



THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- Met with Public Works Director Gregory Boysen for an update on Public Works activities.
- Along with a team of employees, I continued to review and discuss union contracts in preparation for upcoming negotiations.
- Participated in a phone conference on plans for rebranding.
- Participated in the City Council meeting.
- Met with Department Heads and discussed the 2017 Work Plan with City and Villages Mutual Insurance (CVMIC)
- Met with representatives from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation
- Participated in a meeting with representatives from various departments to talk about updates to the Worker's Compensation Plan
- Met with Public Works staff
- Met with Councilor Sheila De Forest

Activities:

- Attended the Latino Coalition Meeting
- Participated in the Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting

AND THE WINNERS ARE...

The Downtown Beloit Association held their Annual Awards Dinner this past Thursday evening at La Casa Grande. The celebration of their accomplishments in 2016 included awards to the following:

- Best Creative Fund Raising Effort—Betsy Schmiechen for ArtSquares
- Best Façade Rehabilitation Under \$10,000—Beloit Family Eye Care
- Best Façade Rehabilitation Over \$10,000—Midwest Construction
- Best Interior Renovation Project Under \$50,000—CrossFit Beloit
- Best Interior Renovation Project Over \$50,000—Chic & Unique Clothing & Furniture Boutique
- Best New Business—Porch
- Volunteer of the Year—Tim Taylor
- Chairman's Award—Elaine Ribarich

Congratulations to all of the award winners! If you haven't been downtown for awhile, make some time to take a walk, browse the shops, patronize the restaurants and enjoy a break for refreshments at one of the other establishments. Beloit was recently mentioned in a travel blog, with special emphasis on the downtown area, as well as being named one of the "Most Romantic Main Streets 2017" by Main Street America. Read the article here:

<https://tinyurl.com/gmqdm5f>

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Special points of interest:

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HISTORIC DISTRICT IDENTIFICATION SIGN PROJECT COMPLETE

The Beloit Landmarks Commission announced that the historic district identification sign project is complete. In the spring of 2016, the City secured the funding necessary to move forward with this project. Thanks to a grant from Visit Beloit and a generous donation from Fairbanks Morse, the Landmarks Commission began the process of designing, choosing locations for, and purchasing the identification signs for the districts. The Bluff Street Historic District, Merrill Street Historic District, and Near East Side Historic District now have rectangular signs that are spaced intermittently along blocks and street sign toppers on the existing street signs at intersections. The new signage will enable residents and visitors to more easily find and stroll through our beautiful historic neighborhoods.

ACTIVITIES AT BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd., is a constant hub of activity and learning! From book discussions to movies, to arts and crafts—there's something for the whole family. Some special events in February:

- **Saturday, February 18, 1:00—2:00 p.m.**—Bring gently-used toys for some new-to-you toys at the FREE toy swap. Bring a toy, take a toy. All left over toys will be donated to a local charity.
- **Monday, February 20, 10—11:30 a.m.**—Reminisce Beloit! African-American History Month. Share your memories of living in Beloit. Bring stories, photographs and keepsakes of local history to be copied for the Library's Genealogy and Local History Collection. Adult activity.
- **Thursday, February 23, 6:00—7:00 p.m.**—Learn about wildlife from Hoo Haven ambassadors, with visual aids, interactive displays and live animals. This FREE program is a Family Event for all ages.

For more information and a full calendar of upcoming events at the Beloit Public Library, please click here:

<http://beloitlibrary.org/>

The Blender Café project will convert the Children's Program area into a café, complete with coffee and sandwich sales and a seating area. Work is expected to begin on February 16th and be completed by April. The café will be staffed by students in the Beloit Memorial High School's hospitality program.

VALENTINE'S DAY ACTIVITIES AT GRINNELL HALL SENIOR CENTER

On Tuesday, February 14, Grinnell Hall, 631 Bluff Street, will sponsor a bake sale and chili luncheon fund raiser. The bake sale begins at 8:00 a.m., chili sales begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until the chili is gone. At 12:30, a FREE Valentine's Day Dance with the Jack Farina Trio will begin. The dance is open to anyone 50 and over. For more information, call Grinnell Hall at 608-364-2875.

For more information on events at Grinnell Hall, the February issue of "Power of 50 Plus" a publication of the City of Beloit Senior Activity Center, is available here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ht8f6jp>

"AROUND THE CORNER WITH JOHN MCGIVERN"

Join Wisconsin Public Television at a free, community premiere of *Around the Corner with John McGivern* and see Beloit's people and places on the big screen! From the Beloit International Film Festival website: "Emmy award-winning actor John McGivern explores living, working and playing in Wisconsin's unique communities and took time during the summer of 2016 to visit Beloit. While in Beloit, he interviewed fifteen unique individuals who call Beloit their home." The Beloit episode will be aired on television March 2nd, but we have a special opportunity to see it first! Join your friends and community members on **Tuesday, February 28, 2017** at Beloit Memorial High School Auditorium, 1225 4th Street. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., with the program at 6:30 p.m. It's FREE but you do need a ticket! John McGivern will attend and be available to chat after the show. Click [here](#) to reserve your tickets!

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—FEBRUARY 13—17, 2017

Monday, February 13	Cancelled	Appointment Review Committee (D. Luebke and K. Leavy)
Tuesday, February 14	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , City Hall Forum (R. Dunkin)
Tuesday, February 14	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, Feb. 15	4:00 p.m.	Municipal Library Board , Beloit Public Library 605 Eclipse
Wednesday, Feb. 15	5:45 p.m.	Equal Opportunities Commission , City Hall Forum (R. Dunkin)

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

Friday, Feb. 10	7:00 p.m.	Heart-Throb Holiday Skate at Edwards Ice Arena, 2101 Cranston Road. Games, candy and music! Regular Admission prices apply. Bring your sweetheart and receive a free skate rental!
Saturday, Feb. 18	1:00—2:00	Toy Swap at Beloit Public Library, 605 Eclipse Blvd. Swap out gently used toys for some new-to-you toys at the FREE toy swap. Bring a toy, take a toy. Left over toys will be donated to a local charity.



APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
* CITY HALL * 100 STATE STREET * BELOIT, WI 53511
Office: 608/364-6614 * Fax: 608/364-6756

City of Beloit
Appointment Review Committee
Cancellation of Regular Meeting
February 13, 2017

The regularly scheduled Appointment Review Committee meeting to be held Monday, February 13, 2017 in the City Manager's Conference Room, 100 State Street, Beloit, Wisconsin has been **cancelled** due to a lack of applications to consider for committee vacancies.

C: Appointment Review Committee Members
Local Media
Lorena Stottler, City Clerk
Beloit City Council

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Beloit City Hall –The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
February 14, 2017 – 4:00 p.m.

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

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2016
3. Application for a Class “B” Beer and Reserve “Class B” Intoxicating Liquor Licenses for HRNS V Entertainment LLC., d/b/a Adiktion, 1310 Cranston Road, Edgardo Garrido Mateos, Agent
4. Citizen Comments
5. Committee Comments
6. Police Department Comments
7. City Attorney Comments
8. Adjournment

February 8, 2017
Lorena Rae Stottler - City of Beloit, City Clerk
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Appeals Members

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

DATE: January 23, 2017

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **February 14, 2017** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

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



beloit public library

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
Beloit Public Library Board of Trustees
Wednesday, February 15, 2017 @ 4pm
Beloit Public Library Board Room
Beloit, WI 53511

1. Call to order and roll call
2. Consent Agenda: Items will be approved by one motion unless a Trustee requests an item to be removed and considered separately.
 - a. Approval of the January 18, 2017 Library Board meeting minutes.
 - b. Approval of the January 26, 2017 Personnel Committee meeting minutes.
 - c. Approval of the February 1, 2017 Special Library Board meeting 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. 2016 Budget
 - b. 2016 Annual Report
 - c. Café Student Worker Job Description
 - d. Approval to close Library the morning of March 17th for an all-staff training. Library to open 1:00 – 5:30.
 - e. Monthly financial report and approval of library bills.
7. Trustee Comments
8. Motion to adjourn

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2017

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**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 5:45 PM
The Forum, First Floor
Beloit City Hall, 100 State Street**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Introduction of New EOC Members
3. Approval of Minutes of the August 17, 2016 Meeting
4. Public Participation
5. Nomination and election Chairperson
6. Discussion of Fair Housing Month - April
 - a) Review and Approval of Fair Housing Month Proclamation
 - b) Discussion of Possible Fair Housing Activities to Raise Awareness
7. Commissioner Comments and Upcoming Events
8. Next Meeting Date: April 19, 2017
9. Adjournment

Notice Emailed: February 9, 2017

Approved: Teri Downing
EOC Staff Liaison

**Please Call 364-6650 before 3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2017
if you are unable to attend.**

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