

# CITY OF БЕЛОIT



## THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

### CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**August 9, 2013**

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from the Office of the  
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#### **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—ANOTHER SUCCESS**

I was very pleased to again participate in our annual National Night Our celebration this past Tuesday. The Police Chief and the Fire Chief were both there, along with large delegations of Police Officers and Fire Fighters. Council President Haynes and several of the City Councilors were also in attendance and visited a number of block parties throughout the evening. I would also like to thank St. Paul's Lutheran Church for hosting this year's kick-off event.

The Police Department had their new Mobile Command Center on display which, of course, was a big hit with the children and of significant interest to the adult attendees, as well. The City's new animal control vehicle was also publicly demonstrated for the first time.

Once again, if you or your neighbors have not previously participated in a National Night Out block party, what a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors a little better, and participate in this exciting event. Information will be made available next summer as we approach National Night Out for 2014.

#### **7TH ANNUAL BUSINESS EDUCATION SUMMIT SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 22, 2013**

Just a reminder that the Business Education Summit, which is jointly sponsored by the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation, the School District of Beloit, the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce, and Beloit College, will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2013 with registration beginning at 8:30 a.m. Once again, the session will convene in the Eclipse Center located at 100 Eclipse Center, Beloit, WI. This is a unique opportunity for educators and business as well as government leaders in the community to interact and to share perspectives regarding the needs of public education. The sessions are held each year, just prior to the beginning of the next school session and have proved to be a valuable communication opportunity. If you have not already done so, please register for the Summit at [www.greaterbeloitworks.com/BusEdSummit2013](http://www.greaterbeloitworks.com/BusEdSummit2013). See [attached](#) for more information.

#### **BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY ADOPT-A-SHELF TRAINING SCHEDULED**

The Beloit Public Library will hold training for "Adopt-A-Shelf" volunteers on Tuesday, September 17 from 3:30—5:30 p.m. in the Library meeting room, 605 Eclipse Blvd. Following training, volunteers may "adopt" a section of library shelves to help keep the books in order, straightened, and dusted. Volunteers are asked to commit to monthly visits for at least one year. Volunteers have assisted at the Library for many years to help maintain excellent services, while holding down costs for taxpayers. If you would like more information, please contact Vicki Hahn, Public Services Librarian at 364-5756.

#### **BUDGET PREPARATION UPDATE**

I want to provide a quick update on the budget preparation for the upcoming 2014 calendar year.

We have now completed reviews of all of the Operating funds and have most in balance, with a few minor modifications still required to some of the Enterprise funds to reconcile their capital spending with available funds following completion of the Operating budgets. We are still waiting for final assessment numbers from the State Department of Revenue, which are not due until late next week.

We also met this week to go over the proposed Capital Spending budget once again, and believe we have made enough adjustments to fit the proposed projects into the available debt capacity for 2014. We will meet one more time on the Capital Budget following receipt of the final assessment numbers, as noted above. We also have to complete work on the five year Capital Improvements element of the plan, which is completed each year in addition to the current projects budgeted for that fiscal year.

At this point, it does not appear that there are any serious problems or concerns in balancing the proposed 2014 budget; however, work will continue through the month of August to finalize all of the projections.

Once again, the proposed budget will be present to Council and the community at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on Monday, October 7, 2013.

## **A REPRESENTATIVE FROM U.S. SENATOR RON JOHNSON'S OFFICE VISITS BELOIT**

The Constituent Services Representative from U.S. Senator Johnson's office visited the City on Friday, July 9, 2013 and we were pleased to provide both a briefing and an update on current events and activities on-going in the City, as well as a tour of the community. Once again, the City showed extremely well and we were very pleased to tell the Beloit story to Senator Johnson's staff.

## **WEST GRAND AVENUE CONSTRUCTION**

Beginning Monday, August 12, 2013, the intersection of West Grand Avenue and Moore Street will be closed for construction. Please see [attached](#) for more information.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— AUGUST 12—16, 2013

Monday, August 12	4:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Board of Appeals Site Visit</a> , open to the public
Monday, August 12	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Appointment Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conference Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, August 13	4:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee</a> , Forum (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, August 13	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Board of Appeals</a> , Forum
Wednesday, August 14	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Park, Recreation &amp; Conservation Advisory Commission</a> , DPW Operations Center (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.

**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, August 9	7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m.	<b>Music and More at Harry's Place</b> , Riverside Park, Beloit. <b>Madisalsa</b> , sponsored by Beloit Foundation
Friday, August 16	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	<b>Music and More at Harry's Place</b> , Riverside Park, Beloit. <b>Westside Andy</b> , sponsored by Doug Cash
Thursday, Aug. 22	8:30 a.m.—Noon	<b>7th Annual Business Education Summit</b> , Eclipse Center <a href="http://www.greaterbeloitworks.com/BusEdSummit2013">www.greaterbeloitworks.com/BusEdSummit2013</a>
Friday, August 23	6:00 p.m.	<b>Movie on the Big Lawn</b> , Riverside Park, Beloit. Activities and vendors at 6:00 p.m. with the movie, "The Lorax," starting at sundown (between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m.). Raindate is Saturday, August 24. FREE!
Tuesday, Sept. 17	3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.	<b>Beloit Public Library Adopt-A-Shelf Training</b> for volunteers. Beloit Public Library Meeting Room, 605 Eclipse Blvd. For more information, please contact Vicki Hahn, Public Services Librarian, 364-5756
Friday, Sept. 20	9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.	<b>Memory Screening at Grinnell Hall</b> . The Alzheimer's Support Center of Rock County will conduct FREE memory screening at Grinnell Hall, 631 Bluff Street. The professional and confidential memory screens take approximately 20 minutes. Appointments are required; please call 608-364-2875 to schedule.

## ROUNDTABLE QUESTIONS

- 1) How has the workforce in the Beloit area changed over the years and how do those changes impact education and workforce training?
- 2) Based on your understanding of the 21st century job needs, what do you consider the essential competencies/skills needed by young job seekers entering the workforce today?
- 3) How can education, particularly in the secondary schools, be more effective in preparing young people for the world of work?
- 4) How can we strengthen the local talent pool of workers to match the needs of local and regional employers?
- 5) In what way can we help bridge the gap between Education and Business?
- 6) How can we better help students understand the vital connection between what they are learning and occupational application? What would bring that to life for them?
- 7) What trends in the world of work are we currently unprepared for? What actions should we take around these trends?
- 8) Are there other community linkages we should explore to better prepare our students for meaningful work in the future?

### Workforce System Resources

Department of Labor [www.doleta.gov](http://www.doleta.gov)

Workforce One [www.workforce3one.org](http://www.workforce3one.org)

Career Onestop [www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

Bureau of Labor Statistics [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)

Department of Commerce (DOC) [www.doc.gov](http://www.doc.gov)

Department of Education (DOE) [www.doe.gov](http://www.doe.gov)

Small Business Administration (SBA) [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)

## *“Workforce Development - Are You Ready?”*



*Beloit Memorial High School  
newly remodeled Machining Lab*

## 7th Annual Business Education Summit

August 22, 2013  
Eclipse Center, Beloit

*The Annual Business & Education Summit is a community-wide event with exciting collaboration of local leaders in both business and education. The Summit brings together key stakeholders to discuss the challenges that both employers and future employees will face in the 21st century. This is one of the steps in building a common vision for a Beloit in which current and future generations will find success and prosperity. The event provides a consistent forum where School District staff and the business community hear a common message about how to most effectively work together towards that vision. We hope you enjoy today's program!*

## AGENDA

- 8:30-9:00 a.m. .... Registration and Coffee
- 9:00-9:05 a.m. .... Welcome by Beloit City Manager Larry Arft  
and SDB Superintendent Steve McNeal
- 9:05-9:45 a.m. .... Keynote, Rebekah Kowalski
- 9:45-10:00 a.m. .... Inspire Rock County, James Otterstein
- 10:00-10:15 a.m. .... Youth Apprenticeship, Susan Dantuma
- 10:15-10:30 a.m. .... Work Today Program, Bob Borremans
- 10:30-10:45 a.m. .... Break
- 10:45-11:45 a.m. .... Roundtable Discussions
- 11:45-11:55 a.m. ... Business / Education Partnership Awards
- 11:55-Noon ..... Gift baskets courtesy of Visit Beloit and SDB

## KEYNOTE

### REBEKAH KOWALSKI



Rebekah Kowalski is the Vice President of ManpowerGroup's Global Strategic Workforce Consulting Practice. As the Principal Consultant for the practice globally, Rebekah focuses on helping clients understand the risks to business and economic growth strategies posed by workforce supply and demand forces, and partners with them to develop practical options for ensuring they have the right talent in the right place, at the right time, and at the right cost. Rebekah specializes in consulting and advising on how the convergence of government, education, employers, and individuals drives local and global market competitiveness. Prior to her current role, Rebekah spent nine years at the helm of Manpower's US and Global Solutions units and led the teams responsible for working with ManpowerGroup's most strategically significant clients. Rebekah led the project team responsible for the Be Bold 2 study in Wisconsin. She is a member of the Advisory Council of University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Center for the Study of the Workplace and a member of multiple research consortia.



Inspire Rock County is a web-based career and readiness platform. By leveraging career development tools, social media elements and workforce data into a seamless system (powered by Career Cruising), job creators, students, educators and parents can connect efficiently as well as effectively. [www.inspirerockcounty.org](http://www.inspirerockcounty.org)

The Youth Apprenticeship program is part of a statewide school-to-work initiative designed specifically for high school students that integrates academic and technical instruction with paid, mentored work experience at a local jobsite. High school juniors and seniors that meet certain criteria are eligible to participate. The Rock County School-to-Work Partnership offers 43 career programs in ten career clusters. [www.blackhawk.edu/HighSchoolConnection/YouthApprenticeship.aspx](http://www.blackhawk.edu/HighSchoolConnection/YouthApprenticeship.aspx)



The WTEA Work Today Employer Alliance (WTEA) is a talent-driven job training and skill matching link between employers with open jobs and local job candidates. This innovative program will be accomplished by recruiting employers with open jobs into an employment alliance, targeted identification of job candidates in the community capable of filling the job openings and work-based learning on specific job skills. For more information visit [www.swwdb.org](http://www.swwdb.org).



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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:  
Mike Flesch, City Engineer  
2400 Springbrook Court  
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(608) 364-6690

### **W. Grand Avenue Construction**

**August 8, 2013** – Beginning Monday, August 12, 2013, the intersection of W. Grand Avenue and Moore Street will be closed for construction. The road closure is necessary for sewer reconstruction. Wanasek Corporation expects the sewer reconstruction project to be completed by Friday, August 16, 2013. Road closure signs will be posted at all approaches to the intersection. At times, the intersection will be impassable. The Public Works Department suggests that the public use alternative routes to help expedite the project. As always, drivers are advised to use caution when traveling throughout the construction zone.

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Appeals Members

**FROM:** Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

**DATE:** August 5, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Board of Appeals Site Visit on Monday, August 12, 2013

Hendricks Commercial Properties has submitted an application for a Variance to Section 5-439(b)(4) of the City of Beloit Floodplain Zoning Ordinance to allow modifications to a nonconforming structure that will exceed fifty (50) percent of its present equalized assessed value without bringing the structure into complete compliance with the floodplain standards for the Ironworks property located at 701 Third Street. The Board of Appeals is scheduled to consider this application at 7 PM on Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in the City Hall Forum.

In advance of the meeting, the applicant has invited the Board and the public to a site visit. Therefore, I have scheduled an outdoor site visit at **4:00 PM on Monday, August 12, 2013.** Please meet near the intersection of W. Grand Avenue and Third Street. Because a quorum may be present, the public has been notified of this site visit. This site visit is open to the public.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or [penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us) if you have any questions or require more information.

cc: City Clerk's Office  
City Manager's Office  
Media

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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
NOTICE AND AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, August 12, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting June 10, 2013
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (September, 2013)
4. Review of City Council appointments June 17, 2013
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

- 1 resident (Marsden) – term to expire June 30, 2014
- 1 Tavern League Representative (Tilley) – term to expire June 30, 2016
- 1 School District Representative (Goecks) – for the 2013-2014 School Year

Appointment Review Committee

- 1 resident (Forbes) – term to expire December 31, 2013
- 1 resident (Reidenbach) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Board of Appeals

- 1 resident, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

- 1 resident (Fox) – term to expire December 31, 2015
- 1 resident (Biestler) – term to expire December 31, 2015
- 1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014
- 1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2013

Board of Review

- 1 resident, Alternate (Zoril) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Business Improvement District

- 1 Owner Occupant (Reynolds) – term to expire December 31, 2013
- 1 Property Owner (Hankins) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Community Development Authority

- 1 resident (Simpkins) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission

- 1 resident (Siatos) – term to expire June 30, 2016
- 1 resident (Lawrence) – term to expire June 30, 2016

Municipal Golf Committee

- 1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2013

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

- 1 resident (Ferber) – term to expire September 30, 2015
- 1 School District Representative (Smullen) – for the 2013-2014 School Year
- 1 youth (Patel) – term to expire September 30, 2013



Plan Commission

1 resident (Smith) – term to expire April 30, 2015

1 resident (Seifarth) – term to expire April 30, 2015

Traffic Review Committee

1 resident (Fryar) – term to expire September 30, 2013

6. Member Participation

a. Article from “*Beloit Daily News*,” Saturday, May 25, 2013

7. Citizen Participation

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8. Adjournment

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

Beloit City Hall - The Forum  
100 State Street, Beloit, WI  
August 13, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll call
2. Motion for approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2013.
3. Election of Officers
4. New Class "B" Beer and "Class C" Wine License for Jesus Garcia, d/b/a Restaurant La Fuente, 946 Wisconsin Avenue.
5. Change of Agent for Wal-Mart #2532, 2785 Milwaukee Road from Scott Greschner to Michael A. Lane, Jr.
6. Citizen Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Attorney Comments
10. Motion to Adjourn

August 7, 2013  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City of Beloit City Clerk

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## BELOIT BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, August 13, 2013

**7:00 PM**

The Forum  
Beloit City Hall  
100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Election of Officers.
  - a. Nomination and election of Chair
  - b. Nomination and election of Vice-Chair
  - c. Nomination and election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair
3. Minutes of the March 12, 2013 Meeting
4. Hendricks Commercial Properties – 701 Third Street  
BOA-2013-05 Variance to Section 5-439(b)(4) of the City of Beloit Floodplain Zoning Ordinance to allow modifications to a nonconforming structure that will exceed fifty (50) percent of its present equalized assessed value without bringing the structure into complete compliance with the floodplain standards for the Ironworks property located at 701 Third Street.
5. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at (608) 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: July 30, 2013

Approved: Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

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**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013**  
**6:30PM**  
**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI**

**AGENDA**

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of:            June12, 2013
- 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.) Review Summary Report from the July Parks Tour Evaluations.
  - b.) Consideration of striping Tennis Courts at Krueger Park to include lay-out for Pickleball play.
  - c.) Consideration of purchasing additional Goose Denier lights for other park locations.
  
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment [Return to page 3](#)

**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*