



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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FRIENDS AT БЕЛОIT LIBRARY (FABL) ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Attached to the Beloit Report is a flyer announcing the FABL annual book sale which is underway in the Beloit Public Library warehouse space. The event, which began on Thursday, April 24, will conclude at 1 PM on Saturday, April 26. The Beloit Library is located at 605 Eclipse Blvd. in the South end of the Eclipse Center. Again, for more information, see the attached flyer.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION TOMORROW

Tomorrow, Saturday, April 26, 2014 several events are scheduled to be held in Riverside Park to celebrate Earth Day. Welty Environmental Center, Visit Beloit, Friends of Riverfront, Beloit Memorial High School Environmental Club, Stateline Community Foundation and the City of Beloit Leisure Services are jointly sponsoring a number of free public events to commemorate Earth Day. The theme of the day is "Celebrating Nature's Kaleidoscope: a Community Earth Day Event," with activities ongoing from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Residents are encouraged to attend

Also on Saturday morning the City of Beloit will be coordinating a plaque unveiling on the Wood Family Bridge beginning at 10:00 AM. The plaque will be installed on the bridge just west of the replica locomotive. The plaque describes the historical significance of the replica locomotive that is fixed above the bridge. The locomotive is a replica of Fairbanks Morse and Company's first diesel-electric locomotive called "Milwaukee Road 1802." The plaque was donated to the City of Beloit by the Grutzner Family in memory of Fritz Grutzner, one of several key contributors to the design of the locomotive.

At 11:00 a.m. an interactive public art installation will be celebrated in Riverside Park, just south of the Moore Pavilion on the plaza area. Local Environmental clubs and green agencies will also be present with information and interactive activities for adults and children. For more information residents may contact the Welty Environmental center at weltycenter.org, Friends of Riverfront at www.friendsofriverfront.com, or call Parks and Leisure Services at (608) 364-2890.

SPRING TREE PLANTING

The City of Beloit's Department of Public Works is accepting requests through Friday, May 30, 2014 from residents for terrace trees to be planted this spring. The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the City Forestry Supervisor, taking into account the size of the terrace, presence of utilities, and exotic invasive insects. Trees will be planted on a first-come, first-served basis. To be placed on the list, please call the Department of Public Works at 608-364-2929.

BELOIT UTILITIES NOW OFFERS E-STATEMENTS FOR CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE

We again want to remind customers that Beloit Utilities is now offering an option for E-statements. This option offers a new, more convenient way for you to manage your bills and maintain electronic files as well. This option will improve convenience for customers who utilize their computers for managing their personal business affairs and also save the City of Beloit Water Utility the cost of paper, printing and postage to send the traditional paper bill. If you are interested in signing up for E-statements, please click [here](#) for a link to the appropriate page. You will need your account number, and of course an e-mail address. Simply complete the form and transition your future bills to an electronic format.

The Utility will continue to send paper statements each month to customers that would prefer to receive a traditional paper document for processing their monthly payments. No action needs to be taken to maintain the paper bills that you currently receive.

CITY WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGING

We want to again remind everyone that the City's website and e-mail addresses are changing.

At the request of our Information Technology office, the City has decided to update and simplify its website address. Also, the current website www.ci.beloit.wi.us does not belong to the city and the lease on this name ends on January 1, 2015. It is unknown at this time whether or not it will be affordable to renew use of that name. The city now has access to the "gov" suffix which will also be used in implementing the shorter, more simplified website address of <http://www.beloitwi.gov> .

This name is not only easier and shorter, but is more intuitive as well. Along with the change, all of the City's e-mail addresses will also be transitioned. For example, the City Manager's former e-mail address was arftl@ci.beloit.wi.us . The new e-mail address is now arftl@beloitwi.gov .

As noted above, the current website and e-mail addresses will remain valid at least through the end of this calendar year until January 1, 2015. If the owner of that address provides the City with a reasonable renewal cost, it is likely that the City will retain that address as well. Both addresses will take the sender to either the appropriate website or City office. We would suggest, however, that you reprogram your favorites, bookmarks and contacts to reflect the new or abbreviated address for City electronic communications.

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Please take a look at the vacancies currently available to determine whether or not you would have an opportunity to serve on any of these committees. Over 120 citizens volunteer to serve on municipal advisory committees in an effort to make our community a better place to live.

Vacancies currently exist on:

Appointment Review Committee—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Board of Ethics—Meets as needed

Board of Review—Meets annually in May and as scheduled in June

Community Development Authority—Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Equal Opportunities Commission—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of even-numbered months at 5:30 p.m.

Municipal Golf Committee—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 a.m.

Plan Commission—Meets on Wednesdays following City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Traffic Review Committee—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

For more information on each committee, along with an application, please click [\[here\]](#), or call Pam in the City Manager's office at 364-6614.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— APRIL 28—MAY 2, 2014

Monday, April 28	1:30 p.m.	Traffic Review , City Manager's Conference Room (D. Luebke)
Monday, April 28	5:00 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum

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.

April 24—26		Friends at Beloit Library Annual Book Sale , Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. Please see attached for more information.
Friday, April 25	5:00—6:30 p.m.	Listening Session with US Senator Ron Johnson , Janesville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 4th Floor. 18 N. Jackson St., Janesville
Saturday, April 26	9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.	Earth Day Celebration at Riverside Park
Wednesday, April 30	7:00—8:00 p.m.	Listening Session with Representative Janis Ringhand, Beloit City Hall Forum, 100 State Street
Saturday, May 3	9:00 a.m.	Downtown Dash 5K run/walk sponsored by the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce and Kerry Ingredients. Please click [here] for more information or register at GreaterBeloitChamber.org

FRIENDS AT BELOIT LIBRARY ANNUAL BOOK SALE

New this year: 1. Located in library warehouse
2. Every day is a “bag day”

Beloit Public Library 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI

[Thursday, April 24](#)

9:30 am to 10:30 am

Preview for FABL members only

Memberships sold at door

10:30 am to 8:30 pm

Open to public

[Friday, April 25](#)

9:30 am to 5 pm

[Saturday, April 26](#)

9:30 am to 1 pm

ALL BOOKS 25¢

OR

THURSDAY- \$3.00 PER BAG

FRIDAY- \$2.00 PER BAG

SATURDAY- \$1.00 PER BAG



- *Books for adults and children
- *Treasures as well as best sellers
- *Fiction, non-fiction, reference
- *Proceeds donated to the library

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Traffic Review Committee
Monday, April 28, 2014 1:30 P.M.
City Manager's Conference Room (4th Floor)
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the February 24, 2014 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
3. Public Participation.
4. Ordinance to remove parking along portions of Third Street and Ironworks Drive.
5. Ordinance to exclude staff parking from 3-hour parking restriction in Angel Museum Parking Lot.
6. Committee Member participation.
7. Next meeting – due to Memorial Day holiday, the next meeting is scheduled for **June 23, 2014.**
8. Adjournment

** 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 Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

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**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, April 28, 2014 @ 5:00 PM
City Hall / Public Forum
100 State St**

The monthly meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Florence Haley at 364-6612.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of March 24, 2014 meeting minutes
3. Reports
 - A. Police Department
Presentation of Lifesaving Award Officer Dever and Loveland
Hiring update
 - B. Fire Department
4. Commissioner Comments
5. Citizen Participation
6. Action/Discussion Items
 - A. Presentation of plaque to Commissioner (current President) Charles Losinske
7. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) discuss fire and police personnel probationary reviews, consideration of employment
8. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
9. Possible acknowledgement of employees (Police & Fire) end of probationary period and approval to hire patrol officers
10. Adjourn.

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Saturday May 3, 2014

5K RUN / ONE MILE WALK • RACE STARTS AT 9:00AM • FREE PARKING

Starting/Finish line at Gantry Downtown Beloit
(Corner of State St. and Grand Ave.)

ONLINE
REGISTRATION
ONLY

\$25

STUDENTS

\$15

Register Today!

GreaterBeloitChamber.org

Packet pick up at Vision Beloit (500 Public Avenue)
on Friday May 2nd 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Packet delivery available to businesses
(call 608.365.8835 if interested)

Packet pick up also available the day of the event from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

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