

# 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**

- Met with various direct reports for departmental updates
- Met with City Councilor Beth Jacobsen
- Attended the CVMIC Annual Work Plan Meeting
- Along with Vice-President Regina Dunkin, attended the Latino Service Providers
   Coalition Awards Luncheon. The City was honored to receive an award for our
   contributions and commitment to LSPC and our commitment to improving the lives of
   families in the Latino community. We appreciate this recognition for the work that the City
   does throughout the community. Congratulations to the other award recipients: Beloit
   Area Community Health Center and MMG Law.
- Met with representatives from Beloit College to collaborate on City/Beloit College projects
- Met with Jennifer Kodl regarding Friends of RiverFront

#### **BELOIT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - FEBRUARY 22 TO MARCH 3**

The Beloit International Film Festival (BIFF) is launching their fourteenth season, presenting ten days of outstanding independent films. BIFF brings excitement, glamour, films, music and people from across the United States and abroad. We hope you'll enjoy some of the entertainment they offer and welcome some of the filmmakers.

#### **DOG SLED DEMO - CANCELLED**

Sadly, the weather is not cooperating for the Sled Dog Demo scheduled for February 23rd, and the event has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule for next winter.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 24 CFR 570.507(a)(1) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations, the City of Beloit's Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) is being made available for review and comment. This report outlines how the 2018 Community Development Block Grant funds were expended and describes the activities that were undertaken in the City of Beloit that met the housing, homeless and community development needs of City residents. Interested parties may review the CAPER in the Community Development Department, Third Floor of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, from February 28 through March 28, 2019. A copy of the CAPER will also be available at the Public Library and on the City's website at www.beloitwi.gov under City Departments - Community Development – CDBG Forms and Reports. A public hearing on the 2018 CAPER will be held on March 27, 2019 during the regularly scheduled Community Development Authority (CDA) meeting in The Forum of City Hall at 4:30PM.

For further information or to submit comments, contact Teri Downing in the Community Development Department at (608)364-6650 or by email at Downingt@beloitwi.gov.

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Officers from the Beloit Police Department will participate in the Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force on the following dates in February and March:

- Friday and Saturday, February 22 and 23
- Friday and Saturday, March 8 and 9
- Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30

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

For more information, please see the attached media release.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Beloit is in the process of preparing its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Three steering committee meetings will be held to give the public and other interested parties an opportunity to give input on community development, special needs, housing, and homeless needs in the city.

- Housing and Homelessness Steering Committee Meeting Completed Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. (Beloit City Hall Forum)
- 2) Non-Homeless Special Needs Steering Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. (Beloit City Hall Forum)

#### 3) Non-Homeless Community Development Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:30 a.m. (Beloit City Hall Forum)
Members of the Beloit City Council, Community Development Authority (CDA), and Equal Opportunities Commission
(EOC) are invited to attend these CDBG Consolidated Plan Steering Committee meetings. A quorum of City Councilors,
CDA members, and EOC members may be present. No formal action will be taken by the boards during these
meetings.

For further information or to submit comments, contact Teri Downing in the Community Development Department at 608-364-6650 or by email at downingt@belotiwi.gov. Public Notice available here.

#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Planning for the Beloit Dirty Dash is underway, and we're looking for volunteers to help! The date is August 24, 2019 and the venue is Big Hill Park. Please contact Paula Schutt at <a href="mailto:schuttp@beloitwi.gov">schuttp@beloitwi.gov</a> or 608-364-2890 to volunteer or for more information on how you can help.

### CITY MEETING CALENDAR — FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 1, 2019

Monday, February 25	Cancelled	<u>Traffic Review Committee</u> (S. Blakeley)
Monday, February 25	5:30 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission, Forum
Tuesday, February 26	7:30 a.m.	<u>Housing and Homelessness Steering Committee Meeting</u> , Forum (All City Councilors, Community Development Authority and Equal Opportunities Commission members have been invited to attend)
Wednesday, Feb. 27	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority, Forum (K. Leavy and N. Forbeck)
Thursday, Feb. 28	8:30 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association (B. Jacobsen)

### **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: <a href="https://www.visitbeloit.com">www.visitbeloit.com</a>

February 22 - M	arch 3	<b>Beloit International Film Festival</b> . For more information: <a href="https://beloitfilmfest.org/">https://beloitfilmfest.org/</a> Volunteers needed! See the website for more information on volunteering. All volunteer Ambassadors receive free entrance to four films (non-transferable) as a thank you for volunteering.
April 13	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.	<b>Spring Wine Walk</b> , Downtown Beloit. Sip, walk and shop your way through historic downtown Beloit. Taste a variety of wines at 17 venues! This event has traditionally been a sell-out, so make sure to get your tickets early. See <a href="https://example.com/attached/">attached</a> for more information.



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#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### MEDIA RELEASE 19-002

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

Feb. 14, 2019 - Officers from the Beloit Police Department will be participating in the Rock County Impaired Driving Enforcement Task Force on the following dates during February and March:

- Friday, Feb. 15
- Saturday, Feb. 16
- Friday, Feb. 22
- Saturday, Feb. 23

- Friday, March 8
- Saturday, March 9
- Friday, March 29
- Saturday, March 30

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 <u>www.tlw.org/</u> 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, Orfordville 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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#### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The City of Beloit is in the process of preparing its 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for submission to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This plan is a five year strategic plan that specifies how the City plans to address community needs through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Three steering committee meetings will be held to give the public and other interested parties an opportunity to give input on community development, special needs, housing, and homeless needs in the city.

- **1.** Housing and Homelessness Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:30AM
- **2.** Non-Homeless Special Needs Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 7:30AM
- **3.** Non-Homeless Community Development Steering Committee Meeting: Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 7:30AM

#### **Location of all three meetings:**

The Forum, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor City Hall 100 State Street Beloit, WI 53511

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For further information or to submit comments, contact Teri Downing in the Community Development Department at (608)364-6650 or by email at <a href="mailto:downingt@beloitwi.gov">downingt@beloitwi.gov</a>.

#### Approved:

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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:

November 19, 2019

RE:

Meeting Cancellation

The upcoming Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on March 25, 2019.

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

Jason Dupuis, P.È.

Transportation Engineer

City of Beloit



# PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION City Hall Forum - 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511 5:30 PM Monday, February 25, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. MINUTES
  - 2.a. Approval of the January 28, 2019 meeting minutes

    Attachment
- PUBLIC COMMENTS
- REPORTS
  - 4.a. Fire Department Report
    - i. Update on Fire Department Recruitment and Selection Policy Attachment
  - 4.b. Police Department Report
    - i. Update on Police Department Recruitment and Selection Policy Attachment
- 5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS
- 6. CLOSED SESSION

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 the following matters. The Commission will reconvene into Open Session for possible action regarding the matters discussed in closed session.

- 6.a. Fire Department Update on Probationary Employees (No formal commission action to be taken)
  - i. 10 Firefighter Probationary Updates
  - ii. 3 Relief Motor Pump Operator Updates
  - iii. 3 Acting Lieutenant Probationary Updates
- 6.b. Fire Department Completion of probation for the following positions:
  - i. 1 Motor Pump Operator
  - ii. 2 Firefighters

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 to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.				
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7. ADJOURNMENT



# PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY City Hall Forum - 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511 4:30 PM Wednesday, February 27, 2019

- CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3. MINUTES
  - 3.a. Consideration of the minutes for the regular meeting held on January 23, 2019

    Attachment
- BELOIT HOUSING AUTHORITY
  - 4.a. Presentation of the December 2018 and January 2019 Activity Reports (Cole)

    Attachment
  - 4.b. Presentation of the November 2018 Financial Report (Cole)
    Attachment
  - 4.c. Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution 2019-03 Approving the Beloit Housing Authority's 2018 Capital Fund Program Grant Budget Revision (Cole)

    Attachment
  - 4.d. Consideration of Resolution 2019-04, Approving the Agreement between the City of Beloit and the Community Development Authority (Christensen)
     Attachment
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# SATURDAY APRIL 13 2:00-5:00 PM

Sip, walk, and shop your way through historic downtown Beloit!

Taste a variety of wines at 17 venues!

Check in at Hendricks Center for the Arts. (409 Pleasant St.)

### Map and wine descriptions available at check-in.

Always & Forever Formal Wear Beloit Art Center Chic & Unique Clothing & Furniture Boutique Escape Quest Flying Pig Gallery ABBA Jewelry by Christopher Nine Bells & Cat Tails Northwoods Premium Confections Pizzazz Gift Boutique Rindfleisch Flowers Stanton Shoes Stateline Mental Health Services Tin Dog Records Turtle Creek Books, The Beloit College Bookstore The Villager Gallery & Frame Shop Walnut Creek Apparel & Gifts



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