CITY OF BELOIT



THE BELOIT REPORT

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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 United Way Community Impact Council.
- Met with employee group representing the WOW Committee (employee wellness advocates).
- Led Department Head meeting and one-on-one meetings with staff.
- Participated in Beloit School District Community Conversation to work on employing individuals with disabilities.

Activities:

- Participated in the swearing in ceremony for Shannon Dykstra to Sergeant for the Beloit Police Department.
- Greeted local Boy Scouts with Council President Luebke.
- Spoke with a Beloit College student group at City Hall about community issues.
- Attended annual NAACP Banquet with Council President Luebke, Councilor Sloniker, Councilor Hendrix, Chief Zibolski, Chief Liggett, Treasurer Lillian Morrow and Tasheka Prewitt.
- Will attend the Stateline Community Foundation Annual dinner.
- Looking forward to the Downtown Beloit Association annual Halloween Parade on Saturday, October 29, gathering at Horace White Park at 9:45 a.m.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY

The Downtown Beloit Association's 27th Annual Halloween Parade and Party will take place on Saturday, October 29, 2016 from 10:00—1:00 p.m. Bring the kids in their favorite costume for a parade and trick-or-treating with businesses and Farmers' Market vendors. Meet at Horace White Park (College and Grand) at 9:45 a.m. Please see attached for more information.

While you're there, thank a farmer! This will be the final Farmers' Market for the year. See you all next season!

TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS IN THE CITY OF BELOIT

Trick-or-Treat hours in the City of Beloit have been set for Monday, October 31, 2016 from 5:00—7:00 p.m. The Beloit Police Department released a "Halloween Safety Reminder" with the following tips and precautions:

- Wear light colored clothing, short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflectors.
- Make sure costumes are flame retardant.
- Make sure children can see well through face masks or head coverings.
- Accompany your children and go only to homes with outside lights on.

More tips



- Carry a flashlight.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes where you know the residents.
- Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy and treats.
- Watch for traffic.
- Examine candy before allowing children to eat it.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The official groundbreaking ceremony for Nature at the Confluence Environmental Learning Center and Campus will take place on **Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 8:00 a.m.** at 306 Dickop Street, South Beloit. The event is open to the public and all attending will have an opportunity to help "plant" the seeds of renewal and restoration at the confluence. Representatives from Angus-Young Associates and Ayres Associates will be on hand to answer questions about the project.

CITY HALL OPENS ADDITIONAL HOURS FOR IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

In-person absentee voting, sometimes called "early voting" is currently being offered at Beloit City Hall on the first floor during business hours (Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). There will also be extended hour opportunities to vote inperson absentee in the City of Beloit for those who require evening or weekend hours:

- Saturday, October 29, 2016—9:00 a.m. to Noon
- Wednesday, November 2, 2016—8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

All in-person absentee voting will end by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4th. No voting will be available November 5th through Monday, November 7, 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 10 (ten) 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.

For further voting and election information, please access the City Clerk's web page: http://tinyurl.com/kzt5jzt or contact the City Clerk's office at 608-364-6680.

GRINNELL HALL SENIOR CENTER SCHEDULES VETERANS DAY CEREMONY AND LUNCH

Grinnell Hall Senior Center, 631 Bluff Street, Beloit has scheduled a **Veterans Day Ceremony and Lunch for Friday, November 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.**

Grinnell Hall celebrates its history as a Veterans Center and comes together to honor the fine men and women who have served our country. The program will begin in the auditorium with the posting of the colors. Grinnell's own Golden-aires will provide the musical talent for the program. Speaking this year will be Marcia Galvan, Community Development Director of Rock Valley Community Veterans Housing 4 Our Vets, as well as Lynn Reynolds, a local artist who created the mural in the Grinnell Hall Veterans Room.

The ceremony will be followed by lunch in the dining room. The cost is a suggested donation of \$3.25 for those 60 and over. All veterans and their spouses will dine for no charge, courtesy of the Grinnell Advisory Board. If you will be attending lunch, you must sign up by Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at noon by calling 608-364-2875.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—OCTOBER 31—NOVEMBER 4, 2016

Wednesday, November 2 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

October 28	7:00—9:00 p.m.	Friday Night Special Skate for Halloween, Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston
		Road. Wear a costume and receive a free skate rental! Music, games, costume
		contest and candy. Regular Admission prices apply.

October 29 10:00—1:00 p.m.**Halloween Parade & Party**, Downtown Beloit. Meet at Horace White Park (College and Grand) at 9:45 a.m. Parade begins at 10:00 a.m.. Free pumpkins (while supplies last), trick-or-treat with businesses and Farmers' Market vendors, and more!

October 31 5:00—7:00 p.m. **Trick-or-Treat** Hours in the City of Beloit

November 25 5:00—8:00 p.m. **24th Annual Grand Lighted Parade**, downtown Beloit. For more information, please contact Downtown Beloit Association at 365-0150.



Bring the kids in their favorite costume for a parade and trick-or-treating with businesses and Farmers' Market vendors.

Meet at Horace White Park (College & Grand) at 9:45 am **Look for the orange flags!**

AFTER THE PARADE, STAY FOR THE PARTY!

PARADE BEGINS AT 10 AM

free of charge

The Mr. Steve Show at 10:45 (45 minute show Balloon fun with Mr. Steve after the show!

Free pumpkins from Brad & Cindy Paulson! (while supplies last)

Spooky Stories at Turtle Creek Bookstore 11-1 pm! Pumpkin decorating with Doodles!

family-friendly fee

Face painting with Dabadooya!

Have pictures taken by Photography by April-\$5!

FUN ZONE with a bounce house, obstacle course, and more at the corner of State & Grand!





BRAD & CINDY PAULSON













Doodles | Stateline Mental Health Services Turtle Creek Bookstore-Barnes & Noble