March 31, 2023

Beloit Report

City Council Meeting April 3, 2023



City Council Meeting - April 3, 2023

The City Council will hold their regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023. The meeting will be held in person in the first-floor Forum at Beloit City Hall, 100 State St. The meeting will be live streamed on Charter Channel 992 and on Beloit Access Television (BATV) YouTube channel.

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Spring Holiday Service Impacts

City offices will be closed on Friday, April 7 in observance of the Spring Holiday.

The Recycling Center Drop Off Center will be closed on Saturday, April 8th.

There will be no impact on the Beloit Public Library hours.



Volunteers Needed!

The Municipal Committee System depends on our dedicated volunteers! Please consider applying for one of the following vacancies:

- * Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee
- * Appointment Review Committee
- * Board of Appeals
- * Board of Review
- * Community Development Authority
- * Equal Opportunities Commission
- * Municipal Library Board
- * Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission
- * Plan Commission
- * Police and Fire Commission (supplemental application)
- * Traffic Review Committee

For an application, contact Rebecca Wallendal, 608-364-6682 (wallendalr@beloitwi.gov) or obtain an application on the City's website under the "How Do I" tab.

Spring Cemetery Clean-Up

The 2023 spring clean-up of Eastlawn and Oakwood



cemeteries is underway. Please note the following guidelines:

- Remove all decorations you wish to save by Saturday, April 15.
- Broken vases and vases not planted for two years will be removed.
- New decorations may be placed Monday, May 1, 2023.
- Artificial and cut flower arrangements must be placed in durable containers.
- Glass, china and fragile vases are not permitted.
- Cemetery staff will dispose of excessive or inappropriate decorations.



Should Beloit Introduce NO MOW MAY?



No Mow May?

The Beloit City Council is requesting residents to give feedback on whether the city's ordinance should be modified to allow exceptions to long grasses for "No Mow May."

The goal of "No Mow May" is to pause mowing during the month of May, allowing flowers to bloom in lawns to help early season pollinators. Studies illustrate that reducing the frequency of mowing benefits bees, butterflies, grasshoppers, and many other insects.

Voice your opinion by writing to City Councilors at citycouncil@beloitwi.gov. If you would like your comment read at the April 3rd Council meeting, please appear in person or email the brief comment and your address to publiccomment@beloitwi.gov by noon on Monday, April 3.

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Trivia at Grinnell Hall Senior Center

Grinnell Hall is offering "Trivia for Older Teenagers" on Wednesday, April 5 starting at 12:30 p.m.

Ready to test your knowledge of days gone by? Paul Agnello will bring his special style of Trivia aimed at age 50 and over to Grinnell Hall. Form your own team, play by yourself, or we will create teams on the day of the event. Open to everyone!

Grinnell Hall is located at 631 Bluff St.; for additional information, please call 608-364-2875.

Free Storm Spotter Training

Storm Spotter Training will take place on Thursday, April 6, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Beloit Public Library.

This FREE opportunity is sponsored by Rock County and Beloit Emergency Management. It is open to the public and no pre-registration for in-person training is required.

Learn about severe weather and how you can help the National Weather Service as a Trained Spotter.

Learn more





Monthly Yard Waste Curbside Collection

Yard waste must be set out by 6:00 a.m. on your regular scheduled collection date:

* April 3 - 6 and April 10 - 13

- Brush and shrubbery must be bundled or tied.
- Paper yard waste bags, trash containers 39 gallons or less weighing less than 60 lbs.
- Plastic bags are not permitted.
- Yard waste must be clean and litter free.
- Sticker must be attached to each bundle or container then placed at least 3 feet away from your regular trash.

Stickers are \$10 for a sheet of five. Available for purchase at Department of Public Works, ACE Hardware, Woodman's, City Hall Clerk-Treasurer, and Grinnell Hall.

Learn more



Downtown Beloit Easter Eggstravaganza

Celebrate spring at the Downtown Beloit Easter Eggstravaganza Bunny Hop on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 10-12:00 p.m. Stop first at the Downtown Beloit Association, 557 E. Grand Ave., to pick up a map of participating locations.

Photos with the Easter Bunny, games, mascots, and more!



Request for Proposals

The City of Beloit is seeking one or more developers to purchase and develop parcels on the west side of Beloit. There is demand for 1,250 new housing units, including 400 single-family homes.

The City recently acquired eight parcels of land of various sizes totaling 6.14 acres from Rock County, consisting of up to 22 buildable lots that are already served with water and sewer mains on Christilla Drive and Trevino Court.

Developers can respond to the Request for Proposals (RFFP) until 4:30 p.m., April 10, 2023 CST.

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Public Hearing and Joint Review Board

The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Joint Review Board for further consideration of the City's proposal to create Tax Incremental District No. 15 (TID).

The Joint Review Board will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at City Hall. A public hearing will follow at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 at the Plan Commission meeting. This will provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of Tax Incremental District No. 15, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan.

Tax Incremental Districts (TID) are not a tax increase or referendum. TIDs have actually reduced property tax rates in Beloit long-term. It is a mechanism to fund improvements and incentives to attract businesses and jobs. The increased tax revenue collected from that growth is then used to repay any debt before being added to the tax base. The tax base when the district starts remains in place and pays taxes throughout the life of the TID. The last Gateway TID added more than \$384M to the tax base. The tax base is the denominator in the tax rate, so increasing the tax base lowers the tax rate. This increase was a substantial contributor to the lower property tax rate in 2022.

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City Announces April 4 Election Information

The City of Beloit will operate nine polling locations for the Tuesday, April 4th election. Polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters and open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

You can register at your polling location on election Day.

Visit MyVote to find your polling place, to see what's on the ballot, to register to vote, and more.

Learn more

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 608-364-6682.

City Meetings

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

- Monday, April 3, 6:30 p.m. -Beloit City Council Workshop, City Hall
- Monday, April 3, 7:00 p.m. -Beloit City Council Meeting, City Hall
- Wednesday, April 5, 4:00 p.m. -Joint Review Board, City Hall
- Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m., Plan Commission

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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