



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

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### **DISCUSSION ON ESTABLISHING A YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER IN THE CITY**

Following up on discussions between the NAACP and the City regarding establishment of a Youth Drop In Center, we have scheduled a meeting for this coming Tuesday, **September 23, 2014** to be held at the Boys and Girls Club, 1851 Moore St., to further discuss this proposal. Representatives from numerous community organizations have been invited to participate. We hope to have a thorough airing of concepts and ideas regarding the establishment of such a facility.

The Boys and Girls Club was selected to host this meeting because it already has a number of the elements in place that would be required to operate a Teen Drop-In Center. Options for how such a facility might be developed will be discussed during the meeting.

The meeting is scheduled from 1:30—3:30 p.m. While the meeting will not be an open public forum, representatives from groups and organizations in the City who have an interest and/or would like to contribute input into the process are invited to attend.

### **FALL TREE PLANTING**

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works is now accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this fall.

The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the City Forestry Supervisor, while 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. Public Works will accept requests through Friday, October 17, 2014. To be placed on the list, please call the Department of Public Works at 608-364-2929.

### **UPDATE ON BUDGET PREPARATION**

The Budget Committee completed work on the Transmittal letter and related documents for the proposed 2015 budget. The final proposed budget document will be completed in time for posting on the City's website on Wednesday, October 1, 2014.

The budget will be officially presented to Council and the community at the regular City Council meeting to be held on Monday, October 6, 2014. An all-day budget workshop is scheduled on Monday, October 13, 2014 with the City Council to be held at the Beloit Public Library Community Room, 605 Eclipse Blvd. It will begin at 8:00 a.m. and run throughout the day. The entire session will be open to the public.

The formal public hearing on the budget has been scheduled for Monday, October 20, 2014 as part of the regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum, 100 State Street.

## **GOOSE CREEK BRIDGE DEDICATION**

Through a combination of State grants, local fund raising and City capital spending, the bridge over Goose Creek on the north end of Big Hills Park was officially opened and dedicated this Friday. There is additional internal bicycle/pedestrian path scheduled for construction next year within the park, which will utilize this bridge. Also, this was one of the last remaining obstacles to extending the Beloit/Janesville bicycle connector. That project is still unfunded and has no fixed schedule for construction at this time; however, the Rock County Trail Coalition has been working on this project for a number of years and we anticipate the eventual construction of that project.

## **BELOIT AND JANESVILLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS TO HOST STATEWIDE CONFERENCE**

SLATS, the Beloit Area Metropolitan Organization (MPO) along with the Janesville MPO are co-hosting the annual Wisconsin MPO/RPC Fall Conference. The conference will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week and include tours of both the cities of Janesville and Beloit, focusing on transportation projects and other improvements that have been made in those communities.

## **CITY MANAGER'S ATTENDANCE AT ICMA 100TH CONFERENCE**

I returned to the City this past Thursday after attending the 100th International City/County Management Association in Charlotte, North Carolina. This particular conference was also the 100th anniversary of the Association. In addition to the keynote speakers and educational sessions, the 100th anniversary theme ran throughout the conference. Special receptions and a social gathering on Tuesday evening marked the key celebrations of this milestone event in the City Management Association's history.

## **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
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Review
- Community Development Authority
- Equal Opportunities Commission
- Landmarks Commission
- Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission (Youth)
- Plan Commission
- Police and Fire Commission (requires Supplemental Application)
- Traffic Review Committee

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— SEPTEMBER 22—26, 2014

Monday, Sept. 22	1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conference Room (D. Luebke)
Monday, Sept. 22	5:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a> , Forum
Monday, Sept. 22	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Special Board of Appeals</a> , Forum
Tuesday, Sept. 23	1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Youth Drop-In Center Meeting</a> , Boys and Girls Club (All Councilors Invited)
Tuesday, Sept. 23	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Landmarks Commission</a> , Forum (C. Haynes)
Wed., Sept. 24	7:30 a.m.	Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Meeting (R. Hendrix)
Wed., Sept. 24	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly)
Thurs., Sept. 25	8:00 a.m.	BID/DBA 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.

Friday, Sept. 19 All Day **Beloit Public Library** will be closed for staff training. 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 on "My Account/Renewals" on the Library's website. The library will reopen on Saturday, September 20 at 9:30 a.m.



**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Traffic Review Committee**  
**Monday, September 22, 2014 1:30 P.M.**  
**City Manager's Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**  
**Beloit, WI 53511**

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the June 23, 2014 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
3. Public Participation.
4. Ordinance to remove No-Parking restrictions along Hobart Place.
5. Discussion related to proposed change from 1-hour to 4-hour parking time limit in front of 114 West Grand Avenue.
6. Discussion related to parking issues near Robinson School (Lovell Drive).
7. Committee Member participation.
8. Next meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for **October 27, 2014**.
9. Adjournment

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**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Monday, September 22, 2014 @ 5:00 PM  
City Hall / Public Forum  
100 State St**

The monthly meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Joe Simpson at 364-6685.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of July 28, 2014 meeting minutes
3. Reports
  - A. Police Department
    - Hiring efforts
    - Crime Update
  - B. Fire Department
    - National Fire Prevention Week activities
    - Mentoring & Recruiting activities
4. Citizen Participation
5. Commissioner Comments
6. Action/Discussion Items
  - A. Accept resignation of Commission Gary Gard
  - B. Appointment of vacated Vice President position
  - C. Review of Citizen Complaint
7. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to review Police and Fire personnel probationary reviews.
8. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
9. Possible recognition of end of probationary period completion for personnel.
10. Adjourn.

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**BELOIT BOARD OF APPEALS**  
**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Monday, September 22, 2014

**7:00 PM**

The Forum  
Beloit City Hall  
100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Election of Officers.
  - a. Nomination and election of Chair
  - b. Nomination and election of Vice-Chair
  - c. Nomination and election of 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair
3. Minutes of the May 13, 2014 Meeting
4. William Krueger  
BOA-2014-02 Area Variance to Section 6.3.4(d) of the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance to allow the total area of an attached garage to exceed 865 square feet, for the property located at 3485 Field Crest Court.
5. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at (608) 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: September 18, 2014

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

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit, the NAACP, and the Stateline Boys and Girls Club are hosting a discussion regarding the establishment of a **Teen Drop-In Center** in Beloit on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Stateline Boys and Girls Club, 1851 Moore Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The City Council has been invited to attend, and a quorum may be present.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: September 18, 2014  
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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
Tuesday, September 23, 2014, 7:00 PM  
The Forum, City Hall, 100 State Street**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the August 19, 2014 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. St. Paul's Episcopal Church – Certificate of Appropriateness  
COA-2014-35 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for new windows and door windows at 212 West Grand Avenue
5. Scott Schneider – Certificate of Appropriateness  
COA-2014-36 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for porch addition, garage addition, and exterior updates at 422 Bluff Street/310 Euclid
6. Scott Sevek – Certificate of Appropriateness  
COA-2014-37 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to expose hidden window and associated trim work at 736 Bluff Street
7. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
8. Committee Reports
  - A. Education & Outreach Committee
  - B. Grant Writing Committee
  - C. Site Visit Committee
9. Adjournment

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Approved: Stephanie Hummel, Planner  
September 5, 2014

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Community Development Authority**  
**September 24, 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 August 27, 2014
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of August Activity Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of August Financial Report (Pollard)
5. CDBG, HOME and NSP Programs
  - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-21, Recommending Approval of the 2015 -2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan (Downing)
  - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-22, Recommending Approval of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Budget (Downing)
  - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-23, Recommending Approval of the 2015 HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Budget (Christensen)
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: September 19, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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