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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Met with various Department Heads in one-on-one meetings and as a group to share ideas and information updates.
- Met with City Council President David Luebke.
- Participated in the Union Contract Resource Committee (Transit) meeting as we prepare for upcoming negotiations.
- Met with City Engineer Mike Flesch and members of the Engineering Division to review plans for the upcoming construction season.

Activities:

- Attended the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce annual meeting and dinner, where Secretary of Tourism Stephanie Klett entertained and informed as the main speaker. We congratulate all of the annual award winners on their accomplishments and endeavors to help Beloit become even greater!
- Traveled to Washington, DC with a group Forward Janesville group to attend meetings with our legislators on Capitol Hill.
- While in Washington, participated in the Governmental Affairs & Policy Committee, a member based committee of the International City/County Management Association. The committee meets twice annually to review current and proposed legislation for impacts on local governments.

GRINNELL HALL SENIOR CENTER SEEKS TALENT

Grinnell Hall, 631 Bluff Street, will hold their annual Talent Show on Friday, April 21, 2017 beginning at 1:00 p.m. They are looking for talent of all kinds to perform. For more information or to sign up to perform, please call Grinnell at 608-364-2875 by April 10th or stop in to their office anytime Monday—Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

ARTICLE IN "MILWAUKEE MAGAZINE"

John McGivern, star of "Around the Corner" recently wrote an engaging article on Beloit that was published in the current issue of "Milwaukee Magazine." A copy is included with today's "Beloit Report." Please click [here](#).

NOW ACCEPTING REGISTRATION FOR THE 2017 SUMMER SOFTBALL SEASON

The City's Parks and Leisure Services Division announced that they are taking registration for the summer softball season. All leagues play a 14 game regular season schedule, which begins the week of April 24, 2017. For more information, please click here:

<https://tinyurl.com/hf9dchs>

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—MARCH 13—17, 2017

Monday, March 13	1:30 p.m.	Special Meeting of the Police and Fire Commission , Forum (Continued on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., if needed)
Monday, March 13	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (D. Luebke and K. Leavy)
Tuesday, March 14	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (R. Dunkin)
Tuesday, March 14	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, March 15	7:00 a.m.	Municipal Golf Committee , 1611 Hackett St.
Wednesday, March 15	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board, Beloit Public Library , 605 Eclipse Blvd.

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

Friday, March 10	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Skatin' to the Oldies Night at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Wear a costume and receive a free skate rental! 60's through 80's music and costume contest. Regular admission prices.
Saturday, March 25	9:00 a.m.	6th Annual Mushing for Meals , 10K, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run. Please see attached for more information. Benefits Beloit Meals on Wheels.
Friday, April 21	4:30 p.m.	Roy Chapman Andrews 2017 Distinguished Explorer Award Event , Eaton Chapel, Beloit College Campus. Public Welcome, FREE event. This year's award recipient will be Wade Davis.
Saturday, April 29	11:00 –2:00 p.m.	Dia Del Nino Celebration and Cinco De Mayo , St. Jude Catholic Church, 717 Hackett Street. Sponsored by Latino Service Providers and St. Jude Catholic church. FREE Admission; \$5 per person for food. Children 3 and under FREE. Music, games, and more!

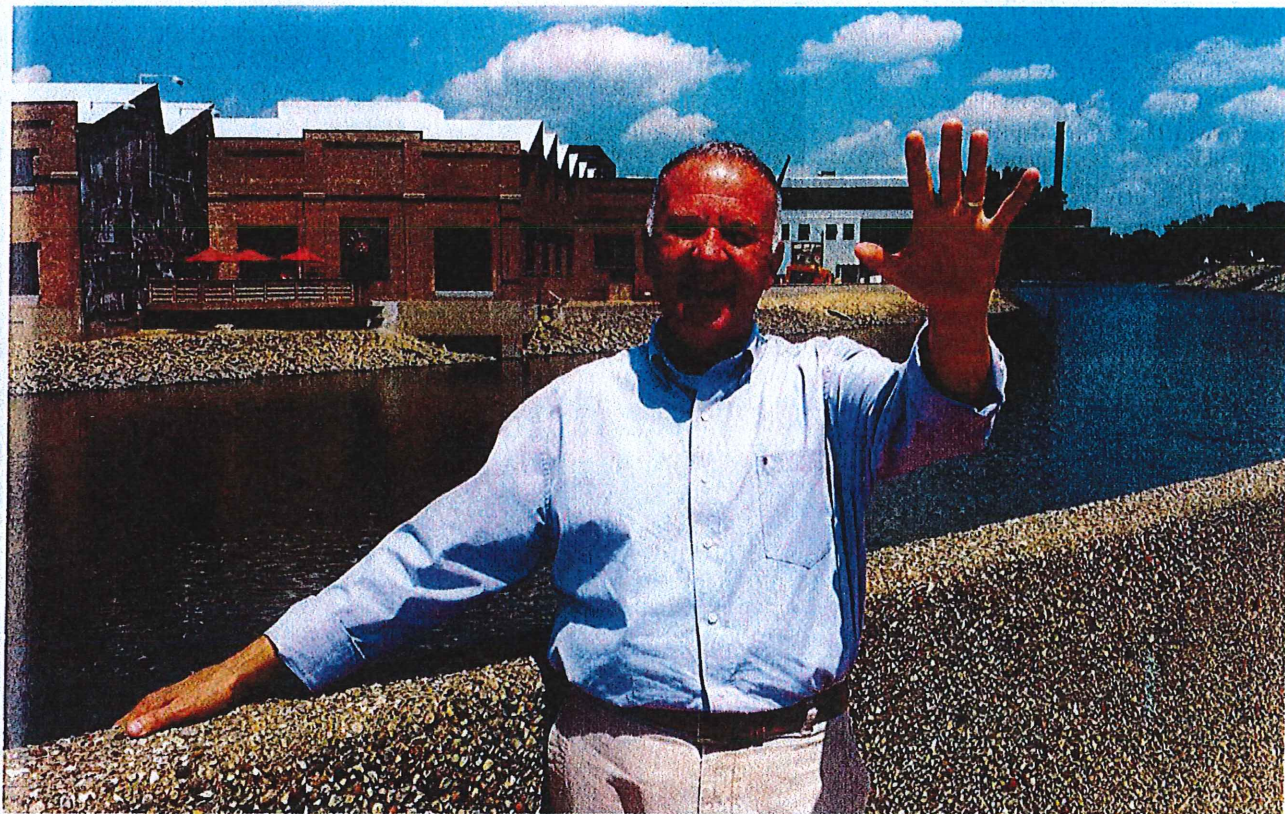
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Renovation = Beloit

Revived industry, Clydesdales, a storytelling barber and farm-to-mason-jar dining: It all happens in Beloit.

BY JOHN MCGIVERN



When was your last visit to Beloit? Did you just say, “Where exactly is Beloit?” You sound like me before my week-long “Around the Corner with John McGivern” shoot during the summer of 2016. My knowledge of this community was vague at best. I presumed that since this city was once the company town of Beloit Iron Works, and since that company no longer exists, Beloit was going to be the Gary, Indiana, of Wisconsin! I was sure we would find a community that used to have an identity and we would now spend the week remembering what Beloit was... and not find anything that Beloit can say it is today.

What the hell was I thinking? I am such an idiot. We arrived in downtown Beloit at noon on a Tuesday in late June and could not find a parking space. COULD NOT

FIND A PARKING SPACE... The crowded downtown street was a loud, bold statement of what Beloit is today.

If the busy downtown did not tell me enough, then my first interview did. Beloit native and former Miss Wisconsin and current state Secretary of Tourism Stephanie Klett is the best resource to all things Beloit, a community of 37,000 people. We met Stephanie in Riverside Park, a downtown destination developed in the 1930s and a go-to place for generations. We could not get through the interview without someone yelling “Hello!” from a passing car or people stopping to thank her for all she does, both for Beloit and for our state.

Iron Works, founded in the 1800s, was built on the west side of the Rock River, and downtown Beloit grew up around it. The factory closed its doors in 1999.



When you look at Beloit today, its success is based on the work of community visionaries and activists who were and are committed to Beloit's tomorrow. We could not come to this town without talking with Diane Hendricks, whose business, ABC Supply, is based in Beloit and who raised her seven kids in this community. It's because of her and her late husband's unending support that downtown is what it is today. With the renovation and re-imagining of the Beloit Corp., her family led the vision of what is happening in Beloit. We met at her home outside the stables that house her three Clydesdales. Have you ever stood next to a Clydesdale? YIKES...

I was so distracted by the size of these horses and her great looking riding outfit that I'm sure Diane thought I was the host of a show on the Equine Network.

When you visit Beloit, don't just drive by the buildings on the east side of the river that once housed paper mill machine factories. Stop, get out and walk down the charming streets that border a wide variety of businesses that now call this area home. The outsides of these buildings are covered with huge murals depicting the life of the workers who built Beloit.

One of those here today is Richard Spanton Jr., the president of AccuLynx. His company occupies one of the old industrial buildings on the river – the same building where his grandfather spent his entire working career. This place is so cool. There is a giant slide (which I slid down twice) in the middle of this wide-open workspace and a pool table and a kitchen with a barista bar. It looked like the headquarters of a Silicon Valley company.

In addition to sightseeing and filling out job applications, visit Beloit when you need a haircut. I say that because we spent time at Austin's Barber Shop on State Street. Rod Gottfredsen owns Austin's, and while he cuts your hair, he will tell you why he never called it Rod's. He will tell you that and so much more. Rod can talk. Oh my Lord, can he talk! He has stories and jokes and the news and the history and the gossip in this barbershop that looks like it came out of the 1930s. If you're good, he might let you sit in the airplane to get your hair cut. Just ask...

Did you know that Beloit is home to the Guinness Book of World Records-certified Angel Museum? No, really. There is an Angel Museum in Beloit. You have to check it out. Joyce Berg is the curator/collector. She and her late husband started collecting angels as souvenirs when they traveled. She had over 10,000 figurines on display in her house before she moved them to the 100-year-old building that once was St. Paul's Catholic Church. Joyce met us at the door dressed as an angel (feathers on the wings, a halo, the whole outfit!) and gave us a tour of this collection that currently has over 14,000 angels, anywhere from a third of an inch to life-size. There are 700 African-American angels that were donated by Oprah Winfrey.

In Beloit, you have to visit Bushel & Peck's Local Market. Jackie Gennett is the brains behind this farm-to-mason-jar operation. If you have a relative who used to can and pickle vegetables, you will be brought back to a time and

the night in Beloit, treat yourself to the Ironworks Hotel. We made the mistake of staying at a chain hotel close to the highway, and were all awakened at 3:30 a.m. because that, apparently, is when truck drivers leave to start their day.



Top left: Diane Hendricks and her Clydesdales. Top right: John McGivern gets the lowdown on Beloit from Stephanie Klett beside the Rock River. Bottom: Do you think John McGivern is excited about these plates from Merrill & Houston's Steak Joint?

impressed beyond measure with all of the offerings. I am still dreaming about the pickled Brussels sprouts and green beans I brought home and devoured within days. Her menu of farm fresh offerings in the café was beyond delicious and I am still envious that Beloit has a place I wish was in my neighborhood in Milwaukee.

We were treated to such hospitality and cut-your-steaks-with-a-butter-knife at Merrill & Houston's Steak Joint, inside the Ironworks Hotel. It's comfortable and gorgeous, and the patio is THE place to dine on a summer evening. General Manager Jayme Braatz should be applauded for perfect front-of-the-house service.

A bit of advice. If you are going to spend

See what we learned about Beloit on March 2 at 7 p.m. on Milwaukee PBS. Or go to MilwaukeePBS.org and watch it – and all of my episodes – anytime. ♦

Come hear John McGivern and "Around the Corner with John McGivern" Producer Lois Maurer share behind-the-scenes stories about making their top-rated PBS show. Join them at noon on Friday, March 31 at the REALTORS® Home & Garden Show at State Fair Park.





**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, March 13, 2017 @ 1:30 PM
and
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 @ 10:00 AM (if needed)
City Hall / Public Forum
100 State St, Beloit, Wisconsin**

A special meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Marianne Marshall, HR Director at 364-6612.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. The Commission shall conduct a hearing on the complaint filed against Firefighter Jake Fehrenbach.

During the course of this item the Commission may adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(a), Wis. Stats. deliberating concerning a case which was the subject of a quasi-judicial hearing; §19.85(1)(f), Wis. Stats., considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons); and §19.85(1)(g), Wis. Stats., conferring with legal counsel with respect to litigation; specifically for the purposes of this item. The Commission may thereafter reconvene into open session to continue its proper business, to schedule further meetings of the Commission, and for other lawful purposes.

3. Adjourn

Mardell Jacobsen, President
Police and Fire Commission

Dated: March 9, 2017
Marianne Marshall
Human Resources Director
www.beloitwi.gov

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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, March 13, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting January 9, 2017
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (March and April, 2017)
4. Review of City Council appointments January 16, 2017
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Appointment Review Committee

1 resident (M. Kenitzer) – term to expire December 31, 2019

Board of Review

1 resident (T. Jessen) – term to expire December 31, 2019
1 resident (C. Daskam) – term to expire December 31, 2021
1 resident (Alternate) – term to expire December 31, 2019
1 resident (Alternate) – term to expire December 31, 2019

6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation
8. Adjournment

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Beloit City Hall –The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
March 14, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE AND AGENDA ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 14, 2017
3. Consideration of a Change of Agent on the Class “A” Beer License of Wal-Mart Supercenter #2532, 2785 Milwaukee Road to Jeffrey C. Scheuerell for the licensing period ending June 30, 2017.
4. Consideration of a Change of Agent on the Class “B” Beer and “Class B” intoxicating Liquor License of Beloit Professional Baseball Association, Inc. dba Beloit Snappers, 2301 Skyline Drive, from Timothy Hinds to Seth Egan Flolid for the licensing period ending June 30, 2017.
5. Consideration of an Application for a Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor License for Inked Sports Bar, LLC, located at 443 E Grand Avenue, Justin A. Christophersen, Agent.
6. Consideration of an Application for a Class “B” Beer and “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor License for JT Hankins LLC, d/b/a The Restaurant at “Muni”, located at 1611 Hackett Street (Krueger-Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse), Joelle K. Hankins, Agent.
7. Citizen Comments
8. Committee Comments
9. Police Department Comments – monthly report attached
10. City Attorney Comments
11. Adjournment

March 8, 2017
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: March 8, 2017

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **March 14, 2017** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11, 2017.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or penningtond@beloitwi.gov if you have any questions or require more information.

cc: City Clerk's Office
City Manager's Office
Media

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MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 15, 2017, 7:00a.m.
1611 Hackett St. Beloit, WI 53511
608-362-6503
Clubhouse

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the previous Meeting.
2. Citizen participation
3. Club Reports
 - Men's League
 - Women's League
 - Senior League
4. Manager of Golf Operations Report
 - Financial Report
 - Marketing
 - Special Projects
5. Director's Report
6. Concessionaire Report
7. Comments by Committee Members

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For additional information to request this service, please contact the Parks Division at 364-2929, 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI, 53511



beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 @ 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Consent Agenda: Items will be approved by one motion unless a Trustee requests an item to be removed and considered separately.
 - a. Approval of the February 15, 2017 Personnel Committee meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of the February 15, 2017 Library Board meeting minutes.
3. Public comment
4. Library Director Report
 - a. Blender Café Update
 - b. Stateline Literacy Council Update
 - c. Best Beloit Model Update
 - d. March 17th All-Staff Training
 - e. Management Level Staffing Changes
 - f. The Reel Deal Update
5. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
6. Action Items
 - a. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
7. Trustee Comments
8. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 19, 2017

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6th Annual

Presented by:

Mushing for Meals



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**10K, 5K Run/Walk
and Kids Fun Run**

USATF Certified Courses with Chip Timing

Saturday, March 25th, 2017

Event Information



Race Start Times:

9:00 am 10K, 5K Run/Walk • 8:30 am Kids Fun Run

Entry Fees:

\$5.00 Youth (ages 17 and under) **\$15.00 Adult** (Prices increase after March 10th)

Optional: T-shirt for an additional fee must be pre-registered by March 10th.

Registration:

Limited to the first 250 participants. Register on-line at: **www.itsyourrace.com**

Location:

Horace White Park, 424 College Str., Beloit, WI.

Price includes post race meal at First Baptist Church across Public Str. from the Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc. office.

Awards:

1st, 2nd & 3rd prizes will be given in 5 yr age groups for male and female participants.
\$100 prize to overall winners - male & female categories in both the 5K and 10K races.
\$150 prize for the best Mushing Team costume.

Questions or More Information Contact:

Jeff Johnson
Race Director

phone: 608-362-3683

email: jeff@beloitmealsonwheels.org

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