



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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LABOR DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Beloit Public Library will be closed for the Labor Day holiday. The outside book drop located on the south side of the building is open 24 hours a day. To renew library materials, call Telerenew at 758-6614 or click "My Account/Renewals" on the Library's home page. The Library will reopen on Tuesday, September 2 at 9:30 a.m.

There will be no trash and recycling collection in the City of Beloit on Monday, September 1. Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day this week, and the Recycling Drop Off Center will be closed on Saturday, September 6 to accommodate equipment and staffing needs for Saturday's collection.

All City offices will be closed on Monday, September 1.

CITY ATTORNEY RETIRES/APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CITY ATTORNEY

Long serving City Attorney Tom Casper announced his retirement, to be effective following the conclusion of the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 2, 2014.

Tom completes over 18 years of service to the City, including many years as the Assistant City Attorney/Prosecutor, followed by 8 years as the City Attorney. We want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Tom for all of his contributions to the City and his support of the Manager's office, as well as the various operating departments during his tenure. I also want to extend to Tom our very best wishes for a long and happy retirement.

Beth Krueger, current Deputy City Attorney, has been appointed to serve as Interim City Attorney until the recruitment/selection process for a new City Attorney is completed. We anticipate that process will probably be done by late October.

CITY OF БЕЛОIT BUDGET PRESENTATION

Work continued off and on all week on the 2015 proposed budget. We reviewed final drafts of the proposed Capital Improvements Plan and budget for the coming year. Some shifting of the small, available tax levy increase was required in order to get the Transit budget balanced, and that was accomplished this week.

Final reviews with the budget preparation committee took place on Friday, to validate that all of the funds are now in balance. Much work remains over the next several weeks to complete all of the summary tables, the budget transmittal letters, and the many narrative sections of the proposed budget document prior to posting on-line, which is scheduled for Wednesday, October 1, 2014 in conjunction with posting of the agenda packet for the next Council meeting. The proposed operating and capital budget will be presented to Council and the community during the regular City Council meeting scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2014.

NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION

The Neighborhood Revitalization Committee met this week and reviewed the status of a number of outstanding housing projects. Substantial success in selling the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) houses has substantially reduced the City's inventory and produced funds adequate to purchase an additional property. We also have a couple of homes that will soon be starting renovation, including a historic property on Bluff Street. The older of the two properties is not suitable for rehab and will be removed, with the other property being moved to the front of the lot and undergoing a complete renovation with a Historic Preservation theme. The unit will then be placed on the market for sale.

We also reviewed the list for tax foreclosure properties available in 2014. As with the past two years, there are more properties than there are resources for the City to acquire them all, so many of the homes that are in better/useable condition will be allowed to pass through to auction. The City has identified a property to purchase for the NSP program and a list of some of the worst properties that will be purchased for demolition and removal from the City's residential neighborhoods.

The final legal procedures will be completed within the next week and a Resolution will be placed on Council's agenda for the September 15, 2014 meeting to consider the list of proposed purchases for 2014. It should also be noted this year that there are a few properties we could not purchase within the constraints of our budget and we will be asking for standby authority to have a small amount of money to go to the actual auction just in case there is no interest in the properties. We may be able to acquire them at a more favorable cost. If there are buyers interested in rehabbing and reusing the properties, we certainly would pass on bidding and allow those units to be sold to members of the general public.

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 COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 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 **Tuesday, September 2, 2014** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum. The agenda is unusually light, yet includes a pre-noticed public hearing so that a meeting must be held, despite the light number of business items requiring Council action.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow Alcohol Sales in a Public Lands and Institutions District, for the property located at 2222 Shopiere Road, which is Our Lady of Assumption Church. The licenses in question would be special event licenses used occasionally for single special events related to fund raising for the parish. Since the property is in the public lands and institutions district a Conditional Use Permit is required for any liquor sales on the property, including special event licenses for single occurrence fund raising events. The Plan Commission voted 5-0 to recommend approval.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Regular and Special meetings of August 18, 2014.

Those are the only items of business included on Council's agenda for the September 2, 2014 meeting.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— SEPTEMBER 1—5, 2014

Monday, September 1	All Day	City facilities closed for Labor Day
Tuesday, Sept. 2	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conference Room (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, Sept. 2	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Wed., September 3	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Wed., September 3	Cancelled	Plan Commission (C. Kincaid)

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, Aug. 29 7:00 p.m. **"Dave Potter Trio"** at Riverside Park, Music at Harry's Place. Food and beverage available for purchase.

Friday, Sept. 5 7:00 p.m. **"The Jimmys"** at Riverside Park, Music at Harry's Place. Food and beverage available for purchase.

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Tuesday, September 2, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th 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: August 27, 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.
Tuesday, September 2, 2014**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS –none
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow Alcohol Sales in a PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District, for the property located at 2222 Shopiere Road (Our Lady of Assumption Church) (Christensen)
Plan Commission 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 and Special meetings of August 18, 2014
(LeMire)
7. ORDINANCES
8. APPOINTMENTS – none
9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS
10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION
11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS
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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MEMORANDUM

TO: Plan Commission Members

FROM: Julie Christensen

DATE: August 26, 2014

SUBJECT: **Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting**

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **September 3, 2014** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **September 17, 2014**.

Please call me at 364-6703 or e-mail at christensenj@ci.beloit.wi.us with any questions or comments.

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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