



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **Special points of interest:**

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### **BIFF 2014 CONTINUES THIS WEEKEND**

The Beloit International Film Festival, which began last week, will continue through this Sunday, February 23. More information, including the schedule of showings and ticket information, can be obtained at [www.beloitfilmfest.org](http://www.beloitfilmfest.org)

### **PROTECT YOUR WATER PIPES**

While severe winter temperatures moderated somewhat this week, cold temperatures are scheduled to return this weekend. Beloit Utilities has received a number of phone calls from both residential and commercial customers who have experienced a water service freeze due to the cold temperatures and the depth that frost has moved into the ground this winter. The Wisconsin Rural Water Association and the City of Beloit Water Utility have tips available related to protecting your water pipes during periods of extremely cold weather. Please see [attached](#) for this useful information. If you experience a water service interruption likely due to service line freezing, please call the Water Resources Division, 608-364-2888, to report the service interruption and request assistance.

### **INTERSTATE 39/90—INTERSTATE 43 INTERCHANGE UPDATE**

Planning continues related to the important Interstate 39/90 widening to three lanes in each direction, and of course the Interstate 43 interchange reconstruction here in Beloit. We met earlier this week with the I-90 Business Corridor Group and spent a good deal of time explaining the design alternatives and answering questions. The business community had several requests concerning planning for the project and those suggestions will be shared with Wisconsin Department of Transportation officials in the near future.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**

Our internal committee that reviews neighborhood revitalization programs and activities met this last week. We received a brief update on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program and learned that several more residential units purchased under this program are nearing the end of the remodeling process or being prepared to list for sale. We also discussed the status of demolition related primarily to the tax foreclosure properties and that process is continuing. A few of the properties that were on the demolition list may be of some interest to our neighborhood revitalization partners and we have delayed final authorization for the contractor to proceed with demolition on those units pending a determination as to whether or not they could be saved for remodeling. Other units will proceed to demolition as the weather permits.

Following the discussion, we took a field trip and viewed four units that were either redone under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program or were acquired under property tax foreclosure. I was impressed with the quality of the remodeling work that has been completed. Our real estate broker was also in attendance and staff met with the broker again on Thursday to go over sale pricing comparables and set a final asking price for those units. There are several very nice and one very historic home that will be listed for sale in the immediate future, all of which have been completely remodeled with all new mechanicals and appliances. For more information regarding these remodeled properties, please contact Vicki Jentoft Johnson at 800-236-1481.

## **MANAGER AND COUNCILORS PARTICIPATE IN LEAGUE LOBBY DAY**

The Manager, along with Councilors Van de Bogart and Spreitzer, traveled to Madison on Wednesday to participate in the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Lobby Day. The delegation also presented a briefing document to our State Senators and Representatives regarding the current status of planning for the interchange project. I relayed the requests made by the local business community and received some assurance of support from our State elected officials. All final design decisions, of course, will be made by the Federal Highway Administration since this is an interstate highway project. Nevertheless, both the Federal and State transportation officials have been very accommodating to the City and allowed us to participate in project planning activities to date.

## **JOINT MEETING OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT BOARD OF EDUCATION**

This coming Monday evening, **February 24, 2014 at 6:30 PM** the School District of Beloit Board of Education and the City Council will convene a joint meeting at the Beloit Public Library in the Community Room located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard. The [attached](#) agenda has been prepared for this session, and includes a discussion regarding plans being discussed by the District to expand participation on the Beloit City hockey team and some question about traffic control devices on streets adjacent to school facilities. Other issues of joint interest to the two jurisdictions may also be discussed.

## MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

We ask that you take a look at the vacancies currently available to determine whether or not you would have an opportunity to serve on any of those committees. Over 120 citizens volunteer to serve on municipal advisory committees in an effort to make our community a better place to live.

Vacancies currently exist on:

**Appointment Review Committee**—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 pm

**Board of Appeals**—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

**Board of Ethics**—Meets as needed

**Board of Review**—Meets annually in May and as scheduled in June

**Community Development Authority**—Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm

**Equal Opportunities Commission**—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of even-numbered months at 5:30 pm

**Municipal Golf Committee**—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 am

**Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission**—Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

**Plan Commission**—Meets on Wednesdays following City Council meeting at 7:00 pm

**Traffic Review Committee**—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 pm

For more information on each committee, along with an application, please click [\[here\]](#), or call Pam in the City Manager's office at 364-6614.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— FEBRUARY 24—28, 2014

Monday, Feb. 24	1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conference Room (D. Luebke)
Monday, Feb. 24	5:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a> , Forum
Monday, Feb. 24	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Joint City Council/School Board meeting</a> , Beloit Public Library (All City Councilors)
Wednesday, Feb. 26	7:30 a.m.	Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau meeting (J. Van De Bogart)
Wednesday, Feb. 26	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Community Development Authority</a> , Forum (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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

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

Feb. 14—23		<b>Beloit International Film Festival</b> at various venues. For more information, please see their website: <a href="http://beloitfilmfest.org/">http://beloitfilmfest.org/</a>
Thursday, Feb. 27	6:00 p.m.	<b>Downtown Beloit Association's Annual Meeting and Awards Party</b> , La Casa Grande Banquet Hall. Admission \$20, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Please RSVP by February 21 to Crystal at the Downtown Beloit Association, 365-0150.
Friday, March 14	6:00 p.m.	<b>Beloit Historical Society St. Patty's Gala</b> , Country Club of Beloit, 2327 Riverside Drive. Live music by "Breakaway Fiddle Strings," dinner, live and silent auction to benefit the Beloit Historical Society. Tickets \$50 per person. Please call 608-365-7835 for tickets or to donate to the auction.
Friday, March 28	11:00 a.m.	<b>2014 Hometown Heroes</b> luncheon at the Angel Museum, 656 Pleasant St. Please RSVP by March 19 with a check (\$25 per person)
Saturday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mushing for Meals</b> , 10K and 5K run and 1 mile walk to benefit Beloit Meals on Wheels. Participants in the 5K can compete as individuals or as a "Mushing Team." This race is a 2014 RRR Circuit Race. To register on-line or for more information, please click <a href="#">[here]</a> .

# IT'S COLD OUT THERE!

## PROTECT YOUR PIPES!

With the recent and upcoming frigid weather, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association and the City of Beloit Water Utility are offering these winter maintenance tips:

- **Check the temperature of your water.** Normal groundwater temperatures are typically in the upper 40s and lower 50s, so check the water temperature in your homes. To do so, you can use a simple digital thermometer. If it's getting close to 32°, you should take action to prevent freezing.
- **Prevent freezing of service laterals by keeping water moving.** This can be done by letting a faucet run or by drilling a 1/8" hole in the overflow tube of a toilet in the building. If you live in an area that is susceptible to freezing such as a dead end street or cul-de-sac you may want to consider allowing your water to run continuously. A pencil-wide stream is typically sufficient to prevent freezing. You may also simply run the water on a frequent basis throughout the day and night to minimize risk of freezing. If you plan to be away for any length of time have a friend or neighbor run water for you.
- **Check Heating Components.** With the early and extended cold weather we've seen so far, heating components have been running far more than usual. Maintain furnaces to make sure they're operating correctly and replace filters more often. Also check heat tapes and space heaters used with control system elements. For less expensive items, consider purchasing back-ups should something fail. The cold weather is affecting everyone in the state, so space heaters and heat tapes are in short supply.
- **Be careful when thawing frozen pipes.** For exposed pipes in buildings you can use a simple hair dryer. For underground pipes the older method is using electrical current from welders or transformers. However it's best to do this with the help of an electrician so you can check to make sure the current is being confined to the section of piping you're wishing to thaw. Failure to do so can cause fires in nearby buildings. Newer methods of pipe thawing use recirculating hot water or steam. These are much safer than electrical current and they also have the additional benefit of being effective on non-metallic pipes such as plastic or PVC.
- **Check empty and vacant buildings.** Check vacant properties and ask neighbors or relatives to check homes of people on vacation. A great deal of frost or condensation on windows may indicate that a heating system has failed and water may be running due to frozen and broken pipes.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Beloit Water Utility at (608) 364-2888.



## PUBLIC NOTICE

### JOINT MEETING OF THE BELOIT CITY COUNCIL AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BELOIT BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Date:** Monday, February 24, 2014

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** Beloit Public Library  
Community Room  
605 Eclipse Boulevard  
Beloit, WI 53511

#### AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda
  - Charles M. Haynes, City Council President
  - Shannon Scharmer, Board of Education President
2. Discussion of proposal to expand Beloit Hockey Team to include players from other high schools
3. Update on school facilities, including discussion of traffic control issues
4. Other items of concern
5. Adjournment

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\*\* 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.

Dated: February 20, 2014  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City of Beloit City Clerk  
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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Traffic Review Committee**  
**Monday, February 24, 2014 1:30 P.M.**  
**City Manager's Conference Room (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**  
**Beloit, WI 53511**

1. Roll Call.
  2. Approval of the minutes from the January 27, 2014 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
  3. Public Participation.
  4. Ordinance to remove parking in front of 519 Locust Street.
  5. Ordinance to extend No-Parking 300 feet north along Freeman Parkway.
  6. Ordinance to change yield sign to stop sign control at the intersection of Johnson Street and House Street.
  7. Committee Member participation.
  8. Next meeting –the next meeting is scheduled for **March 24, 2014**.
  9. Adjournment
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**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Monday, February 24, 2014 @ 5:00 PM  
City Hall / Public Forum  
100 State St**

The monthly meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Joe Simpson at 364-6685.**

**REVISED AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of December 12, 2013 meeting minutes
3. Reports
  - A. Police Department
  - B. Fire Department
4. Commissioner Comments
5. Action/Discussion Items
  - A. None
6. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(f) to discuss complaint filed to PFC. Per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) discuss fire personnel probationary reviews and per 19.85(1)(b) discuss police personnel discipline.
7. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
8. Citizen Participation
9. Adjourn.

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Community Development Authority**  
**February 26, 2014 at 4:30 pm**  
**The Forum**  
**Beloit City Hall**  
**100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on January 29, 2014
4. Housing Authority
  - a. Presentation of January Activity Report and Program Update (Pollard)
  - b. Presentation of January Financial Report and Collection Report (Pollard)
  - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-03, Approving the 2013 Section 8 Management Assessment Program Submission (SEMAP) for the Beloit Housing Authority (Pollard)
5. Community Development
  - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-04, Accepting an Offer to Purchase for 823 St. Lawrence Avenue (Downing)
6. Adjournment

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*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: February 21, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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#### EVENT PACKET:

Includes course map, rules, information sheet and event t-shirt.

#### PACKET PICKUP: Friday, March 28th

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Beloit Meals On Wheels office,  
424 College Street, Beloit WI.

On event day, packet pickup is from  
7:30 am -8:30 am at the Registration Table.

#### AWARDS:

- 10K, new event, Course record to be set \$ 100 prize
- 5K, Course record to beat 15:09, \$100 prize
- Best Team Costume \$150 prize
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place female finisher for 5K and 10K
- 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place male finisher for 5K and 10K
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Mushing Team

#### WEATHER:

This is a sun, sleet, rain, snow or slush event.

#### QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION:

##### Marcy Berner-Reedy

Beloit Meals On Wheels Executive Director  
phone: 608-362-3683  
email: [beloitmow@tds.net](mailto:beloitmow@tds.net)

##### Linda Bank, Race Director

phone: 608-346-4455  
email: [albank@charter.net](mailto:albank@charter.net)

If you would like to help sponsor this event,  
Beloit Meals On Wheels at (608) 362-3683.



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beloit Meals On Wheels

# Mushing for Meals



## 10K, 5K Run, 1 Mile Walk & Kids Fun Run

This is a 2014 Rockford Road Runner  
Circuit Race

Saturday,  
March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014

100% of all proceeds benefit Beloit Meals  
On Wheels "March For Meals" campaign



Member of United Way Blackhawk Region



## Mushing for Meals

Lace up your sneakers and put on your favorite all-weather gear. Mushing for Meals is a 10k, 5k, Run /1 Mile Walk to benefit Beloit Meals On Wheels. Whether you choose to run, walk, or be connected to two of your favorite mushers, you're sure to have fun!

The race begins at historic Horace White Park, picks up the Steve Gregg Memorial Path on the Rock River front downtown, past Beloit College and around the lagoon at Riverside Park and back. The 10K continues north past the lagoon, over the Ken Hendricks Memorial Bridge, then behind Beloit Memorial High School to just beyond the Portland Bridge and back. **It is the most scenic race in the midwest!** Participants can compete as individuals or as a "Mushing Team."

**MUSHING TEAMS:** To compete in the Mushing Team division, you must have three runners. The runners must be physically attached to each other and must form a single file line. The three runners must be attached together from the start of the race and through the entire race to the finish line. As for how they physically attach themselves to each other, the runners may be creative as to what materials they use for that purpose.

### MINI-MUSH FUN RUN:

Mini-Mush for children 10 and under, able to run up to ¼ mile. Race starts at 8:30 am. Special guests to cheer participants on!

### SHIRT SAMPLES:

Adult shirt samples will be available at the Meals On Wheels office to try on prior to March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Event Information

**START TIME:** Registration 7:30-8:30 am  
Mini-Mush Start 8:30 am  
Announcements 8:45 am  
Race Start 9:00 am

**LOCATION: Horace White Park**  
across from the Beloit Meals On Wheels office  
located at: 424 College Street, Beloit, WI

**ENTRY FEE:**  
\$ 25.00 Per individual prior to event  
\$ 30.00 Same day individual  
\$ 75.00 Mushing Team  
\$ 90.00 Same day Mushing Team

\*\* Registrations received on or before March 16th, 2013, are guaranteed an event t-shirt. Registrations received after March 16<sup>th</sup>, are not guaranteed an event t-shirt and no refunds will be given.\*\*

## Registration

To register on-line enter the following link into your browser:

<http://www.active.com/beloit-wi/running/races/mushing-for-meals-2014>

or, fill out the Registration form and mail it to:

**Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc.**  
**PO Box 326**  
**Beloit, WI 53512-0326**

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## Registration Form

*\*Fee must accompany entry form\**

**Make checks payable to:**

**Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc.**

- 10K Run    5K Run    1 Mile Walk
  - Individual Participant Entry \$25.00 w/shirt
  - Individual Participant Entry w/out shirt \$15.00
  - Mushing Team Entry \$ 75.00 w/shirts (5K only)
  - Mushing Team Entry \$ 45.00 w/out shirts (5K)
  - Mini-Mush Kids Fun Run Entry \$ 5.00 w/shirt
  - Rockford Road Runner I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_
- All Rockford Road Runners members will receive a \$2 discount.

**Each participant must fill out an entry form.**

Gender: M / F      Age: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address for Race Results

**Method of Payment:**    Cash    Check

**Shirt Size:**   S   M   L   XL   XXL

**Mini-Mush Kids Fun Run Youth Size:**   M   L   XL

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry for my participation in the Beloit Meals On Wheels, Mushing for Meals event, I, the undersigned, intending to be legally bound for myself, my heirs, my executors, and my administrators, do hereby waive and release any and all individuals, corporations, associations, municipalities, and government which participates in promoting, staging, and management of this event, including but not limited to BMOW, Rockford Road Runners, and any volunteers on their behalf, from any and all damages, injuries, or sickness, that may be suffered as a result, whether direct or indirect, of my participation in the Beloit Meals On Wheels, Mushing for Meals event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent or guardian if under 18)