



Village of Belgium Newsletter Summer 2010



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2010

- * July 7 -Tree Board Meeting
- * July 12-Village Board Meeting
- * July 24 - Community Clean Up Day, 9:00 a.m., Village Hall
- * July 27-Plan Commission Meeting

August 2010

- * August 4-Tree Board Meeting
- * August 7- Grand Opening/Inaugural of the Luxembourg American Cultural Center, 11:00 a.m.
- * August 7-8 Luxembourg Fest
- * August 9 - Village Board Meeting
- * August 24- Plan Commission Meeting
- * August 29-American Legion Corn Roast, Brat Fry & Auction, Community Park, 12:30p.m.—?

September 2010

- * September 1-Tree Board Meeting
- * September 8-Garbage Collection after Holiday
- * September 13-Village Board Meeting
- * September 14-Partisan Primary Election (Poll Hours 7a.m.-8 p.m.)
- * September 28-Plan Commission Meeting

VILLAGE MARSHAL INFO

The Marshal should be contacted only for Village ordinance violations such as barking dogs, unlicensed vehicles, noise, etc.

Marshal 262-483-8751
Deputy Marshal 262-483-8752

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

In case of Emergency dial 911.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This will be the last newsletter that will be included with your water bill. Please look for them at the Post Office, Port Washington State Bank, Harris Bank or at the Village Hall.

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** meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. Or as posted.

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

Posting Places

Belgium Village Hall, 195 Commerce Street
Port Washington State Bank, 545 Main Street
Harris Bank N.A., 171 Main Street
Belgium Post Office, 543 Main Street
Belgium Hardware & Beverage, 756 Main Street



VOTER REGISTRATION

If you are not registered to vote, please do so as soon as possible at the Belgium Village Hall. If you are unsure of your status, please contact the Village Hall at 285-7931.

A photo Id is requested and a 10-day residency period **prior** to an election is required. If your current address is not on your ID, please submit another document with your current address.

Registering ahead will save you time!

Sewer and Water Information

2009 Consumer Confidence Reports

Please see the enclosed 2009 Consumer Confidence Report for water. If you have questions please contact Daniel E. Birenbaum, DPW & Water Superintendent, at 285-7931.

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!

SEWER RATE INCREASE TO BE EFFECTIVE ON OCTOBER UTILITY BILLS

The Village Board approved a 5.375% rate increase on Sewer only. You will see the rate increase on the bills due on October 20th which cover the time frame of June 16th through September 15th. The changes in Sewer fees are listed below. If you have questions in regard to your Utility Bill, please contact Jamie Cecil at (262)285-7931.

Effective June 15, 2010:
Volume Charge: \$3.44 per 1,000 gallons



<u>Quarterly Fixed Charge:</u>	
5/8" Meter	\$105.11
3/4" Meter	\$147.16
1" Meter	\$231.25
1 1/2" Meter	\$525.56
2" Meter	\$840.89
3" Meter	\$999.67

As a reminder, please **DO NOT** flush biodegradable baby wipes or dispose of grease into the sewer system. Costly pump station repairs are caused by items clogging the system. Avoiding repairs to our sewer system will save all taxpayers money. If you have any questions about the sewer system, please contact Wastewater Superintendent Neil Anderson at 285-7944.



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.

Watch for upcoming information on the Family Fall Festival at St. Mark's Lutheran Church scheduled for September featuring our famous Green Bay Chicken Booyah.



LAKESHORE COMMUNITIES JR. WOMAN'S CLUB

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Chrissy's in Belgium
6:30 p.m.—7:30p.m.



BEAUTIFY BELGIUM

If you would like to help clean up Belgium and pick up trash on I 43, please contact the Village Hall at 262-285-7931. Must be 16 or older to participate.

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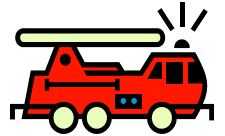
Community Day

Help plant flowerbeds and yard maintenance at the Village Hall on July 24th at 9:00 a.m. Call 262-285-7931 if you are interested.



There are openings on the Tree Board Committee. If you are interesting in joining please call Lila Mueller at the Village Hall. 262-285-7931.

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 find applications online at the Belgium Fire Department website at: www.belgiumfire.com or email at: belgiumfirewi@yahoo.com.



Park & Shelter Rental

Contact Daniel E. Birenbaum at 285-7931 or 414-416-7085 for more details.



Building Inspector

The Village has a new building inspector:

Roger Kison

RK Construction & Inspection Services, LLC.

262-375-1349

Email—rkison@wi.rr.com



American Legion Post #412 **Corn Roast** will be held on **Sunday, August 29, 2010**. There will be games for children such as the dice game, the Lollipop Game, and the Grab Bag. The women members provide wonderful desserts throughout the day. For more information call Rosemary Weiland at 262-536-4602



Have you ever wanted to report a local road concern to the Village Hall? There is a link on the Village of Belgium website for this purpose. The tool is called Road Concerns and will allow you to express any road concern/issue that you may have. Village of Belgium website to check it out: www.village.belgium.wi.us.



A Message from the President...



The Bike Trail Clean Up on May 15th went very well. We will be organizing another Clean Up Day later this summer to focus on the I43 Ramps as well as one mile north and one mile south of the Belgium Exit on I43. If you can help with this effort, please contact the Village Hall. We also need volunteers to help with flower bed clean up at the Village Hall which will take place on July 24th from 9 a.m. until completed.



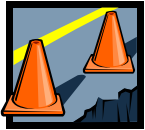
You are going to see some upcoming changes on your water bill. This is the last water bill that will be on fluorescent pink paper. We have identified a simple change in the color of paper as a way to save several hundred dollars per year. After this billing cycle the water bill will be printed on white paper. Also, we will not have **"Bill Enclosed Do Not Discard"** printed on the outside of the water bill envelope. Another simple idea to save you money. Village employees and officials will continue to look for ways to cut expenses.



Lakeside Foods is working with the Village to greatly reduce odor coming from their facilities. They are working with Village employees for suggestions on improvements. If you detect an odor that you believe is from Lakeside Foods, please call 262-285-3299 extension 311. Please leave the following information: date, odor strength, odor description, nearest cross streets or house address.

Enterprise continues to grow in the Village with the addition of a 10,400 sq. foot warehouse in the Industrial Park. It is scheduled to be completed later this year.

Road work on I43 from State Highway 33 to County Road D (Main Street) is slated for 2011 construction according to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. It includes 5 deck replacements and two concrete deck overlays of bridges. Crossovers in the median north and south of the project limits are being considered to divert traffic.



Ozaukee County received a grant to do work on the intersection of Hwy D and Hwy LL. The work is planned for 2011. We will keep you updated as we get more details.

Victory Street/South Avenue Infrastructure project was started on June 21st and is planned to be completed in mid-August. Please use caution if you travel that area and stay away from all heavy equipment!



Ron Weyker, Village Trustee, retired this year after 16 years of service to the Village. Thank you, Ron, for all your hard work and dedication to the Village and its residents throughout the past 16 years.



Just in time for summer...those using the bike trail are welcome to park at the Village Hall. Parking for the bike trail is located on the northwest corner of the building. A hard surface path from the parking lot to the bike trail was budgeted last year and will be installed this year.

American Legion Post #412 Corn Roast and Brat Fry is set for August 29th in Community Park. The Annual Auction will, also, take place that day and there will be games for kids.

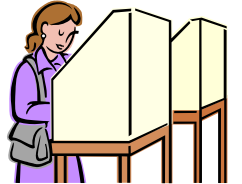
Census 2010 - The Village of Belgium's Census Participation Rate at the time of printing was 89% compared to 80% in 2000. We are well above the state average of 81%. Thank you to everyone who returned their information. It is extremely important to get an accurate count of Village residents so we are properly represented on various fronts.



"Ouverture Grousse" - The Grand Opening of the Luxembourg American Cultural Center will take place on Saturday at 11 a.m. There will be mass on Sunday in Community Park. Watch the Marquee for details or visit www.luxamculturalsociety.org Remember to visit Luxembourg Fest in Community Park on August 7th and 8th.

Belgium's website has had information added and/or updated. Information available on the Village Website includes zoning maps, street maps, employment application, agendas and minutes from meetings and more. We will be working toward putting additional forms on the website including: building permit application, zoning change requests, and more. www.village.belgium.wi.us

There is a Partisan Primary Election on September 14th for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, Secretary of State, State Treasurer and more. Information can be found on the Government Accountability Website: <http://elections.state.wi.us/> Please register to vote ahead of time at the Village Hall.



I wish to thank everyone who has made suggestions on how to continue to improve Belgium. Working together gets so much more done. We can be proud of the accomplishments our community has made and those that are planned. Belgium is truly a wonderful place to live!