



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES

#### Meetings:

- Continue to meet weekly with Department Heads as a group and individually to discuss issues "for the good of the order"
- Participated in the Economic Development Rapid Response Team meeting.
- Met with representatives from Visit Beloit to discuss future plans and events.
- Met with City Council President and City Attorney to discuss proposed amendments to the Municipal Ordinance pertaining to "Boards, Committees and Commissions." The proposed amendments came about as a result of the recent City Council workshop held with members of the committees, boards and commissions.
- Auditors were at City Hall this week, and I was able to meet with the lead auditor to discuss their comments and insights relating to the City's financial position.
- Met with City Council Vice-President Sheila De Forest.

#### Community Meetings, Activities, and Functions:

- Participated in the City Council meeting.
- It was my pleasure to assist in delivering meals along with some regular volunteers from "Meals on Wheels" as part of their "2016 March for Meals" campaign. Some of our City staff members volunteered and actively participated as runners during the "Mushing for Meals" 10K run last weekend. The March for Meals campaign is an annual event to raise awareness of senior hunger.

### SPRING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Hall and the Beloit Public Library will be **closed** on Friday, March 25, 2016 in observance of the Spring Holiday. Trash and recycling will be picked up as usual, with no disruption in service.

### ABSENTEE VOTING FOR SPRING ELECTION BEGINS MARCH 21

Beginning March 21, 2016, voters in Beloit and across the state of Wisconsin, are able to vote via absentee ballot in person at the Clerk's office if they are unable or unwilling to go to the polling location on April 5, 2016. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information. Please remember, **City Hall is closed on Friday, March 25th.**

**March 24,  
2016**

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from the Office of the  
City Manager*

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### Special points of interest:

- **Committee Meetings (page 3)**
- **Community Events (page 3)**

**COMMITTEE VACANCIES—VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

Vacancies exist on Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions for city residents. If you are interested in making a contribution of your time and talents to the City of Beloit, please click [here](#) for a list of City Boards and Commissions and an application. Current vacancies include:

- **Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee** (3 year term)  
Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum
- **Appointment Review Committee** (3 year term)  
Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room
- **Board of Appeals** (3 year term)  
Meets 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum
- **Board of Ethics** (3 year term)  
Meets as needed except annual meeting on the 3rd Thursday of January in the City Manager's Conference Room
- **Board of Review** (5 year term)  
Meets annually in May and typically hears assessment objection cases as scheduled in June in the City Hall Forum
- **Community Development Authority** (4 year term)  
Meets 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the Forum
- **Equal Opportunities Commission** (3 year term)  
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each even-numbered month at 5:45 p.m. in the Forum
- **Municipal Golf Committee** (including vacancy for youth representative) (3 year term)  
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 a.m. at the Krueger-Haskell Club House
- **Municipal Library Board** (3 year term)  
Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. at Beloit Public Library
- **Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission** (vacancy for youth representative) (3 year term)  
Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Public Works Operations Facility
- **Plan Commission** (3 year term)  
Meets on the Wednesdays following City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum
- **Police and Fire Commission** (5 year term) (Supplemental application is required)  
Meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MARCH 28—APRIL 1, 2016

Monday, March 28      Cancelled      [Traffic Review Committee](#), (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 a calendar of activities and events.

- Saturday, March 26      1:00-3:00      **Easter Eggstravaganza**, Horace White Park, Beloit. Children ages 2-10 are welcome to participate in a free Easter egg hunt. Fun zone, photos with the Easter bunny, mascots, face painting, balloon animals and more. Please see [attached](#) for more information.
- Monday, March 28      5:30-7:00 p.m.      **“Hear Our Truths”** Courageous Conversations—an evening of live readings by, for and about black women and girls. Community Action, Inc., 20 Eclipse Blvd. Free Admission, dinner included. Please RSVP so they can adequately plan. E-mail: [whuhn@ywcrockco.com](mailto:whuhn@ywcrockco.com) or call 608-752-5445 Ext. 200. Please see [attached](#) for more information.
- Friday, April 1      11:00 a.m.      **Hometown Heroes Luncheon**, Beloit Angel Museum, 656 Pleasant St. Please RSVP by March 25, cost is \$25. 608-362-9099



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100 State Street  
Beloit, WI 53511  
[www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information, contact:  
Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk  
(608) 364-6680  
[StottlerL@beloitwi.gov](mailto:StottlerL@beloitwi.gov)

**NOTICE TO ELECTORS CITY OF BELOIT:  
IN-PERSON VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT BEGINS MARCH 21, 2016**

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot.

A qualified elector is:

- any U.S. citizen,
- who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. **Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.**

**YOU MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL OR IN PERSON**

**Voting an absentee ballot in person**

You may vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk  
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511 – 608-364-6680  
8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

**The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is 5:00 p.m.:**  
March 21, 2016

**The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is 5:00 p.m.:**  
April 1, 2016

No in-person absentee voting may occur on a weekend or legal holiday.

**Voting an absentee ballot by mail**

TO OBTAIN A BALLOT, You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing. Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you by mail. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature.

**The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, Thursday, March 31, 2016.**

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## NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

**To:** All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

**Date:** March 18, 2016

**RE:** Meeting Cancellation

The upcoming Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, March 28, 2016 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **April 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.**

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.

Jason Dupuis, P.E.  
Transportation Engineer  
City of Beloit

Downtown Beloit  
Saturday, March 26, 2016  
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Find a **ruby red** ticket in  
an egg and win a prize!  
The first 450 children will  
get a goodie bag!



# EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

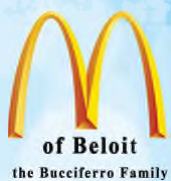
Children ages 2 - 10 are welcome to join the  
Downtown Beloit Association on Saturday,  
March 26, 2016 **promptly at 1:00 pm** for a  
free Easter egg hunt at Horace White Park!

\*5 egg limit per child • Limit of 450 goodie bags

Mascots, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, & More!

**Fun Zone & Photos with the Easter Bunny  
also available for a small fee**

## Thank You to Our Sponsors



### Participating Sponsors:

**Ace Hardware and Knights of Columbus Council 605**

### Goodie Bag Sponsors:

**Beloit College, Culver's, Doodles, Family Video, Farmers Insurance, First National Bank and Trust, Frito Lay, Grand Avenue Pub, Papa Murphy's, Patch Products, and Woodman's**

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# Read My Lips, Hear Our Truths

When black girls  
reflect on their own lives, they articulate  
radically unique ideas about their lived experiences.

Our community-wide exploration of

## “HEAR OUR TRUTHS”

is intended to bring community members together to celebrate and explore  
this reality through discussion, the visual arts, and  
performance at the following event.

## Courageous Conversations

An evening of live readings by, for and about black women and girls

**Monday, March 28, 2016**

**5:30 - 7:00 pm**

**Community Action, Inc., 20 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI**

**Free admission • Dinner included**

Be part of this exciting event. Let us know if you plan to participate  
so that we can adequately plan. . . Bring your family and friends!!

email [whuhn@ywcarockco.com](mailto:whuhn@ywcarockco.com) or call 608-752-5445 ext. 200



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empowering women  
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