June 19, 2020

Beloit Report

Letter Denouncing Violence Against George Floyd



Dawn Gross, Chairperson of the City of Beloit Equal Opportunities Commission, denounces the actions of the police officers involved in the death of George Floyd.

Read her letter to the community here.

The Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) was created to improve the quality of life by the elimination of racism in the Beloit community. A vacancy currently exists on the EOC. To apply to serve on the EOC, please fill out and submit an application; more information and application available here.



Happy Juneteenth

The Beloit City Council recognized Friday, June 19, 2020, as Juneteenth Day during its last City Council meeting.

Juneteenth commemorates the freeing of slaves in Texas.

Learn more



"Click It or Ticket" Seat Belt Initiative

The City of Beloit Police, Janesville Police and Rock County Sheriff's Office are working together to join law enforcement agencies throughout Wisconsin during the "Click It or Ticket" seat belt campaign from June 22 to July 5, 2020.

Learn more

Riverside Park in Beloit Closing at 10 p.m. Daily this Summer

The park hours previously allowed for a midnight closure due to special events in the park. Because special events have been



cancelled this summer as a result of COVID-19, there is no longer a need to keep the park open past 10 p.m. Additionally, there have been some late night incidents in the vicinity that caused us to re-evaluate the park hours. The updated hours will allow for uniform park closure times throughout the City of Beloit.



Fire Hydrant Flushing Program

The City of Beloit Water Resources Division will perform their annual fire hydrant flushing program from June 15 - November 1, 2020 between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The water is safe to drink during this time period.

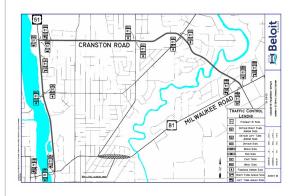
Learn more



Rock County Clean Sweep Event

Rock County is planning a Clean Sweep event in Beloit on June 27. Clean Sweep is an annual drop-off for HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS from homes, farms, and eligible businesses. Clean Sweep is open to all Rock County residents. Due to high demand, advance registration is required for all events.

Learn more



White Avenue to Close for Concrete Repair Project

White Avenue (State Highway 81) will be closed in both directions between Milwaukee Road and Prairie Avenue for concrete repair beginning Thursday, June 25, through July 22, weather permitting. The official detour, including truck traffic, will be using Cranston Road and U.S. Highway 51.

Learn more

Detour Route

Extension of Social Distancing Requirements & PPE



The Beloit City Council unanimously approved a resolution on Monday, June 15, 2020 to extend the city's requirements for physical distancing and personal protective equipment in Beloit. These requirements allow the economy to reopen while protecting vulnerable residents and helping to keep the health care system from being overwhelmed.

Based on the ongoing health risks to those in our community that include fatalities and a lack of a vaccine or herd immunity, the City Council will review the restrictions at every regularly scheduled Council meeting until it is safe to remove them. It is likely that the minimum safety restrictions will be in place for a longer period of time with the recommendation for group sizes potentially being adjusted when it is safe to do so.

Learn more



Beloit Farmers' Market Expands

The Beloit Farmers' Market will will be open from 9 am to 12 pm every Saturday from June - October, rain or shine. After reviewing the safety plan and the first two weeks of operations, the City of Beloit Emergency Operations Center made the determination to increase the capacity at the Beloit Farmers' Market to 300 guests, and to allow vendors on both sides of the street. The Farmers' Market will have 33 vendors this week, but could expand in future weeks.

Physical distancing requirements and safety precautions will remain in place. The use of cloth face coverings is highly recommended. You are encouraged to send only one member per household to allow others to attend the market.



I-39/90 Expansion Project

Construction crews continue to work on concrete paving and building new bridges in Beloit, Janesville, and near Madison. While the progress is fascinating, please focus on the road ahead.

All lane restrictions, road and ramp closures, and work operations are weather dependent and subject to change.

Learn more

Beloit Counts. You Count. Shape Your Future! Please respond to the Census

As of June 18, Beloit's response rate for the U.S. Census is 66.2%, which is slightly lower





than the state average of 68.5% but higher than the national self-response rate of 61.6%.

The Beloit Public Library is now open for the use of computers. The questionnaire takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Learn more

Calling for Volunteers!

We are looking for a few volunteers to serve on our City Boards, Committees and Commissions. Learn about our current vacancies and <u>download the application on the city's website</u>. Have questions? Contact Pam Lathrop at lathropp@beloitwi.gov or call 608-364-6614.

City Meetings

All public meeting agendas and minutes are posted online at <u>www.beloitwi.gov.</u> Call in information is included on each agenda.

- Monday, June 22: Cancelled -Traffic Review Committee
- Monday, June 22: 4:30 p.m.-Police and Fire Commission
- Wednesday, June 24: 4:30 p.m.-Community Development Authority
- Thursday, June 25: 8:30 a.m. -Downtown Beloit Association (Agenda in the Document Center)

See agenda's for information on providing public comments and how to participate in open sessions via phone.

We're Hiring

The City of Beloit is hiring for various positions. Job openings and applications can be found online at <u>www.beloitwi.gov</u>. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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