



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:

- **Community Events**
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CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

Meetings

- Attended the Urban Alliance meeting in Elkhart Lake, followed by a Chief Executives Workshop, sponsored by the League of Wisconsin Municipalities.
- Conducted a "Listening Session" with the Interim Police Chief, City Council Vice-President De Forest, and invited members of the community who aired concerns and suggestions on issues facing the community. More "Listening Sessions" will be scheduled in the future to serve as a foundation for the development of a new Community Relations Initiative.
- Continued meeting with staff to discuss and prepare the 2016 proposed budget.
- Continued one-on-one meetings with Councilors.

Community Activities/Functions

- Participated in the Business Education Summit as a keynote speaker.
- Continued meeting various community stakeholders to get up to speed on outstanding matters of importance.
- Attending the TEDx event at Beloit College.

BUSINESS-EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP SUMMIT, AUGUST 26, 2015

The Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation and the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce hosted the Business-Education Summit on August 26, 2015 at the Garden Hotel and Conference Center in South Beloit. The event featured keynote addresses on the topic "Vision and Leadership" from Lori Curtis Luther, Beloit City Manager; and Dr. Tom Johnson, School District of Beloit Superintendent. Moderating the discussion were Representatives Amy Loudbeck and Mark Spreitzer. Those who attended were enthusiastic about the topic and the presenters. Andrew Janke stated that "There was a lot of positive energy in the room and participants were inspired by the community's new leadership and their vision for the Greater Beloit region."

TEDxBELOIT

On **Friday, August 28 from 1:00—4:00 p.m.**, there will be a TEDx event at Beloit College, aimed at electrifying our community and engaging participants in a dialogue about what's next for us in the Greater Beloit region. Only 100 attendees can be admitted, but a live stream will be broadcast. A TEDxBeloit Facebook page has been created with information on the speakers and a link to the live stream. Please click on <https://www.facebook.com/TEDxBeloit>

[Attached](#) is more information on the event, along with a list of speakers and topics.

RIDE ACROSS WISCONSIN CYCLISTS TO STOP IN БЕЛОIT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 29

The "Ride Across Wisconsin" 175-mile bicycle ride from border to border will stop at the Beloit Rest Stop for lunch at approximately 11:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. tomorrow. If you see a large group of riders, please be courteous and give them some space along with a Beloit-friendly wave of encouragement. No roads will be closed off for this event. The group will start off in Dubuque at approximately 6:30 a.m. and plan to completely pass through Beloit by 3:00 p.m., ending their ride in Kenosha.

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH

The Beloit Public Library encourages residents to "reDiscover!" the library. During the month of September, there will be special programming and events, along with a limited edition library card designed by Reiyah Jacobs, winner of the library's Superhero Library Card Design Contest.

Library card requirements:

- Valid Photo ID
- Proof of current address with name
- Those under the age of 16 must have parent or legal guardian present to obtain a library card (parent or legal guardian must provide proof of address and valid photo ID)

For more information to obtain a library card, please review the Beloit Public Library's website:

<https://beloitlibrary.org>

FIRST ANNUAL "DIRTY DASH" IS HISTORY!

Last Saturday, August 22, Big Hill Park was the site of the first annual Dirty Dash event. Over 300 children from Beloit and beyond took part in the obstacle course consisting of logs, tires, climbing opportunities, and of course, the highly anticipated mud pits! Shoes were lost (and found), feet were muddied, photos were taken, and all who crossed the finish line had a satisfied grin after conquering the course! Look for this event to return again next year, as the Leisure Services staff looks to invent new and exciting challenges. Congratulations to all of our young participants!

GREATER БЕЛОIT CRIME STOPPERS "COPS & JOGGERS" EVENT

The 2nd Annual 5K run/walk to benefit Greater Beloit Crime Stoppers is scheduled for **Saturday, September 12, 2015**. The event will take place during Festival on the Rock at Preservation Park, 3444 S. Riverside Dr., Beloit. This is a timed race, and all participants will receive drinks, snacks and a t-shirt. The cost is \$25 or \$60 for families of 3-5. Registrations must be postmarked by Monday, August 31, 2015. On-site registration will be allowed for a \$10 surcharge, but you may not get a shirt. To register, click [here](#).

FRIENDS OF RIVERFRONT—HERITAGE BRICKS CEREMONY

Due to an overwhelming number of requests for Heritage Bricks, Friends of Riverfront has notified us that the Brick Ceremony originally scheduled for September 11, 2015 has been rescheduled. There will be an Open House to view the 2015 Heritage Bricks on Friday, October 16, 2015 from 5:00—7:00 p.m. at Rotary River Center, Riverside Park. Bricks will be installed in the Heritage Walkway later this fall.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— AUGUST 31—SEPTEMBER 4, 2015

Wed., Sept. 2 7:30 a.m. Rock County Breakfast meeting (C. Haynes & S. De Forest)

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. Over 85 vendors every week and live music at Gantry Park in downtown Beloit. Every Saturday until the end of October. For more information, please contact the Downtown Beloit Association at 365-0150.

August 28 7:15 p.m. **Outdoor Movie at Krueger-Haskell Golf Course**, 1611 Hackett St., Beloit. "The Greatest Game Ever Played" will be shown on a huge outdoor screen. Bring your chairs & blankets!

August 28 7:00 p.m. **Music at Harry's Place**, Riverside Park, Beloit. Come out and listen to "The Jimmys!" Free concert, food and beverages available for purchase.

Aug. 31 7:00 p.m. **Dancing at Harry's Place**, Riverside Park. Free dance lessons!

First look at TEDxBeloit: Preliminary speakers, partners announced

Deadline to apply to attend this free event is this Saturday, August 8

Beloit, Wis.—Organizers of Beloit's first-ever TED-licensed event, [TEDxBeloit](#), today offered a first round of details about the late August event's lineup, as well as issued a second call for applications to attend the event, which is scheduled for Friday afternoon, August 28, at Beloit College's Wilson Theater.

The day's preliminary speakers range from local residents and students, including a well-known and recently retired Beloit author and Beloit College professor, to a young man who was recently living homeless on the streets of Detroit, Michigan.

Nadir Carlson, a Beloit Memorial graduate and Beloit College senior who is helping organize the event, said he was "thrilled with the quality of the speaker applications we received, and excited about the program we're going to host. We're really talking about this now as the first TEDxBeloit, not the only one we'll do. We're seeing a real desire for this community dialogue to happen."

The preliminary list of approved speakers and presentation titles includes:

- **Nathan Brault**-- *Hip Hop's Place in Education*
- **Jan Stanley**—*Routines: The unexpected power of habits, practices and rituals*
- **Tom McBride**, professor emeritus at Beloit College and author of "The Mindset Lists of American History"—*Term Papers and Texting: The Excitement of Educating Millennials*
- **Cecil Youngblood and Caitlin Paterson**—*Campus Sexual Assault Prevention: Before Policy/Beyond Compliance*
- **Kenny Andejas**—*Revitalizing Self and City*

Additional speakers may be announced in the coming weeks. In addition to the speakers, attendees will see a variety of special, sneak-peak videos produced for the day, as well as three short, recorded TED Talk videos (which are required at TEDx events). There will also be short performances by the Beloit Memorial Knightengales and [Rising Stars dance troupe](#), among others.

Partners announced

The TEDxBeloit organizers also today announced the sponsors who are helping make this inaugural event happen. In addition to Beloit College, the program is being supported by the Roy Chapman Andrews Society, Bon Appetit (the college's food service provider), Culver's, and Visit Beloit.

Audience Information

As a TEDx-licensed event, the August 28 event can only admit 100 attendees. The audience will be made up local high school students, community members, nonprofit leaders, and others. Those unable to attend are more than welcomed to watch our [live streaming.](#)

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About TEDx, x = independently organized event

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. At a TEDx event, TED Talks video and live speakers combine to spark deep discussion and connection. These local, self-organized events are branded TEDx, where x = independently organized TED event. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events are self-organized. (Subject to certain rules and regulations.)

About TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California 30 years ago, TED has grown to support its mission with multiple initiatives. The two annual TED Conferences invite the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes or less. Many of these talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Sal Khan and Daniel Kahneman.

The annual TED Conference takes place each spring in Vancouver, British Columbia, along with the TEDActive simulcast event in nearby Whistler. The annual TEDGlobal conference will be held this October in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. TED's media initiatives include TED.com, where new TED Talks are posted daily; the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as translations from volunteers worldwide; the educational initiative TED-Ed. TED has established the annual TED Prize, where exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world get help translating their wishes into action; TEDx, which supports individuals or groups in hosting local, self-organized TED-style events around the world, and the TED Fellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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