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CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The holiday schedule for the City begins next week. As in prior years, mid- and top management employees have been encouraged to use the slower paced holiday season to use up accumulated annual leave. Consequently, as in past years, there will be a significant number of City employees on vacation during the holiday season. As always, all City offices will be manned during office hours and all first responders will have incident command capacity throughout the holiday season. Please note the following holiday modifications:

1. All City offices will be closed on Tuesday, December 24 and Wednesday December 25 in celebration of the Christmas holiday.
2. All City offices will be closed on December 31 and January 1 in celebration of the New Year's holiday.
3. Solid Waste collection services will be delayed by one day beginning with Wednesday collection each of those two weeks. The Wednesday collection day will be moved to Thursday, Thursday to Friday and Friday to Saturday, as we normally do for the holiday routine. Trash will be collected as usual on Tuesday, December 24 and Tuesday, December 31.
4. The Beloit Library will be closed due to holidays on the following dates: December 24, 25, 31 and January 1. The outside book drop, located on the south side of the building, is open 24 hours a day. To renew your library materials, call Telerenew at 758-6614 or go online to <https://rockcat.als.lib.wi.us/patroninfo~S1> "My Account" using your card number and password.

DEVELOPER ASKS FOR CITY RECONSIDERATION OF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Mirus Partners, a private sector developer that specializes in tax credit financed developments, again approached the City this week and asked for reconsideration of an earlier project they had submitted to build Tax Credit Financed housing on a portion of the Burton Street property owned by the City of Beloit.

The project was a low-density attached single-family row house development and would have been operated under the same terms and conditions as Tax Credit Financing housing projects located around the City of Beloit. Neighbors objected to the project and the Plan Commission ultimately failed to recommend it on a split vote. The partners then withdrew their application and set about reviewing the feasibility of moving forward with a detached single-family development which would meet existing zoning and subdivision standards for this parcel.

A review and analysis of infrastructure costs needed to build the streets and utilities required to support an extensive single-family housing development made the project financially unfeasible and the developers again asked if the City would reconsider the original submittal. The partners believe that the project, as designed and submitted, would score high in the competitive analysis for the award of credits in 2014.

City management suggested that the developer present his project at an informal workshop with the City Council with invited Plan Commissioners in attendance. The developer could then gauge the reaction before making a decision as to whether or not to refile a formal application. The City is discussing scheduling a workshop with the City Council for Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Hall Forum. The Plan Commission would also be invited and interested neighbors from the area also asked to participate. The meeting of course, would be open to the public with opportunity for questions or comments.

2014 BUDGET IMPLEMENTATION

The 2014 budget document earlier adopted by Council has been posted on the City's website with a link on the homepage. City staff has been working to implement the document including processing the first round of salary adjustments under the new pay schedule adopted earlier in 2013. The Engineering Division, of course, is working on capital projects planning for the 2014 construction season.

MANAGER TRAVEL AND VACATION PLANS

On Friday, the City Manager traveled to Madison for League of Wisconsin Municipalities business related to the Executive Director recruitment process.

The Manager will be on vacation for most of the next two weeks, beginning December 23, 2013 and concluding on Friday, January 3, 2014. The Manager will be available via cell phone and e-mail and will be in and out of the office intermittently for agenda preparation and as needed regarding any other item of business. The first City Council meeting for 2014 will be held on Monday, January 6, 2014.

FINAL BELOIT REPORT FOR 2013 AND HOLIDAY BEST WISHES

This will be the final Beloit Report of 2013, with the next Beloit Report issue on Friday, January 3, 2014. That issue will provide narrative information regarding the January 6, 2014 City Council meeting agenda.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Beloit residents, City employees and elected officials, business owners and others with an interest in our community, a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— DECEMBER 23—27, 2013

Monday, December 23 Cancelled Traffic Review Committee, (D. Luebke)

Monday, December 23 Cancelled Police and Fire Commission

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.