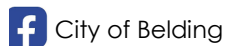




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2025 MUSIC BY THE RIVER

EVERY Thursday, May 29th — August 28th!
 At East Riverside Park next to the Flat River!
7 - 8:30 p.m.

May 29	Flashback	Oldies
June 5	Spuddies	Rock
June 12	B & B Country	Country
June 19	Tim Evans & the Silverado Express	Country
June 26	Tequila Rose Chilled	Rock
July 3	Hagen-Hudson Trio	Pop/Swing
July 10	Fred & Friends	Variety
July 17	Sandra Faye Band	70's Hits
July 24	Twister	Variety
July 31	Looped & Loaded	Electrified Duel
August 7	Marty Miller	Variety
August 14	Erin Rich	Acoustic Variety
August 21	Clark, Reed & Meadows	Folk
August 28	Modern Day Relics	80's Rock

DUMP VOUCHERS ARE BACK!

Limited to one PER City of Belding household (including apartments), you may pick up your FREE Dump Voucher at City Hall beginning June 1, 2025.

Vouchers can be used from July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025 at Pitsch Landfill.

Each voucher has a limit of a \$25 standard load. Any excess to the standard load will be charged directly to the resident by Pitsch Landfill. Additionally, all loads must be covered or Pitsch Landfill will assess a \$10 fee to the resident.

ADDITIONAL COSTS:

- Freon Appliances - \$25
- Mattress - \$20
- Box-Spring - \$20
- Tires (Off-Rim) - \$5
- Tires (On-Rim) - \$10



The Pitsch Landfill is located at:

7905 Johnson Rd, Belding, MI 48809

Hours of Operation are: **Mon – Fri | 7am – 4:30pm**

1st, 3rd & 5th Sat. of ea. Month | 7am – 12 Noon

Pitsch Phone: 616-794-3050

If you're in need of assistance transporting your load to Pitsch Landfill, please contact the City of Belding 616-794-1900 for more information.

	Whole Note Sponsor: \$500+
	Half Note Sponsor: \$300-\$499
	Quarter Note Sponsor: \$200-\$299
	Eighth Note Sponsor: \$1 - \$199



More food vendors to come!

BELDING BUGLE

APRIL, MAY, JUNE 2025

Lovely Lavender Lilacs

CITY MANAGER

CITY MEETING SCHEDULE

Dear Residents of Belding,

I am honored and excited to introduce myself as the new City Manager of Belding. My name is Keven Krieger, and I have the privilege of serving this vibrant and welcoming community. As I begin this new chapter, I want to take a moment to share a bit about myself and my vision for our city.

I had spent 13 years working for the City of Belding before I went to Flat River Group to spend 7 years as a Senior Buyer. I bring a strong commitment to improving our city's services, infrastructure, and overall quality of life. My top priority is to work alongside all of you—residents, city staff, and local leaders—to ensure that Belding continues to thrive as a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. I was born and raised in this community and I still live here with my wife and two sons.

I believe that open communication and collaboration are key to our success. I am committed to listening to your concerns, ideas, and suggestions as we work together to address the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. In the coming weeks, I look forward to meeting many of you in person and learning more about what matters most to our community.

I look forward to serving you all and working together to make Belding an even better place for future generations.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Warm regards,

Keven Krieger
City Manager



City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Depot.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) meets the 1st Wednesday of the months of February, April, June, August, October and December at 4:15pm at the Depot.

Museum Board meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:30pm at the Museum.

Planning Commission meets the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at the Depot.

Recreation Advisory Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm at the Depot.

Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) meets as needed.

Special Meetings, Cancellations and Public Hearings are posted on the City website, www.belding.mi.us under **Public Notices** and are also posted on the front doors of City Hall, in accordance to the **Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976**.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: WATER LINES

If you have previously received a letter from the City and/or CL Trucking & Excavating regarding your water line(s):

— The City of Belding has acquired a State grant to replace water line(s) at no cost to you.

— CL Trucking & Excavating LLC has been hired by the City of Belding to complete this work.

— The CL crew, subcontracted plumber, and DPW will need to gain access to your home where the water line(s) come in through the wall to replace the line per requirements set forth by the State of Michigan.

— Any disturbed areas will be restored to their original condition.

Thank you for your cooperation while we work to complete this task. You can find more information on the City of Belding Website www.ci.belding.mi.us.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS & SERVICES

City Hall Administrative offices are open Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays/observed holidays) from 7am to 6pm offering our citizens the convenience to conduct business face-to-face before or after work.

Check out our informational website and/or pay city-related expenses online by visiting www.belding.mi.us.

Stay informed by following us on Facebook @ City of Belding, and/or scan the this QR code: to sign up to receive texts/emails from us to receive important news when it matters most!

We are proud to be a business that continues to offer a mix of old-fashioned personal service along with modern-day technology to our residents!



BELDING HOUSING COMMISSION

Belding Housing Commission cheers the beginning of spring as it greets us with seasonal renewal and welcome change. Citizens will soon be able to plant gardens, go for long walks, enjoy summer concerts and festivals, and walk through bazaars. Enjoy the activities! One enjoyable activity brought by the Belding Gardeners is its collaboration with residents and the community as they share their vision and expertise in gardening. The Gardeners will again work with residents in housing commission properties to craft garden displays for all to enjoy, continuing this valuable contribution that is so appreciated. Best wishes to all for a wonderful spring!

Along with renewal of the season, the Board of Commissioners has expanded its vision and has begun collaboration with experts to explore needed improvements to its properties. Exploration is in the initial stage but the opportunity to embark on upgrades is both timely and conceivable. Properties have sustained thousands of individuals and families since the city of Belding created the housing commission in 1950 and the Board of Commissioners is steadfast in its mission to maintain viability and affordability for many years to come. We look forward to sharing ideas and information as this endeavor unfolds.

As an agency that relies on federal funding, the housing commission also anticipates changes in its operational and management requirements as the new federal administration examines decades of laws and regulations. These laws and regulations establish both funding and oversight for agencies throughout the country and examination for continued relevancy is likely needed. With change comes opportunity. As the federal regulatory agency, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is one of many departments facing change and the community should rest assured that the board of commissioners and staff navigate information daily to monitor these changes and prepare for opportunity.

Our newly appointed City Manager has both knowledge and experience with housing commission operation. The opportunity to continue working on behalf of the community with existing department leaders and the new city leadership is welcome! The housing commission values the cooperation and support as it works to maintain the relationship as defined by state and local law.

Information about eligibility, availability and applications for safe and affordable rental housing may be obtained from the housing commission office, located at 41 Belding, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Phone – 794-1740 8am to 5pm
Window hours - 1pm to 4:30pm
Email – info@beldinghousing.org



Belding Housing Commission is an
Equal Housing Opportunity agency.



BELDING GARDENEERS CLUB

Our Annual Plant Sale will be held on June 7th from 9am to 12noon on the east side of the Belding Mall. The Garden Walk is on June 28th from 9am-3pm. There are seven beautiful gardens located throughout the Belding area this year.

Tickets purchased in advance are \$8 and can be purchased at our two local greenhouses (Two Seasons or the Blossom Shoppe) or through club members. Tickets will be for sale on June 28th, the day of the walk, on the porch of the Belding Museum for \$10. Please be sure to visit our Memorial Monarch Way station located on the east side of the library.

DENNY CRAYCRAFT VETERANS FREEDOM PARK

Exciting developments are underway at the Denny Craycraft Veterans Freedom Park. We look forward to sharing more as we get closer to unveiling the new park updates.

Buy-A-Brick Fundraiser: \$50 for regular bricks or \$65 for Purple Heart bricks. Deadline for bricks to be placed by Memorial Day is April 10; for Labor Day will be August 1, and for Veterans Day will be October 1. We also have T-shirts, mugs, and park challenge coins available for gift giving.

For more information or to purchase any of the above items, email Beldingveteranspark@gmail.com.

Upcoming events: Memorial Day, immediately following the American Legion presentation and the Annual golf outing in September.

We would also like to thank all supporters, donors, and volunteers that help throughout the year to make this park the beautiful place that it is.



BELDING DIAL-A-RIDE

Rates: Rates are for one-way travel only with payment expected at the time of service for all rides.

Adult (18 years and older): \$3.00 per ride or \$30.00 for a punch card.

Student (3—17 years): \$2.50 per ride or \$25.00 for a punch card.

Seniors/Disabled (62+ years): \$1.50 per ride or \$15.00 for a punch card.

Disabled Reduced Fare \$1.50 Call 616-794-3278 for more information.

Punch cards are available for purchase through Dial-A-Ride. Get 10 rides, with the 11th ride FREE.

Hours: Monday – Friday, 6:30am to 4:30pm

BELDING MUSEUM

Spend an afternoon with us the first Sunday of each month from 1-4pm. Your generous donations support our programs. Handicapped parking and an elevator are available for those needing assistance. The museum, along with those of the Tri-River Museum Network, will begin honoring our country's Semiquincentennial--250 years in May! Special hours are: Saturday, May 3, 11-5 and Sunday, May 4, 12-5pm. For the most current information, please check our Facebook page: Belding Museum or email us at: beldingmuseum@gmail.com.



BEL-BELDING EXPLORATION LAB

The hands-on children's museum is open the first Sunday and Wednesday of each month from 1-4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Your kind donations support our programs, in lieu of an admission fee. For the most current information, please check our Facebook page: BEL-Belding Exploration Lab or email us at beldingmuseum@gmail.com.



ALVAH N. BELDING LIBRARY

April Calendar of Events

- April 1-25 Photo Contest (See Library for Details)
- April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 10:30am Storytime
- April 2 @ 2pm Senior Social Bingo
- April 3 @ 3pm TWEEN/TEEN, Taste Test Challenge
- April 7 @ 5:30pm Family Adventure Club, Final Quest
- April 10 @ 4:15pm YOUTH, Design Your Own Book-mark
- April 14 @ 5pm ADULT Craft, Mosaic Flower Pots
Registration is required and begins March 25th.
- April 15 @ 3pm Monthly Tech Help, Intro to Smartphones
- April 16 @ 6pm (EVENING Book Club)
- April 17 @ 10pm (MORNING Book Club)
- April 17 @ 3pm TWEEN/TEEN, Pajamas, Pancakes, & Popular Books
- April 21-23 Friends Used Book Sale during library hours

May Calendar of Events

- May 7,14,21,28 @ 10:30am Storytime
- May 7 @ 2pm Senior Social Bingo
- May 19 @ 6pm Author Visit, Ric Mixter, Edmund Fitzgerald Program Sponsored by The Friends of the Library
- May 20 @ 3pm Monthly Tech Help, Streaming TV & Music
- May 22 @ 10am (MORNING Book Club)
- May 28 @ 6pm (EVENING Book Club)



June Calendar of Events

- June 4,11,18 @ 10:30am Storytime
- June 4 @ 2pm Senior Social Bingo
- June 7 SUMMER READING BEGINS Packets can be picked up at the library starting June 7.
- June 11 @ 5:30pm Summer Concert, Ben Traverse *Traditional Folk Music from the Mystical Mitten Land*
- June 12 @ 1pm ALL YOUTH, Magic Drawing Agamographs
- June 16 @ 6pm ADULT, Charcuterie Board Program, Fruits & Mocktails
- June 17 @ 3pm Monthly Tech Help
- June 18 @ 5:30pm Summer Reading Event, Capture the Flag (See Library for Details)
- June 19 @ 2pm TWEEN/TEEN Mosaic Workshop
- June 25 @ 10:30am Destination Storytime, East Riverside Park
- June 25 @ 6pm (EVENING Book Club)
- June 26 @ 10am (MORNING Book Club)
- June 26 @ 1pm ALL YOUTH, Negative Space Workshop
- June 27 @ 3pm ADULT, Painted Rope Coasters Drop-in Craft



BELDING POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Belding Police Department received a very generous donation from a local couple. The money is being used to purchase new body cameras for the officers and a drone equipped with a flood light, loud speaker and thermal camera. The drone is an invaluable asset to the community that will help locate missing people, provide detailed arial images of crash and fire scenes, analyze traffic and parking issues during large scale events such as the Macker tournament and Labor Day Celebration and be utilized to assist with officer safety.

REQUESTING POLICE ASSISTANCE—The Belding Police Department does not have a local dispatch center. Belding Police Officers are dispatched to calls for service by Ionia County Central Dispatch. To request police assistance for nonemergency situations or to report a crime not in progress you **must** contact Ionia County Central Dispatch at **(616)527-0400 extension 4**. For emergencies or crimes in progress dial **911**.

BICYCLES—Each year the Belding Police Department recovers many lost or stolen bicycles that go unclaimed. If your bicycle is lost or stolen, please report it or, at minimum, check with us to see if we have it. As a reminder, bicyclists on the roadway must obey the same laws as a person driving a motor vehicle. This means you must come to a complete stop at stop signs/stop lights and signal your intent to turn or change lanes.

PARKS—Park hours are 7:30am to 11:30pm. Bathrooms are open daily 8am to 8pm from late spring through September, weather permitting. Bathrooms that are damaged or littered beyond regular use will be locked and not reopened until they are cleaned or repaired on regular business days. If we all do our part, they will stay open daily.

CODE ENFORCEMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL

ANIMALS—Spring and Summer bring an increase of animal complaints and it is important for residents to remember to keep their dogs and cats confined to their yard. City ordinance stipulates that there are to be no more than two dogs and two cats per residence without a special permit. Animals walked in the City Park areas must be on a leash.

BRUSH—Please remember that no brush can be placed at the curb until the 18th of the month. After it is removed, no brush can be put to the curb until the 18th of the next month. Brush placed at the curb must have all cut ends facing the same direction, placed parallel to the roadway, and can be no longer than 8 feet/96 inches long.

BLIGHT—Grass can be no longer than 10 inches, and leaves must be raked.

GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED LOOSE or DUMPED AT CURBSIDE. Grass clippings **MUST** be placed in paper yard waste bags and set at the curb by 7am Monday. The bags **MAY NOT** be put out before Sunday evening at 6pm and must be at curbside by 7am on Monday for pick up.

GARBAGE/TRASH—Garbage and Trash in bags or receptacles may not be put to the curb earlier than 24 hours before pick up day. Emptied containers **MUST NOT** remain at curb and **MUST** be removed within 24 hours of pick-up.

UNLICENSED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLES—No unlicensed or inoperable vehicles are allowed within the city limits, unless stored within a four-sided enclosed building. The storage of building materials outside of an enclosed building is prohibited without a building permit. Any chemical containers (oil, gas, coolant, etc.) must be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. Outside storage of these chemicals is a violation of City Ordinance.



BELDING FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's Spring—If you are getting the itch to do your yard clean up, please make sure you are burning only the proper materials in your bon fire pit. If you have questions on what you are allowed to burn, please call 616-794-1900 x212.

***REMINDER: Child Safety Seat Law changes effective April 2, 2025. ***

All children under 2 years old must remain rear facing in their car seats. All children between 2 and 5 must be belted in a 5-point harness, but can be in a forward-facing seat. All children between 5 and 8 must be in a booster seat and belted. Once the child gets 4'9" tall, they can get out of the booster. All children above 8 and until their 13th birthday must be in the rear seat and belted. No one below 13 years old can be seated in the front seat.

The Belding Fire Department has 3 nationally trained child seat installation technicians. We are here to assist you with any installations or questions that you may have.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2025 Brush Pick-up will be the last full week of each month as follows:

April 21-25,

May 26-30,

June 23-27,

July 21-25,

August 25-29,

September 22-26

Brush must be in line with the street at the curb but not the road. All cut ends must face the same direction and be placed in a clear area, at least 4 feet away from any obstructions, included but not limited to: Consumer poles and guide wires, telephone poles, overhead wires, walls, fences, mailboxes, or any other obstacles that could prevent a safe and efficient pick-up for staff and equipment.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN NON-REMOVAL.

2025 Bagged Yard Waste Pick-up will be on Mondays, beginning in April.

Spring fire hydrant flushing will take place on April 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18.

Please mark your calendars with these dates.



ASSESSOR

Property Tax Exemptions—This time of the year I am frequently asked what property tax exemptions are available and do senior citizens get any special tax relief? Neither the City of Belding nor the State of Michigan offer any special tax relief based on age. There are three programs that allow for property tax exemptions:

Principal Residence Exemption (PRE)—The PRE is an exemption from the local school operating millage. In Belding it's 18 mills. Homeowners who own and occupy their home as a primary residence are eligible to claim the Principal Residence Exemption (if you look at the upper right-hand corner of your Assessment Change Notice, 100% will be there). Homeowners are allowed to claim only one Principal Residence Exemption in Michigan and cannot claim a similar exemption in another state at the same time. The PRE form must be completed and returned to the Assessor on or before June 1st of each year to receive the exemption for the current year property taxes. The form does not need to be filed every year. Homeowners who sell their home, move out or utilize the home as a rental need to rescind or remove the PRE by filing the form; Request to Rescind Principal Residence Exemption.

Poverty Exemption—Homeowners who cannot afford their taxes may qualify for a Poverty Exemption. Please consult our Poverty Exemption Guidelines on our web page or contact me to see if you qualify.

Disabled Veterans Exemption—Per the State of Michigan, certain disabled veterans may be exempt from paying real property tax. To receive the exemption, the veteran must:

- 1.) be a Michigan resident;
 - 2.) own and occupy the home (referred to as your Principal Residence);
- be disabled as a result of service from which the veteran was honorably discharged (100% disabled), or the unremarried, surviving spouse of the disabled veteran.

To receive the discount veterans must complete the Disabled Veterans Exemption Affidavit and include a copy of their DD-214 and the Departments of Veterans Affairs letter stating they are 100% disabled. These forms are on our web site:

<https://belding.mi.us/assessor.php>.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Water/Sewer — Bills for the 12-1-24 through 2-28-25 cycle dates were mailed prior to April 1st and are due in office by April 30th to avoid a 10% late fee. We cannot accept postmark or check dates as the date of payment.

EARLY POOL FILLING — Late spring will bring warmer weather which may have you thinking about filling your pool early for the upcoming summer of fun in the sun! If you choose to fill your pool prior to the quarterly readings in early June (for the 3-1 through 5-31 cycle), we ask that you write down the numbers on your SENSUS water meter **BEFORE and AFTER** you have filled the pool and call those readings into the office, at 616-794-1900 ext. 217, **by the first week of June** in order to have the appropriate credit applied to the sewer portion of the July bill.

Not planning to fill your pool until mid-June or later? Not to worry! During the summer quarter (6-1 through 8-31) a "summer sewer discount" is considered for any residential account that does not have a separate irrigation meter. This discount is reflected on the October bill and is based on the average usage for the non-summer months; you will not be billed for sewer usage that exceeds your average usage during the 6-1 through 8-31 cycle.

