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THE BELOIT REPORT

CONTINUING ITS RESURGENCE AS THE GEM OF THE ROCK RIVER VALLEY

CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

We extend our congratulations to all of the candidates who were successful in securing public office as a result of this past Tuesday's municipal elections. We specifically want to congratulate David Luebke and Regina Hendrix on their re-election, and to Marilyn Sloniker, who was selected for her first term of service on the Beloit City Council. The canvassing committee will meet next week to confirm the results.

New Councilor orientation will be held with the City Manager and Department Directors presenting next Friday, **April 17, 9:00 a.m.** on the 4th Floor of City Hall. The newly elected Councilors will officially be sworn in and assume their seats at the Council's reorganization meeting on **Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Forum. Again, congratulations to all of the successful candidates and best wishes as they assume the public trust inherent in all public elected offices.

CITY MANAGER SEARCH

This is the week when the three final candidates selected earlier by Council revisited the City. A number of activities scheduled for Thursday, April 9 included an interview with the City's Department Directors, a social reception, along with a public presentation and question and answer period at the Beloit Public Library.

This Friday morning, City Council reviewed comment cards collected following all of those earlier events and conducted second round interviews with all three candidates. The Council then deliberated on who they will choose as Beloit's next City Manager. It is anticipated that there will be no public announcement until at least the Monday, April 20, 2015 City Council meeting pending the negotiation of terms and conditions of an employment agreement.

SPRING YARD WASTE COLLECTION—CONTINUES NEXT WEEK

Residents are reminded that the 2015 spring yard waste collection began on Monday, April 6 and concludes on Friday, April 17, 2015. During this period of time, the City will be collecting yard waste all five days of the week on your regular collection day. Yard waste must still be containerized and the City's yard waste sticker must be attached to each container or bundle. Please see [attached](#) press release for more information, including locations where stickers may be purchased.

BELOIT PARKS AND LEISURE SERVICES DIVISION SCHEDULES ANNUAL PRESCRIBED BURNS

The Beloit Parks and Leisure Services Division has scheduled a number of burns in City parks where natural wildfires are needed to preserve prairie grasslands. The [attached](#) press release has more information and a list of locations scheduled for prescribed burns this year.

CASINO UPDATE

While the casino application continues processing at the regional office, the US Department of Transportation recently announced yet another round of TIGER grant funding. The City and

the Ho-Chunk Nation have collaborated on two previous applications, which proved unsuccessful. As the project gets closer to approval, and with a few modifications to the application, the Nation and city officials believe that we should make yet an additional effort to secure a TIGER grant. The funding would help both the City and the Nation pay for the extensive public infrastructure needed to support the casino complex. A revised agreement is being prepared and will be brought forth to Council probably in early May to support the application. In the interim, the consultant used by the Nation for this project will be submitting a preliminary application, which is due early in May to ensure that our project will at least be eligible for consideration. The formal grant applications themselves are not due until June, so we have adequate time to review an amended grant agreement and again anticipate that being on Council's agenda, probably in early May.

CITY MANAGEMENT REQUESTS RECONSIDERATION OF THE 422 BLUFF STREET RESIDENTIAL REHAB PROJECT

The City obviously does a number of residential rehab projects and has sold a number of single family residences, all to owner occupants over the past year. An additional project approved by the necessary boards and the City Council was to remove a historic home at 422 Bluff Street that was in seriously deteriorated condition and beyond rehab, and to move an almost as historic home onto the site and provide for complete reconstruction and rehab of that property. As often happens with projects of this nature, bids have been coming in considerably higher than originally anticipated, or for which original budget allocations were set aside. While the home that would be saved is structurally sound and very old, it lacks any special architectural or historic significance. The amount of funds that would be required to save and rehab the property for resale would make this by far the most expensive residential rehab project in the City's history. After reviewing cost estimates this past week, the City Manager asked the Community Development Department to prepare a report which will be submitted to the City's Landmarks Commission, as well as to the City Council to reconsider whether or not we want to move ahead with this particular project. This item will be added to a future City Council agenda.

FABL ANNUAL BOOKSALE BENEFITS BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) will hold their semi-annual bulk book sale next week on Thursday, April 16 through Saturday, April 18. Book sales begin at 10:00 a.m. each day in the Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. The [attached](#) flyer has more information about the times and details for each day of the book sale.

CITY CLERK COMPLETES HER SERVICE TO BELOIT

I just wanted to take a moment in the Beloit Report to recognize Rebecca Houseman LeMire, Beloit City Clerk, who will be leaving her position with the City next Tuesday, April 14, to assume her new duties as the Village Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer for the Village of Darien. In this new position, Rebecca will serve as their Chief Administrative Officer and report directly to the Darien Village Board. City Council publicly thanked Rebecca at the last City Council for her extraordinary service to the City and I wanted to take this opportunity again to publicly thank Rebecca and to extend our very best wishes on her new career endeavor.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR— APRIL 6—10, 2015

Monday, April 13	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conf. Room (M. Spreitzer and C. Haynes)
Monday, April 13	5:00 p.m.	Special Police and Fire Commission , Forum
Tuesday, April 14	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (A. Kelly)
Tuesday, April 14	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, April 15	7:00 a.m.	Municipal Golf Committee , Krueger-Haskell Golf Course
Wednesday, April 15	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board , Beloit Public Library
Wednesday, April 15	5:45 p.m.	Equal Opportunities Commission, Forum (S. De Forest)
Friday, April 17	9:00 a.m.	New Councilor Orientation, 4th Floor, City Hall

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.

April 11	10:00 a.m.	"Rise and Shine!" sponsored by Friends of RiverFront, at Rotary River Center. The 2015 season will be unveiled!
April 16, 17 & 18		FABL Annual Book Sale , Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. April 16—10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., all books 25 cents April 17—10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., all books 25 cents or \$3/bag April 18—10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., all books 25 cents or \$1/bag



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact:

Jodine Saunders

Public Works Sustainability & Safety Coordinator

(608) 364-2929

Yard Waste Collection

March 23, 2015 – Curbside collection of yard waste will take place Monday, April 6, 2015 through Friday, April 17, 2015. Collection will take place on your trash day.

Yard waste must be properly contained in a clean container, paper, or Back to Nature bio-degradable yard waste bag. Containers can be no larger than 39 gallons and weigh no more than 60 pounds. Yard waste cannot be contained in plastic bags. A \$1.50 sticker must be affixed to each bag, container and or bundles.

Stickers may be purchased at any City of Beloit Treasury Department, City of Beloit Department of Public Works Operations Facility, Grinnell Hall, Leisure Services, ACE Hardware stores, all Walgreen's locations and Woodman's.

Composting Option

Leaflan Compost Center
6711 West St. Lawrence Rd.
(608) 364-1909

www.leaflan.com

Call Leaflan for more information on hours and fee's.

For more information, call the City of Beloit Public Works Operations at (608) 364-2929.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

For more information contact:

Brian Ramsey, Director of Parks & Leisure Services
(608) 364-2929.

Annual Prescribed Burns in Beloit Parks

March 30, 2015 – Beloit, WI: The City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division will conduct their annual Prescribed Burn program in designated park sites during the two (2) weeks of April 1 - 15, 2015, depending upon weather conditions.

Historically, natural wildfires played a very important role in shaping the natural prairie grassland that once covered over two million acres of Wisconsin. Today, less than 12,000 scattered acres still exist, and the use of Prescribed Burning Programs helps protect and maintain these natural prairie grassland areas.

The purpose of prescribed burns is multi-faceted and provides the following benefits:

- Reduces the amount of dead and dying plant material that hinders new plant growth in the spring.
- Recycles nutrients from old plant growth for use by growing plants.
- Promotes germination, growth, and flowering of native plants.
- Increases the diversity of native plant life.
- Controls encroachment of woody brush and trees into grasslands, including invasive species such as garlic mustard.

Prescribed Burn areas are generally conducted in the spring after snow melt and/or in the fall after leaf fall has concluded. These designated sites are typically burned on a 2-5 year interval, and in some cases annually to prevent overgrowth of a defined area.

This year, the Parks Division will only conduct prescribed burns in the following designated locations:

- Harper's Prairie (aka West Side Detention Pond), located at 2201 Whipple Street.
- Stateline Restoration Prairie, located at 540 Colby Street.
- Big Hill Park, located at 1101 Big Hill Road.
- Various areas in Riverside Park, located at 1160 Riverside Drive
- Water Tower Park, located at 1002 White Avenue

Consistent with practices as developed and conducted by the Wisconsin DNR and the US Fish and Wildlife Service, each park site is appropriately supervised and monitored by trained staff or volunteers from the City's Parks Division. These prescribed burns will only be conducted under the appropriate weather conditions, as safety is the top concern in implementation of this practiced program. If weather conditions are not

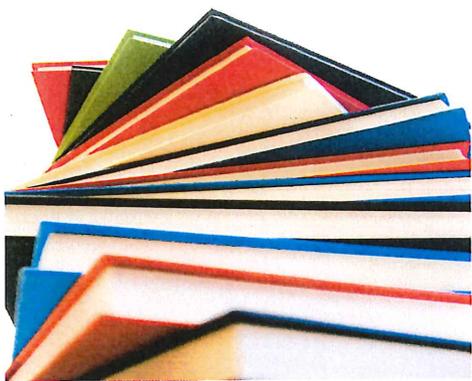
appropriate for these prescribed burns, they will be postponed until a later date when the weather conditions are considered acceptable for this practice.

Additional information regarding these prescribed burns may be obtained by calling the Parks & Leisure Services Administrative Office at (608) 364-2929.

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FABL ANNUAL BOOK SALE



- FABL's annual sale held in the warehouse
- Books for adults and children
- Treasures as well as best sellers
- Fiction, non-fiction, reference

Proceeds donated to the library.



Friends At Beloit Library

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All books 25 ¢

Thurs., April 16

10 am to 8 pm

All books 25¢

Fri., April 17

10 am to 5 pm

All books 25¢ or

Bag Day \$3/bag

Sat., April 18

10 am to 1 pm

All books 25¢ or

Bag Day \$1/bag

**FRIENDS AT
BELOIT
LIBRARY**

605 Eclipse Blvd.
Beloit, WI 53511



**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 13, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting February 9, 2015
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (April and May, 2015)
4. Review of City Council appointments February 16, 2015
5. 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 (Jacobsen) – term to expire December 31, 2016

Board of Appeals

1 resident, 1st Alternate (Wilks) – term to expire May 31, 2017

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 Public Housing Resident (G. Johnson) – term to expire December 31, 2018

Equal Opportunities Commission

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

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

Plan Commission

1 resident (Mathis) – term to expire April 30, 2018

1 resident (Tinder) – term to expire April 30, 2018

1 resident (Ruster) – term to expire April 30, 2018

Police and Fire Commission

1 resident (Jacobsen) – term to expire April 30, 2020

Traffic Review Committee

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

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

6. Member Participation

7. Citizen Participation

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8. Adjournment

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**Police and Fire Commission
Meeting Notice and Agenda
Monday, April 13, 2015 @ 5:00 PM
City Hall / Public Forum
100 State St, Beloit, Wisconsin**

A special meeting of the Police and Fire Commission is scheduled. **If you are unable to attend, please notify Marianne Marshall, HR Director at 364-6612.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. The Commission may adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to §19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats. for the purpose of considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, more specifically, to discuss the potential employment of a patrol officer.
3. Reconvene into Open Session for possible action regarding the matter discussed in closed session.
4. Adjourn

Martin Densch, President
Police and Fire Commission

Dated: April 9, 2015
Marianne Marshall
Human Resources Director
www.beloitwi.gov

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

Beloit City Hall –The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
Tuesday, April 14, 2015 – 4:00 p.m.

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2015.
3. Application for a Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Liquor License for Kyotai Corp., d/b/a Zen Sushi & Grill, 430 East Grand Avenue, Suite 101, Tai K. Park, Agent.
4. New Class “B” Beer and “Class C” Wine License Little Mexico of Beloit, LLC, Adrian Cortes Pichardo, Agent, 2787 Milwaukee Road.
5. Citizen Comments
6. Committee Comments
7. Police Department Comments
8. Attorney Comments
10. Adjournment

April 9, 2015
Rebecca Houseman LeMire
City of Beloit City Clerk www.beloitwi.gov

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Appeals Members

FROM: Drew Pennington, AICP, Director of Planning & Building Services

DATE: April 9, 2015

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **April 14, 2015** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2015.

Please contact me at (608) 364-6711 or penningtond@beloitwi.gov if you have any questions or require more information.

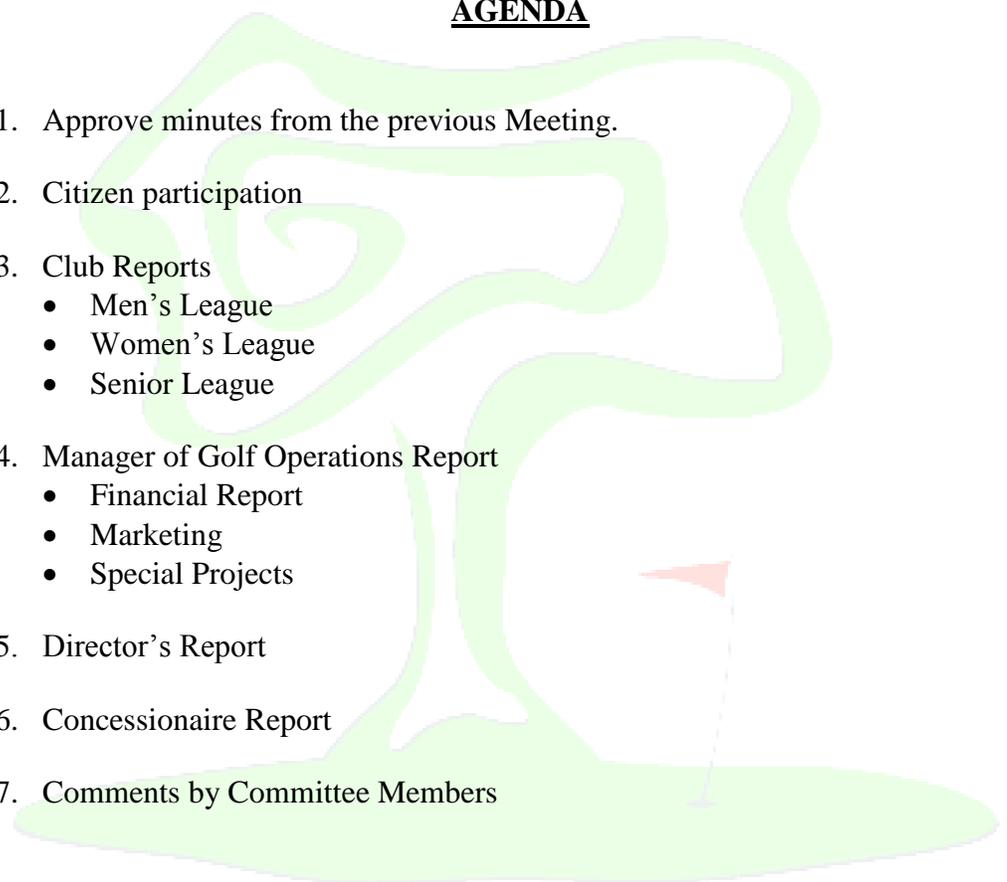
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cc: City Clerk's Office
City Manager's Office
Media

MUNICIPAL GOLF COMMITTEE

Regular Meeting
Wednesday, April 15 , 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, April 15, 2015 @ 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Approval of the March 18, 2015 Minutes
3. Approval of the April 8, 2015 Budget Committee Minutes
4. Public comment
5. Library Director Report
 - a. City Planners Presentation
6. Reports
 - a. Foundation
 - b. FABL
 - c. Arrowhead Library System
 - d. Budget Committee
 - e. Strategic Plan Committee
 - f. Personnel Committee
7. Action Items
 - a. Authorization regarding capital improvements
 - b. Outreach & Communications Coordinator Job Description
 - c. Cellular Phone and Electronic Devices Policy
 - d. Records Retention Policy Addendum
 - e. Read Down Fines for Teens
 - f. Meeting Room Use – PREP Program
 - g. All-Staff Training Day – September 18, 2015
 - h. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
8. Trustee Comments
9. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2015

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