



# THE BELOIT REPORT

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## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **Special points of interest:**

- **Meetings and  
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### **COUNCILOR LEAVY SUBMITS RESIGNATION FROM CITY COUNCIL**

Just prior to the City council meeting this past Monday, Councilor Leavy approached Council President and myself and announced that he would be resigning from the City Council in the immediate future. An e-mail resignation was received in the City Manager's office the following morning, indicating that Councilor Leavy's service on Council will conclude at the end of May, meaning May 31, 2014. Councilor Leavy accepted a new position several months ago, which has required a substantial increase in time commitment and he has had difficulty coordinating his schedule to attend City Council meetings and related activities.

Council will be accepting the resignation and considering a resolution stipulating a replacement process per existing provisions of the Municipal Code.

May 19, 2014 will be Councilor Leavy's final meeting. Kevin has been on Council since 2003 and is currently the longest serving City Councilor. We all extend our sincere thanks and appreciation for all of his service to Beloit and our very best wishes for his continued career and community service activities.

### **BUDGET/STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The 2015 budget process has begun. The Strategic Plan will be discussed by the City Council at a workshop this coming **Monday, May 12, 2014** beginning at 8:00 a.m. and running throughout the day. The workshop will be held at the Utilities and Engineering building located at 2400 Springbrook and all sessions will be open to the public. Once we receive Council feedback on various elements of the Strategic Plan, the final document will be prepared and likely included on a Council agenda sometime in the month of June for Council consideration.

The Finance Department budget staff held a meeting this past week to begin the process of preparing and submitting Operating budgets for 2015 from the various divisions and departments. The budget calendar was reviewed and a number of issues related to entering budget requests were discussed with the assembled managers. Training will be held for employees that make the actual budget entries later in May. Department and Division Directors will be conducting preliminary research on their financial needs for the coming year over the next several weeks. The submittal of budget information into our software program will not begin until June. Budget review actually begins in mid-July.

Just a reminder that a pre-budget preparation workshop is also scheduled with the

City Council to be held on **Monday, June 16, 2014 at 5:30 p.m.**, prior to the regular City Council meeting. The workshop will be held in the Forum at City Hall, 100 State Street.

## **ARTWALK AND OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 16 & 17, 2014**

Just a reminder that the **Downtown Beloit Association's annual ArtWalk** event will be held throughout downtown venues on Friday evening, May 16, 2014 and again on Saturday, May 17. (see [attached](#))

Also, the Farmers' Market pre-sale will be held again downtown on Saturday morning, May 17. A special feature at this week's pre-sale will be an extensive **display of Public Works equipment** (see [attached](#)). There will also be gifts and entertainment options for children, so make sure you bring your family downtown on Saturday, May 17 to browse the Farmers' Market pre-sale and have an opportunity to go through the many interesting Public Works Department displays that will be set up that morning.

Later in the morning on **Saturday, May 17, the Beloit Fire Department will host an Open House** (see [attached](#)) at the Headquarters Station located at 1111 Church Street. Apparatus and informational displays will be available for public viewing from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

## **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.

## **PRIVATE WELL INSPECTION AND PERMITTING PROGRAM**

Following the workshop with Council held this past Monday, staff from Public Works and the City Attorney's office are finalizing documents for the May 19, 2014 agenda to introduce an ordinance which makes a number of modifications, most of which are housekeeping in nature, to the City's Water Utility Regulatory Ordinance. Staff has also been doing research on some suggestions made by Councilors at the workshop and will be presenting that information as soon as the research is completed and the material assembled for presentation.

## **VISIT BELOIT INTRODUCES NEW MOBILE WELCOME CENTER**

I was indeed honored to be asked to chauffeur the new mobile welcome center recently acquired by Visit Beloit. The vehicle has a beautiful wrap graphics package, room for a wide screen monitor that will be rolling video and/or photographs illustrating both on-going activities and special events happening here in the City of Beloit. There will also be information and staff available at the mobile site to answer questions and provide information. The vehicle will be used all over the region, representing the City at community festivals, business expos, and other appropriate sites to help tell Beloit's story and bring visitors to our beautiful community. Monica Krysztopa, Executive Director of Visit Beloit, deserves most of the credit for creating and implementing this significant new initiative that will help tell the Beloit story.

## **UPDATE ON REPLACING FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR**

The Executive Recruiter has now been working for some time on the recruitment process to select the new Finance and Administrative Services Director for the City. Thirty-plus applications were received, of which a significant number are qualified candidates. The recruiter has been conducting telephone interviews with candidates and doing preliminary background research. A meeting will be held next week with the Director of Human Resources and the City Manager to go over the recruiter's notes and to select a group of semi-finalists

who will be brought in for interviews later in the month of May. We hope to have a selection made by mid-June with a candidate starting as soon thereafter as is practical.

#### **CITY OF БЕЛОIT HOSTS URBAN ALLIANCE MEETING**

I was indeed honored that the Urban Alliance of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities chose the City of Beloit for their quarterly meeting in May. The Alliance will be in the city at the Ironworks Hotel on Friday, May 16, 2014. The meeting will begin with a late lunch at 1:00 p.m., followed by a business meeting.

#### **BEЛОIT 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.

## **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— MAY 12–16, 2014

Monday, May 12	8:00 a.m.	<a href="#">Strategic Plan Workshop</a> , 2400 Springbrook (All City Councilors)
Monday, May 12	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Appointment Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (Spreitzer and Haynes)
Tuesday, May 13	4:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee</a> , Forum (Kincaid)
Tuesday, May 13	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Board of Appeals</a> , Forum
Wednesday, May 14	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission</a> , 2351 Springbrook Court (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.

**Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market** Every Saturday, rain or shine, from 8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Please see [attached](#) for more information.

Tuesday, May 13 7:00 p.m. **Friends At Beloit Library Annual Meeting and Program**, presented by Jessie Garcia, author of "My Life with the Green and Gold." This program is free and open to the public. 605 Eclipse Blvd. For more information, please see [attached](#).

May 16 & 17 **ArtWalk**, Downtown Beloit. Please see [attached](#) for more information.

Saturday, May 17 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. **Public Works at The Farmers' Market**, 400 block of Grand Avenue (rain date is May 24). Heavy equipment, face painting, goodies bags and more! Please see [attached](#).

Saturday, May 17 10:00 -2:00 p.m. **Open House Celebration** at the Beloit Fire Department, 1111 Church Street, in celebration of the Beloit Fire Department Paramedic Program 40th anniversary. Please see [attached](#).

Friday, May 23 11:30—1:30 p.m. **Fridays in the Park**, free summer concert series at First National Plaza, downtown Beloit. Beloit Memorial High School Jazz Band will perform, and lunch by Bagels and More will be available for purchase for \$6.

Friday, May 30 11:00 a.m. **Beloit Area Crime Stoppers Golf Event**, Beloit Krueger-Haskell Golf Course. Please see [attached](#) for more information and to register.

Enjoy a weekend filled with art & entertainment as  
Downtown businesses transform into fine-art  
galleries for the

# 12<sup>th</sup> Annual

# ARTWALK

Downtown Beloit

Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> 5-9pm

Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 10-2pm

- Casual lookers and serious buyers can find hundreds of unique works from nearly **50** artists featured at over **25** different venues in Beloit, many offering hors d'oeuvres and live music!
- Catch the **free trolley rides** on Friday, connecting all parking and exhibition areas throughout the night!
- Stick around Friday **after hours** - restaurants and lounges heat up with live music and great specials on food and drinks!
- Bring your stamped Artwalk Passport to 500 Public Avenue on Friday or Saturday and win amazing **prizes and gift certificates!** (Passports are available at each Artwalk location.)



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# Public Works at The Farmer's Market!

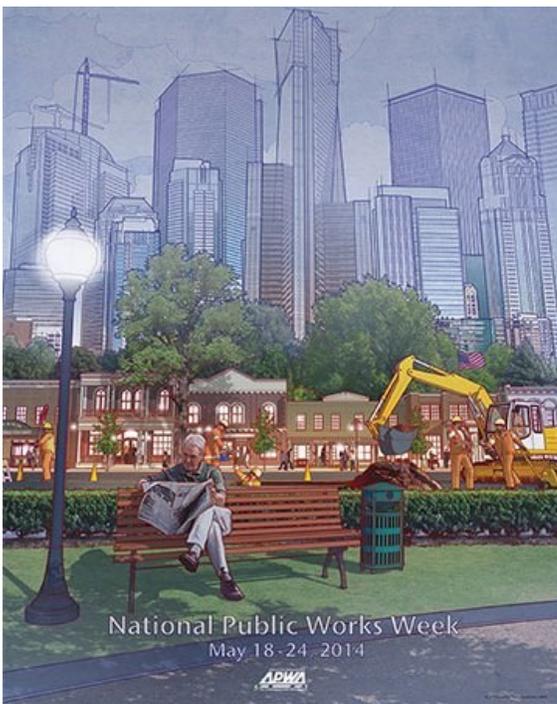
**Saturday, May 17 8:00am-1:00pm**

400 Block of Grand Avenue/Farmer's Market (May 24 Rain Date)

*Plenty of FUN to enjoy!*

"Dolly" The Dragon \* Heavy Equipment Line Up  
Face Painting \* Games \* Give-a-ways \* Goodie Bags

**FREE Family Fun!**



*This event is organized by The City of Beloit, Department of Public Works*

*If you have any questions, please feel free to call (608) 364-2888*

**40 YEARS AND GOING STRONG!**



## **Beloit Fire Department Paramedic Program Turns 40!**

**You Are Invited To Our Open House Celebration!**

**When: May 17, 2014**  
**Time: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.**  
**Where: Beloit Fire Department**  
**1111 Church Street**  
**Beloit, WI**

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### **Activities and Sponsors:**

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**Beloit Health System—Stroke Care Program**  
**Beloit Fire Department Paramedic Retirees**  
**Helicopters from REACT and UW Med Flight**  
**Chest Compression Only Demo and Practice**

**Mercy Health System—Trauma Care Program**  
**Mercy Health System MD-1**  
**Blood Pressure Screening**  
**EMS Equipment from Past and Present**



## PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit will hold a **Strategic Planning Workshop** to establish budget priorities, preferences, and processes for the 2015 City of Beloit Strategic Plan and Budget on Monday, May 12, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Engineering and Utilities Building, located at 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511. There will be a quorum of City Councilors present.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

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Dated: May 7, 2014  
Jelene J. Ahrens, WCMC  
Deputy City Clerk  
[www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov)

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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
NOTICE AND AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, May 12, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting April 14, 2014
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (May and June, 2014)
4. Review of City Council appointments April 21, 2014
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Appointment Review Committee

1 resident (Forbes) – term to expire December 31, 2016  
1 resident (Reidenbach) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Board of Appeals

1 resident, Regular (Fiore) – term to expire May 31, 2017  
1 resident, 1<sup>st</sup> Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2014  
1 resident, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

1 resident (Brown) – term to expire December 31, 2016  
1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014  
1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Review

1 resident, Alternate (Daskam) – term to expire December 31, 2014  
1 resident, Alternate (Borgogni) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Business Improvement District Board of Directors (Downtown Beloit Association)

1 Owner Occupant (Vargas) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Community Development Authority

1 resident (Adama) – term to expire December 31, 2016  
1 resident (Jacobs) – term to expire December 31, 2017

Equal Opportunities Commission

1 resident (Finnegan) – term to expire June, 2016

Municipal Golf Committee

1 resident (Wiersgalla) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Plan Commission

1 resident (Smith) – term to expire April 30, 2015  
1 resident (Jacobsen) – term to expire April 30, 2017

Traffic Review Committee

1 resident (Cole) – term to expire September 30, 2015  
1 resident (Walsh) – term to expire September 30, 2014

6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation
8. Adjournment

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

Beloit City Hall – The Forum  
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511  
Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2014.
3. Application for Change of Agent for VFW Club, Mead-Allen Post #2306, 2711 Afton Road, from Wayne Bown to Ronald J. Becker.
4. Application for a Change of Agent for CVS Pharmacy #5600, 2149 Prairie Avenue, from Kimberly Kitchens to Andrew Moyer.
5. Application for a Change of Agent for Speedway #4087, 148 Liberty Avenue, from Megan Biggerstaff to Susan Keough.
6. Application for a Change of Agent for Holiday Inn Express, 2790 Milwaukee Road, from Kelsey Szudy to Liza Carrasco.
7. Consideration of renewal applications for license period 7/1/14 – 6/30/15
  - Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor
  - Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor
  - Class “A” Beer and “Class A” Liquor
  - Class “A” Beer
  - Class “B” Beer
  - Class “B” Beer and “Class C” Wine
8. Consideration of new Class “B” Beer and “Class C” Wine License of Royal Enterprizes LLC d/b/a Mama Lou’s Shrimp & BBQ Smokehouse, 315 State Street, James H. Bennett, Jr., Agent.
9. Consideration of an incident April 11, 2014, at Liberty Mobil, Harjinder Samra, Agent, for a sale to an underage person during an alcohol compliance check.

10. Consideration of an incident April 11, 2014, at Cornellier SuperStore, 2909 Ford Street, for a sale to an underage person during an alcohol compliance check.
11. Consideration of an incident April 11, 2014, at CVS Pharmacy #5600, 2149 Prairie Avenue, Kimberly Kitchens, Agent, for a sale to an underage person during an alcohol compliance check.
12. Citizen Comments
13. Committee Comments
14. Police Department Comments
15. Attorney Comments
16. Adjournment

May 13, 2014

Rebecca Houseman LeMire

City of Beloit City Clerk

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**BELOIT BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

**7:00 PM**

The Forum

Beloit City Hall

100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the August 13, 2013 Meeting
3. Angus Young Associates – 1901 Liberty Avenue  
BOA-2014-01 Area Variance to Sections 8-300(h)(1)(a) and 8-300(i)(2) of the City of Beloit Zoning Ordinance to allow a privacy fence that is 7 feet, 4 inches in height in the front setback area, for the restaurant property located at 1901 Liberty Avenue.
4. 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: April 29, 2014

Approved: Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**REGULAR MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2014**

**6:30PM**

**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER**

**2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, БЕЛОIT, WI**

**AGENDA**

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: April 9, 2014
- 3.) Citizens Participation
  
- 4.) Old Business
  - a.) Review and consideration of projects proposed for the 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.
  
- 5.) New Business
  - a.) Consideration and support of installing a new boat dock along the Rock River in Riverside Park West.
  - b.) Review and consideration regarding the date and agenda for the Annual Parks Tour.
  
- 6.) Director's Report
- 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*



# DOWNTOWN BELOIT FARMERS' MARKET

SATURDAYS 8AM-1PM  
RAIN OR SHINE

PRE-SALE (MAY)  
300 Block of State Street

FULL MARKET  
(JUNE-OCTOBER)

300 Block of State Street,  
400 Block of East Grand  
Avenue & Gantry Area



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August 1st & 2nd

OKTOBERFEST  
October 4th

HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL  
October 25th



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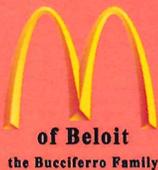


Live music at Gantry Park!  
Chat with local vendors to get the  
scoop on next week's harvest!

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jams & jellies • herbs • baked goods  
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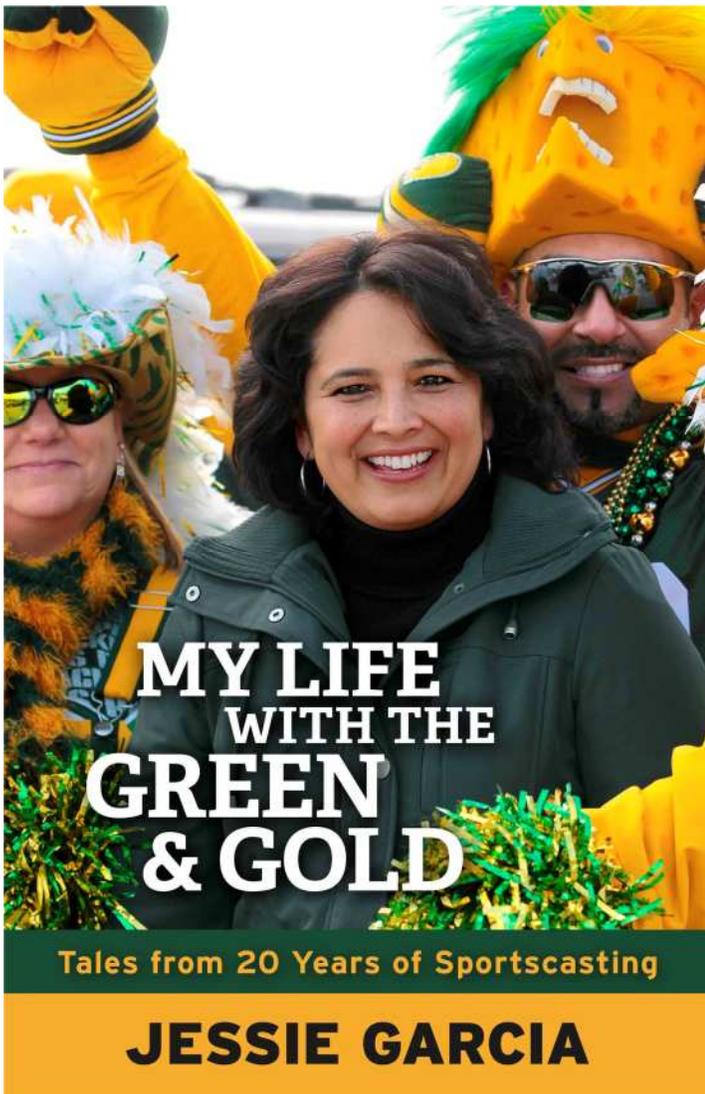
## ANNUAL MEETING AND PROGRAM

Tuesday, May 13

7:00 p.m.

Beloit Public Library

605 Eclipse Blvd.



The program will be presented by Jessie Garcia, author of

### **My Life with the Green and Gold.**

As a sportscaster, Ms. Garcia has spent 20 years interviewing famous athletes and coaches. She knows the Packers well and brings fans to the sidelines, inside the locker room, and aboard the Packers' bus. Her expertise is capturing behind-the-scenes human-interest stories and she will share, from the perspective of a female sports journalist, her personal and humorous insider's look at many Wisconsin sports heroes

- \*A short meeting will precede the program.
- \*Garcia's book will be available to purchase.
- \*Two books will be awarded as door prizes to some lucky audience members!

**This program is free and open to the public!**

**Refreshments will be served.**

**Come join us!**

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# Beloit Area Crime Stoppers Golf Event

DATE: May 30, 2014

TIME: Registration at 11:00 AM. Shotgun Start at Noon

PLACE: Beloit Krueger-Haskell Golf Course

ENTRY FEE: \$55.00 (includes: green fees, cart & lunch)

\$25.00 Season Pass Holders (non-cart pass holder fees to be paid day of event)

Entry Fee Due: May 10, 2014 (no pay no play)

Make Checks Payable to: Beloit Area Crime Stoppers

Format: Event will be 18 holes played in 4-person team scramble format.

If you do not enter a team list, you will be placed with others.

## Cancellation Policy:

1. If golf tournament is canceled due to weather player will not receive a refund.
2. If player is a "no-show", entry fee is non-refundable.

NAME and EMAIL: Player 1. \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2. \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4. \_\_\_\_\_

## **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BELOIT AREA CRIME STOPPERS**

\*\*\* All entries can be mailed to Det. John Fahrney, 100 State St, Beloit, WI 53511\*\*\*