



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**AUGUST 22,  
2014**

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from the Office of the  
City Manager*

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### **Special points of interest:**

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### **CITY OF BELOIT BUDGET PREPARATION**

Work continues as we finalize additional elements of the 2015 proposed budget. Finance staff continued working on the narrative portions of the document and the Budget Committee met again this week to review the Transit fund, which remains out of balance.

The Capital Projects Committee also met and went through the five year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). These years represent future planning for capital and infrastructure expenses and are not included in the 2015 actual capital budget. Although the out years are itemized for major capital expenditure planning only, staff projects debt capacity and takes into consideration grants and other incomes when preparing those five years of expenditures.

### **BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY RELEASES SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER EVENTS**

[Attached](#) is a two-page listing of upcoming events, story times, and programs at the Beloit Public Library for September and October. The month of September is "Library Card Sign-up Month!" A Beloit Public Library card can open up a world of adventure through books, movies, and music. Be sure to stop in at 605 Eclipse to sign up and enter a drawing for a prize basket (drawing in October).

### **VACANCIES ON CITY COMMISSIONS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

City residents are asked to consider serving on a municipal board or commission. Generally, the time commitment is minimal, but the personal satisfaction of being part of a decision making process can be long-lasting. Committee descriptions and applications can be accessed on the City's website by clicking [[here](#)]. The following committees have vacancies:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee  
Appointment Review Committee  
Board of Appeals  
Board of Ethics  
Board of Review  
Community Development Authority  
Equal Opportunities Commission  
Municipal Golf Committee  
Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission (Youth)  
Plan Commission  
Police and Fire Commission (requires Supplemental Application)  
Traffic Review Committee

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— AUGUST 25—29, 2014

Monday, August 25	10:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Joint Policy and Technical Advisory Committee Meeting</a> —Stateline Area Transportation Study, Rotary River Center (R. Hendrix)
Monday, August 25	Cancelled	<a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a> (D. Luebke)
Monday, August 25	Cancelled	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a>
Wed., August 27	7:30 a.m.	Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board (R. Hendrix)
Wed., August 27	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly)
Thursday, August 28	8:00 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association Board (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, August 22 **Movie on the Big Lawn** at Riverside Park, "The Incredibles." Food and fun beginning at 6:30, with the movie expected to begin at 8:30 p.m. Bring a blanket or lawn chair! Rain date is Saturday, August 23, 2014.

Saturday, Sept. 6 8:00 a.m. **"Cops & Joggers"** Greater Beloit Area Crime Stoppers 5K Run/Walk at Preservation Park. Please see [attached](#) for more information.

Friday, Sept. 12 6:00-8:00 p.m. **Knock On Our Door** 2014. The Visit Beloit doors that decorated the City of Beloit are being auctioned off with proceeds going to the Angel Museum. Auction begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett St.

## MEETING AGENDA

Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings  
Stateline Area Transportation Study  
Monday, August 25, 2014 at 10:00 A.M  
Rotary River Center, 1100 Riverside Drive (U.S.H. 51)  
Beloit, Wisconsin

1. Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Approval of the minutes of the April 14, 2014 Joint Policy and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings. *Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees*
4. Resolution 2014-4 amending the 2014 Transportation Improvement Program. *Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees*
5. Resolution 2014-5 adoption of the 2014 SLATS MPO Title VI Plan. *Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees*
6. Resolution 2014-6 adopting the amended SLATS 2014 Unified Planning Work Program. *Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees*
7. Solicitation for the 2015 Transportation Improvement Program. *Informational Only. No Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees*
8. Technical Advisory Committee Agency Reports Including Recap by Lead Agency of Ongoing and Current 2014 Projects in the TIP. *Informational Only. No Action Required by Technical and Policy Committees*

### Voting Members

City of Beloit Engineering  
Town of Beloit Engineering  
City of Beloit Public Works  
Beloit Transit System  
Federal Highway Administration-Illinois  
Federal Highway Administration-Wisconsin  
IDOT, District 2  
Rock County Planning, Economic & Community Development Agency

Rock County Highway Division  
Village of Rockton Public Works  
City of South Beloit Engineering  
Stateline Mass Transit District  
Town of Turtle Engineering  
Winnebago Highway Department  
Winnebago County Planning  
WisDOT Central Office  
WisDOT Southwest Region

Non-Voting Agencies

FTA Region V-Chicago  
IDOT Bureau of Urban Program Planning  
Janesville MPO  
Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP)  
Village of Roscoe Engineering

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

9. Adjournment

*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 T.J. Nee, MPO Coordinator, Engineering Division, 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511, telephone 608-364-6702, e-mail neet@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 does not 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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## NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

**To:** All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

**Date:** August 15, 2014

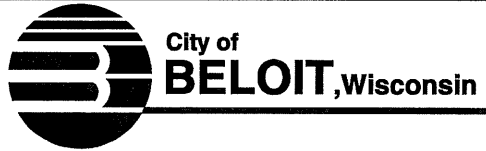
**RE:** Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2014 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **September 22, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

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

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

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**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting CANCELLATION Notice  
Monday, August 25, 2014 5:00 PM  
City Hall Forum  
Beloit WI 53511**

The Police & Fire Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2014 has been cancelled.

Martin Densch, President  
Beloit Police & Fire Commission

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CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
Community Development Authority  
August 27, 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 July 30, 2014
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of July Activity Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of July Financial Report (Pollard)
  - c. Presentation of the Five-Year and Annual Plan for the Beloit Housing Authority (Pollard)
5. CDBG, HOME and NSP Programs
  - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-19, Authorizing the CDA to Award the Rehab Contract for 318 Moore Street (Schneider)
6. Adjournment

**Following adjournment of the regular meeting of the CDA, the CDBG applicants for the 2015 program year will present their applications (see attached schedule).**

*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: August 22, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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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 or to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.



# COPS & JOGGERS

## GREATER BELOIT AREA CRIME STOPPERS 5K RUN/WALK

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2014 - 8:00 A.M.**

**AT FESTIVAL ON THE ROCK  
PRESERVATION PARK  
3444 S RIVERSIDE DR - BELOIT WI 53511  
FESTIVALONThEROCK.COM  
PLEASE ARRIVE TO CHECK IN BY 7:30 A.M.**

**COST: ONLY \$25  
\$60 FOR FAMILIES OF 3-5  
THIS IS A TIMED RACE  
ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE  
DRINKS, SNACKS, AND A T-SHIRT  
AWARDS FOR TOP MALE/FEMALE FINISHERS**

### Waiver and Release of Liability

In consideration of the risk of injury while participating in the Cops & Joggers 5K Run/Walk (hereafter 5K) and as consideration for the right to participate in the 5K, I hereby, for my myself, heirs, executors, administrators, assigns, or personal representatives, knowingly and voluntarily enter into this waiver and release of liability and hereby waive any and all rights, claims, or cause of action of any kind whatsoever arising out of my participation in the 5K, and do hereby release and forever discharge Greater Beloit Area Crime Stoppers (hereafter GBAC), located in Beloit, Wisconsin 53511, their affiliates, managers, members, agents, attorneys, staff, volunteers, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns, for any physical or psychological injury, including but not limited to illness, paralysis, death, damages, economical, or emotional loss, that I may suffer as a direct result of my participation in the aforementioned the 5K, including traveling to and from the even related to 5K.

I am voluntarily participating in the 5K and I am participating in the 5K at my own risk. I am aware of the risks associated with traveling to and participating in the 5K, which may include, but are not limited to, physical or psychological injury; pain; suffering; illness; disfigurement; temporary or permanent disability (including paralysis); economic or emotional loss; and death. I understand that these injuries or outcomes may arise from my own or others' negligence, conditions related to travel, or the condition of the 5K. Nonetheless, I assume all related risks, both known and unknown to me, of my participation in the 5K, including travel to, from, and during the 5K.

I agree to indemnify and hold harmless GBAC against any and all claims, suits, or actions of any kind for liability, damages, compensation, or otherwise brought by me or anyone on my behalf, including attorney's fees and any related costs, if litigation arises pursuant to any claims made by me or by anyone else action on my behalf. If GBAC incurs any of these types of expenses, I agree to reimburse GBAC.

I acknowledge that GBAC and their directors, officers, volunteers, representatives, and agents are not responsible for errors; omissions; acts; or failures to act of any party of entity conducting a specific event or activity on behalf of GBAC. I acknowledge that the 5K may involve a test of a person's physical and mental limits and may carry with it the potential for death, serious injury, and property loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to those caused by terrain, facilities, temperature, weather, lack of hydration, condition of participants, equipment, vehicular traffic, and actions of others, including but not limited to participants, volunteers, spectators, coaches, event officials, event monitors, and/or producers of the event.

I acknowledge I have carefully read this waiver and release and fully understand it is a release of liability. I expressly agree to release and discharge GBAC and all its affiliates, managers, members, agents, attorneys, staff, volunteers, heirs, representatives, predecessors, successors, and assigns from any and all claims or causes of action and I agree to voluntarily give up or waive any right that I otherwise have to bring a legal action against the GBAC for personal injury or property damage. To the extent that statute or case law does not prohibit releases for negligence, this release is also for negligence on the part of GBAC, its agents and employees.

**In the event of any an emergency, please contact:**  
Emergency Contact Name      Contact Relationship      Contact Phone

**Afterward, stay for the Patch Toy & Game Sale,  
9 a.m.-4 p.m. Get the latest games, puzzles,  
toys and educational tools at wholesale prices!**

**Yes! I want to run/walk for Crime Stoppers  
on Saturday, September 6, 2014 - 8:00 a.m.  
Register ONLINE: search 53511 @ itsyourrace.com**

Please Print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Age on Race Day \_\_\_\_\_

Gender \_\_\_\_\_ I am Racing With a Family Group Y/N

Estimated 5K Time (for wave starting) \_\_\_\_\_

*If racing with a family group, please fill out forms for each participant, and submit them together.*

T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ (Adult S-XL)

*I, the undersigned participant, affirm that I am of age 18 years or older and that I am freely signing this agreement. I certify that I have read this agreement, I fully understand its content, and this release cannot be modified orally. I am aware that this is a release of liability and a contract and I am signing it of my own free will:*

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of parent/guardian if under 18:

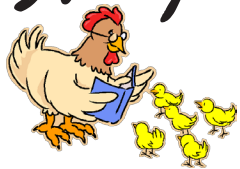
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Registrations must be postmarked by Monday, August 25, 2014. On-site registration will be allowed for a \$10 surcharge. Make checks payable to GBAC.**

**Mail form to Crime Stoppers 5K - 100 State St - Beloit WI 53511 Questions? Call Amy at (815) 977-0291**



# Storytimes



## Baby Play Date

The 1st & 3rd Thursday at 10 a.m.

For babies under 2.  
September 4, 18  
October 2, 16

## Preschool Storytimes

Wednesdays at 10 & 11 a.m.

For ages 6 & younger.  
September 3, 10, 17, 24  
October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
(Halloween Party at 10 a.m. only – Costumes encouraged!)

## Family Story & Craft Time

Saturdays at 11 a.m.  
For children ages 12 & younger, and their families.  
September 20-Harvest Moon  
October 4-Fall  
October 18-Halloween is Coming

## Kids Can Read to Lilly the Dog!

Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
September 16, 30  
October 14

For ages 5-10. Registration and parental permission is required.

Lilly is a trained Reading Education Assistance Dog. Sponsored by FABL



Please note: Children ages 8 & younger must be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

## Finding Signs of Our Wild Friends

Saturday, October 4 from 2-2:45 p.m. with Lena Verkuilen from the Welty Center. For kids ages 12 and younger and their families.



## arts & crafts



For kids ages 6 to 12.  
Thursday from 4-5 p.m.  
September 11 - Book Crafts  
October 9 - Owl Crafts

## FUN-TERTAINMENT!

Presented by Rock County 4-H.  
Crafts & fun for ages 8-13.  
September 23 - Fall is in the Air  
October 28 - Nature is for the Birds

## Halloween Party and Library Parade

October 29 at 10 a.m.  
Costumes encouraged!  
For preschoolers.



## TumbleBookLibrary



Animated, talking books  
Accessible from our website.



**Beloit Public Library**  
605 Eclipse Boulevard  
Beloit, WI 53511  
(608) 364-2905  
www.beloitlibrary.org

### Hours

Monday - Thursday  
9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday & Saturday  
9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### Administration

Phone: (608) 364-2917

### Department Phone

Adult / Teen Services  
364-2905  
Youth Services  
364-2915  
Circulation 364-2911

The library is wheelchair accessible. Ask about other assistive devices.



The library will be closed on September 1 and September 19.

*Around the Library*  
September / October 2014  
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## Adult Battle of the Books

Thursday, October 23 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

## Make sure everyone in your family has a library card!

Every person that signs up for a new card will be entered to win one of the prize baskets sponsored by the Beloit Snappers, FABL and the Beloit Library Foundation. (Drawing in October)

Library Card Sign Up Month celebrates

## Outdoors Beloit!

Monday, September 8 at 6 p.m.  
Join Monica Krysztopa from Visit Beloit to get the scoop on all the outdoor related events in Beloit in the fall. Part of "The Great Outdoors @ your library."

## Matrix Movie Marathon

Saturday, September 27 starting at 10:15 a.m.  
Celebrate the 15th anniversary of the release of "The Matrix" by watching all three versions, one after the other, on our large screen. Sign up to win the films on Blu-ray. Must be present to win. Matrix trivia for prizes throughout the day. Refreshments.

## Do you love to read? Do you love trivia?

Got a knack for remembering quotes and obscure tidbits of information tucked away in books? Then the inaugural Adult Battle of the Books is just for you! Sign up now and start reading!  
Visit the website: [beloitlibrarybash.com/](http://beloitlibrarybash.com/)  
Sponsored by the Beloit Public Library Foundation



## Hoo's Woods Birds of Prey

Saturday October 18 from 2-3 p.m.  
All ages. Diane Moller will talk about these exciting creatures and her rehab center. Live birds will be on hand. Kids ages 8 and younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Part of "The Great Outdoors @ your library."

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## 4th Wednesday Book Discussions

Something you do for yourself.

**September 15 from 4-6:30 p.m.**  
Special Date and Time.

**One Came Home** by Amy Timberlake

**October 22 at 7 p.m.**

**American Buffalo: In Search of a Lost Icon** by Steven Rinella

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## Book to Film



For adults on the first Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Check out a copy of the book to enjoy reading before or after the movie. **Come to the movie & enter a drawing for a free Blu-Ray of the film.**

Sponsored by FABL

**September 3: The Book Thief (2013)**

**October 1: The Fault in our Stars (2014)**



2nd Friday of the Month  
10 a.m.-12 noon  
Beginners welcome.

**September 12**

"Behind the Cheese Curtain;  
a Look at Wisconsin Genealogy  
Resources" by Thomas MacEntee

**October 10**

"Germans to America"  
by John Wasserstrass

## Emerald Ash Borer Q & A

**Monday, September 8 at 10:30 a.m.**

Presented by Christy Marsden, horticulture educator with UW-Extension Rock County. Learn what an Emerald Ash Borer infestation looks like and what you can do to protect your trees.

## Making Origami Birds

**September 15 from 4-6:30 p.m.**

For ages 8 and older. Participate in an origami craft to make "pigeon" decorations for a special downtown Passenger Pigeon event on September 27. Project is related to the 4th Wednesday Book Discussion on this same date and is part of a Beloit College collaboration commemorating the anniversary of Passenger Pigeon's extinction.



## Focus on You Information Series

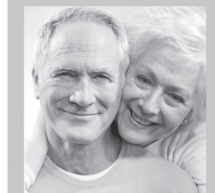
**The Retirement Classroom:  
Getting to Know Medicare**

Tuesday, September 16 from 6-8 p.m.



**Social Security 101**

Thursday, September 18 from 6-8 p.m.



**Retirementology**

Tuesday, September 23 from 6-8 p.m.



**Free Computer Classes:**

Stop at the reference desk or call the library to register.

**Introduction to Computers**

Thursday, September 18  
10-11:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.

**Introduction to the Internet and Email**

Thursday, October 16  
10-11:30 a.m. and 6-7:30 p.m.

## Warming Tree (Mitten Tree)

**October 18 through December 1**

The Library is collecting new home-made or purchased children's mittens, scarves, hats, or socks for distribution to local families in need.



## MONSTER

## MOVIE

## MARATHON



**Saturday, October 25**

**Times TBA**

Go to our Facebook page

and tell us what monster movies you want see!

Enjoy Halloween treats and beverages. Dress up as your favorite monster to win a prize. Sign up to win the films. Must be present to win. For ages 13-Adult.



## Author Visit!

**Werewolves in Wisconsin,  
& other American Monsters**  
Tuesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the August 2014 release of *American Monsters* by Linda Godfrey and meet the author! Books available for purchase and author signing.

**Let Me Take a Selfie -  
Scary Version**

**October 17-31**

Find a scary book or DVD in the YA

area of the library and take a "selfie" with the book/DVD. Upload the selfie on the Beloit Public Library Teens Facebook wall. The best "scary selfie" will win a prize at the end of the two weeks. For ages 12-18.



October  
Pick up a listing of  
films available  
at the library.



## YU-GI-OH! TOURNAMENT

**Tuesday, September 2 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Ages 12-18. Join us for the soon to be annual Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament. Prizes & food!

**Regular Yu-Gi-Oh! and Gaming Club Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 7 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.



## Breakfast Club

**A New YA Film Club!**

**"Divergent" Saturday,**

**September 13 from**

**11 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** Breakfast

snacks and popcorn.

Ages 13-18.

## Art Evolution

**Monday, September 29 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Upcycle books with papier mache and collage for jewelry or postcards to create book art. Ages 12-18.

## PaperBacked!

YA Book Club for High Schoolers

Pizza  
will be  
served!

**Monday, October 20 at 5 p.m.**

**The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green

Please sign up. First 5 get a free book!

## Teen SPEAK Week

October 12-18

For ages 12-18.

**Speak Through Haiku  
Bulletin Board Activity**

See Haiku, Think Haiku, Construct Haiku, Deposit Haiku, Read Haiku.

**Speak Through Blackout Poetry**

**Tuesday, October 14 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.**

Using the magic of blackout, "write" a poem uniquely yours.

**Speak Through Improv**

**Thursday, October 16 from 5:30-7 p.m.**

Through games and techniques learn how to speak your own voice via improv.

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