



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**JANUARY 23,
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Special points of interest:

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WINTERFEST/TEEN “PARTY AT THE CLUB” THIS WEEKEND

This weekend, the City’s Division of Parks and Leisure Services has scheduled a number of special events and activities at several park facilities as part of the annual *Winterfest* weekend. Please see the **attached** flyer for more information.

“Party at the Club” - Saturday, January 24

An additional event scheduled this year is a “Party at the Club” scheduled for teens at the Boys and Girls Club located at 1851 Moore Street. This event was developed by the Teen Center Task Force and is being sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club and the City of Beloit Parks and Leisure Services Division. Several local businesses have also contributed items that will be used to make this event something special.

The purpose of the program is to invite teens to the Boys and Girls Club to view the various “drop in” spaces available, as well as have special events and activities underway throughout the evening.

The teen party for 7th and 8th graders will run from 5:00—7:00 p.m. and the party for high school students will begin at 8:00 and continue until 10:30 p.m. Members of the task force will be in attendance, both assisting as well as speaking with teens regarding their reaction to both the concept of a Teen Drop-In Center and use of the Boys and Girls Club facility for that purpose.

CITY MANAGER RECRUITMENT PROCESS

This week, the consultant assisting Council with the City Manager recruitment, was in the City. Meetings were scheduled Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with numerous City officials, business and community leaders, and an open forum was held on Thursday evening so any interested person could comment on the traits and characteristics they feel will be important in Beloit’s next City Manager.

A survey was also open all week and easily accessible from the City’s website. Interested parties could also complete a written survey related to the search. All of this material was accumulated and shared with the consultant who will be working on the necessary recruitment documents over the next several days. The consultant anticipates having some ads placed on key websites and relevant publications as early as the end of next week so that the process can continue on schedule.

I-39/90 UPDATE

I just wanted to remind the public that we have been advised a public hearing has been scheduled and will be held in the Community Room at the Beloit Public Library,

605 Eclipse Blvd. on **Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Residents and other interested parties are encouraged to attend and comment on the I-39/90 highway design project, as well as the I-43 interchange reconstruction.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Pratt Industries

We had a teleconference with the company and design engineers this week to discuss various site planning elements and the timeline for permit application review. While the City's timelines are short and fit well within the companies anticipated parameters, this project will need a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) permit and strategies are being developed to be sure that process is completed in a timely manner.

Chicago Fittings

The company is finalizing its building and site plans for submittal. Plan reviews will be fast tracked, as is normally done during the City review process, and the company would like to begin construction as soon as possible.

Buffalo Wild Wings

The former Atlanta Bread Company restaurant on Milwaukee Road has been sold. The new owner has secured a lease with Buffalo Wild Wings and the company is now completing its plans and specifications to convert the building into a new Buffalo Wild Wings restaurant. Once again, these plans are under review. The process should be completed and permits ready for issuance within the next 30 days.

Lucy's #7 Burger Bar

A full set of plans have been reviewed and permits have been issued for the leasehold build out for Lucy's #7 Burger Bar. Since this is an interior build out, work can begin immediately and the restaurant will be opening later this year. This restaurant is located in the Phoenix Building on East Grand Avenue.

Northstar

The first phase building for Northstar is nearing completion of the exterior construction and we understand that interior build out is proceeding at a good pace. The company hopes to occupy the space by early spring.

CCI/Blackhawk Office Building

The new CCI/Blackhawk office building located at the corner of Gateway Blvd. and Townhall Road, has been under construction all winter. Generally decent weather conditions this winter have facilitated that process. The company plans to complete and occupy the building by mid-April.

BELOIT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL—10th YEAR ANNIVERSARY—BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER!

The Beloit International Film Festival (BIFF) will begin on February 20 and runs this year through March 1, 2015. They are celebrating their 10th anniversary by extending the length of the festival and holding some additional special events. The release party, where the brochure with all of the listings and times for films, is distributed to the public is scheduled for this coming Monday, January 26, from 5:00—7:00 p.m. at the Ironworks Hotel. BIFF will have a special opening party on Friday, February 20 in downtown Beloit to celebrate the Festival as it reaches its 10th birthday. There will be a really special silent film presentation, scheduled for February 28, with the venue changing to "The Castle" located at 501 Prospect Ave. Please click [\[here\]](#) for more Festival information and to purchase tickets. Once again, BIFF has grown into not only an internationally renowned Film Festival, but is also one of those unique events that makes Beloit special. We hope everyone will come out this year, enjoy some great independent films, and support *your* International Film Festival.

SPRING PRIMARY NEEDED IN THE CLINTON SCHOOL DISTRICT PORTION OF BELOIT

A small portion of the far east end of the City of Beloit is located in the Clinton School District. The City was notified that a determination has been made that a primary is required in that district. Consequently, the City Clerk's office will be holding a primary election on February 17, 2015 in Wards 23 and 24. This primary will impact only about 300-500 residential units in the City of Beloit; however, the polling place for those wards will remain open the entire day as required by State Law to facilitate participation in the primary voting by eligible residents who reside in the Clinton School District. Please see [attached](#).

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JANUARY 26—30, 2015

Monday, Jan. 26	Cancelled	Traffic Review Committee (D. Luebke)
Monday, Jan. 26	5:00 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum
Wednesday, Jan. 28	7:30 a.m.	Beloit Convention & Visitors Bureau Board Meeting (R. Hendrix)
Wednesday, Jan. 28	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (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

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

Jan. 23-25		Winterfest! Please see attached for information on Winterfest activities and locations.
January 26	5:00 p.m.	Beloit International Film Festival Program Release Party , Beloit Ironworks Hotel, 500 Pleasant St.
Feb. 6	8:00 a.m.	Legislative Breakfast with Representative Amy Loudbeck & Senator Steve Nass, Ironworks Hotel, 500 Pleasant St. Sponsored by Chamber of Commerce and Alliant Energy. \$15 members/\$25 non-members. Please click [here] to register.



BELOIT WINTERFEST



January 23-25, 2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23:

- FREE Family Bingo at Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff St.) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. All ages welcome with great prizes and refreshments!
- Edwards Ice Arena Open Skate with a DJ from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a free skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24:

- The Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd.) from 10:00 am to Noon will be offering Snow Crafts & Activities for the younger kids. Teens will make hand/arm warmers along with a book marker. Snacks provided. Registration is not necessary.
- Come explore the Natural Confluence, where the Turtle Creek meets the Rock River with the Welty Environmental Center in South Beloit (Dickop Street) from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm.
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular admission fees apply.
- 4's Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Tournament at Beloit Memorial High School. Competitive level entry fee of \$100.00 (cash payout, trophy, & champion t-shirt) and Recreational level entry fee of \$50.00 (trophy & champion t-shirt). Pre-register by January 21st; for more information call Sonya at 364-2890 Ext. 3.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25:

- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park by the Girl Scout Building from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Welty Center will also have indoor activities for tracking and birds of prey. FREE!!!
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular admission fees apply.
- Snow Shoeing at Krueger Haskell Golf Course from Noon to 2:00 pm. Try out our new snow shoes: \$5 for adults & \$3 for under 18! *Sorry, due to lack of snow, this activity is canceled.*
- Euchre Tournament at Krueger Haskell Golf Course's Club House at 12:45 pm. \$5.00 entry fee and quarter bumps. **MUST** call 364-2890 Ext. 3 to **pre-register** by January 22; leave your name and phone number.

OPEN EVERY DAY: Hospital Hill for sledding and the Turtle Creek Trail for cross country skiing.
(Weather permitting)

- Leisure Services is now renting snow shoes for adults and children. Call us for more information!



For further information on Winterfest activities, feel free to call the Leisure Services Office at 608-364-2890 or come visit us at 1003 Pleasant Street. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
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AMENDED
Clinton Community School Board Contest Requires
February 17, 2015 Spring Primary Election

January 12, 2015 – Beloit, WI: The Clinton Community School District has determined that a primary election will be necessary for the Clinton Community School Board election on April 7, 2015. This primary election will be held on February 17, 2015.

Portions of City of Beloit Wards 23 and 24 are located within the Clinton School District boundaries. Electors in Wards, 23, 24, and 25 regularly vote at Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road. **Central Christian Church will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, for voters who live in the City of Beloit and in the Clinton Community School District to cast ballots for the Spring Primary Election.**

Beloit Voters in the Beloit School District and the Beloit Turner School District will not have a primary election. The next election in which all City of Beloit voters may vote will be the Spring Election on April 7, 2015. Voters will use their regular polling places. If you have questions about your polling place, registering to vote, or voting by absentee ballot, please contact the Beloit City Clerk's Office.

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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: January 16, 2015

RE: Meeting Cancellation

The Traffic Review Committee meeting which was scheduled for Monday, January 26, 2015 has been cancelled. At this time, there are not enough agenda items for a meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on **February 23, 2015 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



**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, January 26, 2015 @ 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 November 24, 2014 meeting minutes
3. Reports
 - A. Police Department
Hiring Process Update
 - B. Fire Department
Activities
4. Citizen Participation
5. Commissioner Comments
6. Action/Discussion Items
7. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) to review end of probationary period evaluations for one fire and two police personnel
8. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
9. Possible end of probationary period recognition by Commission
10. Adjourn.

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
January 28, 2015 at 4:30 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Election of Officers
 - a. Nomination and election of Chairperson
 - b. Nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson
3. Citizen Participation
4. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Special Meetings held on November 17 and December 15, 2014 and January 12, 2015
5. Community and Housing Services
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-02, Accepting an Offer to Purchase for 1310 West Grand Avenue (Downing)
 - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-03, Authorizing the CDA to Award the Demolition Contract for 520 North Street (Schneider)
6. Adjournment

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

Notice Mailed: January 23, 2015

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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