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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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Special points of interest:

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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 available in the City Clerk's office.

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.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

During the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, November 28—December 1, the following scheduling modifications may impact service delivery:

- 1) All City offices will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29 in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.
- 2) All Public Safety related services will be available 24/7 as always.
- 3) Solid Waste collection will be delayed one day, with the normal Thursday pick-up being moved to Friday, and Friday's collection being moved to Saturday, November 30.
- 4) The Recycling Drop-Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Court will be closed on Saturday to accommodate the necessary Solid Waste and Recycling collection operation.
- 5) The Beloit Public Library will close at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 27 and reopen on Friday, November 29 at 9:30 a.m. The outside book drop located on the south side of the building is open 24 hours a day. To renew library materials, please call Telerenew at 608-758-6614 or click on My Accounts/Renewals on the Library's website.

COUNTY ROAD "BT" - INMAN PARKWAY EXTENSION

On Tuesday evening, November 19, 2013, a delegation from the City attended the public hearing regarding the proposed Inman Parkway Extension project, which has been officially labeled "County Road BT." That County route will connect County Road G, which is Prairie Avenue on the west, and County Road S, which is Shopiere Road on the East. The alignment and design profile for the road were as anticipated, and concerns earlier raised regarding how best to cross Turtle Creek have now been resolved.

Only two individuals spoke at the hearing. Greg Boysen, Public Works Director presented on behalf of the City and one resident who does not live along the project asked a question about the impact on Turtle Creek. There were several other residents in attendance and some of them had questions about their individual properties and potential impact, but did not speak at the Public Hearing. The process will now move into completion of the environmental

assessment and the final design, including right-of-way boundaries for the project. In 2014, the right-of-way will be acquired and plans and bidding documents will be completed. Current plans call for bidding the project in the winter of 2015, for construction beginning in the spring of 2015.

DESIGN FOR THE RECONSTRUCTED I-43 INTERCHANGE

We again want to remind the public to hold Tuesday, December 10, 2013 for a presentation and discussion regarding the I-43 Interchange reconstruction, which will be part of the I-39/90 widening and improvement project. The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has announced the date; however, additional information regarding times and locations will be released shortly.

BELOIT HEALTH SYSTEM CANCER CARE CENTER NEARS COMPLETION

We received communication this week from Beloit Memorial Hospital that the Cancer Care Center under construction at the intersection of Milwaukee Road and Lee Lane is on schedule and they anticipate completion and opening prior to the end of this calendar year. Information regarding a ribbon cutting/dedication ceremony has not yet been announced.

THE CASTLE AT 501 PROSPECT MOVES TOWARD COMPLETION

This week, I had the opportunity to tour The Castle at 501 Prospect, which is the remodeling and repurposing project underway by the Wittnebel family to convert the former 1st Presbyterian Church into a community based facility. The first phase of development at The Castle involves opening a café, which is anticipated prior to the end of the calendar year. Other spaces are being prepared to serve as a performing arts center, a meeting and banquet facility, and there will be education space for performing arts, as well as life style enrichment classes primarily focused on young residents. Stay tuned as this exciting project moves toward completion with various phases opening beginning this December and running throughout 2014.

ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUES FORMING NOW

City of Beloit Leisure Services Division reports that men's competitive, men's rec, and coed adult Basketball Leagues are forming now. Games will be played on Wednesday nights at the Beloit Memorial High School Field House at 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 p.m. All games are officiated. **Deadline to register is Wednesday, November 27.** Please contact the Leisure Services office for more information, 608-364-2890, Ext. 3.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— NOVEMBER 25—29, 2013

Monday, November 25	1:30 p.m.	Traffic Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (D. Luebke)
Monday, November 25	Cancelled	Police and Fire Commission
Wed., November 27	7:30 a.m.	Visit Beloit Board (J. Van De Bogart)
Wed., November 27	Cancelled	Community Development Authority (D. Luebke and J. Van De Bogart)

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.

Now through Christmas **Grinnell Hall Gift Shop**, 631 Bluff St. open to the public for Christmas shopping! New and gently used items at very reasonable prices. Open Monday—Friday, 7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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

December 6—8 **Beloit Historical Society Christmas Open House** at the Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead, 2149 St. Lawrence Road. Please see [attached](#) for more information.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
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(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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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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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Traffic Review Committee
Monday, November 25, 2013 1:30 P.M.
City Manager's Conference Room (4th Floor)
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Roll Call.
 2. Approval of the minutes from the July 22, 2013 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
 3. Public Participation.
 4. Ordinance to remove parking on the south side of Bushnell Street near the intersection of Prospect Street.
 5. Ordinance to amend section 13-02 of the Code of General Ordinances for the City of Beloit related to parking on near side of highways adjacent to schools-Gaston.
 6. Discussion related to on-street parking in front of 450 Townline Avenue.
 7. Committee Member participation.
 8. Next meeting –the next meeting is scheduled for **January 27, 2014**.
 9. Adjournment
- ** Please note that, upon reasonable notice, at least 24 hours in advance, efforts will be made to accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids and services. For additional information to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

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**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting CANCELLATION Notice
Monday, November 25, 2013 5:00 PM
City Hall Forum
Beloit WI 53511**

The Police & Fire Commission meeting scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2013 has been cancelled.

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Charles Losinske, President
Beloit Police & Fire Commission

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BELOIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

PRESS RELEASE

November 18, 2013

For more information contact: Nancy Wallace (608) 364-0060 or email: 26e10@charter.net

BELOIT, WISCONSIN - The Beloit Historical Society invites the public to a Christmas Open House at the historic Hanchett-Bartlett Homestead, located at 2149 St. Lawrence Road on Beloit's west side. This beautiful 1857 home will be decorated in her best Christmas finery! Every room will feature Christmas trees, which will be decorated as they would have been from the late 1800's until current times.

Friday, December 6 th	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, December 7 th	11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Sunday, December 8 th	1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Music will be provided by Gloria Mathews, playing the pump organ; and Mary Kate and Emily Scordato, playing the flute and harp. Photos with Santa in his sleigh will be on Sunday, December 8th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm. Cookies, hot cocoa and cider will be served.

Five downtown businesses are decorating a special tree:

Attic Quilts: "Cozy Cabin Christmas"

Bushel & Peck's: "Christmas Harvest"

The Cheese People: "Hickory Dickory Dock"

The Nest Egg: "It's a Warm & Fuzzy Christmas"

The Villager: "Matrushka – Russian Doll Christmas"

Nancy Wallace, President of the Beloit Historical Society Board states; "You won't want to miss this event! We have some fun new additions this year; including photos with Santa in a Victorian sleigh. In addition to our historical trees, there will be five very unique Christmas trees on display, decorated just for the Hanchett-Bartlett Christmas Open House by downtown businesses. We will have Christmas stories for the children, music, and hot cocoa & cookies. It's a wonderful way to start the holiday season!"

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