



# THE BELOIT REPORT

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## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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from the Office of the  
City Manager*

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### **CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES HIS PENDING RETIREMENT**

At the Council meeting held on November 17, 2014, I announced to Council and the community my pending retirement. My last day in the office will be June 3, 2015 and my actual retirement date (following the use of accrued vacation leave) will be July 3, 2015. My announcement was made now to be sure that Council has adequate time to go through a full recruitment and screening process to select a replacement City Manager by early June of next year. I have [attached](#) a copy of my retirement letter, which articulates our affection and respect for the City of Beloit. I have a great many people to thank who have been supportive, not only of me but of the City over the past 11(+) years. Obviously, as we get closer to the actual retirement date, there will be opportunities to make sure those expressions of gratitude are made at the proper time and in the proper venue. My wife, Karen, and I will be remaining in the community and anticipate remaining active in various civic affairs.

I do want to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the residents, officials, and even many City employees that responded in such a gracious manner to my retirement announcement. It was gratifying to receive so many congratulatory notices and expressions of regrets over my pending retirement from the City Manager's position.

### **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

Next week, because of the Thanksgiving holiday, all trash collection services for Thursday and Friday will be moved forward one day. Thursday collection will be on Friday, and Friday's collection will be on Saturday, November 29. Because of the need to collect on Saturday, the Recycling Drop Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Court will be closed that Saturday, November 29, 2014.

All City offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28 for celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday.

The Beloit Public Library will close at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 26 and remain closed on Thursday, November 27. The outside book drop located on the south side of the building is open 24 hours a day. To renew library materials, call Telerenew at 758-6614 or click "My Account/Renewals" on the Library's website. The Library will reopen on Friday, November 28 at 9:30 a.m.

### **THE HOLIDAY SEASON BEGINS IN BELOIT**

#### ***Grand Lighted Holiday Parade***

The Downtown Beloit Association, in conjunction with their sponsors, will be holding the 22nd Annual Grand Lighted Holiday Parade on Friday, November 28, 2014, with activities running from 5:00—8:00 p.m. Live music, the arrival of Santa, and lighting of the traditional Christmas tree will precede the lighted parade running along Grand Avenue from Third Street to Horace White Park. Santa will also visit the Turtle Creek Bookstore, 444 E. Grand Ave. and be available for photos. The [attached](#) flyer has additional information.

## ***Holidazzle***

Downtown Beloit's 11th Annual Holidazzle shopping experience, is scheduled for Friday, December 5, 2014 from 5:00—9:00 p.m. Once again this year, local businesses will be open downtown, featuring artists and specialty crafts with one-of-a-kind gifts and unique pieces of art on display. This year, crafters and artists will display in over 30 locations. Please see the [attached](#) flyer for more information.

## **TEEN DROP-IN CENTER TASK FORCE—UPDATE**

The Teen Drop-In Center Task Force will meet again next week to continue their planning for the possible siting of a Teen Drop-In Center here in the City of Beloit. Committee and staff work is continuing in the background between meetings, in the hope that we can complete the committee assignments and keep the entire process on track towards implementation.

## **BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL TOUR WITH THE GREATER BELOIT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

This past Thursday morning I took an opportunity presented by the Greater Beloit Economic Development Corporation (GBEDC) to tour the high school facility with the primary focus on the technical education facilities. Once again, I was extremely impressed by the quality and cleanliness of the high school building. I actually learned, for the first time, that Beloit Memorial High School is the largest high school facility in the entire State of Wisconsin. Residents may recall that we were the first, and are still considered the benchmark school, when it comes to career and technical education. That portion of the school is incredibly impressive, with much of it having been designed by industry leaders from the respective manufacturing and production sectors of our economy to make sure that the equipment and the training match the needs of the employers. We also toured some of the other extraordinary facilities and talked a bit about the advanced placement courses, since there are a huge number of Beloit Memorial students taking advanced placement courses, many of which result in college credit. The school building itself is as clean as a hospital, and we should all be very grateful that we have a facility of this quality available for our children and grandchildren to help them prepare for a full and productive life.

## **HISPANIC FORUM**

I was honored to be asked by Bill Barth of the Beloit Daily News, to participate in the Hispanic Forum that is scheduled for this coming Monday, November 24, 2014. The forum will be held in the St. Thomas Church, 822 E. Grand Ave., Beloit. The program begins at 6:30 p.m.

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

|                    |           |   |
|--------------------|-----------|---|
| Monday, Nov. 24    | Cancelled | <a href="#">Traffic Review Committee</a> (D. Luebke)      |
| Monday, Nov. 24    | 5:00 p.m. | <a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a> , Forum        |
| Wednesday, Nov. 26 | Cancelled | Community Development Authority (C. Kincaid and A. Kelly) |

## 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.

**Downtown Beloit Farmers' Market** Saturday's at 8:00 a.m. from now through the end of October.

October 18—December 1 **Warming Tree** at Beloit Public Library. The Library is collecting new home-made or purchased mittens, scarves, hats or socks for children ages birth to 18 years to be distributed to local families in need. Please drop off your donations during library hours.

Friday, November 21 7:00-9:00 p.m. **Turkey Trot Special Skate**, Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive a free skate rental. Music, games and more!

Wednesday, Nov. 26 **NEW DEADLINE to Register for 2014-2015 Adult Basketball Leagues.** Please see [attached](#).

Friday, November 28  
 5:00 p.m. **Grand Lighted Holiday Parade**, Downtown Beloit  
 Live Music at First National Bank Plaza  
 6:00 p.m. Santa Arrives and tree lighting begins at First National Bank Plaza  
 6:15 p.m. Lighted parade along Grand Ave. from Third St. to Horace White Park  
 7:00 p.m. Santa visits the Turtle Creek Bookstore, 444 E. Grand Ave.

Friday, December 5 5:00—9:00 p.m. **Holidazzle**, Downtown Beloit

Saturday, December 6 3:00—7:00 p.m. **Victorian Holiday at Beckman Mill**, 11600 South County Rd. H. Local actors in period attire singing, dancing and conversing about life in the 19th century. Gift shop open!

Saturday, January 24 **Winterfest 4's Volleyball Tournament.** Please see [attached](#) for more information.

# CITY OF BELOIT

## DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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**TO:** President Mark Spreitzer and Beloit City Councilors

**FROM:** Larry N. Arft, City Manager

**DATE:** November 17, 2014

**SUBJECT:** RETIREMENT

Please accept this communication as my official notice of pending retirement. My last day in the office will be Wednesday, June 3, 2015. Accrued leave benefits will take me through Friday, July 3, 2015, which will be my date of retirement. I will likely have some accrued leave remaining, which I will receive in a lump sum payment as provided for under existing city personnel policy.

Obviously, I very much enjoyed my tenure as City Manager during a very exciting time in the city's history and feel that I contributed in a substantive way to the cities progress during these last eleven plus years. In fact, I have pushed back my retirement by several years beyond my normal retirement age precisely for this reason.

I will miss the opportunity to serve in this capacity but feel that my age combined with the desire to complete some "bucket list" trips and activities while still possible has led to the decision to retire in mid-2015. Karen and I plan to remain in and continue to be active in the community.

I am providing this notice six plus months ahead of my final departure to provide adequate time for Council to find a suitable replacement for this very important position. I will be happy to provide Council with the requested level of assistance to achieve that goal in time for a smooth transition in June of 2015.

I have many people to thank for their assistance and cooperation during what will be slightly more than twelve years of service by mid-2015, and plan to do that at the appropriate opportunity. In the interim, I have several projects to complete and will remain fully engaged in the management of city affairs, plus plan for a smooth transition by June of next year.

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# 22nd Annual GRAND LIGHTED

## HOLIDAY PARADE

### Downtown Beloit

Friday, November 28th, 2014 | 5 - 8pm

- 5:00 PM LIVE MUSIC STARTS AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK PLAZA
- 6:00 PM SANTA ARRIVES & TREE LIGHTING BEGINS AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK PLAZA
- 6:15 PM LIGHTED PARADE ALONG GRAND AVE. FROM 3RD STREET TO HORACE WHITE PARK
- 7:00 PM SANTA VISITS THE TURTLE CREEK BOOKSTORE AT 444 E. GRAND AVE.  
PHOTOS WITH SANTA & MRS. CLAUS!

\*All times are approximate

### Check out these other great activities!

- HEAR TIM BREMEL LIVE ON 1230AM DURING THE PARADE
- FREE HOT CHOCOLATE FROM THE SALVATION ARMY AT FIRST NATIONAL BANK PLAZA
- "CHILI & HOT CHOCOLATE" FUNDRAISER FOR THE STATELINE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FROM 4-8PM AT SUDS O'HANAHAN'S

**Cash prizes will be awarded for the best floats!**

**Thank you to our sponsors!**

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## Downtown Beloit's 11th Annual

# HOLIDAZZLE

Friday, December 5th, 2014 | 5:00 - 9:00 PM

Featuring artists and specialty craftspeople as they display one-of-a-kind gifts and unique pieces of art in over 30 locations!

## Live music, children's events, & holiday treats!

- Take the FREE trolley to all locations!
- Enjoy the photo booth at 500 Public Ave., sponsored by Visit Beloit
- Have your picture taken with Santa & Mrs. Claus at Turtle Creek Bookstore (444 E. Grand Ave.)
- Hear Tim Bremel live on 1230 AM during the event
- Visit St. Paul Episcopal Church's Holidazzle Sweet Shoppe

Bring your stamped Holidazzle Passport to 500 Public Avenue on Friday to win prizes and gift certificates! (Passports are available at each location.)

Thank you to our sponsors!

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## NOTICE OF MEETING CANCELLATION

**To:** All Traffic Review Committee Members and Other Interested Parties

**From:** Jason Dupuis, Transportation / Project Engineer

**Date:** November 14, 2014

**RE:** Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, November 24, 2014 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Due to the upcoming holidays, our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **January 26, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.**

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

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

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**Police and Fire Commission  
Meeting Notice and Agenda  
Monday, November 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, HR Manager, at 364-6685.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of September 22, 2014 meeting minutes
3. Reports
  - A. Police Department  
Hiring efforts/procedure
  - B. Fire Department
4. Citizen Participation
5. Commissioner Comments
6. Action/Discussion Items
7. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to consider hiring three Patrol Officer candidates.
8. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
9. Possible approval to hire.
10. Adjourn.

*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.*

[www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov)

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# ADULT BASKETBALL LEAGUES

CITY OF BELOIT, PARKS & LEISURE SERVICES

## 2014-2015 Adult Basketball Leagues

Registration Deadline Friday, November 21st, 2014

Games Begin Wednesday, December 3rd, 2014

**Who:** Men's A/B, Men's C/D, and Coed Rec

**What:** 9 Week Regular Season plus single elimination tournament for all teams

**Where:** Beloit Memorial High School Field House

**When:** Wednesday Nights December-March at 7:00, 8:00 and 9:00 pm start times

**Fees:** \$290/Team \*Team Roster not accepted without full payment

**Return Team Registration Form and Payment to:**

Leisure Services Office

1003 Pleasant Street

Beloit, WI 53511

Phone: (608) 364-2890 Ext 3

\* The Leisure Services Department reserves the right to move teams depending on registration numbers!

\* Team Registration Forms, on-line schedules, rules, etc available at [www.teamsideline.com/beloit](http://www.teamsideline.com/beloit)



**City of Beloit, Leisure Services Division**  
Adult Basketball League  
Team Registration Form

Please *mark one* of the following leagues offered:

Wednesday Men's Competitive \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Men's Recreation \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday Coed \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM MANAGER** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_  
PRIMARY SECONDARY

**E-MAIL ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST YEAR'S TEAM** \_\_\_\_\_

**I fully understand that all league fees are non-refundable or transferable, regardless of the circumstances. I further understand that all fees will be forfeited to the league should my team drop out for any reason. I, as manager, also take full responsibility to make sure my team is following all policies set forth by the City of Beloit, Leisure Services Adult Basketball Program.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Team Manager's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**City of Beloit, Leisure Services Division**  
**Adult Basketball League**  
**Team Roster**

| NAME | ADDRESS | CITY, ZIP | E-MAIL ADDRESS |
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# WINTERFEST 4'S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT



## Competitive or Fun?!

### Competitive Division

\$100 Team Registration

#### Pool Play/Round Robin –

Every game counts, more competitive games, keeps teams in the running!

CASH Payouts, champion T-Shirts, 1st Place Trophy

Based on 8 team payout:

**1st Place \$400**  
**2nd Place \$200**



### Fun Division

\$50 Team Entry  
Pool Play/Round Robin  
Champion T-Shirts

All games will be played Saturday, January 24, 2015  
At Beloit Memorial High School / Field House  
1225 4th Street Beloit, WI 53511

All games are "coed" and may have no more than 2 guys on the court at one time

For more information, call the Leisure Services Office  
(608) 364-2890 x3

**TEAM ENTRY FEE**  
**A/B Level- \$100.00**  
**C/D/E Level- \$50.00**

Mandatory Captain's Meeting 9:45 am

Start Time 10:00 am

Entries Due NO LATER THAN

5:00 pm Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Mail in registration or visit office:

**Leisure Services Office**  
1003 Pleasant Street  
Beloit, WI 53511

Women's net \* All games officiated \* Guys cannot leave floor inside 10 foot line  
Must follow a serving rotation \* No rule on guy/girl hits \* Round Robin/Pool Play  
Please see tournament rules on back side of this flyer!

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Please detach the bottom portion of this form and return with payment.

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

Team Manager Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager Phone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Team Manager Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Circle ONE:**

Competitive Division - Include \$100 Entry

Fun Division - Include \$50 Entry

Mail In Registration To: Leisure Services Office - 1003 Pleasant Street Beloit, WI 53511

Drop Off Registration: Leisure Services Office M-F 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Need more info?! Tournament Coordinator Sonya Baden [badens@beloitwi.gov](mailto:badens@beloitwi.gov) (608) 364-2890 x3

**Make Checks Payable To: City Of Beloit**

