

The Beloit Report

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

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CITY MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES

- Held Department Head meeting and one-on-one meetings with direct reports.
- Met with Dr. Childs, School District of Beloit Interim Superintendent.
- "MSNBC Your Business" with JJ Ramberg was in Beloit this past week to film a "Small Business Saturday" segment. I was pleased to be interviewed and promote all that Beloit has to offer. The feature on Beloit will be part of a larger segment about Bushel & Peck's Local Market that will air on MSNBC at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, November 18th.
- Attended the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Fourth Annual Taste of the Chamber event.
- We add our hearty congratulations to Major General Marcia Anderson (U.S. Army, ret.) who has been named by Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer to serve as Ship Sponsor of the USS Beloit. A Beloit native, Major General Anderson retired from Army Reserve in 2016 after a 36 year career, where she served in multiple command and leadership positions, including as Deputy Chief, Army Reserve where she oversaw an \$8 billion budget and more than 220,000 soldiers and civilians. General Anderson currently serves as Clerk of United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Wisconsin. It is a great honor to be named as the Sponsor of a United States Navy Ship, and Major General Anderson will participate in ceremonial milestones throughout the life of the ship. (See attached.)

LANE CLOSING ON EAST GRAND AVENUE FOR SEWER REPAIR - WEEK OF OCTOBER 29

Utility crews will be repairing a sanitary sewer line on East Grand Avenue near Pleasant Street starting the week of October 29th. During this time, the westbound right turn lane will be closed for up to two weeks to allow the concrete to harden, weather permitting. One lane of traffic will be open in each direction during the project.

PORTION OF PARK AVENUE TO CLOSE FOR UTILITY WORK

A portion of Park Avenue will close late next week so Fairbanks Morse can upgrade electrical service. The following closures are planned:

Friday, November 2: The outside northbound lane on Park Avenue will be closed between Alice Avenue and Harvey Street during the daylight hours. The inside northbound lane will remain open during this time. The sidewalk on the east side of Park Avenue will be closed as well. The road and the sidewalk will re-open once the work is completed on Friday.

Sunday, November 4: All of Park Avenue will be closed between Alice Avenue and Harvey Street during the daylight. All through vehicles should plan on by passing Park Avenue and travel on Riverside Drive. All local traffic can still travel on Park Avenue but will be detoured east to Wisconsin Avenue in the work area. Traffic signage will be provided to guide drivers through the area. Pedestrians on Park Avenue will need to follow the detour route as well. Park Avenue will be reopened on Sunday after the completion of work.

The project requires a new 80-foot-tall electrical pole to be installed at the railroad tracks near the Fairbanks Morse building. The equipment to deliver, unload, and install the pole is large, and will require space clear of people and cars to operate safely.

CITY TO HOLD CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTION IN NOVEMBER

The City of Beloit's Public Works Department is holding its free fall yard waste collection from November 5 - 15 and November 26 - 29 this year.

If a resident prefers to not place leaves into bags or trash containers for the free collection, the resident can subscribe to the paid leaf vacuuming services. The City will vacuum the leaves on a scheduled basis this fall for a one-time fee of \$100.

For more information on each of these programs, please see the attached press release.

TRICK OR TREAT HOURS SET IN CITY OF BELOIT

The official Halloween trick-or-treating hours in the City of Beloit have been set from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31, 2018.

Halloween Safety Reminders from the Beloit Police Department are as follows:

- Wear light colored clothing, short enough to prevent tripping, and add reflectors.
- Give children flashlights and glow sticks to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- 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.
- Stay within the neighborhood and only visit homes where you know the residents.
- Walk on the sidewalk. Children should not take shortcuts through backyards or alleys.
- Only give or accept wrapped or packaged candy and treats. Examine candy before allowing children to eat it.
- Watch for traffic. Cross only at corners and never dart out between parked cars.
- Drive slowly, yield to young pedestrians, and watch out for trick or treaters darting into the street.

IN- PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING RUNS THROUGH FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2

In-person absentee voting for the November election is available in the Beloit City Clerk-Treasurer's office at City Hall, 100 State Street. In-person absentee voting will be available until 5 p.m. Friday, November 2, 2018. The election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018.

The City of Beloit Clerk-Treasurer's office is also accepting absentee ballot requests in writing to receive ballots via the mail. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail or in person. The deadline for requesting to receive an absentee ballot by mail is 5 p.m. Nov. 1, 2018. Note that any ballots received after the polls close on Election Day will not be counted.

If you are unsure of your polling place and/or your voter registration status, or if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk-Treasurer's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at StottlerL@beloitwi.gov.

Finally, the Wisconsin Election Commission has a Voter Information Center webpage that you might find helpful: https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/. This site includes information about voter registration, Voter ID implementation, what's on your ballot, finding your polling place and requesting an absentee ballot. All polling places in the City of Beloit are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

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CITY MEETING CALENDAR — OCTOBER 29 - NOVEMBER 2, 2018

Monday, Oct. 29 10:00 a.m. <u>Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee Meeting, Stateline Area Transportation</u>

Study, Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse (N. Forbeck)

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

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.
October 27	10:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Halloween Parade and Party . Meet at Horace White Park at 9:45 a.m. Bring the kids in their favorite costume for a parade and trick=or-treating with businesses and Farmers' Market vendors. See attached for more information.
October 27	7:00 - 11:00 p.m.	The Reel Deal 2018 - Beloit International Film Festival and Beloit Public Library fundraiser at Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse. Gaming tables, silent auction, cash bar, heavy appetizers and music by Eddie B. Jazz Orchestra. \$40 for singles, \$75 for couples. For ticket information, call 773-818-5010 or e-mail ana@beloitfilmfest.org .
October 31	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Trick-or-Treat hours in the City of Beloit

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Beloit native to be 'sponsor' of USS Beloit

Gazette staff 10 hrs ago

WASHINGTON

A Beloit native has been named the U.S. Navy's sponsor for a new warship whose diesel engines are built in Beloit

U.S. Sen. Tammy Baldwin announced Wednesday that the secretary of the Navy has named Marcia Anderson, a retired U.S. Army major general, to the non-paid, ceremonial post of sponsor to the soon-to-be-built USS Beloit.

Anderson was the first black woman to be promoted to Army major general in 2011.

A ship's sponsor participates in milestones in the life of her ship, including the laying of the keel, launch and commissioning, according to information provided by Baldwin's office.

The sponsor maintains a lifelong relationship with the ship and crew, maintaining contact by exchanging emails or holiday greetings and participating in sail-aways and homecoming events.

Anderson retired from Army Reserve in 2016 after a 36-year career. An attorney by training, she has worked for United States courts for more than 25 years. She currently is clerk of United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Wisconsin.

The ship will be built at Fincantieri Marinette Marine shipyard in Marinette. Its diesel engines will come from Fairbanks Morse in Beloit.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact: Tim Drager, Solid Waste & Safety Supervisor (608) 364-2929

City to Hold Curbside Yard Waste Collection in November

Oct. 24, 2018 - City of Beloit's Public Works Department is holding its free fall yard waste collection from Nov. 5-15 and Nov. 26-29 this year.

The free collection is limited to contained leaves, grass clippings and garden debris. All yard waste must be free of litter and placed in paper yard waste bags, Back to Nature Biodegradable bags or clean trash containers. The containers or bags of yard waste should be placed 3 feet away from residents' trash cans on their regularly scheduled trash collection day.

"Please keep all leaves and grass clippings away from the street to keep them from going into storm drains, which can lead to clogged drains and harmful debris going into our waterways," said Tim Drager, Solid Waste and Safety Supervisor for the Operations Division. "When you are out raking or using a leaf blower, make sure you're directing the leaves away from the street."

If a resident prefers to not place leaves into bags or trash containers for the free collection, the resident can subscribe to the paid leaf vacuuming service. Leaves must be placed so that the back of the pile is no farther than 8 feet away from the street. The city will vacuum the leaves on a scheduled basis several times this fall for a one-time fee of \$100. The vacuum service programs runs Nov. 5-16 and Nov. 26-30 this year. The City of Beloit is not responsible for the timeliness in which leaves fall from the trees or weather-related cancellation of the leaf vacuum program. No refunds will be issued on this program; no spring service will be offered.

Contact the Operations Division at (608) 364-2929 with any questions. Registration forms are available online at https://beloitsolidwaste.com/leaf-vacuum-service/.

The city will also pick up brush and shrubbery during this time period on the regularly scheduled trash day. All brush or shrubbery must be bundled or tied with a \$1.50 sticker attached to it. The bundles should be no larger than 4 feet long and/or 4 inches in diameter. Stickers may be purchased at City of Beloit Treasury Department, City of Beloit Department of Public Works Operations and Parks Facility, Grinnell Hall, Ace Hardware and Walgreens.

If residents are looking for other yard waste disposal options, they can take the yard waste to Complete Compost LLC, 1105 E LT Townline Road, Janesville, WI 53546. Complete Compost is open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays. Fees do apply. Contact Complete Compost at (262) 725-2500 for more information.

For more information about yard waste collection, call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations Facility at (608) 364-2929 or visit https://beloitsolidwaste.com/yard-waste/.

MEETING AGENDA

Joint Policy & Technical Advisory Committee Meetings Stateline Area Transportation Study Monday October 29, 2018 at 10:00 A.M Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, Wisconsin

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Citizen Participation
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of the May 21, 2018 Joint Policy Board and Technical Advisory Committee Meetings
- 4. Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Administrative Modification(s)
- 5. Resolution 2018-7, Adoption of Highway Safety Improvement Program 2019 Performance Measure Targets PM1 (Wisconsin)
- 6. Resolution 2018-8, Adoption of Highway Safety Improvement Program 2019 Performance Measure Targets PM1 (Illinois)
- 7. Resolution 2018-9, Adoption of NHS Pavement Condition and Bridge Condition 2-year and 4-year (2019 and 2021) Performance Measure Targets PM2 (Wisconsin)
- 8. Resolution 2018-10, Adoption of NHS Pavement Condition and Bridge Condition 2-year and 4-year (2020 and 2022) Performance Measure Targets PM2 (Illinois)
- 9. Resolution 2018-11, Adoption of Travel Reliability and Freight Reliability 2-year and 4-year (2019 and 2021)
 Performance Measure Targets –PM 3 (Wisconsin)
- 10. *Resolution 2018-12,* Adoption of Travel Reliability and Freight Reliability 2-year and 4-year (2020 and 2022) Performance Measure Targets PM3 (Illinois)
- 11. Resolution 2018-13, Adoption of Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM Plan) 2019 Performance Measure Targets (Wisconsin)
- 12. Resolution 2018-14, Adoption of Transit Asset Management Plan (TAM Plan) 2019 Performance Measure Targets (Illinois)
- 13. Resolution 2018-15, Approval of the SLATS 2019-2022 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)
- 14. Resolution 2018-16, Approval of the SLATS 2019 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)
- 15. Discussion of SLATS Bylaws
- 16. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Agency Reports
- 17. Scheduling of Future Meetings of the Policy Board and Technical Committees
- 18. Adjournment

TAC VOTING MEMBERS

- The City of Beloit Public Works Department
- The City of Beloit Engineering Division
- The City of Beloit Community Development Department
- The Winnebago County Planning Department
- The Winnebago County Highway Department
- The Rock County Planning Department
- The Rock County Highway Department
- The Town of Beloit
- The Town of Turtle
- The Village of Rockton
- The City of South Beloit
- The Beloit Transit System (BTS)
- The Stateline Mass Transit District (SMTD)
- Southwest Region Designated Representative Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)
- District 2 Designated Representative Illinois

TAC NON-VOTING MEMBERS

- The Federal Highway Administration, Wisconsin Representative
- The Federal Highway Administration, Illinois Representative
- FTA Region 5 Chicago Representative
- Bureau of Urban Program Planning Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT)
- Central Planning Office for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT)
- Janesville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (JAMPO)
- Rockford Metropolitan Agency for Planning (RMAP)
- Village of Roscoe
- Roscoe Township
- Town of Rock

This meeting is accessible to disabled individuals. Persons planning to attend this meeting who will need a sign language interpreter or other similar accommodations should notify, the SLATS office at 608-364-6690, or email neet@beloitwi.gov at least five days prior to the meeting so that reasonable accommodation can be made. Please make sure you get a positive response from someone to ensure the request was received. Para más información o si usted está interesado en participar en el planeamiento del proceso de transporte en su comunidad y si usted necesita asistencia con el idioma, por favor comuníquese al teléfono 608-364-6690.



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

Zack Percell of TNZ Magic & Balloon fun at 10:45!

Free pumpkins from Brad & Cindi Paulson! (while supplies last)

Spooky Stories at Turtle Creek Bookstore 11-1 pm!

family-friendly fee

Face painting with Pickles the Clown!

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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