



THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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City Manager*

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ROCK COUNTY DAY IN MADISON

This past Wednesday, the City Manager and the Director of Economic Development traveled to Madison, along with a significant number of other residents and public officials from throughout Rock County. The Roadmap for Progress, prepared by Forward Janesville with input from other agencies in the County, outlines key legislative initiatives, which impact this area. Most are economic development related, like the 39-90 widening and reconstruction, needed improvements to the tax increment financing statute, and requested modifications to make the State's income tax credit program more effective. Following the legislative briefing, we broke up into teams and visited all of the Senate and Assembly offices. Because of the pace of business in the Capitol, we often met with a key staff member and distributed copies of the Roadmap along with a briefing. In some cases, we were able to meet with Senators or Representatives in person to further underscore the significance of these policy initiatives.

Special emphasis was placed on reiterating the significance of the 39-90 project for the entire State of Wisconsin, not just Rock County. There seems to be a strong general consensus in the legislature that this project is, indeed, critical to maintaining the State's infrastructure and its economic viability, particularly the recreation industries, which thrive in the Dells and North woods areas of the State. The DOT has ranked this project the number one priority from among this group of scheduled improvements and we continue to remain optimistic that full funding will be provided in the fiscal 2015-2017 biennium, which would allow construction to begin in the summer of 2015, as scheduled.

UPDATE ON I39-90 PLANNING

Let's transition into an update regarding 39-90 planning and the completion of early concept designs. The consultant doing design work on behalf of the Department of Transportation has been working on some alternative alignment configurations for the very important Interstate 43 interchange here in Beloit. We anticipated having those prior to the end of 2012; however, that timeline obviously did not materialize. We are still waiting for the design concepts and have been assured that we will have approved alternatives before the end of March. In conjunction with the DOT, we will then initiate a series of stakeholder meetings to present the alternatives and receive community feedback before any decisions are made on how the interchange will be reconfigured.

2013 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

As we have previously indicated, there will be less construction in the City this season than we have seen in several prior years. Funds for infrastructure improvements continue to be limited due to reductions in the City's equalized assessed valuation. The downtown TIF District expenditure period closed last fall, and other than completion of some projects like the Phoenix building, which was approved and authorized prior to the deadline, little additional public improvements will be undertaken in downtown this year. We continue to receive positive news from the Downtown Beloit Association about business start-ups and façade renovations that are scheduled for 2013.

With the completion of planned improvements to Riverside Park, only shoreline stabilization remains to be completed. That work will be undertaken this year. Plans have been completed and are awaiting Department of Natural Resources review and permitting before we can proceed to bid on that work.

The City has decided to defer completion of final plans for a first phase of the annual intermittent resurfacing project to await the conclusion of winter weather. The weather this winter, particularly the freeze-thaw temperature cycles that we have experienced, have wreaked havoc on streets throughout the city. We want to wait until our weather pattern concludes in the Spring to do a more detailed analysis of streets and determine the final list for resurfacing in 2013. As with every year, there is nowhere near enough money to resurface all of the older streets that have not recently been reconstructed. As many as possible will be overlaid and extensive patching and repairs will be completed to others, as needed, to be sure that the streets remain serviceable.

The City continues to maintain a section on the website, www.ci.beloit.wi.us that provides regular Public Works construction updates. Please click on the Document Center and then Public Works to view the "Project Status Power Point."

WORK ON COMPENSATION PLAN

Work continued this week, not only among City management staff, but also the consultant on the proposed compensation plan for all of the City's non-represented employees. Following review of the plan by the City's management team, a number of suggestions were offered for various corrections and updates to the final plan, particularly pay range assignments for various employees. We are also making various updates to the reporting document itself, and hope to have that completed in the very near future.

Unfortunately, work on this very important project continues to take more time than we had anticipated. The Manager will be absent for a good part of next week attending the NLC Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. so we plan a final review with the consultant and employee meetings to be scheduled during the week of March 18, 2013.

TAILGATING AT TELFER PARK

We have a meeting with the Snappers this Friday to discuss the tailgating issue and to raise a number of questions posed by City Councilors during the review of that proposed ordinance amendment at last Monday night's City Council meeting. The Snappers will be working with the Parks and Leisure Services staff to review those questions and concerns. We anticipate a supplemental staff report prepared from that process, which will be made available for Councilors prior to the future consideration of this request.

SAFETY BELT AND DRUNKEN DRIVING ENFORCEMENT

To combat drunken driving and increase safety belt use, the Beloit Police Department will intensify its traffic safety enforcement from March 4—20, which includes the St. Patrick's Day weekend. This increased enforcement is part of a \$35,000 grant that the Beloit Police Department received from the Wisconsin DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety.

CITY MANAGER AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT TO ATTEND NLC LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE

The National League of Cities will be holding its Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. beginning this Sunday and running through Wednesday, March 13. This is a regular annual event; however, City officials have not attended in many years because of the budget issues being addressed during the great recession. Both the City Manager and Council President will be attending this year, and we have scheduled meetings with both Wisconsin Senators and our new Congressperson, Mark Pocan. We hope to also meet the Chiefs of Staff or legislative liaison's representing each of these elected officials, since we rarely get an opportunity to get to know the Washington staff people working for our elected representatives. The sessions will also include a number of legislative briefings and other educational sessions, which will provide a good overview and update on activities going on in Washington, D.C. including the recently initiated sequester, which will impact municipalities.

LEAGUE OF WISCONSIN MUNICIPALITIES BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities has scheduled a Board of Director's meeting for next Friday, March 15 in Madison. The City Manager will be traveling to Madison to attend that meeting and returning to the City that afternoon.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MARCH 11-15, 2013

Monday, March 11	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, March 12	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, March 12	7:00 p.m.	Board of Appeals , Forum
Wednesday, March 13	6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission , DPW Operations Center (S. De Forest)

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.

Wed., March 13	7:00 p.m.	Public Meeting to educate and notify the community about registered sex offenders. Please click here to view the press release.
Friday, March 15	7:00-10:00 p.m.	Skatin' to the Oldies , Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Rd. 60/70/80's costume contest and prizes, games and music. Free skate rental for those in costume. Regular admission fees apply.
Saturday, March 16	10:00 a.m.	Easter "Eggstravaganza," Easter egg hunt, Fun Zone, face painting, pictures with the Easter Bunny, and more. Horace White Park. Sponsored by the Downtown Beloit Association and the Greater Beloit Young Professionals.
Saturday, March 16	8:00 p.m.	7th Annual Moonlight Bowl Fund Raiser for the Beloit Fire Department Honor Guard, Viking Lanes, 210 Oak Grove Ave., South Beloit. Please click [here] for more information. Registration form and fee must be received by Monday, March 11, 2013.
Saturday, March 23		Mushing for Meals 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk & Kids Fun Run , sponsored by Beloit Meals on Wheels. Please click [here] for race information or to register online. Register by March 10, 2013 to be guaranteed an event t-shirt!



**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 11, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting January 14, 2013
3. Review of City Council appointment January 22, 2013
4. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

- 1 resident (Marsden) – term to expire June 30, 2014
- 1 resident (Berkley) – term to expire June 30, 2015

Appointment Review Committee

- 1 resident (Forbes) – term to expire December 31, 2013
- 1 resident (Reidenbach) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Board of Appeals

- 1 resident, 1st Alternate (Bussan) – term to expire May 31, 2014
- 1 resident, 2nd Alternate (Gaul) – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

- 1 resident (Fox) – term to expire December 31, 2015
- 1 resident (Biester) – term to expire December 31, 2015
- 1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014
- 1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2013

Board of Review

- 1 resident, Alternate (Zoril) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Business Improvement District

- 1 Owner Occupant (Reynolds) – term to expire December 31, 2013

Community Development Authority

- 1 resident (Simpkins) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Equal Opportunities and Human Relations Commission

- 1 resident (Bosshart) – term to expire June 30, 2014
- 1 resident (Siatos) – term to expire June 30, 2013

Municipal Golf Committee

- 1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2012

Municipal Library Board

- 1 resident of Beloit, Town of Turtle or Town of Beloit (Vavrus) – term to expire June 30, 2015

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

- 1 youth (Patel) – term to expire September 30, 2013

Traffic Review Committee

- 1 resident (Fryar) – term to expire September 30, 2013

5. Member Participation
6. Citizen Participation
7. Adjournment

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**NOTICE & AGENDA
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Beloit City Hall - The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI
March 12, 2013 - 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll call
2. Motion for approval of minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2013.
3. Status of Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License for Draeving Companies, LLC, d/b/a Thirsty Badger Bar & Grill, 2683 Prairie Avenue, Michael Draeving, Sr., Agent.
4. Consideration of incident on February 12, 2013, Police Report 13-1219 regarding a citation for failure to display alcohol license, issued to Bradley Eyster, Manager. Licensee location CVS Pharmacy #8534, 1063 Fourth Street, Judy Thomas, Agent.
5. Citizen Comments
6. Committee Comments
7. Police Department Comments
8. Attorney Comments
9. Motion to Adjourn

March 6, 2013
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk

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BELOIT BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

7:00 PM

The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the January 8, 2013 Meeting
3. Daniel Whitledge - 1353 W. Grand Avenue
BOA-2013-02 Area Variance to Sections 6.3.3(b)(1) and 6.3.4(d) of the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance to allow a detached accessory structure to encroach into the side setback area and to allow the total area of all detached accessory structures to exceed 720 square feet, for the property located at 1353 W. Grand Avenue.
4. Central Christian Church - 511 Public Avenue
BOA-2013-03 Use Variance to Section 4-502 of the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance to allow the operation of a resale shop in an R-4, Moderate-Density Multi-Family Residential District, for the property located at 511 Public Avenue.
5. Carlos Rivas - 1737 Hurst Street
BOA-2013-04 Use Variance to Section 4-102 of the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance to allow a Two-Family Dwelling (duplex) in an R-1A, Single-Family Residential District, for the property located at 1737 Hurst Street.
6. 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.***

Notice Mailed: March 5, 2013

Approved: Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

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PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013
6:30PM
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: February 13, 2013
- 3.) Citizens Participation

- 4.) Director's Report
 - a.) Correspondence
 - b.) Parks Report
 - c.) Horticulture Report
 - d.) Grinnell Hall Senior Center Report
 - e.) Leisure Services/Recreation Report
 - f.) Special Projects

- 5.) Old Business - None

- 6.) New Business
 - a.) Consideration and support of Rock County Leadership Development Academy project team and their proposal to develop a pedestrian bridge to cross Goose Creek in Big Hill Park. (Beth Jacobsen)

- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- * *Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Brian Ramsey @ 608/364-2919 or the Parks Administrative Secretary @ 608/364- 2929 prior to the meeting.*
- ** *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 or to request this service, please contact the Parks & Leisure Services Division located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by calling 608/364-2929.*



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

Date: March 7, 2013

For Additional Information Contact: Captain Vince Sciame-(608) 364-6812

The Beloit Police Department will be hosting a public meeting to educate and notify the community about registered sex offenders on Wednesday March 13, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Beloit Forum, 100 State St.

Members from the Beloit Police Department, Department of Health Services and Department of Corrections will be present. The community is encouraged to attend to receive information on sex offender registration laws, sex offender supervision and protective behaviors.

The meeting is being held in advance of the following sex offenders moving to 2219 Euclid Av., Beloit, WI.

Clayton J. Smith, W/M, age 52, will be relocating from 8121 W. Mill St., Hanover WI. Smith's current residence agreement expires at the end of March and he will likely move during the week of March 25th.

Mark R. Taber Sr, W/M, age 58, will be released from Sand Ridge Treatment Center, Mauston, WI. The court has ordered his placement on or before March 28th. Staff scheduling dictates that this will likely occur sometime after March 18th.

Separate Sex Offender Notifications on each individual are also being released.

2012 HONOR GUARD EVENTS

- * Memorial and Ceremonial assignments
 - * Hold vigil at two retirees visitation/memorial service
 - * MPO/Paramedic Ron Northrop
 - * MPO John Lightfoot
 - * Line of Duty Deaths
 - * Chief Phil Mortenson from Brooklyn WI. Pallbearers, flag folding, and casket guarding.
 - * Lt. Jamison Kampmeyer of Colby WI.
 - * Pilot Andy Olesen from Rockford REACT.
 - * Flight Nurse Jim Dillow from Rockford REACT.
 - * Flight Nurse Karen Hollis from Rockford REACT.
- * Assisted three Fire Department families during their time of loss by providing Honor Guard support
- * Partnered with the Department of Military Affairs to honor our Veterans by welcoming them back from Vets Roll.
- * Assisted the American Legion by revitalizing statues and gravestones at East Lawn Cemetery.
- * Participated in two local parades
- * Two Culvers Scoopie nights



The Honor Guard continues to serve the area fire departments and community with Duty, Pride, and Tradition.

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CITY OF BELOIT FIREFIGHTERS
HONOR GUARD, INC.



7th Annual
Moonlight Bowl
Fundraiser

SATURDAY
MARCH 16, 2013



Viking Lanes
210 Oak Grove Avenue
South Beloit, IL 61080
Check in 8:00 –9:00 pm

7TH ANNUAL MOONLIGHT BOWL

CITY OF БЕЛОIT FIREFIGHTERS HONOR GUARD, INC.

Duty, pride, and tradition are words the City of Beloit Firefighters do not take for granted. In its eighth year of existence, the City of Beloit Firefighters Honor Guard continues to progress and is now prominently known for its professionalism and dedication to the fire service and Stateline Area.



The City of Beloit Firefighters Honor Guard includes sixteen dedicated individuals whom volunteer their time for service at firefighter funerals (active and retiree), parade activities, Military Veteran functions, along with a host of civic and community events. It is the dedication and pride of its membership which makes this the professional organization it has become.

All training, uniforms, and equipment for use at these functions are purchased and maintained through fundraising activities, donations, or purchased by the members.



Free beer for bowlers starting at 8:00 pm!



Drink Specials



Door prizes given away all night long!



REGISTRATION FORM

Team 1

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Team 2

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

Team 3

Name 1 _____ Name 2 _____

\$25 per team. Shoes are free.

Amount Paid _____

LANES FILL FAST!!! SIGN UP ASAP!!!

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

**Registration form and fee must be received by
Monday March 11, 2013**

Entries are on a "first come, first serve" basis

Two people required per team

If you are unable to attend and would like to donate please call us at (608)364-2900

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