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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS

We extend our congratulations to the candidates who were successfully elected to the City Council in the recent Spring Election. Clinton Anderson, Sherry Blakeley and Nancy Forbeck were selected for their first term on the City Council. The City staff and I look forward to working with our new team.

The newly elected Councilors will officially be sworn in and assume their seats at the Council's Organization Meeting on **Tuesday, April 18, 6:30 p.m.** in the City Hall Forum. The meeting is open to the public and a reception will follow.

CITY MANAGER ACTIVITIES

Meetings:

- I represented the City of Beloit in the Rock County Emergency Operations Center with the Rock County Sheriff's Department, City of Janesville Police Department, State Department of Criminal Investigations, FBI and ATF.
- Met with Mark Rand, Chief Professional Officer and Cori Olson, Resource Development Director of the Stateline Boys and Girls Club about the upcoming "Today's Dreamers, Tomorrow's Leaders" program that I will be attending and providing a welcome address. The event is scheduled for April 13, 2017 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Beloit Club. Featured Speaker will be Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Stephanie Klett. For more information, please contact the Beloit Boys and Girls Club at 608-365-8874. The program will pair young women in grades 4 through 10 with local successful businesswomen.
- Continued a weekly Department Head and one-on-one meetings with staff.
- Worked cooperatively with cities across the State of Wisconsin on State Legislation and other issues impacting municipalities.
- Participated in the monthly Rock County breakfast meetings with Beloit, Janesville and Rock County officials.
- Participated in the 4th Street—Beloit Memorial High School Masterplan Committee.
- Attended the City Center Committee meeting.

Activities:

- Took part in the United Way Blackhawk Region Community Impact Council designed to help evolve the United Way into a more outcome/impact focused organization.

CITY LOGO/BRANDING PROJECT—SURVEY

The City has been working on a new city branding/logo project and has narrowed down the selection to two images. We invite the public to provide feedback either at the Beloit Public Library (after Monday, April 10th) or via a web based survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/beloitlogoproject>

A formal presentation is anticipated to be made on Monday, April 17th at the City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. with potential adoption by both the sitting and new Councils at the Annual Organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. The Organizational meeting consists of the last meeting of the sitting Council and the first meeting of the newly elected Council. Thank you in advance for your input into the logo selection process.

2017 CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF YARD WASTE

Yard waste will be collected for two weeks in Spring, April 3 - 13 on your regular trash day. A yard waste sticker will be required on all bags, bundles and/or containers. Yard Waste Stickers can be purchased at Walgreens, ACE Hardware, Public Works Operations Facility, City Hall Treasury, Grinnell Hall, and Leisure Services Office.

- Stickers are sold 5 to a sheet for \$7.50.
- Use only paper yard waste bags, Back-to-Nature Biodegradable bags or clean trash containers 39 gallons or less (no plastic bags).
- Yard waste containers must weigh no more than 60 pounds.
- All brush and shrubbery must be bundled, tied or contained and tagged.
- Place yard waste curbside on your regular trash day during the collection dates.
- Place yard waste a few feet away from your regular trash.
- For more information, please visit <http://www.automatebeloit.com/yard-waste/>

ANNUAL PRESCRIBED BURNS IN BELOIT PARKS

The City of Beloit Parks and Leisure Services Division will begin their annual Prescribed Burn Program in designated park sites on **April 1**, depending on the weather. The program will last for three weeks, until April 22, 2017. Please see the [attached](#) press release for more information and the designated locations of prescribed burns. Each prescribed burn will be conducted under appropriate weather conditions and are supervised and monitored by trained staff or volunteers from the City's Parks Division.

U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MARK POCAN ANNOUNCES TOWN HALL MEETING

U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan will hold a Rock County town hall meeting on **Monday, April 10, 2017 from 5:30—6:30 p.m.** to discuss his work in Congress, issues important to Rock County residents, and take questions from those attending. The meeting will take place at Blackhawk Technical College, Room 1400 B, 6004 S. County Road G, Janesville. Please see the [attached](#) press release from Representative Pocan's office for more information.

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.

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA BUNNY HOP

The Downtown Beloit Association along with several sponsors announce the "Easter Eggstravaganza" on Saturday, **April 15, 2017 from 1:00—3:00 p.m.** in the "fun zone" at Gantry Park on State and Grand Avenue in downtown Beloit. The event will offer activities for the kiddos, with goodie bags, face painting and more. Photos with the Easter Bunny will be offered for a small fee at Turtle Creek Bookstore. Fun Zone activities \$1/each. Please see [attached](#) poster for information on this spring event!

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](#).

ROY CHAPMAN ANDREWS DISTINGUISHED EXPLORER AWARD EVENT

Each year, the Roy Chapman Andrews Society recognizes an explorer for outstanding achievements. This year, the board is pleased to announce Wade Davis as the 2017 Distinguished Explorer Award Recipient on **Friday, April 21, 2017** at Eaton Chapel, Beloit College Campus. At 4:30 p.m., Mr. Davis will give an acceptance lecture titled "The Wayfinders: Why Ancient Wisdom Matters in the Modern World." The public is welcome to the FREE lecture.

A celebratory dinner will take place following the lecture. Reservations and payment for dinner are due by April 10th. More information, along with an online reservation form for dinner and payment options, is available with this link: <https://roychapmanandrewssociety.org/>

SPRING HOLIDAY

City offices will be **closed on Friday, April 14, 2017** for the Spring Holiday. The next "Beloit Report" will be published on Thursday, April 13th.

The Recycling Drop Off Center will be **closed on Saturday, April 15, 2017**.

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—APRIL 10—14, 2017

Monday, April 10	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conference Room (D. Luebke and K. Leavy)
Tuesday, April 11	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (R. Dunkin)
Tuesday, April 11	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, April 12	6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation and Conservation Advisory Commission , DPW Operations Center, 2351 Springbrook Court

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

Saturday, April 15	1-3:00 p.m.	Easter Eggstravaganza Bunny Hop , 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 attached .
Friday, April 21	4:30 p.m.	Roy Chapman Andrews 2017 Distinguished Explorer Award Event , 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 https://roychapmanandrewssociety.org
Saturday, April 29	11:00-2:00 p.m.	Día Del Niño Celebration and Cinco de Mayo , St. Jude Catholic Church, 717 Hackett Street. Admission is FREE, \$5 per person for food includes tostadas, beans, rice and drink. Music, games, face



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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 *April 1 – 22, 2017*

March 30, 2017 – The City of Beloit Parks & Leisure Services Division will conduct their annual Prescribed Burn program in designated park sites during a three (3) week period of April 1-22, 2017, 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 at the Krueger Haskell Golf Course, located at 1611 Hackett Street
- Various areas in Riverside Park, located at 1160 Riverside Drive
- NE corner of Riverside Drive & Eclipse Drive near the Beloit Library
- 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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News from
Congressman Mark Pocan

REPRESENTING WISCONSIN'S SECOND CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES

Mar. 29, 2017

Contact: [Melanie Conklin](mailto:Melanie.Conklin@house.gov) 608-258-9800

Join Rep. Pocan April 10 for a Rock Co. Town Hall

Madison – U.S. Rep. Mark Pocan (WI-02) will hold a Rock County town hall on **Monday, April 10 from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.**, to discuss his work in Congress, issues important to Rock County residents, and field questions from attendees.

“I am pleased to invite my constituents to attend this Rock County Town Hall to share their ideas and concerns,” Rep. Pocan said. “Current political changes have led to a major increase in calls to our office from communities all over our district and I look forward to discussing these issues in a town hall setting.”

This will be his fourth town hall since the new Congressional session began in January, and his second in Rock County. In recent months, Rep. Pocan also began conducting monthly digital town hall meetings on Facebook Live, where constituents type questions into the comment section and he responds. Those sessions are posted after completion on the office Facebook page at www.facebook.com/repmarkpocan under videos.

Monday, April 10 will be an opportunity for community members to have their voices heard. This event is free and open to the public, no RSVP is required.

Location:

[Blackhawk Technical College](#)

[Room 1400B](#)

[6004 S County Road G, Janesville, WI 53546](#)

When:

Monday, April 10

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm CT

Any media planning on attending please RSVP to above email or phone number, so we can provide you with any materials we have available.

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PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS OF BELOIT 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.



**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, April 10, 2017 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting March 13, 2017
3. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (April and May, 2017)
4. Review of City Council appointments March 20, 2017 and April 3, 2017
5. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Board of Appeals

- 1 resident (R. Fiore) – regular term to expire May 31, 2017
- 1 resident (J. Peterson) – 1st Alternate term to expire May 31, 2017
- 1 resident (D. Gronau) – 2nd Alternate term to expire May 31, 2018

Plan Commission

- 1 resident (J. Faragher) – term to expire April 30, 2020
- 1 resident (E. Johnson) – term to expire April 30, 2020

Police and Fire Commission

- 1 resident (D. Murphy) – term to expire April 30, 2022

6. Member Participation
7. Citizen Participation
8. Adjournment

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Beloit City Hall –The Forum
100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
April 11, 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 March 14, 2017
3. Consideration of a Change of Agent on the Class “A” Beer License for Speedway #4293, 2781 Milwaukee Road to Michele Dobson-Miranda for the license period ending June 30, 2017.
4. Consideration of a Class “B” Beer License for Los Corrales Restaurant, LLC, 946 Wisconsin Avenue, Karla P. Robledo Mendoza, Agent for license period ending June 30, 2017.
5. Consideration of an Application for Operator’s License for Whitney Walraven. (Beloit Police Department recommendation for denial)
6. Citizen Comments
7. Committee Comments
8. Police Department Comments
9. City Attorney Comments
10. Adjournment

April 5, 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: April 4, 2017

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **April 11, 2017** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 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

PUBLIC MEETING

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

6:30PM

**DPW OPERATIONS CENTER
2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI**

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: March 8, 2017
- 3.) Citizens Participation

- 4.) Old Business – None

- 5.) New Business
 - a.) Review and consideration to permit the Rock County YWCA to display Blue Pinwheels in Riverside Park in recognition of April as Child Abuse Prevention Month.
 - b.) Discussion and consideration of potential priority project list as related to the development of the 2018 CIP Plan.
 - c.) 2017-2022 POROS Plan – Visioning Session (Tod Stanton, Design Perspectives)

- 6.) Director's Report - None
- 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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easter

eggstravaganza bunny hop!

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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