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THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

2014 CITY COUNCIL NOMINATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE BEGINNING MONDAY

[Attached](#) is a press release from the City Clerk's office containing information on running for a City Council position. Packets of information, including nomination papers, will be available in the City Clerk's office beginning **Monday, October 28, 2013**.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME PARTY AND PARADE THIS SATURDAY

This event is held each year, beginning at Horace White Park and parading through downtown in conjunction with the final Saturday of the Farmers' Market season. This year, the event will be held tomorrow, Saturday, October 26, 2013. Please see the [attached](#) poster for more information and get your costume ready for this fun event!

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS SET

The Police Chief and City Manager announced that the official hours for Trick-or-Treating in the City of Beloit will be on Thursday, October 31, 2013 from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Please see [attached](#) press release for safety precautions.

BUDGET PREPARATION

Extensive review and deliberation on the proposed 2014 Operating and Capital Budgets has been on-going for the past several months. Beginning with the Strategic Planning session in May; preparation of the proposed budget by the City Manager and staff; and finally, review by the full City Council culminating in the public hearing held this past Monday evening. Staff is now preparing the series of resolutions which will be included on the November 4, 2013 regular City Council meeting agenda for Council consideration. If approved, the resolutions will adopt the budget, approve both the HOME and CDBG programs, approve the Downtown Beloit Association budget, and finally, amend some fees and charges the City assesses for service delivery. No increases in utility charges, including solid waste collection fees, are included in the 2014 budget.

ROCK COUNTY FLOOD RISK INFORMATION WILL BE PRESENTED AT AN OPEN HOUSE ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.

Representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources will host an open house and presentation regarding proposed changes to the Flood Risk/Flood Management information for Rock County. The public open house is scheduled for

next Wednesday, October 30, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Marshall Middle School cafeteria. The school is located at 25 South Pontiac Drive, Janesville, WI. Property owners, realtors, lenders and insurance agents are encouraged to attend and take advantage of the opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation in Rock County. For more information about the session, please see the [attached](#) press release.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO COUNTY ROAD "BT" BETWEEN COUNTY ROAD "G" (PRAIRIE AVENUE) AND COUNTY ROAD "S" (SHOPIERE ROAD)

[Attached](#) to the Beloit Report is a copy of the meeting notice for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at Courtroom H, Rock County Courthouse, 51 South Main St., Janesville, WI. The hearing will be conducted from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. More information about the hearing, including information about how to make an oral presentation or provide written testimony, is included in the attached meeting notice.

SCHOOL DISTRICT DEDICATES NEW NATATORIUM AT BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

I was pleased and honored to be included in the ceremonies this past Monday evening when the School District dedicated the new natatorium aquatic facility at Beloit Memorial High School. The community has undoubtedly heard and read much about the facility, if you were not among the large crowd of residents in attendance that evening. Once again, the School Board and Administration are to be congratulated for doing an excellent job of replacing the old, outdated and maintenance plagued facility with one of the nicest school aquatic facilities in the State.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

Our Neighborhood Revitalization Committee met this past week and reviewed a number Neighborhood Improvement Programs being coordinated by the City's Community Development Department. We discussed the tax foreclosure properties that the City acquired, as well as those that went on to auction. We are happy to report that all of the structures that passed through the auction process were sold. Closings have just occurred on those properties and we have not yet received all of the updated ownership information. We also received good news this week that the City owned residential property at 122 Hackett Street sold for the list price. This is one of the homes the City acquired under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. The property has undergone a complete renovation and was on the market for sale.

The City has additional residential properties that have been acquired and completely remodeled under the Stabilization Program. Some have even had a second round of improvements to make them more attractive to a potential buyer. Residents having an interest in purchasing one of these remodeled and substantially upgraded properties can contact Vicki Jentoft-Johnson of Century 21 Affiliated. Her phone number is 800-236-1481.

MAIN STREET PARTNERS AWARDS CEREMONY THIS COMING FRIDAY EVENING

The Manager will be traveling along with staff from the Downtown Beloit Association and Visit Beloit to Wausau, WI to attend the annual Main Street Partners dinner and awards ceremony. The City of Beloit has been nominated; however, we don't know whether there will be any awards presented. The City is one of the original Main Street Partners in Wisconsin and we routinely participate in and attend Main Street events and activities.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— OCTOBER 28—NOVEMBER 1, 2013

Monday, October 28	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee (D. Luebke)
Monday, October 28	10:00 a.m.	Joint Policy and Technical Advisory Committee , Stateline Area Transportation Study, Rotary River Center, 1100 Riverside Drive (C. Kincaid)
Monday, October 28	5:00 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum

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!

Oct. 21 through Dec. 2		Beloit Public Library 10th Annual Mitten Tree. Collecting new home-made or purchased children's mittens, scarves, or hats for distribution to local families in need. You can drop donations off during regular library hours, Mon—Thur., 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., 605 Eclipse Blvd.
Friday, Oct. 25	7:00—9:00 p.m.	Halloween Skate at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Games, candy, costume contests and music. Free skate rental to those in costume. Regular admission fees apply.
Thursday, Oct. 31	5:00—7:00 p.m.	Trick or Treat Hours in the City of Beloit. Please see attached press release.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk
(608) 364-6680

2014 City Council Nomination Information

October 14, 2013 – Beloit, WI: Any City of Beloit resident interested in running for a two-year term on the Beloit City Council may pick up a packet of information including nomination papers beginning **Monday, October 28, 2013**. The packets are available in the office of the City Clerk on the second floor of City Hall during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- The Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.
- There are seven members on the Council and four seats will be on the ballot.
- Candidates must file required forms with the City Clerk before forming a committee and/or raising funds.
- The first day to circulate nomination papers is **Sunday, December 1, 2013**.
- A minimum of 200 valid signatures of City of Beloit residents must be submitted. Staff recommends that between 200 and 400 signatures be submitted to ensure ballot access.
- Nomination papers and all forms must be completed and filed with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014**.
- An informational session may be held in January for all candidates who have gained ballot access.
- Newly-elected Councilors will take office on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

Nomination papers and forms are also available on the City's website: www.ci.beloit.wi.us in the Document Center. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at lemirer@ci.beloit.wi.us.

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BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



Norm Jacobs
Chief of Police
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

Business: (608) 364-6801
Administration: (608) 364-6807
Facsimile: (608) 364-6608

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: October 25, 2013
For Additional Information Contact:

Office of the Chief: 608-364-6807

BELOIT, WISCONSIN – Chief Jacobs and City Manager Larry Arft announced that Halloween will be observed on Thursday, October 31, 2013. The official hours for Trick or Treating in the City of Beloit will be from 5:00 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

The following precautions are recommended:

- Wear light colored clothing, short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflectors.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks or head coverings.
- Accompany your children and go only to homes with outside lights on.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes where you know the residents.
- Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy and treats.
- Watch for traffic.
- Examine candy before allowing children to eat it.

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October 1, 2013

Press Release

Rock County Flood Risk Information Open House Scheduled

General public provided opportunity to find out more about floodplain management in their community

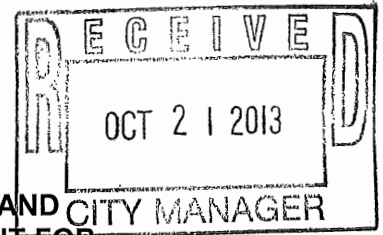
Madison – Representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), in cooperation with the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), will be hosting a Flood Risk Information Open House on Wednesday, October 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m. at Marshall Middle School, in the Cafeteria, 25 South Pontiac Drive, Janesville, WI. This Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to review a recently completed preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) and its accompanying preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRM) that include base flood information and areas subject to significant flood hazards within the county. Information included in the FIS and the FIRMs is utilized by both public officials when permitting development in the floodplain and the federal government when making flood insurance determinations. Please note, there will not be a presentation at the Open House, rather this is an opportunity to view the preliminary maps and FIS in preparation for the upcoming 90-day appeal period.

The Open House will be staffed with representatives from various local and state agencies, to provide you the most current information about flood risk, flood insurance, floodplain development regulations, and the process for floodplain mapping within Rock County communities. New preliminary floodplain maps have been prepared and will be on display. Once the maps become effective in approximately one year, these maps will be used by floodplain permit officials, builders and developers, lenders, realtors, insurance agents and the general public to determine flood risk, develop mitigation measures, and encourage wise and responsible risk management decision-making.

Property owners, realtors, lenders, and insurance agents are encouraged to attend and take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about flood risk and hazard mitigation within their community. If you have any questions regarding this meeting, please contact G. Fritz Statz, at (608) 266-2709 or Gary Heinrichs at (608) 266-3093, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Floodplain Planners.

FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program and the U.S. Fire Administration. FEMA became part of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 1, 2003.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
LOCATION, DESIGN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR
THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF
COUNTY ROAD BT BETWEEN COUNTY ROAD G (PRAIRIE AVENUE)
AND COUNTY ROAD S (SHOPIERE ROAD) IN ROCK COUNTY**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised that Rock County will hold a public hearing as provided by law to consider the location, design, and environmental aspects of the proposed improvement of County BT between County G (Prairie Avenue) and County S (Shopiere Road), including those aspects that may require a section 404 Clean Water Act permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

The Proposed Action (Project ID 5989-05-21) would construct a new roadway, County BT, which would provide a connector route between County G (Prairie Avenue) and County S (Shopiere Road) within the City of Beloit and Towns of Beloit and Turtle in Rock County. The purpose of this project is to create a direct connection between County G (Prairie Avenue) and County S (Shopiere Avenue), while improving safety and relieving congestion on the existing local roadway system.

It is anticipated that the relocation of two residences would occur as a result of the proposed improvement. Any person who feels they may be affected by the Proposed Action may obtain relocation assistance information by contacting Rock County.

The preferred alternative includes the construction of a new bridge over Turtle Creek, which involves the addition of the bridge and approach embankments within the existing Turtle Creek floodplain.

Further information concerning the proposed improvement is available at the Rock County Highway Division at the address given below.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at Courtroom H, Rock County Courthouse, 51 S. Main St., in the City of Janesville. The hearing will be conducted from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a presentation at 6:30 P.M. Information on how to present oral and written testimony will be provided at the public hearing.

As an informational service, staff engineers will be present from 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing for informal discussion of the proposal. Interested persons may review displays and other hearing materials, ask questions, and provide testimony. Exhibits of the proposal will be on display and a statement about the proposed improvement will be available for review.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and present relevant oral and/or written testimony concerning the general location and design aspects, the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvement including those for which permits may be required under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and whether the improvements are in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of area planning. Individuals will have the option of presenting testimony in a traditional hearing format in front of an audience, or one-on-one with a court reporter in a separated area.

Land acquisition schedules for construction will be available at the public hearing.

Relocation assistance will be discussed. It is anticipated that the relocation of persons will occur as a result of the proposed improvement. Any person who feels that he or she may be

thus affected by the proposed improvement may obtain relocation assistance information at the Rock County Department of Public Works, telephone (608) 757-5450.

Provisions have been made for the submission of written statements or other exhibits in place of or in addition to the testimony presented at the public hearing. This additional testimony will be included in the hearing transcript if postmarked no later than December 3, 2013. Mail this testimony to Benjamin Coopman, Rock County Director of Public Works at the address given below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of an Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Action's impacts and effects which has been prepared and filed according to the Wisconsin and United States Environmental Policy Acts. This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of this improvement. The Environmental Assessment is available for inspection and copying at the following locations:

Rock County Public Works Dept.
Highway Division
Ben Coopman
Director of Public Works
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

Beloit Public Library
605 Eclipse Boulevard
Beloit, WI 53511

Town of Turtle
Deborah Bennett
Town Clerk/Treasurer
6916 County Road J
Beloit, WI 53511

Town of Beloit
Kerry Devault
Town Clerk
2871 S. Afton Road
Beloit, WI 53511

Bureau of Technical Services
Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Room 451
P.O. Box 7965
Madison, WI 53707

Bureau of Technical Services
WisDOT SW Region Office
2101 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704

City of Beloit
City Clerk
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the Proposed Action are invited to be submitted to Rock County postmarked on or before December 3, 2013. Comments can be mailed to Ben Coopman, Rock County Director of Public Works at the address given above.

Rock County will review all comments and testimony presented and reserves the right to make a final determination upon the proposal as described in this notice.

Note: The hearing site is wheelchair accessible. Also if you are hearing impaired and require an interpreter, one will be provided if you contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 711 or 1-800-947-3529 at least 72 hours before the hearing.

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NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

To: All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

From: Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

Date: October 18, 2013

RE: Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, October 28, 2013 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **November 25, 2013 at 1:30 p.m.**

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.

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Jason Dupuis, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
City of Beloit

MEETING AGENDA
Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
Stateline Area Transportation Study
Monday, October 28, 2013 at 10:00 A.M
Rotary River Center, 1100 Riverside Drive (U.S.H. 51)
Beloit, Wisconsin

Thank you for the effort you have made to attend the SLATS meetings.

1. Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Minutes of the Meeting of July 15, 2013 and September 30, 2013 - Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees
4. Amendment to the 2013 Transportation Improvement Program – Action Required by the Technical and Policy Committees to pass the Resolution
5. Final 2014 Unified Work Program – Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees to pass the Resolution
6. Final 2014 Transportation Improvement Program – Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees to pass the Resolution
7. Technical Advisory Committee Agency Reports:

Voting Members

WisDOT, South-West Region
IDOT, District 2
Rock County Highway Dept.
Winnebago Highway Dept.
City of Beloit Engineering Dept.
Beloit Transit System
Town of Beloit Engineering
Town of Turtle Engineering
City of South Beloit Engineering
Village of Rockton Engineering
WisDOT Bureau of Planning
Rock County Planning Department
Winnebago County Planning Department
Stateline Mass Transit District

Non-Voting Agencies

Federal Highway Administration-Wisconsin
IDOT, Division of Urban Program Planning
Janesville Area Transportation Study
Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Town of Rock
Village of Roscoe Engineering

8. Scheduling of Future Meetings of the Technical and Policy Committees

9. Adjourn

*This meeting is accessible to disabled individuals.. Persons planning to attend this meeting who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify, either by telephone or letter or e-mail, to Robert Soltau, MPO Coordinator, Engineering Division, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511, telephone 608-364-6702, e-mail (soltau@ci.beloit.wi.us) or the MPO Executive Secretary 608-364-6690 at least five days prior to the meeting so that reasonable accommodation can be made. Please make sure you get a positive response from someone and your request doesn't get left on message waiting or in an e-mail mailbox. Thank you for your cooperation. We want to assure we are responsive to people's needs.
Para mas informacion, a esta interesado en participar en el planeamiento del proceso de transporte en su comunidad y necesita asistencia con idioma, por favor comuniquese 608-364-6724.*

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**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, October 28, 2013 @ 5:00 PM
City Hall / Public Forum
100 State St**

The monthly meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Joe Simpson at 364-6685.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of July 22, 2013 meeting minutes
3. Reports
 - A. Police Department
 - B. Fire Department
 - Paramedic training update
 - Retirement announcements
 - Department activity update
4. Citizen Participation
5. Commissioner Comments
6. Action/Discussion Items
 - A. None
7. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to discuss 1 patrol officer, 2 firefighters considerations of employment; fire personnel probationary reviews
8. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
9. Possible vote to approve appointment of new personnel
10. Adjourn.

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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.

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Downtown Beloit
Saturday, October 26, 2013
10 am - 1 pm

Meet at Horace White
Park at College St. & E.
Grand Ave. at 9:45 am.

Halloween Costume Parade & Party

Bring children dressed in their favorite costume for a lively parade and trick-or-treating with businesses and Farmers' Market vendors along the way!

Children will also enjoy more FUN at the Farmers' Market:

The Mr. Steve Show at 10:45! (45 minute show)

Balloon FUN with Mr. Steve after the show!

Pumpkin Decorating with Doodles!

Bounce house, Super slide and more!

Face painting with Dabadooya & Company!

Cotton Candy!

Have pictures taken by Charly Studios!

Spooky Story Tellers at Turtle Creek Bookstore!

NEW this year, movies at Bushel & Peck's one at noon, another at 2 pm!

Look for the orange flags!

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Fun Zone with bounce house corner of State & Grand! Movies at Bushel & Peck's!



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