

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:  
Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services  
(608) 364-2929.

**Dog Park Dedication Planned**

**April 26, 2013 – Beloit, WI:** The City of Beloit’s Parks and Leisure Services Division invites the general public to attend official dedication and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new City of Beloit Dog Park on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 9:00am in Leeson Park.

This new park facility was designed as a place for dog owners to allow their dogs to run free and off-leash in an enclosed area designed specifically for their pet. The actual Dog Park area is approximately 2.5 acres in size and 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 ½ an acre in size), and another larger area (approximately 2 acres in size) designed for large breed dogs. Dog owners will be required to 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 when visiting the Dog Park. Rates for Dog Tags are posted at the entrance to the Dog Park, along with rules and general information. Even though the Dog Park will be open and free to all participants at the ribbon-cutting, Dog Tags will be available for sale as follows:

- Annual Dog Tag                      \$20.00/Resident              \$30.00/Non-resident
- Each Additional Dog              \$10.00/Resident              \$10.00/Non-resident

Dog Park Tags and Dog Licenses are regularly sold at the City’s Treasurer’s Office located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor at City Hall, and residents can save \$2.50 by purchasing both items at the same time for only \$25.00 annual fee. All Dog Tags will expire at the end of the calendar year.

The City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division has developed this special use park site to provide a fun, safe, and attractive environment for dog owners to exercise and play with their dog. By using this special park, dog owners agree that they understand and assume all responsibility and liability of risk by unleashing their dog 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 maintains proper supervision of their dog. The continual use of this facility depends on the users behaving responsibly and obeying all the posted rules as designated. Your main priority at all times is the proper control and supervision of your dog. All rules, fees, and entrance gate procedures regarding the appropriate use of this facility are posted at the entrance area to the Dog Park.

Dog owners are welcome to bring their dog to the Dedication Ceremony and encourage to attend the Dog Obedience Demonstration that immediately follows the ribbon-cutting. Questions may be directed to the Parks & Leisure Services Division at 608/364-2929 or 608/364-2890.

###