



# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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### **Special points of interest:**

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### **CASINO PROJECT UPDATE**

Representatives from the City and the Ho Chunk Nation attended the Rock County Board meeting this past Thursday evening, January 26, 2012. Council President Leavy introduced the delegation. Representatives from the Nation explained the Beloit Casino Project and the Tribe's role in acquiring the necessary approvals from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to take 32 acres of land into Trust for this project. The City Manager and City Attorney then made a presentation that was similar to an earlier discussion about the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). The presentation was updated to articulate a number of changes in the IGA that come from continuing negotiations during the draft review process. County Board members asked a number of questions regarding the project, the IGA, and its possible impact on County government. No action was scheduled to be taken at the meeting and the County Board forwarded the matter to the appropriate committee for study and report.

As noted above, numerous changes have been made to the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) document over the last several weeks as negotiations have continued. Comments and questions raised by City Councilors and residents, as well as additional review by City officials and Tribal officials have resulted in several more modifications and clarifications of language. The IGA, although still in draft form, has been posted on the City's website and can be reached at the following link (please click [here](#)).

### **WINTERFEST**

Please see the [attached](#) flyer distributed by the Beloit Parks and Leisure Services Division regarding activities scheduled for Winterfest this weekend, along with special events scheduled through February.

### **BELOIT INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

The Beloit International Film Festival is scheduled for February 16-19, 2012. Tickets are now available for the various events, and a detailed program has been published. For more information regarding the festival, including volunteer opportunities, please consult the festival's website at <http://beloitfilmfest.org/>

### **COUNCIL CANDIDATE ORIENTATION**

The Council candidate orientation originally scheduled for Wednesday, January 25, had to be rescheduled for Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the City

Manager's Conference Room on the fourth floor of City Hall. Unfortunately, several candidates could not attend the original session and we would like as many candidates as possible to have access to the same information.

## **WATER RESOURCES CONDUCTS EMERGENCY EXERCISE**

The Water Resources Division of Public Works, along with support from a number of other departments and agencies, conducted an emergency tabletop exercise this past week to continue preparedness planning for any potential emergency or disaster that might threaten the provision of quality utility services to the community. The scenario was interesting and relevant and resulted in many creative suggestions by relevant staff. Despite the positive input, problems were noted and additional training is anticipated.

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITY PLANS**

The Beloit School District has informed City officials that facility planning efforts are underway as a prelude to the bond issue, which will be considered by voters at the April 3, 2012 local election. City officials have asked several questions about the site improvements and how those would impact adjacent streets and neighborhoods. There has also been substantial discussion with district officials about the alternate sites being considered to replace the current Morgan school location. This past week, we met with School District officials and representatives from Bray Architects and received yet another update on the planning status. An extensive discussion ensued regarding a number of the site plans, and input was provided not only by our planning staff, but also by our Transit Director, since bus service to each of these facilities will be an important component of the facility planning process. To date, City officials have been impressed with the level of detail and thought that has gone into the facility planning process, not only in terms of creating new, far more functional building footprints, but also providing the necessary parking and drop-off lanes to mitigate some of the congestion and on-street backups that currently plague many of the district's older school facilities.

## **CITY MANAGER TRAVEL AND VACATION PLANS**

Because of the time required for travel, I opted to participate in the Urban Alliance meeting via conference call. The Urban Alliance is a fairly new organization that was created following the merger of the League of Wisconsin Municipalities and the old Wisconsin Alliance of Cities organization. The Urban Alliance represents larger urban places located within the State and often discusses public policy issues and legislative initiatives of significance to communities of our size.

Next week, I have my winter vacation scheduled and will be out of the City beginning on Saturday, January 28 and returning on Sunday, February 4. I will have both my Blackberry and laptop available throughout the week and will be available for phone calls and e-mails, should the need arise.

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR JANUARY 30—FEBURARY 3, 2012

There are no City meetings scheduled this week.

## 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 more information.

January 27—29

**Winterfest, 2012.** Please see [attached](#) brochure for more information. Below are some of the scheduled activities.

Friday, January 27 7:00 p.m.

**Chills, Spills and Thrills** ice skating event at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road.

Sunday, Jan. 29 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

**Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides** at Big Hill Park. FREE event as part of the scheduled Winterfest activities.

Monday, Jan. 30 7:30 a.m.

**Legislative Breakfast with Tammy Baldwin** (D-WI) sponsored by the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce, Beloit Inn, 500 Pleasant St. Cost is \$10 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. Reservations required, please call the Chamber at 608-365-8835.

Friday, February 3 4:30 p.m.

**Roy Chapman Andrews Distinguished Explorer Award Presentation**, Eaton Chapel, Beloit College. Awards dinner to follow, reservations required. Please call 608-514-1722.

Thursday, Feb. 9 6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Adopt-a-Shelf Information and Training** at Beloit Public Library. Volunteers choose a set of library bookshelves to keep tidy and organized on a monthly basis. For ages 14 and up. Registration not required.

Friday, February 11 5:00 p.m.

**Moonlight Ski with Luminaries**—Enjoy a night ski along the luminary-lined groomed ski trails of Turtle Creek Greenway. \$15 per person or \$25 per couple includes ski rental; \$5 per person without rental. Cross country ski rentals must be reserved ahead of time. To reserve, call Paddle and Trail, 362-6521 (closed Mon & Tues) or City of Beloit Parks and Leisure Services, 364-2890. Due to limited parking, we'll meet at Leeson Park picnic shelter and shuttle service will be provided to and from the trails.

Saturday, February 18

**Special Olympics Fundraiser** at Edwards Ice Arena, Telfer Park. Opening ceremonies begin at 1:00 p.m. Chili cook-off will take place at the Marine Corps League, from 4:00—9:00 p.m.

# Beloit WinterFest

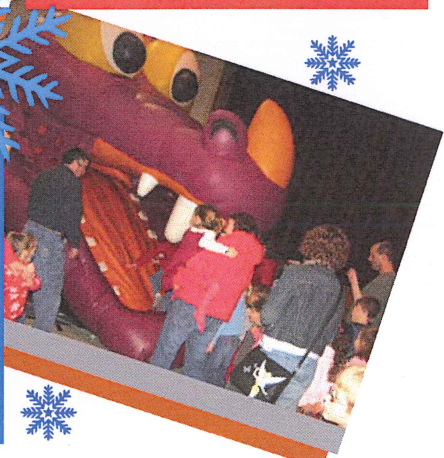
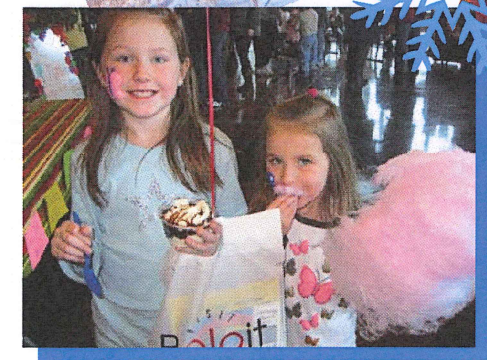
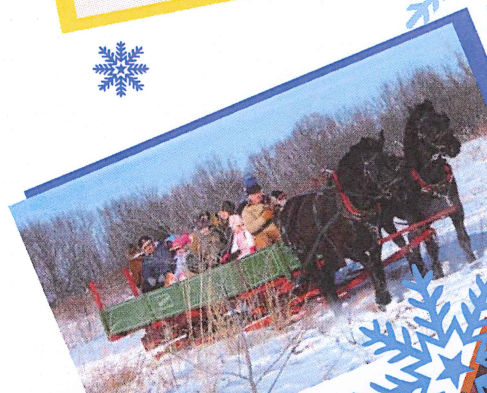
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Get Out & Enjoy Winter...

It's ALL About  
**FUN**  
in Beloit



# Beloit WinterFest

January 27-29 2012  
Schedule of Events

## Friday, January 27

- ◆ Winterfest Bingo at Grinnell Hall, **FREE**, all ages welcome, 1-3pm  
Lots of prizes, free beverages and snacks. For info: (608) 364-2890.
- ◆ Chills, Spills and Thrills at Edward's Ice Arena, DJ, games, FUN! 7-10pm.
- ◆ Cross Country Ski Trails open daily, Turtle Creek and Kopplan Farm at Big Hill Park.



## Saturday, January 28

- ◆ Family Indoor Carnival, 11am-3pm. Central Christian Church (608) 362-7663 ext. 12. Bring the whole family for a day of **FREE** family fun including carnival games, activities, face painting, crafts by Doodles. Meet Ronald McDonald, Miss Beloit, Snappy, Scoopie, and more! Play on huge inflatable rides including moon bounces, obstacle course, slides and much more! Lots of fun booths by community groups. Food available at minimal cost.
- ◆ Winterfest 4's Volleyball Tournaments. Beloit Memorial High School. Games are co-ed and pre-registration is due no later than 5pm Wednesday, January 25th. For registration and info, contact Leisure Services (608) 364-2890.
- ◆ Happy Birthday, Author Bill Peet Party. Beloit Public Library 10am-12pm. Fun activities for kids ages 6-12 featuring Bill Peet, a children's book author. 608-364-2905.
- ◆ Snow Golf, Krueger-Haskell Golf Course, 1pm, pre-registration required.
- ◆ Public Skate at Edward's Ice Arena, 2-4pm.
- ◆ Snowshoe/Cross Country Event, Krueger-Haskell Golf Course 10am-3pm.
- ◆ The Stalene Family YMCA - Beloit Branch will host a Winterfest Family Swim. 2-4pm For first 40 people. Cost \$2/family.
- ◆ Winterfest Snowshoe and Cross Country Ski. 10am-2pm at Krueger Haskell Golf Course, skis available for rent, \$10/hour for adults, \$5/hour for 7-12 year olds. To reserve skis, contact Leisure Services (608) 364-2890.

## Sunday, January 29

- ◆ Euchre Tournament at Krueger-Haskell Golf Course. Check-in 12:30-12:45; start time 1pm. Pre-registration required (608) 364-2890,
- ◆ Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park, **FREE**, 11am-2pm.

### Winterfest 2012 Sponsors:

