

# The Beloit Report

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A weekly publication from the Office of the City Manager

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# **CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **CITY MANAGER'S ACTIVITIES**

- Met with Direct Reports on a group and individual basis
- Met with Council President Regina Dunkin
- Participated in the Economic Development Rapid Response Team meeting
- Attended the Latino Service Provider Coalition meeting
- Attended the Rock County Municipal Leaders Breakfast with Vice President Clinton Anderson
- Participated in a United Way meeting
- Attended the YWCA Rock County Racial Justice Conference

## SEEKING PUBLIC INPUT ON NEXT BELOIT FIRE CHIEF

The Beloit Police and Fire Commission is seeking input from the community regarding the character and traits the next Fire Chief of the City of Beloit Fire Department should possess, as well as the opportunities and challenges he or she may face.

The public is invited to take an anonymous survey by November 10, 2019, located at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Beloit-Fire-Stakeholder

A public meeting with GovHR USA (the firm leading the nationwide fire chief search) and other stakeholders will take place at 6:00 p.m. Nov. 14, 2019, at the Beloit Public Library for those wishing to provide input in person.

# **GRINNELL HALL 2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR AND BAKE SALE**

Grinnell Hall, 631 Bluff St., invites the public to stop in to shop at the Holiday Bazaar on November 18 - 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The bazaar will feature handmade crafts and gifts created and donated by members and visitors to Grinnell Hall. There will be a great variety of items: crocheted hats, table runners, kitchen items, small quilts, Christmas cards, hand crafted holiday decorations, Christmas wreaths, crafts and jewelry. In addition, they will be holding a bake sale! Please note that Grinnell Hall only accepts cash and checks, no credit/ debit cards.

## SIGN UP FOR SNOW EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS

The City of Beloit is offering a service to alert residents about snow emergencies via email or text (data rates may apply). Sign up today to receive notifications: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/">https://tinyurl.com/</a> y8pp6d3b Snow emergency notifications will continue to be posted on multiple media sites, including the City's website and Facebook pages.

# PROTECT YOUR PIPES THIS WINTER

The City of Beloit Water Utility offers winter maintenance tips to protect your pipes this winter:

- Check the temperature of your water. If a cup of tap water is getting close to 32°, you should take action to prevent freezing.
- Prevent freezing of service laterals by keeping water moving.
- Check heating components. Maintain furnaces; check heat tapes and space heaters used with control elements.
- Be careful when thawing frozen pipes.
- Check empty and vacant buildings. If you plan to be away for any length of time, have a friend or neighbor run water for you.

For more information, please see the attached media release.

#### 2020 BELOIT CITY COUNCIL NOMINATION PACKETS AVAILABLE

Candidates interested in running for a two-year Beloit City Council term may begin circulating nomination paperwork on Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.

Anyone interested in running for City Council may pick up an information packet, including nomination papers. Packets are available in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer on the second floor of City Hall during normal business hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Nomination papers and forms will also be available on the City's website <a href="https://www.beloitwi.gov">https://www.beloitwi.gov</a> in the Document Center in the City Council folder titled, "Information for City Council Candidates."

## **Beloit City Council Election Info:**

- There are seven members on City Council and four seats will be on the ballot.
- The first day to circulate nomination papers is Sunday, Dec. 1, 2019.
- A minimum of 100 valid signatures of City of Beloit residents must be submitted. Staff recommends that between 100 and 200 signatures be submitted to ensure ballot access.
- Nomination papers and all forms must be completed and filed with the City Clerk-Treasurer by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2020.
- The spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020.
- Candidates must file required forms with the City Clerk before forming a committee and/or raising any funds.
- An informational session may be held in January for candidates who have gained ballot access.
- Newly-elected City Council members will take office on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk-Treasurer's office at (608) 364-6680 or by email at StottlerL@beloitwi.gov.

# **ACTS HOUSING TRAINING DATES**

Acts Housing's mission is empowerment through home ownership. Since 1995, they have supported more than 2,500 families in becoming homeowners. Acts Housing makes it possible for families with barriers (credit, savings, financial, language, etc.) to become homeowners. They provide home buyer and financial counseling, real estate brokerage, and rehab expertise. Through Acts Lending, they offer purchase and rehab loans for families who have been locked out of the traditional mortgage market and are purchasing distressed homes. For more information call 608-305-4183.

Homebuyer Orientation dates with Acts Housing, 1003 Pleasant St., Beloit. No RSVP required, walk-ins welcome.

- November 9, 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m.
- November 11, 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
- November 12, 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
- November 13, 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.
- November 14, 4:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
- November 15, 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. 1:00 p.m.

# CITY MEETING CALENDAR — NOVEMBER 11 - 15, 2019

Monday, Nov. 11	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee, 2400 Springbrook Ct. (R. Dunkin, C. Anderson)
Tuesday, Nov. 12	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee, 2400 Springbrook Ct. (C. Anderson)
Tuesday, Nov. 12	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wed., Nov. 13	6:30 p.m.	Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Comm., 2351 Springbrook Ct. (B. Jacobsen)
Thursday, Nov. 14	5:45 p.m.	Police Department Badge Pinning, Riverside Room at Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. (All Councilors and Police and Fire Commission members invited.) Open to the public
Thursday, Nov. 14	6:00 p.m.	<u>Public meeting</u> with GovHR USA at Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. The Beloit Police and Fire Commission is seeking input from the community regarding the character and traits the next Fire Chief of the City of Beloit Fire Department should possess, as well as the opportunities and challenges he or she may face. (All City Councilors and Police and Fire Commission members invited.)

# **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: <a href="https://www.visitbeloit.com">www.visitbeloit.com</a>

November 11	2:00 p.m.	<u>Veterans Day Celebration</u> , Salute to Veterans Ceremony, Beloit Culvers, 2676
		Cranston Road.

November 18 - 22 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Grinnell Hall 2nd Annual Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale**, 631 Bluff Street.

Handmade crafts and gifts, Christmas wreaths, and bake sale. Please note that Grinnell Hall only accepts cash and checks, no credit/debit cards.

Friday, Nov. 29	Downtown Beloit 27th Annual Grand Lighted Holiday Parade and Santa Arrival

5:00 p.m.	Live Music, First National Bank Plaza, State and Grand
6:00 p.m.	Santa Arrives and Tree Lighting, First National Bank Plaza, State and Grand
6:15 p.m.	Lighted Parade on Grand Avenue, from 3rd Street to Horace White Park
7:00 p.m.	Photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, Walnut Creek Apparel & Gifts, 408 E. Grand
	Ave

Free Hot Chocolate, courtesy of Salvation Army. Live Radio Broadcast during the parade with Tim Bremmel on 1230 AM



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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact: Bill Frisbee, Director of Water Resources

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# Protect Your Pipes This Winter: Useful Tips for Winter Weather

**Nov. 6, 2019** - With winter right around the corner, City of Beloit Water Resources is offering these winter maintenance tips:

- Check the temperature of your water. Normal groundwater temperatures are typically in the upper 40s and lower 50s, so check the water temperature in your homes. To do so, you can use a simple digital thermometer and place in a cup of tap water. If it's getting close to 32 degrees Fahrenheit you should take action to prevent freezing.
- Prevent freezing of service lateral by keeping water moving. During a prolonged, severe cold snap, you may want to consider letting your water run continuously if you live in an area that is susceptible to freezing such as a deadend street or cul-de-sac. A pencil-wide stream is typically sufficient to prevent freezing. You may also simply run the water on a frequent basis throughout the day and night to minimize risk of freezing.
- Check Heating Components. Maintain furnaces to make sure they're operating correctly and replace filters regularly. Also check heat tapes and space heaters used with control elements. For less expensive items, you may consider purchasing back-ups should something fail.
- Be careful when thawing frozen pipes. For exposed pipes in buildings you can
  use a simple hair dryer. For underground metal pipes, it's best to call a
  professional. Newer methods of pipe thawing use recirculating hot water or
  steam. These methods are much safer than an electrical current and they also
  have the additional benefit of being effective on non-metallic pipes such as plastic
  or PVC.
- Check empty and vacant buildings. Check vacant properties and ask neighbors or relatives to check homes if you're on vacation. A great deal of frost or condensation on windows may indicate that a heating system has failed and water may be running due to frozen and broken pipes.

- Make plans while traveling. If you plan to be away for any length of time, have a friend or neighbor run water for you.
- Check for cold air drafts. Cold air blowing on your pipe can cause it to freeze even if your house and basement are warm. Cold air drafts could be caused by a window or a small gap in you wall. Run your hand along your pipes to see if there are any cold drafts. If any are found, repair immediately to prevent the pipes from freezing.

This notification is for informational purposes only. Water Resources will closely monitor winter weather conditions and frost depths in an effort to minimize impact to the system. In the event of a run-water requirement, you will be notified via door hanger or other direct method. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Water Resources at 608-364-2888.

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# PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE ENGINEERING AND UTILITIES BUILDING 2400 Springbrook Court 4:30 PM

Monday, November 11, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL
- 2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
  - 2.a. October 14, 2019 Attachment
- 3. CONSIDERATION AND REVIEW OF EXISTING AND UPCOMING VACANCIES
  - 3.a. November and December, 2019
    Attachments
- 4. REVIEW OF RECENT CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS
  - 4.a. October 21, 2019 Attachment
- 5. REVIEW OF APPLICANTS FOR VACANCIES WITH RECOMMENDATION(S) TO CITY COUNCIL
  - 5.a. BOARD OF ETHICS 1 resident - regular term to expire December 31, 2021
  - 5.b. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
    1 resident (C. DeBrock) regular term to expire December 31, 2020
  - 5.c. MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE1 Youth Representative regular term to expire December 31, 2019
  - 5.d. PARK, RECREATION AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION 1 Youth Representative regular term to expire September 30, 2020
  - 5.e. TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE1 School District Representative Ex Officio Member

- 6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 8. ADJOURNMENT
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# PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE Large Conference Room-Engineering and Utilities Building 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit WI 53511 4:00 PM

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

- ROLL CALL
- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.
  - 2.a. Consider approval of the Minutes of the regular meeting September 10, 2019

    Attachment
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT
- 4. LICENSES

During the course of item 4.c the Committee may adjourn into closed session pursuant to sections 19.85(1)(a), Wis. Stats., for deliberations regarding the matter and reconvene into open session for possible action.

- 4.a. Consideration of an application for an amendment of the Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License for Truk't, LLC d/b/a Truk't, Jeffrey E. Whiteman for an indoor premises extension, located at 443 E. Grand Avenue
  - Attachment
- 4.b. Consideration of a new application for a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License of Hatley Enterprises of Beloit, Inc. d/b/a Hats Traditional Pub, located at 435 E. Grand Avenue, Gregory L. Hatley, Agent for license period ending June 30, 2020 Attachment
- 4.c. Consideration of an Application for Operator's License for Mindy Sue Bailey (Beloit Police Department recommendation for denial)
- CHANGE OF AGENT
- 6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
- 7. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/COMMENTS
- 8. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

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**ADJOURNMENT** 



# PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA PARK, RECREATION & CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2351 Springbrook Ct. 6:30 PM

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- 2. MINUTES
  - 2.a. Consider approval of the Minutes from the September 11, 2019 9-11-19.pdf
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- UNFINISHED BUSINESS
- NEW BUSINESS
  - 5.a. Introduction of Nicole Yost Recreation Coordinator
  - 5.b. Introduction of Joann Nupnau New PRCAC Commissioner
- 6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
- 7. COMMITTEE COMMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS
- 8. ADJOURNMENT
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# AMENDED PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA PUBLIC NOTICE

Riverside Room- Beloit Public Library 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit WI 53511 5:45 PM

Thursday, November 14, 2019

The Beloit Police Department is hosting a Badge Pinning Ceremony for Noe Mar-Garcia on November 14, 2019 at 5:45 p.m. in the Riverside Room at the Beloit Public Library, located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard, Beloit, WI 53511. The City Council has been invited, and a quorum may be present.

Lori S. Curtis Luther, City Manager

Dated: November 8, 2019 Lorena Rae Stottler City Clerk-Treasurer www.beloitwi.gov

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Monday, November 11th

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