

September 25, 2020

# Beloit Report

## Former Beloit Resident is Carnegie Medal Recipient



Our sincere and hearty congratulations to former Beloit resident, Luis Mendoza, on receiving a Carnegie Medal, the highest honor for civilian heroism in the United States and Canada.

Luis' outstanding actions saved the lives of a mother and her two sons, ages 6 and 3, when fire broke out in the duplex where he lived on Oak Street on May 24, 2019.

[Learn more](#)

File photo. Mr. Mendoza (holding plaque) was honored with a citizen citation for heroism on July 1, 2019 (pre-COVID 19).



## How to Vote Absentee

Registered Wisconsin voters may request an absentee ballot at [MyVote Wisconsin](#). Through that website, you can also view what's on the ballot, update your name or address, find your polling place and more.

The first wave of ballots were mailed out late this week and if you requested one, it should arrive Saturday or Monday. Residents can return their ballot via US Postal Service or by depositing it in one of the newly installed, secure drop boxes at City Hall (one on the circular drive off of State Street and one inside the main entrance to City Hall).

Your vote counts!

[Learn more](#)

## Voter Registration Groups Mean Citizens Should Use Caution



Community members should use caution when registering to vote in public or at public events

There may be groups or individuals who set up in the community to register voters and promote voter participation. Many of those groups, such as the League of Women Voters and NAACP, send information about their outreach to the City Clerk-Treasurer. The Clerk-Treasurer has recently heard of people in and around local gas stations offering to register voters.

The City of Beloit has no knowledge of the identity of these individuals. That said, we want to caution voters

that a voter registration contains personal and vital ID information such as your legal name, DOB, address, ID# and Expiration Date. Proof of residence often includes account numbers and other personal information. There is no law prohibiting this practice and three years ago, the legislature eliminated the requirement for Special Registration Deputies. Thus, the only thing we can offer for protection from fraud and misuse of your personal information is this message of caution.

The City Clerk-Treasurer recommends that you only register with bona fide organizations, or with your local Clerk-Treasurer's office.

You may also conveniently register to vote and request an absentee ballot, among other things, online at [www.myvote.wi.gov](http://www.myvote.wi.gov).



## City of Beloit Not Scheduling 2020 Trick or Treat Hours

After careful consideration and review of the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, the City of Beloit will not schedule Trick or Treat hours for 2020.

The CDC and Wisconsin DHS both recommend avoiding traditional neighborhood Trick or Treat events this year due to COVID-19. The CDC has identified Trick or Treat as a higher risk activity.

Additionally, there will be no downtown Halloween events run by the Downtown Beloit Association in 2020.

[Learn more](#)



## Leaf Vacuum Service

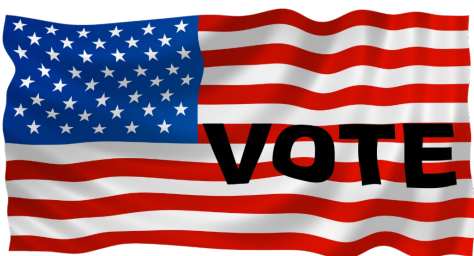
Don't want the hassle of getting your leaves into containers? Just rake or blow the leaves to the terrace and we will take care of the rest.

**When:** November 2 - 19, 2020

**Cost:** \$125 for the 2020 season (one subscription per address)

**Sign up:** Visit <https://beloitsolidwaste.com/leaf-vacuum-service/> to learn more and download the registration form.

The City of Beloit is not responsible for the timeliness in which leaves fall from trees or weather-related cancellation of the Leaf Vacuum program. Weather permitting, the schedule will be followed. In case of inclement weather, vacuuming may be delayed.



## City of Beloit November 3, 2020 Election Polling Locations

The City of Beloit will operate eight polling locations on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Ward 16, which typically votes at First Congregational Church, will vote at Todd Elementary School with wards 17 & 18.

Due to an unprecedented number of absentee ballots that will need to be processed on Election Day, the

City needs additional equipment for the Municipal Board of Absentee Canvassers at City Hall. Due to COVID-19, the City of Beloit could also be facing a staffing shortage. The consolidation of the polling location was completed for those two reasons.

[Learn more.](#)

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

Have you responded to the Census yet? The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade.

The Beloit Public Library is open for the use of computers. The Census 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 [download the application on the city's website.](#) Have questions? Contact Pam Lathrop at [lathropp@beloitwi.gov](mailto:lathropp@beloitwi.gov) or call 608-364-6614.

### City Meetings

All public meeting agendas and minutes are posted online at [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov). Call in information is included on each agenda.

- September 28: Traffic Review Committee Cancelled
- September 28: Police and Fire Commission, 4:30 p.m.

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 [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov). Equal Opportunity Employer.

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