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City of Beloit, Area Organizations Team Up for Summer Youth Program Registration Fair

May 4, 2018 - The City of Beloit is teaming up with Community Action and many other organizations to host a summer youth program registration fair on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Beloit Memorial High School's Barkin Arena.

Program registration will include options for children and teens ages 5-18. Parents and guardians will be able to register children in grades pre-K through 3 register for summer school and affordable wrap-around care that will take place at the school, as well as other programs throughout the community. A number of different youth program options, in addition to summer school, are available for grades 4-12. High school students can also participate in a mentorship program or potential start a summer job (age restrictions apply for summer jobs).

The event is designed to promote summer youth programming and ensure community organizations are not duplicating services. The community organizations are collaborating wherever possible and support partner programs.

“Our goal is to keep youth active all summer long,” said Marc Perry, planning and development director for Community Action. “We hope that connecting these children and teens with enriching activities and education will help them grow as individuals, as well as reduce their potential involvement in risky behaviors.”

The City of Beloit worked closely with Community Action as it developed and adopted a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA), which identified the need to create additional youth programming and facilitate coordination among local agencies.

“As a result of community listening sessions, we developed a plan to provide youth programming for many organizations at one central location to accommodate youth programs that accommodate working hours,” said Teri Downing, director of community & housing services. “We heard what our residents were saying during those meetings and began working on solutions. The summer youth program fair expands on that by providing an opportunity for parents and guardians to easily register for summer programs at one time.”

The NRSA is a plan that was developed to address various concerns of the Beloit community, including deteriorating properties, vacant and abandoned housing, increasing numbers of rental properties, poverty and unemployment, and violent crimes. The city has done significant work to address some of these concerns and continues to listen and act on resident concerns as the city implements objectives and solutions laid out in the plan. In addition to enhancing youth services and programs, recent accomplishments include housing rehabilitation and a decrease in violent crimes.

For additional information on the summer youth program registration fair, contact Marc Perry at mperry@community-action.org. For more details on the NRSA plan, contact Downing at 364-6650.

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