



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**April 5, 2013**

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### COMPENSATION/SALARY PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON TUESDAY, APRIL 9

We have finally completed the first full draft of the classification and compensation study, prepared by McGrath Human Resources Group. As noted previously, extra time and effort was put into the process, including extensive reviews by managers and employees throughout the non-represented ranks that will be covered by the new pay plan. Many comments and suggestions were made throughout the plan preparation process. All of those suggestions were reviewed with the consultant and many changes or modifications made as a result, to make the plan as realistic and workable as possible.

Dr. McGrath will be in attendance at a Council [workshop](#) scheduled for **Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Forum.**

Both the Classification and Compensation Study Procedure Manual and the Compensation and Classification Study Executive Report have been posted on the City's website and are available with a link from the home page under the section labeled "What's Happening" located right below the "Welcome to Beloit" message. The reports were too voluminous to be attached to the special meeting notice that was distributed by the City Clerk's office earlier this week. A limited number of copies of both reports will be available on Tuesday evening at the workshop. Residents and interested parties are urged to review the copies available on the website for background information regarding the new proposed compensation plan.

### SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Just a reminder that beginning next Monday, April 8 and running through Friday, April 19, the City will be picking up yard waste all five days of the week, along with your regular garbage collection day. Please note the [attached](#) release from the department that provides more information about how your yard waste must be containerized or bundled. Also, don't forget that a yard waste sticker must be purchased and attached to each container or bundle for collection. Additional composting options are also discussed in the attached press release.

### 2013 NOTICES OF REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT

Notices of any assessment changes on real estate in the City of Beloit were distributed today, Friday, April 5, 2013. [Attached](#) to the Beloit Report is a press release that explains your rights of appeal, should you have concerns about the property value included on your reassessment notice. If you do not receive a notice, it means that the assessment value on your property remains unchanged for this year. Not receiving a notice does not prevent you from objecting to your assessment.

### INTERSTATE 39/90—I-43 INTERCHANGE DESIGN OPTIONS

The City Manager and City Engineer did meet with representatives from the Department of Transportation and the design consultant earlier today to go over the new proposed design options for the interchange. Those are currently under review by the City's Engineering staff

and will subsequently be shared with interested stakeholders before any final decisions are made with regard to the reconstruction of this important City infrastructure.

## POSSIBLE DNR GRANT FOR BIKE/PEDESTRIAN PATH WORK AT BIG HILL PARK

The City has been notified that the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) does have some grant funding available for bicycle/pedestrian path projects this year. A delegation of City officials met in Big Hill Park on Wednesday and walked through the park, looking to determine whether a good routing could be found to bring a bicycle/pedestrian path through the park. The northern terminus would be an old railroad bridge, which is contemplated for reconstruction. The path would then meander to the west and south ends of the park, coming out near the current Girl Scout building. It is envisioned that eventually the path would be attached to pieces running north, to tie into the Janesville path and south to tie into the City's bike path on Shore Drive. The City will be moving forward with the grant application if funding can be obtained, installing at least the path through Big Hill Park, which can be used as a self-contained bicycle/pedestrian path at the present time.

Also, one of the Rock County Leadership Development Academy groups has committed to cover the cost of replacing the bridge over Goose Creek, which is a necessary connector for these paths to be built. The [attached](#) fund raising notice has more information about an upcoming fund raiser on **April 20**, which will be held at the Afton Pub to raise money for this important improvement.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— APRIL 8—12, 2013

Monday, April 8	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Appointment Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conference Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, April 9	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">City Council Workshop</a> , Forum (All Councilors)
Tuesday, April 9	Cancelled	<a href="#">Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee</a> (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, April 9	Cancelled	<a href="#">Board of Appeals</a>
Wednesday, April 10	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Park, Recreation &amp; Conservation Advisory Commission</a> , Public Works Operations Facility (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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

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

**Beloit Snappers** season is underway! Please click [\[here\]](#) to view their website for game schedules, special promotions, and more.

**Krueger Haskell Golf Course** is open, weather permitting. Please call 362-6503 for tee times.

Saturday, April 20 4:00—8:00 p.m. **Let's Build a Bridge Fundraiser.** Show your support to connect Beloit and Janesville Trails. 100% of donations benefit the Rock Trail Coalition. Afton Pub, 4910 Jefferson St., Afton



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a workshop on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Forum located on the first floor of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the proposed **Classification and Compensation Plan** for the City of Beloit non-represented employees. Information regarding the proposed Plan may be found on the City's website: [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us).

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: April 4, 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.



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:  
Chris Walsh, Operations Director  
(608) 364-2929

**Yard Waste Collection**

**April 4, 2013** – Curbside collection of yard waste will take place Monday, April 8, 2013 through Friday, April 19, 2013. Collection will take place on your trash day.

Yard waste must be properly contained in a clean container, paper, or Back to Nature bio-degradable yard waste bag. Containers can be no larger than 39 gallons and weigh no more than 60 pounds. Yard waste cannot be contained in plastic bags. A \$1.50 sticker must be affixed to each bag, container and or bundles.

Stickers may be purchased at any City of Beloit Treasury Department, City of Beloit Department of Public Works, Grinnell Hall, Leisure Services, ACE Hardware stores, all Walgreen's locations and Woodman's

**Composting Option**

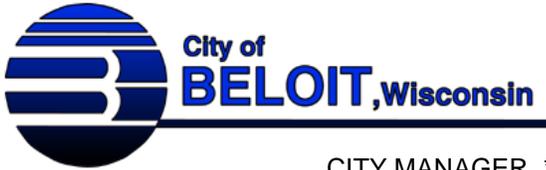
Leaflan Compost Center  
6711 West St. Lawrence Rd.  
(608) 364-1909

[www.leaflan.com](http://www.leaflan.com)

Call Leaflan for more information on hours and fee's.

For more information, call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations at (608) 364-2929.

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For more information contact:  
City Assessor's Office  
City of Beloit  
(608) 364-6670

## 2013 Notices of Assessment

**Beloit, Wisconsin (April 4, 2013)** – On Friday, April 5, 2013 notices of assessments will be mailed to property owners in the City of Beloit. The new assessed values should reflect the full market value of each property as of January 1, 2013 and will be used to determine each property owner's share of the property taxes payable in 2013. Most residential properties in Beloit will not see a change in value for 2013.

For your convenience, the new assessed value of each property in the City will be available at Grinnell Hall Senior Center, Merrill Community Center, the Beloit Public Library, the Police Department's lobby, and on the City of Beloit's website, [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us). Residents are encouraged to call or email if they will to speak to a member of the assessment staff directly. Commercial property owners are encouraged to make an appointment with the Assessor if they have questions about their assessment.

If you feel the assessment does not reflect the value of your property, you may discuss this with the assessment staff. Open Book will take place on Friday, April 26, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Assessor's Office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall (100 State Street). You may also call the Assessor's office at (608) 364-6670 or email [cobama@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:cobama@ci.beloit.wi.us) before April 30, 2013. The Assessor's Office will review any information you wish to submit to them in support of your views and opinions. The Assessor's Office has a form preferred form available on their webpage on the City's website, [www.ci.beloit.wi.us](http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us). You will receive notification of the results of your informal review by mail.

If you still do not agree with your assessment you can appeal to the Board of Review. To do so, you must file a written or oral intent to object with the City Clerk at least 48 hours before the opening of the Board of Review or, by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 31, 2013. The Board of Review will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 3, 2013.

For additional information, the Department of Revenue has a Property Assessment Appeal Guide for Wisconsin Real Property Owners, which explains the appeal process. You can download the booklet at, <http://www.revenue.wi.gov/html/pubs.html>

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Rock County Leadership  
Development Academy

Raffles!

# Let's Build a Bridge Fundraiser!

*Show your  
support to  
connect Beloit &  
Janesville Trails...*

**Saturday, April 20**

**4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

**Afton Pub**

4910 Jefferson St., Afton

Live  
music by  
Karl Bell!

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\$15 for a bottomless cup of Miller Lite



Fun for adults!  
Fun for families!



**100% of donations benefit the Rock Trail Coalition**



**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
NOTICE AND AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, April 8, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting March 11, 2013
3. Review of City Council appointment March 18, 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, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate (Bussan) – term to expire May 31, 2014
- 1 resident, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 (Siatos) – term to expire June 30, 2013

Municipal Golf Committee

- 1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2013

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

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

Plan Commission

- 1 resident (Moore) – term to expire April 30, 2016
- 1 resident (Ramsden) – term to expire April 30, 2016

Police and Fire Commission

- 1 resident (Link) – term to expire April 30, 2018

Traffic Review Committee

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

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5. Member Participation
6. Citizen Participation
7. Adjournment

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**NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION  
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Beloit City Hall - The Forum  
100 State Street, Beloit, WI  
April 9, 2013  
4:00 p.m.

The Tuesday, April 9, 2013 meeting of the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee has been cancelled due to a lack of agenda items.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

April 3, 2013

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Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City of Beloit City Clerk



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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Appeals Members

**FROM:** Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

**DATE:** April 2, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **April 9, 2013** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or [penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us](mailto:penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us) if you have any questions or require more information.

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cc: City Clerk's Office  
City Manager's Office  
Media

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2013**

**6:30PM**

**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER**

**2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI**

**AGENDA**

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of:            March 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.) Presentation of the scheduled 2013 Rock River Bank Protection Project in Riverside Park, (Andy Hill, DPW Engineering Division).
  - b.) Consideration and discussion regarding the date and agenda for the Annual Parks Tour.
  - c.) Consideration and discussion regarding suggestions and proposals for the development of the 2014 CIP Plan.
  
- 7.) Committee Members Comments [Return to page 2](#)
- 8.) Adjournment

**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.*