



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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TRASH AND RECYCLING HOLIDAY COLLECTION SCHEDULE

City of Beloit residents are advised that trash and recycling was not collected on Thursday, January 1 in observance of the New Year's holiday. Collection is delayed by one day. Thursday collection took place on Friday, January 2 and Friday collection will take place on Saturday, January 3. The Recycling Drop Off Center at 2351 Springbrook Court will be closed Saturday, January 3.

ELECTION EQUIPMENT TRAINING AND MOCK ELECTION

Please find [attached](#) a press release from the City Clerk's office noting a number of training sessions scheduled for January, 2015 related to the rollout of new election equipment that will be used throughout Rock County for all of the elections scheduled for calendar year 2015. All of these training sessions will be open to the public and the media and interested residents are welcome to attend. For more information please see the attached release.

Schedule of training sessions (held on the 4th floor of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street)

- Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 9, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

CITY OF БЕЛОIT PARK SHELTER RENTALS

The Leisure Services Office reminds us that City of Beloit park shelter rentals for the 2015 season may be booked starting today, Friday, January 2, 2015.

Beloit has several beautiful, sought out shelters including: three in Riverside Park, two in Leeson Park, two in Big Hill Park, Hilliard Park, and more! Park shelters are affordable and perfect for family reunions, graduation parties, birthday parties and holiday picnics.

Please call the Leisure Services Office if you have questions about park shelter rentals: 608-364-2890 Ext. 1, or stop by the office located at 1003 Pleasant Street.

CITY OF БЕЛОIT LEISURE SERVICES NEWSLETTER

[Attached](#) is the January, 2015 edition of the City of Beloit Leisure Services Newsletter. The fun never ends!

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2015

The City Council will hold a **Workshop** in the City Manager's Conference Room at 6:30 p.m. to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

The attached **agenda** is for the **Monday, January 5, 2015** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Resolution authorizing an amended **Planned Unit Development (PUD) - Master Land Use Plan** for the property located at 2250 West Hart Road. This project would convert a portion of the Park Meadow North subdivision into the site for an Assisted Living Senior Housing project. The Assisted Living Facility would include 100 units and would also be a Residential Care complex and a Community Based Residential Facility sharing various services. The site is ideally located close to the Beloit Health System complex when the land was originally intended for single-family residential development; however, changes in the marketplace have made completion of the project as originally planned unlikely in the foreseeable future. There is a need for additional senior housing in the community, and this site is particularly well suited for that purpose. The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval for this project.
- b. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a day care center in an R-3, Low-density Multi-family Residential Zoning District, for the property located at 819 Clary Street. This facility would be operated by Little Turtles Playhouse, which currently provides child care facilities at 706 Emerson Street. The title to the property will transfer from Beloit College to Little Turtle Playhouse and the daycare operation will be moved to the location at 819 Clary Street. The Plan Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval for this application.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of December 15, 2014 and the special meetings of December 22, 2014.
- b. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Street Resurfacing project for 2014. This work has all been completed and is ready for final payout.
- c. Resolution **Combining Polling Places** for the Spring Primary election on February 17, 2015 (if primary is necessary). As we often do, particularly for primary elections, the City Clerk is recommending that polling places be combined for this election. If there are no local elections which would drive the need for a primary, it is very possible that no primary election will be required in Beloit in February. If one is required, it will likely be for a judgeship and attendance at the Primary election does not warrant the expense of staffing all regular polling stations. The combining of polling stations would, of course, be for this single primary election only.
- d. Resolution approving **Lease of Office Space** to Congressman Pocan and authorizing the City Manager's Execution. Congressman Pocan has rented space in the Beloit City Hall to provide an easily accessible location for his office staff, who are here on a part-time basis. The arrangement has worked well and the Congressman's staff has asked that the lease arrangement be extended. The resolution would allow the City Manager to extend the lease under the same terms and conditions, and at the same rental rate, which is fair and reasonable, considering the amount of utilization.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. **Visit Beloit 2014 Year in Review Presentation** will be presented by Monica Krysztopa, Executive Director of Visit Beloit.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving **Improvements within Stateline Restoration Prairie Park**. This project would extend a bike path south from the existing Turtle Creek Bike Path to attach to the existing Wheeler Avenue Bridge. The City of South Beloit has obtained a grant to rebuild the structure to make it suitable for bicycle and pedestrian traffic. The reconstructed bridge will attach to a new bike path that will traverse portions of South Beloit and connect to existing paths within the Northern Illinois bicycle/pedestrian trail system. This small connector from the City's Turtle Creek Path will allow bicyclists and pedestrians to directly access the new Wheeler Bridge crossing and, of course, the Northern Illinois trail system. The reverse will also be true and traffic coming north from Illinois will be able to access the Greater Beloit bicycle/pedestrian trail system. The Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission and the Plan Commission have recommended approval of this project.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JANUARY 5—9, 2014

Monday, Jan. 5	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conference Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, Jan. 5	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, Jan. 6	6:00 p.m.	Public Information Meeting , Forum
Wednesday, Jan. 7	7:30 a.m.	Rock County Breakfast (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Wednesday, Jan. 7	7:00 p.m.	Plan 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.

Jan. 23-25 **Winterfest!** Please see [attached](#) for information on Winterfest activities and locations.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information, contact:
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(608) 364-6680

**New Election Equipment Training and
Mock Election**

December 15, 2014 – Beloit, WI: Municipalities throughout Rock County have purchased new vote tabulating equipment that will be used for all elections starting in 2015. The City of Beloit Clerk's office will offer an introduction to the new equipment, training, and a mock election for election workers, the public, and any other interested parties per the schedule below. All sessions will be held in the training area on the 4th floor of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

Schedule of Training Sessions:

- Wednesday, January 7, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
- Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 9, 2015, at 2:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.
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The DS200 Ballot Tabulator and Scanner will replace the Eagle Optech tabulator, which was used for the last time at the November 4th Election. The DS200 takes a digital image of each ballot cast and tallies the votes on the ballot. It features a large touch screen that provides instructions and communicates over-votes or other voting errors to the voter in real time. The thermal paper eliminates the need for expensive ink cartridges. The DS200 also includes an internal modem which allows election results to be reported directly to Rock County from each polling place after the polls close. The Automark handicap accessible ballot-marking machine will still be available at each polling place to assist voters with marking their ballots.

All of these training sessions are open to the public, and the media is encouraged to attend.

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New Year, New Beginnings!

Try Something Different, let your Rec Team help!

WINTERFEST 2015

Mark your calendar! Here is the Winterfest 2015 line-up:

Friday, January 23

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

Edward's Ice Arena, DJ, Public Skate 7:00-9:00 pm, non-perishable food donation=FREE Skate Rental! Regular admission fees apply.

Saturday, January 24

Explore the Natural Confluence! Where the Turtle Creek meets the Rock River (Dickop Street) in South Beloit at 1:00 pm. The Welty Environmental Center will lead an exploration around the site! This beautiful, natural setting will be continuously developed throughout the years to come, check it out in the early, planning stages!

Edward's Ice Arena, Public Skate 2:00-4:00 pm.

Beloit Public Library welcomes young and old, 10:00 am-noon for snow crafts, activities and snacks! No pre-registration needed.

Coed 4 on 4 Volleyball Tournament! This tournament has become a favorite of volleyball players around the region...affordable, lots of games, lots of different opponents, and LOTS of fun volleyball crammed into one day! Teams MUST register by Wednesday, January 21. Call Sonya (608) 364-2890 x3 today!

Sunday, January 25

FREE Horse drawn sleigh rides at Big Hill Park, the most attended event of Winterfest! The Girl Scout Building serves as our warming house, 11:00 am-1:30 pm. The Welty Center will also have a Birds of Prey display and tracking activities!

Edward's Ice Arena, Public Skate 2:00-4:00 pm.

Snow Shoe at Krueger Haskell Golf Course! Try out our brand new snow shoes, noon-2:00 pm. Adults \$5 and only \$3 for youth under 18.

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Have you tried Pickleball?

Novice or beginner, it makes no difference! We have set up an educational drop in league to allow people to enjoy the game of pickleball, improve skills, and help teach the game to rookies!

Join us, Thursday nights at Converse School. The school is easy to find and has a beautiful gym that allows for 2 courts!

Fee is set at \$20 for an unlimited play pass. You pay once and attend as many as sessions you can, January-March. The gym is available Thursday nights from 4:30-6:30 pm. Call the Leisure Services Office for more information, (608) 364-2890.



Pickleball Drop in Play

**WHEN: JANUARY 8-MARCH 26, 2015
THURSDAY NIGHTS FROM 4:30-6:30PM**

**WHERE: CONVERSE SCHOOL
1602 TOWNLINE AVENUE, БЕЛОIT**

**COST: \$20/PERSON FOR UNLIMITED PLAY PASS
10 REGISTRANT MINIMUM**

ALL LEVELS OF PLAY~NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT SONYA BADEN
AT (608) 364-2890 Ext 3 or badens@beloitwi.gov**



Have you tried Snow Shoes?

Finally Mother Nature has added snow to our forecast! We have purchased 11 brand new, beautiful sets of snow shoes for the entire family!

FEES

Monday-Friday:
Adult \$10, Youth \$5
Weekend:
Adult \$15, Youth \$8

EACH set requires a separate deposit (cash or check) that will be held until equipment has been returned on time and in acceptable condition.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, January 5, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th floor City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511. The purpose of the workshop is to review the agenda of the regular 7:00 p.m. City Council meeting.

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: December 30, 2015
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City Clerk
www.beloitwi.gov

** 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.



**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, January 5, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS – none
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Resolution authorizing an amended **Planned Unit Development (PUD) – Master Land Use Plan** for the property located at 2250 West Hart Road (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0
 - b. Resolution authorizing a **Conditional Use Permit** to allow a day care center in an R-3, Low-density Multi-family Residential Zoning District, for the property located at 819 Clary Street (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0
5. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION
6. CONSENT AGENDA

All items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the General Order of Business and considered at this point on the agenda.

 - a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the regular meeting of December 15, 2014 and the special meetings of December 22, 2014 (LeMire)
 - b. Resolution authorizing **Final Payment** of Public Works Contract C14-07, Street Resurfacing (Boysen)
 - c. Resolution **Combining Polling Places** for the Spring Primary Election on February 17, 2015 (if primary is necessary) (LeMire)
 - d. Resolution approving **Lease of Office Space** to Congressman Pocan and authorizing City Manager's Execution (Krueger)
7. ORDINANCES – none
8. APPOINTMENTS – none
9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. **Visit Beloit 2014 Year in Review Presentation** (Executive Director, Monica Krysztopa)

11. REPORTS FROM BOARD AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution approving **Improvements within Stateline Restoration Prairie Park** located at 540 Colby Street (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 6-0
Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission recommendation for approval 4-0

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk
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You can watch this meeting live on Charter PEG digital channel 992. Meetings are rebroadcast during the week of the Council meeting on Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.; Thursday at 8:30 a.m.; and Friday at 1:00 p.m.

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SEX OFFENDER RELEASE SPECIAL BULLETIN NOTIFICATION (S.B.N.)

Issued date: January 1, 2015

The WI Department of Community Corrections (DCC) has notified our office that the person indicated below is being released from prison on the indicated date and will be residing at the indicated address. This person is not wanted by the police at this time. Notification is not intended to increase fear; rather, it is our belief that an informed public is a safer public.

REMEMBER: CALL 911 TO REPORT AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY

Current sex offender information is available at: <http://offender.doc.state.wi.us/public/>

NAME: Owen R. Budd

ALIAS: None

SEX: Male

RACE: White

D/O/B: 05/21/971

HEIGHT: 5'11"

WEIGHT: 196

HAIR: Grey

EYES: Brown

GLASSES: No

SCARS: Four inch right side and left ring finger shorter

TATOOS: Unknown

CONVICTED OF: Second Degree Sexual Assault of a Child

CONVICTED ON: 01/30/2004

RELEASE DATE: 01/07/15

PLACEMENT: 2219 Euclid Avenue, Beloit, WI 53511



SPECIAL SUPERVISION CONDITIONS: Includes comply with requirements of lifetime GPS monitoring, comply with Supervised Release Rules, and comply with requirements of lifetime Sex Offender Registration. Owen Budd's movement is subject to mandatory escort.

A community meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street, Beloit, in order to address all questions and concerns of the community with regard to Owen R. Budd's release.

SEX OFFENDER COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: January 6, 2015
TIME OF MEETING: 6:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M.
PLACE OF MEETING: Beloit City Hall Forum
100 State St. Beloit

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: To provide information and education to the citizens of Beloit about the return of a convicted sex offender to the Beloit area.

Wisconsin State Statute 301.45 (Act 440), the Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Law, designed to enhance public safety and protection, took effect June 1, 1997. The attached Sex Offender Information Bulletin is being circulated in your neighborhood in the interest of increased community safety. The bulletin may contain information which parents may find unsuitable for sharing with elementary school age children.

The Sex Offender Information Bulletin is not intended to create fear or panic in the neighborhood. It is intended to increase awareness, and to emphasize the need to practice protective behaviors with your children. The purpose of the community meeting is to provide you with information and education. At the community meeting, members of the Department of Corrections, Department of Health Services and the Beloit Police Department will provide the following information regarding:

- Sex Offender Registry and Notification Law
- Sex offenders in general
- The subject named in the bulletin
- The Beloit Police Department's response plan related to the offender's return to the community
- The DHS supervision plan
- How to protect your children from sex offenders and how to discuss protective behaviors with your children

The meeting will conclude with a question and answer session.

The purpose of the bulletin and the community notification meeting is NOT to harass or to further punish the offender, nor hamper the offender's chance of reintegration into the community. The bulletin and the notification meeting are also NOT intended to further traumatize the offender's victims.

The subject identified in the Sex Offender Information Bulletin has been duly released from secure custody, having served the term of incarceration prescribed by the sentencing judge. Because of the nature of his convictions, the offender does have a reduced expectation of privacy. He has, however, the same civil and constitutional rights as other citizens of Rock County. The Beloit Police Department will NOT tolerate threats, harassment or acts of vigilantism against the offender, his family or his residence.



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MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, January 7, 2015 at 7:00 PM
The Forum
Beloit City Hall, First Floor
100 State Street, Beloit

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 17, 2014 Meeting**
3. **Extraterritorial Certified Survey Map – Butterfly Lane and Hart Road**
Review and consideration of two-lot extraterritorial Certified Survey Map for the unplatted land located at Butterfly Lane and Hart Road in the Town of Turtle
4. **Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
5. **Adjournment**

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Gail Riddle in the Planning Office at 364-6700 **no later than 4:00 PM the day before the meeting.**

Notice Mailed: December 30, 2014

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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