



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Met with Mary Fanning-Penny and Denise Peters-Kauihou, United Way Blackhawk Region
- Attended and participated in the Council meetings on April 18th, where plaques were presented to the retiring Councilors.
- Continue team meetings with Department Heads to discuss projects and concerns in a collaborative atmosphere.
- Attended and participated in the City Council reorganization meeting on April 19th, when new Councilors Regina Dunkin, Kevin Leavy and Mark Preuschl were sworn in and assumed their seats. A reception was held immediately following the meeting, which was attended by friends, family, and community members.
- Attended a Joint meeting of the City Council, Plan Commission and Landmarks Commission at the Beloit Public Library.
- Coordinated and presented New Councilor Orientation on Friday. Our new City Councilors Kevin Leavy, Mark Preuschl and Regina Dunkin heard presentations from Department and Division Heads and had the opportunity to ask questions as they become familiar with programs and activities.

Community Events:

- Met with the Topical Review Club and gave a presentation on City activities and economic development.
- Participated in a panel discussion on Leadership at Beloit Memorial High School, attended by the Junior and Senior classes.
- Attended meetings at the Beloit Public Library hosted by the Beloit 2020 group, to brainstorm community design and revitalization.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY FOR CHIEF DAVID B. ZIBOLSKI

David B. Zibolski will be sworn-in as the City of Beloit Chief of Police on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum, with the Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel administering the Oath of Office. Photo opportunities and a reception will follow the ceremony. The public is invited. Please see [attached](#) press release for more information.

LOCAL WISCONSIN MAIN STREET ORGANIZATIONS RECOGNIZED AT ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

The City Manager was pleased to accompany Shauna El-Amin, Executive Director of Downtown Beloit Association, to the recent Main Street Awards Ceremony in Marshfield. Awards were presented to Meghan Moss as a 2015 Volunteer of the Year; Betsy Schmiechen as a 2015 Honorary Board Member; and Beloit International Film Festival 10th Anniversary Celebration for the Best Special Event. Congratulations to all of the award winners!

AUTOMATED COLLECTION—"BELOIT WE'RE ON A ROLL"

Automated collection will be here before you know it. Have you attended an informational program yet? Do you have any questions? The City of Beloit Public Works website can answer many of your questions: <http://www.automatebeloit.com/> On that website, you can check your address for collection days and choose to sign up for reminder alerts, which can be received via text message, phone call or email!

Here are some **important dates** you'll want to keep in mind:

- Between May 23—June 3, 2016 each residence will be supplied with two 96-gallon wheeled carts. The garbage cart has a black lid, and the recycling cart has a gray lid. **Automated collection will begin on June 6, 2016.**
- Automation Public Presentations are scheduled throughout May and are open to the public:
 - **May 5, 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.
 - **May 11, 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at City Hall Forum, 100 State Street
 - **May 18, 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.
 - **May 26, 6:00—7:00 p.m.** at City Hall Forum, 100 State Street

ROAD CLOSURE

The intersection of US Hwy. 51 (Riverside Drive) and Cranston Road has been under construction since April 11. The closure of Cranston at the intersection to all traffic will occur on May 10, 2016. A detour will be established. The project is expected to continue through August 11. This work is being done under a contract with Rock Road Companies, Inc. through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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:

- **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 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
- **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** (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
- **Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission** (including 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— APRIL 25—29, 2016

- Monday, April 25 1:30 p.m. [Traffic Review Committee](#), City Manager's Conf. Room (D. Luebke)
- Monday, April 25 6:00 p.m. [Police and Fire Commission](#), Forum
- Monday, April 25 7:00 p.m. [Swearing in Ceremony](#) for Police Chief David B. Zibolski, Forum
- Wednesday, April 27 6:00 p.m. [Joint Meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission and the Landmarks Commission](#), Turtle Creek Park—Old Bath House, 1312 E. Grand Ave. (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 a calendar of activities and events.

- Friday, April 29 10:00 a.m. **Arbor Day Celebration and Tree Planting**, Fruzen Intermediate School, 2600 Milwaukee Road. The public is invited.
- Sat., April 30 7:00-9:00 p.m. **Alice in Wonderland Bash**, Beloit Public Library. \$40/single and \$75/couple. Please come with your best "Mad Hat" as prizes will be awarded to the most creative. Scavenger hunt, live auction, appetizers and cash bar. RSVP to the Library at 608-364-2905 or beloitlibrarybash.com
- Saturday, May 7 8:00 a.m. **Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market** is back for the season! Over 85 vendors every week with live music at Gantry Park. Meet us at State and Grand! The Beloit Farmers' Market was named number two in the State by "Discover Wisconsin!"
- Saturday, May 7 10:00 a.m. **Downtown Dash 5K Run/Walk**. Start/finish is Irontek, 635 Third Street. For more information please see [attached](#).
- Friday, May 13 5:00-9:00 p.m. **14th Annual ArtWalk-A Handmade Market**, Downtown Beloit. See [attached](#) for more information.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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DAVID B. ZIBOLSKI TO BE SWORN IN AS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Ceremony Scheduled for Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Beloit, WI – David B. Zibolski will be sworn-in as the City of Beloit Chief of Police on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Beloit City Hall Forum, 100 State Street.

Following opening comments by City Manager Lori Curtis Luther, the Oath of Office will be administered by Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel. Chief Zibolski's badge will be pinned on by his wife, Sue Zibolski.

Chief Zibolski is a 31-year law enforcement veteran, having enjoyed a 27-year career with the Milwaukee Police Department, retiring in 2011 at the rank of Captain.

Following his retirement from the Milwaukee Police Department, Chief Zibolski worked as Deputy Administrator for Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Law Enforcement Services. He had operational responsibility of a statewide division that served law enforcement and the public, consisting of four bureaus and 280 personnel. Zibolski has served as the City of Beloit's Interim Police Chief since June, 2015.

Chief Zibolski is a graduate of Northwestern University Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff and Command, and is a nationally certified "Leadership in Police Organizations" Instructor through the International Association of Chiefs of Police. He holds a Master of Science in Organizational Management and Leadership from Springfield College, Springfield, MA.

City Manager Curtis Luther stated, "Under the leadership of Chief Zibolski, we are a community united; committed to working together to reduce crime, fear and disorder in our neighborhoods."

Photo opportunities and a reception will follow the ceremony. The public is invited.

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Traffic Review Committee
April 25, 2016 1:30 P.M.
City Manager's Conference Room (4th Floor)
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the February 22, 2016 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
3. Public Participation.
4. Request to allow terrace parking along Bushnell Avenue.
5. Discussion related to removing parking within 60 feet of Beloit Transit System bus stop locations.
6. Discussion related Traffic Review Committee dates and times.
7. Committee Member participation.
8. Next meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for **May 23, 2016**.
9. Adjournment

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**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, April 25, 2016 @ 6:00 PM
City Hall / Public Forum
100 State St, Beloit, Wisconsin**

A meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Marianne Marshall, HR Director at 364-6612.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of the February 29, 2016 special meeting minutes.
3. Approval of the March 9, 2016 special meeting minutes.
4. Approval of the March 16, 2016 special meeting minutes.
5. Approval of the March 17, 2016 special meeting minutes.
6. Approval of the March 29, 2016 special meeting minutes
7. Approval of the April 11, 2016 special meeting minutes
8. Reports
 - A. Police Department
 - B. Fire Department
 - Report of BFD Recruiting Committee
 - Request for Future Workshop Discussion on PFC Rule Changes
9. Citizen Participation
10. Commissioner Comments
11. The Commission may adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee over whom the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises Responsibility, more specifically, to discuss the hiring of one (1) Patrol Officer probationary employee and probationary updates for two (2) Firefighters.
12. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action regarding the matter discussed in closed session.

13. Adjourn

Martin Densch, President
Police and Fire Commission

Dated: April 21, 2016
Marianne Marshall
Human Resources Director
www.beloitwi.gov

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PUBLIC MEETING

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
SPECIAL JOINT MEETING WITH THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2016

6:00PM

**TURTLE CREEK PARK – OLD BATH HOUSE
1312 E. GRAND AVENUE, BELOIT, WI 53511**

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Purpose of the Meeting
 - a.) Brief narrative regarding the historical perspective of the Old Bath House in Turtle Creek Park.
 - b.) Current condition of the Bath House.
 - c.) Commissioners' visual walk-through/tour of the Bath House and its current condition. (Due to liability, the public may be limited to access of this building.)
 - d.) Discussion and consideration related to potential long-term use and/or purpose of this building.
- 3.) Citizen Comments
- 4.) Adjournment

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- * *Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Brian Ramsey @ 608/364-2919 or the Parks Administrative Secretary @ 608/364- 2929 prior to the meeting.*
- ** *Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services.*
- *** *For additional information or to request this service, please contact the Parks & Leisure Services Division located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by calling 608/364-2929.*

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit Chief of Police, David B. Zibolski, will be **Sworn In** on Monday, April 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum on the first floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The City Council has been invited, and a quorum may be present.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

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Dated: April 21, 2016
Lorena Rae Stottler
City Clerk
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presents the 3rd Annual

DOWNTOWN DASH 5K RUN/WALK

BELOIT, WISCONSIN | GREATER BELOIT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

**MAY 7
2016**

Run or walk the 5K course along the scenic Rock River in Downtown Beloit. Not up for the whole 5K? Register as a team of four and run it as a relay race! The winning team will receive \$250 to donate to a local Rock County charity of their choice.

**START/FINISH:
IRONTEK | 635 THIRD STREET
DOWNTOWN BELOIT**

**10AM RUNNERS &
RELAY START**

Walkers will follow immediately after.

PRICES

INDIVIDUAL (YOU'RE A SOLO CONTENDER)

ADULTS: \$25 (\$20 with no t-shirt)

STUDENTS/KIDS: \$15 (\$10 with no t-shirt)

Must present student ID when picking up registration packet.

RELAY (IT'S GOING TO BE A GROUP EFFORT)

***NEW! TEAM OF 4: \$100** (includes four t-shirts)

Gather four of your fastest co-workers, family members and friends to compete. Team costumes are encouraged.

REGISTRATION OPTIONS

- 1 Pre-register online at greaterbeloitcommerce.org**
Must register by April 25th to receive a t-shirt.
All relays must pre-register!

Packet pickup will be held on Friday, May 6th at Irontek (635 Third St.) from 10 am to 6pm. Packet delivery is available to businesses on request.

- 2 On-site Registration: 8:30-9:30 am at Irontek**
Adults: \$20 Kids/Students: \$10
No relay registration on race day. T-shirts will not be available at on-site registration.

• • AFTER-PARTY • •

Celebrate your finish at Grand Avenue Pub (132 W. Grand) with 5K drink specials, and check out the first Farmers' Market of the year!



ARTWALK

- A Handmade Market

Downtown Beloit

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH
5-9PM

ENJOY A NIGHT FILLED WITH
ART & ENTERTAINMENT IN
DOWNTOWN BELOIT!



Find hundreds of unique handmade works from nearly 50 artists and crafters featured at more than 25 different venues in Beloit, many offering hors d'oeuvres and live music!

Catch the free trolley as it makes a loop connecting participating businesses and exhibition areas throughout the night.

Restaurants and lounges heat up with live music and great specials on food and drinks!

Thank you to our sponsors!



Art Squares, a community collaborative art project, will be on sale at The Villager. Proceeds benefit the Mel Donny Flower Fund. Display starting May 6th. Sale on May 13th @ 6pm



Participating Sponsors: Bryden Motors, Jones Travel, McDonald's, Turtle Creek Bookstore, Wisconsin Distributors

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