#### CITY OF BELOIT



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

#### **CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### May 27, 2016

A weekly publication from the Office of the City Manager

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# Special points of interest:

 Community Meetings and Events (page 3)

#### CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES Meetings:

- Continued one-on-one meetings with Department Heads this week, including Public Works, Police, Information Technology, and Human Resources.
- Met with Angela Moore, Executive Director of the YWCA and some of her Board members to discuss the 2017 Racial Justice Conference that the City of Beloit will help sponsor. More information to come as we get closer to the conference date.
- Participated in the Visit Beloit Board of Directors meeting.
- Partnered with staff and community members to propose solutions to a variety of parking concerns for future Council consideration.
- Met with State Representative Mark Spreitzer.
- Met with City Councilor Marilyn Sloniker.

#### **Community Events:**

- On behalf of the entire Beloit community and beyond, I was honored to welcome back the 200 veterans who participated in the 7th Annual Vets Roll at the Eclipse Center on Wednesday, May 25, 2016. It was wonderful to see the extraordinary attendance. Many thanks to John and Mark Finnegan for starting this program in memory of their father. They have served nearly 1,400 vets in the past seven years. For more information, please see <a href="http://www.vetsroll.org/">http://www.vetsroll.org/</a>
- Attended the Beloit Health System Annual Corporate Meeting.
- Served as part of a round table discussion on transportation issues at a "just Fix It" regional meeting hosted by Forward Janesville and the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association in Janesville.
- Hosted approximately 20 attendees from across the country who were attending the "Main Street Now" Conference and came to Beloit to tour the downtown area.
- Thanked Jim and Cheryl Caldwell and spoke at the Stateline Boys and Girls Club Grand
  Opening of the Project Phoenix Learning Center computer lab, including educational
  hardware and software, funded by the Jim and Cheryl Caldwell Foundation.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

City Councilors will be walking in the Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 30, 2016. (Public notice <a href="here">here</a>.) The United Veterans Memorial Day parade is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday (rain or shine)! Our thanks goes out to the planning committee, formed of representatives from the American Legion, The Veterans of Foreign Wars, The Disabled American Veterans, and the Marine Corp League, along with their respective Auxiliaries.

The parade steps off in South Beloit this year, heading into Beloit and ending at Horace White Park. While watching the parade and enjoying your holiday, please remember the men and women who made it possible for us to enjoy our freedom. With sincere gratitude, we honor and thank all past and current veterans for their service in the United States Armed Forces.

#### **HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

The Beloit Public Library and City Hall offices will be CLOSED on Monday, May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day.

Trash and recycling collection will be delayed by one day the week of May 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day Holiday. There will be <u>no trash or recycling collection on Memorial Day.</u> The Recycling Drop Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Court will be CLOSED on Saturday, June 4, 2016 to accommodate equipment/staff needs for Saturday trash/recycling collection.

#### FIND US ON FACEBOOK—AND VIEW THE NEW AUTOMATED COLLECTION VIDEO!

Have you received your new carts? They're being delivered to residences between May 23 and June 4. Residents are instructed to look for a packet of information that will be hanging inside the cart lid that will include a collection map and calendar, and instructions on how to use the new carts. **Automated collection begins on Monday, June 6, 2016.** Please don't begin using the carts until June 6th.

Do you have any questions? The City of Beloit Public Works website can answer many of your questions: <a href="http://www.automatebeloit.com/">http://www.automatebeloit.com/</a> 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!

#### **CRANSTON ROAD AND HWY. 51 INTERSECTION PROJECT UPDATES**

Public Works Director Greg Boysen provided us with information on how to sign up with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation to obtain updates on the Cranston Road Intersection project.

It's easy! Go to the website at <a href="http://projects.511wi.gov/us51/">http://projects.511wi.gov/us51/</a> and click on the tab "Sign Up for Updates." Enter your email address and name, and you will automatically receive updates via e-mail. You will also be given the option to "unsubscribe" at any time.

As an example of updates received via e-mail, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation lists completed work, upcoming work and the following "other items:"

- All road work will be complete by 12:00 on Friday, May 27th and will not resume until Tuesday morning to allow the increased Memorial Day traffic to flow smoothly.
- The next public involvement meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st at 4:30 p.m. This will be held at the Beloit Town Hall located at 2871 S. Afton Road.
- The one night closure of US 51 is scheduled for Wednesday night, June 1st from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Traffic will be detoured using portable message boards along the detour route which uses Henry Avenue, County D, and County Q.

#### **SPRING TREE PLANTING**

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works is now accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this spring. 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, limited supply available. Public Works will accept requests through Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

To be placed on the list, please call the Department of Public Works Operations Facility at 608-364-2929.

#### BELOIT TRANSIT FEATURED ON "NATIONAL AGING AND DISABILITY TRANSPORTATION" WEBSITE

Congratulations to Beloit Transit on their recent accomplishment of receiving a "Dementia Friendly" designation from the Rock County Aging and Disability Resource Center. Michelle Gavin, Director of Transit, relates that the Beloit Transit staff is provided training to aid with recognizing and assisting passengers with dementia. We join Janesville Transit System in earning "dementia friendly" certification.

Please click here to read the article: http://www.nadtc.org/news/blog/april-2016-news-from-nadtc/

#### RIBBON CUTTING FOR BIG HILL PARK BIKE TRAIL

The bike path at Big Hill Park is open to the public and we're ready to pedal! Please join us for a ribbon cutting ceremony on **Thursday**, **June 9**, **2016 at 4:30 p.m.** Parking is at the Big Hill Center. This project constructed a new 10-ft. wide asphalt surfaced, multi-use path. It winds from near the Big Hill Center, through the woods and down the hill to the lower playground.

#### **ROCK COUNTY CLEAN SWEEP PROGRAM—JUNE 18, 2016**

The Rock County Land Conservation Department is sponsoring a Clean Sweep for Hazardous Chemicals program in Beloit on Saturday, June 18, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the City of Beloit Public Works garage, 2351 Springbrook Ct. This program is for mercury, pesticides, solvents, old fuel, pool chemicals, caustics, acids and more. For a list and brochure click here: <a href="www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep">www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep</a> Registration is required. Please RSVP as soon as possible by calling 754-6617 Ext. 3. Space is limited.

#### 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 <a href="here">here</a> 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 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) (1 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

#### CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MAY 30-JUNE 3, 2016

Monday, May 30 9:00 a.m. Memorial Day Parade (begins in South Beloit) (All City Councilors)

Wed., June 1 7:30 a.m. Rock County Breakfast (D. Luebke and K. Leavy)

#### **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 Snappers** are having fun at Telfer Park, Pohlman Field. If you're looking for someplace to take a date, your kids, or out of town guests, this is a great place to go! Support our local professional baseball team, a Class A affiliate of the Oakland Athletics. See their schedule and promotions here: <a href="http://www.milb.com/promotions/index.jsp?sid=t554">http://www.milb.com/promotions/index.jsp?sid=t554</a>

Month of June Summer programs begin at the **Beloit Public Library**. Attached are the program brochures

for adults, teens and kids.

May 27—Sept. 2 11:30—1:30 p.m. Fridays in the Park, free summer concert series at First National Bank

Plaza, (State and Grand) 11:30—1:30 p.m. every Friday. Schedule

attached.

Monday, June 13 1:00—6:00 p.m. Beloit Public Library Blood Drive, 605 Eclipse Blvd. For an appointment,

call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit redcrossblood.org

June 17 7:00 p.m. **Music at Harry's Place**, Harry Moore Pavilion at Riverside Park. Harlan

Jefferson Band playing the blues, jazz, R&B, gospel and hip hop. Bring your

blanket or lawn chair!

June 23 9:00—Noon "Touch a Truck!" Rotary Center Parking Lot, 1160 Riverside Drive. FREE

community event, all ages welcome. Talk with equipment operators and check out these big rigs: 75-ton rotator, ambulance, Bear Cat, City bus, snow

plow, tactical trailer, and MORE!



#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

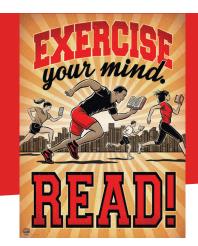
The United Veterans Memorial Day Parade will take place in Downtown Beloit starting at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30, 2016 and several City Council members have indicated they will be walking in the parade, thus a quorum may be present.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

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Dated: May 27, 2016 Lorena Rae Stottler City Clerk www.beloitwi.gov

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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 to request this service, please contact the City Clerks Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511.



# Adult Summer **Library Club** June 11 to August 13



Saturday, June 11 from 1-3 p.m.



# Walking Groups @ the library!

The goal is to walk 50 miles this summer! Join the library walking group which meets weekly. Get a free pedometer when you sign up for the summer library club. Enter your miles at the library each week and get into a drawing for the Grand Prize - a Fitbit.

#### Blood Drive at the Library

Monday, June 13 from 1-6 p.m. - For ages 18 and up.

#### Adopt-A-Shelf Volunteer Training

Tuesday, June 14 from 3-5 p.m.

For Teens and Adults. Join Vicki Hahn for a training session to become an adopt-a-shelf volunteer.

#### **UFO: UnFinished Objects**

Saturday, June 4, July 9, August 6 from 1-3 p.m. Join other craft minded people in a congenial setting while working on your unfinished craft object. Refreshments.

#### **BPL Open Mic: Prose and Poetry**

Wednesday, August 10 from 6-8 p.m.

Step up to the mic with your original writing. Whether you are a poet or author, sign up to read a selection of your work at our open mic night. Refreshments. To sign up, call 364-2905.



### MID-DAY MOVIES

Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m.







June 21 - Jaws July 19 - Mockingjay 2 August 16 -In the Heart of the Sea

The Adult Summer Library Club is sponsored by FABL.

# FABL Film Nights A

First Wednesday of the month at 6 p.m. Refreshments served.



**June 1-Star Wars - The Force Awakens** July 6-The Big Short August 3-Creed







### Stateline 1 Beloit Public Library

2nd Friday from 10 a.m.-12 noon

June 10 - "Organizing Genealogy For Success"

July 8 - "The New Frontier in Genetic Genealogy"

August 12 - "Researching Your German Ancestors"

4th Friday-Bonus Tour - July 22 from 8:10 a.m. to 6 p.m. WHS Wisconsin Historical Society Library, Madison.

#### Tablet 1 on 1

**Every Friday** from 1-3 p.m. June - August\* Drop in with your tablet and get 1 on 1 help from our staff. First come, first served. \*No Tablet 1 on 1 July 1),

#### Book Discussions BPL/Grinnell Bookies at 1 p.m.

at Grinnell Hall Senior Center

4th Wednesday Group at 7 p.m.

at Beloit Public Library Refreshments served.

June 21/22: The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion. July 26/27: The Sound of Glass by Karen White.

August 23/24: We Never Asked for Wings

by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

# Focus on You Programs

**Financial Wellness** 

Monday, July 11 from 6-7 p.m.

**Heart Healthy Eating** 

Thursday, August 4 from 10-11 a.m.

# Booked for Dessert

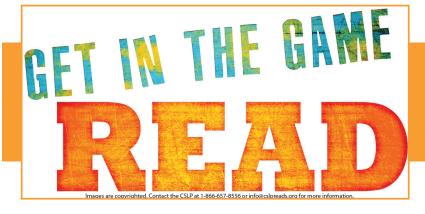
For your next great read!

at Grinnell Hall Senior Center Wednesdays, June 8, July 13, August 10 from 1-2 p.m.

## Stateline Night Writ

Wednesdays, June-August from 6-8 p.m. Join group leader and author Jerry Peterson and work on your writing together.

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# 2016 Teen Summer **Library Club** June 11 to August 13

**For ages 12-18** 



#### Summer Library Club Kickoff

Saturday, June 11 from 1-3 p.m.

Join a library walking group and get a free pedometer!

Signup for the Every Step Counts walking program and Game Changer Book Bingo. Take home a Summer Library Club registration kit with a free pedometer! You might win a Fitbit!

#### Teen Writers' Workshop – Move Your Mind!

June 15, July 20, August 17 from 5:30-7 p.m.

Join two Beloit Public Library staff members and focus on exercising creativity and taking your writing out for frequent walks!

#### Food as Art

Thursday, June 23 from 1-2 p.m.

Learn how to use healthy food in an artistic way. Make eating fun!

#### Crafting with Kelly

Thursday, July 21 from 1-3 p.m.

Join Kelly, the queen of craft, in making something super special for yourself or to give away! Participants limited to 15, so sign up early by calling the reference desk at 364-2905.

#### **International Duct Tape**

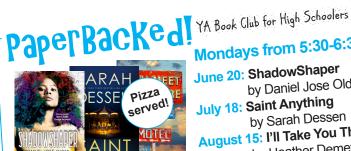
Monday, August 1 from 1-3 p.m.

Go around the world in 2 hours with duct tape.

#### **BPL Open Mic: Prose and Poetry**

Wednesday, August 10 from 6-8 p.m.

Join the Stateline Night Writers and step up to the mic with your original writing. Whether you are a poet or author, sign up to read a selection of your work at our open mic night. Refreshments. Sign up at 364-2905.



# Mondays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

June 20: ShadowShaper

by Daniel Jose Older

July 18: Saint Anything

by Sarah Dessen

August 15: I'll Take You There

by Heather Demetrios

The Teen Summer Library Club is sponsored by FABL.



Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. June 8, 15, 22, 29, July 13, 20, & 27

Brina vour own cards. Board. card aames. and Xbox will be available. Snacks served.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Gaming Tournament

Wednesday, August 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

# D-DAY MOV

Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m.



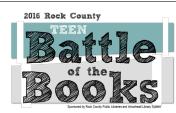




Jaws

Mockingjay 2

In the Heart of the Sea



Join a team. Read great books. Then battle it out on Saturday, July 23 at 12 noon.

For more information or to register: rockcountybattleofthebooks.tumblr.com

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2016 Summer Library Club June 11 - August 13

For ages 12 and younger

# ON YOUR MARK, GET SET...

# READ!





# Kick-Off Event

Sign up for the Summer Reading Club, check out fun activities, enjoy Culver's frozen custard!

Saturday, June 11 1-3 p.m.

#### How to read for fun and prizes! (It's easy)

There are 3 Reading Periods. Get a prize for each Reading Period you complete. Read for 2 hours per week to complete the Reading Period (Prizes are available starting June 13). **Parents:** If your child is too young to read, you may read to them so they can participate. Prizes available while they last.

# Take a Vagabond Bear on Your Vacation!

May 27 to September 4

Our Vagabond Bears have backpacks, a travel game book and a notebook for keeping a journal while on your family trip. Bears can be checked out starting on May 27th. Be sure to check out plenty of books to take on vacation!



Play and Read is a fun and FREE way for 3-4 year old kids to learn reading skills through play. Space is limited. Please call 364-5760 to register your child.

The playgroups are run by AmeriCorps members and are sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction and the Beloit Library Foundation.

#### For all programs, please note:

Children ages 8 & younger must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver at all times



# Reading for Haircuts! Wednesday, August 3, 3-6 p.m.

First Class College of Cosmetology 306 State Street

Kids ages 5-18 are invited to read while in the barber's chair and get their haircut free! Beloit Public Library provides the books. All kids who participate are given a voucher for a free book at the library!

# Free Meals for Kids @ the library

August 15 – August 19 from 12 noon to 1 p.m.



Free meals for kids ages 18 and younger. Sign up at the Youth Services Desk. Sponsored by the School District of Beloit and The Salvation Army.



Youth Services • 608-364-2915 • 605 Eclipse Boulevard • www.beloitlibrary.org

### **Tuesday Tales & Treats**

For ages 6-12. From 2-3:15 p.m.

Great stories, interesting trivia and creativity

at its best! A treat will be provided.

June 14-Going to Extremes
June 21- Off to the Races!
June 28-Here Comes the Sun
July 12- Use Your Noggin
July 19-Play with Your Food!
July 26-Dance Fever



### **Wednesday Tween Times**

For ages 8-13. All programs start at 2 p.m.

#### Star Martial Arts - June 15 from 2 to 3 p.m.

See martial arts demonstrated by owner/instructor Ben Pedrick and his students. Hear about the life long benefits of martial arts, learn some self-defense moves and enjoy a few games.

#### Relay Play - June 22 from 2 to 3 p.m.

Have you ever raced with a jumbo ostrich egg on a spoon? Team up to play some fun games with a common theme: RELAYS.

#### Amazing Animal Athletes - June 29 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Try your own animal feats, create an amazing animal craft, and explore animal adaptations to fill in your "Passport". Presented by the Welty Environmental Center.

#### Brain Games - July 13 from 2-4:30 p.m.

Learn the basics of some popular board games such as chess, checkers, backgammon, Scrabble and more. Munch on some snacks, hang out and exercise your brain.

#### Juice Your Veggies! - July 20 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Maggie Finley, health coach and ambassador for the Institute of Integrative Nutrition, shares the benefits of fruits and vegetables, the healthy advantages of a juicing lifestyle, and demonstrates juicing. Create some delicious beverages for yourself.

#### Hip Hop Hurray! - July 27 from 2 to 3 p.m.

See a hip hop demonstration by dancers and instructors from Miss Andrea's Dance Factory and learn some cool moves.

#### **Storytimes**

Discovery Storytimes from June 1-July 27 Wednesdays at 10 a.m., repeating at 11 a.m.

For kids 6 and younger. Stories, songs and new friends. Siblings welcome. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Bilingual storytimes on June 22 and July 27. NO storytimes on July 6.

So, You're Going to Kindergarten!

August 24 @ 1:30 p.m.

(For kids going into 4K and regular Kindergarten)

Back to School! Discovery Storytime August 31 @ 10 and 11 a.m.

Baby Play Dates - For babies under 2.

1st & 3rd Thursdays (unless noted) at 10 a.m.

Stories, songs, rhymes and new friends! Siblings welcome. June 2, 16, July 21, August 4, 18.



## Kick-Off Event

#### Saturday, June 11 from 1-3 p.m.

Sign up for the Summer Reading Program, check out fun activities and crafts and enjoy Culver's frozen custard

#### **Family Fun Days**

For kids ages 12 and younger and their families. Attend a Family Fun Day to enter a prize drawing!

#### Game Day - Thursday June 16 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Drop in for fun with "choose-your-own" activities and games.

#### Smarty Pants - Friday June 24 at 2 p.m.

The Smarty Pants Balloon Olympics is coming to the library this summer. Kids will become part of the summer games featuring magic, comedy and legendary giant balloons.

#### Kung Fu Panda - Thursday June 30 at 2 p.m.

Spend the afternoon watching this animated martial-arts movie.

#### Beloit Bombshells - Thursday July 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Meet members of the Beloit Bombshells Roller Derby Team, learn about roller derby rules, see a live demo and celebrate women in sports!

#### Healthy Beats - Friday July 22 at 2 p.m.

With singer/songwriter Laura Doherty. This upbeat, interactive concert will have kids singing and dancing along to catchy folk-pop tunes that focus on being active and eating healthy.

#### Miss Andrea's Dance Factory - July 28 at 2 p.m.

Get your feet moving, learn some basic dance skills and enjoy a live demo with some of Miss Andrea's students.



Wednesday, August 3 from 1-3 p.m.

For Tweens ages 8 to 13 and High Schoolers. If you have a school locker, come make stuff to customize it! All materials will be provided.

June & July Reading Road Show! The library will be visiting the park programs, city camp, Y-Camp, Boys & Girls Club and Even Start during the weeks of June 26, July 10, and July 24.





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Summer Library Club prizes funded by FABL



# FRIDAYS IN THE PARK

Free Summer Concert Series at First National Bank Plaza

#### **DOWNTOWN BELOIT 11:30AM-1:30PM**

Take a break, meet up with friends, soak up the sun, and hear a live, local band every week!

MAY

27 Beloit Memorial H.S. Jazz Band Flying Pig

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Late Harvest
Bagels & More Local Café

JUNE

10 Stateline Playboys Grand Avenue Pub

17 Gary The Band

Merrill & Houston's Steak Joint

24 Steve Doiel Trio
La Casa Grande

1 Harlan Jefferson Trio Brass Rail

8 Bluegrass Reunion Band Suds O'Hanahan's

JULY 15

- **15** Brothers Quinn
  Bagels & More Local Café
- 22 Blue Lightning
  Domenico's Italian Restaurant
- 29 Stateline Playboys Grand Avenue Pub

5 The Lone Canary
Merrill & Houston's Steak Joint

AUG

- **12** Harlan Jefferson Trio La Casa Grande
- 19 Gary The Band Domenico's Italian Restaurant
- 26 Jazz Têt
  Suds O'Hanahan's

SEP

2 Sweetland Brass Rail

ONNTOWN BELONA

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