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CITY OF BELOIT

THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

The **Beloit Public Library** has announced their holiday closings. They will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Saturday, December 24 for the Christmas holiday. The Library will reopen on Monday, December 26 at 9:30 a.m.

The Library will be closed on Saturday, December 31 for the New Year's holiday, reopening on Monday, January 2, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

As always, the outside book drop, located on the south side of the building, is open 24 hours a day.

Beloit City Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 and Monday, December 26, as well as Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2, 2012.

City trash and recycling will be collected curbside on your usual collection day; however, the **Recycling Drop Off Center** will be closed on December 24, 31, and January 7, 2012.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON UPDATE

Other than a few minor restoration items, all of the 2011 scheduled construction projects have been completed. The Engineering Division has developed a detailed schedule and is currently finalizing plans for all of the 2012 scheduled projects. Bids will begin going out by late January and will continue for several more months as projects are bid in sequence based on the planned construction schedule for next season.

2012 WARD AND POLLING LOCATION DATA AVAILABLE ON CITY'S WEBSITE

Please note the <u>attached</u> press release from the office of the City Clerk regarding ward and polling location information for the 2012 elections. As noted in the Clerk's release, wards have changed for many residents, so please take time to review this data to ensure that you have the correct information and appear at the appropriate polling station during each of the 2012 elections.

2012 BUDGET TAKES EFFECT ON JANUARY 1

The 2012 Adopted Budget is available for public review and has been posted to the City's internet for several weeks. Final transition activities are underway for departments, as well as individuals impacted by budget changes approved to achieve balance in the 2012 General Fund. Final adjustments will be made in early January to accommodate the different staffing levels authorized in this year's adopted budget.

The Beloit Report

HOLIDAY VACATION PLANS

The City Manager has scheduled vacation between the Christmas and New Year's holidays, as is traditionally done each year. Also, we encourage and have a significant number of managers, as well as other employees scheduling vacation, since the holiday season is a relatively quiet and appropriate time each year for busy employees to utilize accrued vacation leave. All City offices will be open and manned during the holiday season, other than those days that offices are closed to celebrate the holidays as noted in the schedule listed on the first page. Emergency services will, of course, be fully manned throughout the holiday week and adequate officers for incident command will be on duty.

Due to the holiday vacation schedule, this will be the last "Beloit Report" for 2011. The next Report will be distributed on Friday, January 6, 2012 and will provide a full update on City activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all City residents a very joyous holiday season.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR DECEMBER 26 - 30, 2011

| Monday, December 26 | All Day | City Offices Closed |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------------------|
| Monday, December 26 | Cancelled | Traffic Review Committee |
| Monday, December 26 | Cancelled | Police and Fire Commission |
| Wednesday, Dec. 28 | Cancelled | Community Development Authority |
| Friday, December 30 | All Day | City Offices Closed |
| Monday, Jan. 2, 2012 | All Day | City Offices Closed |

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

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [here] for more information.

| Friday, Dec. 30 | 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Moonlight Snowshoe on the Riverfront . Lower level, Harry Moore Pavilion, 1220 Riverside. Event coordinated by Paddle and Trail and City of Beloit Parks and Leisure Services. Warm up with a bon fire and hot chocolate. Snowshoes available to rent, \$10/hr. for adults; \$5/hr. for children ages 7-12. Limited supply of snowshoes, so please call ahead. Three time slots available, 5-6 p.m., 6-7 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Register at Paddle and Trail, 362-6521 (closed Monday & Tuesday) or City of Beloit Parks and Leisure Services, 364-2890. |
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| Monday, Jan. 16 | 8:00 a.m. | Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Prayer Breakfast . Please contact Minister Kenda Roman for more information: kroman@sdb.k12.wi.us |
| Sat., January 28 | | Winterfest 4's Volleyball Tournament, sponsored by the City of Beloit Leisure Services Office. Please see <u>attached</u> registration form for more information. |



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For more information, contact: Rebecca S. Houseman, City Clerk (608) 364-6680

2012 Ward and Polling Location Data Available on City's Website

December 13, 2011 – Beloit, WI: Due to redistricting based on 2010 U.S. Census data, <u>wards</u> and polling locations in the City of Beloit have changed. The ward numbers and boundaries have changed, so it is likely that the majority of Beloit residents will vote in a new ward beginning in 2012. Several polling locations have also changed.

The City of Beloit Clerk's office will send postcards to <u>every registered voter</u> in early February outlining each voter's new ward and polling location information. If residents wish to know ward information prior to receiving this postcard, it is now available on the City's website: <u>www.ci.beloit.wi.us</u>.

Instructions for Access:

Click on *Property Information & Maps,* then *Maps.* On the Maps page, click on the *Aerial Photography & Maps* external link then click the *I Agree* button. Use the scale and icons on the top left corner of the screen to zoom, search, and/or identify your residence. Once you have found your residence, click on the *identify* tool in the *toolbox,* and click on your residence. Your Voting Ward will be the last line of information under the *Site Information* segment in the *Results* box. The attached document, which is also available on the Clerk's office portion of the City's website, shows the polling location for each ward.

2012 Election Dates:**

Spring Primary – February 21, 2012 Spring Election – April 3, 2012 Partisan Primary – August 14, 2012 General Election – November 6, 2012

Please remember that Wisconsin election laws have changed, and all voters must now bring an acceptable form of **identification to the polls in order to vote. Please see the *Voter/Election Information* section of the City's website for more information.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at <u>housemanr@ci.beloit.wi.us</u>.



CITY OF BELOIT POLLING LOCATIONS

| Ward(s) | Polling Location Name | Address |
|-------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1-2-3 | Converse School | 1602 Townline Avenue |
| 4-5-6 | Gaston School | 610 McKinley Avenue |
| 7-8-9 | Hackett School | 533 West Grand Avenue |
| 10-11-12 | Beloit Historical Society | 845 Hackett Street |
| 13-14-15-22 | Beloit Public Library | 605 Eclipse Boulevard |
| 16 | First Congregational Church | 801 Bushnell Street |
| 17-18 | Todd School | 1621 Oakwood Avenue |
| 19-20-21 | McLenegan School | 2639 Sunshine Lane |
| 23-24 | Central Christian Church | 2460 Milwaukee Road |

The Polls are Open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

| Wards | Rock County Supervisory District |
|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 23 & 24 | 6 |
| 1 & 12 | 11 |
| 9, 10 & 11 | 12 |
| 8, 13, 14 & 15 | 13 |
| 19, 20, 21 & 22 | 14 |
| 16, 17 & 18 | 15 |
| 5,6&7 | 16 |
| 2, 3, & 4 | 17 |

Wisconsin Assembly and Senate Districts:

Assembly District 45 and Senate District 15: Wards 1-19 Assembly District 31 and Senate District 11: Wards 20-24

Beloit City Clerk 608-364-6680



The Police & Fire Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, December 26, 2011 has been cancelled.

Charles Losinske, President Beloit Police & Fire Commission

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WINTERFEST Return to page 2 4'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

2 Division Offered!

Competitive Division \$100 Team Registration Round Robin 3 game guarantee CASH Payouts! Champion T-Shirts Ist Place Trophy

Based on 8 teams: Ist Place \$400 2nd Place \$200

Fun Division \$50 Team Entry Round Robin Champion T-Shirts



All games will be played Saturday, January 28, 2012 At Beloit Memorial High School / Field House 1225 4th Street Beloit, WI 53511

| TEAM ENTRY FEE A/B Level- \$100.00 | Mail in registration or visit office: Leisure Services Office 1003 Pleasant Street | |
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| 2 guys, 2 girls 2 guys, 1 girl 1 guy, 2 girls 1 guy, 3 girls For more information, call the | Entries Due NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm Wednesday, January 25, 2012 | |
| All games are coed and must have one of the following 4 combinations of players: | Mandatory Captain's Meeting 9:45 am Start Time 10:00 am | |

Women's net * All games officiated * Guys cannot leave floor inside 10 foot line Must follow a serving rotation * No rule on guy/girl hits * Round Robin Play Please see tournament rules on back side of this flyer!

| Please detach the bottom portion of this form and return with payment. | | |
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| Team Name: | | |
| Team Manager Name: | | |
| Team Manager Address: | | |
| Team Manager Phone Number(s) | : | |
| Team Manager Email Address: | | |
| Circle ONE: | Competitive Division - Include \$100 Entry | Fun Division - Include \$50 Entry |
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Mail In Registration To: Leisure Services - 1003 Pleasant Street Beloit, WI 53511 Drop Off Registration: Leisure Services Office M-F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm For more information, please call the Leisure Services Office at (608) 364-2890 **Make Checks Payable To: City Of Beloit**



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