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from the Office of the
City Manager*

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interest:**

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Met with various Department and Division Heads for departmental updates
- Continued work on the 2018 Operating Budget
- Participated in the City Council meeting on Tuesday, September 5th as well as the special meeting on Thursday, September 7th
- Participated in the Special Police and Fire Commission meeting on September 7th
- Met with Council President Kevin Leavy and Regina Dunkin, City Council Vice-President
- Participated in contract negotiations with the Beloit Police
- Fielded media questions and interviews on the city's position regarding the Town of Beloit's plans to incorporate a portion of the Town of Beloit into a Village

WHY IS THE CITY OF BELOIT OPPOSED TO TOWN OF BELOIT INCORPORATION?

Negative Impact to City of Beloit:

The City of Beloit would be negatively impacted as any potential future growth opportunities would be halted, effectively land-locking the City. Once incorporated, the new Village boundaries would be permanent. These decisions have the capacity to prohibit all future development opportunities in an appropriate urbanized fashion.

While addressed in the section on negative impact to the region, the City of Beloit is specifically concerned about the permanency of the potential incorporation and inability to have future opportunities to share services.

Town of Beloit's Motivation:

The Town of Beloit publicly admits the primary reason it wants to incorporate is to capture utility tax payments currently provided to Rock County under the statutory formula that provides 2/3 to the County and 1/3 to the Town. If the Town of Beloit were incorporated into a new Village, they would receive 2/3 aid from the Alliant Energy plant and Rock County would receive 1/3.

Negative Impact to Rock County:

Incorporation would transfer currently about \$700,000 in annual utility tax payments from services provided to the County's 161,000 residents to the Town's 7,700 residents. This revenue shift would severely restrict Rock County's available resources to provide critical services in the high-priority and high-cost areas of human services and public safety as the County tries to combat the opioid epidemic, provide trauma-informed care, and implement evidence-based decision making (EBDM) in the criminal justice system.

Negative Impact to Region:

The most efficient and cost effective provision of services is with less government. The future of regionalization is through shared services vs. a philosophy of separatism. The Town's incorporation into a Village would require another layer of government with a new

entity to be formed to represent the portions of the Town not included in the incorporation petition known as the remnant Town. The future of those residents is uncertain under the Town's current plan. The City sought a joint study with the Town to analyze joint service delivery options and potential tax savings. After initially expressing some interest, the Town rejected any discussion of joint services. Because the Town is unwilling to discuss shared services with the City of Beloit, incorporation would make permanent the costly and inefficient duplication of services that already exists, including two police departments, two fire departments and competing economic development approaches.

The City of Beloit already provides water services to the Town of Beloit and has the capacity to treat all of their wastewater. Other services provided by the City are more robust and many are currently enjoyed at no additional cost to Town taxpayers such as the Public Library, Golf Course, Swimming Pool, Parks, Downtown Business District and other amenities.

Negative Impact to Taxpayers:

While the Town does currently have a lower tax rate, their audits and budget documents suggest that they do not have enough revenue to support current services. They are operating with a substandard fund balance or "rainy day fund." While the City's tax rate is higher, the City is financially sound with a 25% fund balance policy and no use of fund balance for ongoing operations, which means the City of Beloit meets best practices and can withstand a significant event without negatively impacting taxpayers. The potential exists to provide higher levels of services to the area as a whole with reduced total tax burden.

Once the Alliant Energy Riverside plant completes its expansion, an incorporated Town of Beloit would receive an additional \$1.2 million in utility aid, bringing its total increased utility aid to \$1.9 million annually, representing a 34% increase in the Town of Beloit's current total budget. This is an unreasonable windfall to the Town and loss to the rest of the County's taxpayers.

Financial Comparisons:

Rock County and the City of Beloit have a long history of strong and responsible financial management, as evidenced by a bond rating of AA/Aa1 and A+ respectively, whereas the Town of Beloit is unrated. Rock County and the City of Beloit have also had strong managerial and political support to cooperate with the State and local partners to reduce costs to taxpayers and provide services more efficiently.

VACANCY ON THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL

Sheila De Forest served on the Beloit City Council from April, 2008 to September 1, 2017. Due to a relocation out of state, she's resigned from the Council and a vacancy currently exists for the balance of a term which expires April 17, 2018. The process to apply for the vacancy is outlined below. If you meet the following qualifications, you are eligible to apply:

- Resident of the City of Beloit
- At least 18 years of age
- A qualified elector of the City of Beloit

The application is available [\[here\]](#) or in the City Clerk's office, 2nd floor of City Hall. Applications are due in the City Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017. Applications will be reviewed on September 18, 2017 and interviews for selected finalists will be held on September 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting location to be determined. For more information, please contact the Beloit City Clerk's office at 364-6680.

ROCK RIVER STORMWATER GROUP HOSTS CLEAN-UP EVENTS THIS SATURDAY —SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

The Rock River Stormwater Group is hosting shoreline cleanup events in Beloit, Janesville and Waupun, Wisconsin as part of the Rock River Sweep. The group is seeking community volunteers who want to help revitalize the Rock

River in their communities. Community groups as well as children are welcome at the event and can participate in hands-on learning activities to understand how things we do around our homes and yards impact the local waterways when it rains. More details about the cleanup events in each Rock River Stormwater Group community can be found online at: <http://protectwiwaterways.org/cleansweep/>

There will be two locations in Beloit: Beloit Rotary River Center at Riverside Park and Turtle Creek Greenway Trail parking lot on Milwaukee Road, 9:00 a.m.—Noon.

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The School District of Beloit invites members of the community to a Community Conversation on **Monday, September 11, 2017** from 6:00—8:00 p.m. in the Beloit Memorial High School Auditorium, 1225 4th Street, Beloit. The discussion will focus on community-wide efforts to close the achievement gap. All are welcome. Please see [attached](#) for more information.

BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The City of Beloit Police Department announces the hiring of a new Patrol Officer, one Records Clerk and two Evidence Custodians, along with the promotion of one current personnel to the rank of Sergeant of Patrol. The public is invited to attend the Swearing In Ceremony on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017** at 8:00 a.m. in the Beloit City Hall Forum, 100 State Street. Please see [attached](#) for more information.

BLENDER CAFÉ GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

A Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting is scheduled for the Blender Café on **Tuesday, September 12, 2017** from 12:00—1:00 p.m. The Blender Café, located at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd., will have grand opening week specials starting September 11th. See [attached](#) for more information.

MONTHLY CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE

Yard waste will be collected the week of September 11 - 14 on your regular trash day. A yard waste sticker will be required on all bags, bundles and/or containers. Yard Waste Stickers can be purchased at Walgreens, ACE Hardware, Public Works Operations Facility, City Hall Treasury, Grinnell Hall, and Leisure Services Office.

- Stickers are sold 5 to a sheet for \$7.50.
- Use only paper yard waste bags, Back-to-Nature Biodegradable bags or clean trash containers 39 gallons or less (no plastic bags).
- Yard waste containers must weigh no more than 60 pounds.
- All brush and shrubbery must be bundled, tied or contained and tagged.
- Place yard waste curbside on your regular trash day during the collection dates.
- Place yard waste 3 feet away from your regular trash.
- For more information, please visit www.automatebeloit.com

BUSINESS EDUCATION CONNECTION

Do you need help building your talent pipeline? The Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce is hosting the Business Education Connection on **Wednesday, September 13, 2017** from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. with keynote speaker Jason A. Tyszko, Executive Director of the Center for Education and Workforce at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation. Make your connection with local educators and build your talent pipeline through strategic partnerships. Please see the [attached](#) flyer for more information.

BELOIT DMV IS MOVING

We received notification from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation that the Department of Motor Vehicles office will move from its current location in Shopko Plaza to 1900 Sutler Avenue in mid-September. The move will take place at the end of their business day on September 15, with the new office opening for business on Monday, September 18, 2017.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—SEPTEMBER 11—15, 2017

Monday, Sept. 11	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (K. Leavy and R. Dunkin)
Tuesday, Sept. 12	Noon	Blender Café Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting , Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. (All Councilors invited)
Tuesday, Sept. 12	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (C. Anderson)
Tuesday, Sept. 12	7:00 p.m.	Board of Appeals , Forum
Wednesday, Sept. 13	6:30 p.m.	Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission , DPW Operations Center, 2351 Springbrook Court (M. Preuschl)

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

Saturday, Sept. 9 10:00—2:00 p.m. **Friends At Beloit Library (FABL) September Book Sale** at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. Buy a big brown bag full of books for only \$1.00 and get one free! New inventory of gently used books. Proceeds from FABL sales are returned to the library for programs and services.

CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City Council of Beloit is now accepting applications to fill a vacancy on the City Council. This recruitment is to fill the council seat recently vacated by Sheila DeForest. The term for this office will end in April 2018.

Timeline. Application acceptance closes on **September 15, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.** The Council will hold interviews on **September 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.** and finalists are required to personally appear before the council.

Form of Government. The City of Beloit is a City Manager/Council form of government organized under Chapter 64 of the Wisconsin State Code. Chapter 64 describes the powers of the Council.

64.07. Powers of council; its organization; quorum; meetings.

(1) The council shall possess and exercise all legislative and general ordinance powers imposed and conferred by general law or special charter upon the mayor and common council and the various boards and commissions not inconsistent with ss. 64.01 to 64.15, and in force in such city at the time of its reorganization and such additional powers as are hereinafter imposed and conferred, but such council shall not have the power to enact special executive or administrative orders, it being the intent of ss. 64.01 to 64.15 to separate the legislative and executive powers of city government.

Qualifications. An applicant must be a resident of the City of Beloit, be 18 years old and cannot be convicted of a misdemeanor involving a violation of the public trust or a felony.

Position and Duties. The City Council serves as the legislative arm of City government. It decides policy matters. The Council enacts ordinances, resolutions and motions; approves and amends the budget, levies taxes; approves/denies certain claims made against the City and approves/denies certain licenses issued by the City. The Council meetings are regularly scheduled for the first and third Mondays of the month. The meetings are scheduled at 7:00pm, with council agenda workshops immediately preceding regular council meetings at 6:30pm. There are other special meetings from time to time and council members are expected to attend all meetings unless excused.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the attached application and return it to the City Clerk's office at the address listed below. If you have any questions, call the City Clerk's Office at (608)364-6680.

Lorena Rae Stottler
City Clerk-Treasurer
100 State Street -2nd floor
Beloit, WI 53511



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BELOIT CITY COUNCIL

Instructions: Applications must be submitted, with original signature, to the City Clerk no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2017**. The City Clerk's office is located on the 2nd floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. Feel free to attach additional sheets, a formal resume, or other documents you believe contain information relevant to your qualifications.

Full Name: (First, Middle, Last)					
Address:					
Home Phone Number:		Cell Phone Number:		Business Phone Number:	
Occupation:			Employer:		
18 years of age or older	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Email Address:		
Are you a City of Beloit resident?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Number of years as a city resident:		
Education:					
List Potential Conflicts of Interest:					
List City Boards, Committees or Commissions on which you have served. Attach additional sheets if necessary.					Dates of Service
1.					
2.					
3.					
List other civic, church, club, or other community organizations on which you have served or are affiliated. Attach additional sheets if necessary.					Dates of Service
1.					
2.					
3.					
I have read the information sheet outlining the qualifications for the office of City Councilor. If selected, I would work towards bettering the community through my service in the following ways:					
I hereby certify that this application is true and accurate and completed to the best of my ability. I understand that the information contained within this application may be subject to release to the public under the Wisconsin Public Records Law.					
Signature:					Date:



City of Beloit Police Department

David B. Zibolski
Chief of Police
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

Business: (608) 364-6801
Administration: (608) 364-6807
Facsimile: (608) 364-6608

MEDIA RELEASE

For Additional Information Contact:

Vivian Parker (608) 364-6807

BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT NEW HIRES AND PROMOTION

September 12, 2017 - The City of Beloit Police Department proudly announces the hiring of a new Patrol Officer, one Records Clerk and two Evidence Custodians along with promotion of one current personnel to the rank of Sergeant of Patrol.

**Tuesday, September 12, 2017
8:00 AM
City of Beloit Public Forum
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511**

The ceremony will begin with a welcome and remarks from Chief David B. Zibolski and City Manager Lori Curtis Luther, after which we warmly welcome the newest members of the Beloit Police Department Team:

Promotion:

Patrol Officer Brian Daugherty will be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Brian is a thirteen-year veteran of the Beloit Police Department.

New Hire of a Patrol Officer:

Jacob Arneson is coming to the Beloit Police Department as a patrol officer; he currently worked as a law enforcement officer with the Dane County Sheriff's Office where he worked in the jail.

Records Clerk:

Brandi Hasse is a former employee of the Beloit Police Department, who previously worked in the Records Bureau in 2001, and is returning to the department as a Records Clerk.

Evidence Custodians:

Frank Millard started with the Beloit Police Department as a Records Clerk in 2014 and has transferred to the position of Evidence Custodian.

Cynthia Ferger is a retiree veteran of 25 years returning to the Beloit Police Department as an Evidence Custodian.

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Do you need help building your talent pipeline?
Are you concerned about your future workforce?

BUSINESS EDUCATION CONNECTION

Building the Talent Pipeline

Wednesday, September 13th • 8am-11am
Eclipse Center, 3 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit • \$15
Register at www.greaterbeloitcommerce.org



Keynote Speaker

Jason A. Tyszko, Executive Director of the
Center for Education and Workforce at the
U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

Agenda

- 8:00am: Registration, Networking & Breakfast
- 8:30am: Welcome
- 8:40am: Investments in Education Presentation
- 9:00am: Keynote
- 10:00am - 11:00am: Quick Connections

Make and strengthen those strategic talent-building relationships
by connecting with area K-16 educators.

Partners:



A portion of the
proceeds will benefit:



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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting August 14, 2017
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (September and October, 2017)
4. Review of City Council appointments August 21, 2017
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Landmarks Commission

- 1 resident (M. Carroll) – regular term to expire October 31, 2019
- 1 resident (E. Joyce) – regular term to expire October 31, 2017

Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission

- 1 resident (T. Oldenburg) – regular term to expire September 30, 2020
- 1 resident (M. Ciaramita) – regular term to expire September 30, 2020
- 1 youth (I. De Forest-Davis) – regular term to expire September 30, 2018

Traffic Review Committee

- 1 resident (M. Ramsden) – regular term to expire September 30, 2019
- 1 resident (T. H. Nee) – regular term to expire September 30, 2019

6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation
8. Adjournment

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**PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE
City Hall Forum - 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
4:00 PM
Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - 2.a. Approval of the Minutes of August 8, 2017.
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
4. LICENSES
5. CHANGE OF AGENT
 - 5.a. Consideration of a Change of Agent on the Class "B" Beer License for Beloit College Coughy Haus, 708 Clary Street to Darryl C. Smith for the license period ending June 30, 2018.
6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
7. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/COMMENTS
 - 7.a. Calls for Service for the month of August and related Reports (Risse)
8. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT

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BELOIT BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

7:00 PM

The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the August 15, 2017 Meeting
3. Erick Johnson – 2386 Tara Court
BOA-2017-03 Public Hearing and Review of a Land Management Plan to allow a natural lawn exceeding eight (8) inches in height for the single-family residential property located at 2386 Tara Court.
4. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at (608) 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: September 8, 2017

Approved: Drew Pennington, AICP, Director of Planning & Building Services

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PUBLIC MEETING

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

6:30PM

DPW OPERATIONS CENTER

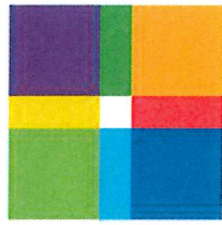
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: August 9, 2017
- 3.) Citizens Participation
- 4.) Old Business – None
- 5.) New Business
 - a.) Review and consideration of selecting a new Playground to purchase and install in Hope Park.
 - b.) Review and consideration of naming the restored water tower and new surrounding garden area in Eastlawn Cemetery.
- 6.) Director's Report
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) 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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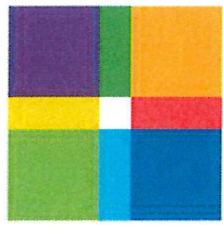
Academic Achievement **COMMUNITY** Conversation

Sept. 11, 2017 | 6 - 8 p.m.

**Beloit Memorial High School Auditorium
1225 4th Street, Beloit**

Join us as we discuss our community-wide efforts to close the achievement gap.

- Hear a state of the district from Superintendent, Dr. Tom Johnson
- Provide input to help ALL students succeed
- Childcare and light refreshments provided
- Translation services available



School District of
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Logro Académico **C**omunidad Conversación

11 de septiembre 2017 | 6 - 8 p.m.

**Auditorio del Beloit Memorial High School
1225 4th Street, Beloit**

**Únase a nosotros para discutir los esfuerzos
comunitarios para reducir la disparidad
del logro académico**

- **Escuche la estadía/ perspectiva del Distrito por el Superintendente, Dr. Tom Johnson**
- **Proporcione aportes para ayudar a que todos los estudiantes tengan éxito**
- **Cuido de niños y refrescos serán proporcionados**
- **Servicios de traducción están disponibles**

Blender



Café

@ beloit public library

Join Us to Celebrate Our

Grand Opening

Tuesday, September 12

12-1pm



Ribbon Cutting



Samples



Acknowledgments

Grand Opening Week Specials

September 11-16

Monday \$2 medium milkshakes

Tuesday 30% off any beverage

Wednesday \$4.50 wrap meals all day

Thursday Between 11am and 4pm, enjoy
25% off any lunch meal

Friday \$2 cinnamon rolls all day

Saturday Buy a large or medium smoothie,
and receive a small one free

HOURS

Monday-Thursday

7am-7pm

Friday-Saturday

7am-4pm

Sunday

closed

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Blender Cafe @ Beloit Public Library
605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit



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making a great city even greater