

BELDING BUGLE

January—March 2022

Department of Public Works

NOTICE: *ALL DATES BELOW FOR 2022 ARE TENTATIVE AT THIS TIME

*Brush Pick-up

- April 25
- June 20
- August 22
- October 24

*Leaf bag pickup will start April 22, and will continue every Friday. All brush needs to be at the street by 7:00 a.m. on dates above but not before the 18th of the month.

*Fire Hydrant Flushing

April 10, 11, 12 & 13

Belding Housing

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2022!

mi211.org in partnership with Michigan Association of United Ways holds information on thousands of health and human service agencies and programs across Michigan. Persons needing assistance with bill paying, food, transportation, health care, housing, crisis or other services may visit the website at <https://www.mi211.org> or dial 211 - 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to get fast, free and confidential help.

Income-based housing within the City of Belding is offered through Belding Housing Commission. Properties include one, two, three and four-bedroom apartments for eligible senior citizens, disabled individuals, and families. Applications are available at the administrative office, located at 41 Belhaven Avenue.

To inquire about availability, eligibility, and the application process, email info@beldinghousing.org or contact the office by phone at 616-794-1740 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Those wishing to visit the office may do so during window hours Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding holidays. Contact information is also available on request for all other Michigan housing commissions offering rental assistance.

Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.



Library

JANUARY THROUGH MARCH SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

- **Bibliomaniacs**—A 6th-12th grade genre book club. Read and discuss books from a chosen genre and have snacks! Meets on the **3rd Tuesday** of the month January, February, and March at 3:00 p.m.

- **Page Flippers**—A 3rd-5th grade genre book club. Bring a friend and talk about books from a chosen genre and have snacks! Meets on the **3rd Wednesday** of the month January, February, and March at 4:00 p.m.

- **Cooking with Kids**—A youth food club focused on learning new recipes and cooking skills. Meets every 1st and **3rd Thursday** of the month January, February, and March Session 1 at 3:00 p.m., Session 2 at 3:45 p.m.

- **Cake-Off**—Ages 18 and under event on **Thursday, February 10th** at 3:30 p.m. Decorate a cake with a chance to win a prize!

- **One Stop Book Shop** January 3, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. Adults, get ready to read for a new year. Learn about new books, authors, how to choose your next great read and websites and apps you can use to keep track.

Naval Battles of the Great Lakes February 2, 2022 at 6 p.m. Come join the "Restless Viking", an adventure, travel blogger and learn about the historic naval battles that took place on our Great Lakes.

Finance Department

Tax Deadline Approaching:

All 2021 taxes must be paid at City Hall no later than February 28, 2022. After this date, taxes will be payable through the Ionia County Treasurer. You will need to contact them directly at 616-527-5329 in order to receive the current amount owing.

Belding Museum

The museum board would like to extend our best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to all! As a reminder, if you haven't already become a "Facebook" friend of the museum, it's never too late. There you will find interesting tidbits of Belding's history, upcoming events and more including the dates and times the museum is open. Who knows...you may even see YOUR picture on our page! Did you realize you were an antique?

Fire Department

Cold weather is here

Please keep your driveway and sidewalks clear of ice and snow. If we have to clear the area, this will cause a delay in your treatment.

With the cold weather here, there are different methods of heating our houses. They all can create their own dangers. Take care when using a wood stove and disposing of the ashes. Make sure your chimneys are clear. Make sure your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors are in working order. If your detector goes off, and you are unsure why, call us and we can help determine any issues.

Address numbers

We still have many locations with no number on their properties. 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.

Dial-A-Ride

With winter weather 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 ½ 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!

Currently, masks are STILL REQUIRED on the busses. If you do not have a mask on you, you will be offered one. Please social distance as much as possible. Do not sit directly next to another passenger on the bus. Please help us to keep you, our other riders, and our staff safe and healthy.

As always information about our bus service is available by calling the dispatch office weekdays from 6:30 am until 5:30 pm, and Saturdays from 9:00 am until 1:30 pm

Tickets are available for purchase either with the driver between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. or at the City Hall between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.



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City Hall Closings

City Hall will be closed Monday, January 3, 2022 in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

Police Department

Take some time to keep from becoming a victim of crime and the best way is to AVOID IT by **NOT** giving a criminal the opportunity to commit crimes against you. Do not let yourself be a target.

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

Suspicious activity can be best described as a person(s) conduct or actions that does not fit the norm for your neighborhood.

If it looks suspicious, don't wait. Report it to the police!

If you're 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 and click on Police Department for a vacation house check form. Once the form is completed bring it to the police department or city hall.

WINTER DRIVING

Preventive maintenance before the winter season is the best way ensure safe travel. Check your fluid levels. Use a winter blend washer fluid containing anti-freeze. Plan for extra travel time and drive slowly when it is foggy, raining, or snowing and conditions are hazardous. Turn your headlights on for safety!

PARKING

No Parking on City streets 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. November 1st through March 31st. The signs are posted on the major streets entering the city. There is no parking between the curb and the sidewalk. Front Yard Parking is prohibited under the Zoning Ordinance. Vehicles shall be parked in the driveway or garage.

Code Enforcement

SIDEWALKS and SNOW

Please keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow and remove accumulation within 24 hours of the ice storm or snowfall.

Sec. 74-128. Snow and ice removal.

(a) No occupant of any premises or owner of premises or property shall fail to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises or property clear of ice and/or snow, so far as to facilitate pedestrians use. When there are no sidewalks, no such occupant or owner shall fail to clear a path free from snow and ice, when such a path will provide an extension of existing sidewalk on an adjacent property.

(b) Whenever any snow has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared from the entire sidewalk or pathway within 24 hours.

(c) When ice is formed on any sidewalk, such owner or occupant shall, within 12 hours after the ice has formed, cause salt, chloride or sand to be strewn on the entire sidewalk or pathway.

(d) In the event that snow or ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the owner or occupant of such premises shall within 24 hours cause enough sand or abrasive to be strewn on the sidewalk as to make travel thereon reasonably safe, and shall as soon as weather permits, cause a path in said sidewalk to be cleared in its entirety.

(e) A person who violates any provision of this section, is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine, plus costs and other sanctions, for each violation as provided by section 1-19(c)(1). Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased fines as provided by section 1-19(c)(2). (Ord. No. 448, § 27, 6-16-98; Ord. No. 506, 12-16-08)

Depositing Snow in the roadway:

The Michigan Vehicle Code 257.677a prohibits "the obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice, or slush." This includes the end of driveways, where banked snow can reduce visibility for vehicles trying to enter the roadway. Snow shall not be pushed into the roadway or across the roadway!