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THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS A GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SPRING ELECTION—APRIL 1, 2014

Nine polling places will be used for the Spring Election to take place on Tuesday, April 1st. Due to recent renovations at Converse, Hackett and Todd Schools, there will be minor changes to polling place parking and access. Please see the [attached](#) press release from the City Clerk's office for more information on all of the polling locations.

CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS MAKES CHANGES TO PUBLIC ACCESS AND/OR GOVERNMENT CHANNELS

Beginning next Tuesday, April 1, 2014, Charter will make significant changes to their cable TV line up, including transitioning to an "all-digital" network. After April 1, 2014, Beloit City Council meetings will be broadcast live only on Channel 992 at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Mondays of each month. Meetings will also be rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Channel 992 on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., Thursday at 8:30 a.m., and Friday at 1:00 p.m. All questions regarding these changes should be directed to Charter Communications at (888) 438-2427 or 2016 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI.

CITY WEBSITE ADDRESS CHANGING

At the request of our Information Technology office, the City has decided to update and simplify its website address. The current website www.ci.beloit.wi.us does not belong to the city and the lease on this name ends on January 1, 2015. It is unknown at this time whether or not it will be affordable to renew use of that name. Also, the city now has access to the "gov" suffix and has already implemented a shorter, more simplified website address of <http://www.beloitwi.gov>.

This name is not only easier and shorter, but is more intuitive as well. Along with the change, all of the City's e-mail addresses will also be transitioned. For example, the City Manager's former e-mail address was arftl@ci.beloit.wi.us. The new e-mail address is now arftl@beloitwi.gov.

As noted above, the current website and e-mail addresses will remain valid at least through the end of this calendar year until January 1, 2015. If the owner of that address provides the City with a reasonable renewal cost, it is likely that the City will retain that address as well. Both addresses will take the sender to either the appropriate website or City office. We would suggest, however, that you reprogram your favorites, bookmarks and contacts to reflect the new or abbreviated address for City electronic communications.

BELOIT UTILITIES NOW OFFERS E-STATEMENTS FOR CUSTOMER CONVENIENCE

We again want to remind customers that Beloit Utilities is now offering an option for E-statements. This option offers a new, more convenient way for you to manage your bills and maintain electronic files as well. This option will improve convenience for customers who utilize their computers for managing their personal business affairs and also save the City of Beloit Water Utility the cost of paper, printing and postage to send the traditional paper bill. If you are interested in signing up for E-statements, please click [here](#) for a link to the appropriate page. You will need your account number, and of course an e-mail address. Simply complete the form and transition your future bills to an electronic format.

The Utility will continue to send paper statements each month to customers that would prefer to receive a traditional paper document for processing their monthly payments. No action needs to be taken to maintain the paper bills that you currently receive.

SPRING CLEANUP BEGINS IN BELOIT

While there are still some piles of snow remaining, most of the snow cover is now gone and the weather forecast is for a high of 60° on Sunday. City crews have already been out and about in the community working on various spring cleanup activities, from street sweeping and pothole patching to litter cleanup and removal. Because of the extensive duration of the snow cover this winter season, an unusual amount of litter has accumulated on both public and private properties throughout the community. As the warm weather arrives, we urge property owners and residents to move about their property and pick up this unusual litter accumulation.

UPDATE ON INTERSTATE 39/90 IMPROVEMENTS

Engineers from the Public Works Department, along with the City Manager, met this past week with representatives of Wisconsin Department of Transportation to discuss a number of design issues related to the I-39/90 – I-43 interchange. We had a very productive session on a number of topics including extending the Wisconsin Highway 81 designation on Milwaukee Road all the way through to Hart Road. We received positive responses and cooperation on several other minor design issues during the discussion. We also received good news regarding cost-sharing for the project, which the Department of Transportation views as the most desirable design option and cost will be covered as a basic part of the project budget. While there will be some local improvements made as a part of this project particularly to the Freeman/Ford intersection, it appears that the local cost for this project will be minimal and less than originally anticipated. Design work is still progressing on the most appropriate intersection configuration for the new diamond interchange at I-39/90 and Milwaukee Road. No decisions will be made on that final design configuration until the design alternatives are reviewed and evaluated by the Federal Highway Administration. All was very good news relative to the project moving forward. The consultants indicated they hope to have most of the design features finalized by the end of this calendar year. As previously noted, the interchange is not scheduled for construction until 2017.

PREPARATION OF 2015 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Believe it or not, we had our first meeting this week to review the budget preparation calendar for the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets. As we do each year, the process will begin with strategic planning both at the departmental and City management level before moving forward for Council consideration and review. Council President has requested that we have a separate open discussion workshop with the Council prior to beginning preparation of the Strategic Plan. That workshop will be scheduled in the month of April. There are some additional work items coming together that need to be reviewed in the near future and we will attempt to aggregate several items for an evening workshop agenda.

CITY EXTENDS ITS HEARTFELT THANKS AND BEST WISHES TO RETIRING EMPLOYEES

For some reason we've had an accumulation of retirements scheduled for the next several weeks and receptions were held to honor the service of each of those individuals. Linda Duff is retiring from the Court Clerk's office, Steve Woodman from Water Resources and Officer Dale Schwartz from the Police Department. All three of these individuals were dedicated long-term employees who served the City and its residents well over many years. I want to express our sincere thanks to each of them for their service along with extending our very best wishes for their upcoming retirement.

CITY MANAGER TRAVEL TO MADISON ON LEAGUE BUSINESS

The City Manager traveled to Madison, Wisconsin on Friday related to League of Wisconsin Municipalities business. The League Board is conducting what will hopefully be finalist interviews for the important Executive Director position being vacated by the retirement of Dan Thompson, which will occur at the end of this month.

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The City has experienced difficulties getting sufficient volunteers to staff all of the boards, commissions and committees that provide valuable support to the municipal operation. Please take a look at the vacancies currently available to determine whether or not you would have an opportunity to serve on any of those committees. Over 120 citizens volunteer to serve on municipal advisory committees in an effort to make our community a better place to live.

Vacancies will be occurring on:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Appointment Review Committee—Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m.

Board of Appeals—Meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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 p.m.

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

Plan Commission—Meets on the Wednesday following City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Police and Fire Commission—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

Traffic Review Committee—Meets the 4th Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

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— MARCH 31—APRIL 4, 2014

Wed., April 2	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (C. Haynes and M. Spreitzer)
Wed., April 2	4:30 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (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.

Saturday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	Mushing for Meals , 10K and 5K run and 1 mile walk to benefit Beloit Meals on Wheels. Participants in the 5K can compete as individuals or as a "Mushing Team." This race is a 2014 RRR Circuit Race. To register on-line or for more information, please click [here] .
Wed., April 2	4:30-6:30 p.m.	Pickleball season begins! Games scheduled for April 2, 9, 23 and 30. Please see attached for more information or call Sonya Baden for more information at 364-2890, Ext. 3.
Saturday, April 12	1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Easter Eggstravaganza Free Easter egg hunt for children ages 2-10 at Horace White Park. Fun zone, photos with the Easter bunny, mascots, face painting, balloon animals, food vendors and more! Sponsored by the Downtown Beloit Association and Beloit Daily News.
Friday, April 18		Spring Holiday! City offices and the Beloit Public Library will be closed.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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

Polling Place Changes due to School Renovations:
Converse, Hackett, and Todd Schools

March 24, 2014 – Beloit, WI: On April 1, 2014, there will be a Spring Election in the City of Beloit. The nine polling places outlined on the following page will be used for this election. However, due to recent renovations at Converse, Hackett, and Todd Schools, there will be minor changes to polling place parking and access.

Converse School (Wards 1, 2, and 3)

The polling place at Converse School is the gymnasium, which is located on the west side (rear) of the building. Voters will need to enter and exit through Entrance #5, which is accessible from the parking lot on Poff Street. Green signage will direct voters to the proper entrance. Voters are asked to park in the western section of the parking lot or in available on-street parking spaces.

Hackett School (Wards 7, 8, and 9)

The polling place at Hackett School is the gymnasium, which is located on the south side (rear) of the building. Voters will need to enter and exit through the gym doors on W. Grand Avenue. Green signage will direct voters to the proper entrance. Voters are asked to park in available on-street parking spaces or in the Neighborhood Housing Services of Beloit parking lot located at 520 W. Grand Avenue (across the street).

Todd School (Wards 17 and 18)

The polling place at Todd School is the gymnasium, which is located on the north side (rear) of the building. Voters will need to enter through the gym doors, which are accessible from the angled parking lot along E. Colley Road. Pink and/or green signage will direct voters to the proper entrance. Voters are asked to park in the angled parking spaces or in available on-street parking spaces.

When voting at any school, voters may want to consider **avoiding the peak drop-off/pick-up times** for children as traffic will be congested and parking will be challenging. In general, the peak morning drop-off time is between 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., and the peak afternoon pick-up time is between 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

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CITY OF BELOIT POLLING LOCATIONS

Ward(s)	Polling Place Name	Address
1-2-3	Converse School	1602 Townline Avenue
4-5-6	Gaston School	610 McKinley Avenue
7-8-9	Hackett School	533 West Grand Avenue
10-11-12	Beloit Historical Society	845 Hackett Street
13-14-15-22	Beloit Public Library	605 Eclipse Boulevard
16	First Congregational Church	801 Bushnell Street
17-18	Todd School	1621 Oakwood Avenue
19-20-21	McLenegan School	2639 Sunshine Lane
23-24-25	Central Christian Church	2460 Milwaukee Road

The Polls are Open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Wards	Rock County Supervisory District
23, 24 & 25	6
1 & 12	11
9, 10 & 11	12
8, 13, 14 & 15	13
19, 20, 21 & 22	14
16, 17 & 18	15
5, 6 & 7	16
2, 3, & 4	17

All polling places are handicap accessible. However, if voters need assistance or require special accommodations beyond those outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, they may contact the City of Beloit City Clerk's office by phone at (608) 364-6680 or by email at lemirer@ci.beloit.wi.us.

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CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
April 2, 2014 at 4:30 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall
100 State Street

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on March 4, 2014
4. Housing Authority
 - a. Presentation of February Activity Report (Pollard)
 - b. Presentation of February Financial Report (Pollard)
 - c. Public Hearing, Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-06, Approval to Accept HUD Funding for the 2014 Capital Fund Program (CFP) Grant, and Amend the Annual Contributions Contract (ACC) to Include Said 2014 WI39-P064-50114 CFP Grant (Pollard)
5. Community Development
 - a. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-07, Accepting an Offer to Purchase for 827 Garfield Avenue (Downing)
 - b. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-08, Recommending Approval of an Amendment to the 2014 Annual Action Plan and Budget (Downing)
 - c. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2014-09, Accepting an Offer to Purchase for 932 Ninth Street (Downing)
6. 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: March 28, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Exec. Director

** 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 City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

WHAT IS



PICKLEBALL?!



PICKLEBALL IS A FAST GROWING SPORT FOR ANY AGE, ANY LEVEL OF PLAY AND IS GREAT EXERCISE. IT IS LIKE PLAYING PING PONG ON A TENNIS COURT WITH A WHIFFLE BALL AND A PADDLE. WATCH OUT THOUGH. IT'S ADDICTING AND A LOT OF FUN!
COME JOIN US!

WHEN: APRIL 2nd, 9th, 23rd, 30th from 4:30-6:30pm

WHERE: Converse School, 1602 Townline Ave, Beloit, WI

COST: FREE! Equipment will be provided up to 8 players.

See how the game is played: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mD3enYEScTU>

For more information contact Sonya Baden at badens@ci.beloit.wi.us/ph:(608) 364-2890 ext. 3
or Julie Fiebig at julezlogoz@yahoo.com/ph:(608) 931-6100

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