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THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

BELOIT UTILITIES NOW OFFERS E-STATEMENTS FOR CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE

As was reported initially in last week's Beloit Report, Beloit Utilities is now offering an option for E-statements. This option offers a new, more convenient way for you to manage your bills and maintain electronic files as well. This option will improve convenience for customers who utilize their computers for managing their personal business affairs and also save the City of Beloit Water Utility the cost of paper, printing and postage to send the traditional paper bill. If you are interested in signing up for E-statements, please click [here](#) for a link to the appropriate page. You will need your account number, and of course an e-mail address. Simply complete the form and transition your future bills to an electronic format.

The Utility will continue to send paper statements each month to customers that would prefer to receive a traditional paper document for processing their monthly payments. No action needs to be taken to maintain the paper bills that you currently receive.

"SPRING AHEAD" TO DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME and CHECK SMOKE DETECTOR BATTERIES

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead this weekend, as Daylight Savings time arrives on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 a.m., putting us one step closer to Spring! Fire Chief Brad Liggett also reminds citizens to use this date to change the batteries in home smoke detectors. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information and safety precautions for smoke detectors.

PROTECT YOUR WATER PIPES

Although temperatures are showing some signs of moderation, and calls related to frozen service laterals have diminished, Beloit Water Utility cautions residents about the impact of cold temperatures on their water service lines. 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.

RECRUITMENT UPDATE FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR

The recruiter was in Beloit on Tuesday, March 4th and spent time with the department directors, Finance Department division heads, as well as the City Manager and Director of Human Resources to build a recruitment profile for the Finance and Administrative Services Director position. A draft document was reviewed later in the week and the recruiter will soon begin placing both electronic notifications and print ads making potential candidates aware of this vacancy. Vacancy notices will also be placed in the local newspapers for the benefit of area residents. The interview schedule for the recruitment will probably begin in May with an appointment sometime in early June.

CITY MANAGER MEETS WITH NEW CHAMBER DIRECTOR

I had an opportunity to meet with Tim Dutter, the newly appointed Executive Director of the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce. We met for coffee and had an interesting discussion about the community and the Chamber, including the interaction with both the City and the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation. Tim is a Beloit resident, born and raised in the community and began his responsibilities as Executive Director of the Chamber on Monday, March 3, 2014. I extended a warm welcome back home to Tim and pledged our cooperation as we continue the long standing and productive working relationship with our local Chamber of Commerce.

BELOIT TODAY SHOW TO INCLUDE MANAGER'S "REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY" PRESENTATION

Beth Jacobsen and I taped a segment for the Beloit Today show this week that will include the "Report to the Community" presentation made by the City Manager at the City Council meeting this past Monday evening. This report deviated somewhat from prior years because it was more of a retrospective look at changes and improvements that have occurred in the City over the last five years. The report covered not only public infrastructure and facilities but also the numerous projects undertaken by various institutions including Beloit College and the Beloit School District as well as private sector developments, including the many Hendricks Commercial Properties projects underway in downtown Beloit. A copy of the presentation is currently posted on the cities website with the link from the homepage and will, of course, be available for viewing either as part of the City Council program for the March 3 meeting or the upcoming edition of Beloit Today.

Beloit Today is a "news format" type program about municipal activities recorded monthly and broadcast on Cable Access Television and hosted by Beth Jacobsen, Assistant to the City Manager, and Pam Lathrop, Administrative Assistant to the City Manager. The City maintains a link on the website to videos of the show, which may be accessed [[here](#)] if you wish to view the show.

CITY MANAGER SPEAKS TO BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The City Manager spoke to a group of Beloit high school students on Friday morning, March 7 about the job of the City Manager and role the Manager plays in administering Municipal government. The presentation was well received and numerous questions were asked about not only how the government works but ongoing activities and projects within the community. I had a similar opportunity last week to present to a group of students from Rock County Christian School and also enjoyed that opportunity to meet and converse with many of our young residents.

CITY MANAGER TRAVEL PLANS FOR NEXT WEEK

On Sunday, March 9, the City Manager and Council President Haynes will travel to Washington DC to participate in the National League of Cities Legislative Conference. Monday and Tuesday will be devoted to sessions and keynote speakers and then on Wednesday we have meetings scheduled with both senators representing Wisconsin or their designated staff person. We will also be meeting with Congressman Pocan's office.

We will return to the city on Wednesday evening and on Thursday morning I will travel to Madison to participate in candidate interviews related to filling the vacancy for Executive Director of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities. Candidate interviews are currently scheduled for both Thursday and Friday and I anticipate returning to the city late on Friday afternoon.

During my absence, Assistant to the City Manager Beth Jacobsen will be in the office and available should anyone need assistance. I will also be monitoring my voice and e-mails throughout the week and will respond as time permits.

LEISURE SERVICES NEWSLETTER

Attached is a copy of the March issue of the Parks and Leisure Services newsletter. This month gives details on Adult Summer Softball Leagues, rates for Krueger Haskell Golf Passes, and more!

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Please 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

Police and Fire Commission—Meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. (Special application.)

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— MARCH 10–14, 2014

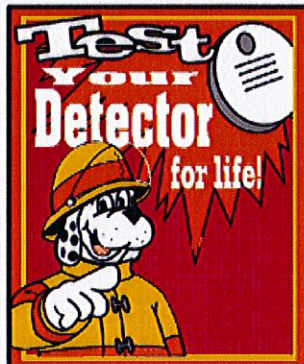
Monday, March 10	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conf. Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, March 11	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, March 11	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, March 12	6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission , 2351 Springbrook Court (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.

Tuesday, March 11	5:00-8:00 p.m.	Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce 87th Annual Dinner , featuring Laura Schwartz as the keynote speaker. Please click [here] for more information or to register for the event.
Wed., March 12	4:00-7:00 p.m.	Affordable Care Act Enrollment Fair at Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. Attendees will be able to visit informational booths from Rock County agencies and insurance providers. There will be two informative talks, at 4:15 and 5:45 p.m. on "How to Successfully Complete Your Application." One-on-one help for enrolling in the Healthcare Marketplace. Bilingual interpreters will be available. For more information on this event, call 608-741-3400.
Wed., March 12	6:30 p.m.	Candidate Forum for City Council and School Board , sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Beloit City Hall Forum, 100 State Street
Friday, March 14	6:00 p.m.	Beloit Historical Society St. Patty's Gala , 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 14	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Skatin' to the Oldies , Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. 60/70/80's costume contest and prizes, games and music. Free skate rental for those in costume; regular admission fees apply.
Friday, March 28	11:00 a.m.	2014 Hometown Heroes 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.	Mushing for Meals , 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 [here] .



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
For Further Information Contact:

March 7, 2014
Beloit Fire Department (608) 364-2900

Beloit, WI – This weekend marks our “Spring Forward” to Daylight Savings time on Sunday, March 9th at 2:00 a.m. Americans throughout the country will be setting our clocks ahead one hour as we get ready to welcome Spring weather!

Fire Chief Bradley Liggett wants to remind citizens to also use this date to change the batteries in their home smoke detectors. Properly installed and maintained smoke detectors will alert you and your family to a fire in your home 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. A properly installed and maintained smoke detector is your “first line of defense” should a fire emergency occur in your home or place of employment. A smoke detector remains constantly on alert for fire or smoke in your home, whether you are asleep or sitting in your lounge watching your favorite television program.

The National Fire Protection Association states that nearly two-thirds of home fire deaths are a result of homes not having properly functioning smoke detectors. A properly functioning smoke detector will alert you and your family that there is something wrong going on in your home and allow you to escape the area to a place of safety and save the life of you or a loved one.

Chief Liggett recommends the following safety precautions be taken:

- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and inside every sleeping area.
- Install smoke detectors at least 12” from the ceiling
- Replace the batteries if the detector is “chirping” – it is letting you know the battery is no longer viable and needs replacement
- Test and clean your smoke detectors on the first day of EVERY month.
- Sweep or dust off your smoke detector as too much dust accumulation will not allow the detector to function properly
- Replace smoke detector batteries at least once, preferably twice, a year
- Never disable a smoke detector.

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.

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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 10, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting February 10, 2014
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (March and April, 2014)
4. Review of City Council appointments February 17, 2014
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Appointment Review Committee

- 1 resident (Forbes) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 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 (Brown) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 resident (Fox) – term to expire December 31, 2015
- 1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014
- 1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Review

- 1 resident, (Naish) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 resident, Alternate (Borgogni) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Business Improvement District Board of Directors (Downtown Beloit Association)

- 1 Owner Occupant (Vargas) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Community Development Authority

- 1 resident (Adama) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 resident (Jacobs) – term to expire December 31, 2017

Municipal Golf Committee

- 1 resident (Wiersgalla) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2014

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

Traffic Review Committee

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

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6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation
8. 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 Manager's Office at 364-6614, 100 State St., Beloit, WI 53511.



**NOTICE AND AGENDA
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Beloit City Hall – The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
Tuesday, March 11, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2014.
3. Application for Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for D&D Buck LLC, d/b/a Bucky’s Bunker, 1611 Hackett Street, Daniel B. Bucholtz, Agent.
4. Application for Class “A” Beer and “Class A” for Guzman’s Supermarket, LLC, d/b/a Piggly Wiggly, 1827 Prairie Avenue, Miguel Guzman, Sr., Agent.
5. Consideration of an amendment to liquor license premises description on the Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License of Hourglass Media, LLC, d/b/a The Castle, 501 Prospect Street, John Wittnebel, Agent.
6. Citizen Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Attorney Comments
10. Adjournment

March 5, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk
<http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us>

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Appeals Members

FROM: Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

DATE: March 4, 2014

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **March 11, 2014** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8, 2014.

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

PUBLIC MEETING

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2014

6:30PM

**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI**

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: February 12, 2014
- 3.) Citizens Participation

- 4.) Old Business - None

- 5.) New Business
 - a.) Consideration and review of the proposed Batting Gage addition to the Clubhouse for the Snappers at Pohlman Field.
 - b.) Consideration and review of a proposal from Vintage Bliss to host a Vintage Fair in Horace White Park.

- 6.) Director's Report
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- * *Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Brian Ramsey @ 608/364-2919 or the Parks Administrative Secretary @ 608/364- 2929 prior to the meeting.*
- ** *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 or to request this service, please contact the Parks & Leisure Services Division located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by*

Maybe not today, but very soon you will feel...

Spring is in the air!

Adult Summer Softball Leagues

Team Manager Packets are NOW available! Here are the basics:

Monday Men's League
Tuesday Women's League or 40+ League
Wednesday Men's League
Thursday Church League
Sunday Coed League

Team Registration is \$480 (\$325 for Tuesday night leagues) or \$455 (\$300 for Tuesday night leagues) if you register by APRIL 4th!



2014 Krueger Haskell Golf Season Pass Rates

Single \$575
Senior Single (62+) \$525
Family of 2 \$1040
Junior (17 and under all season) \$215
Junior (June-Aug only) \$190
Student (23 & under w ID) \$215
Student (June-Aug only) \$190
20 9 Hole Round Pass \$200
Twilight (After 3 pm) \$305

www.teamsideline.com/beloit

Have you visited our Sports Page?!

This easy to navigate, Parks & Leisure Services site is packed with up to date, helpful information! 2014 Krueger Pool rates/hours, adult league standings/schedules, link to our 4th Annual Triathlon Registration and much more!

Ice Season nearing the end

Final Public Skates: Friday February 28, Friday March 7, Friday March 14

7-9 pm at Edward's Ice Arena (2101 Cranston Road)

DJ on March 14!

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