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THE BELOIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Met with Andrew Janke to talk about Economic Development opportunities and ongoing projects.
- Conducted a meeting with Division Heads.
- Met with various Department Heads for updates on activities.
- Met with Joyce Berg and Ruth Carlson to talk about the Angel Museum.
- Attended a meeting with various stakeholders to talk about the Beloit High School Master Plan.

Activities:

CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

- Attended the Swearing In Ceremony for new employees in the Police Department.
- Welcomed 16 new employees during new employee orientation.

OFFICES OF CITY CLERK AND CITY TREASURER CONSOLIDATED

Eric Miller, Finance and Administrative Services Director, proposed to City Council that the City Clerk and City Treasurer's offices be combined. The decision to combine the positions and restructure the two divisions will provide better customer service, increase efficiencies, and provide a positive budgetary impact. The first reading of an ordinance to combine the offices, to repeal and recreate Section 1.24 and to repeal Section 1.26 of the Municipal Ordinance was heard at the City Council meeting on January 17, 2017. Due to the proposed reorganization, customers will notice changes on the second floor of City Hall. The City Clerk's staff and Municipal Court staff are switching offices. This move will put the Clerk and Treasury staffs together in the same work area, which will improve efficiency and customer service.

Special points of interest:

• City and Community Events (page 2)

WINTERFEST ACTIVITIES PLANNED

Beloit Winterfest will take place the weekend of January 27-29, 2017. Both indoor and outdoor activities are planned for the whole family.

New this year will be ice sculpting at The Rock Bar and Grill, 101 Maple Ave. Master ice sculptor and professional wood carver Zoli Akacsos from Monroe, Wisconsin will work on four blocks of ice from noon to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 28th. A bonfire will keep you warm while you witness the creation of a masterpiece.

The Winterfest Favorite, FREE horse drawn sleigh rides at Big Hill Park, are scheduled for Sunday, January 29th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Please see the attached schedule for more information.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—JANUARY 30—FEBRUARY 3, 2017

Wed., February 1 7:30 a.m. Rock County Breakfast (D. Luebke and K. Leavy)

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

January 27—29 Beloit Winterfest, packed full of family fun, including outdoor and indoor festivities. See

attached schedule of activities.

February 24—March 5 Beloit International Film Festival (BIFF). Details and ticket sales are available through the

BIFF website: https://beloitfilmfest.org/

Beloit Winterfest

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27:

- Kick off Winterfest with Family Bingo! Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff Street) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, all ages welcome! Join us for fun bingo, prizes, snacks and refreshments! FREE!
- 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 28:

- The Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd.) 10:00 am to noon will be offering winter crafts, puzzles and games, snacks, an indoor snowball fight and much more! A family event for all ages. 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, winter themed crafting for the younger kids and hike the trails to see what Big Hill residents are enjoying winter at the park. FREE!
- NEW in 2017! Ice Sculpting at The Rock Bar & Grill (101 Maple Ave) with master sculptor Zoli! Zoli will work on 4 blocks of ice, noon to 4:00 pm, bonfire will keep you warm while you witness the creation of a masterpiece! FREE!
- Open Family Swim at the BMHS pool (1225 4th Street) 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 29:

- Winterfest Favorite! Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. FREE!
- The Welty Environmental Center invites all to warm up from the sleigh rides inside the Big Hill Center, 11:00 am to 1:30 pm. Learn about animal signs, practice your tracking skills out on the trails, weather permitting! FREE!
- Open Family Swim at the Stateline Family YMCA (1865 S. Riverside Drive) 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.
- Euchre Tournament at Krueger Haskell Golf Course's Club House at 12:45 pm. \$5.00 entry fee and quarter bumps.
 PLEASE pre-register by calling (608) 364-2890 x3 no later than Wednesday, January 25th.

DAILY: * The Sledding Hill, Hospital Hill on Olympian Blvd * All City Trails are open for Cross Country Skiing * 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