



Village of Belgium Newsletter

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Hours 8am-5pm Monday-Thursday
8am-12 (Noon) Friday

March

30 Village Hall Closing at 12pm
31 Easter Egg Hunt @ Heritage Park 11am
31 Winter Parking Ends

April

1 Dog License Deadline
3 Spring Election
27 Rummage Registration Deadline

May

12 Village Rummage Sale
19 Shredding and E-Cycling (See below)
14 Branch Pickup Begins-Call Village Hall (See Page 2)
22 Open Book 2-7pm (See Page 2)

June

2 Garbage pickup on Saturday due to holiday
28 Board of Review (7-9pm)
29 Fireworks start between 9:45-10pm @Heritage Park

Free Shredding and E-Cycling

Village residents are invited to bring any documents they want to dispose of safely and securely to Plus Group Financial Office, 680 Main Street from 8:30-11am on May 19, 2018. Documents will be shredded on-site at no cost to you. Paper shredding limit 5 boxes per person until truck is full.

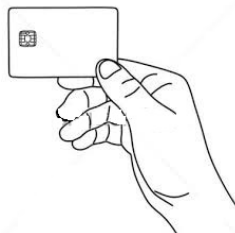
Electronics can be brought to the Belgium Town Dump, 1215 Jay Road from 9am-12(noon).

E-Cycling is unlimited until the truck is full.

Main Street Construction Phase II will possibly start around the 2nd week in May. It will start at Beech Street and go West to the Village limits. We Energies is done replacing the gas main and is now working on burying electric, phone and cable lines. Watch for updates on the Village website.



Here are a few things to keep in mind while the construction is going on. It is imperative that everyone exercises caution while driving, bicycling, or walking on the streets that are under construction and obeys ALL construction signs. The Village asks that residents keep their distance from construction equipment in use. Please keep children and pets away from construction activity and open trenches as they might not be aware of the dangers.



Have you been to the recycling center and found that your card doesn't work? You probably haven't renewed it for 2018. The cards expired on December 31, 2017.

The cost to renew your recycling card is \$20. If you need to purchase a recycling card because you don't have one yet the cost is \$25. Hours of operation (with access card) are 6am-10pm 7 days a week.





Open Book/Board of Review

If you have any questions concerning your new property valuation, there will be an

Open Book session held by Grota Appraisals, LLC at the Belgium Village Hall where you can meet individually with one of the appraisers. Assessment notices will be mailed out to all property owners the first week in May. The Open Book Session will be held on Tuesday, May 22rd from 2pm to 7pm. No appointment is needed. If you prefer, you may email the Assessor prior to Open Book at: Les@wi-assessor.com.

If, after the open book session, you wish to object to the assessment, contact Julie Lesar at 262-285-7931 to file a "form of objection" and to schedule an appointment before the local Board of Review. You will need to file a written or oral intent to object with the Municipal Clerk at least 48 hours prior to the Board of Review. The Board of Review will be meeting at the Belgium Village Hall on Thursday, June 28th from 7pm to 9pm. The Board of Review functions like a court in that it is required to evaluate evidence based on facts. You must provide factual information showing your property is incorrectly assessed.

As you might have heard, sewer rates have gone up. You will see the increase in the next quarter's bill. Here are some of the reasons the rates have gone up 3%.



- Cost of the wastewater plant operations have increased
- Original equipment at the wastewater plant needs maintenance or replacement
- The cost of Phosphorus has increased, a chemical used to treat wastewater.
- Gas and electrical services have increased their rates
- Fixing inflow and infiltration problems throughout the Village.

If you would like to see the new rates you can go to the Village website.



Branch pick-up will be on Mondays, starting May 14th. Branches need to be at the curb by 7am with the trunk ends towards the street. Please call Village Hall for this service, 262-285-7931. If calling after hours, please leave a message. Do not place branches curbside over a holiday or event weekend, i.e. Belgium Rummage Sale. Residents who choose to put branches out on event weekends may be charged for the collection. You can not bring you branches to the recycling center. The recycling center is for yard waste only! You will be fined if you leave branches there.

The Village's chipping policy (only applies to trees 6" or more in diameter). Due to the large volume of chipping when a tree is felled, the Village Board has instituted a policy in which people who cut down trees should make their own arrangements to have branches chipped. If branches from a felled tree 6" in diameter or more are left at the curb for the Village staff to chip, a fee of \$200 per hour will be charged to the property owner.

Village of Belgium

2017 Consumer Confidence Report
Is now available for Review.
The report can be viewed online at:
www.village.belgium.wi.us

Hard copies are also available for review and can be picked up at

Village Hall
104 Peter Thein Ave

Office Hours:
Monday – Thursday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Friday 8:00 am to noon

Residents wishing to know more about the overall water quality within the Village are asked to contact Daniel Birenbaum at 414-416-7085.

The 2017 report indicates that the Village of Belgium had **NO WATER QUALITY VIOLATIONS** during the previous 12 months and that the drinking water supply continues to **MEET or EXCEED** all **FEDERAL** and **STATE REQUIREMENTS**



2018 Belgium Rummage Sale

The Belgium annual city-wide rummage sale is Saturday, May 12, 8:00 am-4:00 pm. St. Mark will be offering indoor RENT-A-TABLE for \$5.00 each. Enjoy ~ Dry, indoor bathrooms, no fighting the elements, desserts, beverages, bake sale and items for sale from other participants. St. Mark is located at 200 Park Street, Belgium. To reserve a table (or two) or for additional information, call Pat in the church office, 262-285-3820. Reservations are made on a first come, first serve basis and space is limited.

Beautify your yard for summer and support your local Cub/Boy Scouts at the same time!

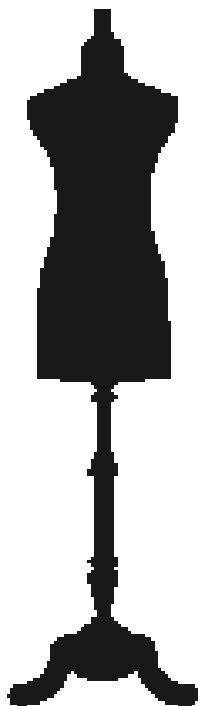
Please visit us at Community Park during the Village Rummage Sales, Saturday, May 12th for a beautiful selection of flowers and garden vegetable plants.



If you would like to have your utility bill paid automatically from your bank account each quarter, please fill out an "Authorization of Automatic Payment Withdrawal" form . You can find it either online or at Village Hall

KMG Creations

Sewing & Alterations



Bridesmaid Dresses
Prom Dresses
Original Hem

Call Karen Gonwa
(262) 285-7972

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Appointment Only

Reminders from the Building Inspector

Accessory building permit needs: A yard layout, and picture of the structure proposed building. If the accessory structure is greater than 120 square feet, the plans must be approved by the Plan Commission. (Meetings are on the 4th Monday of the month at 7pm. Information must be given to Clerk by 3rd Monday of the month.)

All homes must have a carbon monoxide detector and smoke detectors, or 1 combination detector at each level, per State Law.

Call for inspections for new furnaces, water heaters, windows with size changes, and wood burning stoves.

Fence permit application needs: A yard layout, and a picture of the fence to be installed

Thinking about building or updating? Have Questions?

Call Roger Kison at 414-333-4511





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Office at Village Hall- 104 Peter Thein Avenue, Belgium



Happy Spring from the Belgium Area Chamber of Commerce!

It's already been an exciting 2018 at the Chamber. We kicked off the year with a **solid out** crowd at this year's Brew & Chew fundraiser- thanks to all who attended! We recently welcomed staff from Connect Communities to our village to kick off our first year as a part of their program, and a wonderful mix of residents, business owners, and board members gathered together to brainstorm ways for us to invigorate Belgium. We can't wait to see what happens next!

Belgium Business Spotlights

The below members were recently featured as a Chamber Member Spotlight- a monthly feature. Check out our website- www.belgiumareachamber.org or our facebook page to get the full stories about these Chamber members!

<p>Eric Schmitz- Rise Marketing</p>	<p>Joe Rasdosevich- Belgium Community Church</p>	<p>Kim & Diane Keller (and Winky) Heritage Publishing</p>
<p>262-305-1956 eschmitz@rise-marketing.com www.risemarketing.com</p>	<p>Belgiumchurch.com And Find them on facebook!</p>	<p>262-284-5554 hpubco@wi.rr.com hpubco.com</p>
<p>Self-described as an “old soul Luxembourg,” Eric helps companies, schools, clubs, churches and organizations stand out through unique imprintable merchandise, custom-designed fashion apparel, functional, useful one-of-a-kind “wow” gifts, and everything in-between.</p>	<p>The newly renamed Belgium Community Church, a Christian and Missionary Alliance church located at 280 Lakeview Drive, opened in February with a completely renovated building and new Pastor at the helm. All are welcome to join them in worship.</p>	<p>Celebrate this family business now in their 40th year at their location in Port Washington. “We do all kinds of printing- letterheads, calling cards, newsletters, envelopes, etc. We also do banners and posters,” explains Diane.</p>

Belgium Bits: Did you know: Luxembourg is the least populated country in the European Union, with only 465,000 inhabitants, yet “The Heritage Foundation” ranked Luxembourg first in Europe and fourth in the world for economic freedom.



Belgium Fire Department, Inc.

195 Commerce Street • P.O. Box 209 • Belgium, Wisconsin 53004

IT'S TIME FOR VILLAGE OF BELGIUM ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE

The Belgium Fire Department is hosting this year's annual rummage sale. The profits from this fundraiser help us purchase equipment that is not part of our annual operating budget.

One of our fund raising efforts is the Annual Village Rummage Sale which is held every year on Mother's Day Weekend. In preparation for this event, we encourage participants to fill out a sign-up sheet along with a small donation. We do the advertising for you, including ads in the local papers. We also include all participants' rummage information on a master list that leads visitors through the village on the day of the sale. As many of you know, our little village is overflowing with people on rummage day. They come from everywhere between Milwaukee and Green Bay.

The donations help cover the cost of printing and advertising for the event. The money that the fire department makes on the day of the sale comes from food stand sales at the Village Park. You are entitled to sell any of your "no longer needed" items, but we encourage you to let us serve the peoples' needs when it comes to food and refreshments.

You can find the sign-up form on the back of the sheet. You may also contact Gerri (number provided on the sign-up sheet) with any additional questions that you might have.

Just like any service organization, the fire department is always looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact Chris Schmidt at 262-689-2220 for more information. We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank You and have a GREAT Sale!

Belgium Rummage Sale

Saturday, May 12th

8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sponsored by the Belgium Fire Department

COMPLETE COUPON BELOW AND MAIL WITH YOUR CHECK FOR \$5 TO:

GERRI BICHLER
825 County Road D
BELGIUM, WI 53004
PHONE: 262-285-3073

Make checks payable to: Gerri Bichler

The donation covers advertising and printing costs.

Your donation is much appreciated!

Registration Deadline: April 27th

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ No. of families participating at your
address: _____

E-Mail Address _____

MAIN ITEMS:

1. _____ 4. _____

2. _____ 5. _____

3. _____ 6. _____

Phone: 262-285-3257 Fax 262-285-3251
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