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### **Beloit Transit Honoring Black History Month**

**Feb. 1, 2021** - The City of Beloit and Beloit Transit are honoring Black History Month by reserving seats for Rosa Parks on each Beloit Transit bus.

Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, in December 1955 for refusing to give up her seat on a segregated bus to a white man. Parks' arrest led to a year-long boycott by Black riders of the transit system until the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that bus segregation was illegal. Known as the mother of the Civil Rights movement, Parks' actions helped spur a movement to end racial segregation and Jim Crow Laws.

"Reserving seats for Rosa Parks is a strong symbol for our community," said James Thompson, Director of Transit. "All people are welcome and treated with dignity."

Riders will see the seats marked off to honor Parks when riding the bus throughout the month of February.

View bus schedules and routes at [www.beloittransit.com](http://www.beloittransit.com).

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