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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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2014 CITY COUNCIL NOMINATION INFORMATION AVAILABLE

[Attached](#) is a press release from the City Clerk's office containing information on running for a City Council position. Packets of information, including nomination papers, are now available in the City Clerk's office .

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT TO COUNTY ROAD "BT" BETWEEN COUNTY ROAD "G" (PRAIRIE AVENUE) AND COUNTY ROAD "S" (SHOPIERE ROAD)

[Attached](#) to the Beloit Report is a copy of the meeting notice for Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at Courtroom H, Rock County Courthouse, 51 South Main St., Janesville, WI. The hearing will be conducted from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a presentation at 6:30 p.m. More information about the hearing, including information about how to make an oral presentation or provide written testimony, is included in the attached meeting notice.

2014 BUDGET FINALIZED

Through a series of actions at the regular City Council meeting held this past Monday, the City Council approved the Operating and Capital Budgets for 2014. The final changes are being made to the document and the adopted budget for 2014 will be posted to the City's website with a link from the home page when finalized. The new budget cycle begins on January 1, 2014 with the start of the new calendar year.

DESIGN FOR THE RECONSTRUCTED I-43 INTERCHANGE

We attended another planning session along with representatives from the State and Federal Transportation agencies this past week. The discussion again focused on design options for the I-43 Interchange which will be rebuilt as a part of the I-39/90 widening to add three traffic lanes in each direction. The agencies have asked us to hold December 10, 2013 for the presentation of five possible design alternatives for how the interchange will be reconstructed. Dates, times and invitations will be distributed later this month for participation in this portion of the public input process.

CITY CENTER COMMITTEE CONTINUES DISCUSSIONS REGARDING "THE CONFLUENCE" PRESERVATION/URBAN ECOLOGY CENTER

The City Center Committee met on November 7, 2013 and continued its' dialogue regarding plans to preserve the greater confluence area where Turtle Creek meets

the Rock River. Most of this land is in the City of South Beloit; however, a few parcels on the north end are in the City of Beloit and we would partner in the redevelopment. The very exciting urban ecology project, which has been a source of much discussion of late, would likely be incorporated into this development plan. Other portions of the area would be preserved in some type of public parkland, which would likely include some fairly significant nature elements so that the natural habitat of this ecologically significant area would be preserved. The City of South Beloit is working diligently to prepare a master plan for this site development and some exciting plans are likely forthcoming in the months ahead.

BELOIT'S HOLIDAY SEASON KICKS OFF WITH THE GRAND LIGHTED HOLIDAY PARADE

Don't forget to make your calendar now for Downtown Beloit's exciting holiday parade and Santa arrival, which is once again scheduled this year for the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 29, 2013 with activities beginning near the intersection of State and Grand at 5:00 p.m. The [attached](#) flyer provides more information, along with a schedule of planned events.

CITY MANAGER TO ATTEND NATIONAL LEAGUE OF CITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The City Manager will be departing late on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 to attend the National League of Cities Annual Congress of Cities Conference and meeting. This event is one of the Manager's leadership responsibilities with the League and all expenses for the trip are covered by that organization. The conference, including the important annual business meeting, is held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with Sunday as a travel day to return to Beloit.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— NOVEMBER 11–15, 2013

Monday, November 11	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager’s Conf. Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, November 12	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, November 12	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wed., November 13	Cancelled	Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission (S. De Forest)

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.

Oct. 21 through Dec. 2		Beloit Public Library 10th Annual Mitten Tree. Collecting new home-made or purchased children’s mittens, scarves, or hats for distribution to local families in need. You can drop donations off during regular library hours, Mon—Thur., 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m., 605 Eclipse Blvd.
Sunday, Nov. 10	9:00-3:00 p.m.	32nd Annual Wonderfest Arts & Craft Expo , Beloit Memorial High School, 1225 Fourth St. Over 75 crafters and vendors, food and Bake Shoppe on site.
Tuesday, Nov. 19	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Public Hearing on the location, design, and environmental aspects of the proposed improvement of County BT between County G (Prairie Avenue) and County S (Shopiere Road). Presentation at 6:30 p.m. at Courtroom H, Rock County Courthouse, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville. Please see attached for more information.
Friday, Nov. 29	5:00—8:00 p.m.	Annual Grand Lighted Holiday Parade , downtown Beloit
	5:00 p.m.	Live music and choral sing in First National Bank Plaza
	6:00 p.m.	Santa’s arrival from a rooftop
	6:30 p.m.	Parade begins at the 200 block of West Grand, ending at Horace White Park
	7:00 p.m.	Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Turtle Creek Bookstore



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

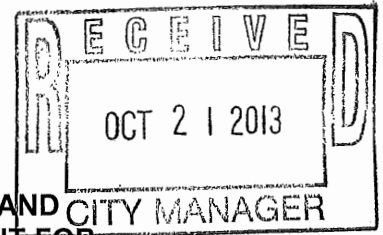
2014 City Council Nomination Information

October 14, 2013 – Beloit, WI: Any City of Beloit resident interested in running for a two-year term on the Beloit City Council may pick up a packet of information including nomination papers beginning **Monday, October 28, 2013**. The packets are available in the office of the City Clerk on the second floor of City Hall during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- The Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 1, 2014**.
- There are seven members on the Council and four seats will be on the ballot.
- Candidates must file required forms with the City Clerk before forming a committee and/or raising funds.
- The first day to circulate nomination papers is **Sunday, December 1, 2013**.
- A minimum of 200 valid signatures of City of Beloit residents must be submitted. Staff recommends that between 200 and 400 signatures be submitted to ensure ballot access.
- Nomination papers and all forms must be completed and filed with the City Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 7, 2014**.
- An informational session may be held in January for all candidates who have gained ballot access.
- Newly-elected Councilors will take office on Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

Nomination papers and forms are also available on the City's website: www.ci.beloit.wi.us in the Document Center. 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 lemirer@ci.beloit.wi.us.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
LOCATION, DESIGN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS AND
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FOR
THE PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT OF
COUNTY ROAD BT BETWEEN COUNTY ROAD G (PRAIRIE AVENUE)
AND COUNTY ROAD S (SHOPIERE ROAD) IN ROCK COUNTY**

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are advised that Rock County will hold a public hearing as provided by law to consider the location, design, and environmental aspects of the proposed improvement of County BT between County G (Prairie Avenue) and County S (Shopiere Road), including those aspects that may require a section 404 Clean Water Act permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for placement of fill materials into waters of the United States.

The Proposed Action (Project ID 5989-05-21) would construct a new roadway, County BT, which would provide a connector route between County G (Prairie Avenue) and County S (Shopiere Road) within the City of Beloit and Towns of Beloit and Turtle in Rock County. The purpose of this project is to create a direct connection between County G (Prairie Avenue) and County S (Shopiere Avenue), while improving safety and relieving congestion on the existing local roadway system.

It is anticipated that the relocation of two residences would occur as a result of the proposed improvement. Any person who feels they may be affected by the Proposed Action may obtain relocation assistance information by contacting Rock County.

The preferred alternative includes the construction of a new bridge over Turtle Creek, which involves the addition of the bridge and approach embankments within the existing Turtle Creek floodplain.

Further information concerning the proposed improvement is available at the Rock County Highway Division at the address given below.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at Courtroom H, Rock County Courthouse, 51 S. Main St., in the City of Janesville. The hearing will be conducted from 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a presentation at 6:30 P.M. Information on how to present oral and written testimony will be provided at the public hearing.

As an informational service, staff engineers will be present from 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on the day of the hearing for informal discussion of the proposal. Interested persons may review displays and other hearing materials, ask questions, and provide testimony. Exhibits of the proposal will be on display and a statement about the proposed improvement will be available for review.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and present relevant oral and/or written testimony concerning the general location and design aspects, the social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed improvement including those for which permits may be required under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act, and whether the improvements are in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of area planning. Individuals will have the option of presenting testimony in a traditional hearing format in front of an audience, or one-on-one with a court reporter in a separated area.

Land acquisition schedules for construction will be available at the public hearing.

Relocation assistance will be discussed. It is anticipated that the relocation of persons will occur as a result of the proposed improvement. Any person who feels that he or she may be

thus affected by the proposed improvement may obtain relocation assistance information at the Rock County Department of Public Works, telephone (608) 757-5450.

Provisions have been made for the submission of written statements or other exhibits in place of or in addition to the testimony presented at the public hearing. This additional testimony will be included in the hearing transcript if postmarked no later than December 3, 2013. Mail this testimony to Benjamin Coopman, Rock County Director of Public Works at the address given below.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are further notified of the availability of an Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Action's impacts and effects which has been prepared and filed according to the Wisconsin and United States Environmental Policy Acts. This document indicates that no significant environmental impacts are anticipated to occur as a result of this improvement. The Environmental Assessment is available for inspection and copying at the following locations:

Rock County Public Works Dept.
Highway Division
Ben Coopman
Director of Public Works
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

Beloit Public Library
605 Eclipse Boulevard
Beloit, WI 53511

Town of Turtle
Deborah Bennett
Town Clerk/Treasurer
6916 County Road J
Beloit, WI 53511

Town of Beloit
Kerry Devault
Town Clerk
2871 S. Afton Road
Beloit, WI 53511

Bureau of Technical Services
Wisconsin Dept. of Transportation
4802 Sheboygan Avenue, Room 451
P.O. Box 7965
Madison, WI 53707

Bureau of Technical Services
WisDOT SW Region Office
2101 Wright Street
Madison, WI 53704

City of Beloit
City Clerk
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511

Comments regarding the environmental impacts and effects of the Proposed Action are invited to be submitted to Rock County postmarked on or before December 3, 2013. Comments can be mailed to Ben Coopman, Rock County Director of Public Works at the address given above.

Rock County will review all comments and testimony presented and reserves the right to make a final determination upon the proposal as described in this notice.

Note: The hearing site is wheelchair accessible. Also if you are hearing impaired and require an interpreter, one will be provided if you contact the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System at 711 or 1-800-947-3529 at least 72 hours before the hearing.

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Downtown Beloit
Friday, November 29, 2013
5:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us on Grand to spark off
the season with this 21st
annual holiday tradition!

GRAND LIGHTED HOLIDAY PARADE



*all times approximate

5:00 pm Music at First National Bank Plaza

6:00 pm Santa Arrives and Tree Lighting at First National Bank Plaza

6:15 pm Lighted Parade along Grand Ave. from Third St. to Horace White Park

7:00 pm Santa Visits Turtle Creek Bookstore, 444 East Grand Avenue

Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus will be offered!

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Check out other activities going on Downtown:

- ❖ Listen to Tim Bremel on 1230AM live during the parade
- ❖ Salvation Army will have a FREE hot chocolate station at First National Bank Plaza
- ❖ Visit Sud's O'Hanahan's from 4-8 pm for a Chili and Hot Chocolate fundraiser for Stateline Boy's & Girls Club

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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, November 11, 2013 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting September 9, 2013
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (December, 2013)
4. Review of City Council appointments September 16, 2013
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

1 resident (Marsden) – term to expire June 30, 2014

Appointment Review Committee

1 resident (Forbes) – term to expire December 31, 2013

1 resident (Reidenbach) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Board of Appeals

1 resident, 1st Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2014

1 resident, 2nd Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

1 resident (Fox) – term to expire December 31, 2015

1 resident (Biester) – term to expire December 31, 2015

1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014

1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2013

Board of Review

1 resident, Alternate (Zoril) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Business Improvement District

1 Owner Occupant (Reynolds) – term to expire December 31, 2013

Community Development Authority

1 resident (Simpkins) – term to expire December 31, 2014

1 resident (Adama) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Equal Opportunities Commission

1 resident (Lawrence) – term to expire June 30, 2016

Landmarks Commission

1 resident (Williams) – term to expire October 31, 2016

1 resident (Johnson) – term to expire October 31, 2015

1 resident representing the East Side (Vollmer) – term to expire October 31, 2016

1 resident representing the West Side (Johnson) – term to expire October 31, 2016

Municipal Golf Committee

1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2013

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

1 resident (Ramsden) – term to expire September 30, 2016

Plan Commission

1 resident (Smith) – term to expire April 30, 2015

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Traffic Review Committee

1 resident (Fryar) – term to expire September 30, 2015

1 resident (Cole) – term to expire September 30, 2015

6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation
8. Adjournment

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NOTICE AND AGENDA ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

Beloit City Hall – The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
Tuesday, November 12, 2013 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2013
3. Application for Amendment of “Class B” Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License, Outside Premises Extension for Rose’s Soulfood, Clancy L. Smith, owner, 201 Short Street.
4. Application for Amendment of “Class B” Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License, Outside Premises Extension for Rivals Sports Bar & Grill, 443 East Grand Ave., Brad McCaslin, owner.
5. Application for Change of Agent at N D Gas LLC, d/b/a Beloit Mobil on the Run, 2883 Milwaukee Road, from Connie Gunning to Joseph A. Rayner.
6. Citizen Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Attorney Comments
10. Adjournment [Return to page 3](#)

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November 5, 2013
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Appeals Members

FROM: Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

DATE: November 5, 2013

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **November 12, 2013** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2013.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us if you have any questions or require more information.

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cc: City Clerk's Office
City Manager's Office
Media



Department of Public Works
Parks & Leisure Services Division
2351 Springbrook Court
Beloit, WI 53511

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 13, 2013 has been cancelled. Therefore, the next scheduled meeting of the Parks & Recreation Commission will be held at 6:30pm on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at the Operations Building located at 2351 Springbrook Court in the City of Beloit, Wisconsin.

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Dated: November 4, 2013
Brian Ramsey, CPRP
Director of Parks & Leisure Services
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