

# NEWBURG VILLAGE NEWS

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## Important Election On April 17

On Tuesday, April 17, residents will have a chance to voice their opinion in a number of important elections in our area. The most visible ballot question concerns the Belvidere School District (which Newburg Village children attend) and its referendum asking voters to pass a 35-cent increase in the district's education tax.



This increase would allow the district to staff and operate Belvidere North High School, which will open this fall. The school was approved and built because enrollment in the district has grown by more than 56% over the past 10 years, but the referendum last year to fund the staffing of the school lost by 61 votes. The School Board has

approved \$2.1 million in cuts if the referendum fails, and school officials have said that would mean a year without sports, extracurricular activities and more.

The actual ballot question reads as follows:

*"Shall the limiting rate under the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law for Belvidere Community Unit School District Number 100, Boone, McHenry and DeKalb Counties, Illinois, be increased by an additional amount equal to .35% above the limiting rate for levy year 2005 and be equal to 3.7840% of the equalized assessed value of the taxable property therein for levy years 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010?"*

If the referendum passes, homeowners would see an increase in their property taxes for 2008 of about \$274.00 for a home assessed at \$250,000 according to Future of 100, a citizen's group supporting the referendum. That works out to about the cost of one Starbucks latte per week. The District has not had an increase in its Education Fund since 1975.

Whatever your views are on the referendum, we urge you to exercise your right to vote on April 17. For more information on the referendum, go to [www.futureof100.com](http://www.futureof100.com).

Other questions on the ballot include the election of two Village of Cherry Valley trustees.

Our polling place is Belvidere 17, which is located at the Boone County Conservation District, 630 Appleton Rd., Belvidere. For those needing directions, take Newburg Road east toward Belvidere to Appleton Road, turn left and follow Appleton Road around the "S" curve. The BCCD drive will be located on your left.

## Golf Club Offers Discounts to Residents

Newburg Village Golf Club has announced player discounts for 2007 for residents of Newburg Village. For daily play, Newburg Village residents can play nine holes for \$10.00, which is a \$3.00 discount over the regular weekday rate for the general public. All you have to do is show your driver's license to confirm that you are a resident of Newburg Village.

If you are interested in purchasing a season pass, you have a number of options. An unlimited daily play pass is available for \$325.00 for residents, a \$100.00 discount over the general public rate. A limited weekday pass for play Monday through Friday before 4:00 PM is available to residents for \$200.00 and a twilight pass, offering unlimited play after 4:00 PM is available for \$125.00. Both the limited pass and the twilight pass are discounted over the general public rate.

For those who want a full golf club membership (and that generally works out better if more than one person in the household plays regularly), the cost for the primary member is \$395.00, which is \$100.00 off the general public price, and \$125.00 for the member's spouse. Each child in the household would be an additional \$50.00. The full membership includes unlimited daily play, CDGA membership, official USGA handicap for those 18 and older, advanced tee time reservations, availability of permanent tee times, 15% discount on all non-sale merchandise in the Pro Shop, 15% discount in the Snack Shop, and player discounts on groups of 10 or more. There is also a \$100.00 senior discount available for the primary member if that person is age 55 or better.



## The Golfers Are Back

Newburg Village Golf Club re-opened March 25, but with the recent cool turn in weather, rounds have been light. Even so, you will soon see golfers wandering close to your yard.

As you know, homes and landscaping may, from time to time, be in the path of errant golf shots and those golfers will attempt to retrieve their golf balls. Newburg Village Golf Club does a good job of reminding golfers to

be respectful of your private property and that all yards are considered out of bounds. Please remember, though, that the golfers do have a legal right to enter your property to retrieve an errant golf ball. That is specifically granted in the CC&Rs. The golfers do not, however, have a right to hit their ball out of your yard or drive golf carts through it.

If their ball goes in a yard, most golfers simply will walk in, quietly retrieve it, and return to the golf course before dropping the ball and playing on. *Golfers do not purposely try to hit houses or damage property.* We must remember, though, that most golfers are not as good as Tiger Woods (even though they may think they are). They will occasionally mis-hit a ball or not drive it as straight as they want to. And with Newburg Village Golf Club catering to newer golfers and those who might not play very often, this is a more frequent occurrence than might be otherwise expected.

If your house does happen to get hit by a golf ball, please realize that it was not intentional. If you can identify the offending golfer or the foursome from which the ball came, please contact the clubhouse immediately. They will do their best to help identify the offending golfer. The golf course has a voluntary damage report program for golfers where they ask any golfer who does happen to cause known damage to a homeowner's property to complete a report at the club house so the resident can be contacted and put together with the golfer. If the offending golfer can be identified, you may be able to recover any damages under that golfer's homeowners liability coverage.

Unfortunately, it may not be possible to identify exactly who caused any damage. A certain amount of golf ball damage is to be expected when living on a golf course. There are riders for homeowners policies that can cover any damage, so we suggest you talk to your insurance agent to see if that would be of value to you. NVHA, the management of the golf club, and the owners of the golf course are not liable for any damage that results from an errant golf ball.

In the rare case where there is a problem with a particular golfer, please handle it with respect for all parties involved. Your attitude goes a long way in determining how the problem will be resolved. An abrasive or abusive attitude begets the same in return. As the saying goes, "Stuff happens." By approaching a problem with respect for all, you should be able to diffuse any situation and bring it to an acceptable conclusion.

## Neighbor Notes

*Neighbor Notes is a place to announce new neighbors, weddings, births, career changes, promotions, and more. If you have an announcement for your household, email your news directly to [events@newburgvillage.com](mailto:events@newburgvillage.com). Help keep our neighborhood connected on all the good news in your life!*

Congratulations are extended to Diane McKeon, 7085 Brimmer Way, who was featured recently in the Register Star's *Get to Know Me* column. Diane is Vice President of Quality Improvement for Rockford Health System.

The following new neighbors have moved into Newburg Village in the last couple months:

- Derrick & Debi Ferlita and Jaden, 7247 Brimmer Way

## Village-Wide Garage Sale Scheduled for May 4 & 5

Cherry Valley's annual village-wide garage sale is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, May 4th and 5th from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM both days. The Village Hall will be supplying maps showing locations of participants.



This would be the perfect time to clean out the garage or do that Spring cleaning and make some money on it! If you are interested in being included in the village-wide garage sale, please contact the Village Hall at 332-3441 by Tuesday, May 1, 2007 to have your address included. Maps to all garage sales will be available at the Village Hall, Express Lane Gas Station and Road Ranger beginning Thursday, May 3rd. Radio, TV, and local newspapers will be also informed of the sales.

## Cherry Valley Blood Drive

The Village of Cherry Valley will be holding a community-wide blood drive on Thursday, May 3, 2007 from NOON until 6:00 PM at the Village Hall, located at 806 E. State Street. The Rock River Valley Blood Center's Bloodmobile will be there with free cookies and refreshments for all who donate. All blood types are welcome. Donating blood is safe, simple, and it saves lives. And it only takes about an hour!



RRVBC must collect 900 units of blood each week (that's 180 units each day!) to meet the needs of the nine hospitals in our area. Your blood is desperately needed, so please take the time to donate blood. Please call 815-332-3441 for an appointment. WALK-INS ARE WELCOME!

## NVHA Board Meetings

The NVHA Board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Christ the Rock Lutheran Church. Upcoming meetings include April 17 and May 15, 2007. An agenda for each meeting will be posted to our website ([www.newburgvillage.com](http://www.newburgvillage.com)) approximately one week before the scheduled meeting.