

# The Beloit Report

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A weekly publication from the Office of the City Manager

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# CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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

- Met with Council President Regina Dunkin •
- Met with Councilor Sherry Blakeley •
- Met with Councilor Kevin Leavy •
- Held a Department Head meeting and met with direct reports on an individual basis .
- Attended the final Corporate Cup events and awards ceremony. The City took 2nd place in our division this year. We applaud all of the teams who took part in this friendly competition to build camaraderie among employees and raise funds and awareness for the 2019 Stateline YMCA Strong Kids Campaign, helping to make a difference in the lives of the youth in our community.
- Met with Debbie Fischer, Director of Youth2Youth 4 Change, to talk about signage for the • new vaping ordinance recently passed by the Beloit City Council.
- Attended the "Influential Women in Business" luncheon hosted by the Greater Beloit • Chamber of Commerce and the Stateline Chamber. Congratulations to Sarah Millard, Director of Strategic Communications, for receiving the NextGen Award. Sarah joined the City of Beloit nearly two years ago and is responsible for sharing accurate, consistent information with residents and community members, especially focusing her efforts on our police, fire and public works departments.
- Participated in the one-year celebration at Northstar Medical Radioisotopes
- Council President Regina Dunkin and I met with a group of citizens at New Zion Baptist . Church

### ACTS HOUSING LAUNCH PARTY

Acts Housing is a nonprofit that has supported more than 2,500 families in owning their own homes. Their team provides financial and homebuyer counseling, real estate services, home rehab counseling and loans and grants for repair.

Acts Housing's official Beloit launch party will take place on Saturday, September 21, 2019, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Harry Moore Pavilion, 1240 Riverside Drive, Beloit. Free food, bounce house, raffle, informational presentation and more!

#### **CITY COUNCIL CLOSED SESSION**

The Beloit City Council will hold a Closed Session meeting on Monday, September 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at 2400 Springbrook Ct. They will not reconvene into open session. The meeting notice is attached here.

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#### TURTLE CREEK PARK GROUND BREAKING

The public is invited to a <u>ground breaking</u> to introduce Phase 1 improvements to the Turtle Creek Park, 1312 E. Grand Ave. on **Monday, September 30, 2019 at 4:15 p.m.** Please join us as we "reimagine our future." Light refreshments will be served.

#### FALL TREE PLANTING REQUESTS

The City of Beloit Parks & Recreation Division is currently accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this fall. 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 **request deadline is Friday, October 4, 2019**. To be placed on the list, please call City of Beloit Parks & Recreation Division at 608-364-2929.

#### **GRINNELL HALL SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

#### Friday, Sept. 27 - 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AARP Driver's Safety Class. Cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. To pre-register, call Grinnell Hall Senior Center at 608-364-2875. See <u>attached</u> for more information.

#### Monday, October 28 - 8:45 a.m. - 5/5:30 p.m.

Rosie and the Rivets Matinee at Starved Rock Lodge. Board a Van Galder bus and leave the driving to us! Price includes buffet luncheon, taxes, tip, performance and round trip on bus. Cost is \$66 for Grinnell Hall members and \$76 for the general public. Registration deadline is September 28, unless space is still available. Contact Grinnell Hall at 608-364-2875. See <u>attached</u> for more information.

#### **BELOIT SENIOR FAIR SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019**

The 32nd Annual Beloit Senior Fair is scheduled for **Tuesday**, **October 1**, **2019** at The Eclipse Center (corner of Riverside Drive and Henry Avenue) in Beloit. The Senior Fair hours are 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with free admission, transportation by Beloit Transit System, and parking.

The theme of this year's event is "Shake, Rattle 'n Roll!" All baby boomers, seniors, and their families should attend and learn about products and services to enjoy a healthy lifestyle and what services Rock County has to offer seniors. The event is hosted by the Beloit Senior Fair Committee.

The Senior Fair will feature more than 60 informational booths, live music by Bill and Bonnie Stevens and Fred and Ginger, and door prizes. Flu and pneumonia shots and health screenings will be available. Bring old or outdated medicines and have them safely disposed at the Rx Round-Up.

Companies interested in participating at the Beloit Senior Fair should contact Debbie Kraus, Grinnell Hall Senior Center, <u>krausd@beloitwi.gov</u> or 608-364-2875.

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# CITY MEETING CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 21 - 27, 2019

Saturday, Sept. 21	11:00 a.m.	ACTS Housing Beloit Launch Party, Riverside Park, Beloit (All Councilors Invited)
Monday, Sept. 23	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee (S. Blakeley)
Monday, Sept. 23	4:30 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission, Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.
Monday, Sept. 23	5:30 p.m.	<u>Special City Council meeting with closed session</u> , 2400 Springbrook Ct. (Engineering and Utilities building) (All City Councilors)
Monday, Sept. 23	6:30 p.m.	<u>City Council Workshop</u> , 2400 Springbrook Ct. (Engineering and Utilities building) Please look for the signs and enter the door on the east side of the building (All City Councilors and Plan Commission Members)
Wednesday, Sept. 25	8:00 a.m.	Visit Beloit Board Meeting, Beloit Public Library (M. Preuschl)
Wednesday, Sept. 25	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority, 220 Portland Ave. (K. Leavy and N. Forbeck)
Thursday, Sept. 26	8:30 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association Board Meeting, 400 E. Grand Ave., 4th Floor, Suite 420 (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: <u>www.visitbeloit.com</u>

May 4 - October 26 8 am - 1 pm		<b>Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market</b> , State Street, Grand Avenue and Mill Street Parking Lot. Produce, eggs, cheese, honey, live music and more! SNAP Benefits accepted.
Friday, Sept. 20	6:30 p.m. Movie at dusk	<b>Drive-in Golf Cart Movie Night</b> , Krueger Haskell Golf Course, 1611 Hackett St. Join the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course, Putterz Pub, and the Beloit International Film Festival as we bring Captain Marvel to the outdoor screen. Bring the whole family, neighbors and friends, pack up the blankets and chairs, and join us for this special golf-cart drive- in movie night. Golf carts are limited, so get there early and bring blankets and lawn chairs, just in case.
Friday, September 20		<b>Downtown Beloit's Oktoberfest</b> , 300 block of State Street. Adults, \$5; Kids (4-12), \$1; Kids under 4, free. Oktoberfest-themed costume contest for best couple, cutest kid, and individuals. Face painter and balloon animalist, playing Hammerschlagen all night long.
	8:00 a.m.	Sidewalk Sales
	11:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch provided by Velvet Buffalo Café with music by Zweifel Brothers, First National Bank & Trust Co. Plaza
	5:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Zweifel Brothers Band
	8:00 - 11:00 p.m.	The Zac Matthews Band

# Acts Housing is Launching!

Acts Housing is a nonprofit that has supported more than 2,500 families in becoming homeowners since 1995

You can own a home and we can help! Homeownership is possible and affordable.

Please join us as Acts Housing launches our new office in Beloit and introduces our homeownership program to the Beloit community.

# Saturday, Sept 21st 11 am - 1pm

Harry Moore Pavilion 1240 Riverside Dr

**Beloit**, WI

Learn more from our Community Partners at the event



Free Food

Raffle

**Bounce House** 

Informational

Presentation

...and more!

Corporate Contractors, Inc.

**Activities** 



Acts Housing, 1003 W Pleasant St, Beloit, WI 53511 608-305-4183 | acts@actshousing.org



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## PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA PUBLIC NOTICE

# 11:00 AM Saturday, September 21, 2019

ACTS Housing is hosting a Beloit Launch Party to open their office in Beloit and introduce their homeownership program to the Beloit Community on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. at Riverside Park, Beloit WI 53511. The Beloit City Council has been invited and a quorum may be present.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

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# CANCELLED PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE Utilities and Engineering - 2400 Springbrook Ct, Beloit, WI 1:30 PM Monday, September 23, 2019

MEETING CANCELLATION

Traffic Review Committee Meeting which was scheduled for Monday, September 23, 2019 has been cancelled. At this time there aren't enough agenda items for the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled to take place Monday, October 28.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA POLICE & FIRE COMMISSION Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd, Beloit WI 53511 4:30 PM Monday, September 23, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. MINUTES
  - 2.a. Approval of the August 26, 2019 regular meeting minutes
  - 2.b. Approval of the September 4, 2019 special meeting minutes
  - 2.c. Approval of the September 10, 2019 special meeting minutes

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

### 4. REPORTS

- 4.a. Fire Department Report
- 4.b. Police Department Report

### 5. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

- 6. BUSINESS ITEMS
  - 6.a. Discussion with recruitment firm to discuss the recruitment plan for the position of Fire Chief

### 7. 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.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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# PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA COUNCIL WORKSHOP AND/OR SPECIAL MEETING Blue Conference Room - Engineering and Utilities Building 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit WI 53511 5:30 PM Monday, September 23, 2019

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF BELOIT COUNCIL CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with section 2.02(3) of the City Code a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. The City Council will adjourn into Closed Session in the Conference Room - Engineering and Utilities Building pursuant to section 19.85(1)(e), Wis. Stats. to deliberate or negotiate the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, namely to discuss the potential sale of 217 Shirland Ave. The Council will not reconvene into open session. (Janke)

3. Adjourn

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Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

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# PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY Parker Bluff - 220 Portland Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511 4:30 PM Wednesday, September 25, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 3. MINUTES
  - 3.a. Consideration of the minutes of the August 28, 2019 Community Development Authority regular meeting Attachment
- 4. BELOIT HOUSING AUTHORITY
  - 4.a. Presentation of the August Activity Report (Cole) Attachment
  - 4.b. Presentation of the July Financial Report (Cole) Attachment
  - 4.c. Public Hearing and Consideration of Resolution 2019-20 Approving the Beloit Housing Authority's 2020 Annual and Five-Year PHA Plans (Cole) Attachment
  - 4.d. Review and consideration of Resolution 2019-21, Authorizing the Beloit Housing Authority to apply for a Resident Opportunity & Self-Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) Program grant (Cole) Attachment
  - 4.e. Consideration of Resolution 2019-22, accepting an Offer of Purchase for 1119 Portland (Christensen) Attachment
- 5. COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES
  - 5.a. Consideration of Resolution 2019-23 Recommending approval of the 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) budget, 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan, 2020 Annual Plan and 2020-2024 Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) (Downing) Attachment
  - 5.b. Consideration of Resolution 2019-24 recommending approval of the 2020 Home Investment

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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, September 26, 2019 at 8:30 am

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

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call
- 2. Review and Approval of August 22, 2019 Meeting Minutes
- 3. Review and Approval of Financials
- 4. Updates
  - a. Promotions
    - i. Farmers Market
    - ii. Fridays in the Park Recap
    - iii. Oktoberfest Recap
    - iv. Fall Wine Walk
    - v. Halloween Costume Parade & Party
  - b. Economic Vitality
    - i. Business/Property Owner Meeting
    - ii. Business Updates
  - c. Design
    - i. Grants
- 5. Executive Director's Report
- 6. Adjourn

<u>Attachments:</u> Minutes Financials

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# SIDEWALK SALES START AT 8 AM ZWEIFEL BROTHERS 5:30-7:30 PM THE ZAC MATTHEWS BAND 8:00-11:00 PM

Oktoberfest-Themed Costume Contest for Best Couple, Cutest Kid, and Individuals Face Painter & Balloon Animalist • Playing Hammerschlagen All Night Long

Lunch will be provided by Velvet Buffalo Café with Music by Zweifel Brothers from 11:30 am-1:30 pm at First National Bank & Trust Co. Plaza Return to pa



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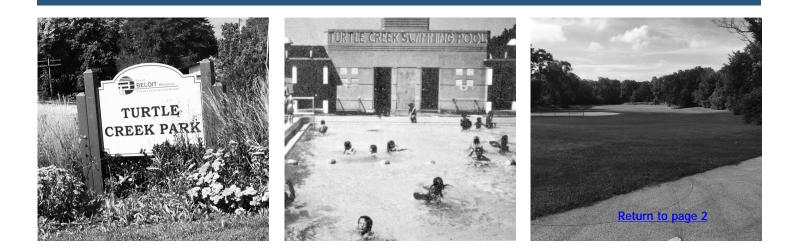
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# TURTLE CREEK PARK PHASE 1 GROUND BREAKING

MONDAY, SEPT. 30, 2019 | 4:15 PM

1312 EAST GRAND AVENUE BELOIT, WI Light refreshments will be served.





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PARKS AND RECREATION DIVISION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE For more information contact: Debbie Kraus, Senior Center Manager 608-364-2875 krausd@beloitwi.gov

# Grinnell Hall Senior Center Hosting AARP Driver's Safety Class

Sept. 9, 2019 - Grinnell Hall Senior Center is pleased to announce that it's hosting an AARP driver's safety class this month. Class participants will learn the current rules of the road, defensive driving techniques and how to operate their vehicle more safely in today's increasingly challenging driving environment.

Additionally, this class will cover how drivers can manage and accommodate common age-related changes in vision, hearing and reaction time. Plus, class participants may be eligible to receive an insurance discount upon completing the course, so they should consult their insurance agent for details.

The class will cover:

- Research-based safety strategies that can reduce the likelihood of having a crash
- Proper use of seat belts, air bags, antilock brakes and new technology found in cars today
- Ways to monitor your own and others' driving skills and capabilities
- The effects of medications on driving
- The importance of eliminating distractions, such as eating, smoking and using a cellphone

Nine in ten course participants report changing at least one key driving behavior for the better as a result of what they learned in the course and eight in ten participants felt that information they learned in the course has prevented them from being in a crash.

The course will be held from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 27** at Grinnell Hall Senior Center, 631 Bluff St. The cost is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members.

"Cars have changed. So have traffic rules, driving conditions and the roads you travel every day," said Debbie Kraus, senior center manager. "Some drivers, age 50-plus, have never looked back since they got their first driver's license, but even the most experienced drivers can benefit from refreshing their driving skills."

To pre-register, call Grinnell Hall Senior Center at 608-364-2875.

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# Grinnell Hall Senior Center Offers Rosie & the Rivets Trip to Starved Rock State Park

Sept. 9, 2019 - Join Grinnell Hall Senior Center for a high-energy Rosie & the Rivets show that's fun for all ages at Starved Rock State Park on Monday, Oct. 28.

Rosie & the Rivets features powerhouse lead vocals, skillful musicianship, beautiful harmonies and great stage presence. They have period-correct clothes and hair along with vintage guitars, drums, and even microphones. The Rivets perform danceable music from the 1950s and early 1960s along with some current hits with a retro twist.

Price includes buffet luncheon, taxes, tip, performance and round trip on Van Galder bus. Cost is \$66 for Grinnell Hall members and \$76 for the general public.

The bus boards at 8:45 a.m. and departs at 9 a.m. from Telfer Park. The bus returns to Telfer Park between 5 and 5:30 p.m.

Registration deadline is Sept 28, 2019, unless space is still available. If you are interested, please contact Grinnell Hall at 608-364-2875.

Grinnell Hall is located at 631 Bluff St. Beloit.

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