### October 25, 2024

## **Beloit Report**



Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Groundbreaking - October 25, 2024

The Ho-Chunk Nation broke ground today on a \$405 million casino, hotel and conference center to be located on a 32-acre site on the southeast corner of Willowbrook and Colley roads. When the 240,478-sq-ft Beloit casino opens in 2026, it will be the second largest casino in the state and feature slot machines, table games, a sportsbook, restaurants and bar. A second phase of construction will add a multi-story hotel and conference center.



#### Public Input Session - October 30, 2024

The public is invited to attend a public input session to review the Parks, Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan survey results. The 5-year plan will aid in identifying areas for improvement and strategies to connect residents with City of Beloit parks, recreational opportunities, and open space.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 30, 5:30 p.m. at the DPW Engineering and Water Resources Building, 2400 Springbrook Ct.

OCTOBER 2024 City of Beloit In-Person Absentee Voting Schedule



#### November Election Information

The City of Beloit will operate seven polling locations for the Tuesday, November 5, 2024 general election. Residents can visit www.myvote.wi.gov to find their polling location. The seven polling locations in the City of Beloit are open from 7am to 8pm. All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Important deadlines and absentee voting information is available on the City's website. In-person absentee voting will be held at City Hall, 100 State Street, beginning October 22, 2024.

Beloit Transit is offering free fares on October 30, 31 and Nov. 5. The free fares apply to regular Beloit Transit routes only; fares will still be in effect for the Beloit-Janesville Express routes.

#### Learn more



Wisconsin Gov. Evers, DNR Announce **Stewardship Program Projects** 

The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program will fund more than \$7.7 million in grant funding through 12 statewide projects.

Beloit is the recipient of \$766,133 in grant funding to assist with completing the public riverwalk construction along E. Grand Ave. in downtown Beloit. Currently, the building at 80-100 E. Grand Ave. over the Rock River is being demolished. The project will decrease flood elevations upstream and promote outdoor recreation with the extension of the Rock River Trail/Downtown Riverwalk.

The riverwalk construction along East Grand Avenue is expected to be completed by summer 2025. The City of Beloit is funding \$500,000 for the riverwalk extension.

# CDBG Annual Plan & Budget Review

2025 Community Development Block Grant Feedback Requested

Review and provide public comment on the proposed 2025 Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan and proposed 2025 CDBG budget through October 30, 2024.

The Annual Plan and CDBG budget is available for public review and comment in the lobby of City Hall, 100 State Street, between 8:00am and 4:30pm, Monday through Friday, and at the Beloit Public Library during normal business hours. The Annual Plan and CDBG Budget are also available on the City's website <u>here</u>.

The City Council will take final action on the proposal during the City Council meeting on November 7, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Forum.



#### Halloween Events in Beloit

Goblins and ghosts are among us! The City of Beloit is proud to present a wide variety of quality Halloween and fall-related events for the community's families and youth.

- Saturday, October 26, 10am 1pm, Halloween Parade and Party, downtown Beloit Farmers' Market. <u>Learn more</u>
- Sunday, October 27, 12 4pm, Heroes Halloween Trunk or Treat, 1160 S. Riverside Drive, Beloit. <u>Learn more</u>
- Thursday, October 31, 5 7pm Trick or Treat in Beloit



#### Winter Indoor Pickleball

The City of Beloit Parks and Recreation is hosting drop-in pickleball play from 6:35-9pm Tuesdays and Thursdays from November 5 through March 27. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting out, this is a great way to stay active and have fun this winter.

- Fees: \$60/one day a week; \$90/two days a week. Fee is for the entire season.
- Location: Boys and Girls Club, 202 Maple Ave., Beloit
- Register: Call 608-364-2890

#### Learn more



Leaf Vacuum Subscription Service -November 4 - 22

\$125 annual fee. Leaves will be vacuumed multiple times during the service period. A schedule will be provided to subscribers. All leaves must be raked or blown to the terrace. Leaves cannot be contained in cans or bags.

The City of Beloit is not responsible for the timeliness in which leaves fall from the trees or weather-related cancellation of the leaf vacuum service. No refunds will be issued. This service is only available in the fall.

If you have questions, please contact the Department of Public Works at 608-364-2929.

#### Learn more



#### **USS Beloit Commissioning**

The U.S. Navy will commission the future USS Beloit (LCS 29), a Freedom-variant littoral combat ship, on November 23, 2024, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

LCS 29 will be the first commissioned ship in naval service bearing the name of Beloit, WI. The naming of LCS 29 honors the contributions the people of Beloit have made to the U.S. Navy, such as the Fairbanks Morse plant, which built engines that power many of the Navy's ships and submarines, including USS Beloit.

As the ship's sponsor, retired Army Maj. Gen. Marcia M. Anderson will lead the time-honored Navy tradition of giving the order during the ceremony to "Man our ship and bring her to life!" At that moment, the commissioning pennant is hoisted, and the Beloit becomes a proud ship of the fleet.

The future USS Beloit (LCS 29) commissioning ceremony will be livestreamed at <u>//www.dvidshub.net/webcast/35146</u>. The webcast will begin at 9:45 a.m. EST and the ceremony begins at 10 a.m. EST, Nov. 23.

Learn More

#### Have an impact on your community!

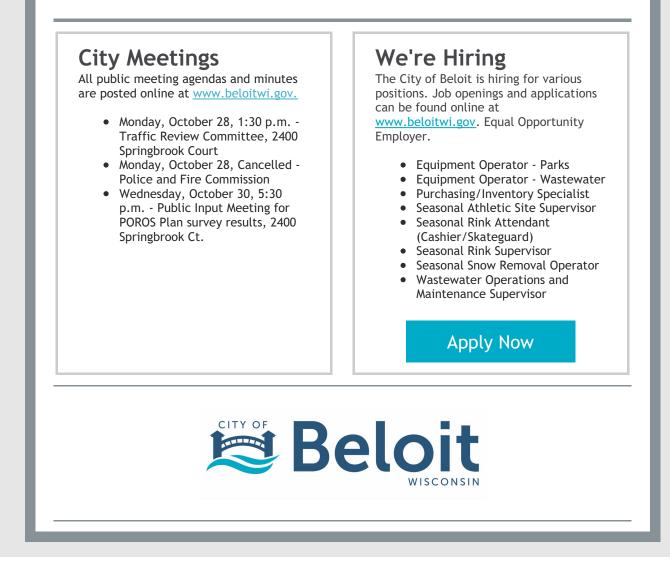
We are looking for a few volunteers to serve on our City Boards, Committees, and Commissions. If you would like to volunteer, <u>download the application on the city's website.</u>

Current Vacancies:

- Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee
- Appointment Review Committee
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Ethics

- Board of Review
- Community Development Authority
- Municipal Golf Committee
- Traffic Review Committee

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



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