



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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ROCK RIVER TRAIL SCENIC AND HISTORIC ROUTE OFFICIAL OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING

Along with a number of officials from the City, County, and the Rock River Trail Coalition, I was very pleased to participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony on Monday, September 16, 2013. Trail signs are located throughout the City of Beloit and relatively easy to follow for motorists. The signs will also bring people into the historic City Center of Beloit.

BELOIT SENIOR FAIR – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2013

Once again, the Beloit Senior Fair will be held this year and is scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please note the new location this year. Due to growth in participation, as well as the number of vendors and exhibitors, the event is moving to the Eclipse Center, located at 26 Eclipse Blvd. (the former Beloit Mall). This year, over 60 exhibitors, health screenings, flu and pneumonia shots, food for purchase and various prize giveaways will all be part of the event. There are free bus rides available to the Center through Beloit Transit and wheelchairs will be available on site. There is no cost for admission (see [attached](#) flyer for more information). If you have any questions, please contact Paula Schutt, Senior Center Coordinator, at 364-2875.

ROCK COUNTY 5.0 AND GREATER БЕЛОIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION SPONSORS A BROKER AND DEVELOPER OPEN HOUSE

Along with the leaders of Rock County 5.0, representatives from Rock County and the City of Janesville, I attended the Broker and Developer Open House held on Wednesday, September 18. We had close to 75 brokers and developers from the Greater Beloit area, as well as those visiting from Chicago and other metropolitan areas around the Midwest. There was an extensive presentation regarding the development potential in Rock County, as well as sessions regarding incentives and advantages to locating in Rock County over the neighboring states.

A full packet of materials was distributed to each attendee. There will also be follow up communications to determine whether or not there was any interest in further exploring sites in the Rock County area.

FALL TREE PLANTING

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works is now accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this fall.

The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the City Forestry Supervisor while taking into account the size of the terrace, presence of utilities and exotic invasive insects. Trees will be planted on a first-come, first-served basis. Public Works will accept requests through Friday, October 18, 2013.

To be placed on the list, please call the Department of Public Works at 364-2929.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

At this month's neighborhood revitalization meeting, we spent most of the session touring homes that have been acquired and remodeled under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. This initiative provides Federal funding to acquire and either demolish or remodel homes in qualifying target neighborhoods. The homes must have been repossessed, either through mortgage or property tax foreclosure. Once again, City staff working with our local contractors has done a very nice job of remodeling these properties. Some of the original properties done under the first phase of the program have undergone additional renovations and upgrades. Some have beautiful wood floors with historic millwork. Several have two-car garages and many have three or more bedrooms with multiple bathrooms. The City is listing all of these at an aggressive price to facilitate quick sale and reoccupancy. Anyone who is interested in one of these remodeled properties should contact Vicki Jentoft-Johnson, Century 21 Affiliated, 800-236-1481.

The County has concluded acquisition of the property tax foreclosure properties for 2013. Council authorized the City to purchase nine of those units at their meeting on Monday, September 16, 2013, and that process will be concluded, probably later in October. Most of those units are slated for demolition, which is likely to begin by mid-winter. The one historic property, of course, will undergo extensive analysis, followed by a complete historic renovation and conversion back to a single family residence.

BUDGET PREPARATION—IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

A final reminder that the 2014 proposed budget has now been completed and work is progressing on all of the narrative pages and the budget transmittal letter that must be finalized before the document can be presented to Council and the community.

Wednesday, October 2, 2013

The proposed budget will be posted to the City's website on Wednesday, October 2, 2013, at the same time the agenda will be posted for the October 7, 2013 Council meeting.

Monday, October 7, 2013

The City Manager and Finance and Administrative Services Director will officially present the budget at that regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum here at City Hall (100 State Street).

Monday, October 14, 2013

At the Council meeting on October 7, we will recommend scheduling a **full day workshop** for Monday, October 14 to go through the detailed components of the budget document with the City Council. That meeting will be held at the **Beloit Public Library Community Room, 605 Eclipse Blvd., beginning at 8:00 a.m.** and will continue until the process is concluded, usually by 5:00 p.m. The entire session will be open and the public is invited to attend.

Monday, October 21, 2013

It should be noted that the workshop on October 14th is not the public hearing on the budget, which has been scheduled for Monday, October 21, 2013 to be held as part of the regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum here at City Hall.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES

The Phoenix Project downtown continues toward completion. Most of the building exterior has the brick work installed and much of the siding and trim is also in place. Work will be continuing this fall on the interiors of the respective buildings.

It appears that work has begun on the interior of the new Piggly Wiggly store. The contractors have pulled permits and there is activity on this site as that renovation project at the corner of Shopiere and Henry begins in earnest.

The building frame is up for the Clark gas station at Broad and Park, as construction on that new facility proceeds at a good pace, anticipating that the work will be completed prior to winter.

The exterior of the U.S. Cellular store located at Freeman and Milwaukee is also nearing exterior completion with interior build-out underway.

The new shopping center and Arby's restaurant located on the South side of Milwaukee Road is moving through the plan review process and hopes to obtain building permits in time for a fall construction start.

MANAGER'S TRAVEL PLANS

Since I will be out of the City next week attending the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Annual Conference, there will be a brief "Beloit Report" next Friday. Since there are five Monday's in September, there will be no Council meeting on September 30, 2013 and a complete "Beloit Report" with agenda comments will be posted on Friday, October 4, 2013.

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2013

The City Council will hold a **special meeting** at 6:30 p.m. in the Forum on **Monday, September 23, 2013** for the purpose of considering a recommendation from the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee that the Alcohol Beverage License for Adiktion, 1310 Cranston Road, be suspended for a period of 60 days.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— SEPTEMBER 23—27, 2013

Monday, Sept. 23	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee (D. Luebke)
Monday, Sept. 23	Cancelled	Police and Fire Commission
Monday, Sept. 23	6:30 p.m.	Beloit City Council Special Meeting , Forum (All Councilors)
Wednesday, Sept. 25	7:30 a.m.	Visit Beloit Board Meeting (J. Van De Bogart)
Wednesday, Sept. 25	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (D. Luebke and J. Van De Bogart)
Thursday, Sept. 26	8:00 a.m.	BID/Downtown Beloit Association (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

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information.

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!

Saturday, Sept. 21 3:00 p.m. Beloit Janesville Symphony **Diamond Jubilee—60th Anniversary**, Beloit Memorial High School Auditorium.

Tuesday, Oct. 1 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. **Beloit Senior Health Fair**, "Racing Into Health and Wellness." Eclipse Center

26th Annual

Beloit Senior Fair



Racing Into Health & Wellness

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

10:00am – 2:00pm

**NEW
Location!**

The Eclipse Center

26 Eclipse Blvd. ~ Beloit, WI

(Former Beloit Mall)

**Enter Event at the Doors Near
WIC/Cardinal Stritch University**

**FREE
Admission**

- ✓ Over 60 Exhibitors
- ✓ Health Screenings
- ✓ Rx Round-up
- ✓ Wheel Chairs Available
- ✓ Flu & Pneumonia Shots
- ✓ Free Bus Rides by Beloit Transit
- ✓ Food Available for Purchase
- ✓ Prize Giveaways!

Live Music by Bill Stevens 10am-Noon & John Solis Noon-2pm

This Event Sponsored By:

At-Home Healthcare ~ Homecare Pharmacy ~ Riverside Terrace

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NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Monday, September 23, 2013

6:30 p.m.

City Hall Forum

City Hall – 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF БЕLOIT COUNCIL
CITY OF БЕLOIT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of City Code a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll call
2. The City Council shall consider a recommendation from the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee that the **Alcohol Beverage License for HRNS V Entertainment, LLC, d/b/a Adiktion**, 1310 Cranston Road, Jaime Hernandez, Agent, be suspended for a period of 60 days (Krueger)
3. The City Council may adjourn into closed session pursuant to WI Statutes 19.85 (1)(a) for deliberations regarding this case and reconvene into open session for possible action
4. Motion to Adjourn

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: September 20, 2013
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City Clerk

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
September 25, 2013 at 4:30 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Citizen Participation**
3. **Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meetings held on August 21 and 30, 2013**
4. **Housing Authority**
 - a. **Presentation of the July Activity Report (Pollard)**
 - b. **Presentation of the July Financial Report (Pollard)**
 - c. **Presentation of the August Activity Report (Pollard)**
 - d. **Presentation of the August Financial Report (Pollard)**
 - e. **Review and consideration of Resolution 2013-29, Authorizing the BHA to Dispose of Non-Operable Equipment (Pollard)**
 - f. **Review and consideration of Resolution 2013-26, Authorizing the Revision of the Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Plan (Cole)**
 - g. **Review and consideration of Resolution 2013-25, Authorizing the Revision of the Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Plan (Cole)**
 - h. **Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-28, Authorizing the Submission of the 2013 Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Grant (Cole)**
 - i. **Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-27, Authorizing the Submission of the 2013 Public Housing Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator Grant (Cole)**
5. **Community Development**
 - a. **Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-30, Recommending Approval of the 2014 Annual Action Plan (Downing)**

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- b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-31, Recommending Approval of the 2014 Community Development Block Grant Budget (Downing)**
- c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-32, Recommending Approval of the 2014 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Budget (Christensen)**
- d. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2013-33, Authorizing the CDA to Exchange a Portion of the Broad Street Parking Lot with Land Owned by Hendricks Commercial Properties, LLC (Christensen)**

6. Adjournment

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

Notice Mailed: September 20, 2013

Approved: Julie Christensen, Ex. Director

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