

BELDING BUGLE

October – December 2021

Upcoming Events

Beatnik Bazaar Farm Market

Saturday, October 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gathering Place.

Belding Fire Department Halloween Open House

Sunday, October 31 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the fire station.

Home for the Holidays

Saturday, December 1

City Offices Closed

November 25—Thanksgiving Day

December 23—Christmas Eve (observed)

December 27—Christmas Day (observed)

December 30—New Year's Eve (observed)

January 3, 2022—New Year's Day (observed)

Dial-A-Ride

RULES FOR RIDING ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Our goal is to provide safety, comfort and satisfaction for our customers. In order to better serve you, we ask that you adhere to the rules and regulations set forth for using the Belding Dial-A-Ride. If you have questions or comments, please call (616) 794-3278. We hope your trip is a pleasant one.

PASSENGER TIPS

Note Our Peak Hours. Peak hours are the times Dial-A-Ride is the busiest picking up our customers, therefore wait times increase. Our peak hours are 7—9 a.m. and 2:30—4 p.m. To minimize your wait time we recommend you schedule your rides.

Plan Your Trip. Reserve your ride, if possible, one hour in advance. Let us know what time you have to be at your destination. We recommend reserving your rides 24 hours in advance if possible. Call Dial - A - R i d e : (6 1 6) 7 9 4 - 3 2 7 8

Please Be Ready. We don't want to miss you! Please be ready 15 minutes before your scheduled time call as pick-up times may vary due to cancellations.

GENERAL NOTIFICATIONS

Effective immediately, Belding Dial-A-Ride buses are now officially back to allowing full capacity on all routes. Passengers must still wear masks and socially distance whenever possible, but we no longer have capacity requirements moving forward. Thank you for your continued support.

Holiday Schedule Dial -A- Ride will be closed the same days as City Hall for the holidays (see above).

Police Department

The Belding Police Department would like to remind you that school has started again. 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 City website.

While you are away also have neighbors watch your residence, 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 starting November 1, 2021 thru March 31, 2022.

Many of us do not want to think about it, but winter weather may start to appear as soon as October. Now is the time to start thinking about winter driving. Make sure that your vehicle is ready by checking all fluid levels; power steering, brake, windshield washer, and oil. You may also want to change window washer fluid to one that contains antifreeze. Make sure that the engine coolant is strong enough for below freezing temperatures and fresh enough to prevent rust.

Leave extra time and drive slower when it is foggy, raining or snowing and conditions are hazardous. Increase your distance from the vehicle in front of you as stopping distances increase in inclement weather. Drive with your lights on so that you can be seen.

Keep an emergency kit in your car. It should include a shovel, ice scraper, flashlight, jumper cables, flares or reflective triangles, kitty litter or sand (as they can be used for traction if you get stuck), a small tool kit that has screwdrivers, a wrench and pliers. Keep blankets, warm weather clothing and non-perishable food items in your car as well. It is best that you keep your gas tank full and do not let it get below a half tank as this will keep condensation to a minimum and avoid gas line freeze.

Museum

The Museum is open the first Sunday of the month from 1-4 p.m. Mark your calendar for the annual Quilt Show to be held Sunday, November 7 from 1-4 p.m. Come see the beautiful creations made with love and using the time honored craft of quilting by the Silk City Quilters. The BEL is now open with Fall/Winter hours being the first Wednesday and Sunday of the month from 1-4 p.m. Check our Facebook page for updates. Take a step back in time and rediscover Belding with a visit to the museum!

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. The last pickup is in October.

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

SOLID WASTE:

All solid waste containers shall be placed curbside no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day regularly scheduled for collection, but no earlier than 24 hours prior to scheduled.

Once the trash is collected the can must be taken back to the house or garage and cannot remain at the curb.

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

Public Works

Last Brush pick-up for 2021: October 25

Yard waste bag pick-up will be every Friday with the last pick up date for 2021 being November 19.

Library

Friends of the Belding Library Bake/Book Sale:

October 18-22, 9 a.m.—5 p.m.

October 23, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

Candlelight Reception: November 29 at 7 p.m.

Music in the Park

Thank you to Mike Tefft for organizing and managing a successful summer of Music in the Park! We look forward to next year!





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Belding Housing

Happy Fall to all in the community! Since its creation as an instrumentality of the City of Belding in 1950, Belding Housing Commission continues its mission to provide affordable housing opportunities for eligible families in our community. Despite continuing federal regulatory changes and societal challenges, delivery of affordable housing and related services to the community remains the commission's highest priority.

Information about affordable rental opportunities may be obtained from the Belding Housing Commission, located at 41 Belhaven Avenue, Belding – 616-794-1740.

Many other organizations exist locally to provide needed supports and services. When in need or just want to give back in some way, human service organizations and churches assist the local community in countless ways. Assistance with rent, utilities, clothing, food, medical care, mental health, substance abuse prevention services and more are just a phone call away . . . phone '211' for further information.

As we make the transition from summer to fall and the onset of the holidays, we wish everyone a safe season and thank the community for its continued support of the agency's mission. Belding Housing Commission is an

Equal Housing Opportunity agency.



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 Department. 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 City's 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 is 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 Department for assistance.

Regular Meetings

The public is welcome to attend any of our open meetings.

- City Council — 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m.
- Rec Board — 2nd Monday at 6:30 p.m.
- Planning Commission – 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.
- Downtown Development Authority — 1st Wednesday at 4 p.m., quarterly (February, May, August and November)
- Zoning Board of Appeals — Meets as needed

Board Vacancies

Applications are being accepted for city boards and commissions. These volunteer positions are appointed by the City Council and offer an excellent opportunity to make a difference and serve our community. A description of the focus of each board, as well as an application, are available on the city website: www.ci.belding.mi.us, at City Hall or can be mailed/ emailed to you.

Currently there are vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Please contact the City Clerk at 794-1900, extension 210 or j.cooper@ci.belding.mi.us for additional information.