



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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NEW CITY COUNCIL SEATED/OFFICERS SELECTED

At the Council Organizational meeting this past Tuesday evening, the re-elected or elected Councilors, Charles Kincaid, James Van De Bogart, Sheila De Forest and Charles Haynes took the Oath of Office. Following the oath, the new Council convened its first meeting and selected Charles Haynes as the new Council President and Mark Spreitzer as new Council Vice-President. Both officers will serve a one-year term.

Our congratulations to all of the Councilors who were elected or re-elected at the April election and to Councilors Haynes and Spreitzer on their selection to serve in leadership positions for the coming year.

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALEA ACCREDITATION

The CALEA Accreditation team was in the City this week, as scheduled. Monday afternoon the team held an open public forum and heard statements from a number of interested parties representing other law enforcement agencies, local organizations and individual residents who interact with the Beloit Police Department on a regular basis. The team concluded their evaluation on Wednesday and indicated they would recommend recertification for the Department. The final decision of the CALEA Board will not be announced for some time.

FABL LIBRARY BOOK SALE

In addition to the regular on-going sale of used books sponsored by the Friends at Beloit Library (FABL), a *discounted* book sale will be held at the Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. on **April 19, 20 and 21**. Doors opened to the public on Thursday, April 19 from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. On Friday, April 20 the doors will open from 9:30 to 5:00 p.m.; and on Saturday, April 21 the doors will open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All books at the sale will be 25 cents, and on Saturday, they will be \$1/bag! You'll find a great selection of books for adults and children; fiction, non-fiction, reference, treasures and best sellers.

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR THE RECALL PRIMARY ELECTION

Please see the [attached](#) press release regarding absentee voting for the recall primary election. Absentee voting will only be available in the City Clerk's office from Monday, April 23 through Friday, May 4. Also attached is a list of acceptable forms of proof of residence.

400 BLOCK OF GRAND AVENUE (WAGNER'S) DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT

Council unanimously approved the redevelopment agreement with Hendricks Development this past Monday evening. We are in the process of executing the documents and the developer continues forward with the balance of site acquisition required for this project. It is not anticipated that any work will begin on the site until demolition starts in mid-summer.

DOUGAN ROUND BARN DEMOLISHED

After many years of communication with the current property owners of the Dougan property on Colley Road, City building officials finally ordered demolition this past week. All of the structures on the property have been setting for many decades and had deteriorated significantly. Because of the advanced state of deterioration of the structures located on the site, City building officials initiated the Code Enforcement based condemnation process. Some two years ago, following a meeting with the property owners, all of the structures on the site were demolished, with the exception of the round barn which was provided an extension based on assurances that maintenance and restoration activities would be undertaken at the site. Unfortunately, no restoration plans ever materialized and the structure had continued to deteriorate. Of more problematic concern was the fact that the building was left open, and there was considerable evidence that neighborhood children had been playing inside of the barn. Concern about public safety and the continued deterioration of the structure resulted in building officials proceeding with the demolition of the barn structure. The owners were notified last month and the demolition was finally completed this week. It is unfortunate that a building of some historic significance had to be removed; however, structures will not last indefinitely without extensive maintenance. In this case, a very expensive restoration process was required to keep the barn structurally sound and in serviceable condition.

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.

TERRACE TREE PLANTING

The City of Beloit Department of Public Works Forestry Operation is accepting requests for terrace trees to be planted this spring. Trees will be offered on a first-come/first-served basis to City of Beloit residents. 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. This offer is good through April 30, 2012. To receive a "free" terrace tree or if you have any questions, please call the Department of Public Works Operations at 608-364-2929.

CITY TO HOST THE WISCONSIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S MAIN STREET AWARDS EVENT

This evening, Friday, April 20, the City of Beloit is honored to host the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC) annual reception and awards presentation for Wisconsin's prestigious Main Street Program. In the past, the City of Beloit and its various downtown property owners and merchants, have been the recipient of Main Street awards. Last year, the Downtown Beloit Association won a very prestigious national award for its downtown redevelopment program. The City was honored to be selected to host this year's Main Street awards program.

BELOIT UTILITIES HOSTS "SIGNIFICANT INDUSTRIAL USERS" ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM

The Wastewater Division of the City's Water Resources Utility hosted a reception and awards presentation this past week for its significant industrial users group, which represents the larger industries in the city which produce most of the effluent, which is treated at the City's water reclamation facility. Representatives were in attendance from most of the major industries with whom the City has maintained a strong collaborative effort to ensure compliance with all environmental standards related to wastewater treatment operations. Congratulations to Harry Mathos, Director of Water Resources and Cheryl Simplot, Environmental Coordinator for their continuing efforts to work with local industries.

BUDGET PREPARATION BEGINS

Having so recently completed the difficult and often tumultuous 2012 budget, it is with some trepidation that I report the beginning of the 2013 budget preparation process. The Finance and Administrative Services Department held the first kick-off briefing this past Thursday for City employees regarding preparation of the 2013-2018 Capital Improvements Plan. Obviously, a significant amount of lead time is required for departments to assemble cost estimates and, in some cases,

complete preliminary engineering design in order to determine the probably cost for various infrastructure improvements and other capital needs of their various departments. In addition to the annual element, which will actually be funded and included in the 2013 budget, Departments also prepare projections of their capital needs for the subsequent five years. Consequently, this is always the initial phase of the budget preparation process.

The first actual document to be prepared will be the strategic plan, which will begin shortly and will culminate with an extended workshop with City Council tentatively scheduled on **Monday, May 14, 2012 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** The next significant budget event is the pre-budget workshop with City Council, which has been tentatively scheduled for **Monday, June 18, 2012.** The actual Capital and Operating budgets are assembled through the summer and early fall and the proposed budget will be submitted to City Council and the community at the regular City Council meeting scheduled for **Monday, October 1, 2012.** Councilors and interested residents may want to hold those dates open on their calendars, pending more information as we get closer to those events.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR APRIL 23-27, 2012

Monday, April 23	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee
Monday, April 23	5:00 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum
Wednesday, April 25	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum
Wednesday, April 25	6:00 p.m.	Board of Review Training, Forum
Friday, April 27	10:00 a.m.	Arbor Day Observance, Gaston School

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.

April 19—21		Friends at Beloit Library special price book sale. All books 25 cents! Friday April 20th - 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - All books 25 cents! Saturday April 21st - 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Bag Day - \$1 per bag You'll find a great selection of books for adults and children; fiction, non-fiction, reference, treasures and best sellers.
April 21	6:00 p.m.	Angel Museum Sip-N-Taste , Eclipse Center—Beloit. \$30 at the door. Featuring live jazz music by the Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Band, door prize, silent auction, and many food and beverage vendors.
April 28		BLOOM Events at Rotary River Center, Riverside Park. Sponsored by Friends of RiverFront 1:00—3:00 p.m. Sneak Peek 6:00—7:00 p.m. Artists reception and silent auction 7:30 p.m. Live auction



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
Rebecca S. Houseman, City Clerk
(608) 364-6680

Absentee Voting for the Recall Primary Election
Available in the City Clerk's Office Starting April 23, 2012

April 19, 2012 – Beloit, WI: Beginning Monday, April 23, 2012, City of Beloit electors may cast an absentee ballot in the City Clerk's office for the May 8, 2012 Recall Primary Election. Electors who are not registered to vote and those who need to change their names and/or addresses must bring proof of residence to register. Late registration and absentee voting will only be available in the City Clerk's office from **Monday, April 23 through Friday, May 4**. Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence on the following page.

Photo identification or other proof of identity will **not** be required to obtain an absentee ballot or to obtain a regular ballot on Election Day at the polling place for the May 8, 2012 Election.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us.

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ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

One of the following is required to register to vote in the Clerk's office during the closed registration period or on Election Day at the Polling Place:

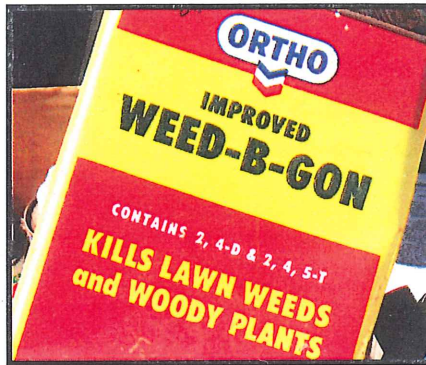
- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- Any other Official ID Card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body
- An ID card with your photo issued by an employer during the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A real estate tax bill or receipt (for the current year or year before the election)
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder by the university, college or technical college dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented
- A utility bill for a period starting no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- A bank statement or current pay check
- A government check or any other official document issued by a unit of government

NOTE: all of the above must contain a current and complete name, including both first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality. If the form has an expiration date, it must be valid on Election Day. **An individual may not register or vote without one of the above forms of proof of residence.**

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Clean Sweep 2012

**for
HAZARDOUS
WASTE**



**Rock County
residents
only**

Evansville - April 27

Beloit - April 28

September - Edgerton & Janesville

BRING

Mercury, pesticides, solvents, old fuel, pool chemicals, caustics, acids, more!

See list in brochure at

www.co.rock.wi.us/clean-sweep

or call 754-6617 ext. 3

DO NOT BRING

High-pressure cylinders, Freon gases, infectious and biological wastes, explosives (detonators, blasting caps), radioactive chemicals and devices, ammunition, electronics.

****First small recycling bin is FREE!**

Extra bins = \$5 each, limit 4 total bins.

Conditions may apply for larger loads, barrels

Oil-based paint - limit one bin per customer.

Fluorescent bulbs limit 10 (first 5 = FREE, next 5 = \$1 each)

RVSP as soon as possible!

Space is limited!

Sign up is FAST and EASY!

Call Rock County Land Conservation

Department at 754-6617 ext. 3,

Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm

OR mail form inside Clean Sweep brochure

Spring drop-off sites:

Friday, April 27, 1 pm - 4 pm,

City of Evansville Public Works,

535 S. Madison St. Evansville, WI 53536.

Saturday, April 28, 8 am – 12 pm,

City of Beloit Public Works,

2351 Springbrook Ct., Beloit, WI 53511

Businesses, schools, agencies that produce less than 2200 lbs of hazardous waste/year,

\$AVE \$\$\$ on vendor mobilization fees! FREE no-obligation quotes!

Call or see Business Section at our website.

Sponsored by: Wisconsin Department of Ag, Trade and Consumer Protection and the Clean Sweep Work Group: Rock County Departments of Land Conservation, Health, and Emergency Management; UW-Extension/Rock County; Cities of Beloit, Janesville, Edgerton, Evansville, and Milton; the Town of Beloit; and the Towns Association.



NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

To: All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

From: Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

Date: April 13, 2012

RE: Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, April 23, 2012 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Due to Memorial Day, we will convene for the May meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **June 25, 2012 at 1:30 p.m.** Any carry-over items from the previous meeting will be discussed in June.

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

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

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**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, April 23, 2012 @ 5:00 PM
City Hall Forum
100 State Street
Beloit WI 53511**

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
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

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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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
April 25, 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 March 28, 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)
 - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-15, Authorization to Write-Off Beloit Housing Authority Public Housing Tenants Accounts Receivable 2011 Fourth Quarter Vacated Residents (Pollard)
5. Community Development
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-16, Awarding the Rehabilitation Contracts for 122 Hackett Street (Schneider)
 - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-17, Authorizing the Community Development Authority to Purchase 745 Vernon Avenue (Downing)

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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: April 20, 2012

Approved: Julie Christensen, Ex. Director

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