

# Village of Belgium Newsletter

## Spring 2010

Issue #106



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### April, 2010

- ◆ April 1– Dog License Deadline
- ◆ April 2-Village Hall Closes at noon Good Friday
- ◆ April 6-Spring Election (7a.m.-8p.m.)
- ◆ April 7-Tree Board Meeting
- ◆ April 9– Jim Sensenbrenner (2:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.)
- ◆ April 12-Regular Village Board Meeting
- ◆ April 20-Annual Organization Meeting of the Village Board and Committees
- ◆ April 24-Arbor Day
- ◆ April 27-Plan Commission Meeting
- ◆ April 28-Open Book (4 p.m.-6 p.m.)

#### May, 2010

- ◆ May 5– Tree Board Meeting
- ◆ May 8-Belgium Rummage Sale (8 a.m.- 4 p.m.)
- ◆ May 10-Regular Village Board Meeting
- ◆ May 10-Branch pick up resumes
- ◆ May 20-Neighborhood Watch (7 p.m. at Village Hall)
- ◆ May 24-Board of Review (7 p.m.-9 p.m.)
- ◆ May 25-Plan Commission Meeting
- ◆ May 31-Memorial Day, Parade 10:30 a.m. followed by Memorial Service at Community Park

#### June, 2010

- ◆ June 1-Garbage Day after Holiday
- ◆ June 2-Tree Board Meeting
- ◆ June 13-Flag Day-Waubeka
- ◆ June 14-Regular Village Board Meeting
- ◆ June 22-Plan Commission
- ◆ June 25-Fireworks

### SUPPORT COMMUNITY PARK CONCESSIONS

Sales from the Concession Stand is a fund raiser for the Belgium Fire Department. Proceeds support our fire-works and other worthy projects. Your support will be appreciated.



### Medicine Collection Day

**May 8th from 9a.m. to 1:00p.m.**

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.

### MEETING SCHEDULE

- ◆ **Belgium Village Board** meets on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The deadline is Wednesday prior to the second Monday at noon.
- ◆ **Plan Commission** meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. The deadline is 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 at the time a meeting is requested.
- ◆ **Tree Board** usually meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. or as posted.
- ◆ **Sewer & Water Committee** usually meets on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. or as posted.
- ◆ **Streets & Electric Committee** usually meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. or as posted.
- ◆ **General Government & Finance Committee** usually meets on the third Monday of every month at time posted or as posted.

Check the Village's website & posting places for meeting details.

All meetings take place at the Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce Street, unless otherwise noted.

### POSTING PLACES

Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce St.  
Port Washington State Bank, 545 Main St. (Belgium branch)  
Harris Bank N.A., 171 Main St. (Belgium branch)  
Belgium Post Office, 543 Main St.  
Belgium Hardware & Beverage, 756 Main St.  
Website– [www.village.belgium.wi.us](http://www.village.belgium.wi.us)

### **New Village Hours**

To better serve the public, starting **April 1, 2010** the Village Hall hours are Monday through Friday **8a.m. to 5p.m.** Please conduct any village business during regular hours ~ Thank you.



### Cedar Grove-Belgium Elementary School

4 Year-old Kindergarten  
2010-2011 School Year

All children that live in the Village of Belgium and turn four years old on or before September 1, 2010 are eligible for Four Year-old Kindergarten. Please call the Cedar Grove-Belgium Elementary School at 877-280-7361, ext. 304 if your child will be four years old by September 1, 2010 and has not attended a Developmental Screening offered by the school district.



## VILLAGE MARSHAL INFO

The Marshals should be contacted only for Village ordinance violations such as barking dogs, unlicensed vehicles, noise, etc. Our new personnel consisting of:

**Marshal Scott Brinkman - (262) 483-8751**

**Deputy Brian Schrap - (262) 483-8752**

In other instances, please contact the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Dept. at 262-284-7172.

**In case of Emergency dial 911.**



## ENFORCEMENT REMINDER

All law enforcement matters **must** be referred to the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department. The Village Marshals are not equipped to handle law enforcement related concerns, including but not limited to: Traffic related complaints, disorderly conduct complaints, intoxicated person/liquor law violations, suspected narcotic violations, alarms and dog at large complaints. Civil matters involving property or neighbor disputes should first be handled between the two involved parties prior to contacting the Village Marshals or Sheriff's Department.



## 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.
- ⇒ Dog owners are responsible for cleaning up feces left by their dog(s). This includes feces deposited on Village property (including the street), as well as private property. Failure to comply may result in a citation being issued for each violation. This has been a problem as of late and violations will be strictly enforced!
- ⇒ Dog owners are responsible for ensuring their pet does not habitually bark. After two written complaints are received a citation may be issued for every violation thereafter.
- ⇒ Burning is prohibited in the Village.
- ⇒ No basketball hoops can be overhanging the streets or public right of ways.

## STREET TREES

Street trees are planted within 11 ½ feet from the back of the curb. The Tree Board chooses species and the general location on your property with your input; homeowners are responsible to water the tree regularly throughout the spring and summer. Adding street trees is an initiative of the Belgium Village Board and the Belgium Tree Board. Please contact **Rich Howells before April 30th at 262-689-8749 for consideration or for more details.**

**DOG LICENSES** - Per Wisconsin law, all dogs within the Village of Belgium are required to be licensed. Licenses for the Year **2010** are available. **A penalty exists, per Wisconsin Statute for obtaining a license after April 1<sup>st</sup>.**

It's easy to remember if you apply for the dog license when you pay your property taxes. Don't forget the rabies certificate!



## BELGIUM COMMUNITY CLUB ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The Annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, May 8th 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 26th.** **Sign up notices are enclosed, and is also available on our website [www.village.belgium.wi.us](http://www.village.belgium.wi.us).**

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

## Belgium TOPS



Belgium TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets weekly at the St. Mark Lutheran Church 200 Park St, Belgium WI on Saturdays at 9 a.m.

For more information regarding TOPS, please visit their website at [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call Leader Mary McCaslin at (262) 285-7678.

The **Belgium Fire Department** is currently taking applications for membership. Contact Fire Chief Daniel Birenbaum at (414) 416-7085 for further information. Applications are available at the Village Hall. You can also find applications online at the Belgium Fire Department website at: [www.belgiumfire.com](http://www.belgiumfire.com) or email: [belgiumfirewi@yahoo.com](mailto:belgiumfirewi@yahoo.com).



## Bookmobile Schedule

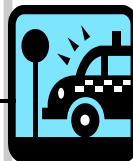


The bookmobile schedule can be found on the

Village of Belgium Website:  
[www.village.belgium.wi.us](http://www.village.belgium.wi.us)

Or by calling: 920-208-4900 ext. 15

## OZAUKEE COUNTY TRANSIT SERVICES



**OZAUKEE EXPRESS:** The Ozaukee Express is the commuter link between Ozaukee and Milwaukee counties. For additional information or for a bus schedule, call: Ozaukee County Transit Services 284-8108 or 238-8108.

**OZAUKEE COUNTY SHARED RIDE TAXI:** You can travel anywhere within Ozaukee County. Wheelchair equipped vans are available. For more information call 284-8294 or visit the website [www.ozaukeetransit.com](http://www.ozaukeetransit.com)

## Recycle and Refuse Information

### Garbage and Recycling Pick Up

#### WE RECYCLE PLASTIC #'S 1,2,3,4,5, & 7

- Garbage must be in clear bags.
- Recycling must be in blue bags.
- Single Stream Recycling is practiced in Belgium. Please combine paper, plastic, glass, metal in one bag. Cardboard boxes should be flattened.
- Holiday pick up will be on the Wednesday after the holiday.
- Branch pick up is each Monday. Please have branches curbside by 8 a.m. Do not place branches curbside during holidays or events.
- Organic yard waste can be taken to the Recycling Center. No curbside pick up. Plastic bags cannot be put into yard waste dumpster.
- Used oil can be deposited in the oil receptacle at the Recycling Center.



### Recycling Center Hours: 620 Park Street

\*Proof of residency is **REQUIRED**  
(April 3rd-November 27)

**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

Branch pickup will begin again on Monday mornings starting May **10th**. 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.

### FINAL WATER BILLS

Tenants 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.

Owners notify the Belgium Utilities with dates of your closing. Your title company should prorate the final bill on the closing statement. Please call Jamie Cecil with questions (262) 285.7931.

### Late Fees on Utility Bills

Your Utility Bill payment must be received by the due date. If the payment arrives in the mail after the due date, a late fee will be imposed. Postmarks on the due date do NOT stop late fees from being applied.

If you use an online service to pay your Utility Bill, please set up the payment at least 7 days in advance. Many services are sending in the payments late.

## Sewer and Water Information

### UTILITY BILL INFORMATION

Your first quarter utility bill is enclosed.

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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If you cannot pay your utility bill in full, please contact Jamie Cecil at the Village Hall to make payment arrangements. 285-7931 (After hours Ext. 4)

Landlords are notified when tenants are delinquent on their utility bills.

### WATER & SEWER RATES

#### Water:

(As of 9/22/2008)

	Amount
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	-\$2.03/1000 gallons
Over 3,000,000 gallons	-\$1.34/1000 gallons

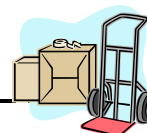
#### Sewer:

(As of 6/15/2009)

	Amount
5/8" Meter Rate	\$99.75
3/4" Meter Rate	\$139.65
1" Meter Rate	\$219.45
1-1/2" Meter Rate	\$498.75
2" Meter Rate	\$798.00
3" Meter Rate	\$948.68

### MOVING?

You are asked to notify Jamie Cecil at Village Hall (**285-7931**) as soon as you know the date of your move and your new address. Doing so will ensure you aren't receiving additional fees. Thank you!





## April, 2010, Spring Election:

### IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

- ◇ April 1—Last day by 5 p.m. for electors to request absentee ballots by mail.
- ◇ **April 6—Spring Election**
- ◇ September 14—Partisan Primary
- ◇ November 2—General Election

**Polling hours are from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Polling location is at the Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce Street.**

#### **Absentee Voting:**

- You can vote absentee ballot for any reason.
- Absentee ballots are available approximately three weeks prior to an election.
- If the request for an absentee ballot is made **by mail**, it must be in the office of the municipal clerk no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding an election. This is the last day a clerk can mail an Absentee Ballot to an elector.
- If the request for an absentee ballot is made **in person** at the clerk's office, it can be made until 5:00 p.m. on the day preceding the election.



If you would like to vote by absentee ballot and are indefinitely confined because of age, illness, infirmity or disability, please contact Lila M. Mueller, CMC, for further information.

To avoid delays on Election Day, please register to vote prior to an election. Forms are on our website—[www.village.belgium.wi.us](http://www.village.belgium.wi.us). If you register to vote by mail, a copy of a photo I.D. and proof of residency are required. If you register in person, the Clerk or Deputy Clerk must also see your proof of residency.

Please contact Lila M. Mueller, CMC, Village Clerk-Deputy Treasurer, relative to any election question(s) or concerns. (262) 285.7931 Ext. 103; or by email: [lmuller@village.belgium.wi.us](mailto:lmuller@village.belgium.wi.us).



### **ELECTION INSPECTORS NEEDED**

The Village is currently taking letters of application for Substitute Election Inspectors. Election Inspectors work the poll on Election Day. Training is required and provided by the Village, Ozaukee County and/or State of WI. We operate in two shifts-6:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. until close with a Pot Luck lunch and dinner. Minimum wage is paid for the hours worked. Contact Village Clerk/Deputy Treasurer Lila Mueller at 262- 285-7931 (ext. 103) for further information. Letters of application may be deposited into the Drop Box at Belgium Village Hall, mailed to 195 Commerce Street or emailed to [lila-mueller@village.belgium.wi.us](mailto:lila-mueller@village.belgium.wi.us).

Village Trustees: **Three positions for two-year seats** are open for re-election. Incumbents are Trustees Clem K. Gottsacker, Ronald J. Weyker and Eric M. Wilkowski. Ronald Weyker and Eric Wilkowski returned Non-Candidacy Papers in December thus are not on the ballot. Clem Gottsacker and Jeffery A. Thiel took out Nomination Papers. As a net result for these three (3) 2-year seats, Clem Gottsacker and Jeffery Thiel will appear on the ballot with one (1) write in position available.

Due to the resignation of Dale Pfeifer, **a one-year seat exits**. No one took out Nomination Papers for this position so a write in position is indicated on the ballot.

Whoever receives the most write in votes will be contacted the evening of the Spring Election (April 6, 2010). If they accept the position, follow-up paper work needs to be completed. If the write in candidate with the most votes does not accept the position, the Village President will appoint a resident with Village Board confirmation of the individual.

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED**

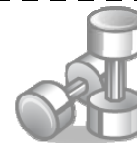


We are seeking volunteers who are willing to invest time in making Belgium more attractive by picking up trash. The preliminary date is April or May for a Trash Pick Up Day. Areas currently identified are the off/on ramps of I43 and the Interurban Trail. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Jamie Cecil at Village Hall. 262-285-7931

### **COMING SOON**



TENNIS CLUB  
OZAUKEE FITNESS



FOR MORE INFORMATION ROSEMARY BRUSS AT 285-4545

### **FLAG DAY-Waubeka, Wisconsin Sunday, June 13, 2010**

This year's program will honor all Purple Heart Hero's. The **program begins at 12:00 noon** at the Americanism Center. The **parade begins at 1:30** leaving the Americanism Center after the program. **Family Day begins after the parade** (approximately 3:00 p.m.) on the Americanism Center grounds and features.....

Fun, Games, and Prizes for the kids  
Hayrides  
Music by "Rumor"  
Fireworks at dusk



The day's activities are **FREE**. Come and celebrate the birth of our flag.

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](http://www.nationalflagday.com)