



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **RIVERFEST SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK**

Riverfest begins next Wednesday, June 27 and runs through Sunday, July 1, 2012. A large carnival, food and refreshments, plus music from notable local and regional groups will again be featured at this year's Riverfest. Detailed schedules have been printed in local newspapers and are available at <http://www.beloitriverfest.com/wp/>

### **URBAN CHICKEN ORDINANCE**

This past week, the Stateline journal included a fairly detailed ordinance related to the discussions currently underway to prepare a draft ordinance which, if approved by the City Council, would allow for the keeping of chickens in the City's urban residential neighborhoods under certain conditions. This past week, the staff completed preparation of a second proposed draft ordinance, and we have tentatively set aside Monday, July 2, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. as a workshop date and time to continue discussions related to preparing a draft ordinance for this purpose.

Once again, the workshop will be held in the Council Chambers (Forum) here at City Hall and the public is invited to attend.

### **BUDGET PREPARATION**

Beyond the pre-budget submittal workshop held with Council this past Monday, June 18, little additional work has been done on the budget this week. Division and Department Directors are still inputting their initial budget requests. The City Manager's staff has scheduled a meeting this coming Monday to go over our individual operating budget submittal.

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

While no major employers have announced plans to relocate or substantially expand facilities in recent months, we continue to see improved economic development activity. This past Monday evening, the City Council approved a residential care apartment complex project located at 2157 Schuster Drive, south of Cranston Road. A regional supermarket chain is still looking at available sites within the community.

We also met with MLG, our development partners in the Gateway Business Park this week, to discuss our ongoing business relationship and the status of real estate, including the probable date for closing on the acquisition of property for the NorthStar development.

NorthStar has also been in and is working with the design team now to complete their plans for both their site and building to make a formal building permit application. The project is running slightly behind schedule but still anticipates a full building permit submittal yet this summer.

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

### Flood Protection Downtown

The new sea wall and rip-rap area downtown running from the Broad Street bridge south behind the Post Office to the Fifth Street bike path and beyond, is actually nearing completion. Most of the heavy construction work is now complete and the contractor is heavily involved in restoration on and around the site. This area is close by but outside the festival grounds and will not interfere with Riverfest scheduled for next week.

### Henry Avenue Bridge

This week, the contractor made the first large pour on the bridge deck, which included about 2/3 of the length of this improvement project. The second pour will be made later. The bridge is still on schedule for completion by September 1, 2012. The dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, September 8, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in conjunction with Heritage Days weekend.

### North Riverside Park

The pre-construction meeting for the North Riverside Park improvements is scheduled and hopefully construction will begin within a matter of days on the north end improvements to Riverside Park. We anticipate dedicating those park improvements in conjunction with the Henry Avenue Bridge dedication on Saturday, September 8, 2012. These improvements will actually mark the final completion of Riverside Park upgrades all the way from Portland to Henry Avenue. Maintenance and care for the facility will, of course, continue; however, this project will mark the completion of all construction improvements planned for Riverside Park.

### Downtown Improvements

Bids for the resurfacing of Colby Street and the reconstruction of the West Grand Avenue parking lot will be on Council's agenda for the July 2, 2012 meeting. The Mill Street lot was already resurfaced and the Broad Street lot is being held pending completion of the East Grand Avenue redevelopment project. The City has also noted that the Chester Square lot needs resurfacing. Fortunately, the lot is relatively small and there are adequate appropriations remaining in the downtown account to accommodate that paving. The project will be included with the second street resurfacing project, which will be let in July. Work is also proceeding on the upgrades to various street furnishings, to be completed this summer ahead of the expenditure period termination, which occurs in September.

### Intermittent Street Resurfacing

The first round of streets to be repaired and resurfaced under this program are essentially complete at this time. As noted above, the second round of street resurfacing projects is included in the bid that will be let in July.

### Park Improvements

Other than the north end of Riverside Park, no major park reconstruction projects are scheduled for this year. There is some funding available in the current capital budget, as well as carryover from prior years, and a number of smaller projects are underway throughout the system, including replacing and/or installing playground apparatus, upgrading benches and furnishings in some sites, repairing and/or replacing fencing and related smaller scale improvements of this type.

## CITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW "CONNECTION PLAN"

A [special informational meeting](#) with both the Beloit and South Beloit City Councils has been scheduled for next Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. at the Sand Castle Community Center, located at 201 South 8th Street, South Beloit. The two Councils will hear a briefing on the status of planned improvements to create bike/pedestrian path connections between the two cities.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR JUNE 25-29, 2012

Monday, June 25	1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (D. Luebke)
Monday, June 25	Cancelled	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a>
Tuesday, June 26	5:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Informational meeting</a> and open house regarding the Connection Plan, 201 South Eighth St., South Beloit (All Councilors Invited)
Tuesday, June 26	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Special Landmarks Commission</a> , Forum (C. Haynes)
Wednesday, June 27	2:00-4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Open House</a> for Public Housing Phase 2 Redevelopment, 840 Fifth Street, Units 8 & 9
Wednesday, June 27	4:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Municipal Library Board</a> , Library Board Room
Wednesday, June 27	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (K. Leavy and D. Luebke)
Thursday, June 28	8:00 a.m.	BID/Downtown Beloit Association, Vision Beloit (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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)

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

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

Friday, June 22 7:00 p.m. **Music and More** at Harry's Place, Riverside Park. "Ladies Must Swing" 19-piece band.

Sunday, June 24 8:00 a.m. **2nd Annual Krueger Pool Triathlon**, Krueger Pool, 1700 Hackett St., Beloit. Registration Closing Date is Friday, June 22. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more information.

Monday, June 25 7:00 p.m. **Dancin' at Harry's Place**, Harry Moore Pavilion at Riverside Park. Line Dance with Country Plus. Lessons at 7:00 p.m., open dance at 8:00 p.m. Free will donations accepted.

June 27-July 1 **Beloit Riverfest**, downtown Beloit near the Post Office. [www.beloitriverfest.com](http://www.beloitriverfest.com)

Friday, June 29 11:30 a.m. **Fridays in the Park**, free summer concert series at First National Bank Plaza from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Blues with Glenn Davis and Matt Goodwin, food by The Little Bistro.

Monday, July 2 7:00 p.m. **Dancin' at Harry's Place**, Harry Moore Pavilion at Riverside Park. Line Dance with Country Plus. Lessons at 7:00 p.m., open dance at 8:00 p.m. Free will donations accepted.

Wed., July 4 7:30 p.m. **Patriotic Pops Concert** by Beloit-Janesville Symphony at Harry C. Moore Pavilion, Riverside Park, Beloit. Free admission—bring lawn chair and/or blanket. Concert will be followed by fireworks.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, June 26, 2012, the City of Beloit and the City of South Beloit, Illinois will be presenting an informational meeting and open house regarding the **Connection Plan**, which is designed to connect the Stateline area through a bicycle and pedestrian trail along the Turtle Creek. The meeting and open house will start at 5:30 p.m. with formal remarks at 6:30 p.m. at the Sand Castle Community Center located at 201 South 8<sup>th</sup> Street, South Beloit, Illinois 61080.

A quorum of the Beloit City Council and the Beloit Plan Commission may be present.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

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Dated: June 20, 2012  
Rebecca S. Houseman  
City Clerk  
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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Traffic Review Committee**  
**Monday, June 25, 2012 1:30 P.M.**  
**City Manager's Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**  
**Beloit, WI 53511**

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the March 26, 2012 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
3. Public Participation.
4. Ordinance to remove parking on Lovell Avenue between Cranston Road and Holmes Street.
5. Discussion regarding the 15 MPH speed limit on Hackett Street between Olympian Boulevard and Burton Street.
6. Discussion regarding the City of Beloit's alternate side parking policy.
7. Committee Member participation.
8. Next meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for **July 23, 2012**.
9. Adjournment [Return to page 3](#)

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**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting CANCELLATION Notice  
Monday, June 25, 2012 5:00 PM  
City Hall Forum  
Beloit WI 53511**

The Police & Fire Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, June 25, 2012 has been cancelled.

Charles Losinske, President  
Beloit Police & Fire Commission

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**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION  
Tuesday, June 26, 2012, 7:00 PM  
The Forum, 100 State Street**

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comments
3. Historic District Sign Subcommittee Creation & Appointment
4. Discussion on Historic District Signage
5. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at (608)364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Approved: Michael D. Lofton II, Assistant Planner  
June 21, 2012

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For More Information Contact:  
Cathy Pollard  
Director of the Beloit Housing Authority  
(608) 364-8747

**OPEN HOUSE FOR PUBLIC HOUSING**  
**PHASE 2 REDEVELOPMENT**

**Beloit, Wisconsin (June 21, 2012)** – On Wednesday, June 27, between 2:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., the Beloit Housing Authority will host an informal viewing of the Public Housing, Phase 2 Redevelopment project. The tours will take place at 840 Fifth Street, Units 8 & 9, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.

The Phase 2 construction project consisted of 16 single family homes, 9 townhomes, and the new 41 unit Parker Bluff building. Housing Authority staff members will be present to give tours and answer questions. Tenants will begin to move into the completed units on Friday, June 29, 2012, and the entire project is expected to be completed by September of 2012.

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# beloit public library

**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees**  
**Wednesday, June 27, 2012 4pm**  
Beloit Public Library Board Room  
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting
3. Public comment
4. Library Director Report
5. Reports
  - a. Foundation
  - b. FABL
  - c. Arrowhead Library System
  - d. Budget Committee
  - e. Strategic Plan Committee
  - f. Personnel Committee
6. Budget 2012/2013
7. Action Items
  - a. Robert W. Baird Account
  - b. Board Attendance
  - c. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
8. Trustee Comments
9. Motion to adjourn

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Next meeting: Wednesday, July 18, 2012

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Community Development Authority**  
**June 27, 2012 at 4:30 pm**  
**The Forum**  
**Beloit City Hall**  
**100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on May 23, 2012 and the Special Meetings held on May 9, May 15 and June 4, 2012
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of April Activity Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of April Financial Report (Pollard)
  - c. Presentation of May Activity Report (Pollard)
  - d. Presentation of May Financial Report (Pollard)
  - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-29, Approval of Revisions to the Administrative Plan for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program (Pollard)
  - f. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-30, Approval of Beloit Housing Authority's Plan to Serve as the Fiscal Sponsor for the Beloit Life Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) (Pollard)
5. Community Development
  - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2012-31, Setting Local Priorities for 2013 Community Development Block Grant Funding (Downing)
6. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify Ann Purifoy at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00PM the Friday before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: June 22, 2012

Approved: Julie Christensen, Ex. Director

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