

# The Beloit Report

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### **CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **CITY MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES**

- Attended the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Advisory Council meeting.
- Held Department Head meeting and one on one appointments with direct reports.
- Participated in a Community Concierge recruitment lunch.
- Attended the GBEDC Executive Committee meeting.
- Met with representatives from Youth2Youth about social hosting and e-cigarettes.
- Participated in staff 2019 Budget Kickoff.
- Participated in the Rock County Evidence-Based Decision Making Policy Team.
- Held public information meeting at BMHS regarding the temporary closure of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The highly respected Public Policy Forum and Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance have merged and become the Wisconsin Policy Forum. On Monday, May 7, 2018, City Manager Lori Curtis Luther joined Tom Barrett, Mayor, City of Milwaukee; Erik Brooks, Mayor, City of South Milwaukee; and James Palenick, City Administrator, City of Racine for a panel discussion to review recent Wisconsin Policy Forum research that illustrates the severity of the financial pressures facing city governments in Wisconsin.

### DOWNTOWN BELOIT ASSOCIATION EARNS STATEWIDE RECOGNITION

The Downtown Beloit Association (DBA) was recently recognized for its outstanding downtown revitalization efforts at the 27th Wisconsin Main Street Awards ceremony in Ripon. Jewelry by Christopher took top honors in the Best Interior Renovation Project Under \$50,000; Hendricks Commercial Properties and the City of Beloit were given Honorable Mention for Best Public-Private Partnership for the new Walking Bridge; Volunteer of the Year was given to Kathy Hayden of State Farm Insurance; and Steve Eldred of First National Bank and Trust Co. was honored as Corporate Supporter at the event. Congratulations to all of the award winners! "I am so proud of DBA's 30th anniversary and their well-deserved awards. Beloit is incredibly fortunate to have such a strong and vibrant downtown!" said Lori Curtis Luther, Beloit City Manager. For more information, please see the attached press release.

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- Friday, May 11 and Saturday, May 12
- Friday, May 18 and Saturday, May 19
- Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26

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 attached press release.

### **SUMMER ACADEMY - FIRE OPS**

Fire Ops is an opportunity for youth ages 14 - 18 to explore the career opportunity of Fire Ops. The free hands on learning begins on May 19, 2018 with Emergency Medical and will be presented by the City of Beloit Fire Department and the Beloit Township Fire Department. Registration is open to the first 20 individuals. Please click here for more information: https:// hendrickscareertek.org/event/fire-ops-emergency-medical-2018/

### BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

National Police Week is nationally observed from Sunday, May 13 - Saturday, May 19, 2019. The Beloit Police Department will hold or participate in several events surrounding National Police Week.

- Thursday, May 10 Badge Pinning and Swearing In Ceremony
- Wednesday, May 16 Beloit Police Department Awards Ceremony
- Thursday, May 17 Rock County Law Enforcement Memorial
- Saturday, May 19 Public Safety service of Thanksgiving and Recognition

For more information, including event times and locations, please see the attached press release.

### 2018 MONTHLY CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE

In May, curbside collection of yard waste will take place from May 14 through 17 on your regular trash day.

- Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, garden debris, brush and shrubbery (no larger than 4 feet long and/or 4 inches in diameter).
- All brush and shrubbery must be bundled, tied or contained with a \$1.50 yard waste sticker placed on it.
- Stickers are sold 5 to a sheet for \$7.50 and are available at Walgreens, ACE Hardware, Public Works Operations Facility, City Hall Treasury, and Grinnell Hall.
- Use only paper yard waste bags, Back-to-Nature Biodegradable bags or clean trash containers 39 gallons or less.
- Plastic bags cannot be used for yard waste.
- Yard waste containers must weigh no more than 60 pounds.
- Yard waste must be clean and litter free.
- Place yard waste at least 3 feet away from your regular trash.

### PUBLIC WORKS AT THE FARMERS' MARKET

On **Saturday, May 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, members of the Public Works Department will be at the Farmers' Market in downtown Beloit. Staff and equipment from all five Public Works divisions will line up on East Grand Avenue, giving the public a chance to check out the trucks and equipment, chat with staff, and gather give-a-way items. We hope to see you there!

### RIVERSIDE PARK LAGOON OPENS FOR THE SEASON

Paddle boats, kayaks and tandem bicycles are now available to rent at the lagoon in Beloit's Riverside Park on weekends during the month of May. Concessions are also available for purchase, including ice cream, snacks and refreshments, in the lower level of the Harry C. Moore Pavilion.

The 2018 season hours are as follows:

- May: Saturdays and Sundays, 12 7 p.m.
- June August: Daily, 11 a.m. 8 p.m.
- September: Saturdays and Sundays, 12 7 p.m.

The lagoon will be open on Memorial Day and Independence Day. For more information, please call the Beloit Parks and Recreation Office at 608-364-2890.

### TERRACE TREE PLANTING REQUESTS

In recognition of Arbor Day, the City of Beloit Parks and Recreation division is currently accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this spring. The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the city forestry supervisor while taking into account the size of the terrace, presence of utilities and exotic invasive insects. Trees will be planted on a first-come, first-served basis, as a limited supply is available. The Parks and Recreation division will accept requests through Friday, May 11, 2018. To be placed on the list, please call the Parks and Recreation division at 608-364-2929.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR — MAY 14 - 18, 2018		
Monday, May 14	1:30 p.m.	<u>Traffic Review Committee</u> , City Manager's Conference Room (S. Blakeley)
Monday, May 14	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee, City Manager's Conference Room (K. Leavy and R. Dunkin)
Tuesday, May 15	Cancelled	<u>Landmarks Commission</u> , Forum
Wednesday, May 16	7:00 a.m.	Municipal Golf Committee, Krueger-Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse
Wednesday, May 16	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board, Beloit Public Library (C. Anderson)
Wednesday, May 16	5:00 p.m.	Police Awards Ceremony, Eclipse Center
Wednesday, May 16	5:00 p.m.	Equal Opportunities Commission Workshop, Beloit Public Library (S. Blakeley)
Thursday, May 17	6:00 p.m.	Rock County Law Enforcement Memorial, Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455

### **UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website: <a href="https://www.visitbeloit.com">www.visitbeloit.com</a>

Saturdays May - October	<b>Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market, 8:00 - 1:00 p.m.</b> 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.	<b>Downtown Beloit Art Walk</b> , 16th Annual Handmade Market with more than 30 artists and 25 venues. Live music & free trolley.
Wed., May 16 5:00 p.m.	<b>Beloit Police Department Awards Ceremony</b> , Eclipse Center, 3 Eclipse Blvd.
Thursday, May 17 6:00 p.m.	Rock County Law Enforcement Memorial, Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville
Sat., May 19 8:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Public Works at the Farmers' Market. Join us as we kick off Public Works Week and celebrate in beautiful downtown Beloit. Staff and equipment from all 5 Public Works Divisions will line up on East Grand Avenue. Rain Date will be at the Touch-a-Truck event on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at Riverside Park.



### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Downtown Beloit Association earns statewide recognition at Wisconsin Main Street Awards ceremony

Beloit, WI. May 01, 2018 – Downtown Beloit Association (DBA) was recognized for its outstanding downtown revitalization efforts at the 27th Wisconsin Main Street Awards ceremony on Friday, April 27, in Ripon.

Jewelry by Christopher took top honors in the Best Interior Renovation Project Under \$50,000, Hendricks Commercial Properties and the City of Beloit were given Honorable Mention for Best Public-Private Partnership for the new Walking Bridge, Volunteer of the Year was given to Kathy Hayden of State Farm Insurance and Steve Eldred of First National Bank and Trust Co. was honored as Corporate Supporter at the event, which was hosted by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC). The awards ceremony recognized the efforts by Wisconsin Main Street volunteers and staff for their historic preservation and downtown economic development efforts of communities in Wisconsin in 2017.

"WEDC congratulates the Downtown Beloit Association for its outstanding efforts to revitalize and improve downtown," said Mark R. Hogan, secretary and CEO of WEDC. "A vibrant downtown is critical to a community's overall economic development as well as the quality of life for its residents, and we commend Downtown Beloit Association for being among the best in the state when it comes to strengthening its downtown."

"I am so proud of DBA's 30th anniversary and their well-deserved awards. Beloit is incredibly fortunate to have such a strong and vibrant downtown!" said Lori Curtis Luther, City Manager for the City of Beloit.

Wisconsin Main Street is a community development program administered by WEDC that targets Wisconsin's historic commercial districts. WEDC provides technical support and training to the 33 Main Street communities to help them revitalize their business districts based on guidelines developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Since the program's inception in 1987, Wisconsin Main Street community projects have resulted in the creation of more than 2,600 new businesses and more than 14,000 net new jobs. In addition, more than \$1.7 billion in public and private investment has occurred in Wisconsin Main Street communities.

Downtown Beloit Association has been part of the Wisconsin Main Street Program since 1988.

For a complete list of all the 2018 Main Street award winners, visit wedc.org.

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### MEDIA RELEASE 18-012

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

May 10, 2018 - Officers from the Beloit Police Department will be participating in the Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force throughout the month of May.

The enforcement deployments are:

- Friday, May 11, and Saturday, May 12
- Friday, May 18, and Saturday, May 19
- Friday, May 25, and Saturday, May 26

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.

"Our goal is send the message that driving under the influence puts the lives and safety of others at risk," said Sgt. Christian Dalton. "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 <u>Drive Sober mobile app</u> 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 <a href="www.tlw.org/">www.tlw.org/</a> 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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### Beloit Police Department To Celebrate National Police Week

May 3, 2018 - The City of Beloit Police Department invites you to honor the hard work and sacrifices made by the men and women of the Beloit Police Department during National Police Week, which is Sunday, May 13, through Saturday, May 19.

National Police Week honors America's law enforcement community, including by paying special recognition to law enforcement officers who have lost their life in the line of duty.

"The men and women of the Beloit Police Department aren't in this career for recognition or accolades. They are here because they are passionate about serving the public through progressive community policing," said Police Chief David B. Zibolski. "Our community is strengthened by the ongoing support of our guardians. We are seeing positive changes, and we are committed to working with Beloit residents to eliminate the commission of violent crimes in our community."

The Beloit Police Department is holding or participating in the following events surrounding National Police Week:

- Badge Pinning & Swear-in Ceremony: Patrol officers Jacob Mielke and Elijah Trulley will receive their badges during a ceremony at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 10, at the City of Beloit Public Forum, 100 State St.
- Beloit Police Department Awards Ceremony: We are holding an awards ceremony at 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 16, at the Eclipse Center, 3 Eclipse Blvd. Awards and recognition will be given to residents, administrative staff, and officers.
- Rock County Law Enforcement Memorial: Law enforcement agencies will come together to honor those who lost their life in the line of duty during this memorial at 6 p.m. Thursday, May 17, at the Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI. The City of Beloit will memorialize its two fallen officers: Fredrick T. Samp and Peter A. Larsen.
- **Public Safety Service:** A public safety service being held by First Congregational Church and United Church of Beloit will honor police, firefighters, paramedics, and their families. The service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at First Congregational Church, 801 Bushnell St.

The Beloit Police Department will be sharing more information about the awards and pictures from the community events on social media. Follow along on Facebook at <a href="https://www.facebook.com/BeloitPolice1">https://www.facebook.com/BeloitPolice1</a> or on Twitter at @BeloitPolice1.

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### **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

# SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE May 14, 2018 @ 1:30 P.M. City Manager's Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall Beloit, WI 53511

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call.
- 2. Approval of the minutes from the February 26, 2018 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
- 3. Public Participation
- 4. Update on Freeman Parkway No-Parking zones.
- 5. Discussion on how to handle parking in front of clustered mail box locations.
- 6. Ordinance to establish a loading zone in on Public adjacent to 419 Pleasant Street.
- 7. Ordinances related to the temporary closure of 4<sup>th</sup> Street between Middle Street and North Street (No-Parking and turn movements).
- 8. Committee Member participation.
- 9. Next meeting is scheduled for June 25, 2018.
- 10. Adjournment
- \*\* 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 City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.



## APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE NOTICE AND AGENDA REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 14, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. City Manager's Conference Room 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall

- 1. Roll Call
- 2. Minutes Regular meeting April 9, 2018
- 3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (May and June, 2018)
- Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

### **Board of Appeals**

1 resident (W. Zick) - regular term to expire May 31, 2021

### Landmarks Commission

1 resident (East Side Representative) - regular term to expire October 31, 2019

### Plan Commission

1 resident (C. Haynes) - regular term to expire April 30, 2021

1 resident (J. Ruster) - regular term to expire April 30, 2021

1 resident (D. Tinder) - regular term to expire April 30, 2021

### Police and Fire Commission

1 resident (A. Kelly) - regular term to expire April 30, 2023

- 5. Member Participation
- 6. Citizen Participation
- 7. Adjournment

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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Landmarks Commission Members

**FROM:** Drew Pennington, AICP, Director of Planning & Building Services

**DATE:** May 10, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Landmarks Commission Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled <u>May 15, 2018</u> meeting of the Landmarks Commission has been cancelled. The next Landmarks Commission meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6700 or <u>penningtond@beloitwi.gov</u> if you have any questions or require more information.

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cc: City Clerk's Office City Manager's Office

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### MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 7:00a.m. 1611 Hackett St. Beloit, WI 53511 608-362-6503 Clubhouse

### **AGENDA**

- 1. Approve minutes from the previous Meeting.
- 2. Citizen participation
- 3. Club Reports
  - Men's League
  - Women's League
  - Senior League
- 4. Manager of Golf Operations Report
  - Financial Report
  - Marketing
  - Special Projects
- 5. Director's Report
- 6. Concessionaire Report
- 7. Comments by Committee Members

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For additional information to request this service, please contact the Parks Division at 364-2929, 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI, 53511



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### PUBLIC NOTICE BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

### **WORKSHOP**

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) will hold a workshop on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 5:00PM at the Beloit Public Library in the north half of the main meeting room to discuss the items listed below. A quorum of EOC Members may be present.

- The Annual Strategy and Action Plan to address impediments to fair housing
- Objective 8 in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Plan: Improve Race Relations in the Community
- Discussion of Subcommittees

Approved:
Teri Downing
Director of Community and Housing Services

Dated: April 27, 2018