

Village of Belgium

Located in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin, U.S.A.



Spring, 2006
Number 89

Newsletter late due to water rate
increase effective 3/28/06.

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Village Clerk-Treasurer
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL, 2006

- April 1 – Dog License Deadline
- April 2 – Daylight Saving Time Starts
- April 3 – Tree Board Meeting
- April 4 – Spring Election (7 a.m.-8 p.m.)
- April 10 – Regular Village Board Meeting
- April 17 – Cedar Grove-Belgium
Pre-school Screening
- April 18 – Annual Organization
Meeting of the Village Board
and Committees
- April 21 – Cedar Grove-Belgium
Pre-school Screening
- April 25 – Plan Commission Meeting

MAY, 2006

- May 8 – Regular Village Board Meeting
- May 13 – Belgium Rummage Sale –
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- May 15 – Baseball/Softball Registration
Deadline
- May 23 – Plan Commission
- May 29 – Memorial Day, Parade 10:30am
Service afterward-Community Park

JUNE, 2006

- June 5 – Tree Board
- June 11 – Flag Day, Waubeka
- June 12 – Regular Village Board Meeting
- June 25 – River Valley Bike Ride
- June 27 – Plan Commission



CONGRATULATIONS!

The Village of Belgium Board, Plan Commission, and Staff wish to congratulate Lila Mueller on 25 years as the Village's Clerk-Treasurer and Don "Peanuts" Schommer on 20 years of serving the community, first as Trustee and now as President.

Thank you both for your commitment to making Belgium a great place to live!

Consult the Ozaukee County 2005-2006 &
2006-2007 Visitor Guides for additional events
in Ozaukee County

ORDINANCE REMINDERS:

**WARNING – ordinance violators are subject to
fines and penalties for ordinance violations!**

- ✓ Motorized scooters/mopeds (unlicensed) are not legal on streets or sidewalks.
- ✓ An **11:00 p.m.** curfew exits for minors under the age of 16 years. **THIS CURFEW WILL BE ENFORCED!**
- ✓ No skateboards, rollerblades, bicycles, scooters, etc are allowed in the gazebo or park shelter.
- ✓ Unlicensed vehicles, appliances and junk are not allowed on Village properties.



- ✓ Dogs are to be leashed when not on your property. **Owners must pick up dog feces on sidewalks, streets, etc**
- ✓ Burning is prohibited in the Village.
- ✓ Do not use the park Shelter Curtains prior to Village approval. Repairs are costly.
- ✓ The Village is asking that **no one** climb street trees or trees in our parks. Thank you.

Achievements of Lila Mueller, Clerk-Treasurer

Lila has completed several specialized courses such as the Wisconsin Municipal Clerk's Institute as well as the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, after which she received her designation of Certified Municipal Clerk. Lila is a member of the International Institute of Municipal Clerk's, Municipal Treasurer's of Wisconsin, Government and Finance Officers Association and more. She is and has been a representative of the Village of Belgium on the Ozaukee County Tourism Council, Ozaukee County Advisory Committee, Ozaukee County Board of Health, Ozaukee County Smart Growth Committee

Recycle Ink Jet Cartridges at Village Hall

The Village Hall is accepting Ink Jet Cartridges and they can be dropped off at the front desk.

MEETING SCHEDULE



- Belgium Village Board meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. **Agenda deadline is the Wednesday prior to the second Monday at 12 noon.**
- Plan Commission /Architectural Control Board meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. **Agenda deadline is the 3rd Monday at 12 noon.**
- Any special Village Board or Plan Commission Meeting must be notified **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 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.

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

VILLAGE MARSHAL

Jayne Arndt, Village Marshal, may be reached at (262) 285-3889 or (262) 488-1454 – cell phone.

Among the duties the Village Marshall performs are vehicle violations, animal violations, noise violations, curfew violations, recreational problems, parades, traffic control and other Village of Belgium Ordinance enforcement. For items other than Village Ordinance violations, please contact Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department 262-284-7172.

Book Mobile Schedule

The Bookmobile Schedule is available online at:
www.village.belgium.wi.us

Vote Vote Vote Vote Vote

Tuesday, April 4th is Spring Election between the hours of 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Voters need to complete a Voter Registration Form to vote. You need to show picture ID. Please allow extra time on Election Day or stop in at the Village Hall before Election if you have not completed a Voter Registration Form. Form EB-131 must be signed in the office.

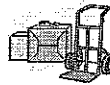
Positions up for election in April, 2006:

- Three (3) Village Trustee seats of a two (2) year term (Clem Gottsacker, Al Krick, and Ron Weyker)
- One (1) Village Trustee seat of a one (1) year term. (the remainder of Katherine C. Karshna's vacant seat presently served by Dave Gonwa)
No candidate has filed papers.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT! Exercise your freedom as an American and VOTE.

Contact Information for State and Federal Elected Officials:

- **Herb Kohl (D) – Senator**
Washington DC Office (202) 224-5653
Milwaukee Office – (414)297-4451
- **Russ Feingold (D) – Senator**
Washington DC Office - (202) 224-5323
Milwaukee Office - (414) 276-7282
- **James Sessenbrenner (R) – Representative**
Washington DC Office - (202) 225-5101
Brookfield Office – (262) 784-1111
- **Jim Doyle (D) – Governor**
Washington DC Office - (202) 624-5870
Madison Office - (608) 266-1212
- **Glenn Grothman (R) – State Senator**
Madison Office – (608) 266-7513
- **Dan LeMahieu (R) – State Assemblyman**
Madison Office – (608) 266-9175



MOVING?



Your are asked to notify Joan Gottsacker at Village Hall at **285-7931** when you know the date of your move and your new address so we can read your water meter and send a final bill. **We need also to be advised of the new tenants and/or owners prior to moves.**

A Ship in a safe harbor is safe, but that is not what a ship is built for. – William Shed

Missing a Pet? Found a Pet?

Call the Ozaukee County Humane Society. They receive animals from the Belgium Area. If you have lost a pet be sure to call them at **377-7580** or if you have found a pet you can call to make arrangements to drop off the animal. The Ozaukee County Humane Society is a "no kill" shelter and will keep an animal as long as it takes to find a home. All donations to the Humane Society are tax deductible. Visit them online at www.ozaukeehumane.org

WATER & SEWER RATES:

(In effect for usage after 3/28/06 – will be reflected on your June Utility Bill)

<u>Water:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/8" Meter Rate	16.88
3/4" Meter Rate	16.88
1" Meter Rate	47.28
1-1/4" Meter Rate	64.15
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

WATER METER REGISTER ACCESS:

Residents **should not** place anything (i.e. trellis, decks, dog house, large bushes) in front of the outside register for reading meters

HIGH WATER USAGE OUTSIDE????:

To receive a credit on your water and sewer bill for water used in pools, gardening, etc you must have a deduct meter installed. **No deduct meter – no credit.** Contact Village Hall at 285-7931.

NEW RESIDENT PACKETS

To obtain your "Welcome to Belgium" packet, contact Clem Gottsacker of the Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce at 285-7690.

Wisconsin Do Not Call List



You can register your home phone number on Wisconsin's Do Not Call List by calling **1-**

866-966-2255 or by going online <https://nocall.wisconsin.gov>

TAX RECEIPTS

All Village Property Owners are encouraged to pick up their tax receipts or mail or drop off a self addressed stamped envelope in order to obtain your receipt. These receipts are important for your records and having your receipt in your files will avoid the frustration of having to request a duplicate. Please call the Village Hall if you have questions. 285-7931 Mon-Fri 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



BUILDING INSPECTION

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

HOUSE NUMBERS MUST BE POSTED ON YOUR HOME!

*A number of new homes are missing their house numbers. Please post your house numbers **immediately**. This is very important as this is the only way the police or fire department can find your home should you need their services. House numbers should be posted in an easily readable location and should be reflective for night time visibility.*



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 Ozaukee County Aging Services at 284-8120.

RECYCLING NOTES:

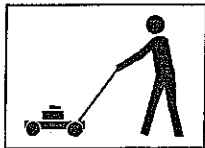
Recycling Center Hours:

*Proof of residency is **REQUIRED**

Wednesday 12:30-3:30p.m.

Saturday (Apr – Nov only) – 9 a.m.–1p.m.

Do not leave any bags, appliances, etc by gate.



Yard Waste (grass clippings, garden and flower debris – **no plastic bags**) can be discarded in the dumpster behind the Municipal Garage at 620 Park Street within the Recycling Center. **Yard waste is not picked up curbside. DEPOSIT LAWN CLIPPINGS AND DEBRIS IN THE RECYCLING CENTER YARD WASTE DUMPSTER.**

- ✓ **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, antifreeze.
- ✓ **REMEMBER** to use **clear** bags for garbage and **blue** bags for recycling.
 - ♻️ **Blue Garbage Bags are available at:**
 - Belgium Hardware & Beverage
 - Piggly Wiggly of Cedar Grove
 - Sanfilippo Sentry of Port Washington
- ✓ **Large items will not be picked up at your residence.** All large items – furniture, washers and dryers, etc. are to be brought to the **recycling center behind the Municipal Garage on Park Street during regular hours.**
- ✓ **Branch pickup** will start up again on Monday mornings starting **May 15th**. All branches must be **by the curb by 9 a.m.** on Mondays. **Point branch trunk ends towards the curb. Do not place branches curbside over holiday or event week-ends, i.e. Belgium Rummage Sale. Residents who choose to do this will be charged for collection.**

KEEP BELGIUM BEAUTIFUL...Please pick up litter and properly dispose of it. Thank you!

Success seems to be largely a matter of hanging on when others have let go. – William Feather

- ✓ **All construction debris will be treated as a large item pick-up. DO NOT LEAVE AT CURBSIDE.** All construction debris must be deposited into a **privately contracted dumpster - DO NOT DEPOSIT IN THE DUMPSTERS AT THE RECYCLING CENTER. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBRIS WHICH BLOWS OUT OF DUMPSTER.**



PARK & SHELTER RENTAL



Contact Daniel E. Birenbaum at 285-7931 or 285-3821 (after 4 p.m.) for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Landscape Beautification Award

In August the Village of Belgium Tree Board's first annual Landscape Beautification Award will be given. This is to replace the Tree of the Year Award. It would be a landscaped yard that includes a tree with a curbside view in the front yard. (i.e. tree with flowerbed display, etc) This award will allow more residents participate. Call Joan Gottsacker for further details. 285-7931

American Cancer Society Relay for Life

Join us in the fight against cancer.

May 19th and 20th

Teams and individuals welcome. There will be an on overnight campout at the Northern Ozaukee High School track in Fredonia. The first lap on Friday evening is for anyone that is a cancer survivor. Walkers are welcome. For more information contact Carrie Meloy 262-692-9270.

River Valley Bike Ride – June 25th

Approximately 1500 bike riders, young and old alike, will partake in a bike ride that boasts routes between 8 miles for the average biker and 100 miles for the very avid bicyclist. The ride starts at 7 a.m. in Newburg and will end at Riveredge Nature Center. Please call LaVonne at the Center at 675-6888.

CEDAR GROVE-BELGIUM PRESCHOOL SCREENING

If your child was born between September 1, 2001 and August 31, 2002 and you have not received a letter from the school district, please call to schedule your child for pre-school screening. Please call Julie Lesar at 920-668-8518 or 262-285-3031 ext. 304. The next scheduled screening dates are April 17th and April 21st.

SOFTBALL/BASEBALL REGISTRATION



Children wishing to join a baseball or softball team in the Village of Belgium should contact the individuals listed:

BOY'S TEAMS: Craig Emperley - 262-285-3322
GIRL'S TEAMS: Mike Strauss - 262-284-5705

Boys must be at least 6 years old with the possibility of teams going through age 16 if the numbers allow. Girls must currently be in third grade and can play to age 19, if the birthday is prior to August 1st. Tee-ball for boys and girls is also offered.

The registration deadline is **MAY 15, 2006**. After that date, acceptance will be at the coach's discretion.

St. Mary Parish School Registration

St. Mary Parish School is taking registrations for the 2006-2007 school year preschool through 4th grade. If your child is registered prior to May 1st there is a \$50 discount. Please call 262-285-3532 for more details.

BELGIUM COMMUNITY CLUB ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 13 between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. throughout the Village of Belgium sponsored by the Belgium Community Club. **Everyone holding a rummage sale on this date is requested to pay the \$5 fee to the Belgium Community Club.** Contact Geri Bichler at 285-3073 for details. Deadline for sign up is **April 29th**. **Sign up notices are enclosed.**

The Belgium Community Club provides fruit baskets to the elderly, gift a child, Halloween and Easter egg party and improvements to the Village Park System.

HELP WANTED!

Recycling Center Manager:

Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. from April-November. \$8.00-\$8.50/hour.

Belgium Deputy Village Marshal:

Limited part-time position. Duties to include but not limited to enforcement of Belgium Village Ordinances on violations including vehicles, animals, noise, and other miscellaneous items. Duties must be performed in a professional and courteous manner. Village of Belgium residence is required. Application and résumé deadline is 12 Noon April 3rd.

Apply at the Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce Street, Belgium WI 53004.

 **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.belgiumfire.com. The Belgium Fire Department's email address is belgfire@powercom.net

Fire Prevention from the Belgium Fire Department

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Fire Extinguishers are your best bet if you're on the spot when a fire begins.

- Fire extinguishers should be mounted in the kitchen, garage, and workshop.
- Purchase an **ABC** type extinguisher for extinguishing all types of fires.
- Learn how to use your fire extinguisher **before** there is an emergency.
- Remember, use an extinguisher on small fires only. If there is a large fire, get out immediately and call 911 from another location.

ST. MARY'S ANNUAL FLOWER SALE

St. Mary School is sponsoring the Fifth Annual Flower Sale now through April 13th. Order forms are available at local area businesses and St. Mary Parish School. Many popular annual varieties and hanging baskets are available. Pick-up will be on **Saturday, May 13th in time for Mother's Day**. Extra items, which will include potted plants, hanging baskets, and large terra cotta container plantings for sun or shade will be available for purchase at St. Mary's School the day of the Belgium Rummage Sale on May 13th. **St. Mary School appreciates YOUR SUPPORT!**



Ozaukee Master Gardeners Hotline

 The Ozaukee Master Gardener Program operates a Hotline to answer any gardening questions or give advice on grass, indoor or outdoor plants, trees or insect problems at no cost. 262-284-8288 May-Sept. Monday & Thursday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. and Oct-April on Thursday from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Or email at: mastergardener@co.ozaukee.wi.us

Pride is tasteless, colorless, and sizeless. Yet it is the hardest thing to swallow. - Liz Carpenter

BUSINESS NOTES:

Belgium Community Center
548 Park Street
285-3011

Under new ownership, the Belgium Community Center has made several upgrades, including the new High Definition 46" television, new CD Jukebox, and Video Poker Machines in the bar. In the planning stages are pool tables and dart boards along with potential leagues. Pat and Brenda Bodus, owners, welcome all ideas and suggestions and look forward to making the Community Center a thriving

Curley's Restaurant
745 Main Street

Opening in June 2006, Curley's will operate Tuesday through Sunday offering quality, casual dining at reasonable prices including daily lunch specials. In addition to the main dining room and sports bar, Curley's will offer a banquet hall for weddings, family events, holiday parties, business meetings, seminars and much, much more!

The establishment will be operated by Alfa Irani, a local 6-year Belgium resident with twenty years of experience in the hospitality business.



Mr. Sol, LLC

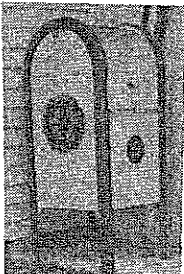
305 Lakeview Drive

Mr. Sol will be opening in Belgium on May 1st. Mr. Sol is a family owned restaurant and will be run by Florinda Perez, Alfredo and Florinda's daughter Sophie. The restaurant offers a variety of authentic Mexican food including enchalidas, buritos, fajitas and margaritas. They plan to be open 7 days a week from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Stepping Stones Children's Center...

Is becoming a family resource and community center. Contact Stepping Stones Children's Center for information regarding summer camp programs for school age children, middle school programs, senior activities, exercise classes, open gym, dance classes, parenting classes and family resources. **Enroll now for summer programs or preschool classes starting in the fall.** Childcare is available from 5:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m Monday through Friday and various activities for adults are available in the evening. If you are interested in holding a meeting of your group at the Center or for details on any program offered call 262-285-7638.

American Flag Disposal...is offered at no cost at the American Legion at 655 Park Street. Please leave your flag in the drop box. Thank You!



Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Officers and Executive Director

The Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) welcomes the elected officers for 2006 as follows:

- Al Simonokski – President
- Pat Wester – Vice President
- Maxine Bowles – Secretary
- Lina Vorpahl – Treasurer
- Board Members at Large:
Carol Reineke, Jay Lauer, Laura Klingelhoets

Jim Schmit was hired as Executive Director on February 8th. The BACC's new set hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon.

NEED A RIDE?

▶ Contact the Ozaukee County Express at (262) 284-8108.

▶ Ozaukee County Shared Taxi can be reached at (800) 925-9590.

www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/transit/transit.html

MEMORIAL DAY

A Christian mass will take place for all service personnel living and deceased on May 29th at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Church – Lake Church. Later that morning, a parade will take place starting at 10:30 a.m. from Liberty Street to Community Park.

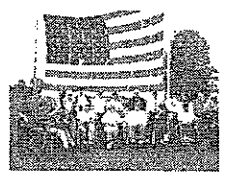


Immediately following the parade there will be a dedication and unveiling of the Veterans' Memorial and Memorial Day program at Community Park followed by food and refreshments. The Belgium American Legion Memorial Post #412 is asking all organizations to join the parade. Kids can bring bicycles or walk. Everyone welcome!



FLAG DAY - Waubeka, Wisconsin

Flag Day, June 11, 2006, Waubeka, WI. The program starts at 12:30pm, parade at 1:30pm and Family Day starts at 4pm. There will be horse & buggy rides, games, contest, face painting and treasure hunting in a sand pile! Live music featuring "Rumor" until dusk and then a breath taking fireworks display will light up the sky.



For more details contact John during the day at 262-692-9111 or in the evenings at home 262-692-2398. Or check out the web site: www.nationalflagday.com