



THE BELOIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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WINTERFEST THIS WEEKEND

Winterfest 2014 starts today, Friday, January 24 and runs through this coming Sunday, January 26. The [attached](#) brochure includes a schedule of all activities along with times and locations. Hopefully you and your entire family will be able to enjoy one or more of these special *Winterfest* activities.

BELOIT HEALTH SYSTEMS CELEBRATES OPENING OF NEW CANCER CENTER

This past Thursday evening I was honored to participate in the ribbon-cutting ceremony officially opening the Beloit Health System and UW Cancer Center located in 1670 Lee Lane at the intersection of Milwaukee Road. The Center is not only functionally state-of-the-art but also a very attractive facility and a tremendous asset to the growing Milwaukee Road corridor. A community open house is scheduled for tomorrow, Saturday, January 25 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

BIFF PREPARES FOR 2014 FESTIVAL

The excitement continues to build as we approach the extended BIFF film schedule for 2014. This year's festival begins February 14 and runs through the 23rd providing additional opportunities for attendees to see more films than was possible in prior years. For more information about the Festival, the schedule of showings and ticket information go to the website at www.beloitfilmfest.org.

UPDATE ON I-39/90 RECONSTRUCTION

Following Council's vote on Monday evening to support design alternative 2, we prepared a letter notifying the State Department of Transportation of the City's official recommendation. Obviously, the Interstate Highway is part of the Federal Highway network and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will make the final decision regarding all design features for the new highway, as well as the I-43 interchange. Federal Highway officials have also articulated an interest in the design alternative to extend Milwaukee Road to Gateway Boulevard creating a Collector Highway linkage from the East to the West sides of the Interstate Highway.

City officials will be attending the I-90 business group meeting in mid-February to continue discussions with this group about the design alternatives and to answer questions about the future reconstruction of the interstate infrastructure. A great deal of work remains in the design and approval process before the Department of Transportation will receive clearance to move forward with right-of-way acquisition ultimately bidding for project construction. At the present time the department is telling us it will probably be 2017 before the project is actually ready for construction.

FAMILY SERVICES OF SOUTHERN WISCONSIN AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS HOLD 74TH ANNUAL MEETING

I was very pleased to have the opportunity in my schedule to join officials, employees and other interested parties at their 74th annual business meeting. Dr. Bill Flanagan from Beloit College was the keynote speaker and we heard an update on services provided the Beloit community by this fine organization. Congratulations to the Family Services Board, executives and staff for their continued high-quality service to the Greater Beloit Area.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JANUARY 27 - 31, 2014

Monday, January 27	1:30 p.m.	Traffic Review Committee , City Manager's Conf. Room (D. Luebke)
Monday, January 27	5:00 p.m.	Police and Fire Commission , Forum
Wed., January 29	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority (D. Luebke and J. Van De Bogart)

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.

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.
Friday, Jan. 31	8:00 a.m.	Legislative Breakfast with Reps. Amy Loudenbeck and Janis Ringhand, sponsored by the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce. Ironworks Hotel, 500 Pleasant St., \$10 for Chamber members, \$15 for non-members. Contact Aimee Thurner at 608-365-8835 to RSVP by 1/29.
Feb. 14—23		Beloit International Film Festival , please see their website for more information: www.beloitfilmfest.org

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)



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



MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Traffic Review Committee
Monday, January 27, 2014 1:30 P.M.
City Manager's Conference Room (4th Floor)
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Roll Call.
2. Introduction of new member, Mike Ramsden.
3. Approval of the minutes from the November 25, 2013 Traffic Review Committee meeting.
4. Public Participation.
5. 2014 Traffic Review Committee Schedule.
6. Ordinance to remove 1-hour parking time limit in in the 100 block of West Grand Avenue.
7. Ordinance to remove in front of 519 Locust Street
8. Ordinance to remove parking on the south side of Chapin Street near College Street intersection.
9. Committee Member participation.
10. Next meeting –the next meeting is scheduled for **February 24, 2014.**
11. Adjournment [Return to page 2](#)

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**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, January 27, 2014 @ 5:00 PM
City Hall / Public Forum
100 State St**

The monthly meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Joe Simpson at 364-6685.**

REVISED AGENDA

1. Call to Order and roll call
2. Approval of December 12, 2013 meeting minutes
3. Reports
 - A. Police Department
 - B. Fire Department
4. Commissioner Comments
5. Action/Discussion Items
 - A. None
6. Adjourn into closed session per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(f) to discuss complaint filed to PFC. Also per WI State Statutes 19.85(1)(c) discuss fire personnel probationary reviews
7. Commission will reconvene to Open Session
8. Citizen Participation
9. Adjourn.

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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
January 29, 2014 at 4:30 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Election of Officers
 - a. Nomination and election of Chairperson
 - b. Nomination and election of Vice-Chairperson
3. Citizen Participation
4. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 12, 2013
5. Housing Authority
 - a. Presentation of November Activity Report (Pollard)
 - b. Presentation of November Financial Report (Pollard)
 - c. Presentation of December Activity Report (Pollard)
 - d. Presentation of December Financial Report (Pollard)
 - e. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-01, Authorization to Write-Off Beloit Housing Authority Public Housing Tenants Accounts Receivable 2013 Third Quarter Vacated Residents (Pollard)
 - f. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-02, Authorization to Write-Off Beloit Housing Authority Public Housing Tenants Accounts Receivable 2013 Fourth Quarter Vacated Residents (Pollard)
6. Community Development
 - a. Update on 422 Bluff Street (Christensen)
 - b. Update on the NSP Program (Downing)
7. Adjournment

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*If you are unable to attend this meeting, notify the Housing Authority Office at 364-8740 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.***

Notice Mailed: January 24, 2013

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

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