

BELDING BUGLE

Summer 2019

Special Events:

- August 3 & 4 - Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament
- Saturdays - July 13, August 10, September 14 and October 12 - Belding Beatnik Bazaar Farmer's Market in downtown Belding at the Gathering Place, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Through August 19 "Music in the Park" on Mondays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at East Riverside Park. A concert will not be held on July 1 due to the holiday. Join us for free popcorn and the chance to win a door prize each week!
- August 30 - September 2 Belding Labor Day Celebration

Adopt A Spot

We would like to thank the many volunteers currently involved with the beautification program this year. Your contributions do so much to enhance the appearance of the downtown area and are truly appreciated!

Please contact Karen Thomas at 616-794-1900, Ext. 210 to view the spot that is currently available for adoption.

2019 Summer Taxes

The 2019 summer property taxes go out on July 1, 2019 and are due by Monday, August 15, 2019. The tax payment must be in the office by 6 p.m. After this date, a 3% penalty will be added to the property tax bill.

Application for deferment of Summer Taxes may be made if one of the following requirements are met: 62 years of age, Paraplegic, Hemiplegic, Quadriplegic, Eligible Serviceperson, Eligible Veteran, Eligible Widow, Widower, Blind

Applications are being accepted for city boards and commissions. These positions are appointed by the City Council and offer an excellent opportunity to make a difference and serve our community.

Belding Housing Commission
Meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m., serving a five-year term. Must be a resident. For additional information please contact Sharon Carlson at 616-794-1740.

Board of Review
Meets in March, July and December, serving a one-year term. The Board revises and corrects assessments and au-

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Person, Totally and Permanently Disabled. The application for deferment of summer taxes must be applied for before August 15, 2019.

Water Billing

Water charges are billed quarterly to the property owner on the first of January, April, July and October. Payment is due by the 30th day of the month in which it is billed. If the bill is not paid by the 30th, a ten percent (10%) penalty on the unpaid balance is added to

the bill. If the bill continues to be unpaid, a "shut-off notice" is issued and a fifteen (15) day grace period is instituted. If unpaid by the 16th day, a \$75.00 shut-off charge is added to the bill and the water service is discontinued. Services so discontinued shall not be restored until all sums then due and owing, including penalties and fees, are paid in full. Partial payment does not cancel the shut-off action (Section 86-291b).

Board Vacancies

thorizes changes, additions or corrections to the assessment roll. Members and alternates are needed. Must be a resident.

Downtown Development Authority
Meets quarterly (February, May, August, November) on the 1st Wednesday at 4 p.m., serving a four-year term. Must be a resident or have an interest in property located in the downtown district.

Recreation Advisory Board
Meets monthly on the 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m., serving a three-year term. This vacancy is for a resident within the city limits.

Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular or alternate member (which serves in the absence of a regular ZBA member) is needed - Meets as needed, three year term. Must be a resident.

A description of the focus of each board is available on the city website - www.belding.us An application is also available on the city website, at city hall - 120 S. Pleasant Street, or can be mailed to your residence.

Please contact Karen Thomas at 616-794-1900, *210 or kthomas@ci.belding.mi.us for additional information. Please submit applications to the city clerk.

Code Enforcement

Ordinance stipulates that there are to be no more than two dogs and two cats per residence without a special permit. Keep dogs and cats confined to their yard.

Animals walked in the city park areas must be on a leash and waste must be collected and disposed of.

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 the curb

and MUST be removed within 24 hours of pickup.

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

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.

Zoning permits are required but not limited to the following: fences, signs, accessory buildings, pools and decks. Applications are available at: belding.mi.us/forms_publications.php

Bon Fire Permits

Bon fire pits are for recreational fires only and require an annual permit. The burning of yard waste, brush and trash is prohibited. While a recreational fire is burning an adult must be in attendance at all times. If the bon fire is not attended, it must be extinguished.

Severe Weather

The City's weather warning sirens will be tested on the 1st Saturday of every month at 12 p.m. throughout the severe weather season. The National Weather Service will issue a tornado watch when conditions are right for the formation of a tornado. This is the time to begin preparations. The weather siren will be sounded

Belding Fire Department

when a tornado warning has been issued for our area. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted and that persons should immediately take cover.

House Numbers

If the numbers on your house are not visible or easy to read, it will take police, fire and EMS personnel longer to reach you. Those extra seconds or minutes spent trying to locate a property can mean the difference between life and death.

Making sure your address numbers are visible from the road, both day and night, is a crucial way that you can ensure that emergency responders will be able to find you.

The City of Belding Property Maintenance Code requires that all buildings have address identification. This address identification must be visible from the street fronting the property. Address numbers should be a minimum of 4" in height and must contrast with the background that they are mounted on.

Basement Bedrooms

The Michigan Residential Building Code and the International Fire Code requires that basements with a sleeping room must have at least one openable emergency escape window or exterior door opening for emergency escape and rescue from that room. There must be at least 2 means of exit from every room.

Belding Police Department

The Belding Police Department advises that it's the law that drivers and front seat passengers must be belted at all times. All passengers 16 and under must be belted anywhere in the vehicle.

Summer is here and it is time to hit the road. The most important thing to bring along is a sober driver. Good times can come to a screeching halt if you drive drunk. Bicyclists must follow the same rule. Almost one quarter of all bicyclists killed have a blood alcohol content of .08 or higher. If you plan to drink, get a safe ride home.

Obey all traffic laws as you drive our city

streets. You must share the road with bicyclists and pedestrians. Always expect the unexpected and be a defensive driver.

Bicycles, roller skates and skateboards must yield the right of way to all pedestrians, and give an audible signal to pass the pedestrian. Passing must be done in single file. Careless or reckless use of a skateboard will be strictly enforced.

If you are going to be away from the city for an extended period, please contact the Police Department to request a vacation property check. Application is available online at www.belding.us, click on Police Department.

Contact the police department any time you observe suspicious persons, activities or vehicles any place in the city.

The annual Gus Macker 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held on August 3 and 4 in the downtown area. Please pay close attention to street closures and detour around that area.

The Belding Labor Day Homecoming Celebration will take place from Friday, August 30 through Monday, September 2. As always, there will be activities and entertainment for all. Be aware of street closures and detours for the event. Expanded closures will take place during the parades.

Dial-A-Ride

Now that summer is here, beat the heat by riding the air conditioned Dial-A-Ride bus to your next destination!

Fare rates are as follows:

Student (4-17)	\$2.00	(\$20.00 ticket)
Adult (18-61)	\$2.50	(\$25.00 ticket)
Seniors (62+)	\$1.25	(\$12.50 ticket)
Disabled	\$1.25	(\$12.50 ticket)

Tickets are available at the Depot. Buy a ticket (10 rides) and get the 11th ride FREE by presenting your full ticket to the driver!

Our "Job Access" route to Ionia leaves at 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. from Belding.

Information about our transportation service is available at 616-794-3278 weekdays between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. You may also visit the city website - www.belding.us, or find us on Facebook for more information. Brochures are available at the Pere Marquette Depot, 100 Depot St.

City Offices Closed

City offices will be closed on the following dates:

Thursday, July 4, 2019

Monday, September 2, 2019

Fire Hydrant Flushing

Fire hydrants will be flushed on August 25 - 28 from midnight to 7 a.m. If you experience discolored water, please flush the cold water faucet closest to the water meter until the water runs clear.

Museum

The Belding Museum will be open the 1st Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m.

The museum is also open on August 31 and September 1 and 2 from 1-4 p.m. for the Labor Day weekend.

Children's Museum

Summer hours - Open the 1st Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. and every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The museum is also open on August 31 and September 1 and 2 from 1-4 p.m. for the Labor Day Weekend.

July 2 at 1:30 p.m. - Magic Space Camp (Youth)

The countdown is on for this exciting exploration of magic and space with Mr. Jim Merrills! With rocket displays, stargazing handouts, a flying take-home surprise, and more!

July 8, August 13 and September 10 at 2 p.m. Senior Social Book BINGO (Seniors)

Come play BINGO on our big screen. Each winning game allows you your choice of gently-used books from our collection.

July 12 at 2 p.m. - Intergalactic Nerf War (Teen)

Choose your nerf weapon and prepare

Library Happenings

for the most epic battle the library has ever seen! Costumes are welcome. (Some Nerf guns and ammo will be available, but if you have your own gear, bring it along!)

August 2 and September 6 at 10 a.m. Silk City Genealogy Group

Come to this informal and informational group and learn and share tips and tricks for family history research using the internet and other resources. New topics of discussion each month.

August 3 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Touch-down Party (Youth All Ages)

Your reading mission was a success - now it's time to celebrate! Come for a day of fun for everyone: Laser tag with Battle GR, face painting, a petting zoo,

food, games, prizes, and more!

August 12 - 16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Word Camp 2.0, Treasure Hunters Edition (Youth ages 9-12)

Back by popular demand, Word Camp will be digging up wordsmithing gold with kids who like to write and create! It's one full week of discovery and fun led by writers.

Registration is required.



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Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Music in the Park

- July 1 No show due to the holiday
 - July 8 Larsen Brothers - Country Gospel
Sponsor: Daniel R. Tift, D.D.S.
 - July 15 Dusk - Light Rock
Sponsor: John and Janet Niemela
 - July 22 Lighten Up Francis-Classic Rock
Sponsor: "Music in the Park" Pop/Water Sale Proceeds
 - July 29 On Edge - Classic Rock
Sponsor: Gus Macker
 - August 5 Ionia Community Band
Sponsor: Belding Chamber of Commerce
 - August 12 The Roer Family - Variety
Sponsor: Center St. Free Methodist Church
 - August 19 The Adams Family - Folk Rock
Sponsor: Ernie and Kareen Thomas
- Concerts are held on Mondays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. at East Riverside Park.
Free popcorn and the chance to win a door prize each week!

Belding Housing

Happy Summer to all in the community!

Belding Housing Commission administers rental units for eligible individuals and families within the City of Belding, under regulations set forth by the U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Properties include Taft Court, Belhaven I, Belhaven II, Hilltop Court, and Woodhaven. Applicants must be determined eligible for participation in the program. Rent is offered on a flat rent or income basis.

Inquiries about availability, eligibility, and the application process may be made by phone Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 616-794-1740, or by visiting the office during window hours Monday through Friday from 1 - 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 41 Belhaven Avenue, Belding, Michigan.

Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.

Dept. Public Works

Yard Waste/Leaves

Yard waste and leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags and will be picked up every Friday. 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 by Friday at 7 a.m., but no earlier than 6 p.m. on Thursday.

Brush Pick-Up

July 22, August 26, September 23 and October 21

Please place brush at the street by 7 a.m. on the above dates, but no earlier than the 18th of the month. After the brush is removed, please do not place more brush out until the 18th of the next month. The total amount of brush and limbs per household shall not exceed 10 cubic yards per month. Brush cannot be longer than 10' in length and must be placed parallel to the road. To ensure pick-up, please locate brush in a clear area, away from any obstacles and overhead wires.