



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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#### OPEN HOUSE AT FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS

**On Saturday, May 23, 2015** The Fire Department will be hosting their annual open house as part of their Emergency Medical Services week celebration. The open house is scheduled from 10:00—2:00 p.m. at Fire Department Headquarters, 1111 Church Street (near Park Avenue). The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

#### MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**All City offices and the Beloit Public Library** will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2015 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

**Trash collection** will be delayed by one day next week because of the Monday holiday. Also, the Recycling Drop Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Court will be *closed* on Saturday, May 30, 2015 to accommodate the equipment and staffing needs required for Saturday trash and recycling collection.

**The Memorial Day parade** will kick off this year in Beloit, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The parade will travel from West Grand Avenue to State Street, turn south on State Street traveling onto Blackhawk Blvd. and turning east on Winnebago Street to South Beloit Park. Lori Luther, the incoming City Manager, will march this year along with the Beloit City Council.

#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**NorthStar** held a ceremonial flag raising and had tours of their new facility this past Tuesday afternoon. They have now occupied their new building in the Gateway Business Park.

**Buffalo Wild Wings** has completed much of the building renovation on their new facility on Milwaukee Road. We noted a sign up indicating employment opportunities but still do not have a firm opening date.

**Pratt Industries** has begun work on their building as their site preparation continues.

**Chicago Fittings** is actually working on their building, which is now under construction.

Site work is progressing on the **former Cub Foods** building on Park Avenue. The new owner has begun removing much of the asphalt pavement on the site and is finalizing his plans for submittal relative to completing substantial site and building improvements.

#### FIRST NATIONAL BANK PLAZA GETS A FACE-LIFT

Many residents are aware that the First National Bank Plaza located at the northeast corner of State and Grand is actually a private park that was constructed and has been maintained by First National Bank. The bank had designed and has nearly completed a major face lift to the plaza to further enhance the look and feel of Beloit's beautiful downtown business district. Please see the [attached](#) release for more information.

## CASINO/TIGER GRANT UPDATE

A delegation from the Nation and the City met with Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb this week to discuss the TIGER grant application and its positive potential impact, not only on the casino project but to also help complete infrastructure improvements in that area of the City which will benefit the Willowbrook Road development corridor as well as the Gateway Business Park. The delegation requested that the Secretary provide a letter to the U.S. Department of Transportation to support our TIGER grant application. Letters and resolutions have been coming in from a number of public agencies and elected officials also supportive of the grant application. The TIGER grant must be filed no later than June 5, 2015 and the consultants indicate they will probably be ready near the end of next week to actually make the filing.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE TO BE COLLECTED

Once again this year, the City of Beloit along with a number of communities in Rock County will participate to provide homes and farms an opportunity to dispose of hazardous household or farm waste which may have accumulated on your property. The City of Beloit will host on **Saturday, June 13** from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at the City of Beloit Public Works Operations garage, located at 2351 Springbrook Court. The [attached](#) flyer and related documents contain additional information about the Household and Farm Hazardous Waste collections to be scheduled this year throughout Rock County.

## BUDGET PREPARATION

We will have our first meeting next week to review the list of Capital Improvement Projects submitted for consideration for the 2016 element of the plan. We will make a first pass through it to ensure that all the projects that have been in preparation are included in the planning document. The balance of the budget, including the Capital Spending Plan for next year, will be completed by the incoming City Manager.

## CITY MANAGER TRANSITION ACTIVITIES

Once again, this was an eventful week beginning with the City Council meeting on Monday evening, where once again several projects that the incumbent City Manager has been working on over the last several months were submitted to the City Council for review and consideration. Many of those projects have now been completed in synchronization with the City Manager transition process.

The Manager also cleared the office this Thursday to provide time for the maintenance crew to prep and paint the office, as well as do a thorough cleaning prior to the incoming Manager's arrival. As noted, Lori Luther will be participating in the Memorial Day parade on Monday, and will attend a few meetings, as well as undergoing some orientation activities next week. Lori will be in the office for a good part of the day on Friday, May 29 in preparation for her official start on Monday, June 1st.

Both Manager's will be available for the first three days of that week to facilitate a smooth transition process.

### Final Day Reception for Larry Arft

City staff has planned for a community and employee reception for departing City Manager Larry Arft. The reception will be held on **Wednesday, June 3, 2015** in the Community Room at Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. from 2:00—4:00 p.m. A cake will be served, along with punch and coffee during this farewell reception. While there are some earlier recognition events also being scheduled to honor the City Manager's tenure here in Beloit, this will be a final opportunity for the public to stop by.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MAY 25—29, 2015

Monday, May 25		City Hall and Beloit Public Library Closed in observance of Memorial Day. Trash and recycling delayed by one day this week.
Monday, May 25	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee
Monday, May 25	Cancelled	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a>
Tuesday, May 26	7:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Landmarks Commission</a> , Forum (A. Kelly)
Wednesday, May 27	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly)
Thursday, May 28	8:00 a.m.	Downtown Beloit Association (D. Luebke)

## 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.** Over 85 vendors every week and live music at Gantry Park in downtown Beloit. Every Saturday until the end of October. For more information, please contact the Downtown Beloit Association at 365-0150.

May 23	10:00—2:00 p.m.	<b>EMS Week Open House</b> at Beloit Fire Department, 1111 Church St. Meet your local Paramedics and Firefighters. Visit displays of emergency medical equipment, training aids, ambulances, helicopters and Beloit Incident Command trailer. See <a href="#">attached</a> for more information.
May 25	9:00 a.m.	<b>Memorial Day Parade</b>
May 29	11:00 a.m.	<b>Beloit Area Crime Stoppers Golf Event</b> , Krueger-Haskell Golf Course. Event will be 18 holes played in a 4-person team scramble format. Please see <a href="#">attached</a> for more details and to register.

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**Date:** April 23, 2015

**Contact:** Theresa Wendhausen

**Phone:** 608.313.8356

**For Immediate Release**

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### First National Bank Plaza Gets A Facelift

**Beloit, Wisconsin, April 23, 2015:** Spring is in the air and work has begun on the First National Bank Plaza landscaping. Chances are if you're anywhere near First National Bank and Trust (FNBT) on Grand Avenue in the next couple weeks, you will notice some changes next to the bank's corporate services building. Construction work is underway to rebuild the park into a more user-friendly setting for Fridays in the Park. The space is being opened up to allow for more seating during the popular weekly events, and a new canvas canopy will provide shade during the warmer months. The park will feature a curved pergola for the bands, new benches, and of course, beautiful flowers to welcome guests to the downtown plaza. The corporate services building will be painted to accommodate the new look in the park and new awnings will be added to both the Grand Avenue and State Street sides of the building to complete the look. FNBT is working with landscape architects at Angus Young and Associates on the project. The project is expected to be completed before Fridays in the Park begins in May.

...and if you're already thinking about Christmas...never fear! FNBT will still have a Christmas tree for the community to enjoy when the holiday season kicks off this winter.

First National Bank and Trust Company is a family-owned, community bank headquartered in Beloit, Wisconsin. Chartered in 1882, First National Bank and Trust Company now serves more than 27,000 households in 9 communities and 12 locations in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois with assets of approximately \$820 million. Commitment to full service banking, investments, wealth management, mortgage lending, exceptional service, and Sound Advice has positioned First National Bank and Trust Company as a Stateline leader in the industry. For additional information, visit

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# Clean Sweep 2015

**for  
HAZARDOUS  
WASTE**



**Rock County  
residents**

**NO  
LATEX PAINT!  
Harden and leave  
with trash,  
lids off!**

**Milton - June 12  
Beloit - June 13**

**Evansville - August 21  
Janesville - August 22**

**BRING** - Mercury, pesticides, solvents, old fuel, pool chemicals, caustics, acids, more!  
See list and brochure at  
[www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep)  
or call 754-6617 ext. 118

**DO NOT BRING** - Latex paint, high-pressure cylinders, Freon gases, infectious & biological wastes, explosives (detonators, blasting caps), radioactive chemicals & devices, ammunition, electronics.

**First small recycling bin per household is FREE!**

Extra bins = \$5 each, limit 4 total bins. *Conditions may apply for larger loads, barrels*  
Oil-based paint - limit one bin per customer. Fluorescent bulbs limit 5 per vehicle

***Businesses must use Business Program (below).***

**\*SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR FARMSTEADS – FIRST 200 LBS FREE\***

**All - RVSP as soon as possible! Space is limited!**

Sign up is FAST and EASY! Call 754-6617 ext. 118, M–F, 8 am – 4:30 pm

**Drop-off sites open to all Rock County residents:**

**Friday, June 12, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.**  
City of Milton Public Works Garage  
150 Northside Dr, Milton, WI 53563

**Friday, August 21, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.**  
Evansville Public Works Garage  
535 S Madison St, Evansville, WI 53536

**Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.**  
City of Beloit Dept of Public Works Garage  
2351 Springbrook Ct, Beloit, WI 53511

**Saturday, August 22, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.**  
Rock County Public Works Garage  
3715 Neville Rd, Janesville, WI 53545

**Businesses, schools, agencies**

Do you produce less than 2200 lbs of hazardous waste/year? FREE no-obligation quotes!

**NO vendor mobilization fees! Up to 50% off ag chemical disposal while funds available!**

Call 608-754-6617 ext. 118 or see Business Section at

[www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-clean-sweep)

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Eligible businesses may use Dane County Business Clean Sweep year-round. Conditions apply.

ROCK COUNTY  
CLEAN SWEEP for  
Hazardous Waste



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Police and Fire Commission Members

**FROM:** Marianne Marshall

**DATE:** May 18, 2015

**SUBJECT:** **Cancellation of Police and Fire Commission Meeting**

The regularly scheduled **May 25, 2015** meeting of the Police and Fire Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **June 22, 2015**.

Please call me at 364-6612 or e-mail at [marshallm@beloitwi.gov](mailto:marshallm@beloitwi.gov) with any questions or comments.

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**SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION**  
**Tuesday, May 26, 2015, 7:00 PM**  
The Forum, 100 State Street

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the April 21, 2015 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. St. Paul's Church – Certificate of Appropriateness  
COA-2015-16 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to add storage shed behind church structure at 212 W. Grand Avenue.
5. Robert LaFleur and Patricia Zody – Certificate of Appropriateness  
COA-2015-17 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace decorative scallops above front porch of residential structure located at 709 Harrison Avenue.
6. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
7. Committee Reports
  - A. Education & Outreach Committee
  - B. Grant Writing Committee
  - C. Site Visit Committee
8. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Approved: Alex Morganroth, Planner  
May 7, 2015

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

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
Community Development Authority  
May 27, 2015 at 4:30 pm  
The Forum  
Beloit City Hall  
100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2015
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of actual October Financial Report (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of actual November Financial Report (Pollard)
  - c. Presentation of December Activity Report (Pollard)
  - d. Presentation of December Financial Report (Pollard)
  - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-05, Approval of 2014 Fourth Quarter Write-Offs (Pollard)
  - f. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-07, Approval of 2015 First Quarter Write-Offs (Pollard)
5. Housing Development
  - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-06, Authorizing the Acquisition of 340 Highland Avenue with NSP3 Funds (Downing)
6. Adjournment

*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: May 22, 2015

Approved: Cathy Pollard, Assistant Director

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# EMS Week Open House May 23rd



- Beloit Fire Paramedics
- Mercy Regional SIM Lab
- Med Flight Helicopter
- REACT Helicopter
- Beloit Command Trailer
- Ambulances
- Fire Trucks

You are invited to the EMS Week Open House to meet your local Paramedics and Firefighters. Visit displays of Emergency Medical Equipment, Training Aids, Ambulances, Helicopters and Beloit Incident Command Trailer.

**Public Welcome and Encouraged to Attend!**

**Beloit Fire Department, 1111 Church Street, Beloit, WI**  
**Saturday, May 23, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.**

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# Beloit Area Crime Stoppers Golf Event

DATE: May 29, 2015

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 18, 2015 (no pay no play)

**Make Checks Payable to: Beloit Area Crime Stoppers, 100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511**

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**

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