



# THE БЕЛОIT 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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### **UPDATE ON PLANS TO ESTABLISH A YOUTH DROP-IN CENTER**

Our meeting this past Tuesday to discuss the concept of creating a Youth Drop-In Center in the City of Beloit was very well attended. Fifty-plus people, including representatives from many of our current not-for-profit agencies that provide services to the youth, as well as the School District, City of Beloit, and several residents at large were in attendance. A good portion of the agenda was devoted to an open dialogue and numerous individuals spoke, often passionately about their concerns, as well as providing productive suggestions for how such a center should be focused to have maximum positive impact on our young residents. In addition to myself as moderator, Birdia McAlister from the NAACP, presented the organization's initial concept and Fred Buggs, Chief Professional Officer at the Stateline Boys and Girls Club, was able to provide considerable information on drop-in programming, as well as the capabilities of the current Boys and Girls Club facility.

At the conclusion of the meeting, I asked for and received a number of volunteers to serve on an actual planning committee to begin putting together a written plan for exactly how the Center would be structured and operated. This process will also include the creation of an initial one-year budget. Following completion of the committee's work, the larger group will be invited to a second meeting to review the plan before any implementation steps are begun. Time is certainly of the essence; however, numerous speakers spoke of the need to do careful planning and formulate a workable program before we simply throw the doors open and hope for positive results. Consequently, we will move expeditiously, yet complete adequate due diligence to maximize the probability of success.

### **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**

Once again this week a good deal of time was spent on budget preparation as staff finalized the large narrative portions of the budget. The Transmittal Letter was finalized, executed and signed, as well. Once again, the final budget document will be posted on the City's website next **Wednesday, October 1, 2014**. The City's budget preparation committee also began work on the PowerPoint presentation that will be used to officially introduce the budget to the City Council and 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.

## **APPOINTMENT OF NEW HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR**

This past Monday, City staff conducted final interviews with two finalists for the Director of Human Resources position. Both of the candidates were highly qualified for the position and had extensive experience in Human Resources management. After completing the final interviews, the committee selected Marianne Marshall. Mrs. Marshall has more than 20 years of experience in HR management and will join the City of Beloit on October 27, 2014.

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

This Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Beloit and Janesville Area Metropolitan Organization's (MPO) co-hosted the annual Wisconsin MPO/RPC Fall Conference. City Manager's from both communities are on the program. I made making welcoming comments, coordinated a tour of the City and made one of the key note presentations on Beloit's transformation from a gray metal industrial city to a high quality urban place.

## **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 29—OCTOBER 3, 2014

Wed., October 1	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Wed., October 1	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly)

## 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.

Saturday, October 4 5:30—11:00 p.m. **Oktoberfest**, 400 block of East Grand Ave. Uncle Julius' German Band will perform from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Jamie Campbell & the Redneck Romeos will perform from 8:00-11:00 p.m. Beer tent, food vendors and more. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$1 for children ages 4-11 and free for younger than 4 years old.

Tuesday, October 7 10:00—2:00 p.m. **Beloit Senior Fair**, "Follow the Trail to Wellness," Eclipse Center, 3 Eclipse Blvd.



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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Community Development Authority**  
**October 1, 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 26, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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