

The Beloit Report

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CITY MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES

- Participated in the City Council meeting and the Council reorganization meeting. Congratulations to Kevin Leavy, re-elected as Council President, and Regina Dunkin, reelected as Council Vice-President. Leavy, Dunkin, Beth Jacobsen and Mark Preuschl were sworn in for new two-year terms.
- Participated in NorthStar Medical Radioisotope's celebration of FDA approval of Mo99, produced without uranium for medical diagnostics. Vice President Regina Dunkin and Councilor Mark Preuschl also attended. We congratulate NorthStar Medical Radioisotopes on behalf of the City Council and our community at large. Finding a way to produce nonuranium based molybdenum-99 (Mo99) is a huge accomplishment for which every single employee at NorthStar should be proud. It was an honor to celebrate their success as they reached a significant game-changing milestone. NorthStar is a strong community partner and we are excited to learn that their success is leading to a significant expansion, creating employment opportunities and bringing significant versatility to our region's hightech sector. Their work is impacting the entire medical diagnostic industry and I am immensely proud that this leading-edge research and production of new technology is occurring right here in Beloit.
- Met with local leaders and staff to discuss options for supporting home ownership in our most challenged neighborhoods.
- Met with Department of Natural Resources South Central Regional Director.
- Held one-on-one meetings with staff.
- Prepared for joint meeting of the City Council and School Board.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING, PRAIRIE AVENUE ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On Wednesday, April 25, 2018, the public is invited to attend the second public information meeting for the upcoming Prairie Avenue (County G) roadway improvement project in the City of Beloit. The meeting will be held at the City of Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facility, 2400 Springbrook Court, from 5 to 7 p.m. (Summary presentation at 5:30 p.m.).

Proposed roadway improvements include concrete joint repair, spot replacement of existing concrete pavement/concrete curb and gutter, milling the existing concrete pavement, and overlaying the remaining concrete pavement with asphalt. Additional proposed roadway improvements include raised median treatments, traffic signal upgrades, multi-use path construction (west side from Cranston Road to Hart Road) and new sidewalk/on-street bike lanes (both sides from Hart Road to Huebbe Parkway). Construction is scheduled for 2019.

If you are unable to attend the meeting but have questions or comments, please contact Jason Dupuis, Project Manager at the City of Beloit-Engineering Department at 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511, email: DupuisJ@beloitwi.gov, or phone: (608) 364-6735.

Si necesita un intérprete, un traductor, materiales en formatos alternativos u otros arreglos para acceder a este servicio, actividad o programa, comuníquese inmediatamente al número (608) 364-6690.

BELOIT POLICE PARTICIPATE IN ROCK COUNTY IMPAIRED DRIVING ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE

Officers from the Beloit Police Department will participate in the Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force on Friday, April 20; Saturday, April 21; Friday, April 27; and Saturday, April 28. During this additional enforcement, the Beloit Police Department will have more officers on patrol to discourage people from driving while impaired. For more information, please see the <u>attached</u> press release.

STAND AGAINST RACISM EVENT - THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

Members of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) were invited to attend the YWCA Stand Against Racism event on **Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.** at one of the following locations:

- Rock County Courthouse steps, 51 South Main Street, Janesville
- Harry C. Moore Pavilion, 1240 Riverside Drive, Beloit
- YWCA Rock County Child Care Center, 1735 S. Washington St., Janesville (11:00 a.m.)

A quorum of EOC members may be present at any of the locations. No official business will take place and the event is open to the public.

CITY OF BELOIT ACCEPTING REQUESTS FOR FREE FIREWOOD DELIVERY

The Parks and Recreation division is currently accepting requests from area residents for free firewood delivery. A full dump truck load of firewood will be delivered to residents in the greater Beloit area. The wood is not split and comes in various lengths and diameters. The resident is required to have ample space for the truck to dump without obstructions.

To be placed on the list for firewood delivery or to ask questions, please call the Parks and Recreation division at 608-364-2929.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION - APRIL 27, 2018

Beloit has been recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation for the past 30 years. We will celebrate Arbor Day on Friday, April 27, with a program at 10:00 a.m. in the Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside Drive. Participating in the program will be the City Manager, City Councilors, Representatives Amy Loudenbeck and Mark Spreitzer, and Senator Janis Ringhand, along with local students. The public is welcome to attend.

LANE CLOSURES ON PLEASANT STREET START THE WEEK OF APRIL 23, 2018

Work crews representing AT&T will be installing new cables near Pleasant Street and Public Avenue, which will result in lane closures next week.

The project is expected to start the week of April 23. The two northbound lanes on Pleasant Street will be closed for several days. Lanes will be readjusted to provide one lane of traffic in each direction throughout the duration of the project.

As the weather improves, road construction and utility projects will become more prevalent in the City of Beloit. Utility and government crews will be performing work throughout the area at various times. Drivers should slow down in work areas and pay close attention to signs in the area to guide motorists through work zones.

BELOIT PARKS AND RECREATION SPONSORS EVENT

Join Rock Steady Boxing to fight against Parkinson' disease symptoms with an open house at 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, April 26, 2018** at Big Hill Park, 1201 W. Big Hill Road. The event will include a short presentation, a class, and refreshments. More information is included in the <u>attached</u> press release.

GRINNELL SENIOR CENTER HOLDING AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month. Grinnell Senior Center will host an AARP driver's safety class on **Friday, April 27, 2018** at Grinnell Senior Center, 631 Bluff Street. The course will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and is designed for drivers age 50 and older. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. To pre-register, call Grinnell Senior Center at 608-364-2875.

Monday, April 23	Cancelled	<u>Traffic Review Committee</u> , (S. Blakeley)
Monday, April 23	5:00 p.m.	Networking Reception with Ho-Chunk Nation Representatives (All City Councilors Invited)
Monday, April 23	5:30 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission, Forum
Wednesday, April 25	Noon	Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, Engineering Facility, 2400 Springbrook Ct. (All City Councilors and Plan Commission Members Invited)
Wednesday, April 25	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority, Forum (K. Leavy, N. Forbeck)
Wednesday, April 25	5:00 p.m.	Public Information Meeting, Prairie Avenue Roadway Improvement Project, 2400 Springbrook Ct.
Thursday, April 26	8:30 a.m.	<u>Downtown Beloit Association Board Meeting</u> , 25 Eclipse Center (M. Preuschl)
Thursday, April 26	Noon	Stand Against Racism event, Harry C. Moore Pavilion, 1240 Riverside Drive (Members of the Equal Opportunities Commission invited to attend)
Friday, April 27	10:00 a.m.	Arbor Day Celebration at the Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside Drive (All Councilors Invited)

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, April 28 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Dia Del Nino Celebration and Cinco De Mayo , Sponsored by Latino Service Providers and St. Jude Catholic Church, 717 Hackett St., Admission is Free, \$5.00 per person for food (children 3 and under free).
Saturdays May - October	Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market, 8:00 - 1:00 p.m. every Saturday from May 5

through October 27, 2018. Rain or shine, more than 100 vendors! Meet us at State and Grand, and in the Mill Street Parking Lot!

Friday, May 11 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Downtown Beloit Art Walk**, 16th Annual Handmade Market with more than 30 artists and 25 venues. Live music & free trolley.



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POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE 18-008

For Additional Information, Contact: Sarah Millard Director of Strategic Communications

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Email: millards@beloitwi.gov

Beloit Police Officers Participating in Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force in April

April 20, 2018 - Officers from the Beloit Police Department will be participating in the Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force on Friday, April 20, Saturday, April 21, Friday, April 27, and Saturday, April 28.

During this additional enforcement, the Beloit Police Department will have more officers on patrol to discourage people from driving while impaired. The Beloit Police Department will have zero tolerance for driving under the influence, open intoxicants, seatbelt violations and improper use of child safety restraints.

"Impaired drivers are putting the lives of everyone around them at risk," said Sgt. Christian Dalton. "Our goal is send the message that driving under the influence is never acceptable. We hope this enforcement will help reduce the number of people who choose to drive while impaired."

Driving under the influence includes the use of alcohol, illegal drugs or prescription medication. The Beloit Police Department suggests all motorists take steps to protect themselves and others:

- Ensure everyone in your vehicle is buckled up every day, every trip. Watch your speed, be patient and alert.
- If you plan to use any alcohol, drugs or prescription medication that will impair your driving, choose a sober designated driver.
- If you're feeling buzzed, you likely are over the 0.08 BAC limit and should not drive. Take public transit, a taxicab, or ask a sober friend to drive you home.
- The Wisconsin DOT offers a free Drive Sober mobile app that includes a blood alcohol estimator, designated driver selector, and find-a-ride feature that uses a smart phone's GPS to locate alternative transportation.
- Some taverns and restaurants have programs to provide patrons with a safe ride home. Visit www.tlw.org/ and click on Safe Ride.
- Report impaired drivers to law enforcement by calling 911. Provide as much detail as possible on the driver, vehicle, and location.

The Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force includes the Rock County Sheriff's Department and the Janesville, Town of Beloit and City of Beloit police departments. Funding for the special enforcement periods is provided via a grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

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PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
For more information contact:
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APRIL IS PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH

Join Rock Steady Boxing for an Open House at Big Hill Park

April 12, 2018 - Join Rock Steady Boxing to fight against Parkinson's disease symptoms with an open house at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 26, at Big Hill Park, 1201 W. Big Hill Road, in conjunction with Parkinson's Awareness Month.

The event will include a short presentation by coaches Doug Anderson and Connie Udell followed by a Rock Steady Boxing class. Refreshments will be served. This event is sponsored by Beloit Parks and Recreation.

"Parkinson's disease is a chronic and progressive movement disorder that occurs when certain neurons, nerve cells in an area of the brain called the substantia nigra, become impaired or die," said Paula Schutt, senior center coordinator. "There are one million people in the United States with Parkinson's. There is no cure for this disease, but it has been found that regular exercise can help improve the symptoms."

Rock Steady Boxing for Parkinson's is held each Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-7 p.m.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

To:

All Traffic Review Committee Members and other Interested Parties

From:

Jason Dupuis, Transportation Engineer

Date:

April 16, 2018

RE:

Meeting Cancellation

The upcoming Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2018 has been cancelled. Information regarding the time and location of our next scheduled meeting will be made available at a later time.

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.

Jason Dupuis, P.E.

Transportation Engineer

City of Beloit



PUBLIC NOTICE

A Networking Reception with the Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland and Tribal Representatives will be held on Monday, April 23, 2018 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Stateline YMCA (Kerry Room), 501 Third Street, Beloit, WI. A quorum of City Councilors may be present.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

Dated: April 16, 2018 Lorena Rae Stottler City Clerk www.beloitwi.gov

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Police and Fire Commission Meeting Notice and Agenda Monday, April 23, 2018 @ 5:30 PM City Hall / Public Forum 100 State St, Beloit, Wisconsin

A meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. If you are unable to attend, please notify Marianne Marshall, HR Director at 364-6612.

AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Approval of the February 26, 2018 meeting minutes.
- 3. Approval of the March 12, 2018 special meeting minutes.
- 4. Public Comments
- 5. Reports
 - A. Police Department
 - B. Fire Department
- 6. Commissioner Comments
- 7. The Commission may adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee over whom the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, more specifically, to discuss one (1) Fire Lieutenant probationary progress report, hiring one (1) patrol officer and the permanent status of one (1) sergeant of patrol.
- 8. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action regarding the matter discussed in closed session
- 9. Adjourn

Mardell Jacobsen, President Police and Fire Commission

Dated: April 11, 2018 Marianne Marshall Human Resources Director www.beloitwi.gov

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

12:00 – 1:00 PM

City of Beloit Engineering Facility
2400 Springbrook Court

- 1. Appreciation Lunch Pizza Provided for Committee Members
- 2. Review of Chapter 7: Housing & Neighborhood Development
- 3. Public Comments and Open Discussion
- 4. Adjournment

Note: This meeting is open to the public. The Beloit City Council and Plan Commission have been invited to this meeting. Although a quorum of one or both bodies may be present, no formal action will be taken. Written comments may be mailed to the Planning Division at 100 State Street or emailed to planning@beloitwi.gov.

Notice Date: April 13, 2018

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

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA Community Development Authority April 25, 2018 at 4:30 pm The Forum Beloit City Hall 100 State Street

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Citizen Participation
- 3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 28, 2018
- 4. Community and Housing Services
 - a. The Community Development Authority will adjourn into closed session pursuant to §19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats., for the purpose of deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, in particular to discuss the potential sale of 310 Euclid Avenue and 349 Euclid Avenue (Downing)
 - b. The Community Development Authority may reconvene and take action on an item discussed in closed session
- 5. Adjournment

If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify Ann Purifoy in the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.

Notice Posted: April 20, 2018 Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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DOWNTOWN BELOIT ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

AGENDA

A meeting of the Downtown Beloit Association's Board of Directors will be held

Thursday, April 26, 2018 at 8:30 am

at Downtown Beloit Association, 25 Eclipse Center Beloit, WI 53511.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2018

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Review and Approval of March 22, 2018 Meeting Minutes
- 3. Review and Approval of March Financials
- 4. Discussion Regarding Financial Management Policies and Procedures
- 5. Updates
 - a. Promotions
 - i. Easter Eggstravaganza Recap
 - ii. Spring Wine Walk Recap
 - iii. Farmers' Market
 - iv. Fridays in the Park
 - b. Economic Vitality Update
 - i. Business/Property Owner Meeting
 - c. Design Update
 - i. Grants
- 6. Executive Director's Report
 - a. Farmers' Market Poster
 - b. 2018 Sponsorships
 - c. Downtown Beloit Gift Card Program
- 7. Adjourn

Attachments: Minutes Financials

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PUBLIC NOTICE BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

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Approved:
Teri Downing
Director of Community and Housing Services

Dated: April 19, 2018