



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**March 23,
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from the Office of the
City Manager*

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Special points of interest:

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RIVERFEST PREPARATIONS CONTINUE

This past Monday evening, the City Council approved the use of the Riverbend site for this year's Riverfest celebration. City staff prepared a letter including 17 "conditions" which the organizers must follow in order to utilize the site. A meeting was already held with the Chairman of the Riverfest Committee, and the conditions were agreeable. Planning will continue through the spring for the celebration, which is scheduled for the last weekend in June this year, beginning on Thursday, June 28, 2012.

CASINO UPDATE

This past Monday, the Ho-Chunk Nation's legislature voted to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Beloit and Rock County. In addition to the City Manager, City Attorney Tom Casper and City Council Vice President Jim Van De Bogart traveled to the Black River Falls, presenting the draft IGA and answering questions posed by the legislature prior to the vote. Although the vote for approval was surprisingly close, we saw a great many split votes throughout the session. The Nation's President reaffirmed their support for the project and assured the City that the application for submittal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs would be completed in the near future. Most activities related to the Fee-to-Trust application process will be undertaken by the Nation, and the City will have little direct input into that process. We have offered our services whenever the Nation's leadership feels that an affirmation of support from the local community would be helpful in moving the application forward.

CITY ASSESSOR'S OFFICE TO MAIL 2012 REASSESSMENT NOTICES

This Friday, March 23, the Beloit Assessor's office mailed 702 reassessment notices to property owners who have assessment changes in their property values for 2012. Any resident receiving a notice or anyone with questions regarding their property assessment may view their parcel information on the property information page at www.ci.beloit.wi.us. All property owners have the right to object to their 2012 assessment whether or not they received an assessment notice indicating a change in assessment values for this current year. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Assessor's office at 608-364-6670 or cobcama@ci.beloit.wi.us.

KEN HENDRICKS MEMORIAL

Subsequent to last week's Beloit Report, I was able to meet with Diane Hendricks to discuss the proposed Hendricks Memorial to be installed as a part of the process of renaming the Henry Avenue Bridge to honor the many contributions Ken Hendricks made to the Greater Beloit community. Diane asked for some additional time for review and also offered yet another suggestion for how the memorial might be located within close proximity to the bridge. We have been working on that alternative suggestion as well, and maintaining communication with the Hendricks family as we move through the final planning stages for this important memorial. Current plans anticipate that the memorial will be dedicated in conjunction with the ribbon-cutting for the new bridge sometime in early September.

CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN SWEEP 2012 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Please find [attached](#) a copy of the flyer with detailed information regarding this year's Clean Sweep for hazardous waste. The pickup in Beloit will be on **Saturday, April 28 from 8:00 a.m. to noon (RSVP required prior to event)**. On the preceding Friday, April 27, there will also be a drop off at the City of Evansville Public Works garage, should that prove to be a more convenient time or location. This is a great opportunity to get rid of household products that may contain mercury, solvents, or chemicals of any sort, along with pesticides, old fuel, and similar products.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED INFORMATION SERVICES OFFICE (ISO) RATING

The Fire Department was recently notified in writing by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) that the department's long-held Class III fire rating was reaffirmed in 2012 following an analysis of departmental equipment, procedures and operations, as well as an analysis of the water supply available to meet firefighting needs in the community. The ISO rates communities on classifications from 1 to 10 with Class one being the best and Class ten being the worst. A Class III is considered a very good rating and the City missed the Class II cut off by less than two points. Analysis will be undertaken of the ISO report to determine where modifications, either in departmental operations or improvements to the public water supply, could generate additional points to move the City to a higher classification. Most direct savings based on the fire classification accrues to businesses and industries whose fire and casualty insurance coverages are based in part upon the local communities ISO rating.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR MARCH 26-30, 2012

Monday, March 26	1:30 p.m.	Traffic Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (E. Newnham)
Monday, March 26	5:00 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum
Wednesday, March 28	7:30 a.m.	Visit Beloit Board (K. Leavy)
Wednesday, March 28	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (D. Luebke and J. Van De Bogart)

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.

Informational sessions to learn more about the details of the School District of Beloit's 2012 Referendum:

Friday, March 23 4:00 p.m. Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. (There will be a Spanish translator at this session)
 Wed., March 28 7:00 p.m. Bushel and Peck's, 328 State Street
 Thurs., March 29 5:30 p.m. New Zion Baptist Church, 1905 S. Mound Avenue

Saturday, March 31	8:00 a.m.	Beloit Meals on Wheels 5K Run or 1 Mile Walk. Please see attached for more information.
Saturday, March 31	10:00 a.m.	Maple Sugar Fest at Big Hill Park, sponsored by Welty Environmental Center. Food, tours, wagon rides and more.
Thursday, April 5	6:30 p.m.	Beloit Snappers Opening Day! For schedules and ticket information, please click [here] .



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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Traffic Review Committee
Monday, March 26, 2012 1:30 P.M.
City Manager's Conference Room (4th Floor)
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Roll Call.
 2. Approval of the minutes from the January 23, 2012 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
 3. Public Participation.
 4. Ordinance to remove No-Parking designation on Shore Drive between Maple Avenue and Beach Street.
 5. Ordinance to remove parking on Lovell Avenue between Cranston Road and Holmes Street.
 6. Information regarding the School District of Beloit's-Safe Routes to School Plan.
 7. Committee Member participation.
 8. Next meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for **April 23, 2012.**
 9. Adjournment
- ** 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.



**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, March 26, 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 February 27, 2012 meeting minutes
3. Reports
 - A. Police Department
 - B. Fire Department
 1. Negotiations
 2. SAFER Grant
 3. Collapse Rescue Task Force
4. Citizen Participation
5. Commissioner Comments
6. Action/Discussion Items
 - a. Commission will adjourn to closed session in accordance with WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to discuss Police and Fire personnel performance reviews.
7. Reconvene to Open Session
8. Recognize completion of probationary periods
9. Adjourn

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CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
March 28, 2012 at 4:30 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 22, 2012
4. Housing Authority
 - a. Presentation of January Activity Report (Pollard)
 - b. Presentation of January Financial Report (Pollard)
 - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-06, Authorizing the Community Development Authority to Apply for the FY 2012 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator Grant (Pollard)
 - d. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-09, Authorizing the Community Development Authority to Apply for Funding for a Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Grant Under the Resident Opportunity Self-Sufficiency Program (ROSS) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) (Pollard)
5. Community Development
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-10, Recommending Approval of an Amendment to the 2012 HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Budget Related to Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Funding (Christensen)
 - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-11, Authorizing the Community Development Authority to Purchase 720 Parker Avenue (Downing)
 - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-12, Authorizing the Community Development Authority to Purchase 736 Parker Avenue (Downing)

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- d. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-13, Authorizing the Community Development Authority to Purchase 823 St. Lawrence Avenue (Downing)

6. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: March 23, 2012

Approved: Julie Christensen, Ex. Director

How to Participate in CLEAN SWEEP

Tips for a faster visit:

- 1 - Review the items we can accept.
 - 2 - Select an *approximate* arrival period (15-minute blocks).
 - 3 - RSVP!
 - Call us at 754-6617 ext. 3, M - F, 8 am - 4:30 pm
- OR
- Clip and mail this form to Rock Co. Land Conservation Department, 440 N US Hwy 14, Janesville, WI 53546

DRIVE-THRU SERVICE -- WE DO THE WORK!

I have (check all that apply): 1 - 4 bins Over 4 bins
 50 lbs or 5 gallons of unknown waste
 Drums, mini-bulks, or other large container

NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
 DAYTIME PH# OR MSG: _____
 EMAIL (OPTIONAL): _____

Make your wait shorter! Select a 15-minute block below.
Arrive any time in that block.

***To sign up for fall events now, call 754-6617 ext. 3

		Minutes			
Hr		00	15	30	45
Friday, April 27, 1 pm - 4 pm, Evansville Dept. of Public Works, 535 S. Madison St., Evansville, WI	1:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	2:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	3:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Saturday, April 28, 8 am - 12 pm, Beloit Dept. of Public Works, 2351 Springbrook Ct., Beloit, WI		00	15	30	45
	8:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	9:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	10:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	11:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Thank You!

What do I do with . . . ?

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Latex paint - Make solid. Air-dry or add kitty litter or shredded paper. Leave open cans with trash. For large amounts, line box with plastic, pour 1 inch deep, harden.
Latex paint recycling - earthpaintscs.com lists Harris Ace Hardware in Janesville and Beloit. Call stores for details.
Hardened non-lead, non-metallic paints, varnishes - Remove lids, place with trash.

Recycle Year Round! Many local businesses accept the following items in **limited quantities** for free or a small fee. **CALL AHEAD.**

- **Earth911.com** lists many local businesses that recycle. Choose from list or type in item.
- **Recycler list (small volume)** at Rock County Clean Sweep website or by request (754-6617 ext. 3)

Recycle locally anytime (low volume):

- **Fluorescent bulbs:** hardware/home improvement stores, Batteries Plus. Rates and accepted bulb types vary by store; CFLs usually free. Call ahead.
- **Batteries** (rechargeable, hearing aid, watch, cell phone): electronics retailers, Batteries Plus, cell phone stores. Fees if any vary. Call ahead.
- **Alkaline batteries:** Fees apply. URT or mail-in programs. Trash okay.
- **Used motor oil:** waste hauler, auto service/supply stores. Volume limit may apply. Call ahead.
- **Oil filters:** Waste hauler, auto service/supply stores
- **Antifreeze:** Waste hauler, auto service/supply, Clean Sweep.
- **Electronics, computers, printers,** keyboards, speakers, mice, DVD players, VCRs, DVRs, fax machines, cell phones, appliances, more. URT, Goodwill, electronics stores, more at Earth911.
- **Computers for reuse:** Ask recycler or refurbisher about data removal procedures.
- **Fire extinguishers:** call local fire safety suppliers.

LARGE VOLUME: Try the recycling markets directory at www.dnr.state.wi.us/topic/Recycling/markets.html

Compiled from WI Department of Natural Resources, Focus On Energy, and Earth911. The mention of businesses is not an endorsement by Rock County Land Conservation Department or any agency associated with Clean Sweep.

CLEAN SWEEP 2012

For **HAZARDOUS** wastes from

Rock County

Residents

Businesses must use business program

Space is limited!

RSVP required prior to event

A quick call to 608-754-6617 ext. 3,
 Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
OR use enclosed form

Find this brochure at www.co.rock.wi.us
 Department of Land Conservation



Friday, April 27, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm,
 Evansville Dept. of Public Works, 535 S. Madison St.,
 Evansville, WI 53536

Saturday, April 28, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm,
 Beloit Dept. of Public Works, 2351 Springbrook Ct.,
 Beloit, WI 53511

Friday, September 28, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm,
 Edgerton Dept. of Public Works, 315 W. High St.,
 Edgerton, WI 53534

Saturday, September 29 - 8:00 am - 12:00 pm,
 Rock Co. Highway Garage, 3715 Newville Rd.,
 Janesville, WI 53545

What should I know?

- No latex paint or recyclables (see next page)
- Fees and/or limits may apply.
- All must RVSP (see next page)

Accepted Materials:

- Herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides
- Lye
- Acids (sulfuric, muriatic, hydrochloric) and strong bases
- Solvents (ketone, acetone, turpentine, mineral spirits)
- Liquid enamel, oil-based, and metallic paints. **NO LATEX.**
- All lead paint
- Photographic chemicals
- **Mercury and mercury-containing devices** thermometers, thermostats, switches, dimmers, manometers, broken fluorescent bulbs – packed airtight only)
- Pool and spa chemicals, bleaches
- Wood and paint strippers (methyl chloride, others)
- Wood treatments containing penta, creosote, or arsenic
- Non-latex coatings (lacquer, stains, and liquid varnishes)
- Contaminated waste oil, hydraulic fluids
- Old fuel, oil-gas mixtures
- Lighter fluids, charcoal lighter, kerosene
- Deck stains and driveway sealers.
- Aerosol cans (not empty)

Clean Sweep is funded by a state grant from the Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade, and Consumer Protection and by many local donations (list available at website).
PLEASE do your part to reduce and contain wastes.
Protect human and environmental health!

Clean Sweep 2012 is sponsored by:
Cities of Beloit, Janesville, Edgerton, Evansville, and Milton;
Town of Beloit. Rock County Departments of Land Conservation, Health, and Emergency Management; UW Extension -Rock County.

Accepted Farm Materials:

- All types of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, and rodenticides)
- Dairy acids
- Hydraulic fluids
- General farm chemicals
- DDT; silvex; heptachlor; dieldrin; lindane; toxaphene; and 2,4,5-T

Unknown Chemicals: Accepted in quantities less than 50 pounds or 5 gallons. For larger amounts of unknown chemicals, call 754-6617 ext. 118.

Drums: Acceptable if drums have contained or still have agricultural chemicals in them. Other drums may be accepted if they contain significant residues or chemicals considered hazardous.

Drums, mini-bulks, or other large containers may need special arrangements to unload. CALL US!

How to participate – see next page

Resident Rates (2012)	
Pay at event, cash or check only	
PAINT notes - Max. 1 bin of paint per home or farm Oil-based – liquid only. All metallic or lead paint. NO LATEX PAINT! No empty spray cans.	
1 small recycling bin or equivalent (bins will be returned)	FREE
2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th bin up to 4 total bins	\$5 each
More than 4 bins or equivalent, 10 gallons known material, all barrels, and unknown materials	Call for rates
FLUORESCENT BULBS --- Limit 10, any size Fluorescent bulbs ONLY! No incandescent, LED, HID.	
First 5 bulbs	FREE
6 to 10 bulbs	\$1 each
Many local hardware/home improvement stores recycle fluorescent bulbs all year. Call stores for details.	

Clean Sweep cannot accept:

- High pressure cylinders
- Freon gases
- Infectious and biological wastes
- Explosives (detonators, blasting caps, ammunition)
- Radioactive chemicals and devices

Business Program

Businesses must use business program.

Any WI business, school or agency that generates less than 2,200 pounds of hazardous wastes (approx. four 55-gallon drums) per year may be eligible to **use a Clean Sweep drop-off site for cost of disposal only - no vendor mobilization costs.**

To use sites in Rock County:

- FREE no-obligation quote! Form at our website (front page) or call 754-6617 ext. 3.
- No ag chemical discount this year for businesses in Rock County.
- Get on our advance mailing list for 2013 events.

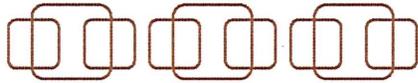
To use sites in Dane County:

- Open year-round.
- **Appointments required** and accepted all year.
- Dane County Business Clean Sweep www.danecountycleansweep.com
- Ag chemical discount - Rock County farms and businesses are not eligible for discount in Dane County.

Can't get to Clean Sweep? Help protect your health, the environment, and prevent dangerous situations:

1. Protect your eyes, lungs, and skin when handling chemicals or fragile packages.
2. **DO NOT mix chemicals!**
3. Place fragile or breakable packages in separate leak-proof containers and label "**Hazardous!**"
4. Store items away from children and pets.
5. **Attach this brochure to storage area so others know what to do.**

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Sponsorship Levels

Platinum

\$ 1,000 contribution

Large name/logo on participant shirt

Gold

\$ 500 contribution

Medium name/logo on participant shirt

Silver

\$ 250 contribution

Small name/logo on participant shirt

Bronze

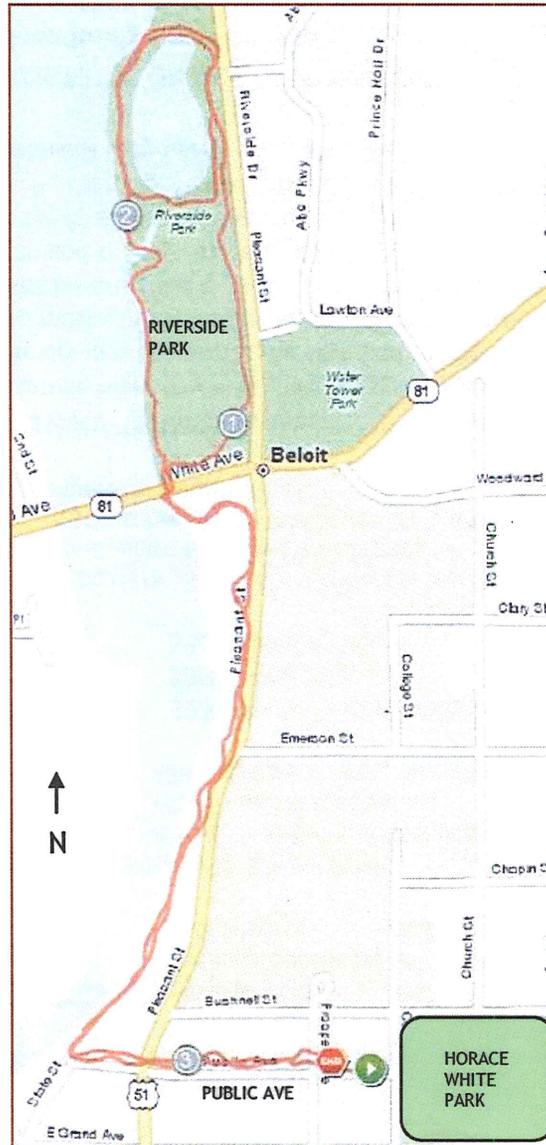
\$ 100 contribution

Name on participant shirt

If you would like to help sponsor this event, please contact Marcy Berner-Reedy, Beloit Meals On Wheels Executive Director at (608) 362-3683.

Route:

Start at Beloit Meals On Wheels (Public Ave), cross Pleasant St., follow bike path to Riverside Park, loop the lagoon, and back.



Mushing for Meals



**5K Run
1 Mile Walk**

**Saturday,
March 31st, 2012**



100% of all proceeds benefit
Beloit Meals On Wheels
"March For Meals" campaign

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Mushing for Meals

Lace up your sneakers and put on your favorite all-weather gear. Mushing for Meals is a 5k Run /1 Mile Walk to benefit Beloit Meals On Wheels. Whether you choose to run, walk, or be connected to two of your favorite mushers, you're sure to have fun!

This scenic run/walk course begins at Horace White Park, takes you by the lagoon, down the biking/walking trail, and loops you back again. Participants can compete as individuals or compete as a "Mushing Team".

EVENT PACKET:

Includes course map, rules, information sheet and event t-shirt.

PACKET PICKUP:

Friday, March 30th
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Beloit Meals On Wheels office,
424 College Street, Beloit WI.

On event day, packet pickup is from 8:00 am -8:30 am at the Registration Table.

AWARDS: given for the 5K Run

- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place female finisher
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd place male finisher
- 1st place Mushing Team

WEATHER:

This is a sun, sleet, rain, snow or slush event.



Event Information

START TIME: Registration 8:00-8:30 am
Announcements 8:45 am
Race Start 9:00 am

LOCATION: Horace White Park
across from the Beloit Meals On
Wheels office located at:
424 College Street, Beloit, WI

ENTRY FEE: \$25 Per individual prior to event
\$30 Same day
\$65 Mushing Team

** Registrations received on or before March 21st, 2012, are guaranteed an event t-shirt. Registrations received after March 21st, are not guaranteed an event t-shirt.**

MUSHING TEAMS: To compete in the Mushing Team division, you must have three runners. The runners must be physically attached to each other and must form a single file line. The three runners must be attached together from the start of the race and through the entire race to the finish line. As for how they physically attach themselves to each other, the runners may be creative as to what materials they use for that purpose.

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION:

Linda Bank, Race Director
phone: 608-346-4455
email:albank@charter.net

Marcy Berner-Reedy
Beloit Meals on Wheels Executive Director
phone: 608-362-3683
email: beloitmow@tds.net
fax: 608-362-7233

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Registration Form

Fee must accompany entry form

Make checks payable to:
Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc.

Send to: **Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc.**
PO Box 326
Beloit, WI 53512-0326

Race in which you are participating:

- 5K run 1 Mile walk Gender: M F
- Individual Participant Entry \$25.00
- Mushing Team Entry \$ 65.00

Each participant must fill out an entry form.

Team Name _____

Participant Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email Address for Race Results _____

Method of Payment:

- Cash Check

Shirt included in entry fee (please circle one size):

Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry for my participation in the Beloit Meals On Wheels, Mushing for Meals event, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, my executors, and my administrators, do hereby waive and release any and all individuals, corporations, associations, municipalities, and government which participates in promoting, staging, and management of this event, including but not limited to Beloit Meals On Wheels and any volunteers on their behalf, from any and all damages, injuries, or sickness, that may be suffered as a result, whether direct or indirect, of my participation in the Beloit Meals On Wheels, Mushing for Meals event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(parent or guardian if under 18)