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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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Special points of interest:

- **Community Meetings and Events (page 4)**

CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Continue to lead the weekly team meeting with Department Heads.
- Met with several individual Department Heads to facilitate communications and stay up-to-date on their projects and activities.
- Participated in the City Council Agenda Review and regular Council meeting on June 20th.
- Attended the joint summer conference of the ILCMA/WCMA, where I contributed as a panel speaker during a "breakout session."

Community Events:

- Participated as a new member at a meeting of the United Way Blackhawk Region Board of Directors.
- Promoted the Beloit community during an interview with John McGivern, host of the Milwaukee Public Television show "Around the Corner."

COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION

The Beloit Police Department will hold a community listening session next week. The purpose of the ongoing listening sessions is to provide a "meet and greet" with command staff, inform residents of updates in the police department and listen to neighborhood concerns.

- The session will be held on **Tuesday, June 28, 2016** at the Beloit Pentecostal Assembly, 2639 Sunshine Lane from 5:00—7:00 p.m.

The public is encouraged to attend. For the complete press release, please click [here](#).

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE—JUNE 28, 2016

The Beloit City Clerk's office will participate in a Voter Registration Drive on **Tuesday, June 28, 2016 from 8:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.**, 2nd floor City Hall, 100 State Street. For more information, please see the [attached](#) press release.

WATER REBATE PROGRAM

The City of Beloit Water Utility, an EPA WaterSense Partner, has established an incentive program to encourage residents to replace inefficient toilets and fixtures with new ones that are able to conserve water. The [attached](#) information was included in your recent utility bill, but we are including it with the Beloit Report as a reminder.

2ND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan announced the schedule for Summer Office Hours across Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District. Outreach staff will be present at each event. In Beloit, Rep. Pocan's outreach staff will be available on **Friday, July 8th** at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd, from 10:00—11:00 a.m.

CRANSTON ROAD AND USH-51 PROJECT UPDATE

We've received the following update as of June 21, 2016:

- Storm sewer work should be complete by the middle of next week.
- Concrete crews will be on site working on curb, driveways, and sidewalk. This work will be north of Cranston at least for the next 3-4 working day.
- Once the storm sewer is complete south of Cranston, the contractor will be excavating the subgrade to the proper elevation and placing base aggregate. This work should start early next week.
- The stage 2 traffic pattern that is currently in use is expected to stay this way through approximately July 11th.
- When the concrete curb, sidewalk and driveways are poured, they will need some time to cure and get the strength needed for vehicles to cross. To allow for the concrete to harden, residents will be asked to park out on the gravel roadway at times. The contractor will coordinate the temporary closures by stopping at the affected property before they close the driveway. If nobody is home, they will leave a letter stating when the closure will take place.

BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

There's so much going on at the Beloit Public Library, that they've created an online magazine listing upcoming events and activities. To view the magazine, please click [here](#).

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:

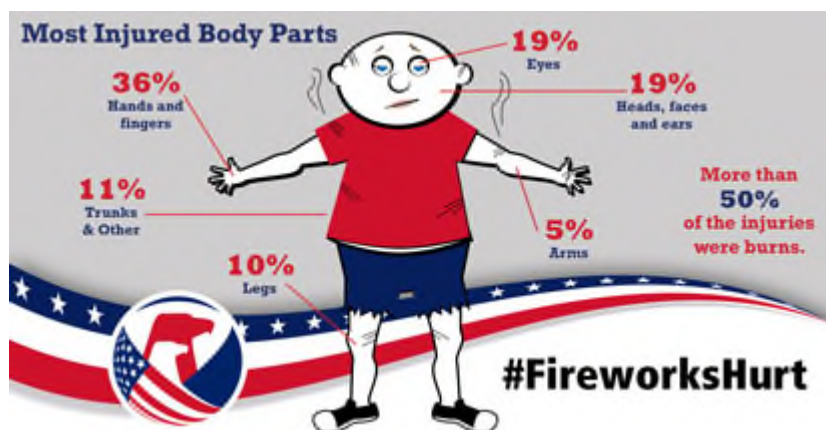
- **Appointment Review Committee** (3 year term)
Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room
- **Board of Appeals** (3 year term)
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum
- **Board of Review** (5 year term)
Meets annually in May and typically 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

FIREWORKS SAFETY INFORMATION

The City of Beloit Fire Department is looking for your help. Fireworks are synonymous with our celebration of Independence Day. Yet, the thrill of fireworks can also bring pain. Nation wide 230 people on average go the emergency room every day with fireworks-related injuries in the month around the July 4th holiday. **In Beloit it is illegal to use anything that goes up in the air or explodes.** Each year we experience fires, injuries, and over 400 neighborhood complaints regarding fireworks, and that's only on the few days leading up to and including the 4th of July. Consumer fireworks that are legal in the state used safely, in moderation, and in consideration of your neighbors will be an enjoyable experience for your family especially if you follow these safety tips.

- Never allow young children to play with or ignite fireworks.
- Avoid buying fireworks that are packaged in brown paper because this is often a sign that the fireworks were made for professional displays and that they could pose a danger to consumers.
- Always have an adult supervise fireworks activities. Parents don't realize that young children suffer injuries from sparklers. Sparklers burn at temperatures of about 2,000 degrees - hot enough to melt some metals.
- Wear protective eye wear, don't wear loose flammable clothing that could catch fire.
- Don't use homemade devices.
- Never place any part of your body directly over a fireworks device when lighting the fuse. Back up to a safe distance immediately after lighting fireworks.
- If you do get injured please seek appropriate medical care immediately.
- Report fires immediately.
- Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Keep a bucket of water or a garden hose handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- Light fireworks one at a time, then move back quickly.
- Never carry fireworks in a pocket or shoot them off in metal or glass containers.
- After fireworks complete their burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water from a bucket or hose before discarding it to prevent a trash fire.
- Make sure fireworks are legal in your area before buying or using them.
- Remember pets are equally affected by fireworks. Consider their nerves and protect them from the noise.

Diagram & Information Courtesy of the Consumer Product Safety Commission



CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JUNE 27—JULY 1, 2016

Monday, June 27	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee , (M. Preuschl)
Monday, June 27	Cancelled	Police and Fire Commission
Tuesday, June 28	5—7:00 p.m.	Community Listening Session with Beloit Police Department, Beloit Pentecostal Assembly, 2639 Sunshine Lane. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

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: <http://www.milb.com/promotions/index.jsp?sid=t554>

Month of June Summer programs are underway at the **Beloit Public Library**. <http://www.beloitlibrary.org/>

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. Lunch available for purchase.

June 24 7:00 p.m. **Music at Harry's Place**, Harry Moore Pavilion at Riverside Park. Bring your blanket or lawn chair!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE



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COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS

June 1, 2016 - As part of our community policing strategy, the Beloit Police Department will be conducting community listening sessions throughout Beloit neighborhood areas.

The second listening session will be held on:

Friday, June 17, 2016
Merrill Community Center
1428 Wisconsin Avenue
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The third listening session will be held on:

Tuesday, June 28, 2016
Beloit Pentecostal Assembly
2639 Sunshine Lane
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The purpose of these listening sessions is to provide a meet and greet with the command staff, inform residents of any updates in the police department and listen to any neighborhood concerns.

Chief Dave Zibolski, Captain Dan Molland, Captain Dan Risse and Support Services Director, Jillian Peterson will be present to answer any questions regarding the north neighborhood areas.

We encourage the public to attend the community listening sessions and we look forward to meeting the people of our community.

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***** PRESS RELEASE *****

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE JUNE 28th!

The Rock County Clerk's Office and 19 of the 29 municipal clerks that serve Rock County will be participating in the Voter Registration Drive on Tuesday, June 28th. Your municipal clerks know that the 2016 Elections are forecasted to have record high voter turnout and want to do everything possible to make the Elections run as smoothly as possible for everyone. That is why clerks across the state are hosting Voter Registration Drives on Tuesday June 28th. The greatest thing a new voter (or someone that needs to update their current registration) can do to help make Election Day a positive experience, is to register during the Open Registration Period, if able to do so.

What are the requirements to register or update a registration?

- **18 years old on or before the NEXT election.** The next state-wide election is August 9, 2016, so anyone who is now 17 and has a birthday on or before August 9, 2016, can register now if they meet the rest of the requirements.
- **You must be a U.S. Citizen,** not currently serving a felony conviction (either jail time or probation), nor been declared incompetent or ineligible to vote by a judge.
- **You must have resided in your home for at least 28 days prior to Election Day** in order to establish a new voting location.
- **You must supply your WI Driver's License or WI State Id Number** if ever issued.
- **You must show Proof of Residency.** The document must list your full name, your current address, and was issued recent enough to meet date requirements. The most common item used is a utility bill less than 90 days old. Paycheck, pay stub, bank statement (not a credit card), or your WI driver's license with your current address can be used.

Voters can check their voter registration at MyVote.wi.gov.

Regardless if your municipality is participating in a Voter Registration Drive on June 28, 2016 by extending their hours or adding staff, ALL voters can register or update a registration any time during their clerk's regular office hours, except for the day before an election. Please check with your municipal clerk to learn more about how and when you can register or update your registration.

Your Rock County Clerk's Office can also take voter registrations for any Rock County residents during the Open Registration Period.

For the Partisan Primary on August 9, 2016, the Open Registration Period ends on July 20, 2016.
For the General Election on November 8, 2016, the Open Registration Period is August 10, 2016 through October 19, 2016.

Participating Municipalities:

Rock County Clerk's Office
8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Rock County Courthouse
5 p.m. – 7 p.m. in front of Courthouse near statue
51 S. Main St., Janesville, WI

Town of Beloit
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Beloit Town Hall, 2871 S Afton Rd, Beloit, WI

Town of Bradford
4 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Beloit Town Hall, 3622 S Carvers Rock Rd.,
Avalon, WI

Town of Clinton
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Clinton Town Hall, 8674 E County Rd X, Clinton,
WI

Town of Fulton
7 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Fulton Town Hall, 2738 W Fulton Center Dr.,
Edgerton WI

Town of Harmony
8 a.m. – Noon & 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Harmony Town Hall, 440 N US Hwy 14, Janesville

Town of Janesville
9 a.m. – Noon
Janesville Town Hall, 1628 N Little Court,
Janesville, WI

Town of Milton
8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Milton Town Hall, 23 First St., Milton WI

Town of Newark
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Newark Town Hall
9538 W Beloit Newark Rd, Beloit WI

Town of Plymouth
10 a.m. – Noon & 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
Plymouth Town Hall, 8219 W High St, Orfordville,
WI

Towns of Rock & Turtle
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 6916 S. County Rd J, Beloit, WI
2 p.m. – 5 p.m. 5102 County Rd D, Afton, WI

Village of Clinton
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Clinton Village Hall, 301 Cross St, Clinton WI

Village of Footville
7:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Footville Village Hall, 261 N Gilbert St., Footville,
WI

Village of Orfordville
7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Orfordville Village Hall, 303 E Beloit St.,
Orfordville WI 53576

City of Beloit
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Beloit City Hall, 100 State St., Beloit WI

City of Brodhead
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Brodhead City Hall, 111 W 2nd Ave, Brodhead, WI

City of Edgerton
9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Edgerton City Hall, 12 Albion St, Edgerton, WI

City of Evansville
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Evansville City Hall, 31 S Madison St, Evansville,
WI

City of Janesville
7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Janesville City Hall, 18 N Jackson St, Janesville WI

City of Milton
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Milton City Hall, 710 S. Janesville St, Milton, WI

Water Rebate Program

The City of Beloit Water Utility, an EPA WaterSense Partner, has established an incentive program to encourage residents to replace inefficient toilets and fixtures with new ones that are able to conserve water.

- A rebate of \$50 will be offered to individuals who can provide proof of replacing older, inefficient toilets with newer, efficient EPA Water Sense models.
- A rebate of \$25 will be offered to residential water customers who can provide proof of replacing old inefficient fixtures (i.e. shower heads and faucets) with efficient EPA Water Sense models.

Rebates are limited to an annual amount of \$100 per household. Rebates are available on first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.



Customer Eligibility for the Rebate:

Single family homes, condo, or multi-family dwellings no larger than four units are eligible for the rebate. Other eligibility requirements are: must be a customer of the City of Beloit Water Utility, must be replacing a toilet older than 1994, the new toilet/fixture must be listed on EPA's WaterSense list, and must be the owner of the property.

An original, unaltered, dated sales receipt listing the make and model numbers and a picture showing proof of installation **MUST** accompany the rebate application. Owners who occupy the dwelling (live full-time at the dwelling) may either use a licensed plumber to install the toilet/fixture or do it themselves. Owners who do not occupy the dwelling (i.e. landlords) must use a licensed plumber to install the toilet/fixture. The old toilets or fixtures cannot be reused. The applicant agrees and understands that the City of Beloit Water Utility reserves the right to inspect the installation of the fixture before or after the rebate credit is issued to the applicant. The applicant understands that City of Beloit Water Utility may withhold the rebate until any or all of the above listed conditions are met.

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Checking for Leaks

- Take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 16 units per month, there may be a leak. *One unit is equivalent to 100 cubic feet or 748 gallons of water.*
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 15 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the bowl.)
- Examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

Educational Information

<u>Contaminant</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
Arsenic	Runoff from orchards; discharge from glass and electronic production; erosion of natural deposits
Barium	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Copper	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide	Discharge from steel, metal, plastic, or fertilizer factories
Fluoride	Water additive; discharge from fertilizer or aluminum factories; erosion of natural deposits
Mercury	Discharge from refineries and factories; runoff from landfills and croplands; erosion of natural deposits
Nickel	Occurs naturally in soils, ground/surface water
Nitrate/Nitrite	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Radium	Erosion of natural deposits
Selenium	Discharge from petroleum & metal refineries; discharge from mines; erosion of natural deposits
Sodium	Erosion of natural deposits

<u>Contaminant</u>	<u>Typical Source</u>
Lead	Corrosion of household plumbing; erosion of natural deposits. For more information about lead in drinking water, please see the DNR and EPA websites.



NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

To: All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

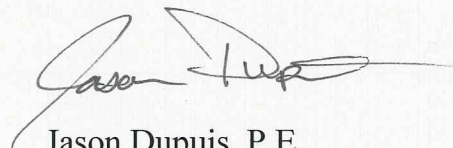
From: Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

Date: June 17, 2016

RE: Meeting Cancellation

The upcoming Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, June 27, 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 **July 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.
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Police and Fire Commission Members

FROM: Marianne Marshall

DATE: June 23, 2016

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Police and Fire Commission Meeting

The scheduled June 27, 2016 regular meeting of the Police and Fire Commission has been cancelled.

Please call me at 364-6612 or e-mail at marshallm@beloitwi.gov with any questions or comments.

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