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March 21, 2025

# Beloit Report



## State of the City Address

Beloit City Council President Kevin D. Leavy provided the annual State of the City Address on Monday, March 17, during the City Council meeting.

You can watch or read his remarks on the City's website [here](#).

A copy of the City of Beloit's Strategic Plan update is also available using the above link.

## FEEDBACK

## Survey to Support Local Entrepreneurs

The Downtown Beloit Association is excited to share that they will be hosting an Entrepreneurial Ecosystems day-long workshop on Thursday, April 24!

In prepping for the workshop, we are asking current or potential businesses in the community and surrounding area to share their feedback to best inform the growth and expansion of support for local entrepreneurs.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey.

[https://nationalmainstreet.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9NQERn8v0BV6lg2](https://nationalmainstreet.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9NQERn8v0BV6lg2)

## Where's The Turtle?

Work to install the playground at Turtle Island in Riverside Park was scheduled to start this week. It will take several weeks to install the playground; additional work will take place to surface and restore the playground area before it can be opened. We are tentatively planning for a mid-May opening as long as the weather cooperates with the installation.

"SLU," our beloved turtle sculpture, has been



removed temporarily so the artist who created it can add a fresh coat of paint. SLU will return after the playground surfacing is completed.



## Spectrum News 1 Adds Segments on Beloit Projects

Spectrum News 1 recently added two great segments on Beloit Projects. Please take a look at some of the exciting things going on!

- [Climate Action Plan](#): One of Beloit's current projects fits under the Climate Action Plan. Recently installed turbo blowers at the city's wastewater treatment center help make sure the micro-organisms at the treatment plant are getting the right amount of dissolved oxygen.
- [Royce Elementary School Transformation](#): Family Services of Southern Wisconsin is transforming the former Royce Elementary School into apartments and a community space for families in need, called Next Steps Family Resilience Center. It will include 18 transitional apartments for unhoused single parents and their children to live in for up to two years as they work to get back on their feet and find permanent housing.

## Successful Book Drive at Farmers' Market

The children's book drive was held on March 8th at the Winter Crafter and Farmers' Market, hosted by the Downtown Beloit Association. For every book donation received, participants were given a free reusable bag. This initiative aligned with the City of Beloit's commitment to waste reduction and sustainability. We also provided people with information about the locations of Little Free Libraries around Beloit, so they could continue donating books if they



wished. We collected over 350 books from 20 donors, which will be used to restock the Little Free Libraries around Beloit. The libraries are currently being filled this week.

The children's book drive was inspired by discussions with the City of Beloit's Department of Public Works Solid Waste Division and the Downtown Beloit Association. The Solid Waste Division expressed concerns about the recycling process for books, where pages must be torn from their bindings. They wanted to raise awareness about book donation options in Beloit. Little Free Libraries, especially those in the downtown area, are frequently used.

Many thanks to the City Manager's Intern from Beloit College, Kai Herrera, who came up with the idea of hosting a book drive to promote book donations, raise awareness, and help keep educational materials in circulation throughout the city.

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## STANDARD & POOR'S

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### S&P Global Ratings Assigns 'AA-' Long-Term Rating to Beloit

S&P Global writes: "Beloit's financial profile continues to perform strongly with consistent surplus operations resulting in maintenance of its solid reserve levels, additionally bolstered by the city's solid economic growth and minor diversification in recent years. The city's tax base continues to increase, with economic development expanding beyond its historical focus in manufacturing, with ongoing housing and commercial development, as well as some additional growth in health care and gaming."

What does this mean? The City of Beloit's financial outlook is "stable." It takes all employees...the work of our Finance and Economic Development teams make this possible, but also Police and Fire that keep this city safe and attractive for investment. Community Development plans the city in a manner that makes sense and our Code Enforcement teams keep the city looking good. Our Public Works team develops and maintains infrastructure and our Transit team makes the buses run on time. All employees play a role in the city's success, and the City Manager extends his thanks to all for their part in keeping Beloit a safe, vibrant, growing city.

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### In Person Absentee Voting Begins March 18, 2025

Absentee voting has started for the April 1, 2025 election.



In-person absentee voting will take place at  
Beloit City Hall, first floor:

- Tuesday, March 18 - Friday, March 21:  
8:30am - 4:00pm
- Sunday, March 23: 11:00am - 3:00pm
- Monday, March 24 - Thursday, March 27:  
8:30am - 4:00 pm
- Friday, March 28: 8:30am - 5:00pm

You must be registered to vote in the City of  
Beloit before applying for an absentee ballot.

Click [here](#) for more information on requesting a  
ballot.

Downtown Beloit  
**WINTER CRAFTER  
& FARMERS'  
MARKET**  
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9AM-12PM • Indoors  
Downtown Beloit Association  
557 E. Grand Ave.

Produce • Eggs • Cheese • Baked Goods  
Honey • Seafood • Meat & Poultry  
Food Truck • Free Family Activities • & More!

Escape the cold and come check out what our amazing local  
vendors have to offer! Visit our website for a full list of vendors and  
how you can support them. [Downtownbeloit.com/us](http://Downtownbeloit.com/us)



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## 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:

- Appointment Review Committee
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Review
- Business Improvement District
- Community Development Authority
- Municipal Golf Committee
- Plan Commission

- Police and Fire Commission
- Traffic Review Committee

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 24, 4:30pm - Police and Fire Commission, City Hall Forum
- Wednesday, March 26, 4:30pm - Community Development Authority, City Hall Forum
- Thursday, March 27, 9:00am - Downtown Beloit Association, 557 E. Grand Ave.

## 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.

- Bus Driver (PT)
- Community Service Officer/Animal Control
- Engineering Intern
- Executive Administrative Assistant (PT)
- Fire Inspector (Casual)
- Forestry Intern
- General Mechanic I or II
- Police Officer
- Police Officer - Lateral Hire
- Project Engineer I or II
- Project Manager
- Records Clerk
- Seasonal Camp/Playground Counselor
- Seasonal Cashier
- Seasonal Golf Assistant
- Seasonal Golf Course Attendant
- Seasonal Golf Course Cashier
- Seasonal Grounds Maintenance I or II
- Seasonal Lifeguard/Swim Instructor
- Seasonal Park Ranger
- Seasonal Pool Maintenance
- Seasonal Pool Manager
- Seasonal Streetscape Coordinator

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