

CITY OF BELOIT



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from the Office of the
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THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ABSENTEE VOTING IN PERSON FOR THE SPRING ELECTION

Beginning Monday, March 17, 2014, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the April 1, 2014 Spring Election. Please see the [attached](#) press release issued by the City Clerk's office for more information.

BELOIT UTILITIES NOW OFFERS E-STATEMENTS FOR CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE

We again want to remind customers that 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.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS MAKES CHANGES TO PUBLIC ACCESS AND/OR GOVERNMENT CHANNELS

In the coming months, Charter will make significant changes to their video service, including updating to an all-digital network. Beginning April 1, 2014, Beloit City Council meetings will continue to be broadcast live on Channel 992 at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Meetings will also be rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Channel 992 on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Thursday at 8:30 a.m., and Friday at 1:00 p.m. All questions regarding these changes should be directed to Charter Communications at (888) 438-2427 or 2016 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI.

SPRING FINALLY ARRIVES IN BELOIT

Yesterday, Thursday, March 20 at 11:57 a.m., Spring officially arrived here in the upper Midwest. We've been fortunate so far this spring to have a gradual thawing and melt off of the large snow accumulation. Capacity in both Turtle Creek and the Rock River is substantial, and unless torrential rains overwhelm the watershed we should have sufficient capacity this year. Weather conditions remain on the cold side of average and much snow cover remains. Public Works crews are out in-force doing pothole patching and the normal cleanup operations that are done each spring, including street sweeping. I would also like to encourage residents and business owners to check their property for accumulated litter and debris which normally builds up throughout the winter season. Additional work will be commencing on the city parks and other public properties as weather conditions continue to improve.

BOARD APPROVES BOND FINANCING FOR 2014 CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN

On Monday evening March 17, 2014, the City Council actually heard two presentations from Mike Harrigan of Ehlers providing a detailed analysis of proposed bond financing included in the 2014 Operating and Capital Budget to cover the cost of many of the infrastructure improvements and equipment purchases included in the 2014 budget. Following the detailed presentation by Ehlers, Council approved the funding which included approximately \$3.5 million in bonds and notes to finance the 2014 program, and an additional refunding of approximately \$6 million of 2007 GO debt that will save approximately \$200,000 in interest expenses over the balance of the debt repayment schedule.

COMMUNITY CHAMPION WEEK FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

Once again this year, the City Manager volunteered to deliver meals to homebound seniors and disabled residents, which is the mission of the Meals on Wheels program. The Community Champion week program provides opportunities for local elected and appointed officials to visit the Meals on Wheels facility, participate in the home deliveries, and most importantly an opportunity to interact with many of the program participants. I was fortunate to be able to participate on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 with other local officials. Many of the City Councilors were able to volunteer for this or another day this week, as well. Once again, we are always impressed with Beloit's award-winning program and extend our congratulations and thanks to Marcy Reedy, Executive Director, as well as the staff, volunteers and sponsors who make this program possible.

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

The City has experienced difficulties getting sufficient volunteers to staff all of the boards, commissions and committees that provide valuable support to the municipal operation. 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 will be occurring on:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Appointment Review Committee—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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 p.m.

Municipal Golf Committee—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 a.m.

Plan Commission—Meets on the Wednesday following City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Police and Fire Commission—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Traffic Review Committee—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

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 24—28, 2014

Monday, March 24	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee , (D. Luebke)
Monday, March 24	5:00 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum
Wed., March 26	7:30 a.m.	Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Meeting (J. Van De Bogart)
Wed., March 26	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (D. Luebke and J. Van De Bogart)
Thurs., March 27	8:30 a.m.	BID/Downtown Beloit Association Board Meeting (K. Leavy)

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.

Friday, March 28	11:00 a.m.	2014 Hometown Heroes luncheon at the Angel Museum, 656 Pleasant St.
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].



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Absentee Voting In Person for the Spring Election
Available Starting March 17, 2014

March 10, 2014 – Beloit, WI: Beginning Monday, March 17, 2014, electors registered to vote in the City of Beloit may cast an absentee ballot in person for the April 1, 2014 Spring Election. Electors who are not registered to vote and those who need to change their names and/or addresses must bring proof of residence to register. Please find the acceptable forms of proof of residence on the following page.

Late registration and absentee voting in person will be available from **Monday, March 17th through Friday, March 28th** in the City Clerk's office on the second floor of City Hall. Electors who would like an absentee ballot mailed to them must make the request in writing via email to lemirer@ci.beloit.wi.us; via mail to 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511; or in person at the City Clerk's office.

Photo identification or other proof of identity will **not** be required to obtain an absentee ballot or to obtain a regular ballot on Election Day at the polling place for this Election.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office by phone at (608) 364-6680 or by email at lemirer@ci.beloit.wi.us.

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ACCEPTABLE FORMS OF PROOF OF RESIDENCE

One of the following is required to register to vote in the Clerk's office during the closed registration period or on Election Day at the Polling Place:

- A current and valid Wisconsin driver's license
- A current and valid Wisconsin identification card
- Any other Official ID Card or license issued by a Wisconsin Governmental body
- An ID card with your photo issued by an employer during the normal course of business (not including a business card)
- A real estate tax bill or receipt (for the current year or year before the election)
- A residential lease which is effective for a period that includes Election Day
- A university, college, or technical college identification card (must include photo) together with a fee payment receipt issued to the cardholder by the university, college or technical college dated no earlier than 9 months before the date of the election at which the receipt is presented
- A utility bill for a period starting no earlier than 90 days before Election Day
- A bank statement or current pay check
- A government check or any other official document issued by a unit of government

NOTE: all of the above must contain a current and complete name, including both first and last name; and a current and complete residential address, including numbered street address, if any, and the name of the municipality. If the form has an expiration date, it must be valid on Election Day. **An individual may not register or vote without one of the above forms of proof of residence.**

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NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

To: All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

From: Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer ^{JRD}_{3/14/14}

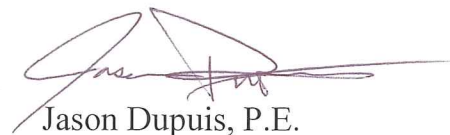
Date: March 14, 2014

RE: Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, March 24, 2014 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **April 28, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

Please feel free to contact me at 364-6735 if you have any questions.

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Jason Dupuis, P.E.
Transportation Engineer
City of Beloit



City of
BELOIT, Wisconsin

**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, March 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 February 24, 2014 meeting minutes
3. Reports
 - A. Police Department
 - B. Fire Department
 1. Activities
 2. Training
 3. Ride along offer
 4. Perpetual application concept overview
4. Commissioner Comments
5. Citizen Participation
6. Action/Discussion Items
 - A. None
7. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) discuss fire and police personnel probationary reviews.
8. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
9. Possible acknowledgement of employee end of probationary period.
10. Adjourn.

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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.



CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
March 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 March 4, 2014
4. Housing Authority
 - a. Presentation of February Activity Report (Pollard)
 - b. Presentation of February Financial Report (Pollard)
 - c. Public Hearing, Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-06, Approval to Accept HUD Funding for the 2014 Capital Fund Program (CFP) Grant, Revise the Public Housing Authority Plan, and Amend the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) to Include Said 2014 WI39-P064-50114 CFP Grant (Pollard)
5. Community Development
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-07, Accepting an Offer to Purchase for 827 Garfield Avenue (Downing)
 - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-08, Recommending Approval of an Amendment to the 2014 Annual Action Plan and Budget (Downing)
6. Adjournment

*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: March 21, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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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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