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THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON FOR THE SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION

Beginning Monday, February 4, 2013, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the February 19, 2013 Spring Primary Election. For more information, please read the [attached](#) press release.

BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT SURVEY

The Beloit Police Department is seeking public input, recommendations, and suggestions for improvement. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information and a link to the Police Department survey.

BIFF PREPARES FOR 8TH SEASON

The world renowned Beloit International Film Festival conducted its annual reveal party this past Tuesday evening at the Beloit Inn. The Film Festival runs from Thursday, February 14 through Sunday, February 17 and includes a significant number of independent films, music venues added this year, and of course the very special silent film classic presented with accompaniment from the Beloit-Janesville Symphony Orchestra. The program book for the 2013 festival has been published and copies are available at multiple locations throughout Beloit. For more information, go to www.beloitfilmfest.org.

CONGRESSMAN POCAN VISITS BELOIT

It was an honor and pleasure this past Thursday to welcome our new Congressperson, Mark Pocan, to the City of Beloit. Congressman Pocan started his day at the Chamber's January Legislative Breakfast briefing the assembled business leaders on his impressions, having been in office for less than a month. Following the Chamber breakfast, Council President Charles Haynes and I met with the Congressman and took him on a tour of the City, discussing several projects important to the community that are currently underway or will be coming up, hopefully in the near future. We understand the Congressman had other meetings scheduled with key stakeholders in the city for later that day. The Congressman did confirm that he would be opening and staffing a permanent office here in the City of Beloit, which was good news to all of us who wish to maintain an on-going relationship with the Congressman's office.

Councilors Jim Van De Bogart and Charles Kincaid were also in attendance at the Chamber breakfast.

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING—NOW AVAILABLE AT THE DROP OFF CENTER EACH SATURDAY

Electronic waste is the fastest growing component of waste in the United States. Most electronics contain harmful substances such as lead, mercury, cadmium, chromium, heavy metals and chemical flame retardants that can enter groundwater, surface water or air when not properly recycled. As an eco-municipality, the City of Beloit and the Solid Waste work group feels it is important to accept electronics year-round in an effort to preserve our natural environment.

In addition to the recycling opportunities at 2351 Springbrook Court, the City of Beloit is **expanding** our service level and now invites the citizens of Beloit, Town of Beloit and Town of Turtle to drop off electronics at Public Works each Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Electronics often include valuable reusable materials such as steel, gold, silver, copper and glass that the City will be selling to our vender for recovery.

UPDATE ON POHLMAN FIELD—SNAPPERS HOT STOVE EVENT

This week, I had the opportunity to stop by Pohlman Field and view the work underway by the City's Parks Maintenance crew. We were very impressed with the quality of work underway and the tremendous improvement in the look and usability at the facility. The general maintenance, including painting, repair of lockers and other facilities and, of course, an overall facility cleaning are underway. Additional work is scheduled for outside the stadium, which will be undertaken in the spring, hopefully before the start of the regular baseball season.

The executives from the Oakland Athletics professional baseball organization will be in town next Tuesday, February 5 for their first look at the stadium and facilities available for their team use. That evening, the Snappers annual Hot Stove event will be held, beginning at 5:15 p.m. at the Eclipse Center here in Beloit. Oakland Athletics executives will be featured during that program.

MANAGER TO ATTEND LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES BOARD MEETING ON FRIDAY

The Manager drove to Madison early on Friday morning to attend an officers meeting, as well as a full Board of Directors meeting for the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. I will return to the City in time to attend the Roy Chapman Andrews award ceremony and presentation, which is scheduled to begin at 4:30 p.m. in the Eaton Chapel at the Beloit College Campus.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2013

*The City Council will hold a **workshop at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Manager's Conference Room, 4th Floor, on Monday, February 4, 2013 for the purpose of reviewing the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.*

*The [attached](#) agenda is for the **Monday, February 4, 2013** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.*

3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. A Proclamation recognizing the **Beloit International Film Festival** will be presented to representatives from the festival who will make a few comments about the festival, which is scheduled for February 14 – 17, 2013.
- b. Council President Haynes will be making the annual **State of the City** report to Council and the community at this meeting.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Special meeting of January 17, 2013 and the Regular meeting of January 22, 2013.
- b. Application for **Conditional Use Permit** to allow alcohol sales in a Neighborhood Commercial District for a grocery store located at 1623 Park Avenue. This item will be referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.
- c. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the zoning classification from Single-family Residential District to a Public Lands and Institutions District for a small city park located at 2208 N. Lee Lane. This property has been owned by the City for many years and operated as a small neighborhood park. Unfortunately, the parcel was not

previously re-zoned from its original residential zoning classification. Staff came across this item in doing research related to another project. As is our normal practice whenever we find anomalies of this nature, we initiate a case to make the correction. This item will be referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.

- d. Resolution setting a date for a Public Hearing for the **Vacation** of an unnamed North-South alley bounded by North Street, Sixth Street, Olympian Boulevard and Fourth Street. This alley lies west of the Beloit Memorial High School in the area of the school's current parking facilities. The School District has acquired most of the land in this area and anticipates the use of this space in the near future. Consequently, they are requesting that the unnamed alley, which is currently unimproved, be vacated. This item will be referred to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendation.

7. LICENSES

- a. Resolution **Setting Return Date and Authorizing Issuance of Summons** for an Alcohol License Sanction Hearing for Speedway, 2781 Milwaukee Road. Council has tentatively discussed setting the sanctions hearing for Tuesday, February 12, 2013; however, a motion will be required to establish the exact date and time for this procedure.

12. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution amending the **2013 Capital Improvement Budget** and appropriating funds from the Police Confiscated Fund to purchase Mobile Video Recording Devices. From time to time, the Police Department receives confiscated funds as a result of various law enforcement activities undertaken in the community. The use of these funds is restricted by law; however, the Department is able to purchase equipment related to law enforcement operations, so long as that equipment has not been previously included in the City's operating budget. The Department has a need to replace the Mobile Video Recording Devices that are used in the Police vehicles, at a cost of approximately \$80,000 to re-equip the entire fleet. This item was discussed with Council during the budget workshop this past fall, and the Department is now ready to proceed with this purchase. Since the item was obviously not included in the City budget, a supplemental appropriation authorizing the purchase out of the confiscated funds account is required. Approval of this resolution will authorize the Department to proceed with acquisition of the new Mobile Video Recording Devices.
- b. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a purchase order to replace two transit buses which are included in the **2014 Capital Improvements Plan**. The replacement of the two older buses was included in the 2014 element of the City's five-year Capital Improvements Plan. Because of the extraordinary lead time required to produce and take delivery of transit buses, the Transit Director has requested authorization to place the two buses on order at this time. As noted in the resolution, considerable research has been undertaken and the best cooperative procurement option available has been found for use in ordering the two buses. The resolution notes that these items are included in the 2014 public improvements plan, but not within the current 2013 budget. If approved, the resolution stipulates that Council will move purchase of the two buses out of the plan and into the 2014 budget, which will be prepared later this year. As always, the City has obtained grants covering 80% of the cost for the two replacement buses, with the balance anticipated to come from proceeds of the 2014 General Obligation Bond issue.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— FEBRUARY 4—8, 2013

Monday, February 4	6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop , City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, February 4	7:00 p.m.	City Council meeting , Forum (All Councilors)
Wed., February 6	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission , Forum (C. Kincaid)

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.

Saturday, Feb. 2 & 9	2:00—4:00 p.m.	Public Skate at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road
Sunday, Feb. 3 & 10	2:00—4:00 p.m.	Public Skate at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road
Thur., Feb. 14—Sun., Feb. 17		Beloit International Film Festival , please click here to view their website with information on tickets, films, venues, etc. http://beloitfilmfest.org/
Friday, Feb. 15	7:00—10:00 p.m.	Heartthrob Holiday Skate , Edwards Ice Arena. Games, candy and music; 2-for-1 skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
Thursday, Feb. 21	6:00 p.m.	Downtown Beloit Association Annual Meeting and Awards , LaCasa Grande Banquet Hall, Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Admission \$20. Please RSVP by February 15 to 365-0150.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Absentee Voting In Person for the Spring Primary Election
Available Starting February 4, 2013

January 25, 2013 – Beloit, WI: Beginning Monday, February 4, 2013, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the February 19, 2013 Spring 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. Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence on the following page.

Late registration and absentee voting in person will only be available from **Monday, February 4th through Friday, February 15th**. Electors who would like an absentee ballot mailed to them must make the request in writing via email to housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us; via mail to 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511; or in person at the City Clerk's office.

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 this Election.

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

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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BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT



Norm Jacobs
Chief of Police
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

Business: (608) 364-6801
Administration: (608) 364-6807
Facsimile: (608) 364-6608

PRESS RELEASE

Incident Number:

Date January 16, 2013

For Additional Information Contact:

Chief Norm Jacobs (608) 364-6843

In order to serve the community in a professional and effective manner, the Beloit Police Department wants to know your attitude and opinions. We seek input concerning the following areas:

- Our overall performance
- Competence of employees
- Perception of police attitude and behavior
- Your concern over safety and security

We wish to read your recommendations and suggestion for improvement.

While you are always welcome to do a police department survey, linked to the city website, this particular seven question survey helps us fulfill one of the 376 standards we comply with as a CALEA accredited police department.

Your responses, good or critical, are appreciated and anonymous.

The survey will be available at the Beloit Police Department or you may take it on line by going to:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Beloit13>

or

Login/Facebook/City of Beloit Police Department

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Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3:6 Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, February 4, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: January 30, 2013
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City Clerk
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** 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 Clerks Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511.



**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 4, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
 - a. Proclamation recognizing the **Beloit International Film Festival** February 14-17, 2013 (Haynes)
 - b. **State of the City Report** (Haynes)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – none
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

 - a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the Special Meeting of January 17, 2013, and the Regular Meeting of January 22, 2013 (LeMire)
 - b. Application for **Conditional Use Permit** to allow indoor alcohol sales in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District, for the property located at 1623 Park Avenue (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
 - c. Application for a **Zoning Map Amendment** to change the Zoning District Classification from R-1A, Single-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands & Institutions District, for the property located at 2208 N. Lee Lane (Christensen) Refer to Plan Commission
 - d. Resolution Setting a Date for a Public Hearing for the **Vacation** of an Unnamed North-South Alley in the block bound by North Street, Sixth Street, Olympian Boulevard, and Fourth Street in the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin (Christensen)
Accept and Refer to Plan Commission
7. LICENSES
 - a. Resolution **Setting Return Date and Authorizing Issuance of Summons** for Alcohol License Sanction Hearing for Speedway, LLC, d/b/a Speedway #4293, 2781 Milwaukee Road, Nancy A. Bryant, Agent (Krueger)
8. ORDINANCES – none

9. APPOINTMENTS – none

10. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

11. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

12. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution amending the **2013 Capital Improvement Budget** and appropriating funds from the Police Confiscated Fund to Purchase Mobile Video Recording Devices Equipment (Jacobs/Tyler)
- b. Resolution authorizing the issuance of a **Purchase Order** for replacement of two Transit Buses in 2014 (Gavin)

13. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: January 30, 2013
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk
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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG channel 98 or digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Thursday at 8:30 a.m. and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at 7:00 PM
The Forum
Beloit City Hall, First Floor
100 State Street, Beloit

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the January 9, 2013 Meeting**
3. **Conditional Use Permit – Alcohol Sales – 1623 Park Avenue**
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Conditional Use Permit to allow indoor alcohol sales in a C-2, Neighborhood Commercial District, for the property located at 1623 Park Avenue
4. **Comprehensive Plan Amendment – 1500 and 1505 Gateway Boulevard**
Public hearing, review and consideration of an amendment to the Future Land Use Map of the City's Comprehensive Plan from Mixed Residential to Business Park for the properties located at 1500 and 1505 Gateway Boulevard
5. **Zoning Map Amendment – 2208 N. Lee Lane – Lee Lane Park**
Public hearing, review and consideration of a Zoning Map Amendment to change the zoning of the property located at 2208 N. Lee Lane from R-1A, Single Family Residential, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District
6. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
7. **Adjournment**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Gail Riddle in the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.**

Notice Mailed: January 31, 2013

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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