



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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Special points of interest:

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CLEAN SWEEP 2012 HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION THIS SATURDAY

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.

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.

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 RECEIVES MORE MAIN STREET AWARDS FOR DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

The City was honored to host the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's annual reception and awards presentation for the Wisconsin Main Street Program. The event was held this past Friday, and once again the City of Beloit was recognized for its continuing improvements and business expansions in the downtown area.

Paddle and Trail was recognized as the best new downtown business. The City and the DBA were awarded the best infrastructure project award in the State of Wisconsin last year for the State Street reconstruction and placement of the gantry at the intersection of Grand and State. Peter Gabriele received an award as a downtown volunteer of the year. All of the award winners will be recognized at the regular City Council meeting on Monday, May 7, 2012.

DOWNTOWN БЕЛОIT RECOGNIZED BY "TRAVEL AND LEISURE" MAGAZINE

By clicking [here](#), you will be taken to an article that recently appeared in "Travel and Leisure" Magazine, identifying the 25 top traditional downtowns, or Main Street shopping areas available in the country today. We were very honored to see that the City of Beloit was selected as number 17 on that list. Obviously, the continued redevelopment of both building

facades and interiors for new and expanding businesses downtown, combined with the exciting infrastructure improvements, including the State Street brick treatments, contributed significantly to the City's selection for this prestigious list.

ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION

On Monday, April 16, Council President issued a proclamation honoring Arbor Day and noting the City's observance, which was held today, Friday, April 27, 2012. The program was at Gaston School and we had a good turnout of City Councilors, local dignitaries, and school children. The program was coordinated by the City's Publics Works Department, Operations Division, and trees were planted to honor the occasion.

BUDGET PREPARATION

Budget preparation work has begun in earnest with the draft Strategic Plan for 2013. All departments and divisions are currently working on their submittals, which will be reviewed at the management team meeting on Tuesday, May 8. A day long workshop is scheduled with the City Council for actual preparation of the Strategic Plan for next year on **Monday, May 14** beginning at 8:00 a.m. in the main conference room at the Utilities and Engineering Building at 2400 Springbrook Court.

PREPARATIONS CONTINUE FOR I-39/90 RECONSTRUCTION

The City Manager, along with key Engineering staff, will be attending a meeting at the South West Regional Office of the Department of Transportation next week to discuss a number of issues related to the I-39/90 design process. Although we just recently had the "official" announcement regarding the project, work has been underway for several months and preliminary designs are beginning to take shape. We will provide the community with additional information as the massive improvement project proceeds towards construction, which is currently scheduled to begin in 2015.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR APRIL 30—MAY 4, 2012

Wednesday, May 2 7:30 a.m. Rock County Breakfast Meeting (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)

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.

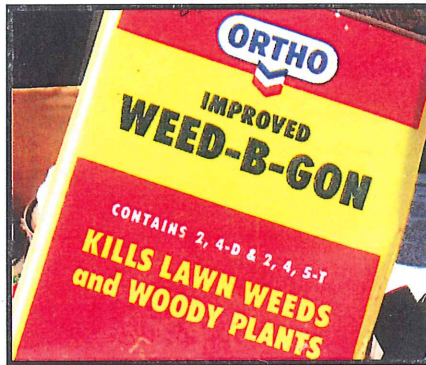
Saturdays throughout May offer an opportunity to attend the **Farmers Market Pre-Sale**, at the intersection of State and Grand, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

May 12 9:00—Noon **Electronics Round Up Collection**, 2351 Springbrook Court. For more information, please call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations at 364-2929.

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.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
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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.**