



THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

**JANUARY 10,
2014**

*A weekly publication
from the Office of the
City Manager*

**Larry N. Arft
City Manager
City of Beloit
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511**

**608-364-6614
608-364-6756 (Fax)**

**arftl@ci.beloit.wi.us
www.ci.beloit.wi.us**

Special points of interest:

- **Meetings and
Community Events
(page 3)**

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

The City of Beloit's Public Works Department reminds residents that curbside collection of Christmas trees will be January 6—17, 2014. Please place your tree curbside by 7:00 a.m. on your regular trash day. Trees must be free of stands (including wooden stands), bags, lights, garlands, tinsel and ornaments, etc.

Christmas trees will also be accepted at the Recycling Drop Off Center, 2351 Springbrook Court, on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m.—Noon, beginning January 11, 2014.

For more information, please call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations Division at 608-364-2929.

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Paul York, longtime Finance and Administrative Services Director for the City of Beloit, recently announced his resignation to be effective on Friday, February 7, 2014. Paul has accepted a similar position to serve as Finance and Administration Director for the City of Manassas, Virginia. For both personal and professional reasons, this is an excellent opportunity for Paul. Although we regret to lose his services, we extend Paul our very sincere congratulations and best wishes for success in this new career endeavor. The City will appoint an interim Director shortly, and we will be initiating a full recruitment process to find a permanent replacement for this important position.

CITY CLERK TO DRAW BALLOT ORDER ON JANUARY 13

Please find [attached](#) a press release from the City Clerk's office, noting that she will hold a drawing to determine the ballot order for the four candidates that have filed papers for the four seats on the Beloit City Council. The four candidates include incumbents Sheila De Forest, Charles M. Haynes, Chuck Kincaid, and new candidate Ana Kelly, who currently serves on the City's Plan Commission.

WINTERFEST 2014

It's time to begin planning for your Winterfest activities! Please find [attached](#) a brochure showing all of the activities scheduled from Friday, January 24 through Sunday, January 26. Hopefully you and your entire family will have an opportunity to participate in these activities.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON CITY OWNED PROPERTY ALONG BURTON STREET, NEAR FIR, DELL AND ASPEN DRIVES

As has been reported in the newspaper, we had an unusually contentious workshop meeting this past Tuesday evening to hear a preliminary presentation by Mirus Partners about a planned Tax Credit Financed housing development to be located on City owned land along Burton Street, across from the Woodman's Supermarket complex. Although this was a very low density, low profile development involving attached residential units, with lots of green space and separation, adjacent neighbors were very "concerned" about this residential development. Neighborhood opposition was the primary reason we held a workshop instead of simply processing a normal application. A great deal of work and expense would be required by the developers and the City to prepare the number of documents that require Council's approval before a tax credit financed application project can be filed with the State Oversight Agency. The intensity of the opposition and the fears that were articulated concerned both City officials and the developers. Councilor comments also indicated that it is unlikely such a project would be approved by the Council with that level of neighborhood opposition. Consequently, the developers have decided not to move forward with a formal application at this time.

The city owned property on Burton is currently used for agricultural purposes; however, it is in the developed portion of the City, has been platted for residential development, and hopefully at some point we will find a use for this parcel. If it continues to remain available and we anticipate the likelihood of another project coming forward as the economy continues to improve. For the foreseeable future, however, we will anticipate retaining the farm leases currently in place for this parcel.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—JANUARY 13—17, 2014

Monday, January 13	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conf. Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Tuesday, January 14	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (K. Leavy)
Tuesday, January 14	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, Jan. 15	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board , 605 Eclipse Blvd.
Wednesday, Jan. 15	5:30 p.m.	Equal Opportunities Commission , Forum (C. Kincaid)

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 more information.

Saturday, Jan. 11	3:00-5:00 p.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration , Blackhawk Technical College, 6004 S. County Road G., Janesville. The theme of this year's event is "Youth, Making the World a Better Place." Music, awards, ethnic food festival.
Monday, Jan. 20	8:00 a.m.	Martin Luther King Jr. Interfaith Prayer Breakfast at the Eclipse Center. Cost is \$15 per person. For more information, please contact Pastor Kenda Roman at kroman@sdb.k12.wi.us or 608-302-2229.
Monday, Jan. 20	4:00 p.m.	Martin Luther King Day Convocation , Beloit College, Eaton Chapel. Free and open to the public.
January 24—26		Winterfest 2014 . Various activities at multiple locations. Please click [here] to view a line-up of events.
Friday, Jan. 24	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Chills, Spills and Thrills , ice-skating at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road.



City Clerk's Office, City Hall
100 State Street
Beloit, WI 53511
www.ci.beloit.wi.us

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
Rebecca Houseman LeMire, City Clerk
(608) 364-6680

City Clerk to Draw Ballot Order by Lot on January 13, 2014

January 8, 2014 – Beloit, WI: On Monday, January 13, 2014, at 4:00 p.m. in the City Clerk's office, the City Clerk will draw lots to determine the order of City Council candidates' names on the April 1, 2014 ballot. The City Clerk's office is located on the second floor of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, Wisconsin 53511.

State law requires the ballot order for the 2014 Spring Election to be determined by January 14th. The Clerk will print the name of each candidate who has gained ballot access on a piece of paper and place the papers in a box. The ballot order will then be chosen at random by picking the names out of the box.

There will be four City Council seats on the ballot, and the following individuals have gained ballot access (in no particular order):

- Sheila De Forest (incumbent);
- Charles M. Haynes (incumbent);
- Chuck Kincaid (incumbent); and
- Anna Kelly

The public is invited to attend. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office by phone at (608) 364-6680 or by email at lemirer@ci.beloit.wi.us.

[Return to page 1](#)

Beloit

Winterfest 2014

January 24-26

Friday, January 24

~Family Bingo at Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff Street) 9:00-11:00 am, all ages welcome, great prizes, refreshments, **FREE!**

~Island Tunes! Our first ever Winterfest Dance! Tunes by Bahama Bob at Grinnell Hall Auditorium (631 Bluff Street) 1:00-3:00 pm, **FREE!**

~Chills, Spills and Thrills at Edward's Ice Arena (2101 Cranston Road) 7:00-9:00 pm, DJ, games, and fun! Bring a non-perishable food donation and receive free skate rental. Regular admission fees apply

~Cross Country Trails, open daily, dusk to dawn, **FREE!**

~Sledding at "Hospital Hill" (Olympian Blvd), open daily, **FREE!**

Saturday, January 25

~4's Coed Volleyball Tournament at BMHS. A (\$100 entry) and B (\$50 entry) level tournaments offered, cash payout for A tournament, Champion tshirts, trophies (pre-registration required no later than Wednesday, January 22)

~Snow Golf! YES, Krueger Haskell Golf Course will be open for Winterfest snow golf! Snow Golf is fun for all ages! Registration begins at noon at the clubhouse, tee times begin at 12:30 pm, bring one club, snow golf balls (tennis balls) will be provided. Cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per foursome

~Wintery fun at the Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd), 10:00 am-Noon, treats, crafts and stories! **FREE!**

~Open Skate at Edward's Ice Arena, 2:00-4:00 pm, regular admission fees apply

Sunday, January 26

~Family Swim at the NEW Beloit Memorial High School POOL! Visit the beautiful facility 2:00-4:00 pm for public swim, \$2 per person

~Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park, 11:00 am-2:00 pm. The Welty Center will also be on site offering a nature activity and guided hikes, **FREE!**

~Euchre Tournament at the Krueger Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse, check in at 12:45 pm, \$5 entry with 25 cent bumps (please call to pre-register)



For further information on Winterfest activities, feel free to call the Leisure Services Office (608) 364-2890

[Return to page 1](#)

[Return to page 3](#)



**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 13, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting December 9, 2013
3. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - c. Secretary
4. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (January and February, 2014)
5. Review of City Council appointments November 18, 2013
6. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Appointment Review Committee

- 1 resident (Forbes) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 resident (Reidenbach) – term to expire December 31, 2015

Board of Appeals

- 1 resident, 1st Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2014
- 1 resident, 2nd Alternate – term to expire May 31, 2015

Board of Ethics

- 1 resident (Brown) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 resident (Fox) – term to expire December 31, 2015
- 1 resident (Biester) – term to expire December 31, 2015
- 1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2014
- 1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Review

- 1 resident, Alternate (Zoril) – term to expire December 31, 2014
- 1 resident, Alternate (Borgogni) – term to expire December 31, 2014

Business Improvement District

- 1 owner occupant (Ribarich) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 owner occupant (Gabriele) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 resident at large (Widder) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 owner occupant (Vargas) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Community Development Authority

- 1 resident (Adama) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 resident (Jacobs) – term to expire December 31, 2017

Equal Opportunities Commission

- 1 resident (Lawrence) – term to expire June 30, 2016

Municipal Golf Committee

- 1 resident (Wiersgalla) – term to expire December 31, 2016
- 1 Youth (Sennett) – term to expire December 31, 2013

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

1 resident (Ramsden) – term to expire September 30, 2016

Plan Commission

1 resident (Smith) – term to expire April 30, 2015

Traffic Review Committee

1 resident (Cole) – term to expire September 30, 2015

7. Member Participation

8. Citizen Participation

[Return to page 3](#)

9. Adjournment

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 to request this service, please contact the City Manager's Office at 364-6614, 100 State St., Beloit, WI 53511.



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

Beloit City Hall – The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
Tuesday, January 14, 2014 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of December 10, 2013
3. Application for Amendment of “Class B” Fermented Malt Beverage & Intoxicating Liquor License, Outside Premises Extension for Rose’s Soulfood, Clancy L. Smith, owner, 201 Short Street.
4. Application for Change of Agent at HRNS V Entertainment, d/b/a Adiktion, 1310 Cranston Road, from Jaime Hernandez to Edgardo Garrido.
5. Application for a new Class “A” Beer and “Class A” Liquor License for Olde Towne Market, 905 Henry Avenue, Akbir Kang, Agent.
6. Citizen Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. Attorney Comments
10. Adjournment

January 8, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk
<http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us>

[Return to page 3](#)

**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 to request



CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511
Office: 608/364-6700 • Fax: 608/364-6609
www.ci.beloit.wi.us
Equal Opportunity Employer

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Appeals Members

FROM: Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

DATE: December 23, 2013

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **January 14, 2014** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2014.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or penningtond@ci.beloit.wi.us if you have any questions or require more information.

[Return to page 3](#)

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



beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, January 15, 2014 @ 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of minutes of the December 18, 2013 Library Board meeting.
3. Public comment
4. Library Director Report
5. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
6. Action Items
 - a. 2014 Budget
 - b. Committee Assignment Changes
 - c. Municipal Ordinance Change
 - d. Personnel Manual
 - e. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
7. Trustee Comments
8. Motion to adjourn

[Return to page 3](#)

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 19, 2014

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. To request this service, please contact the library at 364-2908, 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI



CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 5:30 PM
The Forum, First Floor
Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of the October 16, 2013 Meeting
3. Public Participation
4. Discuss Fair Housing Month Activities
 - a) Fair Housing Poster Contest
 - b) Mock Hearing
5. Discuss 2014 Annual Strategy to Address Impediments to Fair Housing
6. Commissioner Comments and Upcoming Events
7. Next Meeting Date: February 19, 2014
8. Adjournment

[Return to page 3](#)

Notice Mailed: January 11, 2014

Approved: Teri Downing
EOC Staff Liaison

Please Call 364-6650 before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, January 13, 2014
if you are unable to attend.

* 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 to request this service, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511