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# Beloit Report

## Beloit City Council Meeting - March 4, 2024



### City Council Meeting and Workshop - March 4, 2024

The Beloit City Council will hold a Workshop on Monday, March 4th at 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Forum to discuss a proposed TIF Housing fund program aimed at creating or maintaining affordable rental housing. The public is encouraged to attend. Links to the application, program overview and more are available on the meeting notice.

The regular City Council meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on March 4th in the first floor Forum at Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street. That meeting will be live-streamed on Charter Channel 992 and on Beloit Access Television (BATV) YouTube channel.

[Learn more](#)



### 'No Mow May' Survey

The City of Beloit introduced a pilot program called "No Mow May" in 2023 that allowed program participants to grow their grass to 12" in May to help support pollinators. The City of Beloit is looking for feedback from the community about the impacts of the pilot program in our community. [Please complete the survey](#) by Friday, March 8, 2024.

[TAKE THE SURVEY](#)

### Feedback Wanted: Public Input Session on Summit Park Improvements

The City of Beloit is looking for resident input as it looks to improve the existing restrooms, shelter, seating and shade areas at Summit Park, 1218 Henry Ave.



An open house-style meeting about the project will be held from 5-6 p.m. **Thursday, March 7**, at Merrill Community Center, 1428 Wisconsin Ave.

The proposed project is budgeted through the City's allocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Can't make the meeting but want to provide comment? Contact Tonya Johann, Director of Parks & Recreation, at [johannt@beloitwi.gov](mailto:johannt@beloitwi.gov) or call 608-364-2890.



Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA)

## **BUILDING A STRONGER & SAFER COMMUNITY**

### **Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (NRSA) Plan Meetings**

There are two designated NRSA neighborhoods in the City of Beloit, which are the Merrill and Hackett neighborhoods. The NRSA Plan is a 5-year plan, and addendum to the City's 5-year Consolidated Plan. To learn about the progress being made in the Hackett and Merrill neighborhoods, please attend one of the meetings listed below. Information will include updates on community programs and resources, crime analytics, and safety initiatives.

#### **Hackett Neighborhood Meeting**

March 7, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Beloit Historical Society  
845 Hackett Street

#### **Merrill Neighborhood Meeting**

March 11, 2024, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

#### **UPDATED LOCATION:**

Pathways Center (Community Action)  
20 Eclipse Center

Enter the free drawing for a \$50 Visa gift card sponsored by Community Action. Must be present to win.

A Spanish interpreter will be present at both events.

[Learn more](#)

### **Downtown Upper Floor Housing Grant Program**

The Downtown Upper Floor Housing grant program provides funding for downtown property owners to create housing space in the upper floors of eligible structures.

The Downtown Beloit Association (DBA) program provides grant funding towards a percentage of the project and requires a match. A virtual information session about the funding opportunity will be held at 1:00 p.m.



on Tuesday, March 12. To register, contact Downtown Beloit Association Executive Director Shauna El-Amin at 608-365-0150 or [shauna@downtownbeloit.com](mailto:shauna@downtownbeloit.com).

Additional information on the grant program, project eligibility and the application can be found at [www.beloitwi.gov/tifhousing](http://www.beloitwi.gov/tifhousing).

[Learn more](#)

Preserving Our City's Culture & History

**IMPROVE OUR HOUSING STOCK**

Downtown residents positively impact the economic vitality and vibrancy of downtowns. The City of Beloit is offering grants to aid in the creation of upper floor housing in eligible downtown properties. This grant is made possible through the city's TIF Housing Fund.



**VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION**  
1pm Tuesday, March 12

Learn more: [www.beloitwi.gov/tifhousing](http://www.beloitwi.gov/tifhousing) or [shauna@downtownbeloit.com](mailto:shauna@downtownbeloit.com)



**Beloit Police Department Participates in "Make 48"**

"Make 48 is a 48-hour competition where teams are presented with a challenge and tasked to build a physical prototype, create a sales sheet, produce a 1-minute marketing video and pitch their big idea to a panel of judges."

In August of 2023, several members of the Beloit Police Department participated in the competition held at The Lincoln Academy. The Season 7 Regional episode will be available for streaming on *This Old House Makers* Channel starting Wednesday, March 6th at 8:00 p.m. (Central Time). Watch for familiar faces from Beloit!

[Learn more](#)



**West Side Vitality Grant**

The Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation (GBEDC) announced a West Side Vitality Grant to support small businesses and child care centers. This 50/50 matching grant opportunity is open to businesses and child care centers on the West Side of Beloit.

Grant funds may be used to fund exterior site and building improvements; it is not for interior improvements. The application is available via the link below.

[Learn more](#)



**Have an impact on your community!**

We are looking for a few volunteers to serve on our City Boards, Committees, and Commissions. If you would like to volunteer, [download the application on the city's website](#).

Current Vacancies:

- Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee
- Appointment Review Committee
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Review
- Community Development Authority
- Equal Opportunities Commission
- Landmarks Commission
- Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission (Youth)

Have questions? Contact [communications@beloitwi.gov](mailto:communications@beloitwi.gov) or call Rebecca Wallendal at 608-364-6682.

## City Meetings

All public meeting agendas and minutes are posted online at [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov).

- Monday, March 4, 5:30 p.m. - City Council Workshop, Forum
- Monday, March 4, 6:30 p.m. - City Council Workshop, 1st FL Conference Room
- Monday, March 4, 7:00 p.m. - City Council Meeting, Forum
- Tuesday, March 5, 7:30 a.m. - Virtual Meeting, 2025-2029 Beloit Consolidated Plan Steering Committee
- Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 p.m. - Plan Commission, Forum
- Thursday, March 7, 5:00 p.m. - Public Input Session for ARPA funds for Summit Park, Merrill Community Center
- Thursday, March 7, 6:00 p.m. - NRSA meeting - Hackett Neighborhood, Beloit Historical Society

## We're Hiring

The City of Beloit is hiring for various positions. Job openings and applications can be found online at [www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov). Equal Opportunity Employer.

- Building Inspector
- Bus Driver (Part Time)
- City Management Intern
- Director of Water Resources
- Environmental Technician I or II
- Equipment Operator - Forestry
- Equipment Operator - Parks
- Planner I or II
- Police Officer
- Seasonal Wastewater Operations & Maintenance Intern
- Solid Waste Collector
- Swim Team Assistant Coach (Casual)
- Transportation Planner

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