

Village of Belgium

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BELGIUM NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

- October 2 – Tree Board Meeting
- October 6 – Casino Night at Community Center
- October 8-14 - Fire Prevention Week - See Page 5
- October 9 - Village Board Meeting
- October 9 – Curbside Leaf Pick Up Begins
- October 15 – Notices mailed to property owners for delinquent utilities pending tax roll collections
- October 9-31 - Hydrant Flushing – See Page 4
- October 24 – Plan Commission Meeting
- October 28 – Delivering Fire Prevention - See Page 5
- October 29 – 2 a.m. - Daylight Savings Ends – Don't forget to change your smoke detector batteries!
- October 29 – Halloween Party 2:30-4 p.m. at the Belgium Community Center
- October 29 – Trick or Treat 4 – 7pm



NOVEMBER

- November 7 – General Election 7am-8 pm
- November 13 – Village Board Meeting
- November 13 – Curbside branch pick-up ends
- November 15 – Winter parking hours start – See Page 2
- November 17 – Curbside leaf pick-up ends
- November 28 -- Plan Commission Meeting
- November 23-24 – Village Office Closed - Holiday
- November 26 – Christmas Parade, 5 p.m.



DECEMBER

- December 1 – Circulation of Spring Election Nomination Papers Begins
- December 4 – Tree Board Meeting
- December 4 – Noon, agenda deadline (PC)
- December 6 – Noon, agenda deadline (VB)
- December 11 – Village Board Meeting
- December 12 – Plan Commission Meeting (DATE CHANGE - December only)
- December 22-25 – Village Office Closed for holidays
- December 27-29 – Village Office Open for tax collection during posted collection hours.
- December 30 – 8 a.m.-noon open only for tax collection



For additional events and info in Ozaukee County consult:

- ◆ Ozaukee County 2006-2007 Visitor Guide
- ◆ Lake Michigan's Shoreline Sleigh Ride Brochure
- ◆ Ozaukee County Interurban Trail Maps

All are available at the Village Hall.

Telephone (262) 285-7931 • Fax (262) 285-3479
195 Commerce Street • P.O. Box 224
villagehall@villagebelgium.wi.us

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

MEETING SCHEDULES

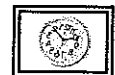
- Belgium Village Board meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. **Deadline - Wednesday prior to second Monday at noon.**
- Plan Commission meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. **Deadline – (For Dec. see 12/4) the Monday a week prior to the fourth Tuesday.**
- Any special Village Board or Plan Commission Meeting requires notification **48 hours prior to the meeting. Both the written request and payment must be presented when a meeting is requested.**
- Tree Board meets on the first Monday of every other month at 6 p.m. or as posted.
- All meetings take place at the Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce Street.
- **Absolutely NO exceptions to the agenda deadline times!!!**



Real Estate and Personal Property Tax payment deadline is January 31, 2006. The Village of Belgium is allowed to collect through that date only. ***NO EXCEPTIONS!***

Please pick up your receipt at the Village Hall if you failed to include a self addressed, stamped envelope or if your taxes were paid from an escrow account.

VILLAGE HALL OFFICE HOURS



The Belgium Village Hall is open Monday through Friday **between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. ONLY.** Although we may be in after hours, we are trying to finish projects and would appreciate your cooperation by conducting business during regular business hours.

~ Thank you. ~

- Wastewater Treatment Plant (262) 285-7944
- Belgium, WI 53004-0224, U S A.
- www.villagebelgium.wi.us

UTILITY/TAX BILL PAYMENT LOCATIONS



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

★ Welcome Rob Benicke as VILLAGE MARSHAL

Rob Benicke, Village Marshal, may be reached at (262) 483-8752 for Village Ordinance violations. Jayme Arndt, Deputy Marshal can be reached at (262) 483-8751. For items other than Village Ordinance violations, please contact the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department at 262-284-7172 or 911 for Emergencies.

UTILITY BILLS INFORMATION

Your third quarter utility bill is enclosed. If your sewer consumption is not the same as your water consumption, it is because this quarter's bill is averaged for residential customers. This does not apply to any property with a deduct meter.



If a utility bill due date falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the following business day (Monday) will be considered a timely payment. A late fee of 1% of the outstanding amount is applied monthly after the 20th of each month.

If you cannot pay your utility bill in full, please contact Joan Gottsacker at the Village Hall to make payment arrangements. 285-7931

If you have any arrears on your utility bill, they must be paid by November 1st or it will be placed on the property owner's tax bill for collection. If payment is not received by November 1st, a 10% per utility penalty will be applied. Landlords are notified when tenants are delinquent on their utility bills. If you have any questions on charges being added to tax bills, please contact Lila Mueller at 285-7931.

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. Permit forms for construction (including decks, sheds, etc), electric, plumbing and HVAC can be picked up at Village Hall.



Moving?

Notify the Belgium Utilities at 285-7931 when you know the date of your move and your new address. **For home sales, final water bills are prorated at closings only. The Village of Belgium does not prepare interim bills for sales. We need also to be advised of the new tenants and/or owners prior to moves or prior owner will be billed.**

WATER & SEWER RATES:

(In effect for usage after 3/28/06)

<u>Water:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/8" Meter Rate	16.88
3/4" Meter Rate	16.88
1" Meter Rate	47.28
1-1/2" Meter Rate	104.67
2" Meter Rate	151.95
3" Meter Rate	280.24
4" Meter Rate	384.92
6" Meter Rate	486.22
8" Meter Rate	641.54

The above is the base meter rate. Most residential housing has a 5/8" meter. In addition to the Meter Rate the following Volume Charges are added to the Meter Rate.

First	30,000 gallons-\$2.31/1,000 gallons
Next	370,000 gallons-\$2.16/1,000 gallons
Next	2,600,000 gallons-\$1.97/1,000 gallons
Over	3,000,000 gallons-\$1.30/1,000 gallons

Sewer:

5/8" Meter Rate	\$ 95.00
3/4" Meter Rate	133.00
1" Meter	209.00
1-1/2" Meter Rate	475.00
2" Meter Rate	760.00
3" Meter Rate	903.50

Volume Charge: \$3.10 /1,000 gallons

TREE BRANCH AND LEAF COLLECTION

Branches should be placed at the curb with butt end towards the street. Branches will be picked up Monday only. No branches will be picked up after November 13th.

Leaves are to be placed at the curb for Monday and Friday pickups starting Monday, October 9th through November 17th. Please do not put leaves in the curb until after the weekend. Do not put leaves on catch basin grates.

Do not put grass clippings with your leaves. We will not pick up grass clippings mixed with leaves.

WINTER PARKING/SNOW REMOVAL



➤ Winter parking – no parking on Village Streets between November 15th to March 31st between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 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, 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 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



WATER METER REGISTER ACCESS:
Access must be available to your meter pad for reading meters. Residents **should not** place anything (i.e. trellis, dog house, large bushes) in front of the outside register for reading meters. Gates and fences **must** be unlocked for access to meters or call for a meter pad relocation.



INVITATION TO ALL SENIOR CITIZENS
The first meal is free!

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, dominoes and other activities. For additional information, call the Ozaukee Aging Service (284-8120).

ADOPT A FLOWER BED

Thank you to everyone who cared for the flower beds throughout the Village this summer. You did a great job in assisting to beautify the Village of Belgium!



NEW RESIDENT PACKETS

The Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce will deliver "Welcome to Belgium" packets to new residents. If you did not receive your packet, please contact Clem Gottsacker at 285-7690 or the Belgium Village Hall 285-7931.

ORDINANCE REMINDERS

- **An 11:00 p.m. curfew exists for minors under the age of 16 years.. PARENTS WILL BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR VANDALISM THAT THEIR CHILDREN DO TO VILLAGE PROPERTY.**
- **No hunting, discharging of firearms** (including BB guns) or explosives is allowed within the Village of Belgium.
- Weeds, as well as grasses over one foot high, must be cut. It is the property owner's responsibility to cut weeds and tall grasses.
- Unlicensed vehicles, appliances and junk are not allowed on Village properties and may not be placed at the curb for pick up.
- Dogs are to be leashed. Owners are responsible to pick up dog feces on anywhere it is left including sidewalks, street right-of-ways, and Ozaukee County Interurban Trail.
- **Effective July 10, 2006 dogs are not allowed in Village parks or on utility sites.**



RECYCLING NOTES



- ✓ Yard waste (grass clippings, garden debris) – dispose of in proper container behind the Municipal Garage on Park Street. **All yard waste must be dumped out of plastic bags and containers and placed into the yard waste dumpster. Dispose of plastic bags in the garbage. Deposit all used drain oil in the receptacle. Do not** place milk containers filled with oil around the container. You can also dispose of waste oil at the Ozaukee County Highway Department on 410 S. Spring Street, Port Washington.
- ✓ **DO NOT** leave the following items at the Municipal Garage:
 - ◆ Tires
 - ◆ Shingles
 - ◆ Tree trunks
 - ◆ Household hazardous waste, i.e. paint, gasoline
 - ◆ Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers – any appliance with Freon
- ✓ **NO** grass clippings are to be placed in or over catch basins or on the curb. Grass clippings and yard waste **will not** be picked up.
- ✓ **REMEMBER** to use **clear** bags for garbage and **blue** bags for recycling. Other colored bags may not be picked up by the garbage service. **DO NOT USE BLACK BAGS PLEASE!**
- ✓ Ash must be set out in its own container and cannot be warm to the touch

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

Burning is prohibited in the Village. For questions contact Fire Chief Daniel Birenbaum at 285-7931.

Household Hazardous Waste can be discarded at the Veolia Special Services site in Port Washington at 1275 Mineral Springs Drive. Veolia Special Services will collect from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. for a fee. Please call to verify your item is accepted and for disposal rates. 1-800-556-5267

HELP NEEDED! Please deposit your garbage and recycling curbside and do not bring it to the dumpster at the Recycling Center on Park Street. Your tax dollars are used for extra dumpster pickups which average an additional \$350.00 each time we dump. Currently this dumpster is being emptied several times a week! Let's help keep taxes down – **PUT YOUR GARBAGE AND RECYCLING CURBSIDE. REMINDER – RECYCLING IS A STATE MANDATE. DISPOSE OF LITER PROPERLY. KEEP OUR TAXES DOWN!**

When riding on the sidewalk, you **MUST** yield the right of way to pedestrians and **MUST** give an appropriate audible signal before passing.

DOG LICENSES



Per Wisconsin law, all dogs within the Village of Belgium are required to be licensed. Licenses for the Year 2007 will be available in early December. A penalty exists for obtaining a license after April 1st. It's easy to remember if you apply for the dog license when you pay your property taxes. Don't forget the rabies certificate!

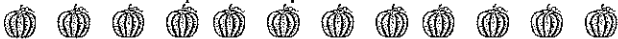
Those in violation will be cited!



TRICK OR TREAT/HALLOWEEN

A party sponsored by Belgium Community Club for Village children ages 12 and under will take place at the **Belgium Community Center**, between **2:30-4:00 p.m.** on **October 29th** for children ages 12 and under. Costume judging, various activities as well as a magician at 3:15 p.m. will take place with treats distributed.

Trick or Treat will take place on **Sunday, October 29, 2006**, between the hours of **4 – 7 p.m.** The Belgium Fire Department will patrol Village streets during Trick or Treat hours to assist with possible problems.



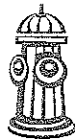
HARRINGTON BEACH STATE PARK

October 28 – Halloween Candlelight Hike from 6 pm. to 9 p.m. Appropriate for all age groups. A park sticker is required and can be purchased by Wisconsin residents for \$7/day or \$25/year and for seniors the cost is \$3/day and \$10/year. Call 285-3015 for more information.

HYDRANT FLUSHING



Hydrant flushing will take place between October 9th and October 31st. If your water turns brown from this process, please run your tap and the discoloration will disappear. The water is safe to use. We urge you to wash clothes at night during this period, if at all possible. Hydrant flushing will take place from the east side of the Village to the west side.



REMINDERS

- Please discard your litter in a waste receptacle.
- Dogs and cats are not to be running at large. Please keep your animals on your property.
- Bicycles must be in the bike racks in Village Parks.



Condominiums, either newly built or existing buildings being converted must have Overlay District Zoning approved prior to creation or sale effective January 13, 2004. Condominiums that were created prior to January, 13, 2004, do not require the overlay zoning. Check with Village Hall regarding garage requirements. Contact the Clerk-Treasurer for additional information at 285-7931.

Any "play vehicle" such as **scooters, skate boards, roller blades, roller skates, roller skis or in-line skates** is **NOT** allowed on any public street, in the shelter or gazebo at Community Park or any public area where such activity is prohibited by posted notice or signs.

BUSINESSES NOTES

Mercy Seat Church
652 Main Street – 920-246-9908

Pastor Greg Nuernberg invites you to participate in the Sunday morning activities at Mercy Seat Church. Christian Education starts at 9:30 a.m. and is followed by a 10:30 a.m. service. They also offer a Wednesday night Adult Bible Study at 7 p.m. Starting in October, a youth worship service will be held on Thursday's at 7 p.m.

Mercy Seat is a nondenominational church and was founded in February, 2006. They relocated to Belgium from Saukville on July 1, 2006. Pastor Greg welcomes everyone to visit!

Belgium Community Center
548 Park Street - 285-3011



The Belgium Community Center now offers Cosmic Bowling on Friday and Saturday evenings or for birthday parties. Many improvements were made to the Center over the summer. The interior had a major overhaul including adding a cosmic bowling light show and a pool/dart room. Check out their website: www.thebelgiumcommunitycenter.com

Casino Night October 6th Belgium Community Center
Doors open at 7 p.m. Call Maxine Bowles at 285-3344 or Lina Vorpahl at 285-3491 for more information
Sponsored by the Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce.



Utility Billing Online Payment Option DISCONTINUED

Due to excessive cost, the Online Payment Program which was tested earlier this year, has been discontinued. Payments can either be mailed to the Village Hall at PO BOX 224, Belgium WI 53004, or placed in the drop box outside of the Village Hall entrance at 195 Commerce Street

BASKETBALL HOOPS

Portable basketball hoops are not allowed into the street right away or over the parking lanes. Please position them in your driveway away from the street.



BELGIUM'S CHRISTMAS PARADE



The Belgium Community Club and the Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce are sponsoring the Village of Belgium's fifth Annual Christmas Parade. It will start at 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 26th and is entitled "Winter Wonderland". Following the parade there will be a bon fire, visit with Santa, and non-alcoholic refreshments available at Community Park. For float entry information, contact Sally Bley at 920-564-3383.

NEED A RIDE?



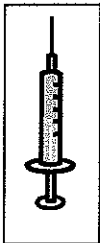
Ozaukee County Transit is the commuter link for all of Ozaukee County. Phone: 284-8294 They are available seven days a week.

OZAUKEE COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC



St Mary's Hospital – Ozaukee, 13111 N. Port Washington Road, Mequon, WI, offers an "Adult Free Clinic" at the Seton Professional Building in the Testing and Treatment Department on Wednesday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m. This service is for the non-insured or underinsured person. To make an appointment, please call (414) 326-1800 between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. An appointment is required

FLU SHOTS



Flu, Pneumonia, and Tetanus shots will be available for people of high risk. The schedule had not been determined by the Ozaukee County Health Department at the time of printing. Please call the Health Department at 262-284-8170 for information. After October 1st, call the Flu Hotline 262-268-7735.

Tree Board Member Needed

The tree board currently has one vacancy. Residency is required. If you would like to apply or would like more information please contact Joan Gottsacker. 285-7931

Lost and Found

Call Village Hall to describe and claim. 285-7931

- **Found** Lock with key in front of Village Hall.
- **Found** Lock with key near Eernisse Funeral Home.
- **Found** Sweater at West Lane and Antoine Drive.

Fire Prevention Week **October 8th through 14th**

Prevent Cooking Fires – Watch What You Heat!

Cooking equipment is involved in more than 100,000 home fires every year, and most of those fires start because people aren't paying attention. And while a few minutes may not seem like much time to be away from what's cooking, that's all it takes to start a fire



That's why the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has chosen the theme "Prevent Cooking Fires – Watch What You Heat" for Fire Prevention Week 2006.

Reminder - It's the law to yield to emergency vehicles!



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 available at the Village Hall. Web page www.village.belgium.wi.us/fire/. The Belgium Fire Department's email address is belgfire@powercom.net.

Prevent Fire and Get a FREE PIZZA!

Once again this year, The Safe Kids Coalition, The Belgium Fire Department and the Belgium Community Center/Harvest Inn are "delivering fire prevention" on Thursday October 26th.



This is how the program works: After placing a pizza order from the Belgium Community Center, a family who has children under the age of 14 is randomly selected by the Belgium Community Center/Harvest Inn to have their pizza delivered by the fire department in a fire truck. Once the fire department arrives at your house we check all the smoke detectors in the house. If all the smoke detectors in the house work the pizza is free and you will receive a smoke detector and batteries. If the smoke detectors do not work, you have to pay for the pizza and you receive a smoke detector and batteries. All smoke detectors and batteries are compliments of the Safe Kids Coalition of Southeast Wisconsin.



**JAY ROAD 4-H ANNUAL FRUIT AND
COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER ENDS OCT 29th**

Jay Road 4-H Annual Fruit and Cookie Dough Fundraiser is taking place. All fruit is from Florida, tree ripened and very fresh. Prices are competitive with those of local supermarkets and you are supporting a great cause.

Box Size	SMALL	LARGE
• Juice Orange	12.50	22.50
• Navel Orange	15.00	24.00
• Tangelos	13.50	23.50
• Red Grapefruit	14.50	23.00
• Grapefruit/Navel Mix	16.00	-----
• Citrus Trio (Grapefruit/Navel/Tangelo)	25.50	
• Triple Charmer (Grapefruit/Navel/Apple)	25.50	
• Gourmet Cookie Dough 3lb Bucket	11.00	Each

All varieties make (96) ½ oz cookies. Keeps refrigerated for 2 months, frozen for 6 months.

> Chocolate Chunk	> Sugar
> Choc Peanut Butter Chip	> Snickerdoodle
> Triple Deluxe Chocolate	> Oatmeal Raisin
> Chocolate Candy w/M&M	> Peanut Butter
> White Chocolate Macadamia Nut	

Call before October 29th to place your order. Delivery will be November 18th. Contact Brenda Mueller at 285-3406 or Sandy Hubing at 285-3528.

**Did You Know the Village of
Belgium Employees have
82 years of experience collectively?
Years of Service**

Village of Belgium – Employees

Lila M Mueller, CMC – Clerk-Treasurer	25 Years
Dan Birenbaum – DPW/Water Superintendent	23 Years
Paul Bley – DPW Staff	11 Years
Pat Wester – DPW Staff	8 Years
Mary Sprader - Clerical	6 Years
Joan Gottsacker – Deputy Clerk – Treasurer	4 Years
Jamie Cecil – Admin. Asst	1.5 Years
Al Schlienvogt – Summer Help	1.5 Years
Adam Mulloy – Summer Help	1 Year
Neil Anderson – Wastewater Superintendent	1 Year

Softener Settings

When considering water softeners, on demand versus timed regeneration will save salt and pollute the environment less. Wastewater treatment does not remove the chlorides that are carried in the cleaning water of a softener. Those chlorides pass through the treatment plant and impact the receiving waters. Please direct any questions to Neil Anderson, Wastewater Superintendent. 262-285-7944.

**The Emerald Ash Borer
A Threat to All Ash Trees**



The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB), an exotic winged beetle, threatens all ash trees in the Midwest. It has not been found in Wisconsin as of 9/10/06, but it has been found in four separate sites in northern Illinois.

The adults nibble on foliage and cause little damage, however the larvae feed on the inner bark, disrupting the tree's ability to transport water and nutrients. The EAB was first discovered near Detroit, Michigan in the summer of 2002 and has since spread to Ohio, Indiana and Illinois. Since its discovery the EAB has killed more than 20 million trees.

What to know about the EAB:

- It attacks only Ash trees.
- Adult beetles are metallic green.
- Adult beetles are ½ inch long.
- Adults leave a D shaped hole in the bark when they emerge in the spring.
- Woodpeckers like EAB larvae; heavy woodpecker damage on trees may be a sign of EAB infestation.
- Firewood from Ohio, Indiana and Michigan is being quarantined.
- Steps to contain the infestation include pesticide or tree removal.

Call the Department of Ag Pest Hotline for more information. 1-800-462-2803

Please remember to come to a complete stop at all stop signs. We need to be cautious for children in the village. This is especially true in subdivisions and other residential areas and it may save you from getting a very costly ticket!

