

A gathering of great minds

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Want to know what the new leaders of the Greater Beloit area have in store for the region?

If so, you might want to attend the Business Education Partnership Summit to hear from new Beloit City Manager Lori Curtis Luther, new School District of Beloit Superintendent Tom Johnson and newly elected South Beloit Mayor Ted Rehl.



Thomas Johnson

The summit will be held from 8 - 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Garden Hotel & Conference Center, 200 Dearborn Ave., in South Beloit.

Registration is open to business leaders and educators across the area. The event begins at 8 a.m., and will feature keynote addresses from the three community leaders.

A light breakfast will be served. Registration costs \$15 and can be done on the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce's website: www.greaterbeloitchamber.org.

The theme for this year's summit is "Vision & Leadership." Representatives Amy Loudenberg and Mark Spreitzer will jointly lead the keynote presenters in a panel discussion. Those in attendance will be given the opportunity to ask questions towards the end of the program.

Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Tim Dutter said the summit typically attracts around 200 people.

Although the summit wasn't held last year, Dutter said it was a good year to bring it back as there are three new key people in leadership in the area. The summit also offers the chance to bring the business community and the education community together.

He noted the GBCC has an active business education committee which meets monthly. The committee organizes mock interviews for students at Beloit Memorial High School, and helps teach financial literacy through the "reality store" exercise held yearly at Turner and BMHS.

The Summit, sponsored by Beloit College, is an initiative of the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation and the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce.