

January 20, 2023

Beloit Report



City Council Announces City Manager Selection

The Beloit City Council selected Jerry Gabrielatos to become the next City Manager. His official start date as Beloit City Manager will be no later than March 1.

“I’m thrilled to be coming to Beloit, such a strong and diverse city,” Gabrielatos said. “I look forward to working with the Council, an excellent staff and the vibrant business and nonprofit organizations that make this a special place.”

[Learn more](#)



Public Information Meeting - January 30

The City Council has been invited to a Public Information Meeting for the Wisconsin Highway 81 corridor study being conducted by the Stateline Area Transportation Study (SLATS) and the City of Beloit. This study extends from WIS 213 (Madison Road) to Milwaukee Road and includes portions of Liberty Avenue, Fourth Street, Portland Avenue and White Avenue.

The meeting will introduce and discuss alternatives that were developed to meet the study's purpose and goals. This meeting is open to the public to attend, view and comment. It will be held on Monday, January 30, 2023, 5:30 p.m. at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.

[Learn more](#)



Craftsmen with Character Program

The City of Beloit's Public Works Department participated in the first Craftsmen with Character Program with other local businesses mentoring Beloit Memorial High School students. Congratulations to all who graduated from the program!

Starting in the Fall of 2022, students rotated amongst 1 of 6 organizations for a 3 week period to gain an understanding of the organization, types of jobs it offers, and potential career options. On every Friday, students would then participate in a classroom setting working on leadership, independence, and many other valuable life skills.

The students spent their time at the City with the Water Resources, Operations, and Engineering Divisions being exposed to all facets of Public Works. The students gained a better understanding of how Public Works is making a

BELOIT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Grinnell Hall Senior Center Hosts BIFF Presentation

Grinnell Hall Senior Center will host a Beloit International Film Festival (BIFF) presentation on Wednesday, February 1 at 1:00 p.m. Greg Gerard, Executive Director of BIFF, will be at Grinnell to share information on BIFF's history, news about the upcoming 2023 festival and show several short films, followed by a discussion of each film. The films will have a variety of interesting subjects.

Mr. Gerard will also provide guests with information about volunteer opportunities for the 2023 festival, which runs from February 24 - March 5.

Light refreshments will be served. Presentation is open to everyone and is free of charge. We ask that you register for the program by calling Grinnell Hall at 608-364-2875. Grinnell Hall is located at 631 Bluff St., Beloit.



City Combines Polling Location for February Primary

The City Council has combined polling places for the primary election to be held on Feb. 21, 2023, in the City of Beloit.

Voters who live on the west side of the Rock River will vote at the Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett Street, Beloit, WI 53511 for the February election only.

Voters who live on the east side of the Rock River will vote at Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road, Beloit, WI 53511 for the February election only.

The City Council combined polling places due to the low expected voter turn-out for this primary election.

[Learn More](#)



Beloit Winterfest 2023 Schedule

Looking to beat those winter blues? The City of Beloit Parks and Recreation Division is holding its annual Winterfest celebration Jan. 27-29, 2023. The weekend will be packed full of family fun. There will be plenty of outdoor and indoor activities for everyone, including those who embrace all that winter has to offer and those who dream of living in a much warmer climate.

[Learn More](#)

Rock Internship, Externship Program Now Open For Applications

Employers, students entering their senior year and high

2023 ROCK INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

PAID INTERNSHIPS FOR INCOMING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The 2023 Summer Rock Internship Program is a six-week, paid 17 1/2 hour/week-and-learn experience where you will have the opportunity to work in a career field and/or a job that aligns with your Academic & Career Plan (ACP). In addition to gaining meaningful career pathway exposure you will also be developing valuable skills that you can apply to future academic and work environments. These skills include, but are not limited to:

- Communication
- Leadership
- Resume Building
- Critical Thinking
- Mentoring
- Team Work
- Internship Networking

If you're looking for a cool experience this coming summer, one where you will get paid for doing something that will help shape your future, then make sure to add these important dates into your calendar. (NOTE: Dates are tentative and subject to change)

February 17	Application Due Date
April 10 - May 12	Internship Candidate Interviews
May 15-19	Employer & Intern Candidate Interviews and Confirmation of Worksite Placements
June 9 (or June 12)	Internship Signing & Orientation Day
June 12-July 27	Internship Rotation to Worksite (Up to 30 Hours Per Week for Six Weeks)
July 3-7	Program Off (Observance of 4th of July Holiday)
July 28	Internship Graduation Day

INTERIM INSIGHT

100% of interns would encourage a friend to participate in the program.




Getting an explore a career path I was interested in while still being in high school helped me confirm that I wanted to continue on that career path and go to college for it.



It was an experience that I will never forget and friendships I hope to keep in the future.



STUDENT PARTICIPATION & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- At least 16 years and a resident of Rock County, WI and be eligible to work in the U.S. and Rock County, WI
- Entering your senior year of high school in Rock County
- Have parental and/or legal guardian consent
- Must commit to work at least 20 hours per week during the internship
- Reliable transportation
- Active Academic & Career Plan (ACP)
- Apply online and submit a completed application, including one reference letter from an existing school district staff or faculty member, by no later than 4:30 PM on February 17, 2023.

Participation and application information at: www.YouAreRockInternship.com



school educators are invited to get involved in this valuable workforce program. Paid internships are available.

Internship application: Students age 16 and up who are entering their senior year of high school and employers looking to participate in the program can apply online here: <https://www.jobsinrockcounty.com/career-counseling/rock-internship-program>

Externship application: High school educators and employers looking to participate in the program can apply online here: <https://www.jobsinrockcounty.com/career-counseling/rock-externship-program>

The Rock Internship Program is a collaborative talent development offering supported by participating employers, Blackhawk Technical College, the County of Rock, Rock County 5.0 and the Southwest Wisconsin Workforce Development Board.



Urgent Need for Blood Donation

The American Red Cross of Wisconsin will host two blood drives in Beloit this month:

January 24: 10am - 3pm, Irontek, 635 Third St.

Appointments are preferred and can be made at RedCrossBlood.org or by calling 800-RED-CROSS.

Have an impact on your community!

We are looking for a few volunteers to serve on our City Boards, Committees, and Commissions. If you would like to volunteer, [download the application on the city's website.](#)

Have questions? Contact communications@beloitwi.gov or call 608-364-6614.

City Meetings

All public meeting agendas and minutes are posted online at www.beloitwi.gov.

- Monday, January 23, 4:30 p.m., Police and Fire Commission
- Wednesday, January 25, 4:30 p.m., Community Development Authority, City Hall Forum
- January 27 - 29, Winterfest - various locations and times

We're Hiring

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

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Beloit, WI 53511

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