



# THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**DECEMBER 5,  
2014**

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

- **Community Events  
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### **THE HOLIDAY SEASON CONTINUES IN BELOIT**

#### *Holidazzle*

Downtown Beloit's 11th Annual Holidazzle shopping experience, is scheduled for **TONIGHT**, 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 met this past Wednesday, December 3 at the Boys and Girls Club. We heard reports from several subcommittees, including an update on the inventory of services and programs available for teens and a survey taken of high school students to determine their interest in such a facility. Following discussion, the committee decided to hold a special event for teens sometime in mid-January. The event will involve music, refreshments and facility tours at the Boys and Girls Club. There will also be a brief survey and registration materials so that we can build a contact list and get feedback from the teens in attendance as to their reaction to the facility and the activities available. That information will be evaluated by the committee along with other material being gathered to determine how best to proceed with establishing a Teen Drop-In Center here in the City of Beloit.

### **CITY BUDGET FINALIZED—IMPLEMENTATION PLANS BEGIN**

The City's 2015 adopted budget, along with the 5-year Capital Improvements Program, which were adopted by Council at the City Council meeting on November 3, 2014, have now been completed and are posted on the City's website. A link from the home page will take you to the documents for your review and information. Department's are also planning for implementation as the new fiscal year begins on January 1, 2015. Plans and design efforts are well underway for a number of the public improvement projects scheduled for next year. Departments are also working on plans for equipment purchases that need to be done as quickly as possible.

### **BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY HOSTS STATELINE AUTHOR "MEET AND GREET"**

On Saturday, December 6, 2014 from 11:00—3:00 p.m., the Beloit Public Library will be the site of the Stateline Author Meet and Greet. You will have an opportunity to meet many authors, buy their books, have them signed, and have the chance to win some great prizes. Please see [attached](#) for more information.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— DECEMBER 8—12, 2014

Monday, Dec. 8	4:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Appointment Review Committee</a> , City Manager's Conf. Room (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Tuesday, Dec. 9	4:00 p.m.	<a href="#">Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee</a> , Forum (A. Kelly)
Tuesday, Dec. 9	Cancelled	<a href="#">Board of Appeals</a>
Wednesday, Dec. 10	4:00 p.m.	Visit Beloit Board Meeting (R. Hendrix)
Wednesday, Dec. 10	6:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Park, Recreation &amp; Conservation Advisory Commission</a> (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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

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

Friday, December 5	5:00—9:00 p.m.	<b>Holidazzle</b> , Downtown Beloit
Saturday, December 6	3:00—7:00 p.m.	<b>Victorian Holiday at Beckman Mill</b> , 11600 South County Rd. H. Local actors in period attire singing, dancing and conversing about life in the 19th century. Gift shop open!
Friday, December 12	4:00—8:00 p.m.	<b>Hanchett-Bartlett Christmas Open House</b> , 2149 St. Lawrence Road. Every room will feature Christmas trees, decorated as they would have been from the late 1800's until current times. Harp and flute music, carolers, Christmas stories, cookies and hot cider. Donations welcome.
Saturday, Dec. 13	2:00—8:00 p.m.	<b>Hanchett-Bartlett Christmas Open House</b> , 2149 St. Lawrence Road. Every room will feature Christmas trees, decorated as they would have been from the late 1800's until current times. Harp and flute music, carolers, Christmas stories, cookies and hot cider. Donations welcome.
Saturday, Dec. 13	1:00—4:00 p.m.	<b>Alice in Wonderland Tea Party</b> , Angel Museum, 656 Pleasant St. 608-362-9099 for reservations. \$18/adult and \$6/children ages 6-12.
Saturday, Dec. 13	3:00—7:00 p.m.	<b>Victorian Holiday at Beckman Mill</b> , 11600 South County Rd. H. Local actors in period attire singing, dancing and conversing about life in the 19th century. Gift shop open!
Sunday, Dec. 14	3:00—5:00 p.m.	<b>Rock River Philharmonic's Annual Holiday Performance</b> , Eclipse Center, 3 Eclipse Blvd.

## 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.)

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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
NOTICE AND AGENDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, December 8, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.  
City Manager's Conference Room  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting November 10, 2014
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (December, 2014 and January, 2015)
4. Review of City Council appointments November 17, 2014
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

1 resident (Metter) – term to expire June 30, 2017

Appointment Review Committee

1 resident (Beavers Jackson) – term to expire December, 2017

Board of Appeals

1 resident, 2<sup>nd</sup> Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

1 resident (Brown) – term to expire December 31, 2016  
1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2017  
1 resident (Peterson) – term to expire December 31, 2017  
1 resident (Blazer) – term to expire December 31, 2017  
1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Review

1 resident (Jessen) – term to expire December 31, 2019  
1 resident, Alternate (Daskam) – term to expire December 31, 2019  
1 resident, Alternate (Borgogni) – term to expire December 31, 2019

Business Improvement District (Downtown Beloit Association)

1 property owner (Schmiechen) – term to expire December 31, 2017  
1 owner occupant (Kelley) – term to expire December 31, 2017  
1 non-owner occupant (Fronk) – term to expire December 31, 2017  
1 owner occupant (Kellogg) – term to expire December 31, 2017

Community Development Authority

1 resident (Johnson) – term to expire December 31, 2018

Equal Opportunities Commission

1 resident (Finnegan) – term to expire June 30, 2016  
1 resident (Valdez) – term to expire June 30, 2016

Municipal Golf Committee

1 resident (Lenz) – term to expire December 31, 2017  
1 youth (Scharmer) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

1 Youth (Charles) – term to expire September 30, 2015  
1 resident (Geistwalker) – term to expire September 30, 2015

Police and Fire Commission

1 resident (Gard) – term to expire April 30, 2015

Traffic Review Committee

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

1 resident (Walsh) – term to expire September 30, 2016

1 resident (Dowd) – term to expire September 30, 2016

6. Member Participation

7. Citizen Participation

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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, December 9, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of October 14, 2014.
3. Application for a Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License for Lucy’s #7 Burger Bar, LLC, Emily Hopper, Agent, 430 East Grand Avenue, Suite 102.
4. Application for a Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License for Eclipse Event Center, LLC, Jayme Braatz, Agent, 100 Eclipse Center.
5. Citizen Comments
6. Committee Comments
7. Police Department Comments
8. Attorney Comments
9. Adjournment

December 3, 2014  
Rebecca Houseman LeMire  
City of Beloit City Clerk  
[www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov)

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Appeals Members

**FROM:** Drew Pennington, AICP, Director of Planning & Building Services

**DATE:** November 17, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **December 9, 2014** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or [penningtond@beloitwi.gov](mailto:penningtond@beloitwi.gov) 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, DECEMBER 10, 2014**

**6:30PM**

**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER**

**2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, БЕЛОIT, WI**

**AGENDA**

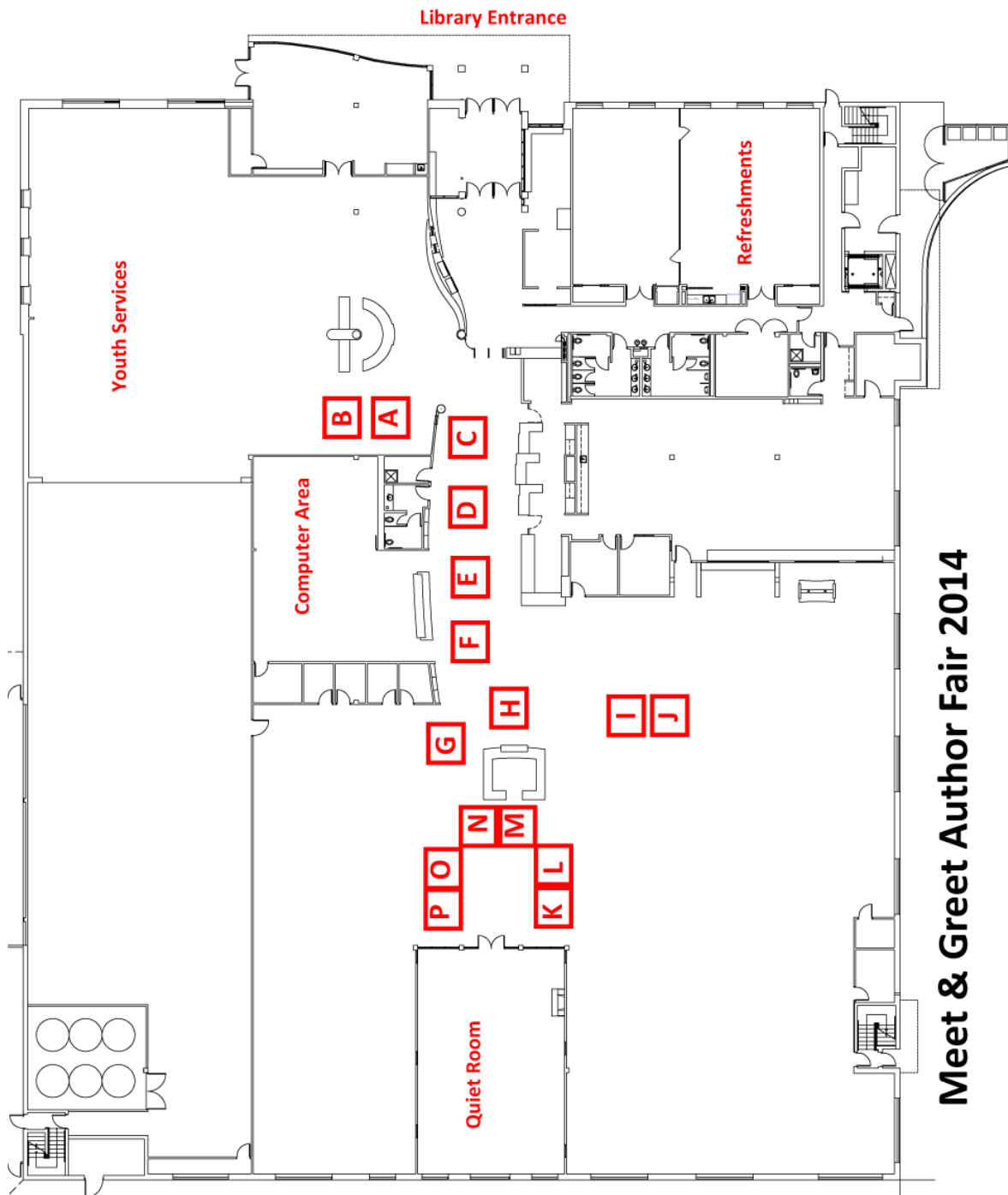
- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: November 12, 2014
- 3.) Citizens Participation
  
- 4.) Old Business – None
  
- 5.) New Business
  - a.) Review and consideration of the Bike Path in Stateline Restoration Prairie Park .
  
- 6.) Director’s Report
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

**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 calling 608/364-2929.*

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**Meet & Greet Author Fair 2014**

Special thank you to: FABL, Turtle Creek Books, and the Beloit Snappers for their generous prize donations.

# Stateline Author Meet & Greet PASSPORT

Sat | Dec 6 | 11-3



Visit each author and enter our prize drawing!

Have each author stamp the passport next to their name and return the passport to the welcome table in the lobby when completed. Write your name & phone number, so we can call you if you are one of our winners!

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Author Meet & Greet

## Sat | Dec 6 | 11-3

### A Catherine Blakemore

A graduate of Wellesley College, Catherine Blakemore holds M.A.s in education from the University of Colorado-Denver and in economics from the University of Michigan. In addition to teaching and working as a policy analyst for the U. S. Congress, she is the author of *Faraway Places*, *How Big Is Your Class?*, *Mixed Heritage*, *A Public School of Your Own*, and *My Reading Buddy Is a Dog!*.

### B Andrew Oliver

Author of 5 fiction books, 4 for young readers and 1 for adults, Andrew holds a Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in English from the University of Wisconsin. In addition to teaching, he has worked part-time as a free-lance writer.

### C Pat Hall

Pat Hall is a retired florist from Janesville. In addition to writing, Pat also does Ukrainian egg art, has a prize-winning garden, and is active in community theater. *Ida May's Borrowed Trouble* won the 2014 Purple Dragonfly First Place Award and a 2014 Moonbeam Silver Award for Best Picture Book.

### D Amanda Spanton

Ms. Spanton started out writing scripts, and through reading books was able to garner several different writing styles that matched her own way of thinking and writing. This allowed her to take her scripts and turn them into books which is case with her publication, *Finding Arianna: The Story of Nathaniel*.

### E Josh Heeg

Joshua Heeg is a 25 year old Beloit, Wisconsinite who is an avid Thriller author, and himself a book devouring veteran. Joshua is currently working on a serious Sci-Fi Thriller Trilogy titled, *Nightmare From the Abyss*.

### F Catherine Witek

Catherine (Katie) Witek received an MA in English from the University of Chicago, an MA in Teaching Composition, and a Ph.D. in English/Language, Literacy, and Rhetoric from the University of Illinois, Chicago. After a twenty-year career at St. Xavier, she moved to Wisconsin to work as a free lance writer and to begin writing her first novel, *The Trial of Misella Cross* (Sky Parlour Press 2012).

### G Aaron M. Wilson

Mr. Wilson has published two short story collections, *The Many Lives of Inez Wick* and *A Tea Party and Other Strange Stories*. Aaron's fiction is a strange mixture of science fiction, urban fantasy, bike mechanics, tattoos, and environmental activism. He resides in Beloit.

### H Matt Forbeck

Matt Forbeck has been a full-time creator of award-winning games and fiction since 1989. He has twenty-seven novels published to date, including the award-nominated *Guild Wars: Ghosts of Ascalon* and the critically acclaimed *Amortals* and *Vegas Knights*. For more about him and his work, visit [Forbeck.com](http://Forbeck.com).

### I Shawn Weaver

Discovering books at an early age, Shawn grew to love the written word. In 2010, Shawn published his first novel, *Sense of Honor*, and its sequel, *Dragon's Chest*, which eventually became a series with the addition of *The Dark Caravan* and *Rose Marie*. Mr. Weaver has also collaborated with author Donnie Light on *The Ripper's Trilogy*.

### J Kimberly Vogel

Kimberly Vogel, a resident of Beloit, WI, writes fiction books in both Young Adult and Adult. Her stories about personal and cultural identity range from normal life to fantastical journeys through a world that she has created.

### K David Benjamin

David Benjamin, started his first novel at the age of nine, reading chapters aloud to his fourth-grade classmates at St. Mary's School in Tomah, Wisconsin. Part of that grade-school experience was recounted and embellished in his "memoir," *The Life and Times of the Last Kid Picked*, published by Random House in 2002. Mr. Benjamin currently resides in Madison, WI.

### L Danny D. Langone

Mr. Langone was born in Richland Center, WI in August 1949 and currently lives in Beloit WI with his wife Barbara. They have two grown children and five grandchildren. Dan spends most of his time managing Belcoat Corporation which he started in 1987, gardening, and herding feral cats along with his Black Lab Buddha. *Wilt's Hollow* is his third book following *Keys to the Condo* and *Flybait's Lament*.

### M Tom Warren

Tom Warren is a retired Beloit College professor of Education who writes about communities where he has lived. *An Old Caddie Looks Back* describes Warren's lifelong interest in golf and early contacts with Tiger Woods, and *Discovering Lake Superior*, draws from decades of journal entries about water and woods. *Discovering Beloit: Stories Too Good to Be True?* was just released this month.

### N Jerry Peterson

Janesville resident Jerry Peterson writes crime novels set in Kansas, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. *Rubbed Out*, his current book, features John Wads, a former military police investigator who becomes involved in a pair of unsolved 80-year-old murders when a friend sets out to establish a modern-day speakeasy in a cave on his land.

### O John Porcellino

Mr. Porcellino was born in Chicago, in 1968, and has been writing, drawing, and publishing mini-comics, comics, and graphic novels for over thirty years. Porcellino's work has been translated into French, German, Spanish, Swedish, Italian, and Korean. He currently lives in Beloit, Wisconsin.

### P Chris Fink

Chris Fink is the author of *Farmer's Almanac: A Work of Fiction*, published by Emergency Press in 2013. He is associate professor and chair of English at Beloit College, where he serves as editor for the Beloit Fiction Journal and coordinates the Mackey Chair in Creative Writing.