

CITY OF БЕЛОIT



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY MANAGER MESSAGE AND ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Met with Celestino Ruffini, Executive Director of Visit Beloit
- Met with Council member Ana Kelly and Council member Regina Hendrix
- Worked with staff to address ongoing personnel issues
- In anticipation of ongoing budget concerns and in an effort to reorganize personnel based on current needs, all vacant civilian (non-sworn Police Officer and Paramedic/Firefighter positions) are being evaluated to determine if responsibilities can be shifted through organizational and other changes
- Worked with staff to address a number of logistical issues related to Automated Solid Waste Collection
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Community Meetings, Activities, and Functions:

- Attended Latino Coalition meeting
- Pursued economic development opportunities that will likely be viable for public disclosure in the near future
- Participated in the City Center Committee
- Participated in the Swearing In ceremony for new Firefighters

SPRING ELECTIONS IN БЕЛОIT

Lorena Stottler, City Clerk, issued the [attached](#) press releases regarding upcoming elections. She reminds voters that there are four scheduled elections this year, with the first one on February 16, 2016. Please read the press releases, as they contain important information on polling locations and a link to a website for information about voting and registration.

The Clerk's office is also looking for applicants interested in serving as election workers. That information is also included in the press release.

"BELOIT, WE'RE ON A ROLL" PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., the City of Beloit's Public Works Operations Division will host a presentation and informational meeting regarding the upcoming changes to the residential solid waste program. The program will be held at the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse, Beloit. Residents are encouraged to attend. For more information about the new Automated Collection program, please visit the website: www.automatebeloit.com.

DOWNTOWN БЕЛОIT NEEDS YOUR VOTE!

Downtown Beloit has been nominated for "The Best Shopping on Main Street" competition. "ShopOnMain" and "Small Town Big Deal" are searching small towns and historic districts across America for the best shopping on main street. The winning neighborhood will be featured in an episode of the nationally syndicated TV show "Small Town Big Deal." If you would like to vote for Beloit, please click [here](#) and pass along the link to friends and family. Voting is open until March 1, 2016.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Vacancies exist on Municipal Boards, Committees and Commissions for city residents. If you are interested in making a contribution of your time and talents to the City of Beloit, please click [here](#) for a list of City Boards and Commissions and an application. Current vacancies include:

- Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee
- Appointment Review Committee
- Board of Appeals
- Board of Ethics
- Board of Review
- Community Development Authority
- Equal Opportunities Commission
- Municipal Golf Committee (including vacancy for youth representative)
- Municipal Library Board
- Park, Recreation and conservation Advisory Commission (vacancy for youth representative)

SNOW EMERGENCIES AND VEHICLE TOWING—IMPORTANT!

In an effort to maximize the City's efficiency during snow emergencies, and in response to citizen concerns, we will begin towing vehicles in a more aggressive fashion. All snow emergencies and "no parking" requirements will be reported to media outlets and placed on the front page of the City's web site. During declared snow emergencies, please help us make our street clearing efforts as quick and cost effective as possible by removing your vehicles. Click [here](#) for a link to "Winter Parking FAQ's" with a list of designated emergency parking area locations.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— FEBRUARY 8–12, 2016

Monday, Feb. 8	Cancelled	Appointment Review Committee
Monday, Feb. 8	6:30 p.m.	City Council Workshop , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, Feb. 9	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (A. Kelly)
Tuesday, Feb. 9	Cancelled	Board of Appeals, Forum
Wed., Feb. 10	6:30 p.m.	Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Comm. (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

Beloit Public Library offers many events for youth, teens and adults. Please click [\[here\]](#) for a calendar of activities and events.

Thursday, Feb. 11	6:00 p.m.	Downtown Beloit Association Annual Dinner , Domenico's Italian Ristorante Banquet Hall. \$20. RSVP to the DBA at 365-0150.
Friday, Feb. 12	7—9:00 p.m.	Heart-Throb Holiday —Bring your sweetheart to the Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road and receive a free skate rental. Games, music and candy. Regular admission prices apply.
February 19—28		Beloit International Film Festival (BIFF) For more information please see their website: http://beloitfilmfest.org/
Saturday, Feb. 27		Culver's Chilly Challenge a youth winter challenge course. Registration is \$15/person before 2/12/15 and \$20/person after 2/12/15. For more information call City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services at 608-364-2890 or register online at Eventbrite: http://ow.ly/WWcou (there is a small fee to register online).



PUBLIC NOTICE

The Beloit City Council will hold a workshop on Monday, February 8, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in 4th Floor City Manager's Conference Room, located on the fourth floor of City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss **Committees, Boards and Commissions**. There will be a quorum of City Councilors present.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

Dated: February 3, 2016
Lorena Rae Stottler
City Clerk
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**City of Beloit to Combine Polling Places for the
February 16, 2016 Spring Primary Election Only**

January 18, 2016 – Beloit, WI: The City Council of the City of Beloit has combined polling places for the February 16, 2016 Spring Primary Election.

Voters in wards 1-9, who usually vote at Converse, Gaston, and Hackett Schools, will join voters in wards 10-12 and vote at the **Beloit Historical Society, 845 Hackett Street, Beloit, WI 53511** for this election only.

Voters in wards 13-22, who usually vote at the Beloit Public Library, First Congregational Church, Todd School, and River of Life UMC, will join voters in wards 23-25 and vote at **Central Christian Church, 2460 Milwaukee Road, Beloit, WI 53511** for this election only.

The City Council combined polling places due to the low expected voter turn-out for this spring primary election, which only includes a primary for Wisconsin Justice of the Supreme Court.

If you are unsure of your polling place and/or your voter registration status, or if you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at StottlerL@beloitwi.gov. Finally, the GAB has a Voter Information Center webpage that you might find helpful: <http://www.gab.wi.gov/voters> that includes information about voter registration, Voter ID implementation in 2016, finding your polling place and requesting an absentee ballot.

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WHAT EVERY VOTER SHOULD KNOW ABOUT SPRING ELECTIONS IN BELOIT?

The Beloit City Clerk's Office is responsible for conducting elections in accordance with the law. Our goal is to ensure that every qualified voter who wants to vote is able to vote and that your vote is counted. Our office depends on more than 150 volunteer election workers to make sure elections are carried out in an open, fair, impartial and trusted fashion. In order to prepare you for a busy election year, allow me to share some important information about upcoming elections.

- There are FOUR scheduled Elections this year: Feb. 16, April 5, Aug. 9 and Nov. 8.
- **Voter ID is now the law.** You will need to present to election inspectors a valid photo ID in order to receive a ballot and vote. Please visit <http://bringit.wi.gov/> for more information and be sure you are prepared for this requirement.
- February 16th is NOT the Presidential Preference! It is a Spring Primary for State Supreme Court and voting will take place in **TWO polling locations Citywide:**
 - Wards 1-12 will vote at Beloit Historical Society – 845 Hackett Street
 - Wards 13-25 will vote at Central Christian Church – 2460 Milwaukee Road
 - Absentee voting in the Clerk's office runs from Feb 1 through Feb 12
- April 5, 2016 is a BIG ELECTION! Not only is it the Presidential Preference Vote, you elect all of your locally elected representatives including: Judges, County Board Supervisors, City Council and School Board Members. There is also an advisory referendum by the Vote to Amend group. I'm inviting all qualified residents to come out and vote on April 5th – and we promise to be ready for you!
- Voters who used to vote at **McLenegan School will now vote at River of Life UMC** at 2345 Prairie Avenue beginning with the April 5, 2016 election.
- **WANTED:** The Clerk's office is seeking to build a pool of **applicants interested in serving as election workers** for elections that will occur this year and beyond. This is a unique way to serve your community, meet your neighbors, and become involved in the democratic process. Election workers receive a stipend for serving and are responsible for opening the polls, registering voters on election day, issuing ballots, maintaining a

safe and secure polling site, reporting accurate results after the polls close and offering general voter assistance, all in accordance with state and federal laws. We provide plenty of training and can accommodate as needed! Interested citizens should call 608-364-6680 or send an email to StottlerL@beloitwi.gov.

- Not sure if you're registered to vote or don't know where you should go to vote? Please visit <https://myvote.wi.gov> for lots of information about voting and registration!

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**NOTICE TO ELECTORS CITY OF BELOIT:
IN-PERSON VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT BEGINS FEBRUARY 1, 2016**

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot.

A qualified elector is:

- any U.S. citizen,
- who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day,
- who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. **Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.**

YOU MAY MAKE APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT BY MAIL OR IN PERSON
Voting an absentee ballot in person

You may vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: Lorena Rae Stottler, City Clerk
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511 – 608-364-6680
8:00 am to 5:00 pm (Monday-Friday)

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is 5:00 p.m.:
February 1, 2016

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is 5:00 p.m.:
February 12, 2016

No in-person absentee voting may occur on a weekend or legal holiday.

Voting an absentee ballot by mail

TO OBTAIN A BALLOT, You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing. Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you by mail. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature.

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, February 11, 2016.

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**NOTICE AND AGENDA
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE**

Beloit City Hall –The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
February 9, 2016 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2016.
3. Consideration of Change of Agent on the Class “A” Beer License for Casey’s General Store #3316, 2350 Cranston Road, to Jeff Kimberly.
4. Report on the status of the Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor licenses held by Danny R. Hatch, Jr., Alumni House, 863 Fifth Street.
5. Report on the status of the Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor Licenses held by The Cheese People of Beloit LLC, 431 East Grand Avenue, Andrea Levine, Agent.
6. Citizen Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Staff Comments
10. Adjournment

February 3, 2016
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PUBLIC MEETING

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2016

6:30PM

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

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: January 13, 2016
- 3.) Citizens Participation

- 4.) Old Business – None

- 5.) New Business
 - a.) Consideration of converting two (2) Tennis Court at Wootton Park to be appropriately striped and designated as a Pickleball Court.
 - b.) Review and consideration of a proposal from the Welty Environmental Center to develop and maintain an Educational Garden within close proximity of the Big Hill Center.
 - c.) 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

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.*