



BELDING BUGLE

Fall 2020

Belding Housing

Happy fall to all in the community!

The City of Belding formed the Belding Housing Commission in 1950 under Michigan Public Act 18. As an instrumentality of the city, the commission's mission has been to provide safe and affordable rental opportunities for eligible individuals and families in accordance with federal regulations under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Belding Housing Commission will celebrate its 70th anniversary in December and with its recent regulatory program conversion, we look forward to continuing this commitment to our community for future generations.

BHC properties include Taft and Hilltop Courts offering one, two, three and four-bedroom units; Belhaven I, Belhaven II and Woodhaven, offering one and two-bedroom units. Income limits apply and rent for all units is based on income.

To inquire, please contact the administrative office by phone Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - (616) 794-1740 or by visiting the office during window hours Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The office is located at 41 Belhaven Avenue, Belding, MI.

Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.



Code Enforcement

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.

Sidewalks need to have the grass trimmed that grows over the sidewalk. This process will define the edge of the sidewalk for walkers as well as promote drainage and maintain the integrity of the concrete.

Brush may be placed at the curb after the 18th of the month and will be picked up the last full week of the month. Remember that once your brush has been picked up there will not be another pickup.

Yard waste must be placed in paper bags and at the curb NO EARLIER than 6:00 p.m. Thursday for pick up Friday.

Loose Leaf pickup began in Mid- November. Make sure that the leaves are raked to the curb for pickup. If you wait until spring they will have to be bagged. **NO LOOSE LEAF PICKUP IN THE SPRING!!**

If everyone does their part it will make Belding a safer place to live work and play.

Dial-A-Ride

With winter 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.

City Hall Closings

November 26 & 27
December 24, 25 & 31
January 1, 2021

Fire Department

Clarifications regarding a Bon Fire Pit.

It is a City ordinance that you have a permit for a bon fire within the city limits. It is against the city ordinance to burn anything except firewood in a bon fire pit.

You cannot burn leaves or brush in a pit. Call the Fire Dept. at 794-1900 x212 with any questions you may have.

Leaves can be bagged and placed at the curb for pick up. Brush can also be placed at the curb for pick up. See the Cities website for dates and times for pick up service.

Address numbers

All properties must have address numbers on the house or place of business located on the address side of the structure. Numbers on your mailbox may help, but numbers on your house or place of business are required. They need to be a contrasting color and visible from the roadway and in number form like 123 (not in lettering form, like one two three). Please keep clear of any landscaping. Not having these numbers will delay response to your emergency.

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

October was the time to change your detector batteries, if they have them. If you have an alarm from one of your detectors, you can call the Fire Dept. for assistance.
— Chief

Belding Museum

The Belding Museum/Children's Museum will remain closed through the end of the year.

Special Events

Home for the Holidays — Yet to be determined.



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Police Department

The Belding Police Department would like to remind you that school has started after the long break because of the pandemic. It is very important for drivers to watch out for our students walking to and from school. They may dart into the street at any time or walking in the street when there are no sidewalks available.

Drivers need to observe the school bus flashing lights. If the red lights are flashing you must **STOP**.

Take some time to check your home for security. Locks on doors and windows, trim bushes and shrubbery, and place lights on timers. If you are going to be gone for an extended period of time please contact the police department and request that your property be placed on the vacation property inspection during your absence. Forms are available on the City website. While you are away also have neighbors watch your residence and stop mail delivery, have grass mowed or sidewalks shoveled if we receive snow.

As a reminder, the yearly **NO PARKING 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.** will be enforced November 1, 2020 thru March 31, 2021.

Many of us do not want to think about it but winter weather may start to appear soon. Now is the time to start thinking about winter driving. Make sure that your vehicle is ready; check all fluid levels, power steering, brake, windshield washer, and oil.

You may also want to change window washer fluid to one that contains anti-freeze.

Make sure that the engine coolant is strong enough for below freezing temperatures and fresh enough to prevent rust. Leave extra time and drive more slowly when it is foggy, raining or snowing and conditions are hazardous. Increase your distance from the vehicle in front of you; stopping distances increase in inclement weather.

Drive with your lights on so that you can be seen.

Dept. of Public Works

Yard Waste/Leaves

Yard waste and leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags. 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 Fridays by 7 a.m. but no earlier than 6 p.m. on Thursdays. Loose leaf pick-up will be done until they can no longer be seen due to snow cover.

Brush Pick-Up

Please place brush at the street by 7 a.m. 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. Brush pick up will be done until it can no longer be seen due to snow cover.