



BELGIUM NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY, 2005

- January 3 – Tree Board Meeting (6 p.m.)
- January 4 – Deadline for Nomination Papers (5 p.m.)
- January 8 & February 5 – Candlelight Ski-Hike – Harrington, Beach State Park (6-9 p.m.)
- January 10 – Regular Village Board Meeting (7 p.m.)
- January 11 – Noon, Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 307 Lakeview Dr.
- January 25 – Regular Plan Commission Meeting (7 p.m.)
- January 31 – **Real Estate Tax Deadline (4:30 p.m. in person payments)**

FEBRUARY

- February 7 – Tree Board Meeting (6 p.m.)
- February 8 – 5:30 p.m. Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- February 14 – Regular Village Board Meeting (7 p.m.)
- February 15 – Primary Election Date (if needed)
- February 22 – Plan Commission Meeting (7p.m.)

MARCH

- March 7 – Tree Board Meeting (6 p.m.)
- March 14 – Regular Village Board Meeting (7 p.m.)
- March 22 – Plan Commission Meeting (7 p.m.)

Consult the Ozaukee County 2004-2005 Visitor Guides for addition events in Ozaukee County

VILLAGE HALL OFFICE HOURS

Village Hall Office hours are **Monday through Friday** between **8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.**

MEETING SCHEDULE

- Belgium Village Board meets on the second Monday of the month. Agenda deadline is the Wednesday prior to the second Monday at 12 noon. **(No Exceptions)**
- Plan Commission /Architectural Control Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Agenda deadline is the third Monday at 12 noon **(No Exceptions)**
- Any special Village Board or Plan Commission Meeting must be noticed 24 hours prior to the meeting. A payment is required for special meetings. **Requests must be in writing. Both** payment and written request must be presented at the time a meeting is requested.
- Tree Board meets on the third Monday of the month.
- **ALL Village Board or Plan Commission Meetings will take place on either Monday or Tuesday.**

All meetings take place at the Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce Street, Belgium, WI. (262) 285-7931

POSTING PLACES

- Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce Street
- Port Washington State Bank, 545 Main Street
- Wisconsin State Bank, 171 Main Street
- Belgium Post Office, 543 Main Street
- Belgium Hardware and Beverage, 756 Main Street

REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEADLINE IS JANUARY 31, 2005 by 4:30 P.M. FOR PAYMENTS IN PERSON; POSTMARK FOR MAILED PAYMENTS. THE VILLAGE OF BELGIUM IS ALLOWED TO COLLECT THROUGH JANUARY 31ST ONLY – NO EXCEPTIONS!

UTILITY/TAX BILL PAYMENT LOCATIONS

- Belgium Village Hall (during office hours)
- Belgium Village Hall Drop Box (after hours)



Christmas Trees will be picked up on **January 5, 12, 19, 26 unless a snow storm falls on that day or the day before.** Please place them at the curb. **Remove all bags, lights and ornaments or the tree will not be picked up.**

Vote **ELECTION NOTES**

Positions up for election in April, 2005:

- **Village President seat for a two (2) year term**
- **Three (3) Village Trustee seats of a two (2) year term**

The Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 5, 2005.** Incumbents are Susan L. Harling, Katherine L. Karshna, and Jeffrey A. Thiel for two (2) year terms as Village Trustees. **Deadline for filing papers is Tuesday, January 4, 2005 by 5 p.m.**

During our Presidential Election, Radio-Television Luxembourg came to Belgium to film the election and terview Luxembourg descendant electors.



MOVING or SELLING YOUR PROPERTY?

Notify the Belgium Utilities with the **date of your move and your new address PRIOR TO YOUR MOVE** so we can read your meter and send a final bill. We need also to be advised of the new tenants and/or owners prior to moves - (262) 285-7931.



DOG LICENSES

Per Wisconsin law, all dogs within the Village of Belgium are required to be licensed. **License deadline per Wisconsin State Statutes is April 1st.** A penalty exists for obtaining a license after April 1st.

BUILDING INSPECTION

All Building Permit questions are to be directed to Frank D. Mayer, Building Inspector. He can be reached at (262) 692-9280 for inspection scheduling and questions.



WINTER PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL

- Winter parking – **NO** parking on Village Streets **November 15th to March 31st** between the hours of **1:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.** Violators will be ticketed.

- Snow removal - it is against the law to blow snow into a public street.

Per Village Ordinance §9-12, snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks **within 24** hours from the time snow ceases to accumulate on the sidewalks. Sidewalks are to be kept clear of snow and ice to a **minimum of 4 feet width.**

The Village crew **will not** shovel out mailboxes..

The Belgium Fire Department asks your cooperation with shoveling out hydrants adjacent to your property. Your assistance may help save your property in case of a fire.



INVITATION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS

All senior citizens are invited to come to the meal site located at the American Legion Hall, 655 Park Street, on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.. A donation is requested for the meal. Come and join the fun including a meal, cards and other activities. For



additional information, call Kathy at the Ozaukee Aging Service (284-8120).

PARK AND SHELTER RESERVATIONS

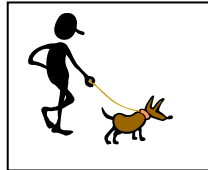
The Village of Belgium Community Park can be rented for events. Contact Daniel Birenbaum at **285-3821** for details.



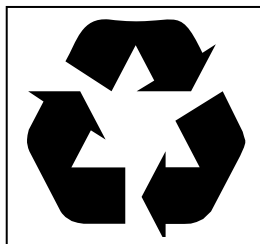
ORDINANCE REMINDERS

- An **11:00 p.m.** curfew exists for minors under the age of 16 years.
- No hunting, discharging of firearms (including BB guns) and explosives are allowed within the Village of Belgium.
- Unlicensed vehicles, appliances and junk are not allowed on Village properties.

➤ Dogs are to be **leashed. Owners are responsible to pick up dog feces on sidewalks and street right-of-ways. This will be strictly enforced.**



- **Burning is prohibited in the Village of Belgium.**



RECYCLING NOTES

- ✓ **Deposit all used drain oil in the receptacle. Do not** place empty milk containers filled with oil around the container.
- ✓ **DO NOT** drop off the following items at the Municipal garage:

- ◆ Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners – any appliance with freon
- ◆ Tires
- ◆ Shingles
- ◆ Tree trunks
- ◆ Household hazardous waste, i.e. paint, gasoline
- ✓ **REMEMBER** to use **clear** bags for garbage and **blue** bags for recycling.

- ✓ **Brush pick-up has been discontinued until spring (April or May).** Brush set at curbs will not be picked up by the Village crew. Brush will again be picked up in spring.

The Recycling Center gate at the Municipal Garage will be open from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Friday between 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

- ✓ **REMINDER – do not put your garbage and recycling curbside until Monday evenings for Tuesday morning pick-up to prevent animals from scattering it. If you'll be out of town prior to Monday, make other garbage arrangements.**



CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Belgium Community Club held a Christmas Parade on November 28th, 2004 and it was a huge success. Winners were: (1st Place) St. Mark Church – Belgium; (2nd Place) BIC's Place; (3rd Place) – Holy Cross 4-H. All entries were wonderful! We want to thank all the members of the Community Club for their hard work in making this event so special. A special Thank You to Santa Claus for his timely appearance. This will be an annual event. Thanks again for a job well done. We also want to thank all of the Village of Belgium residents who again made this Village the "**Village of Lights**". We are truly blessed with the Christmas spirit.

SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE

It is illegal to have your sump pump discharge into village streets. It should not be discharging into any adjacent property per statute. **Please make sure that your sump pump discharge hose is 10 feet away from any house or building and 50 feet away from the road between November 1 – May 1.**

OZAUKEE COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAM

Household Hazardous Waste can be deposited at site in Port Washington. For more information on disposal rates, contact Superior Special Services (800) 482-9919.

Ozaukee County no longer monetarily supports this venture.

ANNUAL ROBERT H. DORR MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIP

Annual \$500.00 Robert H. Dorr Medical Scholarship, sponsored by the American Legion Post 412, Belgium, WI, is again available. For applications and further information, contact Clyde Weiland at 284-2443.

CANDLELIGHT SKI/HIKE



A Candlelight Ski/Hike will take place on Saturday, January 8, and Saturday, February 5, 2005, from 6-9 p.m. at Harrington Beach State Park. A warming fire and refreshments will be provided. **Bring your flashlight.** Visitors can choose between a 0.5 and a 2.5 mile cross country ski or hiking trail. The event is free to the public but a 2005 State Park sticker is required for all vehicles. Call 285-3015 for additional information.

State Park Sticker Fees for 2005:

Resident Annual (\$20), Resident (additional vehicle) Annual (\$10), Resident Daily (\$10), One Hour Sticker (\$3), Resident Senior Annual (\$10) Resident Senior Daily (\$3). For additional rates contact the Harrington beach State Park Office at (262) 285-3015 or stop at 531 Highway D.



OZAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SERVICES

OZAUKEE EXPRESS: The Ozaukee Express is the commuter link between Ozaukee and Milwaukee counties. The buses run numerous times in the morning, afternoon and evening. For additional information or for a bus schedule, call: Ozaukee County Transit Services 284-8108 or 238-8108.

OZAUKEE COUNTY SHARED RIDE TAXI: The Taxi can take anyone anywhere in Ozaukee County. For additional information call 1-800-925-9590.

THANK YOU...

On behalf of the residents of the village, we want to thank those who helped make the village more attractive by caring for flowerbeds this past summer. Our community involvement shows we are truly a Village who cares.

TREE BOARD INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding pruning of trees or proper care of your trees, please contact the Village Hall for information (285-7931) and telephone numbers of members who can help you.

FROM BELGIUM TO BELGIUM (LUXEMBOURG TOO!)

On October 26, 2004, the Michael Ansay's proposed Luxembourg Cultural Center was discussed with representatives of Luxembourg and the USA. Among the honored guests were Francois Biltgen - Minister of Culture and Education, Guy Dockebdorf - Deputy Minister of Culture and Education, Georges Calteux -Former Director of Site and Monuments, Carlo Krieger-Luxembourg Ambassador to Moscow, Patrick Sanavia - Attorney of the Ministry of Culture, Jean Ensch – Director of Population for Luxembourg City, Donald Hansen – Honorary Council General of Luxembourg – Chicago, Peter Schroeder – Chancellor, Chicago, Mary Ann Hughes – Editor Luxembourg News of America, George Meyers – Grand President of Luxembourg Brotherhood of America, Beatrice Krier – President, Luxembourg Society of WI. In addition local elected officials and members of the Port Washington Historical Society were in attendance.

On December 5th, The Peninsula Belgian-American Club held their annual Christmas Dinner during which a film regarding the Underground Railroad in Belgium, Europe, during the World War was viewed. Freedom was fought for by a joint venture. This presentation was attended by Lila Mueller and her husband as well as Father Sam Jadin of Manitowoc.

CARING AND AFFORDABLE HOMECARE SERVICES FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS

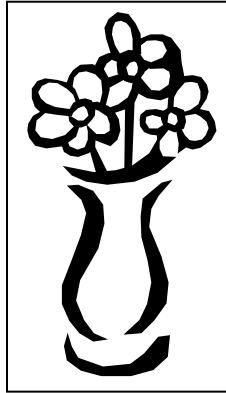
Do you or someone you know need help in the home with a safe shower or with medication management? Call the Public Health Department for affordable home care services. The Ozaukee County Public Health Department is a state licensed homecare agency whose goal is to promote healthy living and assist clients in maintaining optimal independence while remaining safe in their home. We care for those who either have short-term or long-term health care needs. Our agency works closely with other community and county agencies to provide complete in-house services.

The Public Health Department's homecare program provides caring affordable services that assist county residents in their homes. We bill private insurance or individuals on a private pay basis for services that include nursing care, medication set-up, personal care (bath, shower) and meal set-up. If you are Medicaid eligible and need assistance with personal care, we can still bill Medicaid for those services. For those clients who are income eligible, we have a sliding scale fee structure that will reduce our charges for the above services.

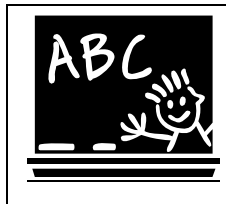
If you, or someone you know needs homecare services, please call (262) 284-8170 or (262) 238-8170 (metro).

BELGIUM BUSINESS NOTES

We welcome the following new businesses to the Village:



Lasting Buds Floral & Gifts, 139 Main Street, Belgium, (202) 285-3764 [phone]; (262) 285-3780 [fax]. Lasting Buds is a floral shop that will be selling all types of flowers and flower arrangements. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 9 a.m.- 6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.- 2 p.m., Closed on Sunday. In home floral design consultants by appointment only.



ST. MARY PARISH SCHOOL

The community is invited to **St Mary Parish School's Open House on Thursday, February 3, 2005 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** We offer religious instruction and living throughout the

entire school day in addition to the traditional curriculum based on state and federal standards. We offer a pre-school program for three-year-olds that is taught by a teacher with a state teaching license and a four-year degree in early childhood. Four and five-year olds have the option to attend half-day or full-day kindergarten. Both kindergarten and grades 1-4 are also taught by state certified teachers. Students in K4 through grade 4 are taught physical education, Spanish, music, art, and computers in addition to the core curriculum. Families with students that are being home-schooled are encouraged to attend the Open House because we offer these special classes to home-schooled students for a nominal fee. St. Mary Parish School is fully accredited through the Archdioceses of Milwaukee and the Wisconsin Religious and Independent Schools Accreditation. For a faith-filled and quality education, join us for the Open House to meet the caring and dedicated staff who has "Faith in Every Student."



ATTENTION ALL MOTOR VEHICLE DRIVERS!!!!



Residents are not obeying speed limit signs and not stopping at stop signs. Keep our Village streets safe – **DRIVE RESPONSIBLY!**

POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR THE VILLAGE OF BELGIUM:

1. VILLAGE PLAN COMMISSION SEAT.

Become involved in your municipality's future as a Plan Commission Member. Meetings are usually once per month. Meeting pay: \$20/meeting. Letters of applications due to the Village Clerk-Treasurer by January 7th, 4:30 p.m.

2. OFFICE/RECEPTION/CLERICAL POSTION

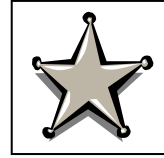
Fast paced municipal office at the Village of Belgium has an opening for an **Office/Reception/Clerical position**. Individual should possess exceptional interpersonal, oral, written, telephone communication and customer service oriented skills as well as organizational skills. Excellent team player required. Must be detail oriented, flexible, multi-tasked and computer literate Microsoft Windows environment. Responsibilities include: telephone and receptionist, data entry, bookkeeping, utilities, filing, and other clerical duties as assigned at the direction of the Village Clerk-Treasurer. **Must have a vehicle with insurance a valid drivers license, and be bondable. Part-time, days up to 1,000 hours per year. No benefits.** Wage dependent upon qualifications and experience. Application forms that are available at the Belgium Village Hall are required. Send resume with completed application form to: Village of Belgium, 195 Commerce Street, Belgium, WI 53004-0224, Fax-414-285-3479, Attn: Lila. EOE. **Deadline for submitting application with resume is January 14, 2005.**

3. TREE BOARD MEMBER.

The Tree Board meets once per month to overview the forestry and beautification of the Village. A letter of application is requested. This is a volunteer position with no wage. Call Joan at (262) 285-7931 for further information.

4. BELGIUM FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS NEEDED

The **Belgium Fire Department** is currently taking applications for membership. Contact Fire Chief Daniel Birenbaum at 285-7931 or (414) 416-7085 for further information. Applications are available at the Village Hall. You can also contact anyone at the Belgium Fire Department at: belgfire@pwsb.com (email) and www.village.belgium.wi.us/fire/ (web page).



VILLAGE MARSHAL

Jayme Arndt is our Village Marshal effective October 1, 2004. You may reach Jayme at **(262) 285-3889** or cell phone **(262) 488-1454** for **issues relating to Village Ordinance violations**. For items other than Village Ordinance violations, please contact the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department (262) 284-7172 or 911 (Emergency).

QUOTE FOR THE DAY

"The manner in which it is given is worth more than the gift." Pierre Corneille

HAPPY NEW YEAR!