



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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from the Office of the
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CASINO UPDATE

The final drafting and proofreading of a draft Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) was completed this week. The Ho Chunk Nation's legislature reviewed and discussed the draft IGA at their meeting this past Tuesday. No vote was taken pending additional review and discussion with regional tribal groups. It is anticipated that the Nation's legislature will vote on the document sometime during the month of March. The draft IGA will also appear on City Council and Council Board agendas during the month of March.

ROCK COUNTY DAY IN MADISON

I joined a number of other business leaders and local government officials from Rock County, City of Janesville, and other communities throughout the County for "Rock County Day" in Madison this past Wednesday. The morning began with a briefing on the legislative roadmap prepared by Rock County 5.0 with input from the various communities. Legislative roadmap issues included several important infrastructure projects led by the reconstruction and widening of Interstate 39/90. Economic development support was deemed equally significant and we briefly discussed portability of development zone tax credits, TIF reform related to adjusting the assessment base of TIF districts, and the ever important topic of workforce development.

Following a review of the key legislative issues to be discussed, we had an opportunity to present a brief overview of economic development activities ongoing in our communities before the Rock County legislative delegation. Following the briefing and presentation, groups with a team leader spread out across the capital and visited every senatorial and legislative office. My group was fortunate to speak in person with two Senators and two Representatives. The other elected officials on our list were busy and we provided briefing materials to key staff members.

I was impressed with the program and I congratulate Dan Cunningham from Forward Janesville for all his work and effort in putting together "Rock County Day" in Madison.

BELOIT DOWNTOWN PROFILED BY NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Please click [here](#) to read a detailed and informative article on Beloit's exciting downtown. The article appeared in a publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and followed Beloit's selection as a 2011 Great American Main Street award winner.

LABOR RELATIONS UPDATE

Recent positive communications between the City and Local IAFF #583, the Fire Fighter's Union, resulted in significant movement toward a possible settlement of negotiations regarding the collective bargaining agreement for 2012-2013. A special meeting of the City Council was held on Thursday evening to brief councilors on the content of the discussions. The union will be discussing the proposal with their membership in the near future. Hopefully, these positive discussions will lead to a settlement and conclusion of the collective bargaining process.

COMMUNITY UPDATE PRESENTATION FOR 2012

This past Monday evening I presented the community update for 2012. This PowerPoint presentation covers significant accomplishments within the community during 2011 and takes a look forward at improvement projects and economic development opportunities planned for 2012. The presentation is now available on the website with a link on the City's homepage under "Items of Current Interest." Also, if you would like to have a presentation briefing by the City Manager at your service club, organization or group, please call Pam at 364-6614 to discuss scheduling arrangements.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULED FOR 2012

Henry Avenue Bridge

Henry Avenue bridge construction is actually running a little ahead of schedule, due in large part to the moderate weather experienced this winter. We are still planning an opening and dedication ceremony on or about September 1 of this year.

Park Enhancements

As with other components of the City's capital spending plan, the capital spending plan included less money this year for park enhancements. There are some funds remaining from the prior year's capital budget. We do anticipate some additional work on the historic restoration underway in Horace White Park, along with minor modifications to other sites. The dog park was sent back for additional design and planning work following a Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission meeting earlier this year, and will be coming back up for additional review in the spring.

City Center Improvements

Work is underway on final design services for the parking lot resurfacing and reconstruction projects that will comprise the final infrastructure upgrades in downtown before the TIF District expenditure expires. Both the Mill Street and Broad Street lots will be resurfaced and the West Grand Avenue parking lot will be reconstructed on a phased schedule this construction season.

Intermittent Street Resurfacing

The only street construction planned for 2012 is the City's normal intermittent resurfacing process. This work is normally scheduled later in the season and involves a billing and overlay on existing streets following intermittent curb, gutter and inlet repairs. That work will likely be scheduled by mid-summer.

Public Safety Equipment Upgrades

A significant portion of this year's capital spending plan was for equipment upgrades and support for our public safety departments. The need to completely replace the city's communications equipment, including all mobile and portable radios to comply with the new Federal communications mandate, will be completed sometime around midyear. Defibrillation equipment for the Fire Department, video cameras, and various software upgrades in the Police Department will also be replaced during this calendar year.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR FEBRUARY 27—MARCH 2, 2012

Monday, February 27	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee
Monday, February 27	5:00 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

This is just a sample of events coming up in Beloit. A more complete listing is available on the Visit Beloit website: www.visitbeloit.com

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [here](#) for more information.

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| Saturday, February 25 | 11:00 a.m. | “Empty Bowl” Fund Raiser for Rock County food pantries. Lunch of soup and bread made by local restaurants. Advance tickets available at Visit Beloit and other locations. Please see attached for more information. |
| Monday, February 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Candidates Forum sponsored by the Wisconsin Property Owners League at Beloit Memorial High School cafeteria. Please see attached for more information. |
| Saturday, March 10 | 8:00 p.m. | Moonlight Bowl Fund Raiser for the Beloit Fire Department Honor Guard, Viking Lanes, 210 Oak Grove Avenue. Please see attached for more information. |
| Tuesday, March 13 | 5:30 p.m. | 85th Annual Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner , The Eclipse Center, 100 Eclipse Center, Beloit. Please click here for more information. |
| Friday, March 16 | 6:00 p.m. | St. Patty’s Gala Dinner and Auction to benefit the Beloit Historical Society. Please see attached for more information. |



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NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

To: All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

From: Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

Date: February 17, 2012

RE: Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2012 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **March 26, 2012** at **1:30 p.m.**

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.

Jason Dupuis, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
City of Beloit



**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, February 27, 2012 @ 5:00 PM
City Hall Forum
100 State Street
Beloit WI 53511**

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The monthly meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Joe Simpson at 364-6685.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of January 23, 2012, meeting minutes
3. Reports
 - A. Police Department
Recognize completion of probationary period for two Patrol Officers
 - B. Fire Department
4. Citizen Participation
5. Commissioner Comments
6. Action/Discussion Items
 - a. None
7. Adjourn

Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wisconsin Property Owners League is presenting a **candidates forum** at 7:00 p.m. in the Beloit Memorial High School cafeteria on Monday, February 27, 2012. Beloit Memorial High School is located at 1224 Fourth Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The forum will include candidates for the Beloit City Council and the Beloit Board of Education. A quorum of current Beloit City Councilmembers may be present.

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Dated: February 24, 2012
Rebecca S. Houseman
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PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: February 8, 2012

Contact Information: Nancy Wallace 608-364-0060

Email: 26e10@charter.net

BELOIT, WI – The Beloit Historical Society is hosting an exciting event on Friday, March 16, 2012 at La Casa Grande in Beloit. The “Gala Dinner & Auction” features a live auction with well-known auctioneer Rich Ranft. Tickets are \$50 per person and include dinner, complimentary drink, raffle ticket for prizes and free admission to the live auction. All proceeds benefit the Beloit Historical Society. This event only takes place once every two years on the Friday prior to St. Patrick’s Day. You won’t want to miss it!

One item in particular being auctioned during the live auction will interest quite a few people in attendance – an autographed guitar from Lindsey Buckingham of Fleetwood Mac. Also included are weekend getaways to Milwaukee and Door County, a one-of-a-kind gold necklace from famous New York artist Robert Lee Morris, and much more! Tickets are limited. Go to the website at www.beloithistoricalsociety.com and scroll down to the Gala link for more information and to purchase tickets online.

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2011 HONOR GUARD EVENTS

- * Partnered with the Department of Military Affairs to honor our Veterans by welcoming them back from Vets Roll.
- * Assisted the American Legion by revitalizing statues and gravestones at Oakwood cemetery.
- * Provided continued support for the region by assisting other Fire and EMS agencies.
 - * Assisted two families during their time of loss by providing Honor Guard support
 - * Participated in two local parades
 - * Memorial Day
 - * Christmas
- * Stateline Firefighters' Memorial in Roscoe
- * Participated in 10-year remembrance of 9-11 at Town of Beloit FD
- * Hero's Challenge Champions in Greenbay Wisconsin
- * Two Culvers Scoopie nights



The Honor Guard continues to serve the area fire departments with Duty, Pride, and Tradition.

1111 Church Street
Beloit, WI 53511

CITY OF BELOIT FIREFIGHTERS
HONOR GUARD, INC.



6th annual
moonlight bowl
fund raiser

SATURDAY
MARCH 10, 2012



Viking Lanes
210 Oak Grove Avenue
South Beloit, IL 61080
Check in 8:00 –9:00 pm

CITY OF БЕЛОIT FIREFIGHTERS HONOR GUARD, INC.

Duty, pride, and tradition are words the City of Beloit Firefighters do not take for granted. In its sixth year of existence, the City of Beloit Firefighters Honor Guard continues to progress and is now prominently known for its professionalism and dedication to the fire service and Stateline Area.

The City of Beloit Firefighters Honor Guard includes fifteen dedicated



individuals whom volunteer their time for service at firefighter funerals (active and retiree), parade activities, Military Veteran functions, along with a host of civic and community events. It is the dedication and pride of its membership which makes this the professional organization it has become.

All training, uniforms, and equipment for use at these functions are



purchased and maintained through fundraising activities, donations, or purchased by the members.

6TH ANNUAL MOONLIGHT BOWL

Free beer for bowlers starting at 8:00 pm!



Drink Specials!



Door prizes given away all night long!

REGISTRATION FORM

Team 1

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Team 2

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Team 3

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

\$25 per team. Shoes are free.

Amount Paid _____

LANES FILL FAST!!! SIGN UP ASAP!!!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**Registration form and fee must be received by
Monday March 5, 2011**

Entries are on a "first come, first serve" basis

Two people required per team

If you are unable to attend and would like to donate please call us at (608)364-2900

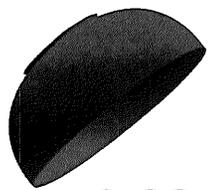
**CITY OF БЕЛОIT FIREFIGHTERS
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Phone: 608-364-2900
Fax: 608-364-2925



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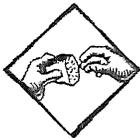


empty bowl



Proceeds from the Empty Bowl Event will help us fight hunger in Rock County. Last year Caritas helped over 4,767 households which included 14,480 persons with a four day supply of food. With the recession, we have seen significant, double digit increases in our client base, reaching beyond low income to middle income households. Please help us help our neighbors in need by purchasing a ticket and joining us in this exciting event.

The local pantries benefitting from the Empty Bowl Fundraiser are:



CARITAS

Sharing with others the necessities of life.



Beloit Domestic Violence Center



Our Luncheon:

Enjoy a delicious lunch of soup and bread made by local restaurants and have the opportunity to take home a beautiful handmade ceramic bowl as well!



Enjoy entertainment while you eat, get in on the silent auction and exciting raffles.

A few of the featured items:

Overnight stay at Beloit Inn, beautiful jewelry from Brill Jewelers, Gift packages from local retailers, Senior Photo Package, and much more!



Advance tickets may be also be purchased at:

Beloit Pottery • Caritas

Janesville ECHO • Visit Beloit

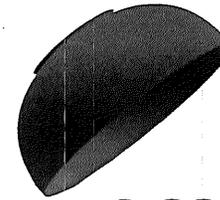
Blackhawk Bank locations in Beloit, WI & Roscoe, IL

and

many local churches

Tickets may also be purchased and given as a gift. Please make sure you inform us who the tickets should be mailed to.

ADVANCE TICKET ORDERS



empty bowl

A fundraiser for Rock County food pantries

February 25, 2012

Beloit Memorial High School

1225 4th Street, Beloit

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Soup Only Lunch:

One Person - \$5.00 _____ # of Tickets
((\$8.00 at the door))

Soup & Ceramic Bowl Lunch:

One Person - \$10.00 _____ # of Tickets
((\$13.00 at the door))

VIP LUNCH Preferred Seating Soup & Ceramic Bowl:

\$25.00 _____ # of Tickets

CORPORATE TABLE Reserved Table, Soup & Ceramic Bowl:

\$200.00/table of 8 _____ # of Tickets

TOTAL \$ AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

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empty bowl

ADVANCE PURCHASE TICKET ORDER FORM

If these tickets are a gift, please fill out this section:

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Mail this completed form along with your check to:

CARITAS
2840 Prairie Ave.
Beloit, WI 53511-1845

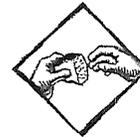
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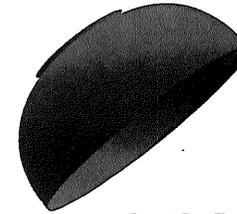


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Domestic
Violence
Center

and to Our Luncheon Hosts Site:



www.sdb.k12.wi.us/memorial



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A fundraiser for Rock County food pantries



February 25, 2012

Beloit Memorial High School
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Empty Bowl is an international project that fights hunger on a local, community level. Artists and art organizations personalize each Empty Bowl event with their creations and then invite the community to share in this global, yet local and independent event.

Get your tickets today
and help stamp out hunger in Rock County!

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