



THE BELOIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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2015**

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BETH JACOBSEN CONCLUDES HER SERVICE TO THE CITY OF BELOIT

I just wanted to take a brief moment to again thank Beth Jacobsen for her years of service to the City of Beloit, and certainly her support of me during her tenure as Assistant to the City Manager. This was Beth's final day in the office and she will soon assume her new duties as a Trust Officer with the First National Bank and Trust Company.

We are very happy to hear that Beth will be remaining in Beloit and extend our very best wishes to her with regard to all future career endeavors.

I-39/90 / I-43 CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

There were no updates to planning for the Interstate reconstruction project that needed discussion this week. The meeting originally scheduled for earlier this week was cancelled. We do know that the final reports to the Federal Highway Administration were filed in February, as scheduled, and the state is waiting for approvals for the project design.

POLICE DEPARTMENT STUDY

Representatives from Hillard Heintze were in the City this week, as scheduled. On Wednesday they met with a number of City officials, as well as the Police Chief and the Department's management team, discussing the study and how it would be conducted. On Thursday, the team began interviews with residents and others having an interest in the issue. At the present time, the larger team from Hillard Heintze is scheduled to be in the City the week of March 30th. Public meetings have been scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 31—6:30 p.m.

Beloit Public Library Community Room
605 Eclipse Blvd.

Wednesday, April 1—6:30 p.m.

Grinnell Hall Senior Center
631 Bluff Street

These meetings will be coordinated by representatives from Hillard Heintze and will be an opportunity for anyone from the general public to come in and speak to the consultants. In addition, the consulting team will be scheduling meetings with all Police Department personnel, as well as a number of other City officials, residents and business leaders, as well as a sampling of representatives from other law enforcement agencies who interact with the Beloit Police Department.

BELOIT TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Beloit Transit System is in the process of developing a five-year plan. The primary goals of the plan are to:

- Evaluate existing BTS service, as well as local population and employment characteristics
- Identify service needs and opportunities for improvement or expansion

- Develop alternatives that improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the system

After a recent open house to gather feedback on the Beloit Transit Development Plan, it was suggested an online survey be created. Please click on the link to participate in the survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/BeloitTDP

PRATT INDUSTRIES MOVES FORWARD

Following Council's action at a special meeting this past Monday to establish both the governing board and a Board of Review for the Gateway Business Park Association, those boards met this week to address a number of issues required under the covenants in order for the Pratt project to move forward. We were able to address the necessary issues, not only to facilitate the Pratt project, but also to upgrade the corporation documents and existing bylaws for the association so that we will be prepared to address future projects in an expeditious manner. Pratt also submitted their preliminary construction and site improvement plans for the project this week. Those were immediately distributed for review. The City anticipates issuing an early start grading and foundation permit by the end of March, and hopes to have all of the permit processes completed and a full building permit issued before the end of April. So far, in spite of difficulties encountered earlier, the project is staying on schedule to begin construction in early April.

URBAN ALLIANCE TO HOLD SPECIAL MEETING ON THE PROPOSED STATE BUDGET

The Urban Alliance will be meeting in the Milwaukee metro area next Friday to discuss various aspects of Governor Walker's proposed budget. The budget is now under review by the Joint Finance Committee of the State legislature. Undoubtedly, the Alliance will share any requests and/or concerns that come out of the meeting with the Joint Finance Committee.

CITY MANAGER SELECTION PROCESS UPDATE

The application process for the City Manager's position closed early in March, with a total of 54 applications received. The executive recruiter is reviewing all of the applications, including doing preliminary background checks and Skype interviews with all of the candidates. A special City Council meeting (see [attached](#) agenda) is scheduled for **March 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.** to meet with the consultant in closed session to review the applicants with the goal of selecting six or seven of the top candidates for interviews. The interviews are scheduled for the end of March. Following the interview process, Council will likely name three finalists to proceed with the next phase of the selection effort.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, MARCH 16, 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, March 16, 2015** regular City Council meeting beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Forum.

4. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. Ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Beloit **Comprehensive Plan** to change the future land use designation of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from Planned Neighborhood to Mixed Residential. This is a parcel of land located on the North side of Elmwood Avenue which has remained undeveloped for these past many decades. The current owner has been in virtually constant communication with the City over the past several years about trying to put together a development that would be economically feasible for this parcel. This change in the land use designation, along with the accompanying rezoning, would allow for multi-family development on most of the site, with a portion along the back of the existing properties requiring single family development. We have noted on previous occasions that this particular area of the City, because of its close proximity to the railroad and industrial properties on the west, would be a good candidate for multi-family development. This particular application does not provide for any specific project but adjusts the land use and in the subsequent application, the zoning to create more flexibility for different types of residential development. The Plan Commission concurred with the applicant's request and voted to recommend changing the land use classification. This ordinance is on the agenda to waive the rules for second reading and adoption.

- b. Ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district for the above referenced property at 1715 Elmwood Avenue. This will change the zoning from R-2, Two-family Residential District, to R-3, Low Density Multi-Family Residential development. As noted above, this ordinance is a companion piece and would add more options to develop this property. Once again, the Plan Commission concurred with the applicant's application and voted unanimously to recommend approval. This ordinance is also on the agenda with a request to waive the rules for second reading and adoption.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approval of the **Minutes** of the special and regular meetings of March 2nd and the special meeting of March 9, 2015.
- b. Resolution approving a **Class "B" Beer and Reserve "Class B" Liquor License** for The Local Bar & Grill, 443 East Grand Avenue in the former Rival's location. The Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee unanimously recommended for approval.
- c. Resolution approving a two-lot **Certified Survey Map** for the property located at 1401 Townhall Road. Plan Commission recommendation for approval was 5-0. This is the final step in preparing the former School District owned property along Townhall Road to be used for residential purposes. Council earlier approved the Comp Plan amendment and the zoning change for this purpose.
- d. Resolution awarding **Public Works Contract** for Seal Coating for 2015. This is one of the maintenance projects that is included in the City's Capital Spending Plan for intermittent street resurfacing each year.
- e. Resolution awarding **Public Works Contract** for the Colley Road Water Main Extension. This project is needed for the Chicago Fittings project, which will be in construction in April of this year.

7. ORDINANCES—None

8. APPOINTMENTS

There will be appointments at this meeting.

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Presentation by the Police Department **Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.** (CALEA) process. The CALEA evaluation team will be in the Department the week of March 23 and the Chief will be providing an update on the activities to be undertaken as part of the reaccreditation process.
- b. City Manager's **Report to the Community**. This year's report is a bit longer and is a retrospective look at improvements on both Public and Private properties within the City Center following completion of the City Center Plan, which was adopted back in 2005. The City Center Plan was prepared by Beloit 2020, working in conjunction with the City and other stakeholders in the community. This report will look back at most of the improvements and upgrades completed in the City Center in the past ten years since the adoption of this plan in 2005.

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing the Public Works Department to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to Implement a **River Gaging System on Turtle Creek**. The Public Works Director has sought, and been able to negotiate an agreement with the National Weather Service to place a gaging system in Turtle Creek near the northeast end of the City limits. The purpose of the system will be, of course, to provide ongoing monitoring of the water level in the creek. This would be particularly advantageous during significant storm events or during a spring thaw when a significant volume is raising water levels along Turtle Creek.
- b. Resolution accepting a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Urban Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Abatement and **Storm Water Management Grant** and amending the 2015 Storm Water Operating Budget. The grant will be used to update the City's storm water management plan.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— MARCH 16—20, 2015

Monday, March 16	6:30 p.m.	Agenda Review , City Manager's Conf. Room (All City Councilors)
Monday, March 16	7:00 p.m.	City Council Meeting , Forum (All City Councilors)
Tuesday, March 17	7:00 p.m.	Landmarks Commission , Forum (C. Haynes)
Wednesday, March 18	7:00 a.m.	Municipal Golf Committee , Krueger-Haskell Golf Course Clubhouse
Wednesday, March 18	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board , Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd.
Wednesday, March 18	7:00 p.m.	Plan Commission , Forum (C. Kincaid)
Thursday, March 19	6:30 p.m.	Special City Council Meeting , Closed Session, City Manager's Conf. Room (All Councilors)

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.

- March 13 7:00—9:00 p.m. **Skatin' to the Oldies Night** at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Wear a costume and receive a free skate rental! 60's through 80's music, costume contest. Regular admission prices apply.
- March 20 4:30 p.m. **Roy Chapman Andrews Distinguished Explorer Award** to Dr. Edith Widder, deep-sea explorer and conservationist. Eaton Chapel, Beloit College. FREE!
- March 28 7:30 a.m. **Mushing for Meals**, 10K/5K Run, 1 Mile Walk, Mini-Mush Kids Fun Run. Benefits Beloit Meals on Wheels. Please see [attached](#) for more information.
- April 4 1:00—3:00 p.m. **Easter Eggstravaganza** Easter Egg Hunt at Horace White Park. Brought to you by Downtown Beloit Association. Please see [attached](#) for more information.



NOTICE AND AGENDA

Beloit City Council

Special Meeting

Thursday, March 19, 2015

6:30 p.m.

4th Floor City Manager's Conference Room

City Hall - 100 State Street

Beloit, WI 53511

CALL OF MEETING OF CITY OF БЕLOIT COUNCIL
CITY OF БЕLOIT, WISCONSIN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, in accordance with Section 2.02(3) of the City of Beloit Municipal Code of Ordinances, a Special Meeting of the City Council of the City of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin, is being called.

1. Roll Call
2. The City Council will adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(1)(c) to **consider the employment status of a public employee** over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Specifically the City Council will review candidate application materials and resumes for the position of City Manager (Marshall)
3. Adjournment

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Larry N. Arft, City Manager

Dated: March 13, 2015
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Beloit City Council will hold a **Workshop** on Monday, March 16, 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.

Larry N. Arft, City Manager

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Dated: March 11, 2015
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**AGENDA
BELOIT CITY COUNCIL
100 State Street, Beloit WI 53511
City Hall Forum – 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 16, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
3. SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS
4. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 - a. Ordinance amending the Future Land Use Map of the City of Beloit **Comprehensive Plan** to change the future land use designation of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from Planned Neighborhood to Mixed Residential (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
First reading, suspend rules for second reading
 - b. Ordinance amending the City of Beloit **Zoning District Map** to change the zoning district classification of the property located at 1715 Elmwood Avenue from R-2, Two-family Residential District, to R-3, Low Density Multi-family Residential (Christensen)
Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
First reading, suspend rules for second reading
5. CITIZEN 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 special and regular meetings of March 2nd and the special meeting of March 9, 2015 (LeMire)
 - b. Resolution approving a **Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License** for The Local, LLC, d/b/a The Local Bar & Grill, 443 East Grand Avenue, Mike Dutter, Agent (LeMire) ABLCC recommendation for approval 5-0
 - c. Resolution approving a two-lot **Certified Survey Map** for the property located at 1401 Townhall Road (Christensen) Plan Commission recommendation for approval 5-0
 - d. Resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-05**, Seal Coating (Boysen)
 - e. Resolution awarding **Public Works Contract C15-06**, Colley Road Water Main Extension (Boysen)
7. ORDINANCES – none

8. APPOINTMENTS – none

9. COUNCILOR ACTIVITIES AND UPCOMING EVENTS

10. CITY MANAGER'S PRESENTATION

- a. Police Department Commission on **Law Enforcement Accreditation** (Jacobs/Peterson)
- b. City Manager's **Report to the Community** (Arft)

11. REPORTS FROM BOARDS AND CITY OFFICERS

- a. Resolution authorizing the Public Works Department to enter into a Cooperative Agreement with the National Weather Service of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NWS/NOAA) to Implement a **River Gaging System on Turtle Creek** (Boysen)
- b. Resolution accepting a Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Urban Nonpoint Source Water Pollution Abatement and **Storm Water Management Grant** and amending the 2015 Storm Water Operating Budget (Flesch)

12. ADJOURNMENT

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Rebecca Houseman LeMire
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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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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT LANDMARKS COMMISSION
Tuesday, March 17, 2015, 7:00 PM
The Forum, 100 State Street**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes of the February 17, 2015 Meeting
3. Public Comments
4. Ron Moe – Certificate of Appropriateness
COA-2015-03 Review and consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness for demolition of the property located at 249/251 Roosevelt Avenue
5. Report on Staff-Approved Certificates of Appropriateness & Activities Since Last Meeting
6. Committee Reports
 - A. Education & Outreach Committee
 - B. Grant Writing Committee
 - C. Site Visit Committee
7. Adjournment

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

Approved: Drew Pennington, AICP, Director of Building & Planning Services
March 5, 2015

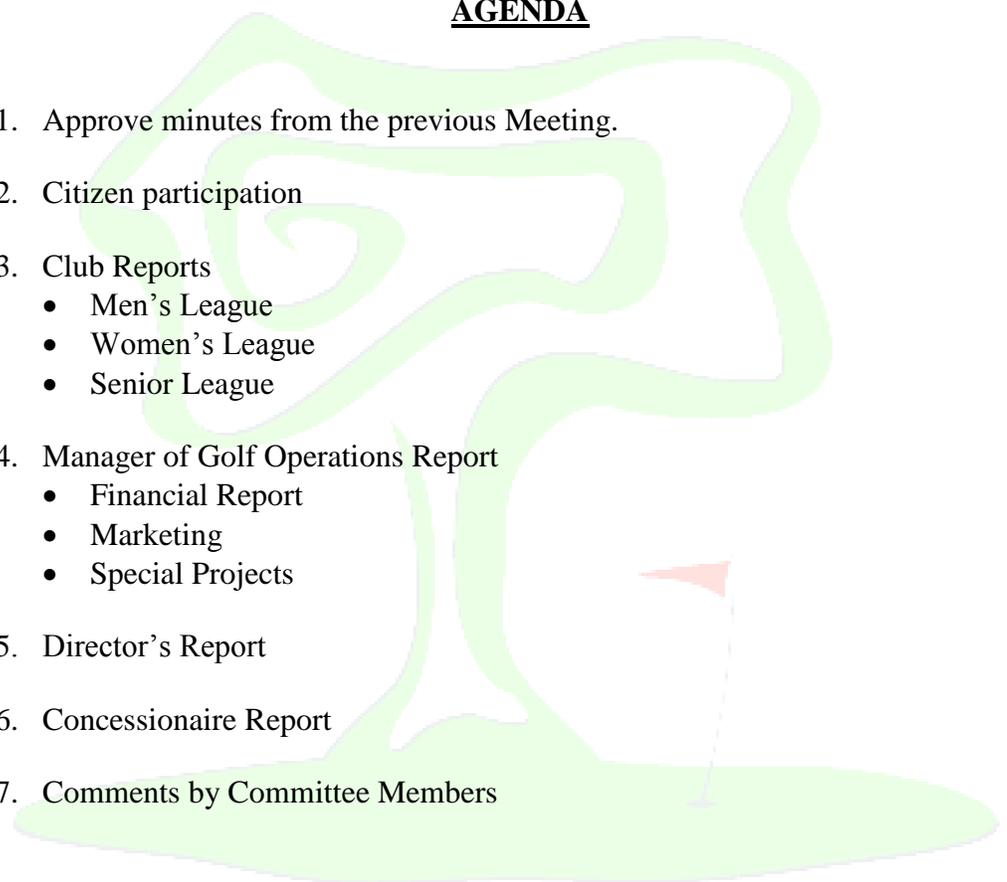
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MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 7:00a.m.
1611 Hackett St. Beloit, WI 53511
608-362-6503
Clubhouse

AGENDA

1. Approve minutes from the previous Meeting.
 2. Citizen participation
 3. Club Reports
 - Men's League
 - Women's League
 - Senior League
 4. Manager of Golf Operations Report
 - Financial Report
 - Marketing
 - Special Projects
 5. Director's Report
 6. Concessionaire Report
 7. Comments by Committee Members
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For additional information to request this service, please contact the Parks Division at 364-2929, 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI, 53511

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beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, March 18, 2015 @ 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of the February 18, 2015 Minutes
3. Public comment
4. Library Director Report
5. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
6. Action Items
 - a. WLA Legislative Group Participation – Nick Dimassis
 - b. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
7. Trustee Comments
8. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 15, 2015

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. To request this service, please contact the library at 364-2908, 605 Eclipse Blvd., Beloit, WI

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit City Plan Commission
Wednesday, March 18, 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 March 4, 2015 Meeting**
- 3. Certified Survey Map – 2250 West Hart Road – DMD Investment Inc.**
Review and consideration of two-lot Certified Survey Map for the land located at 2250 West Hart Road in the City of Beloit
- 4. Certified Survey Map – 3800 Gateway Boulevard – Corporate Contractors Inc.**
Review and consideration of one-lot Certified Survey Map for the property located at 3800 Gateway Boulevard in the City of Beloit
- 5. Status Report on Prior Plan Commission Items**
- 6. Adjournment**

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

Notice Mailed: March 13, 2015

Approved: Julie Christensen, Community
Development Director

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Kerry Ingredients presents the:

4th Annual Beloit Meals On Wheels

Mushing for Meals

10k/5k Run, 1 Mile Walk

Mini-Mush Kids Fun Run

March 28th, 2015



Mushing for Meals is a 10k/5k Run or 1 Mile Walk to benefit Beloit Meals On Wheels. The race starts at Horace White park in Beloit, across from the Beloit Meals On Wheels office. Whether you choose to run, be connected to two of your favorite mushers or walk, *you're sure to have fun!*

Mini-Mush Kids 10 & Under



Advanced Entry Fee:

- Adults \$15.00
- 17 and Under \$5.00

Same Day Entry Fee:

- Adults \$25.00
- 17 and Under \$5.00

This is a 2015 Rockford Road Runner Circuit Race.
Courses are USATF Certified and Chip Timed.

Start Times:

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| Registration: | 7:30-8:30 am |
| Mini-Mush Start: | 8:30 am |
| Announcements: | 8:45 am |
| 10k Race Start: | 9:00 am |
| 5k / 1 Mile Start: | 9:05 am |

Register on-line at Active.com:

Enter the following link into your browser:
<http://www.active.com/beloit-wi/running/races/mushing-for-meals-2015>

Questions?? Contact Information:

Jeff Johnson
Race Director
phone: 608-362-9384
email: jeff@beloitmealsonwheels.org

Ellen Wiegand
Executive Director BMOW
phone: 608-362-3683
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100% of all proceeds benefit Beloit Meals On Wheels "March For Meals" campaign.

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Downtown Beloit
Saturday, April 4, 2015
1:00 - 3:00 pm

Find a **ruby red** ticket in
an egg and win a prize!
The first 400 children will
get a goodie bag! -



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Children ages 2 - 10 are welcome to
join the Downtown Beloit Association on
Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 1pm - 3pm
for a free Easter egg hunt at Horace
White Park!

Mascots, Fun Zone, Photos with the Easter
Bunny, Face Painting, Balloon Animals, & More!

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