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## Benelux News Briefs

### American Festival

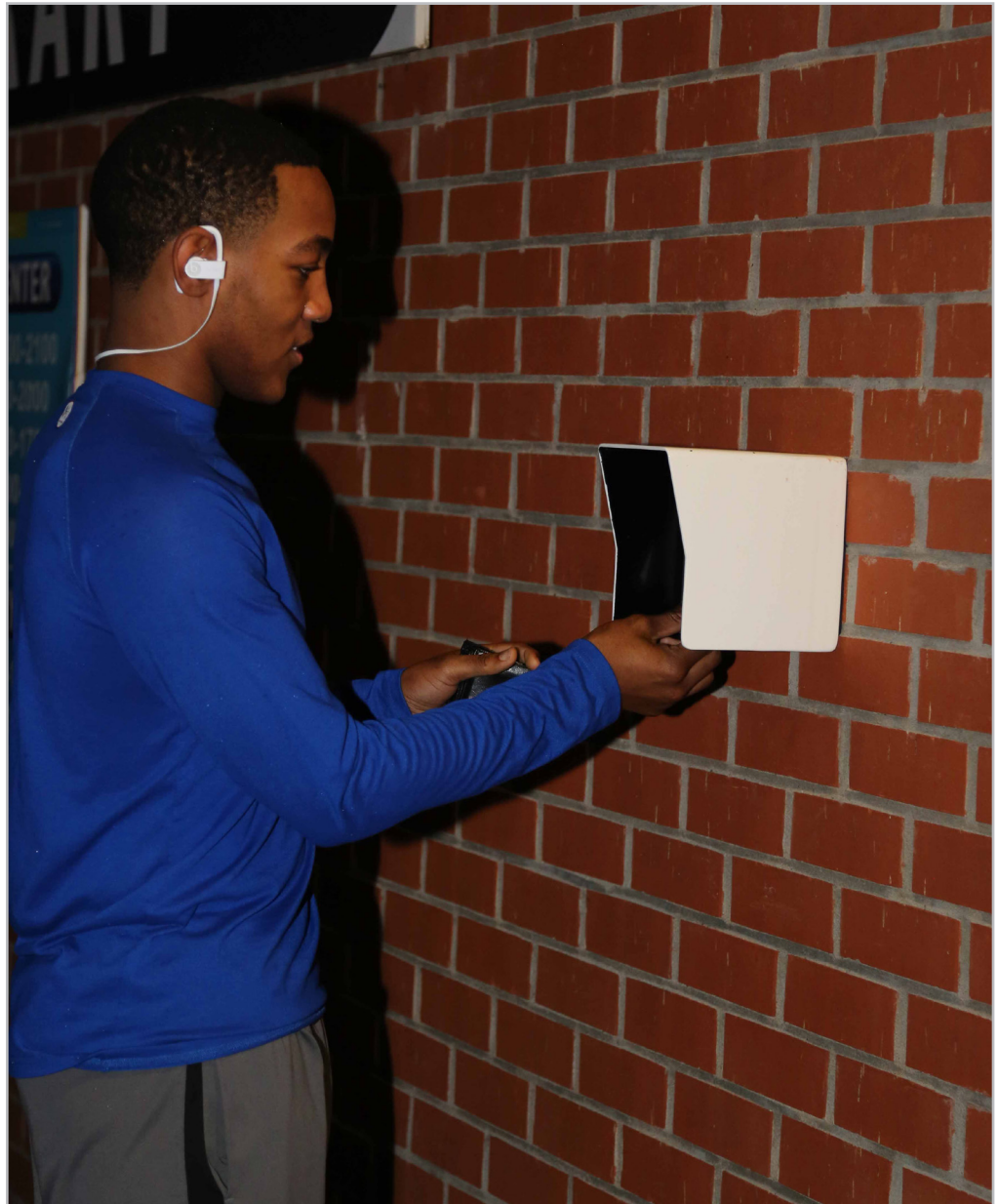
The city of Chièvres and USAG Benelux are co-organizing the American Festival on June 16 and 17. The organizers are looking for American vendors who are interested in selling food, drinks, clothes, accessories or other products. To find out more about how to manage a booth, call the Public Affairs Office at DSN 361-5694 or +32 (0)68-275694.

### Grandma's Attic

Grandma's Attic will be open this Friday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The store is open for donation drop-offs and shopping. Grandma's Attic is located in Bldg. 6 on Caserne Daumerie. For more information on Grandma's Attic, please visit their Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/GrandmasAtticChievres](http://www.facebook.com/GrandmasAtticChievres).

### Chièvres Andrews FCU

Andrews Federal Credit Union on Chièvres Air Base will be closed this Saturday. For online account assistance, mobile apps, online banking and remote check deposit are available. The branch will be open Monday.



## Chièvres Fitness Center opens 24-hour access to patrons

*A patron uses the card machine to scan his ID card for entrance into the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Chièvres Fitness Center after regular business hours April 9 on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. The Chièvres Fitness Center opened 24-hour access to gym patrons to increase community readiness. (U.S. Army photo by Bill Audretsch)*

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# In Memoriam: Dr. Thomas Birch

**By SHAPE American High School**  
Special to the Gazette

It is with deep sadness to inform the community that Dr. Thomas Birch, assistant principal at SHAPE American High School, passed away the morning of April 10.

Birch arrived to SHAPE last school year and soon after was diagnosed with cancer. He chose to continue to work and make a difference in education and in the lives of the SAHS students. As the assistant principal, he was a true professional and an advocate for initiatives that had a positive impact on the educational system. He was also a kind and spiritual person and a good friend.

Birch was an educator for 37 years. He graduated from Rice University in Houston, Texas, with a bachelor's degree in English and Spanish in 1981. He earned his master's degree in curriculum and instruction at the University of Houston in 1986 and then completed his doctorate at Utah State University in 2006.

He taught English, Spanish, Social Studies, English as a Second Language, and Advancement Via Individual Determination (also known as AVID), in Houston, South Korea, Turkey, Bahrain, Azores and Spain. He also spent a year in Kabul, Afghanistan, where he was detailed to the Defense Language Institute, taught English to Afghan military members and mentored Afghan English teachers.

For more than two decades, Birch took a leadership role in school improvement, focusing his efforts on methods of teaching and learning and their results for student achievement. He was a member of the Turkey Spain Islands district's SLICE initiative, an effort linking innovations in instruction with assessment. He was named Department of Defense Education Activity's Teacher of the Year at Izmir, Turkey, in 1992 and TSI District Teacher of the Year in 1999 to 2000. He served on the Overseas Federal Teacher's Executive Committee in the Mediterranean in 2010.

During his career, Birch taught all levels of English language arts, Spanish, world history, world geography and AVID. Since April 2017, he was the assistant principal of SAHS.



*Photo provided by SHAPE American High School.*

He is survived by his wife Anne and children Ian, Kelly and Ellen. The couple was active in the Mary Queen of Peace Catholic community on SHAPE and expecting grandparents.

Information on a memorial service will be released by SAHS at a later date. Our most sincere condolences go to the Birch family for the loss of a beloved husband, father, educator, leader, role model, friend and community member.

If you would like to send condolences to the Birch family, please contact SAHS at DSN 366-6930 or +32(0)65-326930.

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# Remembering the Royal Flush victims in Fouleng

By Julie Piron

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

On April 13, 1944 a U.S. Air Force B-17 flying fortress, called the "Royal Flush," was coming back from a successful raid over the ball bearing industries in Schweinfurt, Germany when it was hit by the German flak based in Chièvres, Belgium. The plane crashed in a nearby field in Fouleng, killing six out of the 10 crew members. Three airmen were hidden by the local resistance while the fourth one, injured, was made prisoner of war by the Germans.

For the last 74 years, the city of Silly has committed to commemorating this event during a wreath-laying ceremony at the exact place of the crash in Fouleng. On April 10, Christian Leclercq, mayor of Silly, and Air Force Lt. Col. Craig D. Lindstrom, commander of the 424th Air Base Squadron, both highlighted in their speeches the importance of the bond between Belgium and the U.S. "These commemorations bind our nations and solidify the friendship between Belgians and Americans, a friendship that was born on the battlefield many decades ago," said Lindstrom.

The ceremony drew the attention to those airmen who died in the name of freedom as well as to the courage of the local residents who helped the surviving airmen. Donna Schurman, niece of the pilot Air Force 1st Lt. James Robert Lavin, sent a letter that was read during the ceremony where she addressed her gratefulness for this event. "I am in constant awe by the genuine display of thankfulness and affection exhibited by you toward our fallen heroes. Recently, I have lost many players in the Royal Flush story, and I miss them greatly. But they and you will live forever in the hearts of the Royal Flush family."

1. Airmen of the 424th Air Base Squadron serve as the Color Guard during the commemoration for the Royal Flush crash in Fouleng, Belgium, April 10.

2. Air Force Lt. Col. Craig D. Lindstrom, commander of the 424th Air Base Squadron, gives a speech during the commemoration.

3. The 424th Air Base Squadron provides a wreath to lay beneath the commemorative plaque for the Royal Flush crash victims.

4. Lindstrom pays his respects by laying a wreath beneath the Royal Flush commemorative plaque. (U.S. Army photos by Marie-Lise Baneton)



# Chièvres Fitness Center opens 24-hour access to patrons

**By Jessica Ryan**  
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

There are no excuses to get a workout in now patrons have 24-hour access to the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation fitness center on Chièvres Air Base, Belgium. As of April 9, patrons age 18 and over (age 17 for active-duty service members) can work out beyond regular hours of operation in the functional fitness area in the Community Activity Center.

This new program will allow patrons more flexibility in their schedules to achieve their workout goals. The 24-hour access will also help service members and civilian employees achieve readiness.

"Providing 24-hour access to the Chièvres Fitness Center enables readiness and resiliency in our community. There are a lot of physical, mental and emotional benefits in exercising," said Yvette Castro, acting chief for MWR Business and Recreation division.

"This helps service members and civilians with leading healthy lifestyles and completing the military mission."

For more information about 24-hour access to the fitness center, go to <https://chievres.armymwr.com/promos/24-hour-fitness>.

Getting 24-hour access to the fitness center is not automatic. To get access, eligible patrons must register their Common Access Card, or CAC, at the front desk of the fitness center during regular hours of operation. A staff member will register the card into the system as well as have patrons read and sign a statement of understanding.

Afterwards, patrons will get a tour of the facility and a safety briefing on equipment usage. During the tour, a staff member will show the patron where the ID scanning machine is located outside the building and have the patron scan their ID to ensure it is working.

Currently, the functional fitness area is the only place open beyond regular hours of operation. The functional fitness area has cardio machines, benches, weights, the WELLBEATS system, the TRX bars and straps, and other gym equipment. There are also locker rooms with showers and restrooms opened to patrons during after hours.



Courtesy graphic.

The area will be monitored by camera surveillance at all times. If emergencies arise, patrons must call the Military Police desk at DSN 361-5301 or +32 (0)068-275301 for assistance. The emergency phone numbers are posted in the building.

In addition, other safety features such as a first aid kit and automated external defibrillator, or AED, will be visibly on-site for patrons to use if needed.

In the future, the fitness centers in Brussels and Schinnen will have 24-hour access to patrons. Brussels patrons can go to the Brussels MWR website for registration information at <https://brussels.armymwr.com/promos/24-hour-fitness>. Registration information for the Schinnen patrons will be announced by MWR at a later date.

For more information about the Chièvres Fitness Center (Bldg. 20004), call DSN 361-5643 or +32(0)6827-5643 or visit <https://chievres.armymwr.com/programs/fitness>. ♦



## STRONG COMMUNITIES

## STRENGTHEN FAMILIES

### Tri-Border community stands up to child abuse

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. Tri-Border community members came out to support prevention efforts to put an end to child abuse during a 5K run/walk April 12 in Schinnen, The Netherlands. Preventing and stopping child abuse is a community effort. If you suspect child abuse in the local area, call the Domestic Violence Hotline at +31(0)613-216737. (U.S. Army photo by Rita Hoefnagels)

# Yellow Ribbon Program covers college costs that GI Bill doesn't

By Katie Lange

Defense Media Activity

So, you've served your time in the military, and you're ready to go back to school. But did you know your Post-9/11 GI Bill might not cover all of the tuition and fees for the institution you're interested in?

The bill covers all tuition and fees for public schools. But if you want to attend a private or out-of-state school, it might not cover everything.

But there's good news -- you can still get most, if not all, of the funds you need through the Yellow Ribbon Program.

The Yellow Ribbon Program is an agreement between universities and the Department of Veterans Affairs to get former service members the extra funds they need for college. To qualify, you have to be at the 100 percent benefit level of the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

First things first, though: not all universities and colleges participate. To find out if the one you're considering does, visit the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' website and search under "Education and Training" for the Yellow Ribbon Program. Colleges and universities that participate in the program are listed by state. There is also a listing for overseas campuses for participating U.S. colleges and universities.

The next step is applying to the program. Except there's nothing to apply to -- you're essentially doing that when you apply to the university or college. All you really need to do is notify the school's certifying official.

"Where the GI Bill is given to the student veteran, the university participates in the Yellow Ribbon program, and together they combine to provide essentially full tuition for a student veteran," said Chris Young, associate director of transfer admissions and veterans affairs at Drexel University, a private university in Philadelphia.

"You're then provided your certificate of eligibility, which indicates that you're 100 percent eligible," Young said.

Veterans give that certificate to their school, which will determine if there are still slots available in the Yellow Ribbon Program -- each participating institution agrees to a certain allotment. The school will then notify you if



Courtesy graphic.

you're accepted into the program. From there, it will send an enrollment form to the VA for certification.

## HOW THE PROGRAM HAS HELPED

Michael Spina spent nine years in the Marine Corps after a stint in college in 2003.

"We were paying upwards of \$30,000 a year," Spina said of his tuition at that time. "So, I had come into the Marine Corps with a bit of debt on my shoulders. It's an overwhelming feeling."

He now has a family to feed, so transitioning out of the military and back to "the outside" also brought a level of uncertainty that was just as scary as his previous student loan debt. But he was able to go back to college using the Yellow Ribbon Program, and it's helped immensely.

"It's really the reason why I'm able to come to school at a private institution such as Drexel while having a family and being able to afford it," Spina said.

The program is not for active-duty service members, but it's definitely one to remember when you reenter civilian life.

For more information about the Yellow Ribbon Program, visit [www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow\\_ribbon.asp](http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/yellow_ribbon.asp). ♦



## KEEPING YOU CONNECTED

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SHAPE : 106.5 | Tri-Border community : 99.7 and 96.9 FM

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# Getting a driver's license in Germany

By Jessica Ryan

USAG Benelux Public Affairs

*This article is a part of series explaining how U.S. personnel get the right licenses to drive in the Benelux. Please see the March 30, 2018 issue of the Gazette on the process of getting a driver's license in Belgium. The process for U.S. personnel in the Netherlands will be explained in a future issue.*

For U.S. personnel working at the Army Prepositioned Stocks site in Dülmen, Germany, the process for getting a driver's license is different than for those living Belgium or the Netherlands. Personnel must get a U.S. Army Europe, or USAREUR, driver's license at U.S. Army Garrison Rheinland-Pfalz in Kaiserslautern, Germany to drive in Germany. In addition, they can also get an international driver's license in other European countries.

## GETTING A USAREUR DRIVER'S LICENSE

According to the USAG Rheinland-Pfalz website, to drive in Germany, people must have a valid U.S. driver's license prior to moving to the country. People, age 18 and over, must first complete the training and pass the USAREUR driver's test on Joint Knowledge Online, or JKO, at <https://jkodirect.jten.mil> (Course IDs: USA-007 and USA-007B). Common Access Card, or CAC, users can log into JKO. CAC users can sponsor dependents without CACs on the website. To access the USAREUR study guide and practice test, go to [www.usareurpracticetest.com](http://www.usareurpracticetest.com).

For applicants under age 18 who already possess a valid U.S. driver's license, their sponsor must email a request to [usarmy.sembach.usareur.list.rmv-dts@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.sembach.usareur.list.rmv-dts@mail.mil) to request an exception to policy memorandum. The request should include the sponsor's name, rank, organization, APO mailing address and a copy of the front and back of the applicant's U.S. driver's license.

U.S. personnel must receive a score of 85% or higher. After passing the online test, personnel should then go to the Driver's Testing Station (Bldg. 3213, Room 207) on Kleber Caserne in Kaiserslautern. It takes a minimum of 48 hours for the scores to be processed to the driver's testing station. Personnel will then fill out an application (190-1T), take an eye test and pay a fee for the USAREUR driver's license. The current fee is \$20, and, until further notice, only checks or money orders are only accepted for payment. Personnel will receive a temporary driver's license on-site. The hard copy license will be sent to their APO mailing address within three to four weeks. USAREUR driver's licenses are valid for five years. If someone's tour extends beyond five years, they must renew the license and pay the fee.

If the U.S. personnel have motorcycle endorsements on their driver's license, they will have to attend a mandatory four-hour orientation briefing and pass a written test. Uniformed



Courtesy photo.

services are also required to have a valid Motorcycle Safety Foundation card. Please contact the driver's testing station in Kaiserslautern to schedule attendance to the briefings.

The USAREUR driver's license is only valid in Germany. In order to drive in other European countries, people must obtain an international driver's license in addition to the USAREUR license.

## GETTING A INTERNATIONAL DRIVER'S LICENSE

U.S. personnel must request an application for the international driver's license at the nearest driver's testing station for U.S. government employees. To apply for this license, they must submit the provided application to the rathaus, or city hall, in their town of residence. People must possess the hard-copy USAREUR driver's license before beginning the process for the international driver's license. For the application, personnel must provide a copy of their U.S. driver's license, one EU passport photo (3.5 centimeters by 4.5 centimeters) in addition to paying a fee. Fees will vary per town. For more information, personnel should talk to the rathaus personnel in their town.

## MAINTAINING AN U.S. DRIVER'S LICENSE

U.S. personnel are responsible for maintaining a valid U.S. driver's license throughout their overseas tour. If the license expires during their tour, people should renew it before the expiration date. Each state has different rules and requirements on license renewal for U.S. citizens living abroad. People should check their state's official vehicle department, such as the Department of Motor Vehicles, for more information on the application process.

For additional information on getting the USAREUR driver's license, call DSN 314-483-7332/7335 or +49-6371-411-7332/7335 or visit [www.rp.army.mil/sponsorship/settlingin.html](http://www.rp.army.mil/sponsorship/settlingin.html). ♦

# Changing attitudes: It is not a “rite of passage”

By Laurise Laurent-Workman

Army Substance Abuse Program

The need to provide meaningful education on the dangers of underage drinking and drug use here in the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community is important for readiness. A few facts help to highlight that need:

- Alcohol and drugs are the leading causes of crime among youth.
- Alcohol and drugs are the leading factors in teenage suicide.
- More than 23 million people over the age of 12 are addicted to alcohol and other drugs.

Young people, like adults, drink alcohol for many different reasons. Some of the reasons may seem obvious, but understanding the feelings behind these reasons -- as well as how everyday teen life comes into play -- can be difficult.

Young people often drink to check out from family problems or issues with school and grades, loneliness, low self-esteem, depression, anxiety disorder and other mental health issues. They may drink to deal with the pressures of everyday social situations, to change their image or to fit in when moving to a new school or town, to gain confidence or lose inhibitions.

As teens get older and alcohol and drugs enter the picture, parents are faced with a unique set of challenges. Parents often forgive underage drinking as a “rite of passage.” They can simply sit back and hope their kids will “get through it,” or they can change their attitude and take an active role in learning about alcohol and drugs -- and help their kids to do the same.

It is important to take advantage of “teachable moments” when parents and other adults can help kids learn about underage drinking and drug use. It’s not so much about having “the big talk,” but about being there for them when the issues come up such as on TV, at the movies, on the radio, about celebrities or sports figures or about their friends.

According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, here are some guidelines that can help parents talk about alcohol and drug use:

For kids, knowing that someone is really listening is most important so parents should listen before they talk. Ask open-ended questions. Be involved. Be honest and open. Be positive. Talking about these issues can build bridges rather than walls.

Addiction is a chronic, progressive disease that can be linked to family history and genetics. If there is a family history of problems, be straightforward about it as one



April is Alcohol Awareness Month. The Army Substance Abuse Program, or ASAP, is recognizing the observance by hosting variety of informational and educational events in the community. (Graphic courtesy of ASAP)

would be with any other chronic disease, such as heart disease, diabetes or cancer.

“Alcohol and drug use is a very risky business for young people,” said Andrew Pucher, NCADD president and chief executive officer. “Parents can make a difference. The longer children delay drinking and drug use, the less likely they are to develop problems associated with it. That’s why it is so important to help your child make smart decisions about alcohol and drug use.”

In fostering “changing attitudes” parents can help kids understand that drinking isn’t a “rite of passage.” It’s not a way to feel or be independent, “cool,” or to fit in socially. Young people can learn that alcohol is not necessary for having a good time. Non-use of alcohol is a healthy and viable option and young adults can learn to respect another person’s decision not to drink alcohol.

This April, the Army Substance Abuse Program at USAG Benelux is observing Alcohol Awareness Month. The program will host a variety of informational and educational events throughout the community to raise public awareness about underage drinking and encourage parents to speak to their kids early and often about alcohol and other drugs.

Additionally, ASAP urges local community organizations, schools, administrators and other agencies to get involved in these activities. It can make a tremendous difference in the community as ASAP reaches out to those who are most vulnerable and help the next generation avoid the many problems that underage alcohol and drug use can bring.

For more information about ASAP and Alcohol Awareness Month events, contact the ASAP prevention coordinator at DSN 423-2633/7076 or +32(0)6544-2633/7076. ♦

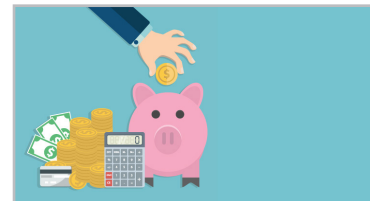
## ALL COMMUNITIES

The following are VTC-projected class. For information about and to register for VTC classes, contact:

- For SHAPE: DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824
- For Brussels: DSN 368-9783 or +32 (0)2-7179783
- For Schinnen: DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)46-4437500

### April 18

- **Budgeting and Investing** - From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., learn the fundamentals of a good budget by using our automated budget worksheets and financial planning tools. The objective is to allow you to know your level of risk, how to save for the important things and learn tips on investing. Attendees will also have information about the Thrift Savings Plan, as it should be a major part of their retirement planning.



### April 25

- **Insurance Products** - From 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., attendees will have information about the various types of life insurance and how they can best use them. Attendees will look at term life, universal life, whole life and variable universal life. Learn the difference between life insurance and investment products and discuss how to estimate your needs.

## BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

See also above in "All Communities."

### Every Monday and Thursday

- **Lunchtime Yoga** - Relax and refresh during the work day from 12:15 p.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brussels Fitness Center. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or +32 (0)2-7179667.

### Every Tuesday

- **Tax Assistance** - The Northern Law Center will provide U.S. federal and state income tax assistance to eligible clients on Tuesdays in Bldg. 4 in room 316. Services are by appointment only. To schedule an appointment, call DSN 423-4868 or +32 (0)65-444868. For more information on legal services and documentation needed for tax returns, visit [www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/org-legal.html](http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil/org-legal.html).

### Every Thursday and Friday

- **Community Movie Night** - Enjoy free entertainment at the 3 Star Recreation Center starting at 6:30 p.m. The schedule includes *12 Strong* (R) on Friday, *Paddington 2* (PG) on April 19, and *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* (PG-13) on April 20. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or +32 (0)2-7179822.

### Every Friday

- **3 Star Recreation Night** - Join the Brussels community for games, cards, music and movies starting at 5 p.m. at the 3 Star Recreation Center. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Line dancing will start at 7 p.m. on the first and third Friday of the month. Karaoke will be held on the second and fourth Friday of the month starting at 6 p.m. U.S. Military, NATO, U.S. Embassy and mission cardholders are welcome. For more information, call DSN 368-9822 or +32 (0)2-7179822.

### April Fitness Challenge

- **1,000/500 Pounds Club** - If your combined one-rep max totals in bench press, squat and deadlift is 1,000 pounds, or greater (or 500 pounds or greater for females), you're a member of the club. Register at the Brussels Fitness Center. For more information, call DSN 368-9667 or +32 (0)2-7179667.



### April 18

- **Host Nation Orientation** - Held at Army Community Service (Bldg. 4, 2nd Floor). Newcomers will receive information about USAG Benelux and the Brussels community, visit local sites, and learn about the language and local customs. For more information, call DSN 368-9783 or +32 (0)2-7179783.

### April 19

- **3 Star Dinner Special "All You Can Eat Taco Bar"** - Starts at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$11 for adults and \$5 for children. The alternative kids menu is chicken strips with potato wedges for \$5. Reservations are required by April 17 and can be made at [reservations3star@yahoo.com](mailto:reservations3star@yahoo.com).

### May 7

- **BOSS Life Skills: Basic Automotive Maintenance and Repair** - U.S. single and geographically-separated service members of any branch of service and rank are eligible to participate in the class at the Brussels Auto Skills Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Each service member will walk away from the class with the knowledge they have gained and a personal car care kit to include; professional grade jumper cables, a tire pressure gage, multi-tool, LED flashlight and gloves. Register at [www.brussels.armymwr.com](http://www.brussels.armymwr.com).

## SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

See also page 8 in "All Communities."

### Tri-Border AA 12 Step Meeting

- AA meeting provides a venue where members can go and talk about their recovery as well as any problems they experience along the way. If the individual who is doing the talking has built a successful recovery, then it can inspire other members. Held at the JFC Brunssum Chapel every Wednesday evening from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call +31 (0)6-50416741.

### Every First and Third Tuesday

- **Open Wall Climbing** - This is available at the Schinnen Climbing Wall in the Andre Bruls Fitness Center. The next sessions are April 17, May 1 and May 15. Cost for adults is \$40 for five visits or \$10 for one visit. Cost for children age 12 and under is \$32 for five visits or \$8 for one visit. For more information, call DSN 360-7370/7560 or +31 (0)46-4437370/7560.



### Through April 20

- **Registration for Archery/Blow Darts Clinics** - Enroll at the Parent Central Services JFC Brunssum (Bldg. H602) for archery and blow darts clinics. This is open to youth age 9 to 18. There will be six sessions, two hours each, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The clinic dates are May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and June 6. The cost is \$155 which includes transportation and two hours of professional instruction. For more information, call DSN 606-244-3121 or +31 (0)45-5263121.

### April 14

- **Pickleball Challenge** - Pickleball is a paddle sport, similar to a racquet sport, that combines elements of badminton, tennis, and table tennis created for all ages and skill levels. Give it a try, and sign up for the upcoming "Couples" Pickleball Challenge held at the Schinnen Fitness Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call DSN 360-7561 or +31 (0)46-4437561.
- **The Magic of Rob Lake** - Rob Lake's mind-blowing illusions have dazzled and entertained millions across network television, in Times Square, on the Vegas strip, Atlantic City, and before sold-out audiences in casinos, arenas, and theatres worldwide. Armed Forces Entertainment is proud to announce that the illusionist is coming to the Schinnen Community Recreation Center. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the free show starts at 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. All NATO ID cardholders are welcomed. For more information, call DSN 360-7560 or +31 (0)46-4437560.

### April 19-20

- **Newcomer's Orientation & Cultural Tour** - Held at Schinnen Army Community Service from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. All newcomers and spouses are invited to learn about your new community, including local customs, culture, and language. On the first day, explore the Dutch culture with an introduction to the language and get an overview of Tri-Border services. On the second day, go beyond the gate to visit a few local attractions and shopping areas and learn how to use the local train system. For more information or to register, call DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)46-4437500.

### April 20

- **Month of the Military Child Celebration** - Join Child, Youth and School Services from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the CYS Facility on JFC Brunssum in honoring our military children. There will be bouncy houses, games, arts & crafts and refreshments. Children must be accompanied by their parents. All military families are welcomed. For more information, contact Parent Central Services at DSN 606-2443121/2023 or +31 (0)45-5263121/2023.
- **American Legion Post NL01 General Membership Meeting** - Held at Schinnen Bldg. 3 in Classroom A at 5 p.m. Chartered by The American Legion National Headquarters, the Margraten Post was formed by veterans to help fellow veterans, their families, widows of veterans and orphans. Today, the mission is still to serve U.S. military veterans and also to maintain and build relations with veterans of Allied Nations to honor all sacrifices. For more information, visit [www.facebook.com/PostNL01](http://www.facebook.com/PostNL01).



### April 21

- **Flea Market** - Held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Schinnen Community Activity Center. If you did your spring cleaning and need to get rid of all kind of goodies then rent a table for \$10 and sell them. Setup is at 9 a.m. For more information, call DSN 360-7370/7560 or +31 (0)46-4437370/7560.

### May 9

- **New Parent Support Visits** - New Parent Support is available to U.S. I.D. cardholders in Schinnen. Home, office and hospital visits are a great way to receive support from a caring professional regarding your pregnancy, newborn, or young child, or to discuss parenting and child development with a supportive home visitor. Visits take place one Thursday per month by appointment. Call DSN 360-7500 or +31 (0)464-43-7500.

## SHAPE/CHIÈVRES COMMUNITY

See also page 8 in "All Communities"

### Starting April 9

- **24 Hour Fitness** - The Chièvres Fitness Center is now opened 24/7. Eligible users age 18 and older can register their Common Access Card, or CAC, to gain entry into the fitness center after regular hours of operation. Contact the Chièvres Fitness Center for access eligibility. For more information, call DSN 361-5643 or +32 (0)68-275643.

### Tax Center Services

- The Northern Law Center will provide U.S. federal and state income tax assistance at SHAPE Bldg. 318 to eligible clients from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 5 p.m. Services are also on Chièvres Air Base inside Andrews Federal Credit Union on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Services are by-appointment only! To schedule an appointment, call DSN 423-4868/4906 or +32 (0)65-444868/4906 or email nlctaxcenter@gmail.com.

### POV and GOV Orientation Classes

- POV Orientation Class is conducted at SHAPE Bldg. 220 in room 104 every Tuesday at 8 a.m. to noon. Schedule an appointment in order to receive study material. GOV Orientation Class is conducted every Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. U.S. and Canadian personnel must complete a POV orientation to obtain SHAPE driving license. For more information, call DSN 366-6603 or +32(0) 65-326603.

### Every Monday and Wednesday

- **Circuit Training (Stroller Friendly)** - Join the Chièvres Fitness Center (Bldg. 20004) on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., for an adult, high-intensity, full-body workout using body weight and basic equipment followed by 30 minutes of indoor cycling. Kids are welcome. Parents are responsible for their children during the class period. Open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders.

### Every Tuesday

- **SHAPE Library Preschool Story Time** - Help your little ones get a head start on early reading skills by attending the SHAPE International Library's weekly story times. Preschool Story Time, designed for children age 3 to 6, meets every Tuesday at 4:15 p.m. in the children's room of the library. Participants will enjoy stories, finger plays, songs and lots of giggles. Story Time helps children build confidence, learn socialization skills and make friends while child minders get a chance to meet their peers. For more information, call DSN 324-5631 or +32(0)65-445631.



### Through May 30

- **Softball Registration** - From June 5 to July 21, there will be softball games each Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The team roster deadline is May 30. Teams may consist of NATO, U.S. service members, dependents and civilians age 18 and older. The mandatory coaches' meeting will be held May 31 at 1 p.m. at Bldg. 313 in room 205. For more information, call +32 (0)65-443193.

### April 17

- **Volunteer Recognition Ceremony** - The annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony celebrates the effort and support volunteers provide to the SHAPE and Chièvres community from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the USAG Benelux Auditorium on Caserne Daumerie (Bldg. 30). All volunteers who are registered in the Volunteer Management Information System (VMIS) are welcome to attend, but reservations are required. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

### April 19

- **EDIS Screenings** - Educational & Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS) is offering free developmental screenings for children up to age 36 months old at the SHAPE Health Clinic (Bldg. 401, Paris Wing) from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call DSN 566-5305 or +32 (0)65-325305.
- **EFMP Support Group** - Join the Army Community Service at SHAPE Bldg. 318 from 11 a.m. to noon for an opportunity to meet and network with other Exceptional Family Member Program families. Attendees openly talk about their experiences, pose questions and gain information and resources. Children are welcome to participate in sensory-friendly activities during the support group. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

### April 20

- **Fun for Kids** - Hosted by Child, Youth and School Services, families can get together a game of pick-up basketball or play on bouncy castles at the Community Activity Center (Bldg. 20004) on Chièvres Air Base from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It's also a great opportunity for newcomers to the community to meet other parents.



**April 21**

- **Kids' Day** - April is Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Army Community Service will provide fun and games for kids of all ages including bouncy castles, information tables, and obstacle courses. The event is open to all U.S. and NATO ID cardholders. Held at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**April 26**

- **Ten Steps to a Federal Job** - Army Community Service will show people how they can land a federal job in 10 steps from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in SHAPE Bldg. 318. This training can also be brought to military units. Advance registration is required. To register, call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

**April 27**

- **Colorful Run** - Celebrate military children with a fun, colorful family run and an after party. Each participant will receive a t-shirt. The event starts at 4 p.m. on the field behind Total Station at SHAPE. Entry is \$10 for participants age 18 and older, and \$5 for participants up to age 18.



**April 28**

- **Daddy-Daughter Dance** - The American Legion Auxiliary Post BE02, in partnership with the Girl Scouts, hosts a Daddy-Daughter Dance at the SHAPE Events Center. The theme is "An Evening in Paris." All nationalities and ages are encouraged to attend the event. For more information, contact shapedaddydaughterdance@gmail.com.

**April 30, May 14/15/29 & June 18/19/25**

- **Host Nation Orientation** - Learn about the community, tour a Belgian hospital, learn about Belgian customs, sample traditional Belgian cuisine, learn basic French, enjoy a cultural tour of Mons and learn about public transportation and shopping. Held Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. Registration is required. For more information, call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

**May 8**

- **BOSS Life Skills: Basic Automotive Maintenance and Repair** - Held at the Chièvres Auto Skills Center (Bldg. 20184) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. U.S. single and geographically-separated service members of any branch of service and rank are eligible to participate in the class. Discussion topics include ASC safety, introduction to vehicle systems, fluids, life cycle of vehicle fluids, how to check fluids, electronics and ignition systems, cooling, power steering, breaks, exhaust, suspension, tires, and specific instruction on the proper way to change a tire. For more information, email usarmy.benelux.id-europe.mbx.boss-program@mail.mil.



**May 24**

- **Train Trip to Brussels** - From 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., participants will learn how to use the train, experience Belgian culture, explore Brussels' Grand Place and also make new connections. Please plan to buy ticket and bring lunch money. For more information about the itinerary and to register, call DSN 366-6824 or +32 (0)65-326824.

**UPCOMING ORGANIZED TRIPS & TOURS**

**SHAPE Trips & Tours**

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or +32 (0)65-443884.

- Gouda & Keukenhof Gardens (SOLD OUT), **April 21**
- Reims with Champagne (SOLD OUT), **April 28**
- Rhine Dinner Cruise with Fireworks, **May 5**
- Paris (SOLD OUT), **May 12**
- Oxford and The Cotswolds, **May 19-21**
- Dover Castle and Canterbury, **May 26**
- Cologne with Breakfast Cruise, **June 2**
- Amsterdam, **June 9**
- Monet's House and Gardens in Giverny, France, **June 16**
- London, **June 23**
- Bruno Mars Concert in Paris (SOLD OUT), **June 30**
- Beyonce and Jay-Z Concert in Paris, **July 14**
- Rotterdam with Harbor Tour, **July 14**
- Strasbourg, France, **July 28**

- Honfleur, France, **Aug. 4**
- London, **Aug. 12-15**
- Disneyland Paris, **Aug. 18**
- Kevin Hart Comedy Tour in Antwerp, **Aug. 25**
- Heidelberg & World's Largest "Wurst" & Wine Festival in Bad Dürkheim, Germany **Sept. 15**

**Schinnen Trips & Tours**

Call DSN 360-7560 or +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- Shopping Trip to the Cologne Mall, **April 18**
- Keukenhof Gardens, **April 21**
- Deep Sea Fishing at the North Sea, **April 22**
- Climbing and Hiking Adventure at the Rhine Valley, Germany, **April 28**
- Family Day Trout Fishing, **May 12**
- London Express, **May 26**
- Disneyland Paris, **June 2**
- Weekend Trip to Normandy, **July 20-23**

# Open-air museums in the Benelux

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Open-air museums, also known as folk museums, exhibit collections of buildings and artifacts of particular time periods in outdoor settings. There are many museums in The Netherlands and Belgium that provide visitors unique opportunities to learn about the country's history.

## **Belgium**

### **Archaeological Site of Aubechies**

**Where:** Rue de l'Abbaye 1y in Beloeil

**When:** Open from Jan. 9 to Dec. 22, from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Also open on Sundays and public holidays from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. from April 16 to Oct. 16. Open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on weekends and public holidays from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in July and August.

**Website:** [www.archeosite.be](http://www.archeosite.be)

The Archaeological Site of Aubechies is the largest archaeological open-air museum in Belgium. Each reconstructed building illustrates one of the great stages in human evolution from prehistory to the Roman conquest. Explore this open-air archaeological park and discover the objects of everyday life displayed in the different dwellings.

The Gallo-Roman reconstructions include the sanctuary of Blicquy, a barge and a villa. Entry is €9.50 for adults and €3.50 for children. For more information, contact +32(0) 69-671116 or email [contacts@archeosite.be](mailto:contacts@archeosite.be).

### **Middelheim Museum**

**Where:** Middelheimlaan 61, in Antwerp

**When:** All Year

**Website:** [www.middelheimmuseum.be/en/visit](http://www.middelheimmuseum.be/en/visit)

The Middelheim Museum is one of the oldest and most original open-air museums in the world. The museum offers a fascinating overview of more than 100 years of visual arts in an exceptional setting. The welcoming arts park attracts more than 300,000 visitors every year. In addition to the sculptures in the museum park, which give an overview of more than one hundred years of sculpture, the museum also regularly hosts solo and group exhibitions as well as developing themed exhibitions with sculptures from the museum's permanent collection. The park itself is also a prime example of landscape art. Entry to the museum is free. For more information, call +32 (0)3-2883360.

### **Openluchtmuseum Bachten De Kupe**

**Where:** St.Mildredaplein 1B, B8691 in Izenberge

**When:** Daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Openluchtmuseum Bachten De Kupe is a museum near the Belgian town of Izenberge. It is the reconstruction of an old farmer village. It has an old farm, a medical cabinet, chapels, a library and more. Entry is €6 for adults and €3.50 for children age 6 to 12.



*The Archaeological Site of Aubechies is the largest archaeological open-air museum in Belgium. This open-air archaeological park is where visitors can discover the objects of everyday life displayed in the different dwellings. (Courtesy of the Archéosite et Musée d'Aubechies website)*

### **Provinciaal Domein Bokrijk**

**Where:** Bokrijklaan 1 in Genk

**When:** All year

**Website:** [www.bokrijk.be/en](http://www.bokrijk.be/en)

Provinciaal Domein Bokrijk is located in the Belgian municipality of Genk. The open-air museum has more than 140 authentic and historic buildings. The oldest building dates from 1507, but the majority of the buildings are from the 17th century through end of the 19th century. Many of them are farms. There are demonstrations of old crafts and many buildings have guides who talk about its history.

### **Sart-Tilman Open Air Museum in Liège**

**Where:** Allée des Erables, in Liège

**When:** All year

The museum, founded in 1977, showcases a collection of about a hundred monumental works in the open air (sculptures and architectural integrations), strewn across the grounds of Liège University in Sart-Tilman. The collections focus on monumental sculptures and paintings, illustrating the contemporary creations of Frenchspeaking Belgium with the works of George Gard, Eugène Dodeigne, Pierre Caille, Serge Vandercam, Félix Roulin, Pierre Alechinsky and Léon Wuidar. They also provide fertile grounds for young artists to experiment. Placing works of art in the grounds aims to reconcile urban expansion, protection of the forest and free access for the public. Entry to the museum is free. For more information, call +32 (0)4-3662220.

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**The Netherlands**

**The Archeon**

**Where:** Archeonlaan 1, 2408 ZB Alphen aan den Rijn

**When:** March 24 to Oct. 28

**Website:** [www.archeon.nl](http://www.archeon.nl)

The Archeon in the Dutch province of South Holland has as theme Dutch history and is divided in three sections: Pre-history, Roman Time and Middle Ages. The buildings in each of the sections are in the style of the period. Employees are dressed according the fashion of the time and can be watched while demonstrating life as it was in that time period.

**Deltapark Neeltje Jans**

**Where:** Faelweg 5, 4354 RB Vrouwenpolder

**Website:** [www.neeltjejans.nl/en](http://www.neeltjejans.nl/en)

**When:** All year

The coolest Water Park in The Netherlands - Deltapark Neeltje Jans, located in the Dutch Province of Zeeland, is more than just a theme park. It has many attractions, but visitors can also go to the Delta Works, walk through the inside of the storm surge barrier and taste some real Dutch culinary delicacies. Neeltje Jans is part of the famous Dutch Deltaworks, built to defend The Netherlands against the sea, especially the Provinces of Zeeland, Zuid-Holland and Noord-Brabant. The Deltaworks were named by The American Society of Civil Engineers as one of the seven modern wonders of the world. Special activities are open March 31 to Nov. 4.

**De Zaanse Schans**

**Where:** Zaandam

**When:** Open all year

**Website:** [www.zaanseschans.nl/en](http://www.zaanseschans.nl/en)

De Zaanse Schans near the town of Zaandam is a well-known open air museum in the Dutch province of Noord-Holland. Some say that it is not really a museum, because people still live in several of the houses. However, it was established this way to save it as a historic inheritance. Many old buildings from the area were brought here between 1961 and 1974 and restored to their former glory.

**Het Nederlands Openluchtmuseum**

**Where:** Hoferlaan 4, 6816 SG Arnhem

**When:** April to October

**Website:** [www.openluchtmuseum.nl/en](http://www.openluchtmuseum.nl/en)

The Netherlands most famous open air museum, Het Nederlands Openluchtmuseum, is located in Arnhem. Many old and historic buildings from all over The Netherlands, which were on the brink of being torn down, were brought here. Several of the buildings are still "lived in" by museum employees who talk to visitors as if they were the original owners. Old crafts and costumes are on display, and demonstrations are given daily.



*Open-air museums provide visitors an opportunity to see authentic Dutch homes, villages and iconic structures such as windmills. (Courtesy photo)*

**Eindhoven Museum**

**Where:** Boutenslaan 161B, 5644 TV in Eindhoven

**When:** April to October

Eindhoven Museum is an archeological open-air museum with as theme the Iron Age, Middle Ages and the Dutch province of Brabant. The museum is situated in Gennep Parken in the south of the city of Eindhoven. Daily life in the theme periods is in the center of attention. Food will be cooked on open fires. Visitors can play medieval games and participate in other activities.

**Het Zuiderzeemuseum Enkhuizen**

**Where:** Wierdijk 12 - 22, 1601 LA Enkhuizen

**When:** April to October

**Website:** [www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl/en](http://www.zuiderzeemuseum.nl/en)

Het Zuiderzeemuseum Enkhuizen is a sample of a complete village as they were in the times before the large dam was build inclosing the Zuiderzee (Southern Sea) and making it the IJsselmeer (IJssellake). The buildings are either moved here or copied in the exact style. The museum has many mills, small and nostalgic shops, a school, a harbor and more.

**Madurodam**

**Where:** George Maduroplein 1, 2584 RZ Den Haag, Netherlands

**When:** Open daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Ticket Office closes at 6 p.m.

**Website:** [www.madurodam.nl/en/](http://www.madurodam.nl/en/)

Madurodam is a miniature city in The Hague, which attracts yearly hundreds of thousands tourists. Opened in 1952, Madurodam gives an accurate picture of a Dutch town and the Dutch society by means of models of buildings from all over The Netherlands build on a scale of one to 25. It is named a city but it has more attractions such as a historic center of town, a harbor, airport, canals, roads, meadows, farms, estates, castles, nature areas and more. It is also known as a miniature city with a smile, because many comical situations from daily life can be seen here.



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

**Through April 15**

- **Brussels International Fantastic Film Festival** - One of the biggest fantasy film festivals in the world with science fiction and cult movies in addition to events such as the ZomBIFFF Day on Saturday. Held at Bozar, Rue Ravenstein, 23. For more information about the event, visit [www.biff.net](http://www.biff.net).

**Through April 22**

- **Fair of Laeken** - Visitors will discover a brand new attraction called "The Crazy Palace." Held on Place Emile Bockstael. Open from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. with 20 attractions. No entrance fee.

**Through May 6**

- **Floriade Brussels in Groot-Bijgaarden** - Enjoy the one million planted flower bulbs and get inspiration for a beautiful garden at home. Held at Castle Van Groot-Bijgaarden on Isidoor Van Beverenstraat. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €14 for adults, and €5 for children age 6 to 14.

**Through Sept. 2**

- **Star Wars Identities Exhibition in Brussels** - Two hundred costumes, props, models, and pieces of artwork are yours to discover. The collection spans all six *Star Wars* movies and the ongoing television series *Star Wars: The Clone Wars*. Held at Brussels Expo - Hall 2 on Place de Belgique. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €22.90 on site (€21.90 if purchased online) and €16.90 for children (€15.90 if purchased online).

**April 13-15**

- **Garden Fair in Enghien** - Held in the park of Castle Enghien. Open Friday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry is €8.

**April 14-15**

- **WW2 U.S. Camp Base in Masnuy-Saint-Jean** - Visitors will see equipment, uniforms and vehicles dating from 1944 to 1945. Held on Chemin de Mons, 10. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free entry.

**April 15**

- **Flea Market in Ath** - Held on Rue de l'Abbaye, 6 featuring 80 booths from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Flea Market in Braine-l'Alleud** - Held on Avenue de la Croix Rouge and Avenue des Cyclamens featuring 180 booths from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Obourg for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Rue du Camp from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Vaudignies for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Rue Rincheval, 2 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Péronnes-lez-Antoing for 5, 10, 15 or 20 km** - Departs Avenue du Lac, 56 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Elouges for 5, 10 or 20 km** - Departs Rue Béatam, 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.



Read about events near Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

**Through May 13**

- **Keukenhof Gardens in Lisse** - Spectacular floral displays planted in endless varieties among beautiful works of art. Keukenhof is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entry is €16 for adults, and €8 for children age 4 to 11.

**April 13-15**

- **International Wine and Spirits Fair Antwerp 2018 (BE)** - Held at Antwerp Expo, Jan Van Rijswijcklaan 191 in Antwerp. The event has wine, food tastings and more. Entry is €10. Open Friday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m.
- **Krefelder Gartenwelt (GE)** - This is a large garden fair held at An der Rennbahn 4 in Krefeld. Open Friday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €8.

**April 14**

- **Year Market (BE)** - This large market has many regional and national products held in the center of Denderhoutem from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. No entry fees.

**April 14-15**

- **Antique & Curiosa Fair** - Held in the beautiful surroundings and rooms of Castle Spelderholt on Spelderholt 7 in Beekbergen. Open both days from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Entry is €3 for adults, and free for children age 11 and younger.
- **Spring & Garden Fair (GE)** - This fair has all kinds of decorations for home and garden, furniture, flowers, jewelry and culinary specialties. Held in the beautiful historical surroundings of "Das Gastliche Dorf" in Delbrück. Open both days from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Entry is €3.
- **Spring Fair "Lentiade"** - Held on De Pettelaarse Schans in Den Bosch, visitors will get a taste of spring while shopping and enjoying all the goodies this lifestyle fair offers. Open all days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Entry is €10 for adults, and €2.50 for children.
- **Spring Festival (GE)** - This festival is held in the center of Herdecke. In addition to a large flower and garden market, visitors will also find an antique and flea market. Open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **The Amstel Gold Race** - This is a professional cycle race for men and women which starts at 10 a.m. in Maastricht and finishes in the center of Valkenburg around 6 p.m.

# Highway Construction and Road Closures

You may experience some delays while driving in Belgium this season. Road construction projects are occurring throughout the country and may result in temporary lane closures and road congestion. We will provide regular updates to ensure that the community is informed and prepared.

## Outside the Gate



**Schinnen (A76):** Due to the creation of the new on and off ramps on A76 (highway Heerlen-Geleen), exit Schinnen #4 from Heerlen towards Geleen will be closed as of April 10. This will result in the closure of the hard shoulder on both sides of the highway and a speed restriction of 70 km per hour from April 10 to Jan. 31, 2019. Traffic should follow the yellow signs directing them to exit #2 Geleen-Beek and then access #2 on the A76 direction to Beek-Schinnen. The new A76 on and off ramps are scheduled to be completed in the fall.



**La Louvière (E42):** A part of the E42/A15 highway is closed to traffic. It is the section from La Louvière to the intersection with the E19/A7 at Houdeng, in the direction of Mons. Follow the deviations, or detours, via Bois-d'Haine. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the week.



**Route d'Ath in Jurbise:** The road construction on Route d'Ath is ongoing. This week, workers are near n°413. Work is scheduled to be completed by mid-April.



**Silly (RN 57):** Road construction is ongoing on Chaussée de Ghislenghien, between Rue Mauvinage and Rue du Noir Jambon, in both directions. Work is expected to last four months. There is a deviation, or detour, via the village of Thoricourt.



**Ath:** There is a road construction on Chaussée de Mons in Ath next to Carrefour and Intermarché. Work is scheduled to be completed by April 27.



**Brussels:** Renovation of the Reyers tunnels is in progress. Work is scheduled to be completed by the end of the year. The Reyers-Meiser tunnel is closed in the direction of Meiser for a few more weeks.



**Andenne/Daussoux (E42/A15):** The three-way yard project between Andenne and Daussoux has been underway since August. This project involves 15 km in both directions. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained. Work is scheduled to be completed by August 2018.

Please be cautious and patient while driving at all times. If you have questions or would like to report other highway construction sites and road closures, please email the U.S.

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