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Beloit Report



City Council Annual Organization

The Beloit City Council elected Kevin D. Leavy to serve as council president and Kevin Day to serve as council vice-president during its annual organization meeting this past Tuesday.

Leavy, Day, Markese Terrell and Marty Densch were sworn into office for their two-year terms after being elected to office on April 2nd.

Past Council President Regina Dunkin was honored for her service with a plaque Monday night. She chose to not seek re-election to another city council term.



Temporary Bike Lane Closure

The bike lanes on Henry Avenue between Riverside and Royce will be closed April 22 - 24 while asphalt cracks are being sealed. Flaggers will be on-site directing traffic from various intersections and driveways. Two-way traffic will be maintained.



Public Information Meeting - Henry Avenue Project

The City of Beloit will soon start a street resurfacing project along Henry Avenue and Shopiere Road between Royce and Prairie Avenues.

The project is expected to begin Monday, April 29. There is no detour planned while traffic remains open in both directions. However, please use an alternate route if possible and use caution while traveling through the work zone. The project is expected to be completed in late June.

The community is invited to a public

information meeting about the project from 5-6pm **Tuesday, April 23**, at the City of Beloit Department of Public Works' Water Resources & Engineering Facility, 2400 Springbrook Court. The meeting will be hosted by City of Beloit Engineering Division staff in an open house format to address any questions or concerns of the project. There will be no formal presentation.

If you have any questions about the project and can't attend the meeting, contact Assistant City Engineer Emily Roen at 608-364-6735 or email roene@beloitwi.gov.



Public Involvement Meeting - Proposed Improvements to WIS 81 and WIS 213/McKinley Ave. Intersection

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation will hold a Public Information Meeting from 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, April 24** at the Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett St., Beloit. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed improvements at the WIS 81 and WIS 213/McKinley Ave. intersection.

The proposed design is to reconstruct the intersection with a 4-legged 90-degree intersection at a traffic signal. This alternative reduces the total number of controlled intersections from 3 to 2, which improves safety conditions while preserving traffic operations and reducing intersection skew angles. Construction is scheduled for 2027.

If you have any questions about the project and can't attend the meeting, contact the project manager, Chris Hazard at (608) 245-2652 or christopher.hazard@dot.wi.gov.



Public Information Meeting - Turtle Creek Park Master Plan

The City of Beloit is seeking community input on the second phase of Turtle Creek Park's Master Plan, which includes demolition of the bathhouse, construction of new restrooms, installation of bike racks, signage, a kiosk, unity columns, picnic tables, grills, waste receptacles, and a bike oasis.

The Beloit City Council reserved \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) finding to complete the second phase in the park's master plan. Turtle Creek Park is located at 1312 E. Grand Ave.

The public meeting is scheduled from 5-6pm on **Thursday, April 25**, at 2400 Springbrook Court.

If you have any questions about the project and can't attend the meeting, contact Director of Parks and Recreation, Tonya Johann, at 608-364-5786 or email johannt@beloitwi.gov.

[Learn more](#)



Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony

The public is invited to an Arbor Day tree planting ceremony at Regina Dunkin Park, 1218 Henry Avenue. The event will begin at 9:00 a.m. on **Friday, April 26**.



Stand Against Racism Day

The YWCA Rock County and the City of Beloit will observe Stand Against Racism Day on **Friday, April 26** at 12:00pm with an event at the Harry Moore Pavilion, 1160 Riverside Drive. The public is welcome to attend.



Housing Resources Fair

The City of Beloit's Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) is organizing a Housing Resources Fair as part of Fair Housing Month.

The Housing Resources Fair will be held from 6-7:30pm **Tuesday, April 30**, at Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett St.

The event will include speakers and a housing resources fair with information on a variety of housing programs.

[Learn more](#)

NO MOW MAY

The Beloit City Council approved an ordinance change that allows for Beloit residents to participate in "No Mow May" in 2024 to help support the presence of pollinators.

In order to participate in No Mow May, the property owner must:

- Register with the City of Beloit's



Community Development Department by **May 1, 2024.**

- Display a city-issued sign in the yard to notify the community that the property is participating in the program.
- Ensure grass and weeds do not grow longer than 12 inches.

Registration will open Monday, April 15, 2024. In-person registration and signs are available at the Community Development Department at 100 State Street, Beloit, WI. City Hall is open Monday through Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm.

No Mow May is a voluntary program for City residents. Individuals who do not register by May 1, 2024, will need to comply with the ordinance's standards of grass and weeds to not exceed 8 inches.

Community members encouraged the City Council to create an exemption in the city's long grasses and weeds section of the ordinance to promote this sustainability initiative. Over 250 people took a community survey on No Mow May with 73.6% in support and 26.4% against the program.

Learn more about this initiative at www.beloitwi.gov/nomowmay.



Spring Terrace Tree Planting

The City of Beloit Public Works Department is currently accepting requests from residents for terrace trees to be planted this spring. Trees will be planted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The terrace tree species selection will be determined by the city forestry supervisor while taking into account the size of the terrace, presence of utilities and exotic invasive insects. A limited supply of trees are available. Forestry will accept requests through Wednesday, **May 1, 2024.**

To be placed on the list, please call (608) 364-2929.

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
- Police and Fire Commission

City Meetings

All public meeting agendas and minutes are posted online at www.beloitwi.gov.

- Monday, April 22 - Cancelled - Traffic Review Committee
- Monday, April 22, 4:30 p.m. - Police and Fire Commission, City Hall Forum
- Tuesday, April 23, 5:00 p.m. - Public Information Meeting for Henry Ave. Project, at 2400 Springbrook Court
- Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m. - Community Development Authority, City Hall Forum
- Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 p.m. - Public Information Meeting for Reconstruction of Hwy. 81 and 213/McKinley Ave. intersection in Beloit, at Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett St.
- Thursday, April 25, 10:00 a.m. - Downtown Beloit Association Board of Directors, 557 E. Grand Ave.
- Thursday, April 25, 5:00 p.m. - Public Input session to discuss Phase II of the Master Plan for Turtle Creek Park, at 2400 Springbrook Ct.
- Friday, April 26, 9:00 a.m. - Arbor Day Tree Planting, Regina Dunkin Park, 1218 Henry Ave.
- Friday, April 26, Noon - Stand Against Racism Day event, Harry Moore Pavilion at Riverside Park, 1160 Riverside Drive.

We're Hiring

The City of Beloit is hiring for various positions. Job openings and applications can be found online at www.beloitwi.gov. Equal Opportunity Employer.

- Engineering Intern
- Equipment Operator - Water
- General Fleet Mechanic
- Open Records Specialist (Casual)
- Recreation Coordinator
- Seasonal Camp/Playground Counselor
- Seasonal Cashier
- Seasonal Equipment Operator-Water
- Seasonal Grounds Maintenance I or II
- Seasonal Lifeguard/Swim Instructor
- Seasonal Pool Maintenance
- Seasonal Pool Manager
- Seasonal Recreation Activity Instructor
- Seasonal Sports Official (Summer Softball)
- Swim Team Assistant Coach (Casual)

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