

# CITY OF БЕЛОIT



## THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

### CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**JANUARY 8,  
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#### **CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES**

##### Meetings:

- ◆ Met with Council member Ana Kelly.

##### Community Meetings, Activities, and Functions:

- ◆ Participated in the monthly Rock County Breakfast with representatives from the City of Beloit, City of Janesville and Rock County. Met Dr. Charles Clark, Southwestern Regional Executive Officer/Dean with the University of Wisconsin Colleges and University of Wisconsin-Extension. Dr. Clark will oversee UW-Baraboo/Sauk County, UW-Richland, and UW-Rock County.
- ◆ Participated in the City Center Committee and update of the strategic plan.

#### **TESTIMONY IN MADISON**

Much of the day Tuesday was spent in Madison to testify on SB445. The bill under discussion originated in the Assembly as AB 568, which has since been amended.

In its original form, the bill would have eliminated the City's ability to continue its rental registration and permit inspection program, which has been in place since 1994. This was of utmost concern because the City's inspection program frequently uncovers life safety concerns that could go unaddressed without the program in place.

The bill also would have prohibited the creation of new historic preservation districts without 100% owner approval. A previous compromise on the requirements for fire sprinklers was also impacted by the bill. The amended version addresses many of the City's concerns and would allow the continuation of rental registration and permit inspections. New historic preservation districts may be created under the amended bill with the support of 2/3 of the property owners, which the City finds reasonable. We will continue to carefully monitor these bills and any additional changes that may impact the City.

Previously, Fire Chief Brad Liggett and I spent an entire day in Madison to testify before the Assembly on the same bill (AB568).

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT SWEARS IN NEW OFFICERS**

On Monday morning, January 4, 2016, I was pleased to attend and participated in the swearing in ceremony for two new Police Officers, Ryan Kelley and Jeremy Reinhold.

Next week, on **Monday, January 11, 2016 at 9:30 a.m., in the City Hall Forum**, 100 State Street, the City Clerk will swear in four new Police Officers; Joshua Buroker, Deven Highland, Brandon Jones and Nicholas Smith. Following a brief presentation, Christian Dalton and Richard LeFeber, currently Patrol Officers with the Beloit Police Department, will be administered the Oath of Office by City Clerk Lorena Stottler and thus promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Photo opportunities will be available, and the public is invited to attend the ceremony.

On January 4, Interim Chief David B. Zibolski received approval from the Police and Fire Commission to establish a Sergeants promotional list, which will be valid for one year.

## **PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT MEETING—JANUARY 13, 2016**

The City of Beloit has scheduled a second public involvement meeting to present information and gather public comments for the proposed improvements of Lenigan Creek Bridge. The meeting is scheduled from 5:00—6:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, January 13, 2016** at the City of Beloit Engineering Building, 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit. The meeting will be an open house format. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information.

## **OH, CHRISTMAS TREE, OH, CHRISTMAS TREE!**

Don't forget that curbside collection of Christmas trees continues through Friday, January 15, 2016. To participate, simply place your tree curbside before 7:00 a.m. on your regular trash/recycling day. Trees must be free of stands, bags, lights, garland, tinsel and ornaments.

Christmas trees are also accepted at the Recycling Drop-Off Center located at 2351 Springbrook Court on Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and Noon, beginning Saturday, January 9, 2016. For more information, please call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations Facility at 608-364-2929.

## **CITY OF БЕЛОIT PUBLIC WORKS OPERATIONS CALENDAR**

The 2016 City of Beloit Public Works Calendar will be inserted in the Stateline News on Sunday, January 10, 2016. Please watch for the calendar as it contains useful tips from the Public Works Department, as well as important information about the current program and the NEW Automated Collection program that will begin later this year.

More information on the upcoming automated collection can be found on a new website:  
<http://www.automatebeloit.com>

## **BELOIT WINTERFEST SCHEDULE RELEASED**

The Beloit Parks and Leisure Services and Welty Environmental Center have published a list of Winterfest activities, scheduled for Friday, January 29 through Sunday, January 31, 2016. For more information, please click [here](#).

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. COMMEMORATION**

On Saturday, January 16, 2016 the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration will be held at Blackhawk Technical College, 6004 S. Co. Rd. G, Janesville, WI from 3:00—5:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Change Begins with Me!" City Councilors have been invited to attend this community event.

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016

The attached **agenda** is for the **Monday, January 11, 2016 special City Council meeting** beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

2. Resolution **Combining Polling Places** for February 16, 2016 Spring Primary Election. A Spring Primary Election may take place in the City of Beloit on February 16, 2016. If the election is necessary, it is likely that only one contest will be on the ballot in Beloit (Justice of the Supreme Court). Historically, elections with only one contest on the ballot have experienced extremely low voter turnout. Because of that, the City Clerk's office is requesting that the City Council combine the regular nine polling places into two. One will be on the west side at the Beloit Historical Society, and one on the east side at Central Christian Church.
3. An Ordinance to Amend Section 1.14 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit Pertaining to **Polling Places**. The School District of Beloit has sold its retired school buildings. One of those schools, McLenegan Elementary, was a polling place for Wards 19, 20 and 21, making it necessary to find a new polling place location. River of Life United Methodist Church was the best fit for the wards, given the regulations and requirements under the law. Additionally, the proposed ordinance updates the addresses for Gaston School and Hackett School. This is a Second Reading.
4. An Ordinance to Create Section 15.06(1)(e) of the Code of General Ordinances for the City of Beloit relating to the Possession and **Consumption of Alcohol Beverages in Big Hill Center**. City Ordinance allows the issuance of beer and wine picnic permits for consumption or possession (and not sale) of beer or wine in Leeson, Big Hill, Telfer, Wootton, Summit, Hilliard, and Riverside Parks, as well as within the Rotary River Center. However, no designation has been approved for the new Big Hill Center that would allow similar use in renting this new facility. Parks and Recreation staff, as well as the Par, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission, agree that users of the new Big Hill Center should be permitted to possess and consume alcohol beverages in a similar manner as allowed within the Rotary River Center in Riverside Park. Therefore, this new section of the Code has been drafted. This is a Second Reading.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JANUARY 11–16, 2016

- Monday, Jan. 11    Cancelled    [Appointment Review Committee](#)
- Monday, Jan. 11    7:00 p.m.    [Special City Council Meeting](#), Forum (All City Councilors)
- Tuesday, Jan. 12    4:00 p.m.    [Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee](#), Forum (A. Kelly)
- Tuesday, Jan. 12    Cancelled    [Board of Appeals](#)
- Wed., Jan. 13        5:00 p.m.    [Public Involvement Meeting](#), proposed improvements of Lenigan Creek Bridge, Engineering Building, 2400 Springbrook Court
- Wed., Jan. 13        6:30 p.m.    [Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission](#), 2351 Springbrook Ct. (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 their January/February activities.

- Saturday, Jan. 9    7:00 p.m.    **Turtle Creek Chamber Orchestra “Duelling Pianists”** - an evening of rock, pop, and classical at the Hendricks Performing Arts Center (former Beloit Library), 409 Pleasant Street, Beloit. Two local pianists will play some favorite tunes. Audience participation is encouraged as you can compete to stump the stars. \$10 donation at the door. Silent auction and 50/50 raffle. Refreshments available.
- Saturday, Jan. 16 3:00 p.m.    **Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration**, Blackhawk Technical College, 6004 S. Co. Rd. G, Janesville, WI

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**For more information contact:  
Greg Boysen  
Public Works Director  
(608) 364-6693**

## **Public Meeting for Fourth Street Bridge Replacement over Lenigan Creek in the City of Beloit**

**Beloit, Wisconsin (January 7, 2016)** – The City of Beloit has scheduled a public involvement meeting to discuss plans for the replacement of the Fourth Street Bridge over Lenigan Creek, near Beloit Memorial High School. The meeting is scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 13, 2016 at the City of Beloit Engineering Building (Large Conference Room), located at 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511. The meeting will be an open house format.

The meeting will present preliminary design information and renderings, as well as a proposed schedule for the planned improvements. Details regarding minor impacts to Section 4(f) resources, including Wootton Park and the multi-use path within the Beloit Memorial High School property, will also be presented.

The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, provide input, and ask questions concerning this project. Maps showing the proposed improvement alternatives will be on display. City of Beloit representatives and designers from Batterman will be available to discuss the project on an individual basis.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, or would like more information, contact Todd Needham at (608) 365-4464. Written comments regarding the project can be mailed to Todd Needham, Project Manager, Batterman, 2857 Bartells Drive, Beloit, WI 53511, or by email at [tneedham@rhbatterman.com](mailto:tneedham@rhbatterman.com). The meeting room is wheelchair accessible. Citizens who are hearing-impaired and require an interpreter may request one by contacting Todd Needham at least three working days prior to the meeting via the Wisconsin Telecommunications Relay System (dial 711). Citizens who wish to have a translator present should contact Todd Needham at least three working days prior to the meeting.

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# Beloit Winterfest



## **FRIDAY, JANUARY 29:**

- Kick off Winterfest with Family Bingo! Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff Street) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, all ages welcome, great prizes and refreshments! FREE!
- Build a Snowman! (have no fear!- alternative plans available if we have no snow) BMHS students will be showing us the ropes in outdoor snowman building and decorating. Bundle up and head to BMHS (Field House Entrance) from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. FREE! Please pre register with Trixie, (608) 364-2890 x1 by Wednesday, January 27th.
- 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 30:**

- The Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd.) 10:00 am to noon will be offering seasonal stories for little ones, snow crafts to make and take, snow-themed snacks to create and enjoy, indoor snowball fights, and activities for teens. Registration is not necessary. FREE!
- The Welty Environmental Center will be showing off their new home at The Big Hill Center, noon to 2:00 pm. Try out snowshoeing with the family and explore the new bike path in Big Hill Park. FREE!
- Open Family Swim at the beautiful BMHS pool. 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm, \$3.00/person or \$10.00/Family of 4
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- 4's Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Tournament at Beloit Memorial High School. Competitive level (A/B) entry fee of \$100.00 (cash payout, trophy, & champion t-shirts). Recreational level (C/D/E) entry fee of \$50.00 (trophy & champion t-shirts). Pre-register by January 20th, for more information call Sonya at (608) 364-2890 x3.

## **SUNDAY, JANUARY 31:**

- **Winterfest Favorite!** Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. FREE!
- The Welty Environmental Center invites all to warm up from the sleigh rides inside the Big Hill Center, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. Check out tracking and birds of prey. Hikes too, weather permitting! FREE!
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- 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 22nd.

**OPEN DAILY:** \* The Sledding Hill, Hospital Hill on Olympian Blvd \* Cross Country Ski Trails, Turtle Creek and Big Hill Park.  
\* Snow Shoes of all sizes, available for rent! Call for more information, (608) 361-1377.



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.

[www.beloitrecreation.com](http://www.beloitrecreation.com)

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## NOTICE AND AGENDA

### Special Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2016  
7:00 p.m.  
The Forum  
City Hall – 100 State Street  
Beloit, WI 53511

### CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF BELOIT COUNCIL CITY OF BELOIT, WISCONSIN

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of the City of Beloit Municipal Code of Ordinances, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll Call
2. Resolution **Combining Polling Places** for February 16, 2016 Spring Primary Election (Stottler)
3. An Ordinance to Amend Section 1.14 of the Code of General Ordinances of the City of Beloit Pertaining to **Polling Places** (Stottler) Second Reading
4. An Ordinance to Create Section 15.06(1)(e) of the Code of General Ordinances for the City of Beloit relating to the Possession and **Consumption of Alcohol Beverages in Big Hill Center** (Ramsey) Second Reading
5. Adjournment

Lori Curtis Luther, City Manager

Dated: January 7, 2016  
Lorena Rae Stottler  
City Clerk  
[www.beloitwi.gov](http://www.beloitwi.gov)

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APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE  
\* CITY HALL \* 100 STATE STREET \* BELOIT, WI 53511  
Office: 608/364-6614 \* Fax: 608/364-6756

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City of Beloit  
**Appointment Review Committee**  
**Cancellation of Regular Meeting**  
January 11, 2016

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The regularly scheduled Appointment Review Committee meeting to be held Monday, January 11, 2016 in the City Manager's Conference Room, 100 State Street, Beloit, Wisconsin has been **cancelled** due to a lack of applications to consider for committee vacancies.

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C: Appointment Review Committee Members  
Local Media  
Lorena Stottler, City Clerk  
Beloit City Council





## NOTICE AND AGENDA ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

Beloit City Hall –The Forum  
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511  
January 12, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 8, 2015.
3. Consideration of sale to underage operative on November 4, 2015 during Police Department compliance checks at the following locations:
  - CVS #5600 – 2149 Prairie Avenue – Debra Gajdosik, Agent
  - CVS #8534 – 1063 Fourth Street – Nancy Klatt, Agent
4. Report on the Status of the Reserve license for The Cheese People of Beloit, LLC, Andrea Levine, Agent (Stottler)
5. Citizen Comments
6. Committee Comments
7. Police Department Comments
8. Attorney Comments
9. Adjournment

January 6, 2016  
Lorena Rae Stottler  
City of Beloit, City Clerk  
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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Appeals Members

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

**DATE:** January 5, 2016

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

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **January 12, 2016** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

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  
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Media

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**PUBLIC MEETING**

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

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2016**

**6:30PM**

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

**AGENDA**

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of:       October 14, 2015
- 3.) Citizens Participation
  
- 4.) Old Business – None
  
- 5.) New Business
  - a.) Update regarding the new Bike Trail Path in Big Hill Park. (Andy Hill, Engineering)
  - b.) Update regarding the Rock River Bank Armoring Project. (Andy Hill, Engineering)
  - c.) Review and consideration of the plan to pave the parking lot at the Turtle Creek Greenway Trailhead on Milwaukee Road. (Bill Frisbee, Engineering)
  - d.) Review and consideration of the plan to pave the parking lot in Turtle Creek Park. (Bill Frisbee, Engineering)
  - e.) Review and update of the 2016 CIP Projects.
  - f.) Discussion and consideration of potential projects as related to the development of the 2017 CIP Plan.
  
- 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.*
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