

Village of Belgium Newsletter

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Office Hours

December and January
Monday-Friday 8am-5pm

February-November
Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm
Friday 8am-12pm

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JANUARY

1-2- Village Hall Closed
2-Nomination Papers Due 5pm
6- Garbage Pick-up Due to Holiday
31 -Real Estate Tax Deadline by 5pm

FEBRUARY

3-Brew and Chew at Cedar Beach Inn
See Page 4
20- Spring Primary 7am-8pm

MARCH

11- Daylight Savings Begins
31 -Winter Parking Ends

A Message from the President.....

On behalf of the Village of Belgium, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the patience and cooperation that has been shown during our reconstruction project. Having half of Main Street closed for a good part of the year has been a challenge to say the least, and for those of you who live in the construction zone, your difficulties have been significant. Now that we have reached the end of the first phase we can begin to appreciate the new road, sidewalks and buried utilities. Beginning in the spring we will enter phase two. Upon completion we will have a new and vastly improved Main Street which will serve us for many years to come. So, thank you all, we could not have achieved this without your help.

Sincerely,
Vickie Boehnlein
President, Village of Belgium



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Christmas trees will be picked up curbside on December 28, January 4, 11, 18, and 25 unless a snow storm happens on the day of or the day before. Don't forget to remove the bag, lights and ornaments from the tree.



WINTER REMINDERS

Snow is to be removed from the sidewalks within 24 hours after a snow fall. If you go away for the winter please make arrangements to have your sidewalk shoveled. If you fail to shovel your sidewalks you could receive a citation.

When shoveling out mailboxes, be sure to shovel a car-length pathway in front of your mailbox to guarantee mail delivery.

Be sure to shovel out fire hydrants in your neighborhood. Every second counts in a fire emergency.



Recycling Cards Reminder

Don't forget to renew your recycling card for 2018. It is inactive after December 31, 2017. The cost to renew your recycling card is \$20. If you need to purchase a card the cost is \$25.

Sorry, there will not be an ice skating rink this year.



Tax Reminder!

With tax season quickly approaching, we want to remind you that we will be collecting property taxes at Belgium Village Hall Mondays through Fridays 8:00am—5:00pm during the months of December and January only. Any payments made AFTER January 31st must be made at the Ozaukee County Treasurer's Office at the address indicated on your tax bill payment stubs annually.

If mailing in your tax payment to Village Hall during December and January, please make your check payable to:

Village of Belgium
104 Peter Thein Ave.
Belgium, WI 53004

If you would like a paid receipt mailed back to you, you must enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your check(s).

Checks should be made for the exact amount of taxes due. Do NOT include any other payments (utility, permits, etc.) with your property tax payment; they will be returned to you. If there is an over payment due to higher escrow check, a refund will be made by check within 15 business days to the property owner(s) listed on the tax bill.

Port Washington State Bank in Belgium will also be collecting tax payments inside the bank lobby only. In the case of overpayments made at the bank, a refund will be given immediately.

*Bring or enclose your tax payment stub regardless of where and how you pay to avoid an erroneous application of payment!

PLEASE NOTE

With December 30 and 31, 2017 falling on a weekend, your payment at Port Washington State Bank will not be posted until Tuesday, January 2, 2018. It is up to you or your tax preparer to decide whether the tax payment may be deducted on your 2017 taxes or not

2018 Dog Licenses are available now.

Please bring rabies vaccination documentation with you. Price is \$10, unless the dog is spayed or neutered, then the price is \$5.

Licenses must be paid before April 1st, or a \$5 late fee will be added.



Want a copy of your property tax bill or paid receipt?

For years, residents who wanted a copy of their property tax bill receipt, had to send a self-addressed stamped envelope along with their tax payment. That option is still available to all residents. However, there is a new option available via the Ozaukee County website. These are the steps:

- Google "Ozaukee County" or enter their web address <http://www.co.ozaukee.wi.us/> in your address bar.
- Place mouse over "Services" and then click on "Land Information/GIS" in the drop down menu (in middle column).
- Click on "Tax Data Search" in the blue box on the left-hand side of the screen.
- Click on the "Ascent" logo on the following screen to go to the tax data system.

Once you are in the tax data system, you can search for your property tax bill or receipt.

- Change the "Municipality" drop-down box to Village of Belgium.
- Enter your parcel ID or your street number and address, and then click the "Find Now" button.
- Click on the corresponding parcel ID number (in red) for your property.
- Change the "Select Detail" drop-down box to "Taxes"
- If you want a copy of the **tax bill**, to the right of "Print Tax Bills", click on the year in question.
- If you want a copy of the **tax receipt**, under "Tax History", click on the red tax year for which you want a copy of the tax receipt.

Tax Year	Total Due	Paid to Date	Current Due	Interest	Penalty	Total Payoff
2010	\$3,255.05	\$3,255.05	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2011	\$2,740.31	\$2,740.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2012	\$3,290.81	\$3,290.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2013	\$3,421.60	\$3,421.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total						\$0.00

Child Development Screening

On **Friday, February 23, 2018**, the Cedar Grove-Belgium Elementary School will conduct **Child Development Screenings**. The screenings will be held from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Individual screenings will be scheduled every 45 minutes. We encourage the participation of parents with children between the ages of **2 years, 9 months** and **5 years** of age who have not yet participated in some form of preschool screening and who have not entered four or five year old kindergarten. This screening is also designed for pre-kindergarten children who have recently moved to the community and have not previously been screened. This service is provided at no cost to residents of Cedar Grove-Belgium School District only. Please call **Shelly Abler at 920-668-8518 or 877-280-7361, ext 304** to schedule a screening time.

In order to keep our records up to date, please let us know of all preschool children living in your household. Thank you!



Food Collection

The Cedar Grove-Belgium food pantry is open the 2nd Thursday of every month from 4:30-6:30pm at Faith Reformed Church. The church is located at 243 S 4th St in Cedar Grove. The phone number is 920-668-6725. A collection barrel for non-perishable food items is located at the Belgium Village Hall. Your donations are appreciated.

The Belgium Fire Department is currently taking applications for membership. If you are interested in joining, please contact Fire Chief Daniel Birenbaum at 414-416-7085 for further information. Applications are available at Village Hall.



Baseball sign up will be at the end of February. Like them on Facebook Cedar Grove Belgium Athletic Association.



Happy Holidays to you from the Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce!

We would like to thank all of you who supported this year's **European Christmas Parade & Market**. From the wonderful crowd who came to watch the parade and check out the European market on that beautiful winter night, to the unique gift vendors, amazing restaurateurs, talented singers & musicians, generous volunteers and supportive sponsors- ALL who made that night possible, we couldn't have asked for a better event. We are already looking forward to next year! Thank you to you all!

SAVE THE DATE: The 5th Annual Brew & Chew

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018 at Cedar Beach Inn- 6 pm- 9 pm. Tickets on sale soon.

Watch our facebook page for details!



ANNOUNCEMENT!

We are thrilled and excited to announce that Belgium has been accepted into the Connect Communities program for 2018! This is a program sponsored by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation to help municipalities grow their downtown areas. Our current mission is to focus on improving our Hwy LL Corridor, from the Village Square south to Buechler Farms, and overall quality of life for Belgium residents. The program provides us with networking opportunities, educational workshops and webinars, as well as liaisons with a variety of helpful expertise. We also are working with a branding expert on rebranding the village of Belgium to better reflect our Luxembourgish roots. **What events and businesses would you like to see in Belgium? Drop us a note and let us know- via our facebook page (Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce) or belgiumareachamber@gmail.com.**

Belgium Business Spotlight on Peggy Wester, Realty Executives Integrity



This Monthly Spotlight is a new Chamber member feature. Check out our website- www.belgiumareachamber.org or our facebook page for the full article!

Peggy Wester is a dedicated chamber member of seven years who is the current membership chair and devoted Chamber volunteer. This is no small feat when you consider her busy professional life. Peggy earned accreditation as a CRS (Certified Residential Specialist) in 2006, making her one of the top 3% of realtors in the nation. She now serves on the CRS leadership team. So why would a Grafton resident focus so much of her time on Belgium? In short- it's her passion. She grew up here. "There's so much potential here," she explains. "We're just figuring out how to work together to grow it." When not working or volunteering, Peggy enjoys biking, traveling, going for walks, and spending time with family.



It's Renewal Time!

2018 is shaping up to be an exciting time of great development & opportunities for Belgium. We hope you'll consider coming along for the ride as a member of the Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce! We welcome businesses, non-profit organizations and individual memberships. More info is available on our website. and at the Belgium Village Hall. Annual membership fees are just \$80 for businesses (discounts available for multiple businesses) and \$50 for Associate Members (non-profits, service clubs, churches & individuals).

Belgium Bits:

Did you know that the country of Luxembourg is roughly the same size as Ozaukee County? Yet Luxembourg has nearly 500,000 more residents!