

## 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!**

## City Hall Closings

November 23  
December 25 & 26  
January 1 & 2

## Dial-A-Ride

Parents make sure to sign up your student to ride with Belding Dial-A-Ride this school year! Students 3 - 18 ride for \$2.00. Tickets and tokens are available at the Dial-A-Ride Dept, 100 Depot St. 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.

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## Housing Commission

Belding Housing Commission rental properties include Taft Court, Belhaven I, Belhaven II, Woodhaven, and Hilltop Court. Questions regarding availability of rental units and eligibility for admission may be directed to the administrative office by phone 616-794-1740, Monday through Friday, or by visiting the office located at 41 Belhaven Avenue during window hours 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Belding Housing Commission is administered in accordance with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations and locally established policy, and is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.

## Belding Museum

The historical museum is open the first Sunday of each month from 1-4 p.m. The Belding Museum and Silk City Quilters will hold their **21st Annual Quilt Show** on Sunday, November 5 from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free.

## Children's Museum

The "BEL" (Belding Exploration Lab) is open the 1st Sunday and Wednesday of each month from 1-4 p.m.

## Finance Department

### Trash Bag Adjustment

Republic Services announced that effective October 1, 2017 the cost for the city's blue trash bags will increase. The last time the residents of the city received an increase in bag costs was 2006, more than 10 years ago.

Additionally, bags will only be sold at Leppink's Food Center beginning November 1, 2017.

Republic Services continues to offer the residents of the City of Belding a choice for weekly services. If you enroll in cart service you would no longer need to purchase individual bags. For more information call Melissa at 616-437-8014.

## 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.

Section 303.3 of the International Property Maintenance Code as adopted into Ordinance by the City of Belding states, "buildings shall have approved address numbers placed in a position to be plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4" high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5".

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.

## Cemetery Tour

"Here Lies Belding!" is coming this October! Watch for more info on this cemetery tour on our Museum Facebook page.

## 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](http://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, 2017 thru March 31, 2018.

**W. Ellis will be closed on Friday, October 6, 2017 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.

Make sure your vehicle is ready for winter driving by checking all fluid levels, power steering, brakes, windshield washers and oil. You may want to change window washer fluid to one that contains antifreeze. The engine coolant should be strong enough for below freezing temperatures. Remember that stopping distances increase in inclement weather and drive with your headlights on so you can be seen.

## Edmund Fitzgerald

Please plan to attend this interesting program featuring the songs of Gordon Lightfoot as portrayed by Mike Fornes from Mackinaw City. Limited seating, so get there early! The program will start at 7 p.m. at the Belrockton on Tuesday, November 7. Free admission due to the graciousness of the Belding Museum's program sponsors.



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## Library Happenings

- Little Wiggles Story Time (Birth - 2 years) - Mondays at 10 a.m.
- Toddler Tales Story Time (3-5 years) - Wednesdays at 10 a.m.
- Game On! (Teens) September 21 @ 3 p.m.
- Save the Bees (All Ages) September 25 @ 6 p.m. Local bee experts presentation
- Travelogue: Cuba October 2 @ 6 p.m. Presentation by Brian Dolphin
- Lazy Costume Making (Teens) October 19 @ 3 p.m. Easy costumes
- Night Creatures (All Ages) October 23 @ 5:30 p.m. Learn about nocturnal animals and get to meet some!
- Travelogue: Prague November 6 @ 6 p.m. Presentation by Cory Grimminck
- Scavenger Hunt (Teens) November 16 @ 3 p.m. Hunt for clues and find treasures
- Saw it on Pinterest (Adult) November 20 @ 5 p.m. Take home 3 finished products
- Doctor After Dark (Adult) December 15 @ 5 p.m. After-hours screening of Doctor Who Christmas specials!
- Make-and-Take Crafts (All Ages) December 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-in event and create two gift-able Christmas crafts!

## Department of Public Works

### Brush Pick-Up

October 23 - last date for 2017

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.

### Yard Waste/Leaves

Yard waste and leaves must be placed in biodegradable bags and will be picked up every Friday through November 22, 2017.

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 16 to November 22, 2017.

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

## Halloween Open House

The Belding Fire Department will host its annual Halloween Open House on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 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.

## Home for the Holidays 2017

It's the most wonderful time of the year in Belding! Please join the Belding Area Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, December 2nd for "Breakfast with Santa"! This event features a free breakfast, ornament decorating, and a chance to see the big man himself, 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 cocoa, cookies, Santa, reindeer, music, ...SANTA! Need we say more?!

Please check back for more details at the City of Belding (616) 794-1900 or the Belding Area Chamber of Commerce (616) 794-9890.