CITY OF BELOIT



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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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Special points of interest:

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CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Participated in the weekly Economic Development Rapid Response Team meeting.
- Held one-on-one meeting with City Councilor Sheila De Forest.
- Held weekly Department Head meeting.
- Held one-on-one meeting with Greg Boysen, Public Works Director; Nick Dimassis, Library Director; and Elizabeth Krueger, City Attorney to discuss on-going departmental operations and special projects.
- Met with Debbie Fischer and representatives from Youth2Youth 4 Change to learn about some of their program objectives.
- Continued to work on the 2018-2022 CIP Out Years budget.
- Attended the City Council Alcohol Sanction Hearing.
- Attended the "Conversations with the Community" event at New Zion Church. It was well
 attended and the Police Department will be scheduling more of the same type of
 meetings.

Activities:

Participated in the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Chief Executives Workshop.

FIRST ANNUAL BELOIT COMMUNITY SPIRIT DAY—SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

A hometown committee has been hard at work planning the first annual Beloit Community Spirit Day for **Sunday**, **September 4**, **2016 from 1:00—4:00** in the 400 block of East Grand Ave. The event, which is a celebration of community and cultural diversity, will be totally FREE to participants, with food, non-alcoholic beverages, Culvers custard, and more. Members from local law enforcement, fire departments, schools, city officials, churches, local business, and more will be on hand to help serve food. Please see the attached <u>press release</u> and <u>flyer</u> for more information. Please feel free to post the information and invite friends, family, co-workers, and neighbors!

"GET BACK WISCONSIN" - BEATLES CONCERT AT BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Get Back Wisconsin," a Madison based quintet dedicated to the study and performance of the entire Beatles catalogue, will perform Beatles music on authentic instruments, playing arrangements that are true to the originals at the Beloit Public Library. The concert is scheduled for **Saturday, August 27, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.** in the parking lot in front of the Library. Bring your lawn chairs and a picnic! Beverages will be provided. In case of rain, the concert will be moved indoors to the meeting room.

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 complete list of City Boards and Commissions and an application. Current vacancies include:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee (3 year term)

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at $4:00\ p.m.$ in the Forum

1 vacancy for Tavern League Representative

Appointment Review Committee (3 year term)

Meets 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room

1 vacancy for resident

Board of Appeals (3 year term)

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum

1 vacancy for resident (2nd Alternate)

Board of Review (5 year term)

Meets annually in May

1 vacancy for resident (regular)

2 vacancy for residents (Alternates)

• Equal Opportunities Commission (3 year term)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each even-numbered month at 5:45 p.m. in the Forum

2 vacancies for residents

• Landmarks Commission (3 year term)

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum

- 1 vacancy for representative from the Bluff Street National Register Historic District or the Merrill Street National Register Historic District
- 1 vacancy for representative from the Near East Side (College Park) National Register Historic District

Municipal Golf Committee (1 year term for youth)

Meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 a.m. at the Krueger-Haskell Club House

1 vacancy for Youth Representative (The Youth Representative shall be 17 years of age or younger on the date of appointment)

CITY MEETING CALENDAR-AUGUST 29-SEPTEMBER 2, 2016

There are no City meetings scheduled for the week of August 29—September 2, 2016.

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

Now through Sept. 2	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

September 4	1:00-4:00 p.m.	1st Annual Beloit Community Spirit Day, 400 block of East Grand Ave. FREE community event!
September 10	10:00-2:00 p.m.	Super Second Saturday Book Sale , Beloit Public Library Warehouse, 605 Eclipse Blvd. Adult hard cover books 50¢ Paperbacks & children's books 25¢
September 23	5:30-11:00 p.m.	Downtown Beloit's 3rd Annual Oktoberfest, 300 block of State Street.

September 23 5:30 p.m. Beloit Historical Society Heritage Harvest Gala Auction, Beloit Club. Call 365-7835 for

tickets.

1st Annual Beloit Community Spirit Day

First Annual Beloit Community Spirit Day Taking Place Labor Day Weekend

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Beloit, Wis.—On Sunday, September 4, the 1st Annual Beloit Community Spirit Day will take place from 1PM-4PM on the downtown block of E. Grand Avenue. Beloit Community Spirit Day will be the first of an annual community cookout—free and open to the public!—to celebrate the City of Beloit and its many dedicated individuals, and build a stronger communal spirit amongst neighbors.

Beloit is a community rich in cultural diversity and that is a reason to celebrate. In light of racial and cultural tensions in our community and across the country, we offer an opportunity to bring people together to share a meal and build relationships. While we have a large number of ethnicities represented in Beloit, we often miss opportunities to cross cultural lines and learn from each other. The Beloit Community Spirit Day cookout is an opportunity to do just that.

The cookout will feature grilled foods like hamburgers, brats, veggie burgers, chips, and drinks (non-alcoholic) free of charge. There will also be face painting and a balloon animal stand for kids' enjoyment. Culver's will be serving up their delicious frozen custard with their mascot, Scoopie, on hand!

"As a Beloiter, I'm very excited for this event," says City Council President Dave Luebke, a Beloit native. "It gives us a chance to break bread with our neighbors and celebrate pride in this wonderful city."

Luebke worked with a number of city leaders and organizations for this event, including Sud's O'Hanahan's owner Tom Hankins, who came up with the idea for the Community Spirit Day.

"This event is homegrown," says Hankins, born and raised in Beloit. "Its genesis was, when I thought about everything that's going on in the country, deciding to be proactive instead of reactive. We as Beloiters have a lot of warts, but we are proud to continue to persevere in this community together. I wanted to celebrate that homegrown community spirit." Suds O'Hanahan's will serve as a cooking headquarters for the event, and picnic tables provided by Best Events Catering & Rentals will line the downtown block.

A number of community leaders and organizations have expressed their support and helped make the first Beloit Community Spirit Day a reality.

"Community Spirit Day is an opportunity for all of our community to come together and recognize the importance of sending the message loud and clear that we love our home," says Tara Tinder, also a Beloit native, and Executive Director of the Stateline Community Foundation.

Members from local law enforcement, fire departments, schools, city officials, churches, local business, and more will be on hand to help serve food and engage any and all community members. Attendees are encouraged to bring kids and relatives.

1st Annual Beloit Community Spirit Day

"I want people to have a better understanding of their neighbors," says Luebke. "And the best way to do that is through food and conversation."

Everyone is invited to come on out on Sunday, Sept. 4, enjoy a good, free meal and casual conversation, relax downtown with community members, city officials, friends and family, and help make the 1st Annual Beloit Community Spirit Day a success!

--Courtesy of the "Beloit Community Spirit Day" Planning Committee

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- Come downtown the Sunday before Labor Day to enjoy Beloit's first ever community cookout!!
- The 1st Annual Beloit Community Spirit

 Day will have FREE food for everyone,
 face-painting and balloon animals for kids,
 and a casual, cheery atmosphere to get to
 know your neighbors!!
- This is a wonderful chance to celebrate YOU—the great & dedicated people of the City of Beloit!! Enjoy hamburgers, brats, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and chips!!
- Drinks (non-alcoholic) will also be provided! Suds O'Hanahan's will serve as food HQ!!
- <u>Culver's Frozen Custard</u> courtesy of Culver's mascot, Scoopie!!

WHERE: Downtown block of E. Grand Ave.!!

WHAT: Free Cookout, Face-Painting, Balloon Animals!! Engaging in community conversation with your neighbors!!

**If it rains, this event will occur on Monday, Sept. 5th (Labor Day)





IALK SALES STARTING AT 8 AM

R CARS 5:30-7:30 PM

INTERMISSION PERFORMANCE 7:45-8:15 PM

REN WIEGRATZ 8:30-11:00 PM

DBA Board & Promotions Committee will be serving lunch from 11:30AM-1:30PM. Brat, German Potato Salad, Chips, German Chocolate Cake, and Drink for just \$7! With music by Zweifel Brothers!















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