### CITY OF BELOIT



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

### **CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### VISIT BELOIT TO SHOWCASE NEW ASSET FOR HELPING TO PROMOTE BELOIT

This next Wednesday, May 7, 2014 beginning at 10:30 a.m., Monica Krysztopa, Executive Director of Visit Beloit, will welcome Secretary of Tourism Stephanie Klett along with other dignitaries to unveil the latest and greatest initiative undertaken by Visit Beloit to help promote tourism in the Greater Beloit Area. The event will be held at the Beloit Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center, located on northbound I-39/90, just north of the Wisconsin state line. The public is welcome.

### COUNCIL TO HOLD WORKSHOP ON PROPOSED APARTMENT COMPLEX

The City has scheduled a workshop for Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Forum at City Hall, 100 State Street, to receive a preliminary presentation from a property owner and developer related to a proposed apartment complex. The owners of 2660 Kadlec Drive (located just south of West Hart Road) approached the City back in 2009 regarding development of their property for an apartment complex. At that time, other apartment property owners in the area, and some neighborhood residents, complained about the project and City Council rejected the owners application. The owner wishes to refile, continuing with their original plan to build apartments, since the market for either single family or condominium products is still extremely limited in this area. Since their project was previously rejected by Council we felt that a preliminary discussion to brief Councilors and accept Councilor comments and suggestions related to the application would be in order. As we've done with other projects that may be controversial, the developer will then have the opportunity to assess the likely success of their application before they make a final decision as to whether or not to move forward with the project. As with other similar workshops, there will be no decisions made that evening; simply an opportunity for Councilors to see and react to the developer's plan at a preliminary stage in the process.

### **BUDGET/STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The 2015 budget process has begun. The first major stage of the initiative is to complete updates to the City's Strategic Plan. All Departments and Division Directors have been engaged in that process over the last few weeks. The City's management team will review and discuss the draft Strategic Plan at their regular team meeting this next Tuesday, May 6, 2014. The entire plan will be presented to the City Council at a workshop scheduled for **Monday, May 12, 2014** beginning at 8:00 a.m. and running throughout the day. The workshop will be held at the Utilities and Engineering building located at 2400 Springbrook and all sessions will be open to the public. Once we receive Council feedback on various elements of the

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## Special points of interest:

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- Meetings and Community Events (page 6)

Strategic Plan, the final document will be prepared and likely included on a Council agenda sometime in the month of June for Council consideration.

Next week, budget staff will hold a kick-off meeting for staff to begin work on their 2015 Operating Budgets. A pre-conference preparation workshop is also scheduled with Council to be held on Monday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m., prior to the regular City Council meeting.

### DOWNTOWN BELOIT ASSOCIATION COMPLETES STRATEGIC PLANNING

The City Manager, along with a number of other stakeholders, participated in the Strategic Planning Session for the Downtown Beloit Association which was held this past Monday. Their Strategic Plan is now a few years old and needs to be upgraded to focus on specific initiatives that the DBA anticipates over the next several years. A facilitator coordinated the process and it was a very productive discussion regarding which specific goals and objectives should be pursued by the DBA in the years ahead.

#### FARMERS' MARKET PRE-SALE BEGINS THIS SATURDAY

Please find <u>attached</u> a flyer noting that the Downtown Farmers' Market pre-sale begins this Saturday, May 3 in Downtown Beloit. The Chamber of Commerce is also sponsoring a "Downtown Dash" beginning at 9:00 a.m. (see attached brochure).

#### **SPRING TREE PLANTING**

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works is accepting requests through Friday, May 30, 2014 from residents for terrace trees to be planted this spring. The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the City Forestry Supervisor, 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. To be placed on the list, please call the Department of Public Works at 608-364-2929.

### BELOIT UTILITIES NOW OFFERS E-STATEMENTS FOR CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE

We again want to remind customers that Beloit Utilities is now offering an option for E-statements. This option offers a new, more convenient way for you to manage your bills and maintain electronic files as well. This option will improve convenience for customers who utilize their computers for managing their personal business affairs and also save the City of Beloit Water Utility the cost of paper, printing and postage to send the traditional paper bill. If you are interested in signing up for E-statements, please click <a href="here">here</a> for a link to the appropriate page. You will need your account number, and of course an e-mail address. Simply complete the form and transition your future bills to an electronic format.

The Utility will continue to send paper statements each month to customers that would prefer to receive a traditional paper document for processing their monthly payments. No action needs to be taken to maintain the paper bills that you currently receive.

### CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014

Council will convene in the forum here at City Hall, 100 State Street, at **5:30 PM** for a <u>Workshop</u> prior to the regular City Council meeting. During the workshop Greg Boysen, Director of Public Works and Harry Mathos, Director of Water Resources will make a presentation to Council regarding the need to implement a private well inspection and water quality testing program within the Beloit Water Utility service area.

Periodic inspection and testing of private wells is required both by State Administrative Code and Municipal Ordinance. In recent years the press of other business has negated regular enforcement of this requirement and a recent Department of Natural Resources (DNR) audit included a requirement to initiate the necessary private well inspection and water quality testing program. Beloit Utilities has put together a proposed program, including a number of suggested modifications to the existing ordinance, and will be presenting their recommendations to the City Council during the workshop on Monday evening. Although this is not a public hearing, the workshop will be open to the public and interested parties are invited to attend. While the City has little discretion regarding implementation of such a program, there are variations to how it is implemented and staff will be accepting comments from Councilors, then finalizing a proposed ordinance modification for inclusion on a later City Council agenda.

The City Council will hold a <u>Workshop</u> at 6:30 p.m. for an Agenda Review session in the Forum Conference Room.

The attached <u>agenda</u> is for the Monday, May 5, 2014 regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

### 3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Recognition of the Fair Housing Poster Contest award winner
- b. Proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2014 as **National Police Week**. Chief Jacobs will be in attendance to accept the proclamation and make a few comments about the annual recognition of Police services.
- c. Proclamation declaring May 18—24, 2014 as **Emergency Medical Services Week**. Fire Chief Liggett will be in attendance to accept a proclamation and will make a few comments regarding emergency medical services provided to the residents of Beloit.
- d. Proclamation declaring May 18—24, 2014 as National Public Works Week. Public Works Director Greg Boysen will be in attendance to accept the proclamation and make a few comments about Public Works services provided the citizens of Beloit.

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Proposed Ordinance amending **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification of a portion of the property located at 312 West Grand Avenue from R-1B, Single-family Residential District, to C-1, Office District. This request represents a small portion of a previously residential lot, which has now been attached to an office property. The parcel needs to be rezoned to C-1 Office District to represent its current actual use. Plan Commission recommended for approval.
- Resolution amending the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and Budget. Council will hold a public hearing regarding the final allocation of \$72,341 of Community Block

Grant funds received by the City, which are in excess of the original budget projection used when the 2014 budget was adopted last November. The grant awards had not yet been announced and the City anticipated approximately \$500,000 in new CDBG grant funds for the 2014 program year. The City was subsequently notified that \$572,341 would actually be available. This request was reviewed by staff and the Community Development Authority Board. A portion will go to the public service agencies and the rest to the City's Rehab Revolving Loan Fund. Community Development Authority recommended for approval.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2014.
- b. Annual renewal of alcohol beverage licenses for the licensing year beginning July 1, 2014 and running through June 30, 2015. This is a renewal of all the liquor licenses issued in the City, which is done on an annual basis. The renewals will be referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee (ABLCC) for their review and recommendation.
- c. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract for the Krueger-Haskell Storm Water Ponds. This contract was originally awarded in 2009 and resulted in the construction of storm water settlement ponds being build in the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course. The ponds were constructed as part of the environmental mandate to meet permitting requirements for the handling of suspended solids in storm water collected within the City. The project has been completed and adequate time for restoration of impacted areas has also past. The contract is now concluded and the final payment is due to the contractor.

#### 11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving a \$5,000 Seat Belt Enforcement Grant and a \$10,000 Speed Enforcement Grant from the State of Wisconsin. These are but two of several grant applications made by the Police Department each year. Both would come from funds made available by the State of Wisconsin Bureau of Transportation Safety and would be used to support additional enforcement activities.
- b. Resolution approving Grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for Big Hill Park Trail Improvements. This resolution authorizes the City to accept \$143,159 in grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) for a bridge and bike/pedestrian path in Big Hill Park. The improvements would initially be within the park only but would hopefully later connect to a regional path system connecting the cities of Beloit and Janesville. Matching funds would be required in the same amount with approximately \$15,000 coming from donations and the balance included in the 2015 Capital budget.

### **MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

Please take a look at the vacancies currently available to determine whether or not you would have an opportunity to serve on any of these committees. Over 120 citizens volunteer to serve on municipal advisory committees in an effort to make our community a better place to live.

Vacancies currently exist on:

**Appointment Review Committee**—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Ethics—Meets as needed

Board of Review—Meets annually in May and as scheduled in June

**Community Development Authority**—Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

**Equal Opportunities Commission**—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of even-numbered months at 5:30 p.m.

**Municipal Golf Committee**—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 a.m.

**Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission**—Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Plan Commission—Meets on Wednesdays following City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Traffic Review Committee—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on each committee, along with an application, please click [here], or call Pam in the City Manager's office at 364-6614.

### CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MAY 5-9, 2014

Monday, May 5	5:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop, Forum (All City Councilors)
Monday, May 5	6:30 p.m.	City Council Agenda Review, Forum (All City Councilors)
Monday, May 5	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting, Forum (All City Councilors)
Wednesday, May 7	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Wednesday, May 7	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission, Forum (C. Kincaid)
Thursday, May 8	6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop, Forum (All City Councilors)

### **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.

Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market begins on May 3 at 8:00 a.m.. Please see attached for more information.

Saturday, May 3	9:00 a.m.	<b>Downtown Dash</b> 5K run/walk sponsored by the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce and Kerry Ingredients. Please click [here] for more information or register at GreaterBeloitChamber.org
Tuesday, May 13	7:00 p.m.	Friends At Beloit Library Annual Meeting and Program, presented by Jessie Garcia, author of "My Life with the Green and Gold." This program is free and open to the public. 605 Eclipse Blvd. For more information, please see <a href="mailto:attached">attached</a> .
Saturday, May 17	8:00 a.m1:00 p.m.	<b>Public Works at The Farmers' Market</b> , 400 block of Grand Avenue (rain date is May 24). Heavy equipment, face painting, goodies bags and more! Please see <u>attached</u> .

Saturday, May 17 10:00 -2:00 p.m. Open House Celebration at the Beloit Fire Department, 1111 Church Street, in celebration of the Beloit Fire Department Paramedic Program 40th anniversary. Please see attached.

Friday, May 30 Beloit Area Crime Stoppers Golf Event, Beloit Krueger-Haskell Golf 11:00 a.m.

Course. Please see attached for more information and to register.



### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Beloit City Council will hold a workshop on Thursday, May 8, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in The Forum, located on the first floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss a proposal to convert the existing condominium planned unit development located at **2660 Kadlec Drive** to a rental development. There may be a quorum of City Councilors and Plan Commission members present.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

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Dated: April 30, 2014
Jelene J. Ahrens, WCMC
Deputy City Clerk
www.beloitwi.gov

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# SATURDAYS 8AM-1PM RAIN OR SHINE

PRE-SALE (MAY)

300 Block of State Street

FULL MARKET (JUNE-OCTOBER)

300 Block of State Street, 400 Block of East Grand Avenue & Gantry Area

MORE CE

CELEBRATE WEEKEND August 1st & 2nd

> OKTOBERFEST October 4th

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL October 25th



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Beloit Association

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# DOWNTOWN BELOIT

# FARMERS' MARKET

"Meet me at State & Grand!"

Shop in a wonderful

### OPEN-AIR MARKET

in the heart of historic Downtown Beloit!
An award winning community tradition
for almost 50 years!



Live music at Gantry Park! Chat with local vendors to get the scoop on next week's harvest!

local produce • organics • honey
fresh squeezed juices • eggs • cheese
jams & jellies • herbs • baked goods
fish • meat • fresh flowers • artisan crafts
scents & skin care • live plants & more!

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# Saturday May 3, 2014

5K RUN / ONE MILE WALK • RACE STARTS AT 9:00AM • FREE PARKING

Starting/Finish line at Gantry Downtown Beloit (Corner of State St. and Grand Ave.)

ONLINE REGISTRATION ONLY

\$25

STUDENTS \$15

# Register Today!

## GreaterBeloitChamber.org

Packet pick up at Vision Beloit (500 Public Avenue) on Friday May 2nd 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Packet delivery available to businesses (call 608.365.8835 if interested)

Packet pick up also available the day of the event from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

Greater Beloit
Chamber of Commerce



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Following this workshop, or at 6:30 p.m., the Council will hold another **workshop** in The Forum Conference Room on the first floor of City Hall, to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

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### AGENDA BELOIT CITY COUNCIL 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511 City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m. Monday, May 5, 2014

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS.
  - a. Recognition of Fair Housing Poster Contest Award Winner (Downing)
  - b. Proclamation declaring May 11-17, 2014 as **National Police Week** (Jacobs)
  - c. Proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2014 as **Emergency Medical Services Week** (Liggett)
  - d. Proclamation declaring May 18-24, 2014 as National Public Works Week (Boysen)

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- Resolution amending the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Action Plan and Budget (Christensen)
   Community Development Authority recommendation for approval 5-0
- 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 April 21, 2014 (Ahrens)
- Applications for Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses for License Period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015 (Ahrens) Refer to ABLCC
- c. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C09-16, Krueger-Haskell Storm Water Ponds (Boysen)
- ORDINANCES none
- 8. APPOINTMENTS none

### 9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION -none

### 11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving \$5,000 **Seat Belt Enforcement Grant** and \$10,000 **Speed Enforcement Grant** from the State of Wisconsin (Jacobs)
- b. Resolution approving Grants from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for **Big Hill Park Trail Improvements** (Boysen)

### 12. ADJOURNMENT

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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. and Thursday at 9:00 a.m. and the following Monday at 8:00 p.m.



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# MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA Beloit City Plan Commission Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM The Forum Beloit City Hall, First Floor 100 State Street, Beloit

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Nomination and Election of Officers
  - a. Nomination and Election of Chairperson
  - b. Nomination and Election of Vice-Chairperson
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the April 23, 2014 Meeting
- 4. Comprehensive Plan Amendment 308 W Grand Avenue

Public hearing, review and consideration of an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the City's Comprehensive Plan from Single-Family Residential, Urban to Office for the property located at 308 W Grand Avenue

- 5. Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items
- 6. Adjournment

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Gail Riddle in the Planning Office at 364-6700 no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.

Notice Mailed: May 2, 2014 Approved: Julie Christensen, Community

**Development Director** 

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# FRIENDS AT BELOIT LIBRARY

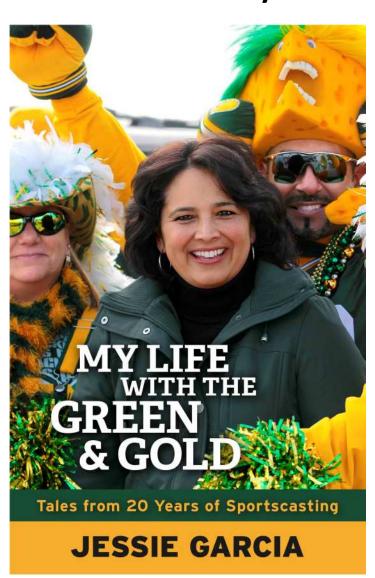
# **ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM**

Tuesday, May 13

7:00 p.m.

**Beloit Public Library** 

605 Eclipse Blvd.



The program will be presented by Jessie Garcia, author of

### My Life with the Green and Gold.

As a sportscaster, Ms. Garcia has spent 20 years interviewing famous athletes and coaches. She knows the Packers well and brings fans to the sidelines, inside the locker room, and aboard the Packers' bus. Her expertise is capturing behind-the-scenes human-interest stories and she will share, from the perspective of a female sports journalist, her personal and humorous insider's look at many Wisconsin sports heroes

- \*A short meeting will precede the program.
- \*Garcia's book will be available to purchase.
- \*Two books will be awarded as door prizes to some lucky audience members!

This program is free and open to the public!

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Refreshments will be served.

Come join us!

# Public Works at The Farmer's Market

## Saturday, May 17 8:00am-1:00pm

400 Block of Grand Avenue/Farmer's Market (May 24 Rain Date)

### Plenty of FUN to enjoy!

"Dolly" The Dragon \* Heavy Equipment Line Up

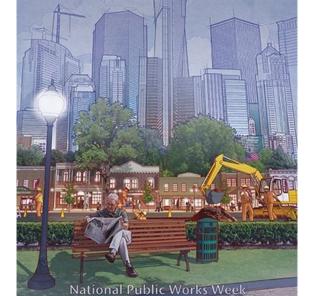
Face Painting \* Games \* Give-a-ways \* Goodie Bags

**FREE Family Fun!** 













This event is organized by The City of Beloit, Department of Public Works

If you have any questions, please feel free to call (608) 364-2888

### **40 YEARS AND GOING STRONG!**





# Beloit Fire Department Paramedic Program Turns 40! You Are Invited To Our Open House Celebration!

When: May 17, 2014

Time: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

**Where:** Beloit Fire Department

1111 Church Street

**Beloit, WI** 

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### **Activities and Sponsors:**

Beloit Health System—Stroke Care Program
Beloit Fire Department Paramedic Retirees
Helicopters from REACT and UW Med Flight
Chest Compression Only Demo and Practice

Mercy Health System—Trauma Care Program
Mercy Health System MD-1
Blood Pressure Screening
EMS Equipment from Past and Present

## Beloit Area Crime Stoppers Golf Event

DATE:

May 30, 2014

TIME:	Registration at 11:00 AM. Shotgun Start at Noon		
PLACE:	Beloit Krueger-Haskell Golf Course		
ENTRY FEE:	\$55.00 (includes: green fees, cart & lunch)		
	\$25.00 Season Pass Holders (non-cart pass holder fees to be paid day of event)		
	Entry Fee Due: May 10, 2014 (no pay no play)		
Make Checks Pa	ayable to: Beloit Area Crime Stoppers		
Format: Event	will be 18 holes played in 4-person team scramble format.		
If you do not enter a team list, you will be placed with others.			
Cancellation Po	licy:		
1. If golf t	golf tournament is canceled due to weather player will not receive a refund.		
2. If player is a "no-show", entry fee is non-refundable.			
NAME and EMA	AIL: Player 1		
	Player 2		
	Player 3		
	Player 4		

### **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BELOIT AREA CRIME STOPPERS**

\*\*\* All entries can be mailed to Det. John Fahrney, 100 State St, Beloit, WI 53511\*\*\*