April 24, the Forestry crew was removing a tree and saw common signs of the EAB. The Department of Agriculture later confirmed the find. The EAB is now found throughout Southern Wisconsin. The [attached](#) press release provides more information about the current status of the EAB infestation and also contains information on how you can protect ash trees located on your private property. I treated my ash this spring and the process was relatively inexpensive and easy to complete. There are a number of outside sources that can also assist homeowners with this process, as well.

BELOIT DOG PARK GRAND OPENING

The City's new dog park at 2425 Springbrook Ct., will be dedicated next Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. A brief dedication ceremony will be followed by an obedience demonstration and other free events for you and your dog. Obviously, dogs are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Please see the [attached](#) brochure for more information on the dog park. The grand opening event flyer is also [attached](#).

Representatives from the Treasurer's office will be in attendance at the event with both dog tags and the annual dog park passes available for sale, allowing you and your dog to use the park as much as you would like throughout the year. If you plan to purchase a dog license at this event, you must be sure to bring the rabies vaccination certificate issued from a veterinarian, showing the tag numbers and the expiration dates. Only cash or checks will be accepted at this event. If you would like to use a debit or credit card, please stop at the Treasurer's office on the 2nd floor of City Hall, Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. Prices are as follows:

- \$7.50 annual license for dogs that are spayed or neutered (proof required) (Plus \$10 late fee after April 1 unless you just acquired the dog or if it is a puppy less than 6 months)
- \$15.00 annual license for dogs that have not been spayed or neutered (Plus \$10 late fee after April 1 unless you just acquired the dog or if it is a puppy less than 6 months)
- \$20.00 annual dog park permit for the first dog (resident) (proof of rabies vaccination required)
- \$30.00 annual dog park permit for the first dog (non-resident, proof of rabies vaccination required)
- \$10.00 annual dog park permit for each additional dog (resident or non-resident, proof of rabies vaccination required)
- \$25.00 annual dog park permit and license combo (proof of rabies vaccination required)

FARMERS' MARKET PRE-SALE BEGINS ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013

Please remember that the smaller scale Farmers' Market "pre-sale" also begins next Saturday, May 4. Pre-sales will run through the end of May, with the full Farmers' Market located on State Street and Grand Avenue beginning on Saturday, June 1. The Farmers' Market runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each Saturday through October, rain or shine.

ARTWALK DOWNTOWN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10 AND 11, 2013

On Friday evening, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, ArtWalk will again be held in downtown Beloit. For more information about this year's activities, please see the [attached](#) flyer.

STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE

Just a reminder that the City's departments and divisions are now preparing their 2014 Strategic Plans for review. A full day workshop has been scheduled with the Beloit City Council on **Monday, May 13, 2013 at the Utilities and Engineering Building, 2400 Springbrook Court** for review of the Strategic Plan submittals. The session begins at 8:00 a.m., with presentations scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. The entire session will be open to the public.

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program is celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. At the last Council meeting, a proclamation was presented recognizing both the organization's accomplishments and National Volunteer Week. As part of the activities, the City Hall sponsored an appreciation luncheon for the City Hall greeters, who are located on the first floor and assist residents in finding the appropriate office or meeting room here in City Hall. The volunteers have been greeting now for many years and we are sincerely appreciative of the time that they donate to the City to help out with this important customer service function.

BELOIT'S PUBLIC HOUSING REMODELING AND REDEVELOPMENT TO RECEIVE RECOGNITION

The City's tax credit financed Public Housing remodeling and redevelopment initiative, which was completed late last year, has been recognized by the "Daily Reporter" as one of the top projects of 2012. The project involved exterior remodeling, substantial upgrades to produce better energy efficiency, and interior upgrades to ensure the quality of housing units that serve Beloit Housing Authority tenants. The project was totally financed using Section 42 Low Income Housing Tax Credits on various HUD grant programs. Although the City has loaned some cash to the project, that will be repaid over the next few years from various grant and project sources. We were very pleased to see the project receive recognition and a small group of City officials will be traveling to Milwaukee next week for the actual presentation.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— APRIL 29—MAY 3, 2013

Wednesday, May 1 7:30 a.m. Rock County Breakfast (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)

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.

Beloit Snappers season is underway! Please click [\[here\]](#) to view their website for game schedules, special promotions, and more.

Krueger Haskell Golf Course is open, weather permitting. Please call 362-6503 for tee times.

Saturday, April 27	6:00-7:30 p.m.	BLOOM! 2013 annual fund-raiser to animate, maintain and sustain Beloit's river front. Rotary River Center, Riverside Drive. Silent auction, live auction, beverages and hors d'oeuvres. If you would like to donate an item to BLOOM!, please call 362-0964 or e-mail nmeyer@friendsofriverfront.com
Thursday, May 2	7:00—8:30 p.m.	45th Assembly District State Representative Janis Ringhand will hold a listening session at Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street. She invites residents to stop by to share their views and opinions.
Saturday, May 4	8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Farmers' Market Pre-Sale , 300 block of State Street and the Gantry Area.
Saturday, May 4	9:00—11:00 a.m.	City of Beloit Dog Park Grand Opening , 2425 Springbrook Court. Parking available at Leeson Park. Dedication ceremony at 9:00 a.m., obedience demonstration at 9:30 a.m.

BLOOM! 2013



SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

Friends of RiverFront invite you to join us for our annual fund-raiser to animate, maintain and sustain Beloit's fabulous RiverFront. Bring a friend!

Saturday, April 27th

Where - Rotary River Center, Riverside Dr., Beloit

6:00 - 7:30pm

Meet the Artist Reception and Silent Auction

New this year \$10.00 fee (exception for artists and crafters who have donated to the Bloom auction)

Enjoy beverages and hors d'oeuvres as you bid on the silent auction items and view the live auction items.

7:30 - Live Auction

The excitement and fun goes into high gear as Rich Ranft of Beloit Auction & Realty leads this fun and fast-paced live auction.

Special note, **BLOOM!** will be taking a hiatus after this year so don't miss this great opportunity to see and bid on all the beautiful and unique items.

Want to donate an item to BLOOM!? Bring to 1003 Pleasant St. Beloit, WI by April 23rd. Call (608) 362-0964 or e-mail nmeyer@friendsofriverfront.com

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Clean Sweep 2013

**for
HAZARDOUS
WASTE**



**Rock County
residents
only**

Milton - April 26

Beloit - April 27

August 23 – Clinton & August 24 - Janesville

BRING

Mercury, pesticides, solvents, old fuel, pool chemicals, caustics, acids, more!

See list in brochure at

www.co.rock.wi.us/clean-sweep

or call 754-6617 ext. 3

DO NOT BRING

High-pressure cylinders, Freon gases, infectious and biological wastes, explosives (detonators, blasting caps), radioactive chemicals and devices, ammunition, electronics.

****First small recycling bin per household is FREE!**

Extra bins = \$5 each, limit 4 total bins.

Conditions may apply for larger loads, barrels

Oil-based paint - limit one bin per customer. **NO LATEX PAINT ACCEPTED.**

Fluorescent bulbs limit 5 per vehicle

SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR FARMSTEADS – FIRST 200 LBS FREE

RVSP as soon as possible!

**Space is limited!
Sign up is FAST and EASY!**

Call us at **754-6617 ext. 3**,
Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm
OR mail form inside Clean Sweep brochure

Spring drop-off sites:

Friday, April 26, 1 pm - 4 pm
City of Milton Dept. of Public Works
150 Northside Dr., Milton, WI 53563

Saturday, April 27, 8 am – 12 pm
City of Beloit Dept. of Public Works
2351 Springbrook Ct., Beloit, WI 53511

Businesses, schools, agencies that produce less than 2200 lbs of hazardous waste/year,
\$AVE \$\$\$ on vendor mobilization fees! **FREE no-obligation quotes!**

Call or see Business Section at our website.

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Sponsored by: Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Clean Sweep Work Group; Rock County Departments of Land Conservation, Health; UW-Extension/Rock County; Cities of Beloit, Janesville, Edgerton, Evansville, and Milton; and the Town of Beloit.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact:

Mike Ferger, Forestry Operations Supervisor
City of Beloit, Department of Public Works
(608) 364-2929

EMERALD ASH BORER DETECTED IN BELOIT, WI

Beloit, Wisconsin (April 25, 2013) – On Wednesday, April 24, 2013 officials from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture confirmed that the emerald ash borer (EAB) was found in Beloit. Mike Ferger, Forestry Operations Supervisor said the infested tree was located on LaSalle Street and was identified by the city's forestry crew during a scheduled removal of the tree. The crew observed 1/8 inch wide D-shaped holes, wood pecker damage and split bark.

As a reminder, Rock County is under quarantine for the EAB. Residents are encouraged to continue to follow the quarantine guidelines as set by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection. Materials regulated under Wisconsin's EAB quarantine include all hardwood firewood; ash products such as timber, pallets, mulch and trimmings; and ash nursery stock. Businesses that deal with these products can apply for a variety of certificates or exemptions that are not available to the general public.

In addition to the quarantine in Rock County, the following counties also remain regulated: Brown, Crawford, Fond du Lac, Kenosha, La Crosse, Milwaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Ozaukee, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, and Waukesha. Updates to this list can be found at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov/.

The emerald ash borer was initially discovered near Detroit, Michigan in 2002. It was likely transported to North America accidentally in wooden shipping crates from China. The EAB has destroyed millions of ash trees since being detected in North America. It is the beetle's larvae that actually kill the host ash tree by tunneling through the soft wood just under the bark that supplies the tree with food and water. Large, healthy trees can succumb to EAB within three to five years.

Beloit residents concerned about the health of their ash trees should consult a local professional arborist, tree care specialist or call the Department of Public Works at (608) 364-2929. There are a variety of treatments available for homeowners with varying levels of efficacy that can be found in local garden centers and hardware stores. Professionals can help assess the status of a tree and offer advice on whether it is worth considering treatments.

For additional information about emerald ash borer please visit the Wisconsin EAB Website at www.emeraldashborer.wi.gov or the City of Beloit's website, <http://bit.ly/11GLbSe>.

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Dog Park Tag Fees

(Effective: January 8, 2013)

The Daily Dog Park User Fee must be placed in the Drop Box unless your dog bears the appropriate City of Beloit Dog Park Tag.

<u>User Fees</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	<u>Non-Resident Fee</u>
Daily Fee	\$5.00/Visit	\$5.00/Visit
Annual User Tag	\$20.00/Year	\$30.00/Year
Each Additional Dog	\$10.00/Year	\$10.00/Year
Dog Park Tag & License Combo (*)	\$25.00/Year	

(*) Dog Park Tag & Dog License Combo must be purchased at the same time and is only available at the Beloit City Hall.

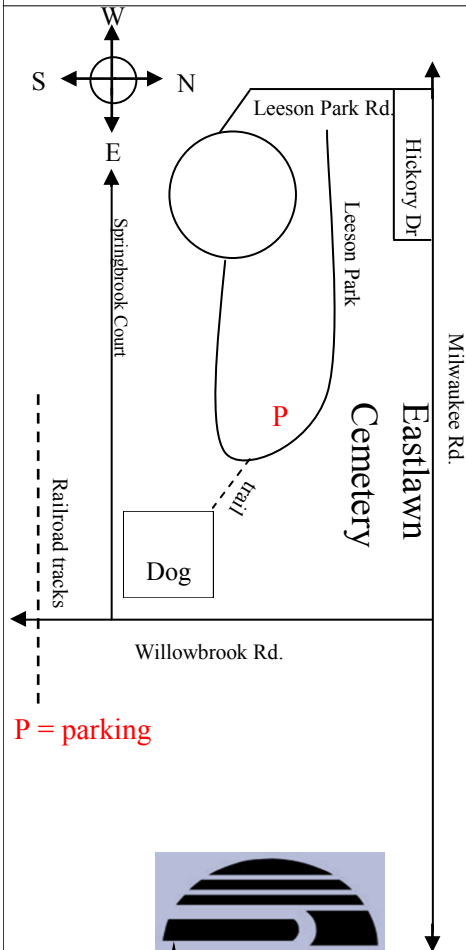
Hours
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday

Tags may be purchased
City Treasurer's Office
2nd Floor City Hall
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511
608/364-6642



Where to Find Us.....

City of Beloit Dog Park 2425 Springbrook Ct.
Parking Available through Leeson's Park at
2200 Milwaukee Rd.



P = parking



City of Beloit
Parks & Leisure Services
2351 Springbrook Ct.
Beloit, WI 53511
608/364-2929
608/364-2890



Open daily from sunrise to sunset

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Dog Park Description

The City of Beloit Dog Park is approximately 2.5 acres in size and is enclosed by 1700 linear feet of fencing. The enclosed off-leash area is divided into two separate areas: one area specified for small breed dogs (approximately .5 acre in size), and another larger area (approximately 2.0 acres in size) designed for large breed dogs. Dog owners will be required to either pay the daily fee that will be placed in a drop-box at the entrance gate, or they can purchase an Annual Dog Tag that can be worn by their dog.

The City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division has developed this special use park site to provide a fun, safe, and attractive environment for you and your dog(s). By using this park, users agree that they understand and assume all responsibility and liability of risk by unleashing their dog(s) in this facility. The Dog Park is an unsupervised facility; therefore users are required to abide by all rules and proper etiquette at all times while on the premises, and maintain proper supervision of their dog(s). The continual use of this park depends on users behaving responsibly and obeying all the rules as designated. Your main priority at all times is the proper control and supervision of your dog(s).

DESIGNATED RULES

All rules have been developed and are enforced as designated by City Ordinance, Section 18.02(23).

1. Open daily from Sunrise to Sunset.
2. The Daily Dog Park User Fee must be placed in the Drop Box unless your dog bears the appropriate City of Beloit Dog Park Tag.
3. Dogs are permitted off-leash within the enclosed fenced area ONLY!
4. Owners are responsible for their dog(s) at all times!
5. Dog Park users are allowed a maximum of three (3) dogs per adult inside the dog park.
6. Dogs should not be left unattended.
7. Aggressive and/or threatening dogs must immediately be removed from the park.
8. The Dog Park is strictly for DOGS ONLY! No other pets allowed!
9. All owners are required to pick-up after their dog(s). Waste bags and receptacles are available; please use them and dispose of waste properly!
10. Dogs are prohibited in the park if they are under the age of four (4) months, or if they are a female dog "in-heat".
11. Dog treats are allowed only for dog training purposes.
12. Smoking is prohibited inside the enclosed fenced area!
13. Commercial use of the Dog Park is prohibited, without City authorization.



ENTRANCE GATE PROCEDURES

Dog park users are required to properly follow the posted directions when entering and/or exiting the enclosed fenced area:

ENTERING DOG PARK:

- * Open Gate #1, close gate behind you and secure latch
- * You may unleash your dog while between Gate #1 and Gate #2
- * Open Gate #2 to enter fenced-in area of the Dog Park

EXITING DOG PARK:

- * Open Gate #2, close gate behind you and secure latch
- * Leash your dog while between Gate #2 and Gate #1
- * Open Gate #1 to exit fenced-in area of the Dog Park

DOG PARK ETIQUETTE:

- * Abide by all rules and regulations as established and posted by the City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division.
- * Control your dog at all times.
- * Dog owners should always carry a leash in case you need to restrain your dog.
- * Prevent your dog from damaging any areas of the Dog Park; do not allow them to dig holes.
- * Promptly clean up after your dog and dispose of waste properly.
- * Do not bring your dog to the park if it is sick, has parasites, and/or fleas!
- * Properly use the entrance and exit gates and keep them closed when not in use.
- * Frisbee, balls, and retrieval dog toys are permitted and encouraged, but dog owners should be prepared to share with other park users.
- * Dog owners are encouraged to bring water containers for their dog, but glass containers are prohibited. Please do not leave containers at the park.

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*We would like to invite you to the
City of Beloit Dog Park Grand Opening*



Saturday, May 4, 2013 9:00 am-11:00 am

Dedication Ceremony at 9:00 am

Obedience demonstration at 9:30 am

Free event! Dogs Welcome!

The City of Beloit Dog Park is located at
2425 Springbrook Court Beloit, WI

Parking available at Leeson Park (2200 Milwaukee Road)

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*Brought to you by the City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services
Division. For more information, please call (608) 364-2890*



Downtown Beloit
 May 10th 5-9 pm
 May 11th 10-2 pm

Enjoy a weekend of art and entertainment! Downtown businesses transform into fine-art galleries for the 11th Annual...

ARTWALK

FREE Trolley Rides on Friday!



Do The ArtWalk!
 2013

Auction to benefit BMHS Art Department
 Saturday 11:30 am
 at The Villager

Casual lookers and serious buyers will find hundreds of works from about 50 artists featured at over 25 venues, many offering hors d'oeuvres and live music! Friday after hours, various venues heat up with live music, and restaurants and lounges offer enticing specials. Friday night, catch the free trolley connecting all parking and exhibition areas throughout the event.

Rockford IL 04.07.13
 Beloit WI 05.11.13
 Aurora IL 06.16.13

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