



Enjoy the beautiful pathways and parks throughout the city.

Central Riverside Park
Demorest Field
East Riverside Park
Lightning Bend Park
Water Street Park

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Belding Bugle 2021 Welcome to Belding!

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Message from the City Council

The Belding City Council and the residents of the City of Belding would like to thank you for choosing our City as the place you will call home. The residents of Belding love our community nestled into the banks of the Flat River and we hope that you will too!

We would like to extend an invitation to you to attend the Belding City Council meetings which are held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. We would love for you to attend!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact City Hall at 794-1900 or any of the Council Members by accessing the City Council page on the City website at www.belding.mi.us. Thank you again for choosing to call Belding Home!

Welcome Message

We would like to welcome you as a new resident to the City of Belding. As a rural close-knit community, Belding has a lot to offer through its small-town charm, its abundant natural areas within and around the city, its proximity to the large Grand Rapids metropolitan area, and its first-class services provided to the residents by our staff.

The small-town charm shows when people know each other, take the time to talk to each other, and help each other time after time. The pace of life is a little slower and more meaningful. It is easy to make friends and to get involved through one of the community groups, clubs, city boards and commissions, churches, or through the local school system. A strong willingness to help those in need also exists throughout the community through the churches and non-profit organizations.

An abundance of natural areas surround the City of Belding. Within the city, there are five parks, four being situated along the beautiful Flat River which is known for canoeing, kayaking, and tubing. Lightning Bend Park, a 128 acre nature preserve along the Flat River, has walking

trails throughout the park and SMASH Disc Golf course. The one park not along the Flat River is Demorest Field, which is one of the best Little League ball fields in West Michigan.

The Flat River State Game Area starts in the northeastern part of the city and goes north, almost to the City of Greenville. Hunting, fishing, and recreation opportunities abound in this area.

Although Belding is a small town set in a beautiful rural area, the close proximity to the Grand Rapids area enables one to live in a small town while having the benefits of a large city, such as cultural attractions, restaurants, and a large employment base.

We believe you will be impressed by the services provided by the city. As a full-service community we provide full-time police and fire services. The Fire Department has achieved an Insurance Service Organization (ISO) rating of four, which is excellent for cities of our size. We have a Dial-A-Ride bus service which provides transportation anywhere within the city and also to Greenville and Ionia.

The Department of Public Works provides services including water, sewer, street and park maintenance, brush and leaf pickup, and many others which improve the quality of life within the city.

The Library is an amazingly beautiful facility comprised of a historic 1917 building, along with an addition completed in 2007.

The Belding Museum is a treasure, with three floors of artifacts, including the BEL, an interactive children's museum.

The Belding Housing Commission provides over one-hundred twenty-five affordable housing units.

Prompt, courteous, and individual attention is our goal as city staff. We are here to serve you and assist in improving the quality of life for the residents of the City of Belding. Please visit our website at www.belding.mi.us for more information about the City of Belding. Also, please feel free to stop by or give us a call if you have any questions. Thank you very much and we hope that you enjoy living in the City of Belding.

Contact Numbers

City Clerk 794-1900 x210
City Manager 794-1900 x216
Code Enforcement 794-1900 x209
Dial-A-Ride 794-3278
DPW Garage 794-1340
Finance Director 794-1900 x203

Fire Chief 794-1900 x208
Housing Comm. 794-1740
Library 794-1450
Police Chief 794-1900 x222
Water Dept. 794-1900 x217
Receptionist/
General Inquiries 794-1900 x100

Park Reservations

Requests for reservations for the use of the pavilions at Central Riverside Park, East Riverside Park and Lightning Bend are accepted for the upcoming season beginning January 2nd each year. A reservation form is available at the front counter of City Hall. Alcohol is prohibited.

Call "MISS DIG"

Remember to call MISS DIG before doing any digging on your property. This toll-free call alerts utility companies of your plans so they can stake the location of utilities in order to prevent you from hitting them while digging. The utility companies can bill for damages if they are not notified. Remember to call MISS DIG at 1-800-482-7171 before digging on your property.

House Numbers

City of Belding ordinance requires visible house numbers at or near the front entrance of all residences and businesses within the city limits. Visible street numbers are critical to emergency service personnel when trying to locate the origin of an emergency call.

Bon-Fire Permits

City ordinance requires residents who wish to have recreational bonfires to first obtain a permit from the Fire Department. Please contact the Fire Department at 794-1900, Ext. 212 to discuss the requirements for a bon-fire pit, or to schedule a bon-fire pit inspection. Brush fires or the burning of yard wastes is prohibited within the city.



To discuss the requirements for a bon-fire pit, or to schedule a bon-fire pit inspection, please call the Fire Department at 794-1900, Ext. 212.

Brush Pick-up 2021

April 26 July 26 October 25
 May 24 August 23
 June 21 September 30

Brush to be picked up must be placed at the curb by 7 a.m. on the above listed dates, 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. This may be waived at the discretion of the Director of Public Works in cases of devastational storms. To ensure pick-up, locate brush in clear area, away from obstacles and wires.

Yard Waste/Leaves

Yard waste and leaves placed in biodegradable bags will be picked up every Friday from April 23 through November 24, 2021. Please place bags at the curb on Friday at 7 a.m., but no earlier than 24 hours before pick-up. Bags must not exceed 35 pounds and cannot contain other materials, such as rocks, shingles, garbage, sticks or brush. Loose leaf pick-up will take place from October 11 through November 25, 2021. A loose leaf pick-up is not held in the spring.

Severe Weather

The City's weather warning sirens will be tested on the 1st Saturday of every month at 1 p.m., starting in April and continuing throughout the severe weather season. The National Weather Service will issue a tornado watch when conditions are right for the formation of a tornado. This is the time to begin preparations. The weather siren will be sounded when a tornado warning has been issued for our area. A tornado warning means a tornado has been sighted and that persons should immediately take cover.

Scheduled brush, yard waste and leaf pick-up is provided by the City for residents throughout the year.

Dial-A-Ride

Hours of Service
 Mon.-Fri. 6:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
 Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Passenger fares in-town routes
 Adults 19-61 yrs. \$2.50
 Senior 62+ or disabled \$1.25
 Students 3-18 yrs. \$2.00
 3 yrs. and under with an adult ride at no charge.

Greenville Route Fares
 Same as listed above
 Mon.-Fri. 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Ionía Route
 No charge on this route
 Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Transit Tips
 Please allow 30 minutes from the time of call for the bus to arrive, although the bus may arrive sooner. Please be ready, as the driver is only allowed to wait two minutes. Food, beverages and smoking are not allowed on the bus. Recreational trips should be sched-

uled during non peak hours of 10 a.m to 2 p.m. Drivers do not carry change, so please have exact fare. Lift equipped buses are available for customers who use wheel-chairs. For those needing assistance, the aide will ride at no charge. Phone 616-794-3278 for more information or email: dialaride@ci.belding.mi.us



Take advantage of the Dial-A-Ride System for your Transportation needs.

Belding Housing Commission

The City of Belding Housing Commission, established in 1950, provides affordable rental housing within the city limits for eligible individuals and families. Apartments are available in five locations, offering from one to four-bedroom

apartments, with rents based on income or a flat rent basis. Handicapped-accessible apartments and parking are available, and routine maintenance is provided. The commission operates under regulations established by the Department of

Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is a Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity Agency. Inquiries may be made at the management office, located at 41 Belhaven Street, or by calling (616) 794-1740.

Contact the Belding Housing Commission for information on rental housing for eligible individuals and families.





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*COVID-19 and its affects on Meetings and Events

PLEASE NOTE:

All meetings, meeting locations and events are posted as tentative due to the current global pandemic.

For event and meeting information and/or cancellations please visit www.belding.mi.us, or by calling the City Clerk at 616-794-1900, extension 210, during normal business hours. All Public Meeting Notices posted by the City of Belding are posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976, being Sections 15.261 to 15.275 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

City Hall Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Friday: Closed
Saturday-Sunday: Closed

**We're on the web,
www.belding.mi.us
and on Facebook,
City of Belding!**



Garbage Service is available through several companies licensed to operate within the city.

2021 *Events

Located in the historic Belrockton Dormitory at 108 Hanover Street, are the Belding Museum and BEL Children's Museum. Both museums are open on the 1st Sunday of each month. In addition, the BEL is open September-May on the 1st Wednesday of the month 1-4 p.m. and every Wednesday June-August from 9 a.m. - noon. Please check the **Belding Museum** Facebook page for possible changes in times.

- July 7 - August 16 "Music in the Park" at East Riverside Park - Mondays from 7 - 8:30 p.m. Come enjoy the wonderful music and free popcorn throughout the summer!
- July 31– August 1 Gus Macker Tournament
- September 3-6 Annual Belding Homecoming/Labor Day Celebrations
- October 31 Fire Department Halloween Open House from 6-8 p.m.
- December 4 Home for the Holidays, Santa Breakfast and Tree Lighting

Police Department

The Belding Police Dept. is very proactive and provides 24 hour service to residents and visitors. The department, comprised of eight fulltime sworn police officers, performs routine patrol activities that include criminal investigations, traffic crash investigations, traffic enforcement, property inspections and code enforcement.

The Volunteer Police Reserve Unit is a valuable asset to the police department and community. They ride along with full time officers, and provide security for community events and high school football games.

A vacation property check form can be found on the City of Belding website at

www.belding.mi.us. Additional information is available on the Police Department page.

Please note the city ordinances: There is *No Parking on City Streets* from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from November 1st through March 31st. The signs are posted on the major streets entering the city.

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

Vehicles must be parked with the right wheel to the curb or edge of the roadway.

Unregistered or inoperative vehicles must not remain on public or private property for more than 48 hours.

There is no front yard parking. Vehicles must be parked in the driveway.

No motorized vehicles are allowed on any city park pathway. Two cats and two dogs are allowed per residence.

Domestic animals may not run at large, except on owner's property. Dogs must be on a leash not exceeding six feet in length when in a public park or on a public pathway. Please collect all dog waste and dispose of properly. Grass can be no longer than 10 inches and leaves must be raked.

Garbage Service

Please contact the following licensed companies to learn about garbage services and decide which is right for you:

Amy's Disposal:
616-244-3742

Granger:
517-372-2800

Jim's Pickup Service:
800-572-5467

Republic Services/Allied Waste:
888-707-3867

Waste Management
(commercial use only):
616-724-2162

Billing Schedule/Credit Card Payments

Utility bills are issued on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 and are due on the 30th of the month. If not paid, a 10% penalty will be charged, and shut off will follow if not paid in the next fifteen days. A \$75 shut off fee is added to the bill when the shut off list is issued.

Tax bills are issued on July 1 and December 1.

If you wish to pay by credit card, go to www.belding.mi.us, and click "Bill Pay" on the left. Please select the option for utilities or taxes.

There is a service fee, which is up to 3% of the amount paid, for credit card transactions.