April 5, 2024

Beloit Report



State of the City Presentation

Beloit City Council President Regina Dunkin delivered the annual State of the City address on April 1, 2024. A video and transcript are available on the City's website.

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Congratulations to Elected Councilors

Congratulations to all of the candidates who were successful in securing public office as a result of the recent election.

We congratulate Kevin Day, Kevin Leavy, Markese Terrell and Marty Densch on their successful bids for a seat on the City Council. Their two-year terms will commence on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

The Councilors will officially be sworn in and assume their seats at the Council's organizational meeting on April 16 in the City Hall Forum. The public is invited to attend.

Seasonal Spring/Summer Job Fair

The City of Beloit has dozens of job opportunities for those looking to boost their income this summer. These positions are the perfect option for those looking for a seasonal job, including for high school and college students, teachers and retirees.

Join the City of Beloit at its seasonal job fair from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, April 6, 2024** at the Beloit Public Library, 605



Eclipse Blvd. The City of Beloit recruitment and hiring team will provide on-site interviews during the job fair.

The minimum age requirement for seasonal position is 16 or 18 years old, depending on position.

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Honorary Street Renaming Event

The City of Beloit is honoring Veterans in our community by honorarily renaming Riverside Drive as VetsRoll Drive. Countless Veterans, "Rosie the Riveters" and volunteers have "rolled" down this iconic road in route to the war memorials in Washington, D.C. Join us as we celebrate the unveiling of VetsRoll Drive.

> 1 PM Sunday, April 7 Harry Moore Pavilion Riverside Park, 1160 S. Riverside Drive

Event will be held rain or shine with the backup location in Rotary River Center. Bring your own chairs, snacks and non-alcoholic beverages as we honor those who served our nation. Honorary Street Naming "VetsRoll Drive"

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Join us as we celebrate the unveiling of VetsRoll Drive:

- Sunday, April 7, 1:00 p.m.
- Rotary River Center (New Location)
- Riverside Park
- 1160 S. Riverside Drive

Event will be held in the Rotary River Center. Bring your own lunches or snacks and nonalcoholic beverages as we honor those who served our nation.

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Spring Cemetery Clean-Up

The 2024 spring clean-up of Eastlawn and Oakwood cemeteries is underway. Decorations on gravesites should be removed by Monday, April 15, 2024; new decorations may be placed on or after Wednesday, May 1, 2024.

Please note the following guidelines:

- Broken vases and vases not planted for two years will be removed.
- 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, and any decorations not removed by the deadline of April 15.
- American flags that are not serviceable are removed.
- Ground wreaths and grave blankets are not permitted.

Questions? Visit

https://www.beloitwi.gov/cemetery or contact us at 608-364-2867 between 10am and 2pm Monday-Friday.



Spring Yard Waste Curbside Collection -April 8-11 and April 15-18

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

- 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.

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Grants to Local Non-Profits

The Beloit City Council granted six Beloit nonprofit organizations a combined \$250,000 to provide youth programming to Beloit residents through the City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Organizations receiving funding are:

- Community Action
- Welty Environmental Center
- City-Wide Youth Softball
- Stateline Boys & Girls Club
- Scouts BSA's ScoutReach program
- Beloit Boxing Foundation

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Grinnell Hall Senior Center is partnering with Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Rock County for upcoming presentations centered on dementia.

Brain Health Presentation; 9-11am Tuesday, April 9. Participants will gain an understanding of Alzheimer's disease and related dementia, as well as tangible tools to maintain brain health.

Dementia LIVE; by appointment Wednesday, April 10. Dementia LIVE is a dementia simulation experience that immerses participants into life with dementia, resulting in a deeper understanding of what it's like to live with cognitive impairment and sensory change. Please note individuals with dementia should not be involved with Dementia LIVE. Appointments available at 12:30pm, 1:15pm, 2pm and 2:45pm.

ADRC Resources; 10am Friday, April 12. Learn about ADRC's resources for you or a family member. This program will include a general overview of services that ADRC provides for individuals age 60 and over and adults age 18 and over with physical or developmental disabilities. Topics include housing options, nutrition programs, transportation and more.

Presentations are free and open to anyone, not just Beloit residents. Grinnell Hall is located at 631 Bluff St. Beloit. To register, please contact Grinnell Hall at 608-364-2875.



Summit Park Renaming

The Beloit City Council voted to officially rename Summit Park to Regina Dunkin Park. An unveiling event to celebrate the park's name change will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, **April 13, 2024** at 1218 Henry Avenue. The community is invited to join this celebration, which will be held near the basketball courts on the southwest side of the park at the corner of Summit and Dewey Avenues.

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Spring Terrace Tree Planting

The City of Beloit Public Works Department is currently accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this spring. Trees will be planted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The terrace tree species selection will be

determined by the city forestry supervisor while taking into account the size of the terrace, presence of utilities and exotic invasive insects. A limited supply of trees are available. Forestry will accept requests through Wednesday, **May 1, 2024**.

To be placed on the list, please call (608) 364-2929.



Small Business Grant Opportunity

This grant opportunity is from Main Street America. We are simply sharing the information - the City of Beloit is not involved in this grant program or administration of the grant.

In partnership with American Express, the Backing Small Businesses grant program supports economically vulnerable and underresourced small businesses with community reach. this year, eligible small business owners can apply for \$10,000 grants for projects that grow or improve their their businesses by building community, supporting their economic viability, or bolstering meaningful change.

Applications will be accepted from 9:00 am CT on March 14, 2024, through 11:59 pm CT on April 7, 2024. The application period will end once 5,000 applications have been submitted, even if that occurs before the deadline.

Learn more here:

https://www.mainstreet.org/howwecanhelp/b ackingsmallbusinesses



Vacancies on City Committees/Commissions and Boards

There are several current vacancies on City Boards, Committees and Commissions. Over 100 residents of Beloit currently volunteer their time and talents by serving on a municipal committee. We sincerely thank them for their thoughtful advice and invite other interested residents to apply for open positions.

Ron Watson has served on the Police and Fire Commission since May, 2019. His term will expire at the end of April and he took some time to <u>explain his commitment to service in a</u> <u>video.</u>

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, <u>download the application on the city's website.</u>

Current Vacancies:

- Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee
- Appointment Review Committee
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Review
- Community Development Authority
- Equal Opportunities Commission
- Landmarks Commission
- Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission (Youth)
- Plan Commission
- Police and Fire Commission

Have questions? Contact <u>communications@beloitwi.gov</u> or call Rebecca Wallendal at 608-364-6682.

City Meetings

All public meeting agendas and minutes are posted online at <u>www.beloitwi.gov.</u>

- Monday, April 8, 4:30 p.m. -Appointment Review Committee, City Hall
- Tuesday, April 9, 4:00 p.m. -Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee, City Hall Forum
- Tuesday, April 9, Cancelled -Board of Appeals
- Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 p.m. -Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission, 2400 Springbrook Ct.

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.

- Engineering Intern
- Engineering Technician
- Equipment Operator Water
- General Fleet Mechanic
- Open Records Specialist (Casual)
- Recreation Coordinator
- Seasonal Camp/Playground
 Counselor
- Seasonal Cashier
- Seasonal Equipment Operator-Water
- Seasonal Golf Course Attendant
- Seasonal Golf Course Cashier
- Seasonal Grounds Maintenance I or II
- Seasonal Lifeguard/Swim Instructor
- Seasonal Pool Maintenance
- Seasonal Pool ManagerSeasonal Recreation Activity
- Instructor
 Seasonal Sports Official (Summer Softball)
- Seasonal Wastewater Operations & Maintenance Intern
- Swim Team Assistant Coach (Casual)
- Transportation Planner

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