

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 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 to save valuable fire-fighter 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!**

City Hall Closings

November 22
December 24, 25 & 31
January 1

Dial-A-Ride

Parents make sure to sign up your student to ride with Belding Dial-A-Ride this school year! Students 3 - 18 ride for \$2.00. Tickets and tokens are available at the Dial-A-Ride Dept, 100 Depot St. With winter weather quickly approaching, the demands on our bus system will increase. Please allow extra time for the bus to arrive, plan your trips to appointments well in advance. The bus could take up to 1/2 hour or slightly longer from the time of your call to arrive during peak hours.

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Housing Commission

Belding Housing Commission rental properties include Taft Court, Belhaven I, Belhaven II, Woodhaven, and Hilltop Court. Questions regarding availability of rental units and eligibility for admission may be directed to the administrative office by phone 616-794-1740, Monday through Friday, or by visiting the office located at 41 Belhaven Avenue during window hours 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Belding Housing Commission is administered in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations and locally established policy, and is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.

Belding Museum

The historical museum is open the first Sunday of each month from 1- 4 p.m. The Belding Museum and Silk City Quilters will hold their **22nd Annual Quilt Show** on Sunday, November 4 from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free.

Children's Museum

The Belding Exploration Lab is open the 1st Sunday and Wednesday of each month from 1-4 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free.

Code Enforcement

Address numbers are required on the front of all buildings within the City. Visible numbers are critical to emergency service personnel when trying to locate the origin of an emergency call. This includes all buildings and residences.

Property owners and residents are responsible for the maintenance of their property and the adjoining right of way. Please take the time to trim along the edge of the roadway, around sign posts and fire hydrants.

Please clear snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours of event. While clearing snow, please remember that it cannot be placed into any City street.

Cemetery Tour

Join us for "Here Lies Belding!", a guided tour of River Ridge Cemetery on Sunday, October 21st. Groups will leave at 2 and 3 p.m. from the mausoleum. "Spirits" will be on hand to share their stories. Admission is \$5, with children 12 and under free. Funds will be used for cemetery enhancements.

For more information on this and other upcoming events, check out the Belding Museum's Facebook page.

Candlelight Reception

Join us at the library for our annual holiday celebration on November 26 at 7 p.m., with refreshments, live music, and a silent auction. Everyone welcome. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Library.

Youth Christmas Crafts

Get in the holiday spirit and come to the library to make and take your choice of holiday crafts on December 10 at 6 p.m. Wrap them up to give as gifts for family or friends. All materials supplied by the library.

Police Department

Drivers should watch out for students walking to school. Students walking to school need to use the sidewalks when provided and stay out of the street. Drivers must observe the school bus flashing lights. If the red lights are flashing, you must STOP.

Take some time to check your home for security. Lock doors and windows, trim bushes and shrubbery, and place lights on timers. 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.mi.us for a vacation house check form. While you are away have neighbors watch your residence and stop mail delivery, have grass mowed or sidewalks shoveled.

As a reminder, **NO PARKING on city streets from 2 - 6 a.m.** will be enforced from November 1, 2018 thru March 31, 2019.

W. Ellis will be closed on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 9:45 - 11:45 p.m. for the annual B Foundation Glow Run/Walk. Plan ahead with alternate routes if you need to travel during this event.

Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter driving by checking all fluid levels, power steering, brakes, windshield washers and oil. You may want to change window washer fluid to one that contains antifreeze. The engine coolant should be strong enough for below freezing temperatures. Leave extra time and drive more slowly when it is foggy, raining or snowing and conditions are hazardous. Remember that stopping distances increase in inclement weather and drive with your headlights on so you can be seen.

Keep valuables such as electronics and money out of site in your car. Take your keys and lock the doors.

Protect yourself from scams. Telemarketers use the phone to make offers that are too good to be true. Do not be fooled and do not give out personal information.



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Library Happenings

**** Oct. 8 @ 6 pm: Mr. Kricky's Bridge & Wreck of the Gimpy Gin (Adult)** Join Raymond Goodwin as he performs two one-man plays, one going back to the Civil War, and one about a Michigan shipwreck.

Oct. 17 & Nov. 21 @ 12 pm: Lunch and Learn (Adult) Bring a sack lunch and join us for an hour of thought-provoking topics and conversation. Watch recordings from leading experts in their field and share your thoughts.

Oct. 26 @ 10:30 am: Homeschool Laboratory (Youth) Make the library your laboratory in the hands-on education activity. Homeschooling, as well as other families welcome. New theme each month!

Nov. 1 @ 3 p.m. Role-Playing Adventures (Teen) Come RPG at the library for International Games Week. Create your own character, experiment with D & D, or bring your own Magic the Gathering and Yu-Gi-Oh cards!

****Nov. 5 @ 6 pm: Michigan Shipwrecks (Adult)** Join Michigan author, genealogist, and former master SCUBA diver Craig Rich as he reveals some of Michigan's lost vessels.

Dec. 7 @ 10 am: Genealogy Group & the Library of Michigan (Adult) Join us as Tim Gleisner from the Library of Michigan shares what family history resources you can find at the state library in Lansing.

**** Sponsored by Friends of the Library**

Department of Public Works

Brush Pick-Up

October 22 - last date for 2018

Please place brush at the street by 7 a.m. on that date, 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.

Please make sure brush is at the street by October 22, as once the brush is picked up there will not be another pickup.

Yard Waste/Leaves

Yard waste and leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags and will be picked up every Friday through November 21, 2018.

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.

Loose leaf pick-up is scheduled for October 15 to November 21, 2018.

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

Halloween Open House

The Belding Fire Department will host its annual Halloween Open House on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at the fire station from 6 - 8 p.m. Please join us for refreshments, games and look at our fire apparatus and equipment.

The Belding Police Reserve Unit will also be available to check Halloween candies.

Home for the Holidays 2018

It's the most wonderful time of the year in Belding! Please join the Belding Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, December 1st for "Breakfast with Santa"! This event features a free breakfast, ornament decorating, and a chance to see Santa Claus!

That evening, the City of Belding would like to welcome you downtown to enjoy our third annual "Christmas Tree Lighting" celebration. There will be a parade, Santa Claus, reindeer, music, cocoa and cookies.

Please check back for more details at www.belding.us, or the Belding Area Chamber of Commerce at (616) 794-9890.