



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**MARCH 27,  
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from the Office of the  
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### SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

In order to complete the first round of interviews with candidates for the City Manager's position, Council will hold two special meetings next week. The [attached](#) notices provide more information about the interview sessions scheduled for this coming **Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, March 31, 2015, beginning at 4:00 p.m.** At this stage in the interview process, candidate identities will not be revealed and Council will be in closed session for the interview process. At the current time, finalists selected following the first round of interviews will return to the City on April 9 and 10 to participate in a second round of interviews and activities, including making a public presentation, affording an opportunity for residents to observe and ask questions of the candidates. More about the public presentations and other aspects of the second round of interviews will be announced early in April.

### ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON FOR THE APRIL 7, 2015 SPRING ELECTION

Beginning Monday, March 23, 2015, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the April 7, 2015 Spring Election. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information.

### COMPREHENSIVE POLICE DEPARTMENT STUDY AND ANALYSIS RESUMES NEXT WEEK

An evaluation team from Hillard Heintze, the consultants selected to do a comprehensive Police Department study and analysis, will be in the City beginning on Monday, March 30 and will remain in the community as long as it takes to complete their work. The team will be going over documents, looking at policies and procedures, interviewing all Police Department employees, as well as a large number of community and business leaders and others in the law enforcement profession that interact with the Beloit Police Department.

In addition to all of these activities, the consultants have scheduled two open public forums, where any person can comment regarding the Beloit Police Department or its operations. Please see [attached](#) press release.

The first open public forum will be:

**Tuesday, March 31—6:30 p.m.**  
Beloit Public Library Community Room  
605 Eclipse Blvd.

The second open public forum will be:

**Wednesday, April 1—6:30 p.m.**  
Grinnell Hall Senior Center  
631 Bluff Street

Once again, all members of the public are invited to attend one of these sessions if you have comments or information to share regarding the Beloit Police Department or its operations.

## CASINO UPDATE

Representatives of the Ho Chunk Nation, including Tribal President Jon Greendeer, were in the City this past Monday evening when City Council considered a three year extension to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between the City, Rock County and the Ho Chunk Nation. The IGA relates to the Beloit Casino Project, which is still pending before the Department of the Interior. President Greendeer did bring some good news when we learned that the application is now actively being processed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and apparently comments shared with the Nation regarding its' Environmental Impact Statement were relatively minor in nature, indicating that the completed application meets the criteria of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Obviously, there are still many months of processing left as the application goes through an extensive review procedure described by both the Statute and the Agency's regulations. While there's still no guarantee as to the outcome, however, the Nation has been receiving positive feedback.

The three-year extension was positively acted upon by the County Board at their meeting on Thursday, March 26, and the Tribal legislature already approved the extension.

## PRATT INDUSTRIES UPDATE

I know the community is interested in the Pratt Industries project, which will create 140+ new jobs in the Beloit community. We closed on the real estate transaction this week so that the company now owns the 40 acre site in the Gateway Business Park where their new manufacturing facility will be built. There are a few remaining details related to the site itself, which will be resolved over the next 30 days. Plan review is continuing, and a conference call was held between the principals this week to work out details related to the site plan requirements. The City's structural engineer is completing review of the building plan submittal. The Plan reviews have progressed far enough so that Pratt will be able to obtain an early start grading and foundation permit in time for them to begin construction in early April, as originally scheduled. The City anticipates having full building and site plan reviews completed and a full building permit and architectural review certificate issued probably by mid-April, well before the company will be ready to begin actual building construction.

## SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Residents are reminded that the 2015 spring yard waste collection will begin on Monday, April 6 and conclude on Friday, April 17, 2015. During this period of time, the City will be collecting yard waste all five days of the week on your regular collection day. Yard waste must still be containerized and the City's yard waste sticker must be attached to each container or bundle. Please see [attached](#) press release for more information, including locations where stickers may be purchased.

## CITY SCHEDULE FOR "SPRING HOLIDAY" APRIL 3, 2015

Friday, April 3 has been designated as "Spring Holiday" and City Hall offices, as well as the Beloit Public Library, will be closed. The Library's outside bookdrop is open 24 hours a day and to renew items you may call Telerenew at 758-6614 or visit the Library's website and click on My Account/Renewals. The Library will reopen on Saturday, April 4 at 9:30 a.m.

The "Beloit Report" will be sent out on Thursday, April 2nd next week.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MARCH 30—APRIL 3, 2015

|                    |           |   |
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| Monday, March 30   | 4:00 p.m. | <a href="#">Special meeting</a> of the Beloit City Council, Vision Beloit, 500 Pleasant St. |
| Monday, March 31   | 4:00 p.m. | <a href="#">Special meeting</a> of the Beloit City Council, Vision Beloit, 500 Pleasant St. |
| Wednesday, April 1 | 7:30 a.m. | Rock County Breakfast (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)  |

## 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.

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| March 28          | 7:30 a.m.      | <b>Mushing for Meals</b> , 10K/5K Run, 1 Mile Walk, Mini-Mush Kids Fun Run. Benefits Beloit Meals on Wheels. Please see <a href="#">attached</a> for more information.  |
| March 31          | 6:30 p.m.      | <b>Community meeting</b> with representatives from Hillard Heintz as part of the comprehensive study of the Beloit Police Department. Beloit Public Library Community Room, 605 Eclipse Blvd.   |
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| April 4           | 1:00—3:00 p.m. | <b>Easter Eggstravaganza</b> Easter Egg Hunt at Horace White Park. Brought to you by Downtown Beloit Association. Please see <a href="#">attached</a> for more information.   |
| April 16, 17 & 18 |                | <b>FABL Annual Book Sale</b> , Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.<br>April 16—10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., all books 25 cents<br>April 17—10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., all books 25 cents or \$3/bag<br>April 18—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., all books 25 cents or \$1/bag |



## NOTICE AND AGENDA Special Meeting of the Beloit City Council

Monday, March 30, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.  
Vision Beloit – Large Conference Room  
500 Pleasant Street  
Beloit, WI 53511

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that, in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of the City of Beloit Municipal Code of Ordinances, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll Call
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3. Adjournment

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Dated: March 25, 2015  
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City Clerk  
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Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk  
(608) 364-6680  
[lemirer@beloitwi.gov](mailto:lemirer@beloitwi.gov)

**Absentee Voting In Person for the April 7, 2015 Spring Election**  
**Available Starting March 23, 2015**

**March 16, 2015 – Beloit, WI:** Beginning Monday, March 23, 2015, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the April 7, 2015 Spring Election. Electors who are not registered to vote and those who need to change their names and/or addresses must bring proof of residence to register. Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence on the following page.

Late registration and absentee voting in person will be available from **Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office on the second floor of City Hall. Late registration and absentee voting will be available on **Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of City Hall in the hallway outside the Forum.** Electors who would like an absentee ballot mailed to them must make the request in writing via email to [lemirer@beloitwi.gov](mailto:lemirer@beloitwi.gov); via mail to 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511; or in person at the City Clerk's office.

Photo identification or other **proof of identity will not** be required to obtain an absentee ballot or to obtain a regular ballot on Election Day at the polling place for this Election. Sample ballots are available in the Document Center on the City's website [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov) in the Voting and Election Documents folder.

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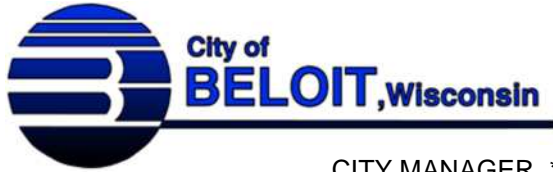
## ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

One of the following is required to register to vote in the Clerk's office during the closed registration period or on Election Day at the Polling Place:

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- Any other Official ID Card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body
- An ID card with your photo issued by an employer during the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A real estate tax bill or receipt (for the current year or year before the election)
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder by the university, college or technical college dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented
- A utility bill for a period starting no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- A bank statement or current pay check
- A government check or any other official document issued by a unit of government

**NOTE:** all of the above must contain a current and complete name, including both first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality. If the form has an expiration date, it must be valid on Election Day. **An individual may not register or vote without one of the above forms of proof of residence.**

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For more information contact:  
Marianne Marshall  
Director of Human Resources  
(608) 364-6612

**POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSESSMENT**

**March 24, 2015 - Beloit, Wisconsin** – Representatives from Hillard Heintze, an independent consulting firm, will be in the City of Beloit to participate in public meetings with members of the Greater Beloit Community as part of their comprehensive study of the Beloit Police Department. The representatives will seek input on departmental operations, leadership, management, and employee morale. Two open meetings are scheduled for:

**Tuesday, March 31, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Beloit Public Library Community Room**

**605 Eclipse Blvd.**

**and**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2015**

**6:30 p.m.**

**Grinnell Hall Senior Center**

**631 Bluff Street**

For interested stakeholders who are unable to attend either of these meetings, Hillard Heintze Senior Director Christi Gullion can be contacted at (312) 869-8500 or [Christi.Gullion@hillardheintze.com](mailto:Christi.Gullion@hillardheintze.com) to schedule a follow-up call.

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:

Jodine Saunders

Public Works Sustainability & Safety Coordinator

(608) 364-2929

**Yard Waste Collection**

**March 23, 2015** – Curbside collection of yard waste will take place Monday, April 6, 2015 through Friday, April 17, 2015. Collection will take place on your trash day.

Yard waste must be properly contained in a clean container, paper, or Back to Nature bio-degradable yard waste bag. Containers can be no larger than 39 gallons and weigh no more than 60 pounds. Yard waste cannot be contained in plastic bags. A \$1.50 sticker must be affixed to each bag, container and or bundles.

Stickers may be purchased at any City of Beloit Treasury Department, City of Beloit Department of Public Works Operations Facility, Grinnell Hall, Leisure Services, ACE Hardware stores, all Walgreen's locations and Woodman's.

**Composting Option**

Leaflan Compost Center  
6711 West St. Lawrence Rd.  
(608) 364-1909

[www.leaflan.com](http://www.leaflan.com)

Call Leaflan for more information on hours and fee's.

For more information, call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations at (608) 364-2929.

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Kerry Ingredients presents the:

## 4th Annual Beloit Meals On Wheels

# Mushing for Meals

## 10k/5k Run, 1 Mile Walk

## Mini-Mush Kids Fun Run

## March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015



Mushing for Meals is a 10k/5k Run or 1 Mile Walk to benefit Beloit Meals On Wheels. The race starts at Horace White park in Beloit, across from the Beloit Meals On Wheels office. Whether you choose to run, be connected to two of your favorite mushers or walk, *you're sure to have fun!*

### Mini-Mush Kids 10 & Under



#### Advanced Entry Fee:

- Adults \$15.00
- 17 and Under \$5.00

#### Same Day Entry Fee:

- Adults \$25.00
- 17 and Under \$5.00

This is a 2015 Rockford Road Runner Circuit Race.  
Courses are USATF Certified and Chip Timed.

#### Questions?? Contact Information:

Jeff Johnson  
Race Director  
phone: 608-362-9384  
email: [jeff@beloitmealsonwheels.org](mailto:jeff@beloitmealsonwheels.org)

Ellen Wiegand  
Executive Director BMOW  
phone: 608-362-3683  
email: [ellen@beloitmealsonwheels.org](mailto:ellen@beloitmealsonwheels.org)

#### Start Times:

Registration: 7:30-8:30 am  
Mini-Mush Start: 8:30 am  
Announcements: 8:45 am  
10k Race Start: 9:00 am  
5k / 1 Mile Start: 9:05 am

#### Register on-line at Active.com:

Enter the following link into your browser:  
<http://www.active.com/beloit-wi/running/races/mushing-for-meals-2015>

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100% of all proceeds benefit Beloit Meals On Wheels "March For Meals" campaign.

**march!**  
**FOR meals!**  
**Meals on Wheels**

Downtown Beloit  
Saturday, April 4, 2015  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Find a **ruby red** ticket in  
an egg and win a prize!  
The first 400 children will  
get a goodie bag!



# EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Children ages 2 - 10 are welcome to  
join the Downtown Beloit Association on  
Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 1pm - 3pm  
for a free Easter egg hunt at Horace  
White Park!

Mascots, Fun Zone, Photos with the Easter  
Bunny, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, & More!

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