



# THE BELOIT REPORT

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## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### PUBLIC HEARING ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

The City is in the process of preparing the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This plan is a five year strategic plan that specifies how the City plans to address community needs through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. A public hearing is scheduled on **Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Forum. Please see the [attached](#) Public Notice.

### 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Applications are now available through the City of Beloit Community Development Department for CDBG Block Grants. Please see the [attached](#) Public Notice.

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT—NEIGHBORHOOD AND BLOCK PARTIES SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 5, 5:30—8:30 P.M.

Please see the attached press release from the Beloit Police Department regarding National Night Out, which is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 5:30—8:30 p.m. Police, Fire and City officials will all be out and about that evening, interacting with residents at a number of block parties scheduled around the city. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information about scheduling a party for your area.

### WIS-DOT HOLDS PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING RELATED TO THE HART ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The Project Manager and design consultant who are doing the I-39/90 widening project, were in attendance at the Turtle Town Hall on Wednesday, July 16, to present the Hart Road widening and resurfacing project. Hart Road is one of a number of local streets that is being improved with funding primarily provided by the Department of Transportation in anticipation of the I-39/90 widening, including the I-43 interchange reconstruction. As we have noted on numerous occasions, this will be by far the largest infrastructure project in the City's history, and is likely to take at least two full construction seasons for completion. During that period of time, alternative routes, particularly for local traffic to minimize congestion in and around the interchange, will be to everyone's benefit.

### BUDGET PREPARATION

Beginning next Monday, July 21, 2014, the City's Budget Review Committee will meet with all Department and Division Heads to review their initial operating budget submittals. This is a detailed line-by-line analysis of all submittals and will run for

several days, as all the Department and Division Directors present and discuss their budget submittals for calendar year 2015.

### FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Beloit Water Resources Division will perform the annual fire hydrant flushing program from July 21—November 26, 2014. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information. The water is safe to drink during this time period but some discoloration may be noticed.

### SUMMER LIBRARY CLUB AT THE BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Beloit Public Library is offering many events throughout the summer for adults, teens and children. Please click on this [link](#) for more information on these fun activities and reading opportunities.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014

*The City Council will hold a [Workshop](#) in the City Manager's Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.*

*The attached [agenda](#) is for the Monday, July 21, 2014 regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.*

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of Special Meetings of June 30 and July 1, 2014 and the **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting on July 7, 2014.
- b. Resolution approving **Change of Agent** the VFW Club, located at 2711 Afton Road. The Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee has recommended for approval.
- c. Application for a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for Fiesta Cancun Authentic Mexican Restaurant. This restaurant is new but is located in an existing structure at 2648 Prairie Ave. This item is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.
- d. Resolution setting a date for a Public Hearing for the **Vacation** of an unnamed east-west alley between the 900 blocks of Johnson Street and Townline Avenue in the City. This is an unimproved alley and the adjacent property owners have requested that the City vacate the alley, which will cause it to revert from the center-line to the adjacent property owners. The City generally supports these applications, since the alley's have never been opened and are often used by residents, simply for extending their yard space or for play areas, gardens, or related purposes. By vacating the alley, the residents also protect themselves from a mid-block property owner wishing to construct a rear yard garage and necessitating opening of the alley to vehicular traffic. This item is being referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.

### 7. ORDINANCES

- a. Proposed Ordinance to amend a number of sections of the Municipal Code pertaining to the forfeiture amounts for juvenile offenders. This ordinance was prepared by Deputy City Attorney Krueger, following Council's meeting with residents concerned about the impact of forfeitures on juvenile offenders in the Municipal Court. The reduction of the forfeiture amounts is a concrete step the City can take to minimize

the impact of court forfeitures on juvenile offenders. Deputy City Attorney Krueger has reviewed the draft ordinance with the Municipal Court Judge, as required by State Statute, and the Judge concurs with the proposed modifications. We have put this item on the agenda for first reading, along with suspension of the rules for second reading and possible adoption at this meeting.

## 8. APPOINTMENTS

- a. There are appointments included on the Council agenda for this meeting.

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Representatives from Baker Tilly, along with the Finance and Administrative Services Director Eric Miller, will be presenting the **2013 Audit Report** at this meeting. The management letter prepared by the auditors, along with a response from the Finance Director, are included with the agenda packet. The entire comprehensive annual financial report has been posted to the website with a link from the home page. The document is voluminous but provides a great deal of information about the City's financial operations and the fiscal condition of the community, as of the close of business on December 31, 2013.

## 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:

**Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee**—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

**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.

**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— JULY 21–25, 2014

Monday, July 21	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Agenda Review</a> , City Manager’s Conference Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, July 21	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">City Council Meeting</a> , Forum (All City Councilors)
Wed., July 23	7:30 a.m.	Visit Beloit Board, (R. Hendrix)
Wed., July 23	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly)
Wed., July 23	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Plan Commission</a> , Forum (C. Kincaid)
Thursday, July 24	8:00 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association meeting (D. Luebke)

## 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.

**Downtown Beloit Farmers’ Market** Saturday’s at 8:00 a.m. from now through the end of October.

**Dancin’ @ Harry’s Place** Free Monday night dance lessons at Harry Moore Pavilion, Riverside Park. Lessons start at 7:00 p.m., followed by open dance at 8:00 p.m.

**Fridays in the Park** 11:30-1:30 p.m. **Free Summer Concert Series** with lunch available for purchase, downtown Beloit. Every Friday throughout summer!

Friday, July 18 7:00 p.m. **Music and More at Harry’s Place**, Riverside Park. “Mr. Big Stuff” (from swing to modern) will perform. Food and beverages available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a summer evening in the park!

Friday, July 25 7:00 p.m. **Music and More at Harry’s Place**, Riverside Park. “Cash Box Kings” (blues) will perform. The album “Black Toppin” was recently awarded the “Best Traditional Blues Album” of the year at the 2013 Blues Blast Music Awards. Food and beverages available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy a summer evening in the park!

Friday, July 25 8:00-9:30 a.m. **Meet Your August 12th Primary Candidates!** Candidates for Senate District 15, Assembly District 45, and Rock County Sheriff will be in the Forum at Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street to join in a conversation. No RSVP necessary. This event sponsored by the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce, 365-8835.



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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### 2014-2019 Consolidated Plan – Public Hearing on Community Development Needs

The City of Beloit is in the process of preparing its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for submittal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This plan is a five year strategic plan that specifies how the City plans to address community needs through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

The following public hearing will be held to give citizens and other interested parties an opportunity to give input on community development, housing and homeless needs in the city.

**Community Development Authority Meeting:** Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at 4:30PM in the Forum at City Hall, 100 State Street or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

**The public is invited to attend these hearings.**

**We are interested in your opinion.**

For further information, call Teri Downing in the Community Development Department at (608) 364-6705 or via e-mail at [downingt@ci.beloit.wi.gov](mailto:downingt@ci.beloit.wi.gov).

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – 2015 Funding Applications Available**

2015 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications are now available through the City of Beloit Community Development Department on the Third Floor of City Hall. The application is also available online at [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov). Go to Departments → Community Development → 2015 CDBG Application Form. Interested community groups and agencies are invited to apply for funds. Completed applications must be submitted to the Community Development Department, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511 by 5:00 PM on August 15, 2014. Applications sent by mail must be postmarked no later than August 15, 2014.

For further information contact Teri Downing in the Community Development Department, (608)364-6705 or by email at [downingt@beloitwi.gov](mailto:downingt@beloitwi.gov).

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# BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## MEDIA RELEASE

Incident Number:

Date: July 05, 2014

For Additional Information Contact:

Chief Norm Jacobs (608) 364-6843

## **31<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

The Beloit Fire Department, the Beloit Police Department, and the Beloit Crime Stoppers will once again partner in celebration of the 31<sup>TH</sup> National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5, 2014.

On August 5<sup>TH</sup> from 5:30-8:30pm residents in neighborhoods throughout Beloit are asked to lock their doors, turn on and display 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.

Last year's National Night out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian Cities, and military bases worldwide. In all, 37 million people participated in National Night out 2013.

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

### **National Night Out is designed to:**

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

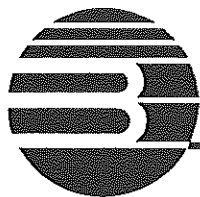
All neighborhood blocks participating in this year's National Night Out activities should register with the Beloit Police Department. Applications are available at the Beloit Fire Station Headquarters, 1111 Church St., Beloit Police Department, 100 State St., and the City of Beloit website, [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov).

The deadline for registration is 5:00pm on July 25<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on National Night Out activities contact Detective John Fahrney at the Beloit Police Department at 364-6840.

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## *PRESS RELEASE*

### *For Immediate Release*

*Date: July 07, 2014*

*Contact: Mike Tinder, Water Supervisor*

*Phone: 608-364-5725*

*Fax: 608-364-2879*

### **FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING**

*The City of Beloit Water Resources Division will be performing their annual fire hydrant flushing program from July 21, 2014 through November 26, 2014.*

*This flushing program ensures that the fire hydrants are in good working condition in case of emergencies and to help flush sediment out of the distribution system.*

*You may experience discolored water, low water pressure or a disruption of service during this time period. Residents are urged to reduce water use and consumption during this time period and wait to do laundry until **AFTER** 6:00 p.m. during the flushing program.*

*During evening hours residents should open their cold water faucets until the water runs clear before using it.*

***THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK DURING THIS TIME PERIOD.***

*PressReleaseFireHydrant*





## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, July 21, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

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Dated: July 16, 2014  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City Clerk  
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**AGENDA  
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL  
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511  
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, July 21, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none
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 Special Meetings of June 30 and July 1, 2014, and the **Minutes** of the Regular Meeting on July 7, 2014 (LeMire)
  - b. Resolution approving **Change of Agent** for Mead-Allen Post #2306, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, d/b/a VFW Club, located at 2711 Afton Road, from Ronald Becker to Steve Mayfield (LeMire) ABLCC recommendation for approval 6-0
  - c. Application for a **Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License** for Fiesta Cancun Authentic Mexican Restaurant of Beloit Inc., located at 2648 Prairie Avenue, Jose Cortez, Agent (LeMire) Refer to ABLCC
  - d. Resolution setting a date for a Public Hearing for the **Vacation** of an unnamed east-west alley between the nine hundred blocks of Johnson Street and Townline Avenue in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin (Christensen)  
Accept and Refer to Plan Commission
7. ORDINANCES
    - a. Proposed Ordinance to amend sections 25.04(1)(d), 31.30(1) and 15.30 and to create section 31.30(1m) of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit pertaining to **Forfeitures for Juvenile matters** in Municipal Court (Krueger)  
First Reading, suspend rules for Second Reading
  8. APPOINTMENTS
  9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## 10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. **2013 Audit Report** (Miller)

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving **School Resource Officer Program Agreement** between the City of Beloit and the School District of Beloit (Jacobs)

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: July 16, 2014  
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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**  
**Community Development Authority**  
**July 23, 2014 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 Regular Meeting held on June 25, 2014
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of June Activity Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of June Financial Report (Pollard)
  - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-17, Authorization to Write-Off Beloit Housing Authority Public Housing Tenants Accounts Receivable 2014 Second Quarter Vacated Residents (Pollard)
5. CDBG, HOME and NSP Programs
  - a. Public Hearing on the Housing, Homeless, Public Housing and Community Development Needs for Inclusion in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Downing)
  - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-16, Authorizing the Acquisition of 318 Moore Street with NSP3 Funds (Downing)
6. Adjournment

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

Notice Mailed: July 17, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
Beloit City Plan Commission  
Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 7:00 PM  
The Forum  
Beloit City Hall, First Floor  
100 State Street, Beloit**

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the July 9, 2014 Meeting**
3. **Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map - 2732 & 2680 Riverside Drive**  
Review and consideration of a one-lot Certified Survey Map for the property located at 2732 and 2680 Riverside Drive in the Town of Beloit
4. **Street Vacation - Milwaukee Road Frontage Road - Fran Fruzen Intermediate School**  
Public hearing, review and consideration of the vacation of a portion of the Milwaukee Road frontage road adjacent to the new Fran Fruzen Intermediate School
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: July 2, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community  
Development Director

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