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## BELGIUM NEWSLETTER

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JANUARY

- January 3 – Special Tree Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- January 3 – Deadline for Nomination Papers 5 p.m.
- January 4 – Village Board Agenda Deadline Noon
- January 7 & February 4 – Candlelight Ski-Hike – Harrington Beach State Park 6 - 9 p.m.
- January 9 – Regular Village Board Meeting 7p.m.
- January 11 – Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting, 6 p.m. (for membership details see page 2)
- January 16 – Plan Commission Deadline Noon
- January 19 – F. James Sessenbrenner Village Hall 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.
- January 24 – Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting – Village Hall – 6 - 7:30 p.m.
- January 24 – Regular Plan Commission Meeting with SEWRPC Presentation 7p.m. (See page 3)
- January 31 – **Real Estate Tax Deadline (4:30 p.m. in person payments)**

#### FEBRUARY

- February 1 – Noon - Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce Meeting
- February 8 – Village Board Agenda Deadline Noon
- February 13 – Regular Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- February 20 – Plan Commission Deadline Noon
- February 21 – Primary Election Date (if needed)
- February 28 – Plan Commission Meeting 7 p.m.

#### MARCH

- March 1 – Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce 6 p.m.
- March 7 – Tree Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- March 8 – Village Board Agenda Deadline Noon
- March 13 – Regular Village Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- March 20 – Plan Commission Deadline Noon
- March 28 – Plan Commission Meeting 7 p.m.
- March 31 – Last day to receive absentee ballots

Consult the Ozaukee County 2005-2006 Visitor Guides for additional 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.** Although we may be in after hours, we are trying to finish projects and would

appreciate your cooperation by taking care of your business during regular business hours. ~ Thank you. ~

#### 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 1st Monday of every other 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, 2006 by 4:30 P.M. FOR PAYMENTS IN PERSON OR POSTMARKED FOR MAILED PAYMENTS. THE VILLAGE OF BELGIUM IS ALLOWED TO COLLECT THROUGH JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup> ONLY – NO EXCEPTIONS!**

#### UTILITY/TAX BILL PAYMENT LOCATIONS

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

**NEW!! EASY TO USE  
RECYCLING PROGRAM IS NOW IN EFFECT  
SEE PAGE 6 FOR DETAILS**



**Christmas Trees** will be picked up on **January 3, 9, 16, 23, and 30** 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, 2006:

- Three (3) Village Trustee seats of a two (2) year term (formerly held by Clem Gottsacker, Al Krick, and Ron Weyker)
- One (1) Village Trustee seat of a one (1) year term to fill the remainder of Katherine C. Karshna's unexpired term. (formerly held by David Gonwa)

The Primary will be held **February 21, 2006** if needed, and the Spring Election will be held on **Tuesday, April 4, 2006**. **Deadline for filing papers is Tuesday, January 3, 2006 by 5 p.m.**



**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. Failure to let us know will result in a higher bill that will be send to the person moving out. Please call Joan Gottsacker with questions. (262) 285-7931.



**DOG LICENSES**

Per Wisconsin State Statutes, all dogs within the Village of Belgium are required to be licensed. **License deadline April 1<sup>st</sup>. After that date a penalty will be applied.**

**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.

If there is a holiday that falls on or is observed on Monday or Tuesday, **garbage collection** will take place on the Wednesday after. Otherwise we are not affected by holidays.



**WINTER PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL**

- Winter parking – **NO** parking on Village Streets **November 15<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>** 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 §236-14(A), 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.**

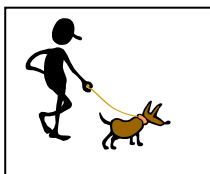


**INVITATION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS**

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 the Ozaukee Aging Service (284-8120).

**ORDINANCE REMINDERS**

- **NEW** – Recyclable items may now all be placed into the same blue bag for pick up. See Page 6 for details of the new easier system.
- 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.
- No trespassing on other's property – this includes snowmobiling across other's yards without permission!



➤ 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** 

- ✓ See page 6 for new easier program
- ✓ 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                      ◆ Household Hazardous Waste
  - ◆ Shingles                    ◆ Tree Trunks
- ✓ **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 until 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.**

**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 a 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.

**FREE ELECTRONICS PICK UP**

**Wisconsin Counties Recycling** is offering free pick up on items such as the following:  
Computers, TV's, VCR's, Scanners, Monitors, Cords, Cables, Speakers, Routers, Keyboards, Mice, Circuit Boards, Printers, Laptops, etc.  
Call 262-522-8112 for more information or visit their website at [www.wcrecycling.org](http://www.wcrecycling.org)

**Village of Belgium Comprehensive Plan  
Public Information Meeting**

A public information meeting regarding the Village of Belgium Comprehensive Plan will be held at the Village Hall on Tuesday, January 24, between 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. There will be a short presentation starting at 6 p.m. providing the background on Wisconsin's comprehensive planning law, often referred to as the "Smart Growth" law, and the multi-jurisdictional planning process in Ozaukee County. Following the presentation, attendees will be able to visit several comprehensive plan element stations. Information describing existing conditions in the Village will be available at each station. Topics will include: land use, transportation, housing, economic development, utilities and community facilities, agricultural, natural, and cultural resources, intergovernmental cooperation, zoning, and perhaps, results from the Village's public opinion survey, if tabulated in time for the meeting.

All Village of Belgium residents, business or property owners are invited to attend. Please contact Andrew Struck at the Ozaukee County Planning, Resources, and Land Management Department at 262-238-8275, or at [astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us](mailto:astruck@co.ozaukee.wi.us) or Ben McKay at the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) at 262-547-6721, extension 229, or at [bmckay@sewrpc.org](mailto:bmckay@sewrpc.org) with any questions you may have regarding the meeting.

**Cedar Grove–Belgium Elementary School  
Developmental Screening**

Screening is now taking place for children born between September 1, 2001 and August 31, 2002. If your child was born between these dates and you have not received a letter from the school district, please call Julie Lesar at the Elementary Office to schedule your child for screening.  
920-668-8515 or 262-285-3031 ext 304

**CANDLELIGHT SKI/HIKE**



A Candlelight Ski/Hike will take place on Saturday, January 7, and Saturday, February 4, 2006, 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 2006 State Park sticker is required for all vehicles. Call 285-3015 for additional information.

**State Park Sticker Fees for 2006:**

The 2006 Wisconsin State Park Stickers and Trail Passes are for sale now at Harrington Beach State Park. Friends Memberships are available, too. If you would like more information on the Friends of Harrington Beach, please visit their website at [www.harringtonbeach.org](http://www.harringtonbeach.org)

Prices are the following:

- Annual Trail Pass \$15.00\*\*
- Resident Annual \$25.00
- Resident Reduced Rate \$12.50\*
- Non-Resident Annual \$35.00
- Non-Resident Reduced Rate \$17.50\*

Resident Senior Annual (65 & over) \$10.00 (cont.)  
 \*Reduced Rate Annual Stickers are available for additional vehicles registered to the same household address.  
 \*\*Trail Passes are required for all people 16 or older that are biking, in-line skating, horseback riding or cross country skiing on certain designated trails. (NOT required at Harrington Beach)

Friends of Harrington Beach Memberships:  
 Supporting Member \$10.00/year (1 Vote)  
 Family Member \$20.00/year (2 Votes)  
 Life Member \$100.00 for Life (1 Vote)  
 Life Family Member \$200.00 for Life (2 Votes)

If you have any questions, please contact Harrington Beach State Park. 262-285-3015

**Bookmobile Schedule Available Online**  
 (Village of Belgium information, Bookmobile schedule and Newsletter) [www.village.belgium.wi.us](http://www.village.belgium.wi.us).

 **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.

**Fire Prevention from the Belgium Fire Department**

**Did you know:**

- In 2003, 80% of fires in the United States occurred in the home, resulting in 3,925 fire deaths. \*
- In the U.S., someone dies from a home fire roughly every 134 minutes. \*

\*According to the National Fire Protection Association

**With these startling statistics in mind, here are some fire safety tips:**



**SMOKE DETECTORS**

- Smoke is responsible for three out of four deaths.
- Install smoke detectors on every level of your home and outside of sleeping areas.
- Test every detector at least once a month.

- Keep smoke detectors dust free. Replace batteries with new ones at least once a year, or sooner if the detector makes a chirping sound.
- If you have a smoke detector directly wired into your electrical system, be sure that the little signal light is blinking periodically. This tells you that the alarm is active.
- Smoke detectors are available for the hearing impaired.

**TREE BOARD INFORMATION & NEWS**

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.

**Tree Board Welcomes – Dianna “Dede” Otto** – Dede was appointed by President Schommer on December 12.

**New Tree Board Member Needed** – If you would like to apply, please write a letter of interest and drop off or mail to the Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce Street, PO BOX 224, Belgium, WI 53004

**BELGIUM BUSINESS NOTES**

We welcome the following new businesses to the Village:

***DreamCutter's Salon***

**107 N Royal Avenue  
262-285-7912**

**Featuring: Perms, Color, Tanning,  
Manicures, Pedicures, Massage  
(Massage Therapy on Tuesdays)**

- ◆ Raquel McCarthy – Owner, Stylist
- ◆ Sue Strehlow – Formerly From Your Special Hair Salon Experience of 18 years
- ◆ Tami Jo Staton - Formerly From Your Special Hair Salon Experience of 20 years.
- ◆ Lori Teunissen – A Graduate of Vici Advanced Institute for Hair Design
- ◆ Jenny Sorens – Massage Therapist



## Premier Tree Care Inc



Tree and landscape services – Snow and Ice Control  
Full Hardscape/Lawn Installation  
Planting/Pruning/Removal of Trees  
Tree Disease Diagnostic Services

**Owner and ISA Certified Arborist: Andrew Olsen**

Call for a free estimate. (262) 285-4543

Premier Tree Care was previously located in Cedarburg and has been in business for five years. They have now been headquartered in the Village of Belgium for a year.

## Wester Premier Promotions

Screen Printing, Embroidery, Mugs Key Chains, Pens, Etc

Wester Premier Promotions can imprint smaller quantities, allowing you to get a variety of promotional items without locking up your promotional funds into just one or two items, which allow you to maintain a variety of products that will keep your name fresh in the mind of potential customers and clients. They are also able to special order items that may not be in their catalog.

Pat & Michele Wester  
262-285-7158

248 Bastogne Court  
Belgium WI 53004

## Belgium Chamber of Commerce Membership

Membership Fees are based on the number of employees.

0 - 9 Employees	\$120.00
10 - 49 Employees	\$160.00
50 - 99 Employees	\$200.00
100+ Employees	\$240.00
Associate Members*	\$50.00

\*Associate Members – Friends of the Chamber, Non-Profit Organizations, Service Clubs, Churches, Education, Individual & Non-business Owners

### Chamber Membership Benefits Include:

Regular e-mail updates including "Focus on Members"  
Business referrals to members only ♦ Legislative oversight and advocacy ♦ Cooperation with Village Board on community problems/projects ♦ Business displays at Chamber Office ♦ Business educational seminars ♦ Annual evening dinner meeting ♦ Chamber website listing with additional marketing opportunities ♦ Introduction to new residents through welcome packets

Please call 285-7887 for additional information.



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

## 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@powercom.net](mailto:belgfire@powercom.net) (email) and  
[www.village.belgium.wi.us/fire/](http://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).

## Online & Electronic Utility Payment Testing Phase

If you would be willing to help the Village staff test the new Online Payment option and/or electronic check conversion process, please contact Jamie Cecil for details at the Village Hall 285-7931 or [icecil@village.belgium.wi.us](mailto:icecil@village.belgium.wi.us)

You must contact the Village Hall prior to making your utility payment. This volunteer opportunity will take about 15 minutes and can be completed from your home or a computer of your choice which has internet access. Your due date is not affected by participating in the testing.

## **On the Lighter Side . . .**

You know you're from Wisconsin if...

- Your best shirt has a big letter G on it.
- FFA was the most popular club in high school.
- You know what's knee-high by the Fourth of July
- You know there is no "r" in Wausau.
- You think fast food is hitting a deer at 65 mph.
- You own at least one cheese head.
- You were delighted to get a miniature snow shovel for your 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.
- You buy Christmas presents at Fleet Farm.