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# THE БЕЛОIT REPORT

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## CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

#### Meetings:

- Met with City Councilor Mark Preuschl
- Conducted weekly meeting with Department Directors
- Addressed various items as they arose with internal and external customers

#### Activities:

- Attended the Grand Opening Celebration at Pratt Industries

### WISDOT HOSTS OPEN HOUSE

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation invites the public to an open house on:

**Thursday, March 30, 2017 from  
4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Turtle Town Hall, 6916 S. County J**

There will be no scheduled presentation. This meeting is to keep the public informed on the I-39/90 South Segment improvements taking place in 2017. You are encouraged to attend the meeting and view the exhibits showing the proposed improvements, including this year's construction projects. WisDOT representatives will be available to discuss the project on an individual basis.

To sign up for project email notifications, including weekly construction updates, go to [www.i39-90.wi.gov](http://www.i39-90.wi.gov) and click on the "Sign Up for Updates" tab.

### TEMPORARY BRIDGE CLOSURE

We have been asked to share a closure notice for the Stateline Road bridge over I-39 beginning **April 3, 2017**. The bridge is scheduled for replacement as part of the I-39/90 South Segment construction. Message boards have been put in place to notify drivers of the closure. Construction is scheduled from "Spring to Summer" or until further notice.

### BELOIT RECOGNIZED AS 2016 TREE CITY USA

The Arbor Day Foundation again named the City of Beloit as a Tree City USA in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. Beloit is one of more than 3,400 Tree City USA's, a recognition achieved by meeting the Arbor Day Foundation's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Arbor Day program will take place on April 28th this year. More information will be forthcoming next month.

## 2017 NOTICES OF ASSESSMENT

The City Assessor's office will mail the 2017 Notices of Assessment on Tuesday, April 11, 2017. Property owners with a change in value from 2016 will receive a notice. Some reasons for a change in value could be new construction, building permits, follow-up from 2016 Open Book, owner requested an inspection, or the property was the subject of a 2016 transfer (sale). Please follow instructions on the notice if you have any questions.

## PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF BELOIT WATER UTILITY

Beloit Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to increase water rates. A telephonic public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room at the Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facility, 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit. Scheduling questions regarding this hearing may be directed to the Public Service Commission at 608-266-3766.

For a copy of the complete public notice, including information on ways to submit testimony, please see [attached](#).

## CITY MEETING CALENDAR—MARCH 27—31, 2017

Monday, March 27	1:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Traffic Review</a> , City Manager's Conference Room (M. Preuschl)
Monday, March 27	Cancelled	<a href="#">Police and Fire Commission</a> , Forum
Wednesday, March 29	7:30 p.m.	<a href="#">Equal Opportunities Commission</a> members invited to a panel discussion with the Beloit Police Department, Beloit College Moore Lounge (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](http://www.visitbeloit.com)*

Saturday, March 25	9:00 a.m.	<b>6th Annual Mushing for Meals</b> , 10K, 5K Run/Walk and Kids Fun Run. Please see <a href="#">attached</a> for more information. Benefits Beloit Meals on Wheels.
Sunday, April 2	1:00/2:00	<b>Dancing with the Stars</b> fundraiser for Beloit Janesville Symphony Orchestra. Preshow party at 1:00 p.m. with complimentary hors d'oeuvres and cash bar. Showtime is at 2:00 p.m. Janesville Performing Arts Center, Tickets \$20. Visit <a href="http://janesvillepac.org">janesvillepac.org</a> to purchase tickets online or call 608-758-0297.
Saturday, April 15	1-3:00 p.m.	<b>Easter Eggstravaganza Bunny Hop</b> , Fun Zone at Gantry Park, State and Grand in downtown Beloit. Mascots, face painting, bounce house and more. Small fee for photos with the Easter Bunny, Fun Zone activities \$1/each. Please see <a href="#">attached</a> .
Friday, April 21	4:30 p.m.	<b>Roy Chapman Andrews 2017 Distinguished Explorer Award Event</b> , Eaton Chapel, Beloit College Campus. Public Welcome, FREE event. This year's award recipient will be Wade Davis. A Celebratory Dinner will be held in the Science Center on the Beloit College Campus following the award event. The dinner is a ticketed event, reservations and payments can be made online at <a href="https://roychapmanandrewssociety.org">https://roychapmanandrewssociety.org</a>

## PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF БЕЛОIT WATER UTILITY

Beloit Water Utility has filed an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) to increase water rates. The increase is necessary due to an estimated \$5 million increase in plant in service, an estimated \$300,000 increase in operation and maintenance expenses, and an estimated \$180,000 increase in depreciation expense since the last water rate case in 2010.

The total increase in water revenues requested is \$326,330 which will result in an estimated overall rate increase of 7% over the water utility's present revenues. If the request is granted, the water bill for general service for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 500 cubic feet (3,750 gallons) of water per month will increase from \$14.40 to \$14.60, or 3%.

When the public fire protection charge is included, the total water bill for an average residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4-inch meter who uses 500 cubic feet (3,750 gallons) of water per month will increase from \$18.58 to \$19.10, or 3% overall.

A telephonic public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Thursday, April 20, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. in the Large Conference Room at the Beloit Utilities and Engineering Facility, 2400 Springbrook Court, Beloit, Wisconsin. Scheduling questions regarding this hearing may be directed to the PSCW at (608) 266-3766.

A person may testify in this proceeding without becoming a party and without attorney representation. A person may submit this testimony in one of the following ways:

- **Web Comment.** Go to the PSCW's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, click on the "Public Comments" button on the side menu bar. On the next page select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 455-WR-103. Web comments shall be received no later than the day before the hearing.
- **Oral Comment.** Spoken testimony at the public hearing session.
- **Written Comment.** Instead of speaking at the hearing, write out a comment and submit it at the public hearing session.
- **Mail Comment.** All comments submitted by U.S. mail shall be received no later than the day before the hearing and shall be addressed to: Docket 455-WR-103 Comments, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854.

The PSCW intends to webcast this hearing live on the PSCW's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov> under the "PSC Live Broadcast" button.

All documents in this docket are filed on the Commission's Electronic Regulatory Filing (ERF) system. To view these documents: (1) go to the Commission's web site at <http://psc.wi.gov>, (2) enter "455-WR-103" in the box labeled "Link Directly to a Case," and (3) select "GO."

If you have any questions, please contact the Beloit Water Utility at (608) 364-5735.



**MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA**  
**Traffic Review Committee**  
**March 27, 2017 1:30 P.M.**  
**City Manager's Conference Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor City Hall**  
**Beloit, WI 53511**

1. Roll Call.
2. Approval of the minutes from the October 3, 2016 Special Traffic Review Committee meeting.
3. Public Participation.
4. Presentation of the 2017 TRC calendar.
5. Request to remove parking across from the property at 1772 Hemlock Avenue.
6. West Grand Avenue and Bluff Street signal study update.
7. Downtown Parking Study update.
8. Committee Member participation.
9. Next meeting –The next meeting is scheduled for **April 24, 2017**.
10. Adjournment

\*\* 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 City Clerk's Office at 364-6680, 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511.

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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Police and Fire Commission Members

**FROM:** Marianne Marshall

**DATE:** **March 23, 2017**

**SUBJECT:** **Cancellation of Police and Fire Commission Meeting**

The regular scheduled March 27, 2017 meeting of the Police and Fire Commission has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting is **April 24, 2017.**

Please call me at 364-6612 or e-mail at [marshallm@beloitwi.gov](mailto:marshallm@beloitwi.gov) with any questions or comments.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
BELOIT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION

The Beloit College is hosting a panel discussion as the final installment of a three-part collaborative series with the Beloit Police Department, **Telling our Stories: an Open Conversation with the Beloit Police Department**, on March 29, 2017, from 7:30-9:00PM, at Moore Lounge, Pearsons 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Beloit College, 700 College Street, Beloit, WI 53511. Members of the Equal Opportunities Commission (EOC) were invited and a quorum of the EOC members may be present. No official business will take place.

Approved:  
Teri Downing  
Director of Community and Housing Services

Dated: March 24, 2017

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# Mushing for Meals



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**10K, 5K Run/Walk  
and Kids Fun Run**

USATF Certified Courses with Chip Timing

**Saturday, March 25th, 2017**

**Event Information**



## Race Start Times:

9:00 am 10K, 5K Run/Walk • 8:30 am Kids Fun Run

## Entry Fees:

**\$5.00 Youth** (ages 17 and under) **\$15.00 Adult** (Prices increase after March 10th)

**Optional:** T-shirt for an additional fee must be pre-registered by March 10th.

## Registration:

Limited to the first 250 participants. Register on-line at: [www.itsyourrace.com](http://www.itsyourrace.com)

## Location:

Horace White Park, 424 College Str., Beloit, WI.

Price includes post race meal at First Baptist Church across Public Str. from the Beloit Meals On Wheels, Inc. office.

## Awards:

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes** will be given in 5 yr age groups for male and female participants.  
**\$100 prize to overall winners** - male & female categories in both the 5K and 10K races.  
**\$150 prize** for the best Mushing Team costume.

## Questions or More Information Contact:

Jeff Johnson  
Race Director

phone: 608-362-3683

email: [jeff@beloitmealsonwheels.org](mailto:jeff@beloitmealsonwheels.org)

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 15 • 1-3 PM**

Fun Zone at Gantry Park

**Mascots • Face Painting • Bounce House  
Balloon Animals • 400 Goodie Bags  
Photos with the Easter Bunny**

Maps of participating locations will be available at the Fun Zone. Small fee for photos at Turtle Creek Bookstore (Barnes & Noble). Fun Zone activities \$1/each.



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