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City of Belding

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Holiday Closings

Thursday, November 27—Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 1—Day after Thanksgiving (observed)
Wednesday, December 24—Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25—Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31—New Year's Eve

Upcoming Events

Friday, December 12—Home for the Holidays

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From the City Manager's Desk

Dear Belding Community,

As I have now stepped down from my role as City Manager, I wanted to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you. Serving this community over the past six months has been an incredible honor—an experience filled with collaboration, dedication, and a shared love for this city we all call home.

While my time in this position is coming to an end, my connection to Belding is far from over. This community is not just where I've worked—it's where I live, where I've built relationships, and where I've invested my heart. Belding will always be home to me.

I want to thank the City Council, city staff, local organizations, and all of you—the residents—for your support, your engagement, and your passion for making Belding the best it can be. Together, we've tackled challenges and celebrated milestones, and I'm incredibly proud of what we've accomplished in just a short time.

Though I'm resigning from my official role, I will continue to be an active part of this community. Whether it's volunteering, supporting our small businesses, or simply lending a hand where it's needed, I remain committed to the growth and well-being of Belding.

Thank you for welcoming me, working alongside me, and allowing me the privilege to serve you. I look forward to seeing many of you around town and staying involved in the city we all care so deeply about.

With sincere appreciation,
Keven Krieger

Holiday Wishes

City Clerk

~NO NOVEMBER ELECTION IN BELDING.~

Several local elections will be taking place in Ionia County on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, however none of the races or ballot initiatives affect the City of Belding. We'll see you next year!

Department of Public Works

As summer comes to a close, we'd like to inform you as to how yard waste and loose leaves will be handled over the next several weeks.

Bagged yard waste pickup will continue on Mondays through the end of September.

Beginning October 1st, bagged yard waste will be picked up when loose leaves are being picked up in your neighborhood.

Please remember:

Leaves should be raked to the curb, but not in the road.

Bags must be biodegradable.

Bags must not exceed 35 pounds.

Bags cannot contain other materials such as rocks, shingles, garbage, sticks or brush.

Loose leaf and bagged yard waste pickup will continue as weather permits or until the snow flies. There is no set schedule as mother nature is unpredictable. Additionally, we often have to deal with unforeseen circumstances which may require taking priority over the leaves.

Remember, that starting November 1st the *No Parking on City Streets* Ordinance comes into effect.

If snow flies before November 1st, please move your vehicles off the road so we can take care of the roads.

Merry & Bright

Belding Bugle

October, November, December 2025

Deck
The Halls

On behalf of all of us at the City of Belding, we wish everyone a safe, happy and healthy holiday season.

Finance Department

Taxes:

2025 Summer Taxes were due by August 15, 2025. A 3% late fee has been assessed to any unpaid taxes. Please contact the City Treasurer at 616-794-1900 extension 203 to receive the new total balance due prior to payment. 2025 Winter Taxes will be mailed by December 1, 2025 and are due IN OFFICE BY February 16, 2026. A 3% late fee will be assessed to any unpaid taxes after that date.

Water/Sewer Bills

Quarterly Bill Date	Period Of Water Usage	Due Date
January 1	September 1 through November 30	January 30
April 1	December 1 through February 28/29	April 30
July 1	March 1 through May 31	July 30
October 1	June 1 through August 31	October 30
Payment must be received in office BY the 30th of the month of the quarterly bill date to avoid late fees.		

Water or sewer emergencies:

During regular business hours, Monday through Thursday from 7AM to 6PM, call 616-794-1900 extension 217 for assistance. After hours or holidays call Central Dispatch at 616-527-0400. The dispatcher will contact the on-duty DPW employee to assist you.

Be sure to unhook your garden hose from your house before the winter weather sets in!

Friendly Finance Reminders:

Please do not combine payments for taxes and water/sewer bills. Payments will be returned to be separated if they are combined.

All payments are processed on the day they are received IN OFFICE. Check/money order dates or postmark dates are not accepted as the date of payment.

Accepted Forms of Payment:

We accept cash, checks and/or money orders in the office, by U.S. Mail or through the drop box located outside of City Hall. Please include the barcoded payment slip with drop box and mailed payments.

Credit/Debit Card payments can be made in the office or online at https://belding.mi.us/bill_pay.php. A 3% convenience fee will be charged by the vendor for this service. Credit/debit card payments are posted on the day they are made. When paying **water/sewer bills or taxes** online, select link number 1. Use the BS&A Online Pin Number located on your water/sewer bill to look up account information. For questions regarding the payment website, call 616-794-1900 extension 217 for assistance.

Payment Assistance Programs:

If you are having difficulty paying your water/sewer bill, one of the following agencies may be able to help: **EightCAP:** emergency@8cap.org;

MDHHS: 1-844-4694-3447

United Way: Dial 211

City Meeting Schedule

City Council - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly; 7PM @ the Depot.

DDA - 1st Wednesday in February, April, June, August, October and December; 4:15PM @ the Depot.

Museum Board - 4th Tuesday monthly; 4:30PM @ the Museum.

Planning Commission - 4th Tuesday monthly; 6:30PM @ the Depot.

Recreation Board - 2nd Monday monthly; 6:30PM; @ the Depot.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed.

All meeting notices are posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976.

Upcoming Board Vacancies

The following City Boards will have vacancies on December 31st:

Recreational Advisory Board: Two 3-year terms

Planning Commission: One 3-year term

Zoning Board of Appeals: One 3-year term

If interested, please visit www.belding.mi.us and complete the *Application for Consideration for Appointment to a City Board/Commission* which can be found under the Government and Services tab or contact the City Clerk at 616-794-1900, extension 210.

Joy to
The World

Fire Department

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

It's going to be getting colder. Please verify that your smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors are working and have good batteries. If you have any questions, call 616-794-1900, extension 212. We had multiple CO calls last year that were real events, and not just bad detectors. Remember you cannot smell, taste or see CO, thus the term, "the silent killer".

Have a great Fall! We hope to see you on Halloween at the Fire Department, October 31, from 6-8PM. We will have popcorn and drinks, as usual, and the police will be checking candy again. We love to see your costumes!

season's greetings

Community Development Director

Belding Dial-A-Ride

Hours: Monday—Friday, 6:30AM to 4:30PM

Rates: Rates are for one-way travel only with payment expected at the time of service for all rides.

Save money by purchasing a punch card: By purchasing a 10-ride punch card, your 11th ride is **FREE!** Available for purchase through Dial-A-Ride.

Adult: (18 years +): \$3/ride or \$30 punch card.

Student: (3-17 years): \$2.50/ride or \$25 punch card.

Seniors: (62+ years): \$1.50/ride or \$15 punch card.

Disabled: \$1.50/ride

Thank You for Your Support!

A big *thank you* to everyone who came out to support our Community Clean-Up in August. Your time, energy, and encouragement made a real difference. It was inspiring to see our neighborhood come together with such pride. We are grateful for your support and look forward to future projects that continue to make our community a better place to live!

Upcoming Community Events

October 1: Community Clean-Up — Join the DDA Department for our next clean-up! We will meet at 4:45PM at the Depot, 100 Depot Street. Help keep our downtown looking great!

October 5: Nature Together Family Craft Event—Come to East Riverside Park on Sunday, October 5, from 1–2PM to learn about the Monarch Butterfly and create a take-home craft. This free, family-friendly event includes all supplies.

Sign-up is required — register at City Hall, by scanning the QR code to the right or through the link on our Facebook page. Sponsored by **Camp Greenwood** and **Leppinks**.



**JOIN US FOR A FREE
OUTDOOR CRAFT
OCTOBER 5
1-2 PM
EAST RIVERSIDE PARK**

SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED
LEARN ABOUT MONARCH BUTTERFLYS AND MAKE A TAKE HOME CRAFT
SIGN UP WITH THE QR CODE BELOW OR AT CITY HALL
120 S. PLEASANT ST, OPEN MON - THURS 7AM TO 6PM



Thank You again to all of the sponsors, bands, food trucks and volunteers who made *Music By The River* a wonderful event all summer long!

CITY of BELDING
live. grow. naturally.

MUSIC BY THE RIVER

GOES OUT TO THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS WHO MADE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE ALL SUMMER LONG HERE IN BEAUTIFUL BELDING!

Whole Note Sponsors: \$500+	Half Note Sponsors: \$300-\$499	Quarter Note Sponsors: \$200-\$299	Eighth Note Sponsors: \$1-\$199

Free popcorn donated weekly from Belding **WESCO**.

Belding Museum/Belding Exploration Lab (BEL)

BEL—We are open the first Sunday & Wednesday of each month. Watch for upcoming special openings!

Belding Museum—We are open the first Sunday of the month, 1-4PM. Both the museum and the BEL welcome donations in lieu of an admission fee. Handicapped parking and an elevator are available for those needing assistance.

For the most current information, check out our Facebook pages: BEL-Belding Exploration Lab or Belding Museum. Email us at: beldingmuseum@gmail.com.

Special Events:

November 2—Annual Quilt Show 1-4PM

December 7—Old Fashioned Christmas 1-4PM

December 14—Sunday with Santa 1-4PM

Alvah N. Belding Library

Peace on Earth

OCTOBER

October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 10:30AM Storytime

October 1 @ 2PM Senior Social Bingo

October 3 @ 3PM Adult, Spooky Painted Bottles

Registration is required and begins September 12th.

October 6 @ 6PM Family Night, Harvest Party

October 9 @ 4:15PM YOUTH, Pinecone Wind Chime

October 13-15 Friends Book Sale, Stop in and shop during library hours.

October 20 @ 5PM Tarot for Beginners

October 21 @ 3PM Monthly Tech Help. Please contact the library for an appointment.

October 22 @ 6PM (EVENING Book Club) *Book Club, Beloved*

October 23 @ 10AM (MORNING Book Club) *Book Club, None of This is True*

October 23 @ 3PM Teen/Tween, Terrarium Workshop

NOVEMBER

November 3 @ 6PM Family Night, Fall Luminaries

November 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 10:30AM Storytime

November 5 @ 2PM Senior Social Bingo

November 6 @ 4:15PM YOUTH, Trinket Dish Workshop

November 18 @ 3PM Monthly Tech Help

November 19 @ 6PM (EVENING Book Club) *Book Club, The Lightning Thief*

November 20 @ 10AM (MORNING Book Club) *Book Club, All Girl Filling Stations Last Reunion*

November 20 @ 3PM Teen/Tween, Hot Cocoa Spoon Class

November 24 @ 5PM Adult, Grinch Wooden Door Sign

DECEMBER

December 1 @ 7PM Friends Candlelight Reception

December 3 @ 2PM Senior Social Bingo

December 3, 10, 17 @ 10:30AM Storytime

December 10 @ 6PM Family Night, Holiday Party

December 23 @ 3PM Monthly Tech Help

December 29 @ 10AM to 2PM Youth Activity

Library will be closed December 24, 25, 31 & January 1 NO (EVENING or MORNING Book Club)

Belding Housing Commission

Belding Housing Commission has open waiting lists for all developments. Current maximum qualifying income for Ionia County, as published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is based on family size as shown in the following table:

Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Maximum Income	\$46,700	\$53,350	\$60,000	\$66,650	\$72,000	\$77,350	\$82,650	\$88,000

Rental amounts are based on income after qualifying deductions. Water and sewer utilities are included in rent for all properties. Heat is included for Belhaven and Woodhaven properties. In its strive to maintain safe and decent living environments, the housing commission is conducting a study to determine feasibility for substantial rehabilitation or redevelopment of some or all properties in the near future. Inquiries for available rental housing may be made by contacting the administrative office Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Location: 41 Belhaven, Belding. Phone: 616-794-1740, 8AM—5PM; Window hours: 1PM—4:30PM; Email: info@beldinghousing.org. Contact information is also available upon request for all other Michigan housing commissions offering rental assistance.

As we enter the fall season, the Board of Commissioners extends special appreciation to the Belding Gardeneers for lending assistance and expertise during the annual garden contest held in June. The contest was capped off with awards presented during an ice cream social held July 25. Themed gardens were inspired this year and were enthusiastically embraced by residents who look forward to the next growing season. Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity Agency.



Assessor

Assessors in the State of Michigan are responsible to maintain the State Equalized Value (SEV) and Taxable Value (TV). First, let's make sure you understand the difference.

The SEV should be 50% of the property's True Cash Value or Market Value. This value is determined by the physical attributes of the property and studies of recent sales (2-year sale studies are the most common). The TV is determined by the Consumers Price Index (CPI), not to exceed 5%.

The last decade has seen residential sale studies with increases between 5 to 20%, while the Consumer Price Index only exceeded 5% twice, last year and 2023.

Towards the end of February, you will get an Assessment Change Notice from me. This change notice will identify the proposed Taxable Value and SEV for each parcel that you own. It will also identify the dollar amount of your tax increase for 2026.

Here is a link to the Assessor's Web Page (<https://belding.mi.us/assessor.php>) This link does show the sale studies, and you may find answers to other questions or links to forms you're looking for.

If you have other questions or concerns, please give me a call at 616-497-1900, extension 201, or email me at: bnaumann@belding.gov.

Belding Police Department

Back-to-School Safety Reminder—As the new school year begins, the Belding Police Department would like to remind everyone to **stay alert and drive safely**.

Student Safety—Please watch out for students walking to and from school. Some may be walking in the street where no sidewalks are available, and children can dart into traffic unexpectedly.

Stay extra alert near schools, crosswalks, and neighborhoods during school hours.

School Bus Laws—**Flashing red lights mean STOP** – no matter which direction you're coming from. Do not proceed until the lights stop flashing and the bus moves on.

Fire Lanes at Schools—If you're picking up your child or attending an after-school activity, **please do not park in emergency fire lanes**. These areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles at all times.

Winter Parking Ban Reminder: The annual **NO PARKING ordinance from 2AM to 6AM** will be enforced from **November 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026**.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our students and community safe.



Scan this QR Code to sign up to receive City-related texts and/or emails today!



Merry Christmas

Code Enforcement /Animal Control

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, near sidewalks, around signposts and fire hydrants.

Sidewalks need to have the grass trimmed that grows over them. 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 6PM Sunday for pick up Monday.

Loose Leaf pickup will begin in October. 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!!**