



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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Special points of interest:

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BIFF PREPARES FOR 2014 FESTIVAL

The Beloit International Film Festival will take place from February 14-23, 2014. More information about the Festival, including the schedule of showings and ticket information, can be obtained at www.beloitfilmfest.org

PROTECT YOUR PIPES

The Wisconsin Rural Water Association and the City of Beloit Water Utility offer some winter maintenance tips to protect your water pipes. Please see [attached](#) for this useful information during our spell of frigid temperatures.

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Please consider volunteering to be on a City committee, commission or board. Over 120 citizens volunteer to serve on municipal advisory committees in an effort to make our community a better place to live.

Vacancies currently exist on:

Appointment Review Committee—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 pm

Board of Appeals—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Board of Ethics—Meets as needed

Board of Review—Meets annually in May and as scheduled in June

Community Development Authority—Meets the 4th Wednesday of the month at 4:30 pm

Equal Opportunities Commission—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of even-numbered months at 5:30 pm

Municipal Golf Committee—Meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month from March through November at 7:00 am

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission—Meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm

Plan Commission—Meets on Wednesdays following City Council meeting at 7:00 pm

Traffic Review Committee—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 pm

For more information on each committee, along with an application, please click [\[here\]](#), or call Pam in the City Manager's office at 364-6614.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— FEBRUARY 10—14, 2014

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| Monday, Feb. 10 | 4:30 p.m. | Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conf. Room (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer) |
| Tuesday, Feb. 11 | 4:00 p.m. | Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (K. Leavy) |
| Tuesday, Feb. 11 | Cancelled | Board of Appeals |
| Wednesday, Feb. 12 | 7:30 a.m. | Rock County Breakfast Meeting (C. Haynes, M. Spreitzer) |
| Wednesday, Feb. 12 | 6:30 p.m. | Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission , DPW, 2351 Springbrook (S. De Forest) |

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.

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| Friday, Feb. 14 | 7:00—9:00 pm | Heartthrob Holiday ice skating at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Games, candy and music provided; 2-for-1 skate rental. Regular admission fees apply. |
| Feb. 14—23 | | Beloit International Film Festival at various venues. For more information, please see their website: http://beloitfilmfest.org/ |
| Wed., Feb. 19 | 6:30 p.m. | 3 Point Shot Contest at Beloit Memorial High School Field House. Open to the public, must be at least 15 years old to participate. No pre-registration required. \$5 entry fee the day of the event. For more information, please contact the Leisure Services Office, 364-2890, ext. 3. |
| Thursday, Feb. 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Downtown Beloit Association's Annual Awards Party , La Casa Grande Banquet Hall. Admission \$20, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Please RSVP by February 21 to Crystal at the Downtown Beloit Association, 365-0150. |

IT'S COLD OUT THERE!

PROTECT YOUR PIPES!

With the recent and upcoming frigid weather, the Wisconsin Rural Water Association and the City of Beloit Water Utility are 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. If it's getting close to 32°, you should take action to prevent freezing.
- **Prevent freezing of service laterals by keeping water moving.** This can be done by letting a faucet run or by drilling a 1/8" hole in the overflow tube of a toilet in the building.
- **Check Heating Components.** With the early and extended cold weather we've seen so far, heating components have been running far more than usual. Maintain furnaces to make sure they're operating correctly and replace filters more often. Also check heat tapes and space heaters used with control system elements. For less expensive items, consider purchasing back-ups should something fail. The cold weather is affecting everyone in the state, so space heaters and heat tapes are in short supply.
- **Be careful when thawing frozen pipes.** For exposed pipes in buildings you can use a simple hair dryer. For underground pipes the older method is using electrical current from welders or transformers. However it's best to do this with the help of an electrician so you can check to make sure the current is being confined to the section of piping you're wishing to thaw. Failure to do so can cause fires in nearby buildings. Newer methods of pipe thawing use recirculating hot water or steam. These are much safer than 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 of people 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.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Beloit Water Utility at (608) 364-2888.



**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, February 10, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting January 13, 2014
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (February and March, 2014)
4. Review of City Council appointments January 21, 2014
5. 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 (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

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, 2014

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

6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation

8. 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, February 11, 2014–4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of January 14, 2014.
3. Application for “Class B” Beer and “Class B” Liquor License for Pitchers Mound LTD LLC, d/b/a Pitchers Mound, 2745 Prairie Avenue, Robert Lee Lewis, Agent.
4. Application for Change of Agent at Walgreen Co., d/b/a Walgreens #12136, 910 Broad Street, from Brenda Neumann to Jennifer Boyle.
5. Consideration of the Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License of Hourglass Media, LLC, d/b/a The Castle, 501 Prospect Street, John Wittnebel, Agent, granted on July 15, 2013 and not open to date.
6. Consideration of incidents at the Eagles Club, 302 State Street, Ronald Minnick, Agent.
7. Citizen Comments
8. Committee Comments
9. Police Department Comments
10. Attorney Comments
11. Adjournment

February 5, 2014
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk
<http://www.ci.beloit.wi.us>

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Appeals Members

FROM: Drew Pennington, Director of Planning & Building Services

DATE: January 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

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

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

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PUBLIC MEETING

**PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2014

6:30PM

**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, БЕЛОIT, WI**

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: December 11, 2013
- 3.) Citizens Participation

- 4.) Old Business - None

- 5.) New Business
 - a.) Consideration of installing a Historic Plaque on the Wood Family Fishing Bridge in Riverside Park.
 - b.) Consideration of installing a Double Kaleidoscope Public Art Sculpture within the Heritage Walkway in Riverside Park.

- 6.) Director's Report
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

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SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- * *Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Brian Ramsey @ 608/364-2919 or the Parks Administrative Secretary @ 608/364- 2929 prior to the meeting.*
- ** *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 or to request this service, please contact the Parks & Leisure Services Division located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by*