



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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THE NEW YEAR BEGINS FOR THE CITY OF БЕЛОIT

Most residents are aware that the City's fiscal year is synchronized with the calendar year budget, so we began a new budget cycle on January 1. A number of activities take place, primarily within the Finance Department, as the City closes its books on an old fiscal year and begins operating in the new budget cycle.

We have also been meeting this week with our Public Works and Engineering management staff, finalizing the construction schedule for infrastructure improvements planned for 2015. Bids will start to be advertised for those projects in the next few weeks.

City Manager Recruitment Process

Just prior to the holidays, the City Council met in a special meeting to review a number of written proposals submitted by Executive recruiters with substantial public sector experience. On Friday, January 9, 2015 Council interviewed the three firms that submitted the strongest proposals to complete this assignment on a timely basis. Following those interviews, Council will select the firm they wish to use for the process. Work will then begin on earnest in writing a recruitment profile and vacancy notice, as well as other elements of planning for the upcoming recruitment and selection initiative.

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)

- Monday, January 12, 2015, at 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

CITY OF БЕЛОIT PARK SHELTER RENTALS

Just a reminder that the Leisure Services office began accepting park shelter rentals for 2015 on January 2, 2015. Beloit has a number of beautiful parks and many picnic and event shelters, including the three in Riverside Park, two in Leeson Park, two in beautiful Big Hill Park, Hilliard Park, and even more locations. If you are

planning a picnic, family reunion, graduation or birthday party, or another special event and wish to have a beautiful outdoor venue for your program, don't hesitate to contact the Leisure Services office at 608-364-2890 Ext. 1, or stop by in person at 1003 Pleasant Street.

TEEN CENTER PLANNING CONTINUES

The Task Force that has been looking at the feasibility of creating a Teen Drop-In Center here in the City met again this past Wednesday afternoon. The primary topic of discussion was a planned teen drop-in event, to be scheduled later in January at the Boys and Girls Club facility. The committee talked about a number of activities and planning elements related to this event. The original purpose was to gauge the reaction of teenagers to utilizing the existing Boys and Girls Club facility for a teen drop-in program and whether or not there would be significant support from among the teen population for an ongoing program at this location. An exact date and additional information about the event will be forthcoming as planning continues.

MARTIN LUTHER KING COMMEMORATION AT BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE

On Saturday, January 10, 2015, the Diversity Action Team will be hosting their annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration at Blackhawk Technical College from 3:00—5:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Together We Can." This is always an interesting program focusing on issues of significance to the local Rock County communities and public attendance is encouraged.

SPRING PRIMARY NOT NEEDED IN THE CITY OF БЕЛОIT

The City Clerk issued a press release stating that a February 17, 2015 Spring Primary will not be needed in the City of Beloit, because none of the contests on the April ballot require a primary. Please see [attached](#) for a list of contests that will be on the April 7, 2015 Spring Election ballot in the City of Beloit.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— JANUARY 12—16, 2015

Monday, Jan. 12	4:00 p.m.	Community Development Authority , Forum (A. Kelly and C. Kincaid)
Monday, Jan. 12	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conf. Room (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Tuesday, Jan. 13	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (A. Kelly)
Tuesday, Jan. 13	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, Jan. 14	6:30 p.m.	Park, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Comm. , 2351 Springbrook Ct. (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.

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



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**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.
- Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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February 17, 2015 Spring Primary
Not Needed in the City of Beloit

January 7, 2015 – Beloit, WI: A primary election is typically held on the third Tuesday of each February in preparation for the Spring Election held on the first Tuesday in April. In 2015, a Spring Primary will not be needed in the City of Beloit because none of the contests on the April ballot require a primary.

The following contests will be on the April 7, 2015 Spring Election ballot in the City of Beloit:

- Justice of the Supreme Court
- Rock County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 3
- Rock County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 5
- Rock County Circuit Court Judge, Branch 6
- Beloit City Council
- Beloit School District Board of Education (where applicable)
- Beloit Turner School District Board of Education (where applicable)
- Clinton Community School District Board of Education (where applicable)

In summary, the Spring Primary Election that was scheduled for February 17, 2015, will not be needed. The next election in which City of Beloit voters may vote will be the Spring Election on April 7, 2015. Voters will use their regular polling places. If you have questions about your polling place, registering to vote, or voting by absentee ballot, please contact the Beloit City Clerk's Office.

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CITY HALL • 100 STATE STREET • BELOIT, WI 53511

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Community Development Authority
January 12, 2015 at 4:00 pm
The Forum
Beloit City Hall, First Floor
100 State Street

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Citizen Participation
3. Review and Consideration of Resolution 2015-01, Accepting an Offer to Purchase for 326 St. Lawrence Avenue (Christensen)
4. Adjournment

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

Notice Mailed: January 9, 2015

Approved: Julie Christensen, Ex. Director

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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 12, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting December 8, 2014
3. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - c. Secretary
4. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (January and February, 2015)
5. Review of City Council appointments December 15, 2014
6. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

1 resident (Metter) – term to expire June 30, 2017

Appointment Review Committee

1 resident (Beavers Jackson) – term to expire December 31, 2017

1 resident (Jacobsen) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Appeals

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

Board of Ethics

1 resident (Brown) – term to expire December 31, 2016

1 resident (Murry) – term to expire December 31, 2017

1 resident (Peterson) – term to expire December 31, 2017

1 former City Councilor – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Review

1 resident (Jessen) – term to expire December 31, 2019

1 resident, Alternate (Daskam) – term to expire December 31, 2019

1 resident, Alternate (Borgogni) – term to expire December 31, 2019

Community Development Authority

1 resident (Johnson) – term to expire December 31, 2018

Equal Opportunities Commission

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

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

Municipal Golf Committee

1 resident (Lenz) – term to expire December 31, 2017

Park, Recreation & Conservation Advisory Commission

1 Youth (Charles) – term to expire September 30, 2015

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

Traffic Review Committee

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

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

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

7. Member Participation
8. Citizen Participation
9. Adjournment

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

Beloit City Hall – The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
Tuesday, January 13, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of December 9, 2014.
3. Consideration of incidents at Rivals Bar & Grill, BMC Property Management LLC, Brad McCaslin, President, Michael Jero, Agent, 443 East Grand Avenue.
4. Citizen Comments
5. Committee Comments
6. Police Department Comments
7. Attorney Comments
8. Adjournment

January 7, 2015
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PUBLIC MEETING

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

6:30PM

DPW OPERATIONS CENTER

2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: December 10, 2014
- 3.) Citizens Participation

- 4.) Old Business – None

- 5.) New Business
 - a.) Review and consideration of the new Bike Trail Path in Big Hill Park.

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

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 calling 608/364-2929.*

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BELOIT WINTERFEST



January 23-25, 2015

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23:

- FREE Family Bingo at Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff St.) from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. All ages welcome with great prizes and refreshments!
- Edwards Ice Arena Open Skate with a DJ from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a free skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24:

- The Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd.) from 10:00 am to Noon will be offering Snow Crafts & Activities for the younger kids. Teens will make hand/arm warmers along with a book marker. Snacks provided. Registration is not necessary.
- Come explore the Natural Confluence, where the Turtle Creek meets the Rock River with the Welty Environmental Center in South Beloit (Dickop Street) from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Feel free to try out our new Snow Shoes while exploring!
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular admission fees apply.
- 4's Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Tournament at Beloit Memorial High School. Competitive level entry fee of \$100.00 (cash payout, trophy, & champion t-shirt) and Recreational level entry fee of \$50.00 (trophy & champion t-shirt). Pre-register by January 21st; for more information call Sonya at 364-2890 Ext. 3.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25:

- Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park by the Girl Scout Building from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. The Welty Center will also have indoor activities for tracking and birds of prey. FREE!!!
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Regular admission fees apply.
- Snow Shoeing at Krueger Haskell Golf Course from Noon to 2:00 pm. Try out our new snow shoes: \$5 for adults & \$3 for under 18!
- Euchre Tournament at Krueger Haskell Golf Course's Club House at 12:45 pm. \$5.00 entry fee and quarter bumps. **MUST** call 364-2890 Ext. 3 to **pre-register** by January 22; leave your name and phone number.

OPEN EVERY DAY: Hospital Hill for sledding and the Turtle Creek Trail for cross country skiing.

- Leisure Services is now renting snow shoes for adults and children. Call us for more information!



For further information on Winterfest activities, feel free to call the Leisure Services Office at 608-364-2890 or come visit us at 1003 Pleasant Street. Office hours are from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday.