



The Beloit Report

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CURRENT EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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CITY MANAGER’S MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

- Attended the monthly breakfast with Rock County officials
- Met with Department Heads as a group.
- Held one-on-one meetings with direct reports
- Participated in the City Center Committee meeting
- Participated in interviews for the Assistant Fire Chief
- Participated in the swearing in and badge pinning ceremony for Police Department personnel
- Participated in planning for the upcoming Public Works Director interview process

NOTICE OF BALLOT PLACEMENT DRAWING FOR SPRING CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Four City Council seats are up for election and six candidates have been certified to appear on the April 3, 2018 ballot. Wisconsin state law requires a drawing of lots to determine the order of candidates’ names on a ballot. Candidate names will be printed on uniform slips and placed in a box for drawing. The first name drawn will appear first on the ballot. The second name drawn will appear second on the ballot, and so forth until all six names are drawn. The drawing, which is open to the public, will take place on **Tuesday, January 9, 2018** at 10:00 a.m. in the City Clerk-Treasurer’s office on the 2nd floor of City Hall.

Candidates who have been certified to appear on the ballot are (listed in alphabetical order): Regina Dunkin, Beth Jacobsen, Kevin D. Leavy, Paul Martin, Mark Preuschl, and Rose Richard.

ROCK STEADY BOXING PROGRAM

We are challenging Parkinson’s Disease in Rock County this year, thanks to a new program called “Rock Steady Boxing.” Join us at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018** at the Rotary River Center, 1160 Riverside Drive in Beloit. Hear from local resident Tim Scholten as he talks about his battle with Parkinson’s and from Rock Steady Coach, Doug Anderson. Sponsored by Beloit Leisure Services and Grinnell Hall, the Rock Steady classes will begin in February. Rock Steady Boxing is a non-profit organization designed to help people with Parkinson’s Disease improve their quality of life. Please pre-register for this FREE program by calling Grinnell Hall at 608-364-2875.

CITY OF БЕЛОIT’S RESPONSE TO SNOW AND ICE EVENTS

We’re stating the obvious...it’s been frigid and a little bit snowy out there! If you’re curious about how the City of Beloit respond to winter storms, we have [attached](#) some information, as well as posting it on the City’s Facebook page. To follow us on Facebook, please click here: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofBeloit>

BELOIT WINTERFEST

Be sure to mark the calendar for Winterfest, scheduled for **Friday, January 19, through Sunday, January 21, 2018**. Family friendly activities have been scheduled at various locations. Some require pre-registration, some have free admission - please read through the [attached](#) brochure and get ready to have some fun!

BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY JOINING SHARE

Beloit Public Library, along with other libraries in the Arrowhead Library System, are preparing to join SHARE - - a new library catalog and account portal. SHARE will replace the current catalog, RockCat, and is expected to take place mid-January. Patrons will benefit from many new features with SHARE including: access to a larger collection of materials (2.15 million items); access to 28 public libraries serving Rock, Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth counties; search results that will integrate digital items for use on phones, tablets, computers, and e-readers using the Libby (OverDrive) and Hoopla apps; Favorite Author Club; and BookMyne library catalog and account app.

Patrons will be able to access the new catalog and its features using their existing cards. Avid users of Beloit Public Library are asked to prepare for SHARE in two ways: 1) Make sure their contact information is up to date and 2) Print or save any histories, lists, or searches they want to keep, as the information will not transfer to the new system.

For more information about SHARE, visit <http://als.lib.wi.us/share.html>

BELOIT POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES PROMOTIONS AND HIRING

At a ceremony on Thursday, January 4, 2018, the Police Department welcomed two new Patrol Officers and a returning officer, and promoted a Patrol Officer to the rank of Sergeant.

- **Cole Gille** joined the department after graduating from Blackhawk Technical College Police Academy. He attended UW-Oshkosh where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice.
- **Elijah Trulley** grew up in Beloit and joined the department as a graduate from UW-Platteville with a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice. He will attend the Blackhawk Technical College Police Academy starting on January 8, 2018.
- **Matthew Lee** returned to the Beloit Police Department as a patrol officer. He is a Beloit native and police academy graduate, having attended Blackhawk Technical College both for the academy and associate criminal justice program.
- Patrol Officer **Jamie Linder** attained the rank of Sergeant. She is a seven year veteran of the Beloit Police Department.

We look forward to seeing these officers grow in their careers with the City of Beloit Police Department while protecting and serving our community.

COMMUNITY CONCIERGE PROGRAM AVAILABLE

Are you recruiting employees from out of the area? Do you have a new employee looking to get plugged into the community? The Greater Beloit Chamber of Commerce has a Community Concierge program designed to provide an interactive exploration of Beloit with tours through unique neighborhoods, school previews and more. Please see the [attached](#) brochure for more information.

SURVEY

The City of Beloit's Sustainability Committee invites you to participate in a short survey regarding electric vehicles. Please feel free to share the following survey link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EVSURVEY17>

CITY MEETING CALENDAR—JANUARY 8 - 12, 2018

Monday, January 8	4:30 p.m.	Appointment Review Committee , City Manager's Conf. Room (K. Leavy and R. Dunkin)
Tuesday, January 9	4:00 p.m.	Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee , Forum (C. Anderson)
Tuesday, January 9	Cancelled	Board of Appeals
Wednesday, Jan. 10	4:00 p.m.	Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee , Rotary River Center (All City Councilors Invited, All Plan Commission Members Invited)
Wednesday, Jan. 10	6:30 p.m.	Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Advisory Commission , Operations and Parks Facility, 2351 Springbrook Court (M. Preuschl)

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, January 13 10:00 - 2:00 p.m. **Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) book sale.** Buy one big brown bag full of books for \$1, get a second bag of books FREE! FABL is cleaning out the warehouse and getting ready for 2018 book inventory, so the 2017 warehouse books have got to go. Proceeds from FABL sales are returned to the library for programs and services.
- January 19 - 21 **Beloit Winterfest** - various locations, please see [attached](#) for more information.

CITY MANAGER

We've had some questions about how the City of Beloit responds to winter storms. The goal of the City of Beloit snow and ice control operation is to provide for the clearing and removal of ice and snow from city streets to assure safe travel throughout the city in a cost effective and environmentally friendly manner.

Depending on the severity of the storm, we may dispatch as few as one person and one plow truck to more than five dozen personnel to combat a snow or ice event. The City uses the National Incident Management System to determine the response. It snowed 1 inch on Friday, Dec. 29, and .7 inches on Saturday, Dec. 30*, prompting a response for ice/frost control on primary routes only.

City of Beloit Response Levels

- Less than 2 inches of snowfall
 - Ice/frost control on primary routes only
 - No notification goes out
- 2-12 inches of snowfall
 - Full residential plow
 - Notification of a “snow emergency” alerts residents to move their cars from the streets so plows can clear the streets. All vehicles are required to move from the streets during snow emergencies
- Greater than 12 inches of snow
 - Continuous plowing operations and/or chemical treatment

We also monitor conditions as to when statewide travel and the interstate is closed, as well as when Illinois travel and interstates are closed.

Emergency Notifications

All vehicles must be removed from city streets while the snow emergency is in effect. The declared snow emergency is communicated to:

1. Beloit Daily News
2. Shopping News
3. City Manager's Office
4. Cable Access Television
5. WGEZ, WJVL/WCLO, WBEL/WRWC
6. Web & Facebook
7. All city staff
8. Beloit School District

A map of [designated lots is available here.](#)

Sidewalks

As a reminder, snow and ice needs to be removed from sidewalks within 48 hours following the end of a snow or sleet storm. [See more information online here.](#)

Requesting City Services

If you need to request city service, you can report a service request directly to the [City of Beloit online](#). You can upload a photo or the video of your concern and mark the geographic location on a map.

**Snowfall data from National Weather Service's unofficial snowfall totals.*

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Beloit Winterfest



FRIDAY, JANUARY 19:

- Kick off Winterfest with Bingo! Grinnell Hall (631 Bluff Street) 9:00 am-11:00 am! Fun bingo, prizes, snacks and drinks! FREE!
- The Beloit Public Library (605 Eclipse Blvd.) 2:00 pm-3:00 pm will be offering finger knitting for kids ages 9-13. All materials provided, while supplies last. Registration is not necessary. FREE!
- **New in 2018!** Family Movie Night! Grinnell Hall Auditorium and Great Room (631 Bluff Street), your choice of **two** great family movies will be showing! Pack your lawn chairs and blankets, this family fun night is sure to please! Doors open at 5:30 pm, movies start at 6:00 pm, several local mascots will be visiting before the movie! Limited concessions available for purchase, FREE popcorn and FREE admission! [#BeloitWinterfestFun](#)
- Edwards Ice Arena Open Skate (2101 Cranston Road) with DJ AI from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20:

- The Welty Environmental Center (Big Hill Center) hosts "The World of Birds" Noon-2:00 pm. Hands on activities showing bird habitat and adaptations. Test your skills! Learn to identify birds by their songs and feathers! See what birds are hanging out around Big Hill Park and make a bird feeder! FREE! [#BeloitWinterfestFun](#)
- **New in 2018!** Stateline Family YMCA Gymnastic Center (1239 Huebbe Parkway) Try out "Gymnastics with Your Family" 12:30 pm-2:00 pm. Can you balance on the high beam? Climb the rope? Maybe you just want to jump in the above ground pit! Gymnastics Staff will be ready to help you explore! YMCA Members \$10/Family, Community Members \$20/Family.
- Open Family Swim at the Beloit Memorial High School Natatorium 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, \$3.00/person or \$10.00/Family of 4. Youth must be accompanied by an adult.
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena (2101 Cranston Road) from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- Nature at the Confluence hosts "Winter Walk About" (306 Dickop in South Beloit) 3:30-5:00 pm with outdoor family options! Hike trails where the Turtle Creek meets the Rock River! Family photo challenge, s'mores, FREE! [#BeloitWinterfestFun](#)
- Rocktown Adventures (Nature at the Confluence Campus) offers Snowshoe Hike/Instruction 3:00-4:30 pm or Backpacking the Appalachian Trail/Outdoor Educational Series 1:00-2:00 pm. Fees apply, pre-register Rocktown Adventures 815-636-9066
- 4's Co-Ed Adult Volleyball Tournament at Beloit Memorial High School. Competitive (A/B) \$100.00 team entry (cash payouts). Rec (C/D/E) \$50.00 team entry. Pre-register by January 20th, for more information call Sonya at (608) 364-2890 x3.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21:

- **Family Favorite!** Horse Drawn Sleigh Rides at Big Hill Park, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. FREE! [#BeloitWinterfestFun](#)
- The Welty Center invites all to warm up from the sleigh rides and enjoy hot chocolate! Limited binoculars will be available for self guided hike and scavenger hunt- see how many different birds can spotted in the park! FREE!
- **New in 2018!** Family friendly, Log Rolling Demonstration!! Noon-1:00 pm at the Stateline Family YMCA (501 3rd Street) FREE!
- Open Family Swim at the Stateline Family YMCA (501 3rd Street) 1:00 pm-3:00 pm, \$3.00/person or \$10.00/Family of 4. Youth must be accompanied by an adult.
- Open Skate at Edwards Ice Arena (2101 Cranston Road) from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Bring a non-perishable food item donation and receive a FREE skate rental. Regular admission fees apply.
- Euchre Tournament at Krueger Haskell Club House (1611 Hackett Street) at 12:45 pm. \$5.00 entry fee and quarter bumps. **Please pre-register by calling** (608) 364-2890 no later than Wednesday, January 17th.

DAILY: * The Sledding Hill, Hospital Hill on Olympian Blvd * All City Trails are open for Cross Country Skiing
* Snow Shoes available for rent! Call for more information, (608) 361-1377 [#BeloitWinterfestFun](#)

Share your photos! Use [#BeloitWinterfestFun](#)
Need more info? Contact the **Recreation Office**
608-364-2890 at 2351 Springbrook Court
Office Hours: 7:00 am-4:00 pm Monday-Friday
www.beloitrecreation.com



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**APPOINTMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
NOTICE AND AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, January 8, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.
City Manager's Conference Room
4th Floor, City Hall**

1. Roll Call
2. Minutes – Regular meeting December 11, 2017
3. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - c. Secretary
4. Consideration and review of existing and upcoming vacancies (January and February, 2018)
5. Review of City Council appointments December 18, 2017
6. Review of applicants for the following vacancies with recommendations to City Council:

Alcohol Beverage License Control Committee

1 School Board Rep (D. Baskin) – term is for the 2017-2018 School Year

Business Improvement District

1 Property Owner (B. Schmiechen) – regular term to expire December 31, 2020
1 Owner Occupant (D. Kelley) – regular term to expire December 31, 2020
1 Owner Occupant (G. Bucciferro) – regular term to expire December 31, 2020
1 Non-Owner Occupant (P. Fronk) – regular term to expire December 31, 2020
1 Owner Occupant (M. Moss) – regular term to expire December 31, 2019

Community Development Authority

1 resident (L. Evans) – regular term to expire December 31, 2019

7. Member Participation
8. Citizen Participation
9. Adjournment

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PUBLIC NOTICE & AGENDA
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE CONTROL COMMITTEE
City Hall Forum - 100 State Street, Beloit, WI 53511
4:00 PM
Tuesday, January 09, 2018

1. ROLL CALL
2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 - 2.a. Approval of the minutes of the November 14, 2017 Meeting.
[Attachment](#)
3. PUBLIC COMMENT
4. LICENSES
 - 4.a. Application for a Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License for TRUK'T LLC, % Hendricks Commercial Properties LLC, d/b/a TRUK'T, located at 443 E. Grand Avenue, Jeff Whiteman, Agent
[Attachment](#)
 - 4.b. Status update and consideration of the Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor License for Palermo Enterprise, LLC, located at 658 4th Street, Beloit, WI , Olsie Ekleberry, Agent
[Attachment](#)
5. CHANGE OF AGENT
6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS
7. POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT/COMMENTS
 - 7.a. Calls for Service for the month of December and related Reports
8. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS
9. ADJOURNMENT

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Appeals Members

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

DATE: December 29, 2017

SUBJECT: Cancellation of Board of Appeals Meeting

Since no applications have been submitted, the regularly scheduled **January 9, 2018** meeting of the Board of Appeals has been cancelled. The next Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

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
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA

Wednesday, January 10, 2018

4:00 – 5:30 PM

Rotary River Center
Riverside Park, 1160 Riverside Drive

1. Preparation of Survey Questions – Public Opinion on Opportunities and Challenges Using SurveyMonkey (in English & Spanish)
2. Launch January Public Engagement (e.g. Survey, Facebook, Groups, Interviews)
3. Finalize Community Workshop – Table at Multiple Winterfest Events?
4. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for Future Meetings
5. Public Comments and Open Discussion
6. Adjournment

Note: This meeting is open to the public. The Beloit City Council and Plan Commission have been invited to this meeting. Although a quorum of one or both bodies may be present, no formal action will be taken. Written comments may be mailed to the Planning Division at 100 State Street or emailed to planning@beloitwi.gov.

Notice Date: December 19, 2017

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

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PUBLIC MEETING

PARKS, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2018

6:30PM

OPERATIONS & PARKS FACILITY

2351 SPRINGBROOK COURT, BELOIT, WI

AGENDA

- 1.) Call to Order
- 2.) Review Minutes of: December 13, 2017
- 3.) Citizens Participation
- 4.) Unfinished Business
 - Update School District and City meetings – Mark Edwards
- 5.) New Business
 - Process for neighborhood input on playgrounds
 - Handicap stalls in park – parking lots-Mark Edwards
- 6.) Director's Report
- 7.) Committee Members Comments
- 8.) Adjournment

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

- * *Commissioners unable to attend are encouraged to contact Jodine Saunders @ 608/364-2918 or Mark Edwards @ 608/364- 2919 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 Park/Recreation located at 2351 Springbrook Court, Beloit, WI 53511 or by calling 608/364-2929.*

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Maggie Littlefield

To set up a tour or learn
more, contact Maggie at
320-444-1745.

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Email Maggie to learn more about the Concierge services or to arrange a tour.

maggiel@greaterbeloitichamber.org

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SUPPORT.

Allow our Concierge to support your recruiting efforts and deliver a top notch, personalized community tour showcasing Beloit's finest assets. Let us enrich and contribute to a successful workforce pipeline for your company!

SERVE.

Together we can serve your candidates with an experience unlike any other city has to offer. Our tours are designed to complement your hiring process, and encourage relocation.

SUCCEED.

Our tours have been proven to directly benefit the candidate's hiring decision and guide their entire family in a smooth transition to our community. We want to partner with you! Connect your hiring directors with our Concierge today!