

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!**

Dial-A-Ride

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.

Dial-A-Ride Closings

November 28 & 29
December 24, 25 & 31
January 1

Housing Commission

Belding Housing Commission is finalizing the process of conversion from the conventional low-rent housing program to the RAD Project Based Rental Assistance program. Conversion will allow the housing commission to leverage its properties in order to provide needed improvements and maintain viability for the foreseeable future. Conversion will transition oversight from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Public and Indian Housing Office to the Multi-Family Division of HUD. Program requirements for applicants and residents will not change; applicants must be eligible in accordance with federal regulatory requirements and agency policy, and rent will continue to be offered on an income or contract rent basis. Properties include rental units within the City of Belding, located at Taft Court, Belhaven I, Belhaven II, Hilltop Court and Woodhaven.

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

Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.

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.

Belding Museum

The historical museum is open the first Sunday of each month from 1- 4 p.m. Admission is by donation. For details on these or other events check our Facebook page: Belding Museum.

Upcoming events include:

Sun., Oct. 6	Meet the Author!
Sun., Oct. 20	Cemetery Tour
Sun., Nov. 3	Quilt Show
Sun., Dec. 8	Sunday with Santa
Tues., Dec. 17	Night at the Museum

Children's Museum

The Belding Exploration Lab, a hands-on children's museum, is open the 1st Sunday and Wednesday of each month from 1-4 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Donations support the BEL and its programs. For additional hours or events, check our Facebook page: BEL-Exploration Lab.

City Hall Closings

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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, 2019 thru March 31, 2020.

W. Ellis will be closed on Friday, October 11, 2019 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.

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.

Halloween Open House

The Belding Fire Department will host its annual Halloween Open House on Thursday, October 31, 2019 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.



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Library Happenings

October 21 @ 6 p.m. - Troy Graham, Musician. (All Ages). The whole family will enjoy the musical stylings of this Marquette, Michigan native folk singer and entertainer.

October 30 @ 6 p.m. - Murder Mystery (Adult) Mystery! Intrigue! And dessert! Cross the street to the Belrockton for this library fundraiser and enjoy entertainment, refreshments, and a silent auction! Tickets are \$10 and available at the library.

October 30 @ 6 p.m. - Family Halloween Party (Family/Youth). Join us for our annual Family Halloween Party and participate in our costume contest, party games, Halloween candy and storytime.

November 11 @ 6 p.m. - Free Your Family! Family Escape Room (Family). Every member of your family can join forces and work together to solve the clues, and make your 'great family escape!' Registration is required.

December 9 @ 6 p.m. - Make and Take Holiday Craft (Youth/Adult). Families - come use our supplies and make a selection of crafts for the holiday season. Give them as a gift, or keep them to decorate your home for the holidays. Gift wrapping available on site.

Department of Public Works

Brush Pick-Up

October 21 - last date for 2019

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 21, 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 27, 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.

Loose leaf pick-up is scheduled for October 14 to November 27, 2019.

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

Candlelight Reception

Join us at the library for our annual holiday celebration on Monday, December 2, 2019 at 7 p.m., with refreshments, live music, and a silent auction. Everyone welcome. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Library.

Home for the Holidays 2019

It's the most wonderful time of the year in Belding! Please join the Belding Area Chamber of Commerce at the Belding High School on Saturday, December 7th 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.