

Fire Department

Fireplaces, wood burning stoves, and space heaters are all acceptable methods of heating, but without the proper precautions, they can be a major contributing factor in residential fires.

- Have your chimney or wood stove inspected and cleaned annually.
- Keep the area around heating units free of combustible materials.
- Never use flammable liquids to start a fire.
- Soak ashes in water and place in a metal container outside your home.

City residents are encouraged to assist fire department crews by shoveling out hydrants in their neighborhood and keeping them clear of snow. Keeping fire hydrants visible and accessible will save valuable firefighter time in an emergency.

Extension cords are a common cause of electrical fires.

- Use only extension cords which are rated for the power used by the device they are powering.
- Extension cords should not be used as a long-term solution.
- Extension cords should never run inside walls or under rugs or furniture.
- Do not use any cord that has become stiff or cracked.

Develop and practice a home fire escape plan with your family. Select a meeting place outside that everyone can get to. Once you are out of the house – **stay out!**

Dial-A-Ride

With winter weather, the demands on our bus system will increase. Please allow extra time for the bus to arrive and plan your trips to appointments well in advance. The bus could take up to one-half hour or slightly longer from the time of your call to arrive during peak hours. If you would like to schedule a ride, please call (616) 794-3278.

Information about the bus service is available by calling the dispatch office weekdays from 6:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. We can also mail a brochure about our services on request.

Tickets are available for purchase at city hall between the hours of 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. M-Th. Tokens are available for purchase at the depot between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. If advance notice is given, tokens can also be purchased from any of the Dial-A-Ride drivers.

Belding Museum

The historical museum is open the first Sunday of each month from 1 - 4 p.m.

Children's Museum

The "BEL" (Belding Exploration Lab) is open the 1st Sunday and Wednesday of each month from 1 - 4 p.m.

Adopt a Spot

Thank you so much to everyone who adopted a landscaping area to maintain in the mall parking lot during 2018! Please contact Kareen Thomas to let her know if you wish to maintain or discontinue maintaining the bed in 2019 at kthomas@ci.belding.mi.us or phone 616-794-1900, Ext. 210.

Additional spots will be available for adoption for 2019. Your continued interest in this community project is greatly appreciated!

Finance Department

Water Bills

Water bills issued on January 1, 2019 are due by January 30, 2019. A 10% penalty will be added on January 31 and the bill must be paid by February 18. Per the Water Policy, a \$75.00 fee will be added on February 19.

Winter Tax Deadlines

2018 winter property taxes are due by February 14, 2019. A 3% penalty is added after this date. Last day to pay all 2018 taxes at city hall is February 28, 2019. After this date, taxes will be payable through the Ionia County Treasurer. Please contact the office directly at (616) 527-5329 to obtain the current amount owing.

Postmarks are not accepted. Payments must be received by city hall on the due dates by 6 p.m.

Housing Commission

Seasons Greetings to all in the community from Belding Housing Commission!

Information about income-based rental units within the City of Belding is available through the administrative office Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, as follows:

Phone-794-1740 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Window hours 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The administrative office is located at 41 Belhaven Avenue. Units are located at Taft and Hilltop Court, Belhaven I, Belhaven II and Woodhaven, and range in size from one to four bedrooms. Units are leased based on eligibility.

Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency, and administers its program in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations and locally established policy. The housing commission does not administer the Housing Choice Voucher program.

Police Department

The best way to avoid becoming a victim of crime is by not giving a criminal the opportunity to commit crimes against you.

- Eliminate the opportunity for the thief to steal property
- Lock car doors and keep valuables out of sight
- Properly secure personal property and mark valuables for identification
- Make it hard for the criminal to commit a crime
- Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood to the police immediately

If you are going away for an extended period of time, please contact the police department directly or visit us on the web at www.belding.us for a vacation house check form. Please bring the completed form to the police department or city hall.

As a reminder, **NO PARKING on city streets from 2 - 6 a.m.** will be enforced thru March 31, 2019.

Front Yard Parking is prohibited under the Zoning Ordinance. Vehicles shall be parked in the driveway or garage.

Code Enforcement

Please keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow and remove accumulation within 24 hours of the ice storm or snowfall. When ice is formed on any sidewalk, owner or occupant shall, within 12 hours after the ice has formed, cause salt, chloride or sand to be strewn on the entire sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe.

Where there are no sidewalks, the owner shall clear a path free from snow and ice, when such a path will provide an extension of existing sidewalk on an adjacent property.



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Library Happenings

January 26, 2019, **GENEALOGY LOCK-IN**, 1 - 4 p.m. Come spend the afternoon after-hours researching your family history using the resources at the library, as well as online. Get tips and help from others in this informal lock-in.

LUNCH AND LEARN, January 16, February 20, and March 20 at NOON. Bring a sack lunch and join us at the library for an informal, informative, and inspiring lunch-hour. We will watch TED Talks and other inspiring videos from some of the great presenters of today.

February 4, 2019, **ESSENTIAL OILS WORKSHOP**, 6:30 p.m. Learn the ins and outs of using essential oils from Leslie Gosnell, and make your own product to take home, as well. Registration is encouraged. Contact the library for more information.

March 18, 2019, **RAILROAD HISTORY**, 6 p.m. Join us as Keith Hudson, President of the Flat River Historical Museum, tells about the history of the railroad in Montcalm and Ionia Counties.

Peddler's Permit

City ordinance states that no person shall engage in the business of peddler without first obtaining a license, and no license shall be granted except upon certification of the chief of police.

Persons travelling door to door within the city for the purpose of selling a service or product must first submit an application and be approved by the city, for the safety of our residents.

If a solicitor appears at your door and they have been approved through the city, they will have a badge with the city logo and their picture. If they do not have this identification, please notify the city in order that we can contact them and make sure they follow the process to be compliant with city ordinance. If they leave literature, it may have their contact information and that would be helpful to the city in the effort to reach them.

Please contact the police chief at 616-794-1900, Ext. 222 if a solicitor without city identification contacts you. Please furnish the business name and any contact information you may have for the peddler.

Department of Public Works

Yard Waste/Leaves

There will not be a loose leaf pick-up in the spring.

Yard waste and leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags and will be picked up every Friday, beginning April 19, 2019.

Bags must not exceed 35 pounds and cannot contain other materials, such as rocks, shingles, garbage, sticks or brush. Please place bags at the curb on Friday by 7 a.m., but no earlier than 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Brush Pick-Up

April 22	August 26
May 27	September 23
June 24	October 21
July 22	

Please place brush at the street by 7 a.m. on the dates listed above, but no earlier than the 18th of the month. The total amount of brush and limbs per household shall not exceed 10 cubic yards per month.

To ensure pick-up, please locate brush in a clear area, away from any obstacles and overhead wires.