



The Beloit Report

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

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES

- Provided testimony to the Wisconsin Senate Committee on Local Government, Small Business, Tourism, and Workforce Development regarding Senate Bill 92 relating to authorizing limited residency requirements for a city or village operating under the City Manager plan
- Held one-on-one meetings with various direct reports
- Met with staff regarding CIP Project Requests
- Met with City Council President Regina Dunkin
- On Saturday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m., a ribbon cutting will take place at the Portland Avenue Bridge as it is designated the Honorary Walter R. Knight Bridge. I look forward to participating in the ceremony. The public is invited to join us!

WALTER R. KNIGHT BRIDGE UNVEILING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 22, 2019

In November, 2018 the Beloit City Council passed a resolution designating the Portland Avenue Bridge as the Honorary Walter R. Knight Bridge. A ribbon cutting celebrating the unveiling of a monument and the honorary naming will take place on **Saturday, June 22 at 11:00 a.m.** as part of the Juneteenth celebration. Please see [attached](#) media release for more information.

TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT

The Parks & Recreation Division announces the 2019 Touch a Truck event on **Thursday, June 27, 2019** from 11:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Riverside Park Rotary Center Parking Lot, 1160 Riverside Drive. New this year - FREE shuttle when you park in the Eclipse Center parking lot, courtesy of City of Beloit Transit. (No parking allowed on event site this year.) Bring the whole family, all ages are welcome. See [attached](#) for more information.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

For the past 27 years, our community has celebrated the 4th of July at Riverside Park with a beautiful concert performed by the Beloit-Janesville Symphony Orchestra and fireworks. This year, a committee led by former City Councilor David Luebke, has been working to host a "Welcome Home" ceremony to recognize Vietnam Era veterans and Vietnam Era Gold Star families during the concert on July 4th. Registration is not required for the event, but is appreciated so that organizers can plan ahead and acquire medallions for each participant. The medallions were made with help from donations by the Stateline Community Foundation and Visit Beloit. The registration form is available on the Beloit Daily News website (click [here](#)) and also [attached](#) here.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR – JUNE 24 - 28, 2019

Monday, June 24	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee (S. Blakeley)
Monday, June 24	5:30 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum
Wed., June 26	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (N. Forbeck and K. Leavy)
Thursday, June 27	8:30 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association Board , Strong Building, 4th Floor (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: www.visitbeloit.com

May 4 - October 26	8 am - 1 pm	Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market , State Street, Grand Avenue and Mill Street Parking Lot. Produce, eggs, cheese, honey, live music and more! SNAP Benefits accepted.
Thursday, June 27	5:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Community welcome for School Superintendent Dr. Munro , Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside Drive, Beloit (Sponsored by the School District of Beloit)
Wed., July 3	6:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Coin Carnival and Outdoor Movie , Riverside Park, Jones Pavilion, Beloit. Games, coin carnival, trinket prizes, ice cream and soda available for purchase. Free family movie on the big screen (Bernie the Dolphin). Bring your lawn chairs and blankets. Coin carnival games are .25 cents or unlimited play wrist band just \$5.00. Fun for the entire family!
Thursday, July 4	8:30 a.m.	4th of July Pickleball Tournament , Wootton Courts, 1451 4th Street. For more information, see attached .

CITY MANAGER

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
Laura Pigatti Williamson, Public Works Director
608-364-6693 or williamsonl@beloitwi.gov

Walter R. Knight Bridge Unveiling Scheduled for June 22

June 14, 2019 - The Portland Avenue bridge over the Rock River will soon bear the name “Walter R. Knight” as a way to honor a well-respected resident who has contributed greatly to the Beloit community.

The monument unveiling and ribbon cutting event at the Portland Avenue bridge is planned for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 22, as part of the Juneteenth celebration.

The Beloit City Council approved the honorary naming of the bridge in November.

Knight moved to Beloit when he was 18 years old to work for Fairbanks Morse, where he held the roles of community relations representative, machinist, and president of the United Steelworkers of America-Local 1533. After a 25-year career with Fairbanks Morse, Knight served as the executive director of the Rock County Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC) for over 30 years; the organization provided job training, education and job placement services for the community.

As a civic leader, Knight served on the Beloit City Council from 1972-1986, including serving two terms as president. He also served as secretary and chairman of the Police and Fire Commission and on a variety of ad-hoc committees.

Knight also served as chairman of the Governor’s Committee on Minority Business Development, president of the Beloit Breakfast Optimist Club International, and on the National Human Resources Committee - National League of Cities-Washington, D.C. in addition to serving the community in many other various religious, civic, cultural, and educational aspects of our community.

Knight’s commitment to being a leader in our community has caused many to respect him for his integrity, civility, and respect for diversity.

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2019 Touch A Truck!

Thursday, June 27, 2019

11:00 am-2:00 pm at Riverside Park

Rotary Center Parking Lot

1160 Riverside Drive, Beloit WI

FREE

NEW THIS YEAR! FREE SHUTTLE!

When you park in the Eclipse Center parking lot
Courtesy of City of Beloit Transit

(No parking allowed on event site this year)

PARTNERS

City of Beloit Fire

City of Beloit Public Works

Rock County

Frito Lay

City of Beloit Police

Dewey's Towing

Visit Beloit

- All Ages Welcome
- Talk with Operators
- Hands On Large Trucks
- Youth Groups Welcome
- **Register for the Dirty Dash at this event. Last chance for June rates.**



This event is organized by
The City of Beloit
Parks & Recreation Division
608-364-2890



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Vietnam Welcome Home

Organizers hope Vietnam Era veterans and any Vietnam Era Gold Star families will attend a community "Welcome Home" ceremony, in order to receive the gratitude and honor so richly deserved. While registration is not required for the event, it is appreciated so that organizers can plan and acquire the correct number of medallions (pictured below). The ceremony will take place at the community's July 4 celebration at Riverside Park.

Name: _____

Branch of service: _____

Years of service: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zipcode:** _____



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**CANCELLED
PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA
TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE
Cancelled-No Business
1:30 PM
Monday, June 24, 2019**

MEETING CANCELLATION

The regular meeting of the Traffic Review Commission scheduled for June 24, 2019 at 1:30 pm has been cancelled due to lack of business items. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 22, 2019 . A separate public notice and agenda will be issued for that meeting.

** 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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**PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA
POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION
City Hall Forum - 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
5:30 PM
Monday, June 24, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. MINUTES
 - 2.a. Approval of the May 28, 2019 special meeting minutes
3. PUBLIC COMMENTS
4. REPORTS
 - 4.a. Fire Department Report
 - 4.b. Police Department Report
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. Police Department - Completion of probation for the following positions:
 - i. 1 - Sergeant of Patrol
 - ii. 3 - Patrol Officers
 - 6.b. Police Department - Hiring of one probationary patrol officer
7. ADJOURNMENT

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**PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
City Hall Forum - 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
4:30 PM
Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. MINUTES
 - 3.a. Consideration of the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 22, 2019
[Attachment](#)
4. BELOIT HOUSING AUTHORITY
 - 4.a. Presentation of the May Activity Report (Cole)
[Attachment](#)
 - 4.b. Presentation of the April Financial Report (Cole)
[Attachment](#)
5. COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES
 - 5.a. Consideration of Resolution 2019-15, Recommending 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Local Funding Priorities (Downing)
[Attachment](#)
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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, June 27, 2019 at 8:30 am

at Historic Strong Building Conference Room,
400 E. Grand Avenue, 4th Floor, Suite 420
Beloit, WI 53511.

THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Review and Approval of May 23, 2019 Meeting Minutes**
3. **Review and Approval of Financials**
4. **Review and Approval of DBA Financial Review**
5. **Updates**
 - a. **Promotions**
 - i. **Farmers Market**
 - ii. **Fridays in the Park**
 - iii. **Celebrate Weekend**
 - b. **Economic Vitality**
 - i. **Business/Property Owner Meeting**
 - ii. **Business Updates**
 - c. **Design**
 - i. **Grants**
6. **Executive Director's Report**
7. **Adjourn**

Attachments:

Minutes

Financials

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PARKS & REC 4TH OF JULY PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT



Join us for our Annual 4th of July Pickleball Tournament at Wootton Courts (1451 4th St.). Check in time is at 8:30 am with play beginning at 9:00 am. Tournament consists of Adult Doubles Round Robin; play to 11/win by 1 point. Play with a different partner each game to keep it interesting! Please mark your level of play when you register.

Cost for the tournament is \$20 and includes lunch and medals for 1-3 place. This is a “for fun” (unsanctioned) tournament.

Registration Options:

Register via mail or in person (7 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday) at 2351 Springbrook Ct. or at EventBrite.com with credit card (there is an extra fee). Register by June 27th to guarantee your spot. Please include your email for communication purposes such as weather delay/cancellation. For further information, please call 608-364-2890 or email hickokt@beloitwi.gov.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

CIRCLE LEVEL OF PLAY: 2 3 3.5 4 4.5+

FIREHOUSE SUBS ROOKIE BOX LUNCH (includes chips and pickle)

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE: TURKEY ROAST-BEEF HAM VEGGIE

CIRCLE TYPE OF BREAD: WHITE BREAD WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

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