



The Beloit Report

"To Become a Place Anyone Could Proudly Call Home for a Lifetime"

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

- Attended the 103rd Annual International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Conference. The conference offers opportunities to network with peers and attend educational programs or workshops designed to develop skills and enhance knowledge. Participated as a voting member of the ICMA Government Affairs and Policy Committee (GAPC) tasked with reviewing current and proposed federal, and in some cases, state legislation for impacts on local governments. GAPC members are your eyes, ears, and early warning flag for these legislative policies, including fiscal policy, trade issues, taxes, unfunded mandates, homeland security, pensions and human services, infrastructure, and more. A current hot topic is tax reform. We are working to fully preserve the deduction for state and local taxes. Congress may mark up a bill as early as October 30. The core messages that ICMA, NLC, NACo, USCM, and GFOA (among others who are part of the Americans Against Double Taxation Coalition) are as follows:
 - Eliminating or curtailing the state/local tax deduction violates the fundamental principles against double taxation and fiscal federalism, a principle our country has had since 1913 when the income tax was established.
 - Depending on what proposals emerge, there could be unintended consequences for home ownership and home values and could undermine the revenue base that supports our local public services.
 - Research shows that 39% of taxpayers with annual earnings between \$50,000—\$75,000 use this deduction as do 70% of taxpayers with annual earnings between \$100,000—\$200,000
- Participated in contract negotiations with the Fire Union.
- Met with the following Department Heads for updates:
 - Julie Christensen, Community Development Director
 - Andrew Janke, Economic Development Director

DOWNTOWN BELOIT ASSOCIATION OFFICES TEMPORARILY RELOCATED

The Downtown Beloit Association is "on the move" and temporarily relocated to 600 Henry Avenue, Suite 25 at the Eclipse Center in Beloit. While not in the downtown district, the space is large enough and was technologically ready for an immediate move. The Vision Center will soon undergo remodeling, with the top two floors and open area turned into a hotel. When the construction dust settles, the Vision Center will emerge with a smaller footprint, but still remain at 500 Public. While construction is underway, the Downtown Beloit Association will be at the Eclipse Center, next to Energy Services. Board and committee meetings will be held at a location to be determined. *Please check agendas for meeting location.* Phone numbers will stay the same: General number is 608-365-0150 or Shauna El-Amin, Executive Director is 608-313-1370.

FALL YARD WASTE CURBSIDE COLLECTION

Curbside Collection begins **October 30 - November 16, 2017** on your regular trash day.

- Free Collection includes ONLY bagged leaves, grass clippings and garden debris.
- Use only paper yard waste bags or clean trash containers.
- Plastic bags of any type CANNOT be used for yard waste.
- Set yard waste curbside on your regular trash day during the collection dates.
- Place yard waste a few feet away from your regular trash.
- All yard waste must be clean - NO LITTER!
- Brush and shrubbery must be bundled or tied, each must include a \$1.50 sticker and should be no larger than 4 feet long and/or 4 inches in diameter.
- Tags for bundles are available for sale at City Hall Treasurer's Department, the Department of Public Works Operations & Parks Facility, Grinnell Hall, and Recreation office.

For further information call the City of Beloit Department of Public Works at 364-2929.

FALL LEAF VACUUM SERVICE SCHEDULED OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 17, 2017

Subscriber's rake or blow leaves to the terrace (do not contain them in cans or bags). The City will vacuum the leaves on a scheduled basis several times for a one-time fee of \$100. You may subscribe and pay in person at the Department of Public Works Operations Facility, 2351 Springbrook Court, Monday Through Friday, 7:00am to 4:00pm. PLEASE NOTE: The City of Beloit is not responsible for the timeliness in which leaves fall from the trees or weather related cancellations of the Leaf Vacuum Program. No refunds will be issued on this program, no spring service will be offered.

BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY SPONSORS 14TH ANNUAL WARMING TREE

From now **until December 11, 2017**, donations of new home-made or purchased mittens, scarves, hats, or socks for children ages birth to 18 years are being collected for distribution to local families in need. Help Beloit kids stay warm this winter! Drop off donations at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. during Library hours.

VETERANS DAY CEREMONY SET FOR GRINNELL HALL

Grinnell Hall Senior Center, 631 Bluff Street, has scheduled a Veterans Day Ceremony and Lunch for Friday, **November 10, 2017 beginning at 10:00 a.m.** The main speaker will be Rick West, talking about the History of Taps. The ceremony will include music from the Grinnell Golden-aires, the annual roll call, and students from ROTC posting and retiring the colors. The public is invited and no pre-registration is required for the ceremony. Lunch will be served at 11:45, for those who pre-register. All veterans and their spouses will be the guest of the Grinnell Advisory Board. You must pre-register for the lunch by Tuesday, November 7, 2017. Pre-register by calling Grinnell at 608-364-2875. The cost for non-veterans age 60 and over is a suggested donation of \$3.25.

HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY

The 28th Annual Halloween Parade and Party through the downtown will be held on **Saturday, October 28, 2017** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Children should meet at Horace White Park (College and Grand) at 9:45 to parade to the downtown, where they can trick-or-treat with businesses and Farmers' Market vendors *Look for the orange flags!* After the parade, stay for the party. See the [attached](#) poster for more information.

HALLOWEEN TRICK-OR-TREAT HOURS SET IN CITY OF BELOIT

The City of Beloit Police Department announces the official trick-or-treating hours will be on **Tuesday, October**

31, 2017 from 5:00—7:00 p.m. The Police Department issued the following reminders and precautions for an enjoyable evening of trick-or-treating with the children:

- 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.
- 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.

If you see a person on the street dressed as a Beloit police officer, it's not a costume! The officers will be on the streets and in neighborhoods to do what they can to ensure a safe Halloween.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017—LIGHTED HOLIDAY PARADE

Continuing a tradition, the 25th Annual Lighted Holiday Parade will again take place in downtown Beloit on November 24th. If you are interested in entering a float in the parade, please e-mail crystal@downtownbeloit.com for more information.

BELOIT CLERK-TREASURER SEEKS 2018-2019 ELECTION OFFICIALS FOR BELOIT POLLING SITES

The Beloit City Clerk-Treasurer is looking for people to help with a very important part of the election process: becoming an Election Official on the City of Beloit Election Day team. Citizen involvement is essential to conducting open, accurate and fair elections. Each Election Day can require between 50 and 200 workers. **The deadline to apply is November 17th** and formal appointment will be made by the City Council on Dec. 18, 2017. Election Day team members will hold their positions for the 2018-2019 election cycle.

The process for becoming part of the election team is simple and includes compensation. Workers are scheduled from 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Election Day. Chief Inspectors earn \$170/day and Election Inspectors are compensated at the rate of \$125/day. There are limited openings for shift work available to perform non-reconciling functions and are compensated \$7.25/hour for the hours in worked during a shift. We also have openings for high school students and college students to work as polling place coordinators.

"We hope that folks will consider becoming an Election Official during the upcoming 2018/19 election cycle," says City Clerk-Treasurer Lori Stottler. "It takes anywhere between 50-200 workers to staff 9 polling locations and a central count facility, so I like to have at least 200 appointed to work so we always have enough to staff each election."

Election workers are sworn to see that the election process is administered in the most transparent fashion in accordance with State/Federal laws and regulations. Qualifications to be an Election Official are:

- Be a qualified elector of the county in which the polling place is established (i.e., an adult citizen of the United States who has resided in the election district for 10 consecutive days and is not otherwise disqualified to vote)
- Be able to speak, read, and write fluently in the English language
- Be a good communicator

- NOT be a candidate for any office at that election
- Patience and friendliness are assets

Job Duties may include:

- Setting up and taking down polling place materials
- Checking in and assisting voters through a positive voting experience
- Election Day registration
- Safeguarding and issuing ballots
- Monitoring and assisting with voting equipment
- Supervising, troubleshooting and other duties as Election Day progresses

Anyone interested in training and working on Election Day(s) in 2018/2019 should contact the City Clerk-Treasurer at 608-364-6680 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.

The application and more information is available on the City's website, please click here:

<http://tinyurl.com/y8vn99he>

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—OCTOBER 30—NOVEMBER 3, 2017

Wednesday, Nov. 1 7:30 a.m. Rock County Breakfast (K. Leavy and R. Dunkin)

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

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| Saturday, Oct. 28 | 10—1:00 p.m. | Halloween Party and Parade , Downtown Beloit. For more information, see attached poster. |
| Now until December 11 | | 14th Annual Warming Tree at Beloit Public Library. Donations of new home-made or purchased mittens, scarves, hats or socks for children ages birth to 18 years, collected for distribution to local families in need. Drop off donations at the Library, 605 Eclipse, during Library hours. |
| Wednesday, Nov. 8 | 1:00 p.m. | History of Button Collecting . Free program at Grinnell Hall, 631 Bluff Street. To pre-register, call 608-364-2875. |
| Friday, November 24 | 5:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:15 p.m.
7:00 p.m. | 25th Annual Grand Lighted Holiday Parade , Downtown Beloit. Live music, photos with Santa, Free hot chocolate, courtesy of Salvation Army.
Live music starts at First National Bank Plaza, State and Grand
Santa arrives and tree lighting begins at the Plaza
Lighted parade begins along Grand Avenue (from 3rd Street to Horace White Park)
Santa visits the Turtle Creek Bookstore (444 E. Grand Ave.). Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus |

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28 10AM-1PM



28th Annual **HALLOWEEN** Parade & Party

Meet at Horace White Park (College & Grand) at 9:45 am

Pets not allowed in Farmers' Market Area

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

Look for the orange flags!

AFTER THE PARADE, STAY FOR THE PARTY!

TRICK-OR-TREATING
& 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 & Cindi Paulson!
(while supplies last)

Spooky Stories at Turtle Creek Bookstore 11-1 pm!

family-friendly fee

Face painting with Bubbles Inc.!

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

FUN ZONE with a bounce house, obstacle course, and more at the corner of State & Grand! Starts at 9 am.

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