



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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FLOODING IN PORTIONS OF THE CITY FOLLOWING RECENT HEAVY RAINS

From driving around the community and watching media reports, residents are obviously aware that there was flooding, particularly along the Turtle Creek and Springbrook Creek watersheds due to recent heavy rains. Hydrologic prediction services show the Turtle Creek in Beloit cresting at over 13.5 ft., which would put it well above flood stage, which is 9 ft. Unfortunately, some of the very heavy storms that we had on Tuesday and Wednesday were concentrated right on the Turtle Creek watershed.

Several streets in the area were closed mid-week and sand, as well as bags, were made available at the DPW Operations Facility on Springbrook Court to residents living along Turtle Creek who are concerned about the rising waters. Unfortunately, thunderstorms remain in the forecast through Saturday, so additional rain could fall within the Turtle Creek watershed. As of today, all streets are now open and the waterways are receding from peak levels.

While the Rock River has obviously risen, due to all of the runoff it does not appear to be a threat of flooding at this time.

JULY 4TH CELEBRATION

Don't forget Beloit's exciting July 4th celebration. The City's celebration will again be held in Riverside Park, 1240 Riverside Drive. Residents are encouraged to bring a chair or blanket to stake out their favorite spot in front of the Harry C. Moore Pavilion. The Beloit Janesville Symphony will begin their rousing July 4th concert at 7:30 p.m., which will be followed by Beloit's wonderful fireworks display. I hope you, your family and friends will come out to Riverside Park this coming Thursday, July 4th, to help us all celebrate our nation's birthday.

Residents are reminded that City Hall and the Beloit Public Library will be CLOSED on Thursday, July 4th, in observance of Independence Day, reopening with normal business hours on Friday, July 5. Trash collection for the Thursday and Friday routes will be delayed one day.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Once again, the Police Department, Fire Department and the Greater Beloit Area Crime Stoppers organization will celebrate our 30th National Night Out. This year's events are scheduled for Tuesday, August 6 from 5:30—8:30 p.m. As always, there will be parties, picnics and cookouts in various neighborhoods, churches and schools located throughout the Greater Beloit community. If you have held a neighborhood get-together in the past, we would urge you to participate again this year. If not, please consider getting your neighbors together for a cookout to be a part of this year's exciting national night out activities. As we do every year, the City Manager and various City Councilors will join the Police Chief, Fire Chief and other officials to travel throughout the community to visit as many neighborhood outings as possible. Please see [attached](#) press release and block party application for more information.

INTERSTATE WIDENING AND INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION

We had another planning session in Madison this past week with both the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration representatives in attendance. It does appear that we are getting close to some design alternatives for the I-43 Interchange that meet the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration. Obviously, a significant portion of the funding for this project will come from the Federal government and the Federal Highway Administration will be the final decision maker with regard to the alignments, ramp speeds, and other criteria that go into the design. As previously noted, there are still options on the table and we will be meeting with local property owners and stakeholders; however, the DOT has wisely deferred any further public outreach until we receive assurances that the design options being considered will meet the Federal Highway Administration standards.

BEST WISHES AND CONGRATULATIONS ON THE TRANSITION OF COMMAND STAFF IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I was pleased to see a full house at the Rotary River Center on Wednesday, June 26 to recognize Captain Vince Sciame upon his retirement following 33 years of service to the City of Beloit. Vince was a consummate professional and served in many critically important capacities as he moved through the chain of command at the department. Vince is retiring as the Captain in charge of the Detective Bureau and the Public Information function. We extend our very best wishes to Vince and his family as they begin the next stage of their lives.

I also want to publicly recognize and congratulate Captain Dan Molland, who previously served as a Patrol Sergeant and has 16 years of service to the community. As noted in the recent press release announcing his promotion, Dan has both Bachelors and Masters Degrees in public administration and has consistently been a major contributor and leader with regard to law enforcement activities in the community. We are very pleased to welcome Dan into the command ranks of the department.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013

The City Council will hold a **workshop at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Manager's Conference Room, 4th Floor, on Monday, July 1, 2013 for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

The **attached** agenda is for the **Monday, July 1, 2013** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation recognizing July as **Parks and Recreation Month**. This proclamation will be presented to Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks and Leisure Services and recognizes the month of July as Parks and Recreation Month.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** regarding converting a non-conforming use in a single-family residential district for property located at 920 Keeler Avenue. Councilors have seen the site plan for the location of this property and the fact that it has been used for vehicle storage for some number of years. Apparently there were no objections from neighbors and, following review of the case, the Plan Commission recommended for approval.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **minutes** of the regular meeting of June 3, 2013.
- b. Resolution awarding a **Public Works Contract** for the Sixth Street resurfacing project. This is yet another street improvement that needs to be completed and was included in the 2013 capital budget.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Fire Chief Liggett will present his annual **Fireworks Safety Presentation**.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow wireless communications tower for the First National Bank property located at 2600 Cranston Road. Councilors held this matter over from the last meeting, awaiting negotiations between the City and First National Bank to determine whether or not an elevated structure is available to house this antenna. Working in conjunction with bank representatives, the City was able to find a suitable location on the Gateway elevated storage tank and we are now preparing a standard lease agreement for use of that space. We did not complete all of that work in time for this agenda, so we are recommending that the City Council hold this matter over to the July 15, 2013 meeting. We anticipate having a resolution on that agenda authorizing a lease to place this antenna on the water tank. At that time, this application will be withdrawn.
- b. Resolution approving the **2012-2016 Parks, Open Space and Recreation Plan**. This item received the unanimous recommendation for approval from the Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission and was also unanimously recommended for approval by the Plan Commission. Parks Director Brian Ramsey will be in attendance at the Council meeting on Monday and will have a PowerPoint with more detailed information regarding the contents of the plan. Once again, your agenda provides a website link and we would urge Councilors to read through the entire document prior to Monday evening's meeting.
- c. Resolution amending the **2013 Capital Budget** for the installation of water and sewer in the Gateway Business Park. This budget amendment is for TIF District #10 and provides the necessary appropriation to extend water and sewer mains north of the Gateway Business Park. The initial purpose for this extension will be to serve the new CCI Construction headquarters building anticipated for the corner of Gateway Blvd. and Townhall Road. The utility extensions would also serve the entire north end of the business district and would be in place to support subsequent development. The City has adequate fund balance and cash flow in this TIF District to provide for these improvements. No loans will be needed and no general purpose government revenue will be used.
- d. Resolution authorizing a **Cooperative Agreement** between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the City of Beloit regarding the infrastructure improvements related to the Ho-Chunk casino project and the TIGER 5 grant. In order to fulfill the requirements of the TIGER grant and the Nation's various government funding sources, a Cooperative Agreement is needed at this time. As Councilors will note, in addition to the \$1.53 million contribution included in the original grant application, the Nation is also adding an additional \$370,000 to cover this preliminary design phase cost. The grant application requires the applicant to have completed 30% of the necessary design engineering by the end of September. The Nation has put up this additional funding to be certain that the project will remain grant eligible. Councilors will recall that we are also anticipating notification from the Federal Department of Transportation sometime late in the month of September regarding grant approval. As you will note from reviewing the Cooperative Agreement, language has been added so that if the grant is not approved, this project agreement can be cancelled and a new one negotiated based upon the changed scope of services that will certainly be required if the TIGER grant is not approved.
- e. Resolution amending the City's **2013 Capital Budget** to provide for the initial phase of design engineering for the TIGER grant related improvements. Once again, this resolution authorizes the expenditure of the \$370,000 to be provided by the Ho-Chunk Nation to cover these initial design costs. As with all other off-site infrastructure, this project will remain under the jurisdiction of the City government and our Engineering staff will be the project manager although we will maintain close communication with the Nation's representatives as we move forward with the project.
- f. Resolution authorizing a design engineering **contract** for the various street improvements included in the TIGER grant application. As noted above, the total amount of this preliminary design contract would not exceed \$370,000 which is divided up between the two primary consultants, Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. and Batterman Engineering with various other consultants receiving a lesser portion of the payment for services needed during this initial phase of

design. Additional contracts to prepare full design plans and specifications will be needed later if the TIGER grant is approved. Once again, if the grant is not approved, a revised scope of service will be negotiated between the Nation and the City at that time.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JULY 1–5, 2013

Monday, July 1	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, July 1	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All Councilors)
Wednesday, July 3	CANCELLED	Plan Commission , Forum (C. Kincaid)

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.

Beloit Farmers Market every Saturday through October, 300 block of State Street, 400 block of East Grand Ave. and the Gantry Area. Produce, jams, honey, baked goods, fish, meet, flowers and more!

Fridays in the Park free Summer concert series every Friday through the end of August. Gantry Park in downtown Beloit, 11:30—1:30 p.m. Lunch available for purchase, \$6.

Friday, June 28	7:00—9:00 p.m.	Music and More at Harry's Place , Riverside Park, Beloit. Cash Box Kings playing a combination of "blues and rockabilly."
Friday, July 5	7:00—9:00 p.m.	Music and More at Harry's Place , Riverside Park, Beloit. "Little Vito & The Torpedoes"



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PRESS RELEASE

The Beloit Police Department, Beloit Area Crime Stoppers, the Beloit Fire Department, and other City of Beloit officials will once again partner in celebration of the 30th National Night Out.

On Tuesday, August 6, 2013, from 5:30-8:30 pm, residents in neighborhoods throughout Beloit are asked to turn on outside lights and spend the evening outside with their neighbors. Last year over 30 neighborhood blocks registered to participate in Beloit's National Night Out celebration.

As in the past, Beloit Police Officers, Firefighters, City Officials, Greater Beloit Area Crime Stopper representatives and elected representatives will visit many of the block parties and cookouts. Each neighborhood block will be responsible for planning special activities. Barricades will be available upon request.

National Night Out is designed to:

- *General support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs;
- *Strengthen neighborhood spirit, and police-community partnerships and
- *Send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back

Those wishing to participate in this year's National Night Out activities shall register with the police department. Applications are available at the Beloit Police Department, 100 State St. and at the Beloit Fire Station Headquarters, 1111 Church St.

Applications will also be available on the City of Beloit's Website www.ci.beloit.wi.us

The deadline for registration is 5:00pm on July 19.

For more information on National Night Out activities contact Detective John Fahrney at 364-6840 or Sergeant Matt Donovan at 364-5717.

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30TH
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
August 6, 2013
BLOCK PARTY APPLICATION

Applicant's Name: _____ Leader's T-Shirt Size _____
(If money is available)
Applicant's Address: _____
Applicant's Phone Number (Home) _____ (Work) _____
Location of Party: _____ How many years have you participated in NNO? _____

Barricades: _____ YES NO _____
*Note: If requesting barricades, you will receive two barricades per block party.

Where will barricades be needed? (Required) _____

Of Adults _____ **# of children (required)** Ages 5-10(_____) **total #** _____

Special Activities Planned _____

Additional Comments:

National Night Out starts at 5:30pm. Please indicate in the comment section if your party will start earlier or later than 5:30pm

DEADLINE July 19, 2013 5:00pm

Return the application to any of the following locations: Beloit Police Department, 100 State Street (364-6840) Beloit Fire Department Headquarters, 1111 Church Street (364-2900) or

**Applications can be faxed to the Beloit Police Dept. (fax 608-364-6720) **



PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, July 1, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: June 26, 2013
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
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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.



**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, July 1, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Proclamation recognizing June as **Park and Recreation Month** (Ramsey)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a conversion from one legal nonconforming use (passenger vehicle storage) to another nonconforming use (motor vehicle wholesale sales) in a R-1B, Single-family Residential District, for the property located at 920 Keeler Avenue (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 4-0
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

 - a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of June 17, 2013 (LeMire)
 - b. Resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C13-02**, Sixth Street Resurfacing (Boysen)
7. ORDINANCES – none
8. APPOINTMENTS – none
9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS
10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION
 - a. Annual **Fireworks Safety Presentation** (Liggett)
11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS
 - a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a wireless communications tower in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District and MRO, Milwaukee Road Overlay District, for the property located at 2600 Cranston Road (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0.

- b. Resolution approving the **2012-2016 Parks, Open Space & Recreation Plan** (Ramsey) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 4-0
Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
(See www.ci.beloit.wi.us to review the Plan in its entirety)
- c. Resolution amending the **2013 Capital Budget** for the Installation of Sewer and Water in the Gateway Business Park (Boysen)
- d. Resolution authorizing the City Manager to enter into a **Cooperative Agreement** with the Ho-Chunk Nation for the Colley Road and Willowbrook Road Tiger Grant Project (Boysen)
- e. Resolution amending the **2013 Capital Budget** for the Tiger Grant Project, 30% Design (Boysen)
- f. Resolution approving a **Contract** with Jewell Associates Engineers, Inc. for Tiger Grant Project 30% Design Engineering (Boysen)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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<p>You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG channel 98 or digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and Friday at 1:00 p.m.</p>



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Plan Commission Members

FROM: Julie Christensen

DATE: June 25, 2013

SUBJECT: **Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting**

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **July 3, 2013** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **July 17, 2013**.

Please contact me at 364-6703 with any questions or comments.