



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL, 2009

- April 1 - Dog License Deadline
- April 1 - Chamber of Commerce General Meeting
- April 4 - Recycling Center New Hours Begin
- April 6 - Tree Board Meeting
- April 7 - Spring Election (7 a.m.- 8 p.m.)
- April 8 - Jim Sensenbrenner 3:30 p.m. **also July 1st at 2:15 p.m.**
- April 10 - Village Hall Closes at noon Good Friday
- April 13 - Regular Village Board Meeting
- April 18 - Medicine Collection Day
- April 21 - Annual Organization Meeting of the Village Board and Committees
- April 28 - Plan Commission Meeting

MAY, 2009

- May 9 - Belgium Rummage Sale - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- May 11 - Regular Village Board Meeting
- May 11 - Branch pick up resumes
- May 25 - Memorial Day, Parade 10:30am
- May 26 - Plan Commission
- May 27 - Garbage Day after Holiday

JUNE, 2009

- June 1 - Tree Board
- June 8 - Regular Village Board Meeting
- June 14 - Flag Day, Waubeka
- June 23 - Plan Commission
- June 26 - Fireworks

Arbor Day Celebration

April 25, 2009

9 - 10 a.m. at Community Park
See Insert for Details



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 - 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 7 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
- Harris Bank, 171 Main Street
- Belgium Post Office, 543 Main Street
- Belgium Hardware and Beverage, 756 Main Street

New Recycling Center Hours **620 Park Street**

April 4th - November 28th

(Bring Proof of Residency)

Wednesday 12:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.


REMINDER: Dogs are NOT allowed on any public grounds such as parks, tennis courts, or other lots owned by the Village.
Fines may be levied for ordinance violations.

Be a star and poke a hole in someone's darkness!

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.

Ordinance Reminders:

- ✓ Motorized scooters/mopeds (unlicensed) are not legal on streets.
- ✓ A curfew exists between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m. for those 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, Ozaukee County Interurban Trail, etc.
- ✓ Burning is prohibited in the Village.
- ✓ **No basketball hoops can be overhanging the streets or public right of ways.**

VILLAGE MARSHAL

Scott Brinkman, Village Marshal – (262) 483-8751.
Nancy Matecki, Deputy Village Marshal – (262) 483-8752

Among the duties the Village Marshal 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 or for Emergencies dial 911.

Water/Sewer Utility Information



MOVING?



You are asked to notify the 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 and/or sales.**

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>

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 or found a pet call them at **377-7580**. 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

NEW RESIDENT PACKETS

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



WATER & SEWER RATES:

(As of 9/22/2008)

<u>Water:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5/8" Meter Rate	17.39
3/4" Meter Rate	17.39
1" Meter Rate	48.70
1-1/2" Meter Rate	107.81
2" Meter Rate	156.51
3" Meter Rate	288.65
4" Meter Rate	396.47
6" Meter Rate	500.81
8" Meter Rate	660.79

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-\$2.38/1,000 gallons
Next	370,000 gallons-\$2.22/1,000 gallons

Next 2,600,000 gallons-\$2.03/1,000 gallons
Over 3,000,000 gallons-\$1.34/1,000 gallons

Sewer: (As of 7/1/02)

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, fences) in front of the outside register for reading meters

Book Mobile Schedule

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

ESLS Announces New Board Member

Amy Rachuba, a resident of the Village of Belgium, has been appointed to the ESLS Board of Trustees. She will serve a three-year term as a member-at-large for Ozaukee County. Amy has a Master of Science in Library and Information Science and has worked as a cataloging librarian. Amy is looking forward to being a liaison between her community and the ESLS Board of Trustees and will “work to keep the citizen connection open.”



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.



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.

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
They look forward to answering your questions!

BELGIUM COMMUNITY CLUB
ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 9th 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 27th**. **Sign up notices are enclosed.**

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

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

Recycling Information:

Recycling Center Hours:

*Proof of residency is **REQUIRED**
(April 4– November 28 only)

Wednesday 12:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

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



Yard Waste (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 recycling hours.**

- ✓ **Branch pickup** will begin again on Monday mornings starting **May 11th**. 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.
- ✓ **All construction debris must be deposited into a privately contracted dumpster.**

 **PARK & SHELTER RENTAL** 

Contact Daniel E. Birenbaum at 285-7931 or 414-416-7085 (cell) or 285-3821 (after 4 p.m.) for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Cancer Benefit for Renee Feider Alexander

Saturday, May 2nd, 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
At Bic's Place, 129 Spring Street, Belgium, WI

Brat Fry, Bake Sale and Refreshments Available. There will be raffles, music, poker showdown tables and bingo. Cash donations can be payable to: Renee Feider Alexander at Port Washington State Bank Belgium Branch.

Memories/Weiler's 75th Anniversary

Saturday, April 18th, come join the celebration.

Open house will be from 12-4 p.m. free entertainment and a free drink. In the evening Rocket 88 will be playing a Reunion Concert 7-11p.m. For more info, contact Tara Williams at 284-6850.

Relay for Life Fredonia Area

Relay for Life Fredonia Area is a part of American Cancer Society.

The relay is at the Ozaukee High School track on May 15-16, 2009 and starts at 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. on the 16th. For more info, contact Tracy Plaskey at trplaskey@ah.com

Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce Welcomes Officers

Elected officers for 2009 as follows:

Fred Utecht– President
Lila Mueller – Secretary - Jason Will – Treasurer
Board Members at Large: Richard Uselding, Don "Peanuts" Schommer, Andy Krueger

All business owners are invited to attend the April 1st general meeting at 7:00 a.m. at Hobo's Restaurant. Please contact Fred Utecht for details at (262) 707-0031.

The Belgium Fire Department is

currently taking applications for membership. Applications are available at the Village Hall. Contact Fire Chief Daniel Birenbaum at 285-7931 or (414) 416-7085 for further information.

The Belgium Fire Department's email address is belgiumfirewi@yahoo.com



MEMORIAL DAY

A Christian mass will take place for all service personnel living and deceased on May 25th 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 food and refreshments. The Belgium American Legion 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 14, 2009, Waubeka, WI. The Flag Day program starts at 11:30 a.m. at the Americanism Center; the parade will start at 1:30 p.m., and Family Day starts at approximately 3:00 p.m.

There will be hayrides, games, prizes and fun for the kids! 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 262-483-6078. Or check out the web site: www.nationalflagday.com



Family Day at Miller Park

Sunday, July 12th against the LA Dodgers, the cost is \$19 per person and includes: bus ride, ticket in terrace reserved, and tailgate party. Bus leaves at 10:15 a.m. and returns by 5:30 p.m. Reserve your seats early, space is limited and goes quickly! For more information call Dawn Anderson at 262-285-3366. Sponsored by St. Marks Church, Belgium.

Medicine Collection Day – April 19th

Never flush or pour unused medicine down the drain. Bring it to the Ozaukee County Highway Department at 410 S. Spring Street in Port Washington. You can bring prescription and over the counter medicine including pet medication for no cost.

DO NOT BRING: Illegal drugs, bio-hazardous material, needles/sharps, shampoo, soaps, lotions, paint, pesticides, oil, or gasoline.



Belgium TOPS Elects New Officers

Belgium's TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), an international nonprofit weight-loss organization, has elected new officers: Leader Jennifer Budnik, Co-Leader Lila Mueller, Treasurer Mary McCaslin, Secretary Ramona Schmitz, and Weigh-In Recorder Rosemary Bruss.

TOPS meets weekly at the Ozaukee Fitness Center (lower level), 303 Lakeview Drive, Belgium, WI on Saturday mornings with a confidential weigh-in at 9 a.m. followed by a weekly program at 9:15 a.m. Annual membership fee is \$26.00 with a one time optional charge of \$15.00 for The Choice is Mine program guide and a \$4.00 per month meeting fee.

For questions regarding TOPS, please visit their website at www.tops.org or call Leader Jennifer Budnik at (262) 285-3193.

Fire Prevention from the Belgium Fire Department

Safety tips

- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill so it cannot be ignited by a hot grill.
- Purchase the proper starter fluid and store the can out of reach of children, and away from heat.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals or kindling have already been ignited, and never use any flammable or combustible liquid other than charcoal starter fluid to get the fire going.
- Check the gas cylinder hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. A light soap and water solution applied to the hose will quickly reveal escaping propane by releasing bubbles.
- If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not attempt to move the grill.
- Never store propane gas cylinders in buildings or garages. If you store a gas grill inside during the winter, disconnect the cylinder and leave it outside.

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 and now with evening hours until 9 p.m. weekdays. Advance arrangements appreciated.



HOW ARE YOUR TREES? – by Kevin Wirtz of the Village of Belgium Tree Board

Trees are a great asset to a home: they help reduce heating, cooling, and watering costs; add character in the winter, shade in the summer, and an overall value to the property.

The best thing for your trees is regular watering. During dry spells, running the hose at the base of the tree at a moderate flow for 3 to 5 minutes twice a week will keep the tree green and strong. Pre-teen trees should be fertilized in the spring and fall to keep them healthy and resistant to disease and pests. Inexpensive fertilizer tree spikes can be purchased from any store with a garden center.

If Village-provided trees near the curb of your property don't look healthy or are damaged, please notify Jamie Cecil at Village Hall at 285-7931 and someone from the Tree Board will inspect the tree to determine what they need or if replacement is necessary.

Look for our the insert for our first annual Arbor Day Celebration with Tree City USA presentation where you can enjoy Earth Day/Arbor Day activities, learn about tree care, and pick out a starter tree to plant with your child for them to grow up with.



