



# The Beloit Report

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## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### March 23, 2018

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#### Special points of interest:

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#### CITY MANAGER’S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

- Participated in bargaining with the Transit Union
- Met with Department Heads as a group and individual direct reports
- Met with Dan Schooff, Chief of Staff and Secretary of Beloit College, regarding the Powerhouse Project and the Riverwalk
- Participated in the United Way Celebration and Awards Breakfast
- Met with City Councilor Clinton Anderson
- Participated in a rating call with Standard and Poor's

#### 2018 STATE OF THE CITY

City Council President Kevin Leavy presented the 2018 State of the City address at the City Council meeting on March 19th.

- [Watch the State of the City](#) (click on “3b State of the City”)
- [Read the State of the City Address](#)
- [View 2016-2018 Accomplishments](#)

#### KRUEGER HASKELL MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE OPENS FOR THE SEASON

Krueger-Haskell Golf Course officially opens for the 2018 season on **Monday, March 26!** Book tee times here: <https://krueger-haskell-golf-course.play.teeitup.com/>

##### New daily rates for 2018:

- City of Beloit Resident 9 holes: \$10.99
- City of Beloit Resident 18 holes: \$18.99
- City of Beloit Resident Jr. 9 holes: \$4.99
- City of Beloit Resident Jr. 18 holes: \$8.99
- City of Beloit Resident after 3 pm unlimited holes w/cart: \$22.99

- Non-Resident 9 holes: \$12.99
  - Non-Resident 18 holes: \$20.99
  - Non-Resident Jr. 9 holes: \$6.99
  - Non-Resident Jr. 18 holes: \$10.99
  - Non-Resident after 3 pm unlimited holes with cart: \$24.99
- \*\*\*Tax is not included in above prices

The new food and beverage concessions at the golf course will be operated by “Hospitality on the Green, Inc.” doing business as “Putterz Pub.” They will open for the season on Monday, April 2, 2018.

#### CITY OF БЕЛОIT TO PILOT ELECTRONIC POLL BOOKS AT SPRING ELECTION

The City Clerk-Treasurer relates that the City of Beloit was chosen as one of five test sites for the State of Wisconsin’s new electronic poll book during the April 3, 2018 elections.

According to the Wisconsin Elections Commission website, the electronic poll book (“e-poll book”) “is the computer equipment, program or a combination of the two that replaces a paper-based poll book.” To see a demonstration of the new poll book, or “Badger Book,” the public is welcome to attend a demonstration on **Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 11:15 a.m. in the City Hall Forum**, 100 State Street. State officials from the Wisconsin Elections Commission will demo the equipment and answer questions about the use of electronic poll books.

## APRIL 3, 2018 SPRING ELECTION

We will be voting for Justice of the Supreme Court; Court of Appeals Judge District 4; Circuit Court Judge Branch 3 and 7; Rock County Board of Supervisors (29 Districts); City Council (4 seats); and School Board. Absentee ballots are available in the Beloit City Clerk’s office, 100 State Street, 2nd Floor between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. through Thursday, March 29, 2018 (City Hall is closed on Friday, March 30, 2018). Photo ID is required or you may request via mail, email or fax. Fax is 608-364-6642 and email is: [stottlerl@beloitwi.gov](mailto:stottlerl@beloitwi.gov).

As a reminder, **polls will be open on April 3, 2018** from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Click here if you are not sure where to vote: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-US/FindMyPollingPlace>

Wards 1, 2 & 3	Converse School	1602 Townline Avenue
Wards 4, 5 & 6	Gaston School	1515 W. Grand Avenue
Wards 7, 8 & 9	Hackett School	625 Eighth Street
Wards 10, 11 & 12	Beloit Historical Society	845 Hackett Street
Wards 13, 14, 15 & 22	Beloit Public Library	605 Eclipse Boulevard
Ward 16	First Congregational Church	801 Bushnell Street
Wards 17 & 18	Todd School	1621 Oakwood Avenue
Wards 19, 20 & 21	River of Life UMC	2345 Prairie Avenue
Wards 23, 24 & 25	Central Christian Church	2460 Milwaukee Road

## SUMMER JOB FAIR

The City of Beloit will hold a Summer Job Fair on **Saturday, April 7 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Beloit Public Library**, 605 Eclipse Blvd. We are looking for energetic individuals to work seasonal positions in our Parks and Recreation Department, Golf Course, Downtown Beloit Association and Department of Public Works Operations Division. Individuals who attend the job fair are guaranteed an interview. We encourage interested candidates to complete an application beforehand. For more information, please see [attached](#). Employment opportunities are listed on the City’s website along with the on-line application: <https://tinyurl.com/hnrdbxz>

## CONTROLLED BURN

The City of Beloit Parks and Recreation Division will conduct their annual Controlled Burn program in designated park sites during a four (4) week period of March 21 - April 20, 2018, depending on weather conditions. 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 and Recreation Division. Controlled 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, the controlled burn will be postponed until a later date.

Controlled burns will be conducted in the following locations:

- Harper's Prairie (aka West Side Detention Pond), 2201 Whipple Street
- Stateline Restoration Prairie, 540 Colby Street
- Big Hill Park, 1101 Big Hill Road
- Various areas at Krueger Haskell Golf Course
- Various areas in Riverside Park, 1160 Riverside Drive
- NE corner of Riverside Drive and Eclipse Drive near the Beloit Public Library
- Water Tower Park, 1002 White Avenue

Additional information regarding these controlled burns may be obtained by calling the Golf Course Maintenance Office at 608-364-2869 or please see [attached](#) press release.

## 2018 MONTHLY CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE

Yard waste consists of leaves, grass clippings, garden debris, brush and shrubbery (no larger than 4 feet long and/or 4 inches in diameter). In April, curbside collection of yard waste will take place from **April 2 - 5 and April 9 - 12** on your regular trash day.

- All brush and shrubbery must be bundled, tied or contained with a \$1.50 yard waste sticker placed on it.
- Stickers are sold 5 to a sheet for \$7.50 and are available at Walgreens, ACE Hardware, Public Works Operations Facility, City Hall Treasury, and Grinnell Hall.
- Use only paper yard waste bags, Back-to-Nature Biodegradable bags or clean trash containers 39 gallons or less.
- Plastic bags cannot be used for yard waste.
- Yard waste containers must weigh no more than 60 pounds.
- Yard waste must be clean and litter free.
- Place yard waste at least 3 feet away from your regular trash.

## BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT 2017 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND 2018 GOALS

The Beloit Police Department is grateful for all the community support and tips received over the past year. Between the support of the community and the hard work of officers, violent crimes have decreased by 14% in 2017 with a clearance rate of 70%. Beloit Police are clearing significantly more crimes than other communities our size, which is a huge accomplishment. The message is clear: "Do not commit violent crime in Beloit - you will be caught!" Chief Zibolski shares more about 2017 accomplishments and 2018 goals in a letter available on the City's website:

<https://tinyurl.com/y77nswrr>

## SLOW-NO-WAKE REMOVED FROM PORTIONS OF ROCK RIVER

The Rock County Sheriff's Office removed the previously declared slow-no-wake speed restriction on the portion of the Rock River downstream from the West Beloit Rock Town Line Road Bridge to the Stateline and the portion of the Rock River downstream from the northern Rock County Line to the Indianford Dam.

Until the Afton gauge reports water levels below 6.50 feet, the Rock River downstream from the Indianford Dam to the West Beloit Rock Town Line Road Bridge will remain under a slow-no-wake speed restriction.

## SPRING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Beloit City Offices will be closed on Friday, March 30th in observance of the Spring Holiday.

The Recycling Drop Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Ct. will be closed on Saturday, March 31, 2018.

The Beloit Public Library will be open regular business hours on Friday, March 30th, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The Blender Café will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR—MARCH 26 - 30, 2018

Monday, March 26	Cancelled	<a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a> , (S. Blakeley)
Monday, March 26	Cancelled	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a>
Monday, March 26	4:00 - 5:00	<a href="#">Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee</a> , Irontek Conference Room, Ironworks Campus, 635 Third St. (City Councilors and Plan Commission Members Invited)
Wednesday, March 28	8:00 a.m.	Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Meeting, Beloit Public Library meeting room, 605 Eclipse Blvd. (M. Preuschl)
Wednesday, March 28	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (K. Leavy and N. Forbeck)
Thursday, March 29	10:45 a.m.	<a href="#">Hearing on Town of Beloit's petition</a> for the incorporation of a portion of lands, Rock County Circuit Court, Courtroom H, Floor 4-R, 51 South Main St., Janesville. A

## 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)*

Saturday, March 24		<a href="#">7th Annual Mushing for Meals 10K, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run</a> . USATF Certified Courses with Chip Timing. Race start time: 8:30 a.m. for the Kids Fun Run and 9:00 for the 10K, 5K Run/Walk. Limited to the first 250 participants. Register on-line at <a href="http://www.itsyourrace.com">www.itsyourrace.com</a>
Tuesday, March 27	5:30-6:30 p.m.	U. S. Rep. Mark Pocan will host a Town Hall type meeting at Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. The public is welcome to attend. He will listen to concerns and questions from constituents, and may speak about issues ranging from the current federal budget discussions to legislation currently before the House for consideration.
March 31	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Downtown Beloit Association Annual Easter Eggstravaganza</a> Bunny Hop, Gantry Park (State and Grand) and participating businesses.



## **SUMMER JOB FAIR**

### **Summer Parks/Operations and Recreation Services Jobs** City of Beloit

The City of Beloit's Summer Job Fair will be held on **Saturday, April 7 from 8 am until 11 am. at the Beloit Public Library** (605 Eclipse Blvd, Beloit). We are looking for energetic individuals to work seasonal positions in our Parks and Recreation Department, Golf Course, Downtown Beloit Association and Department of Public Works Operations Division.

Individuals who attend the job fair are **guaranteed** an interview. We encourage interested candidates to complete an application beforehand. Applications are available at [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov). Please apply to the individual job of interest.

**Department of Public Works Operations Division:** Full-time Spring & Summer employment includes mowing, trimming, outside cleaning, planting flowers, painting city streets, litter pick up and assisting City employees in outside work. Positions available include long-term (April - Sept) and summer season (mid May-Aug). Starting pay \$10.00/hr. Must be 18 years of age.

**Recreation Services:** Part-time/flexible hours for playground supervisors, pool manager and head lifeguard; pool maintenance, cashiers, lifeguards; swim instructors (CPR/First Aid, and lifeguard training or WSI certifications); softball scorekeepers and umpires; tennis instructors and special program supervisors. Most positions starting pay is \$7.25 (Lifeguards \$9.00). CPR/First Aid preferred for all positions

**Golf:** Maintenance and Clubhouse Attendant positions available. Responsible for assisting with outdoor work at the Krueger -Haskell municipal golf course. Duties include mowing, trimming, bunker maintenance, planting flowers, and litter pick up. Clubhouse attendance is responsible for working the front counter checking golfers. Positions start at \$8.00 per hour.

**Downtown Beloit Streetscape Coordinator:** Responsible for watering seasonal plantings, weeding and general upkeep of public spaces within the district. This position requires on-site support in implementation of events throughout the season including the Beloit Farmers' Market. Interested candidate must have knowledge of garden tools and power equipment such as lawn tractor, weed and hedge trimmers, hose and hose accessories, golf cart and water pump. This position is seasonal and requires working weekends and holidays. Candidates must be available April through October.

Interested individuals may apply on line at [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov). Applications are accepted through Thursday, April 5, 2018.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

For more information contact:

Mark Young, Supervisor of Golf Operations & Horticulture  
(608) 364-2869.

**Annual Controlled Burns in Beloit Parks**

**March 20, 2018 – Beloit, WI:** The City of Beloit Parks & Recreation Division will conduct their annual Controlled Burn program in designated park sites during a four (4) week period of March 21, 2018, through April 20, 2018, 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 Controlled Burning Programs helps protect and maintain these natural prairie grassland areas.

The purpose of controlled 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.

Controlled 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 & Recreation Division will only conduct controlled 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.
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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

## NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

**To:** All Traffic Review Committee Members and other Interested Parties  
**From:** Jason Dupuis, Transportation Engineer  
**Date:** March 19, 2018  
**RE:** Meeting Cancellation

The upcoming Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, March 26, 2018 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **April 23, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.**

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.



Jason Dupuis, P.E.  
Transportation Engineer  
City of Beloit



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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Police and Fire Commission Members

**FROM:** Marianne Marshall

**DATE:** **March 22, 2018**

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

The scheduled **March 26, 2018** meeting of the Police and Fire Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 23, 2018.

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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## **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**

Monday, March 26, 2018  
**4:00 – 5:00 PM**  
Irontek Conference Room  
Ironworks Campus, 635 Third Street

1. Review of Future Land Use Categories
2. Review and Update of Future Land Use Map
3. Public Comments and Open Discussion
4. Adjournment

Note: This meeting is open to the public. The Beloit City Council and Plan Commission have been invited to this meeting. Although a quorum of one or both bodies may be present, no formal action will be taken. Written comments may be mailed to the Planning Division at 100 State Street or emailed to [planning@beloitwi.gov](mailto:planning@beloitwi.gov).

Notice Date: March 14, 2018

Approved: Drew Pennington, AICP, Director of Planning & Building Services

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA  
Community Development Authority  
March 28, 2018 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 28, 2018
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of January/February Activity Report (Cole)
  - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2018-04, Awarding Contract for BHA Public Housing Scattered Site Roof Replacement (Cole)
5. Community and Housing Services
  - a. Public Hearing on the 2017 Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), the Year-end Report for the CDBG Program (Downing)
6. Adjournment

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

Notice Posted: March 23, 2018

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

A hearing on the Town of Beloit's petition for the Incorporation of a Portion of Lands comprising of the Town of Beloit will be held on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 10:45 a.m. at the Rock County Circuit Court, Courtroom H, Floor 4-R, 51 South Main Street, Janesville WI 53545. A quorum of City Councilors may be present.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

Dated: March 22, 2018  
Lorena Rae Stottler  
City Clerk  
[www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov)

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7th Annual

Presented by:

# Mushing for Meals

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**REGAL**

**10K, 5K Run/Walk  
and Kids Fun Run**

USATF Certified Courses with Chip Timing

**Saturday, March 24th, 2018**

**Event Information**



### Race Start Times:

9:00 am 10K, 5K Run/Walk • 8:30 am Kids Fun Run

### Entry Fees:

**\$10.00 Youth** (ages 17 and under) **\$15.00 Adult** (Prices increase after March 9th)

**Optional:** Tank top for an additional fee must be pre-registered by March 9th.

### Registration:

Limited to the first 250 participants. Register on-line at: **www.itsyourrace.com**

### Location:

Horace White Park, 424 College Str., Beloit, WI.

Price includes post race meal at First Baptist Church across Public Str. from the Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc. office.

### Awards:

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes** will be given in 5 yr age groups for male and female participants.  
**\$100 prize to overall winners** - male & female categories in both the 5K and 10K races.

**\$150 prize** for the best Mushing Team costume.

### Questions or More Information Contact:

Ellen Wiegand

phone: 608-362-3683

email: [ellen@beloitmealsonwheels.org](mailto:ellen@beloitmealsonwheels.org)

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**Photos with the Easter Bunny**

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