



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**May 3, 2013**

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from the Office of the  
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### BELOIT DOG PARK GRAND OPENING

Just a reminder, the City's new dog park at 2425 Springbrook Ct., will be dedicated on **Saturday, May 4, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** A brief dedication ceremony will be followed by an obedience demonstration and other free events for you and your dog. Obviously, dogs are welcome to attend the ceremony. Please see the [attached](#) brochure for more information on the dog park.

Representatives from the Treasurer's office will be in attendance at the event with both dog tags and the annual dog park passes available for sale. The passes allow you and your dog to use the park as much as you would like throughout the year. If you plan to purchase a dog license at this event, you must be sure to bring the rabies vaccination certificate issued from a veterinarian, showing the tag numbers and the expiration dates. Only cash or checks will be accepted at this event. If you would like to use a debit or credit card, please stop at the Treasurer's office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of City Hall, Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 5:00 p.m. Prices are as follows:

- \$7.50 annual license for dogs that are spayed or neutered (proof required) (Plus \$10 late fee after April 1 unless you just acquired the dog or if it is a puppy less than 6 months)
- \$15.00 annual license for dogs that have not been spayed or neutered (Plus \$10 late fee after April 1 unless you just acquired the dog or if it is a puppy less than 6 months)
- \$20.00 annual dog park permit for the first dog (resident) (proof of rabies vaccination required)
- \$30.00 annual dog park permit for the first dog (non-resident, proof of rabies vaccination required)
- \$10.00 annual dog park permit for each additional dog (resident or non-resident, proof of rabies vaccination required)
- \$25.00 annual dog park permit and license combo (proof of rabies vaccination required)

### FARMERS' MARKET PRE-SALE BEGINS ON SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013

Just a reminder that the smaller scale Farmers' Market "pre-sale" also begins on **Saturday, May 4.** Pre-sales will run through the end of May, with the full Farmers' Market located on State Street and Grand Avenue beginning on Saturday, June 1. The Farmers' Market runs from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each Saturday through October, rain or shine.

### ARTWALK DOWNTOWN SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10 AND 11, 2013

On Friday evening, May 10 and Saturday, May 11, ArtWalk will again be held in downtown Beloit. For more information about this year's activities, please see the [attached](#) flyer.

### ANNUAL PRESCRIBED BURNS IN БЕЛОIT PARKS

The City of Beloit Parks and Leisure Services Division will conduct their annual Prescribed Burn program in designated park sites during the two weeks of May 2-17, 2013, depending upon weather conditions. For more complete information, please see the [attached](#) press release.

## **SPRING TREE PLANTING AVAILABLE**

The City's Department of Public Works is now accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this spring. Species will be determined by the City Forestry Supervisor. There is no cost and trees will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. For additional information, please contact the Department of Public Works at (608) 364-2929. All requests must be received by Friday, May 31, 2013 to participate in the spring planting for this year.

## **2014 BUDGET PROCESS BEGINS WITH STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP**

A City Council Workshop is scheduled for **Monday, May 13, 2013** from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to work on the City's 2014 Strategic Plan. The workshop will be held at the Engineering and Utilities Building, located at 2400 Springbrook Court and it will be open to the public. The official public notice will be published on Wednesday, May 8th.

## **BELOIT'S PUBLIC HOUSING REMODELING AND REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS RECEIVED RECOGNITION**

On May 2, 2013, the City Manager, Director of Public Housing, and representatives from the Community Development Authority Board traveled to Milwaukee. The City was recognized by the "Daily Reporter" and presented with an award recognizing the Public Housing Remodeling and Redevelopment initiative as one of the Top Projects of 2012. Once again, we were very pleased with the quality of the remodeling that was completed on all of the City's public housing units and were honored that the City received recognition for this important initiative.

## **"GOT ART!" BELOIT ARTS EVENTS**

The City of Beloit as a center for arts will get a significant boost this year as a result of the "Got Art!" series of events scheduled from June 5-15, 2013. The events will highlight the Plein Air painting competition, which will be on-going during that period of time, culminating in the exhibit and sale of Plein Air art, scheduled for Saturday, June 15 at the Hendricks Center for the Arts at 409 Pleasant Street (former Public Library) downtown. For more information on the "Got Art!" events, please go to [www.friendsoriverfront.com](http://www.friendsoriverfront.com)

## **CITY CENTER COMMITTEE REVIEWS SHOPPING TRENDS IN THE GREATER BELOIT AREA**

We had a very interesting City Center Committee meeting this week, at which shopping trends among residents located within the Greater Beloit Area, was the subject of discussion. Presentations were made related to housing counts in the City Center, as well as the amount of shopping by residents within the Greater Beloit Area as opposed to shopping by local residents done outside of the trade area. Local economic development organizations are always focused on buying local and encouraging residents to shop within their community. Buying local, of course, helps local businesses grow, creates jobs, and can contribute to decisions by retailers to locate within the Greater Beloit trade area. We always encourage residents to look within the Greater Beloit trade area first to determine whether or not the service or commodity needed can be acquired locally before traveling outside of the trade area to another community to fulfill your shopping needs.

## **NATIONAL TOURISM WEEK, MAY 4-12, 2013**

National Tourism Week will kick-off at the Beloit Travel Wisconsin Welcome Center on I-39/90 on **Monday, May 6 at 10:30 a.m.** Stephanie Klett, Secretary of Tourism, will be present at the event, along with other local dignitaries.

## **MANAGER PARTICIPATES IN LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES**

On Wednesday, May 8, 2013, the City Manager will travel to Madison to participate in a press conference with a number of municipal officials related to a legislative change included in the Governor's proposed biennial budget that virtually eliminates any residency requirements for municipal employees. The requirement is unnecessary from any public policy perspective, and once again represents a significant erosion of local control over an issue that traditionally has remained within the jurisdiction of local elected City Councils and Village Boards. Municipalities across the State are unanimous in their opposition to this unnecessary State encroachment.

### TRI-STATE ALLIANCE

City officials, along with representatives from many other local organizations, will participate in the Tri-State Alliance Summit, which will be held at the Eclipse Center here in the City of Beloit this year. The Tri-State Alliance includes representatives from Wisconsin, Illinois and Iowa and focuses on transportation issues and their relationship to economic development within the tri-state region. The Secretaries of Transportation for both the Wisconsin and Illinois Transportation Departments will be in attendance and presenting during the day. For more information and to register for the event, please click [here](#) or call the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce at 608-365-8835.

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013

The City Council will hold a **workshop at 6:30 p.m.** in the City Manager's Conference Room, 4th Floor, on Monday, May 6, 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, May 6, 2013** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

### 3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Proclamation declaring May 11, 2013 as **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day**. Kathleen Clothier, Community Action, will be in attendance to accept the proclamation.
- b. Proclamation declaring May 12-18, 2013 as **National Police Week**, to be accepted by Police Chief Norm Jacobs.
- c. Proclamation declaring May 13-17, 2013 as **Bike to Work Week**. Sandy Thorpe will be in attendance to accept the proclamation.
- d. Recognition of the Parks and Leisure Services Division's designation as part of the **Travel Green Wisconsin** communities. Spencer Waite from the Parks Division and Linda Ross from Visit Beloit will be in attendance for this presentation.

### 4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Public Hearing on a proposed Ordinance amending the **Zoning District Map** for properties located on Forest Avenue and West Grand Avenue, changing the zoning from R-1B, Single-family Residential to Public Lands and Institutions. This is the zoning district map modification needed to support the School District's building renovation and expansion program. Councilors earlier approved a Comprehensive Plan amendment for this change. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended for approval.
- b. Proposed Ordinance amending the **Zoning District Map** for 1500 and 1505 Gateway Boulevard. The change puts properties rezoned some years ago to R-3, Low-density Multi-family Residential District, back to the M-1, Limited Manufacturing District designation. The Plan Commission unanimously recommended this zoning district map modification.

### 6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of April 15, 2013 and the Reorganizational meeting of April 16, 2013.
- b. Applications for the **Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses** for the licensing period of July 1, 2013—June 30, 2014. This is the regular annual renewal for all liquor license holders. This matter is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for review and recommendation.

- c. Application for a **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License** for Merrill and Houston's Steak Joint. Merrill and Houston's has been in business for some time; however, the corporate structure is changing to a new LLC, which requires the issuance of a new license. This item is being referred to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.
- d. Application for a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for Hourglass Media, operating as The Castle at 501 Prospect. Councilors are very much aware of the efforts underway by John and Jodi Wittnebel, who have acquired the former Presbyterian Church at this location. Their application will be going to the Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee for their review and recommendation.
- e. Resolution approving a Temporary **Class "B"/ "Class B" Retailer's License** for an Art Walk event scheduled for next Friday, May 10 for Visit Beloit at 500 Public Avenue. Once again, special Council approval of each special event license is required for the Vision Beloit facility because of their close proximity to an adjacent church building.

## 8. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Council President will have the final list of appointments for all the **Committee/Board/Commission** assignments for City Councilors.

## 11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving Amendments to the City of Beloit's **Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program**. Staff has been reviewing all of the participation guidelines in light of a reduction in the number of applications received and approved for participation. A detailed staff report and spread sheet is attached to the resolution, explaining all of the proposed changes. Staff will be making a somewhat longer report on this particular item at Monday night's meeting in an effort to answer Councilor's questions regarding this proposal. The bottom line is, staff is attempting to open up guidelines and standards to facilitate more participation in the program, including allowing for a larger percentage of participation by rental properties.
- b. Initial Resolution Authorizing the sale of **General Obligation Bonds** in the amount of \$2,815,000 for street improvement projects. This bond issue will raise funds to support the Capital Expenditures Budget, earlier approved by Council for calendar year 2013. Once again, Mike Harrigan or another representative from Ehlers will be in attendance at the City Council meeting on Monday evening to provide City Council with detailed information about the bond issue, including the debt service requirements prior to Council action.
- c. Initial Resolution Authorizing **General Obligation Bond** sales in the amount of \$275,000 for parks and public grounds. This GO bond issue will also raise capital to support projects included in the 2013 spending plan. Bond Council has separated these items since the funds will go for a different purpose. Once again, our bond consultant will be in attendance to provide detailed information to the City Council.
- d. Initial Resolution authorizing not to exceed \$4,800,000 **General Obligation Refunding Bonds**. Ehlers, the City's financial consultant, continually monitors the market and notifies the City whenever the spread in market interest rates are favorable for refunding existing bond debt. Over the last several years, because of the low interest rates, the City has refunded millions of dollars of its existing debt at a substantial savings to both taxpayers and rate payers, as utility bond issues were also included in the refunding process. Once again, the City has an issue here that would generate appropriate savings to incorporate into the refunding process. It should be noted that this is not new debt.
- e. Resolution directing the publication of Notice to Electors of the preceding three General Obligation Bond issues. The aggregate amount of those issues is \$7,890,000 for the purposes stated in this resolution, which includes refunding earlier debt and providing for the financing necessary to support the 2013 Capital Improvements Program. Once again, this resolution aggregates the earlier bond authorizations and directs the City to provide the necessary notice of publication of a pending issue and does not represent an additional amount of debt that will be issued in 2013.

- f. Resolution that provides for the refunding of \$1,375,000 of **Storm Sewer Utility System Revenue Bonds**. While these bonds were issued in 2010 to pay for improvements needed to the City's storm water management system, including the settlement basins constructed at the Krueger-Haskell Golf Course. This is not General Obligation debt; however, the market is favorable for refinancing and a savings will be generated for the Utility by refunding that issue at this time. Once again, a representative from Ehlers will be in attendance on Monday night to provide more detailed information to Council about this particular bond issue.
  
- g. This is the final resolution providing the debt financing included on the agenda for Monday evening's Council meeting. This particular resolution authorizes the City to enter into a **State Trust Fund Loan** through the Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in the amount of \$677,100. This amount represents the capital improvements of shorter duration included in the 2013 spending plan. These particular projects require a financing instrument that will mature in ten years or less, normally referred to as a "note." In looking at the borrowing costs for a State Trust Fund Loan as opposed to issuing notes in the general market place, it was determined to be in the City's financial interest to utilize a State Trust Fund Loan for this portion of the borrowing. Once again, this loan is for projects included in the 2013 Capital Projects Budget and a representative from Ehlers will be in attendance at the Council meeting on Monday evening to provide more detailed information.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MAY 6—10, 2013

Monday, May 6	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Agenda Review</a> , City Manager's Conference Room (All Councilors)
Monday, May 6	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">City Council Meeting</a> , Forum (All Councilors)
Wednesday, May 8	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Park, Recreation &amp; Conservation Advisory Comm.</a> , 2351 Springbrook Ct. (S. De Forest)
Wednesday, May 8	Cancelled	<a href="#">Plan Commission</a> , (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](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.

Saturday, May 4	8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Farmers' Market Pre-Sale, 300 block of State Street and the Gantry Area
Saturday, May 4	9:00—11:00 a.m.	City of Beloit Dog Park Grand Opening, 2425 Springbrook Court. Parking available at Leeson Park. Dedication ceremony at 9:00 a.m., dog obedience demonstration at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 7	6:00 p.m.	Summit Park Neighborhood Playground Meeting, Rotary River Center, 1160 S. Riverside Dr., Beloit. Please see <a href="#">attached</a> for more information.

Downtown Beloit  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> 5-9 pm  
 May 11<sup>th</sup> 10-2 pm

Enjoy a weekend of art and entertainment! Downtown businesses transform into fine-art galleries for the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual...

# ARTWALK

FREE Trolley Rides on Friday!



Do The ArtWalk!  
 2013

Auction to benefit BMHS Art Department  
 Saturday 11:30 am  
 at The Villager

Casual lookers and serious buyers will find hundreds of works from about 50 artists featured at over 25 venues, many offering hors d'oeuvres and live music! Friday after hours, various venues heat up with live music, and restaurants and lounges offer enticing specials. Friday night, catch the free trolley connecting all parking and exhibition areas throughout the event.

Rockford IL	04.07.13
Beloit WI	05.11.13
Aurora IL	06.16.13

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:  
Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services  
(608) 364-2890.

### **Annual Prescribed Burns in Beloit Parks**

**May 2, 2013 – Beloit, WI:** The City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division will conduct their annual Prescribed Burn program in designated park sites during the two (2) weeks of May 2-17, 2013, depending upon weather conditions.

Historically, natural wildfires played a very important role in shaping the natural prairie grassland that once covered over two million acres of Wisconsin. Today, less than 12,000 scattered acres still exist, and the use of Prescribed Burning Programs helps protect and maintain these natural prairie grassland areas.

The purpose of prescribed burns is multi-faceted and provides the following benefits:

- Reduces the amount of dead and dying plant material that hinders new plant growth in the spring.
- Recycles nutrients from old plant growth for use by growing plants.
- Promotes germination, growth, and flowering of native plants.
- Increases the diversity of native plant life.
- Controls encroachment of woody brush and trees into grasslands, including invasive species such as garlic mustard.

Prescribed Burn areas are generally conducted in the spring after snow melt and/or in the fall after leaf fall has concluded. These designated sites are typically burned on a 2-5 year interval, and in some cases annually to prevent overgrowth of a defined area.

This year, the Parks Division will only conduct prescribed burns in the following designated locations:

- Harper's Prairie (aka West Side Detention Pond), located at 2201 Whipple Street.
- Stateline Restoration Prairie, located at 540 Colby Street.
- Big Hill Park, located at 1101 Big Hill Road.

Consistent with practices as developed and conducted by the Wisconsin DNR and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, each park site is appropriately supervised and monitored by trained staff or volunteers from the City's Parks Division. These prescribed burns will only be conducted under the appropriate weather conditions, as safety is the top concern in implementation of this practiced program. If weather conditions are not appropriate for these prescribed burns, they will be postponed until a later date when the weather conditions are considered acceptable for this practice.

Additional information regarding these prescribed burns may be obtained by calling the Parks & Leisure Services Administrative Office at (608) 364-2929.

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## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, May 6, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: May 1, 2013  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City Clerk  
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**AGENDA  
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL  
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511  
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.  
Monday, May 6, 2013**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
  - a. Proclamation declaring May 11, 2013, as **Teen Pregnancy Prevention Day** (Kathleen Clothier, Community Action)
  - b. Proclamation declaring May 12-18, 2013, as **National Police Week** (Jacobs)
  - c. Proclamation declaring May 13-17, 2013, as **Bike to Work Week** (Sandy Thorpe)
  - d. Recognition of the Parks and Leisure Services Division's designation as part of **Travel Green Wisconsin** (Waite and Linda Ross, Visit Beloit)
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
  - a. Proposed Ordinance amending the **Zoning District Map** of the City of Beloit to change the zoning district classification of the properties located at 1528 and 1532 Forest Avenue and 1533 W. Grand Avenue from R-1B, Single-family Residential District, to PLI, Public Lands and Institutions District (Christensen)  
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0  
First Reading, suspend the rules for a Second Reading
  - b. Proposed Ordinance amending the **Zoning District Map** of the City of Beloit to change the zoning district classification of the properties located at 1500 and 1505 Gateway Boulevard from R-3, Low-density Multi-family Residential District, to M-1, Limited Manufacturing District (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0  
First Reading, suspend the rules for a Second Reading
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 Regular Meeting of April 15, 2013, and the Reorganizational Meeting of April 16, 2013 (LeMire)

- b. Applications for the **Renewal of Alcohol Beverage Licenses** for License Period July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014 (LeMire) Refer to ABLCC
  - c. Application for a **Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License** for Merrill and Houston’s Steak Joint, LLC, d/b/a Merrill and Houston’s Steak Joint, Jayme Braasch, Agent, 500 Pleasant Street (LeMire) Refer to ABLCC
  - d. Application for **Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License** for Hourglass Media, LLC, d/b/a The Castle at 501 Prospect, John Wittnebel, Agent, 501 Prospect Street (LeMire) Refer to ABLCC
  - e. Resolution approving a Temporary **Class “B”/“Class B” Retailer’s License** for an Art Walk event on May 10-11, 2013, at Visit Beloit, 500 Public Avenue (LeMire)
7. ORDINANCES – none
8. APPOINTMENTS
- a. Council President **Committee/Board/Commission Appointments**
9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS
10. CITY MANAGER’S PRESENTATION – none
11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS
- a. Resolution approving Amendments to the City of Beloit’s **Housing Rehabilitation Revolving Loan Program** (Christensen)
  - b. Initial Resolution Authorizing **General Obligation Bonds** in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,815,000 for Street Improvement Projects (York)
  - c. Initial Resolution Authorizing **General Obligation Bonds** in an Amount Not to Exceed \$275,000 for Park and Public Grounds Projects (York)
  - d. Initial Resolution Authorizing Not to Exceed \$4,800,000 **General Obligation Refunding Bonds** (York)
  - e. Resolution Directing Publication of Notice to Electors Relating to Bond Issues and Providing for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$7,890,000 **General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2013D** (York)
  - f. Resolution Authorizing the Issuance and Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Not to Exceed \$1,375,000 **Storm Sewer System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2013E** of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, and Providing for the Payment of the Bonds and Other Details with Respect to the Bonds (York)
  - g. Resolution authorizing the Application and Borrowing of up to \$677,100 from the State of Wisconsin Board of Commissioners of Public Lands **State Trust Fund Loan Program** for projects contained in the 2013 Capital Improvement Budget (York)

## 12. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated: May 1, 2013  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City of Beloit City Clerk  
<http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us>

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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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**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2013  
6:30PM  
DPW OPERATIONS CENTER  
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI**

**AGENDA**

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of:       April 10, 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
  - a.) Consideration and discussion regarding the date and agenda for the Annual Parks Tour.
  - b.) Consideration and discussion regarding suggestions and proposals for the development of the 2014 CIP Plan.
  
- 6.) New Business
  - a.) Consideration of selecting the new playground equipment for the Summit Park.
  - b.)
  
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 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.



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Plan Commission Members

**FROM:** Julie Christensen

**DATE:** May 3, 2013

**SUBJECT:** **Cancellation of Plan Commission Meeting**

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **May 8, 2013** meeting of the Plan Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **May 22, 2013**.

Please contact me at 364-6703 with any questions or comments.

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:

Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services  
(608) 364-2929.

### **Summit Park Neighborhood Playground Meeting**

**May 2, 2013 – Beloit, WI:** The City of Beloit's Parks and Leisure Services Division invites the general public to attend a Neighborhood Playground Meeting regarding new playground equipment scheduled for installation later this summer in Summit Park. This meeting will be held on Tuesday evening, May 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Rotary River Center located in Riverside Park where two (2) proposals will be presented by Lee Recreation, and considered for installation in Summit Park.

The purpose of this meeting is to allow residents who reside within the area of Summit Park to review and select the new playground equipment that they prefer to have installed in their neighborhood park. The Parks and Leisure Services Division has already completed a preliminary review of eight (8) proposals from four (4) separate playground vendors and has completed a comprehensive evaluation process of each proposals in selecting the top two (2) designs. The two (2) final designs will be presented at the Neighborhood Playground Meeting on Tuesday evening, where Lee Recreation, representing Playworld Systems will be available to respond to any questions regarding their proposed playgrounds. At the conclusion of the presentations, residence in attendance will have the opportunity to cast their vote for the playground that they would ultimately like to see purchased and installed in Summit Park.

Questions may be directed to the Parks & Leisure Services Division at 608/364-2929.

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### Dog Park Tag Fees

(Effective: January 8, 2013)

The Daily Dog Park User Fee must be placed in the Drop Box unless your dog bears the appropriate City of Beloit Dog Park Tag.

<u>User Fees</u>	<u>Resident Fee</u>	<u>Non-Resident Fee</u>
Daily Fee	\$5.00/Visit	\$5.00/Visit
Annual User Tag	\$20.00/Year	\$30.00/Year
Each Additional Dog	\$10.00/Year	\$10.00/Year
Dog Park Tag & License Combo (*)	\$25.00/Year	

(\*) Dog Park Tag & Dog License Combo must be purchased at the same time and is only available at the Beloit City Hall.

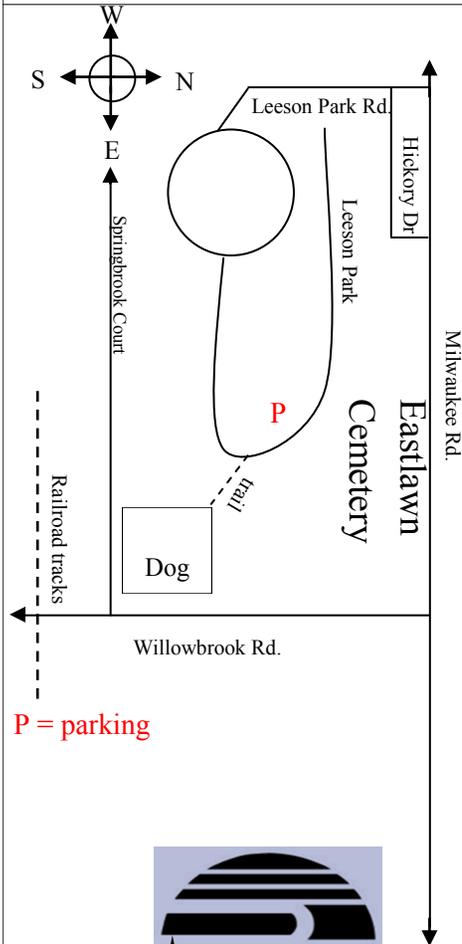
Hours  
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
Monday-Friday

Tags may be purchased  
City Treasurer's Office  
2nd Floor City Hall  
100 State Street  
Beloit, WI 53511  
608/364-6642



### Where to Find Us.....

City of Beloit Dog Park 2425 Springbrook Ct.  
Parking Available through Leeson's Park at  
2200 Milwaukee Rd.



P = parking



City of Beloit  
Parks & Leisure Services  
2351 Springbrook Ct.  
Beloit, WI 53511  
608/364-2929  
608/364-2890



Open daily from sunrise to sunset

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### ***Dog Park Description***

The City of Beloit Dog Park is approximately 2.5 acres in size and is enclosed by 1700 linear feet of fencing. The enclosed off-leash area is divided into two separate areas: one area specified for small breed dogs (approximately .5 acre in size), and another larger area (approximately 2.0 acres in size) designed for large breed dogs. Dog owners will be required to either pay the daily fee that will be placed in a drop-box at the entrance gate, or they can purchase an Annual Dog Tag that can be worn by their dog.

The City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division has developed this special use park site to provide a fun, safe, and attractive environment for you and your dog(s). By using this park, users agree that they understand and assume all responsibility and liability of risk by unleashing their dog(s) in this facility. The Dog Park is an unsupervised facility; therefore users are required to abide by all rules and proper etiquette at all times while on the premises, and maintain proper supervision of their dog(s). The continual use of this park depends on users behaving responsibly and obeying all the rules as designated. Your main priority at all times is the proper control and supervision of your dog(s).

### ***DESIGNATED RULES***

*All rules have been developed and are enforced as designated by City Ordinance, Section 18.02(23).*

1. Open daily from Sunrise to Sunset.
2. The Daily Dog Park User Fee must be placed in the Drop Box unless your dog bears the appropriate City of Beloit Dog Park Tag.
3. Dogs are permitted off-leash within the enclosed fenced area ONLY!
4. Owners are responsible for their dog(s) at all times!
5. Dog Park users are allowed a maximum of three (3) dogs per adult inside the dog park.
6. Dogs should not be left unattended.
7. Aggressive and/or threatening dogs must immediately be removed from the park.
8. The Dog Park is strictly for DOGS ONLY! No other pets allowed!
9. All owners are required to pick-up after their dog(s). Waste bags and receptacles are available; please use them and dispose of waste properly!
10. Dogs are prohibited in the park if they are under the age of four (4) months, or if they are a female dog "in-heat".
11. Dog treats are allowed only for dog training purposes.
12. Smoking is prohibited inside the enclosed fenced area!
13. Commercial use of the Dog Park is prohibited, without City authorization.



### ***ENTRANCE GATE PROCEDURES***

Dog park users are required to properly follow the posted directions when entering and/or exiting the enclosed fenced area:

#### **ENTERING DOG PARK:**

- \* Open Gate #1, close gate behind you and secure latch
- \* You may unleash your dog while between Gate #1 and Gate #2
- \* Open Gate #2 to enter fenced-in area of the Dog Park

#### **EXITING DOG PARK:**

- \* Open Gate #2, close gate behind you and secure latch
- \* Leash your dog while between Gate #2 and Gate #1
- \* Open Gate #1 to exit fenced-in area of the Dog Park

#### **DOG PARK ETIQUETTE:**

- \* Abide by all rules and regulations as established and posted by the City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division.
- \* Control your dog at all times.
- \* Dog owners should always carry a leash in case you need to restrain your dog.
- \* Prevent your dog from damaging any areas of the Dog Park; do not allow them to dig holes.
- \* Promptly clean up after your dog and dispose of waste properly.
- \* Do not bring your dog to the park if it is sick, has parasites, and/or fleas!
- \* Properly use the entrance and exit gates and keep them closed when not in use.
- \* Frisbee, balls, and retrieval dog toys are permitted and encouraged, but dog owners should be prepared to share with other park users.
- \* Dog owners are encouraged to bring water containers for their dog, but glass containers are prohibited. Please do not leave containers at the park.