

Club wants ice rink by December

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The Lakeshore Communities Junior Woman's Club met Tuesday at Chrissy's Now & Then Pub to discuss ways to pay for an ice-skating rink in Belgium's Community Park.

The goal is to have the rink open by mid-December and club president Dawn Anderson was confident that goal would be reached if the weather cooperates.

Members are very excited about the rink, she said.

The last time the village had a public ice rink was more than 10 years ago, Public Works Director Dan Birenbaum said.

"We flooded the infield (of the baseball field). It worked good until it rained," he said. "I'm all for an ice rink. I think it's a great thing for families and kids to do in winter."

Anderson said she was pleasantly surprised when village officials indicated they wanted to work with the club on a rink.

That was a dream of hers since her son was 4 and played youth hockey. They had to search for an ice rink, she said. He no longer plays on a hockey team, but still likes to skate

A rink was one of many projects club organizers considered, Anderson said.

"I thought it would be years away," she said.

A first fundraiser planned is family bowling on Sunday, Nov. 7, at the Belgium Community Center. Bowling times will be noon to 2 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m. The cost is \$4 for one game and shoe rental with the money going to the ice rink. A raffle will also be held.

To reserve a bowling time or for other information on the Junior Woman's Club or the ice rink, call Anderson at 285-3366.