

CITY OF BELOIT



THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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ATTENTION VOTERS: WARDS 4, 5, AND 6 HAVE NEW POLLING STATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 12TH PRIMARY

Due to construction at Gaston School, electors in Wards 4, 5, and 6, who usually vote at Gaston School, will vote at Hackett School, 533 W. Grand Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511, for the August 12, 2014 Partisan Primary Election only. Voters in Wards 4, 5, and 6 may park on the paved playground area on the north side of the school (through the blue gates along Locust Street) and access the polling place through the gym doors off the playground. Please contact the City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 with questions. ([Ward Map for August 12, 2014 Primary Election Only](#))

VISIT BELOIT ANNOUNCES AN EXCITING NEW WEBSITE

Visit Beloit announced and presented to the City Center Committee earlier this week, a new website that's been prepared under the joint marketing program established by the Vision Beloit Partners. The new website can be accessed at www.thisisbeloit.com, which tells the exciting story about all the positive attributes which make Beloit an outstanding place to live, work and play. This website is part of the new comprehensive marketing strategy being implemented by the Vision Beloit Partners under the leadership of the Visit Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau.

UPDATE ON I-39/90/I-43 RECONSTRUCTION

Representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WIS-DOT) The Federal Highway Administration as well as consultants working on the design held a public information meeting this past Tuesday evening to present the status of planning for the selected design option for the anticipated reconstruction of the I-43 Interchange here in Beloit. This massive infrastructure improvement is part of the widening of Interstate 39/90 to three lanes in both directions of travel from the Stateline to Madison. We had a huge crowd in attendance many interested residents and local businesses offered comments and asked questions regarding the project. Written comment sheets were provided to everyone in attendance with questions about a number of things including intersection configurations in several key spots along the corridor. We've not yet received a tabulation of those responses. Designers are continuing to move forward with work on the project. Once again it is anticipated at this time that the project will be bid sometime in early to mid-2017 with most of the construction taking place in 2018-19 with an opening scheduled for late 2019 or early 2020.

CITY AND COLLEGE RECEIVE GRANT FOR RIVERWALK RELOCATION AROUND THE BELOIT POWERHOUSE

Please find [attached](#) a press release jointly issued by the City and Beloit College this week noting that the City has received a grant of just over a Million dollars which will cover approximately 80% of the cost of relocating a portion of the eastside riverfront bicycle/ pedestrian path to go behind the old Blackhawk power plant along the edge of the river. This relocation will take bicycle and pedestrian traffic along the river and also facilitate the plan for redevelopment of the old Blackhawk generating station to be used by Beloit College as an athletic facility.

CITY OF БЕЛОIT BUDGET PREPARATION

Once again this week the staff committee working on the 2015 proposed budget met to review progress on the various funds remaining to be balanced. We also met with several department directors to work through a number of problems remaining in bringing the general fund to balance. Fortunately our process concluded at a Thursday afternoon meeting where all of the funds were brought to balance with the exception of the transit fund. The transit system director is on vacation this week and budget staff will be meeting with the director next week to bring that budget into balance as well. A great deal of work remains on the budget document preparing the transmittal letter, summary tables and data sheets before the document can be assembled and collated for distribution. That work will be continuing through August and into early September as we finalize the document for posting on the City's website on Wednesday, October 1, 2014. The presentation of the proposed budget to Council and the community will be at the regular city council meeting on Monday, October 6, 2014.

The Capital Improvements Budget Committee also met on Thursday afternoon and finished balancing out the annual element which includes all of the construction projects and equipment purchases which will be included in the proposed 2015 capital spending plan. The committee will meet later in the summer to work through the five out years for the plan which run from 2016—2021. Those years include projects scheduled for planning at this time but are not currently funded.

MEETING WITH SENIOR MEMBER OF GOVERNOR WALKER'S STAFF

This Friday representatives from the City of Beloit, City of Janesville and the County of Rock had an opportunity to meet with Cindy Polzin, Senior Director of Legislative and Local Affairs for the Walker administration. We went through an extensive discussion related to local infrastructure needs particularly funding for the upcoming interstate project, economic development and workforce development issues and finally discussed a number of issues impacting local government. Wearing both hats as the City Manager of Beloit and President of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities I was able to make a structured plea for a reset of the relationship between municipal places and the state government focusing on the important of municipalities to the economic development and job creation missions of the state government. The meeting went very well and representatives from all three jurisdictions contributed to the dialogue.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— AUGUST 11–15, 2014

Monday, August 11	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Tuesday, August 12	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (A. Kelly)
Tuesday, August 12	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, August 13	Cancelled	Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Comm. , DPW Operations Facility, 2351 Springbrook Ct. (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

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, August 8 7:00 p.m. **Music and More at Harry's Place**, Riverside Park. "Westside Andy" plays. Food and beverages available for purchase.

Friday, August 15 7:00 p.m. **Music and More at Harry's Place**, Riverside Park. "Streetlife" Food and beverages available for purchase.



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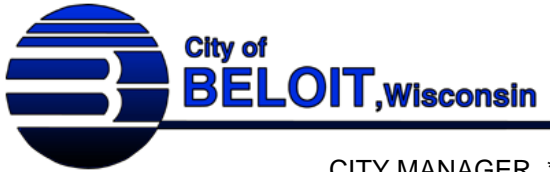
**Wards 4, 5, and 6 to vote at Hackett School
for the Partisan Primary Election only**

July 29, 2014 – Beloit, WI: Due to construction at Gaston School, electors in Wards 4, 5, and 6, who usually vote at Gaston School, will be voting at Hackett School, 533 W. Grand Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511 for the August 12, 2014 Partisan Primary Election only.

The Hackett School gym, located along W. Grand Avenue, will be split into two polling places for this election only. Voters in Wards 4, 5, and 6 will be voting on the north half of the gym, and voters in Wards 7, 8, and 9 will be voting on the south half of the gym per usual.

This temporary change will be for the August 12, 2014 Partisan Primary Election only. Voters in Wards 4, 5, and 6 will vote at Gaston School for the November 4, 2014 General Election and all subsequent elections.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office by phone at (608) 364-6680 or by email at lemirer@beloitwi.gov.



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Beloit Powerhouse Project to Include Riverwalk

City of Beloit and Beloit College receive \$1 million grant for riverwalk project

August 6, 2014 Beloit, WI- The City of Beloit and Beloit College have been awarded a \$1,009,158 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to fund a Rock River riverwalk extension. The funds, provided as a part of the federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), will extend riverside access to the outer walls of the planned redevelopment of Alliant Energy's Blackhawk Generating Station, which the college intends to turn into a waterfront activity and recreation center.

"We are thrilled to get this key piece of funding in place, which will further cement this facility's role as a city and college resource," said Beloit College President Scott Bierman. "This will, in essence, help extend Riverside Park south and offer our community easier access to the river, the park, and downtown Beloit."

Beloit City Manager Larry Arft added, "The City of Beloit appreciates the DOT's support for an important element of the reutilization project Beloit College is undertaking."

More information on the TAP program and the Wisconsin awards announced yesterday are available on the Department of Transportation's website: ["More than \\$13 million approved for Transportation Alternatives Program."](#)

For the latest on the college's Powerhouse project see ["Powerhouse Moves to Next Phase"](#) or visit <http://www.beloit.edu/fastforward/projects/powerhouse/>.

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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, August 11, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting July 14, 2014
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (August and September, 2014)
4. Review of City Council appointments July 21, 2014
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

1 resident (Metter) – term to expire June 30, 2017

Appointment Review Committee

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

Board of Appeals

1 resident, 2nd Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

1 resident (Brown) – term to expire December 31, 2016

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

1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Review

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

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

Community Development Authority

1 resident (Adama) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Equal Opportunities Commission

1 resident (Finnegan) – term to expire June 30, 2016

1 resident (Valdez) – term to expire June 30, 2016

Municipal Golf Committee

1 resident (Wiersgalla) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Plan Commission

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

1 resident (Jacobsen) – term to expire April 30, 2017

Traffic Review Committee

1 resident (Cole) – term to expire September 30, 2015

1 resident (Walsh) – term to expire September 30, 2014

1 resident (Dowd) – term to expire September 30, 2014

6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation
8. Adjournment

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Appeals Members

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

DATE: August 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **August 12, 2014** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2014.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or penningtond@beloitwi.gov if you have any questions or require more information.

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cc: City Clerk's Office
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Department of Public Works
Parks & Leisure Services Division
2351 Springbrook Court
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2014 has been cancelled. Therefore, the next scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 at the Operations Building located at 2351 Springbrook Court in the City of Beloit, Wisconsin.

Dated: August 1, 2014
Brian Ramsey, CPRP
Director of Parks & Leisure Services
www.beloitwi.gov

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

Beloit City Hall – The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
Tuesday, August 12, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Election of Officers
3. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2014.
4. Application for a Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License of JD Second Time Inc., d/b/a The Grand Avenue Pub, Gayle Schliem, Agent, 132 West Grand Avenue.
5. Application for a Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License for Fiesta Cancun Authentic Mexican Restaurant of Beloit, Inc., Jose Cortes, Agent, 2648 Prairie Avenue.
6. Citizen Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Attorney Comments
10. Adjournment

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August 7, 2014
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