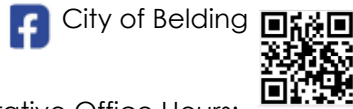




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## CITY CLERK

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR THE AUGUST 4TH PRIMARY ELECTION** are anticipated to be available in late June. ALL registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote by mail. Registered voters in the City of Belding may request an APPLICATION to receive an absentee ballot for a specific election OR join a PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT list to automatically receive a ballot for EVERY election affecting the City of Belding. To get an Absentee Ballot Application, to join the Permanent Absentee Ballot list or to find answers to many other election related questions, there are several resources available. Visit [www.Michigan.gov.vote](http://www.Michigan.gov.vote); [www.belding.mi.us/city\\_clerk.php](http://www.belding.mi.us/city_clerk.php), or scan the QR Code to the right.



## **CITY COUNCIL VACANCIES**

At the November 3, 2026 General Election there will be three (3) open seats for the office of Belding City Council Member. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the General Election will each serve a four-(4) year term. Informational packets regarding the number of signatures required, City/Township Non-Partisan Nominating Petitions and other necessary forms to file for candidacy, including notarization services, are available in the City Clerk's Office. In an effort to alleviate any filing errors these forms are **not** available on the City website. The filing deadline is Tuesday, July 21, 2026 at 4PM in the City Clerk's Office. There are NO exceptions. You are urged to file early to allow sufficient time to correct any errors or signature deficiencies.

## **BOARD OPENINGS**

The City of Belding is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the following boards:

### **Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**

**4 vacancies;** 1 partial term expiring 12/31/26, 1 partial term expiring 12/31/27 and 2 partial terms expiring 12/31/29

### **Zoning Board of Appeals**

**3 vacancies;** 1 partial term expiring 12/31/27 (regular member) and 2 Alternate members

## **ELECTION WORKERS SOUGHT**

The City Clerk is accepting applications to work in the polls. These are paid positions. Election Inspector Applications can be found on the City of Belding website on the City Clerk's Office page.

For more information on any of the above subjects, please visit <https://www.ci.belding.gov> or contact the City Clerk at [jortego@belding.gov](mailto:jortego@belding.gov) or by calling 616-794-1900, ext. 210.



# BELDING BUGLE

April, May, June, 2026

Welcome Robins of Spring!



## CITY MANAGER

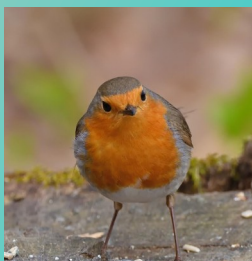
I am honored to have been selected by the City Council to manage the City of Belding and I look forward to utilizing my fifteen years of various government experience in the City of Grand Rapids, City of Waterloo Iowa, and most recently the City of Alpena Michigan. In Alpena I served as the Planning and Development Director and as the Chamber of Commerce President/CEO. Economic development projects have long been an emphasis for my career and projects have ranged from helping develop new private development such as restaurants and hotels, to community projects ranging from splash parks, dog parks, trail heads and public art. Another focus has been to increase housing opportunities including housing units above existing commercial space such as existing businesses. I have also been involved in working to clean up and develop brownfield sites (sites that may be difficult to develop due to environmental issues, or other various factors).

I was raised down the road in Cedar Springs and graduated from high school there. I later earned a degree at Grand Valley State University's downtown campus in Grand Rapids and I have many connections in the area including many relatives and good friends. I am very happy to be back in West Michigan after many years of being away.

I am looking forward to showing my three kids the City of Belding this summer as their school year ends and finding a place where I can bring my two dogs to live here in Belding with me. This summer I am planning on exploring Belding's outdoor amenities including biking around the City and learning how to play disc golf at Lightning Bend Park.

Overall I am very excited to become part of the Belding community and work with the citizens, community partners, and city staff to continue to make Belding an awesome place to live, work, and play!

Adam Poll  
Belding City Manager  
apoll@belding.gov



## MUSIC IN THE PARK

Music in the Park will be held every Thursday, May 28th through August 27th at the East Riverside Park at 7PM.



## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Administrative offices at City Hall will be closed on the following dates:

April 2—Good Friday (observed)

May 25—Memorial Day

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT

**Water/Sewer:** Bills for the 12/1/2025 - 2/28/2026 cycle dates were mailed prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> and are due in office by April 30<sup>th</sup> to avoid a 10% late fee.

**EARLY POOL FILLING** Late spring will bring warmer weather which may have you thinking about getting your pool ready for the upcoming summer of fun in the sun. If you choose to fill your pool prior to the quarterly readings in early June (for the 3/1-5/31 cycle), we ask that you write down the numbers on your SENSUS water meter **BEFORE and AFTER** you have filled the pool and call the office to report those numbers, at 616-794-1900 ext. 217, **by the first week of June** in order to have the appropriate credit applied to the sewer portion of the July bill. If you have questions about locating the water meter, or which numbers to record, do not hesitate to call the office.

Not planning to fill your pool until mid-June or later? Not to worry! During the summer quarter (6/1-8/31) a "summer sewer discount" is considered for any residential account that does not have a separate irrigation meter. This discount is reflected in the October bill and is based on the average usage for the non-summer months; you will not be billed for sewer usage that exceeds your average usage during the 6/1-8/31 cycle.

**Tax Department:** Any unpaid 2025 summer or winter taxes were sent to the Ionia County Treasurer's office at the beginning of March 2026 and must then be paid directly to the county.

The 2026 summer property taxes will be issued July 1, 2026, due IN OFFICE by August 17, 2026, without penalty. After this date, a 3% penalty will be added to the property tax bill.



## ASSESSOR

To maintain precise and fair property assessments, the State Tax Commission mandates that every property undergoes an inspection once every five years. Those inspections will start in the month of May.

Before I visit your property, you will get a postcard giving you a time frame for my inspection. If you do not want me to visit your property when you aren't home, please contact me so we can set up an appointment. For property owners not at home when I visit, I will leave a business card, so you know that I stopped by. I have a City of Belding ID and my car has a magnetic sign identifying myself as the Assessor for the City.

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The 2026 Monthly Brush Pick-Up Schedule is as follows:  
 April 20-24, May 25-29, June 22-26  
 July 20-24, August 24-28 & September 21-25

To ensure efficient collection, please adhere to the following guidelines:

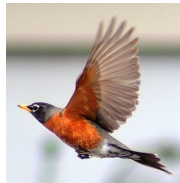
- Brush may be put at the curb no earlier than the 18th of the month.
- Place brush at the curb, aligned with the street but not obstructing the road.
- Ensure that all cut ends face the same direction.
- Maintain a clear area of at least four feet from any obstructions, which includes but is not limited to consumer poles, guide wires, telephone poles, overhead wires, walls, fences, mailboxes, and any other obstacles that could hinder safe and effective pick-up by staff and equipment.



Please note that failure to comply with these instructions will result in non-removal of the brush.

**2026 Bagged Yard Waste Pick-up will occur on Mondays, starting in April.**

Please mark your calendars accordingly!



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

With longer daylight hours, many people are getting out to enjoy their favorite outdoor activities. Whether you're kayaking on the river, walking or bicycling on our trails, or visiting one of our beautiful parks, please remember to stay aware of your surroundings. If you see anything suspicious, report it:

Emergency: Call 911;

Non-Emergency: 616-527-0400, extension 4.



## BELDING HOUSING COMMISSION

Wait lists are open for all rental units. Income limits for Ionia County as published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development are as follows:

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

Rent is calculated, based on income after qualifying deductions (medical, child care, dependents, etc). All properties are maintained as independent living environments (i.e. no supportive services provided). In addition to income, other eligibility criteria includes screening for criminal history, past rental history, credit history, verification of citizen status, et al. Water and sewer utilities and routine maintenance are included in rent. Heat is included for Belhaven and Woodhaven properties.

Inquiries may be made by contacting the administrative office Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Location: 41 Belhaven, Phone: 616-794-1740, 8AM – 5PM; Window hours: 1PM – 4:30PM; Email: [info@beldinghousing.org](mailto:info@beldinghousing.org). Contact information is also available on request for all other Michigan housing commissions offering rental assistance. Best wishes to all for the Spring Season!



## CODE ENFORCEMENT

Spring and Summer bring an increase of animal complaints and it is important for residents to remember to keep their dogs and cats confined to their yard. City ordinance stipulates that there are to be no more than two dogs and two cats per residence without a special permit. Animals walked in the City Park areas must be on a leash.

**GRASS CLIPPINGS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED LOOSE or DUMPED AT CURBSIDE.** Grass clippings MUST be placed in paper yard waste bags and MAY NOT be put out before Sunday evening at 6PM and MUST be at curbside by 7AM on Monday for pick up.

Garbage and Trash in bags or receptacles may not be put to the curb earlier than 24 hours before pick up day. Emptied containers MUST NOT remain at curb and MUST be removed within 24 hours of pick-up.

### **Blight:**

Grass can be no longer than 10 inches, and leaves must be raked.

No unlicensed or inoperable vehicles are allowed within the city limits, unless stored within a four-sided enclosed building. The storage of building materials outside of an enclosed building is prohibited without a building permit. Any chemical containers (oil, gas, coolant, etc.) must be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner. Outside storage of these chemicals is a violation of City Ordinance.

## DIAL-A-RIDE

### **\*New Carry-On Policy:\***

To enhance the comfort and safety of all passengers, we have updated our carry-on policy:

–All carry-on items must fit securely between your feet or on your lap.

–Excessive loads, such as large quantities of groceries or laundry, are no longer permitted on the bus.

To ensure a smooth experience, please schedule your rides in advance by calling us at (616) 794-3278.

Business Hours:

Monday - Friday: 6:30AM - 4:15PM

Last Call for Rides: 3:45PM

We sincerely appreciate your patronage and look forward to welcoming you on board!

## BELDING MUSEUM

BEL-Belding Exploration Lab & Belding Museum

The BEL is a hands-on children's museum which is open the first Sunday and Wednesday of each month. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Belding Museum is open the first Sunday of each month from 1-4PM.

Programs and admission are supported by your generous donations. Handicapped parking and an elevator are available for those needing assistance.

For the most current information, please check our Facebook pages: Belding Museum or BEL-Belding Exploration Lab or email us at [beldingmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:beldingmuseum@gmail.com).

Please note that both the BEL and the Museum will be closed on Sunday, April 5 for Easter.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

We are currently seeking part paid firefighters. While the training requirements are extensive, the rewards of this role are significant! Applicants must be at least 18 years of age, possess a valid driver's license, successfully complete a physical agility test, have no felony convictions, and refrain from any drug use. For any inquiries, please contact us at 794-1900 ext. 208.

Did you know that 93% of all car seats are improperly installed? Our full-time firefighters are National Child Passenger Safety Certified car seat technicians. Whether you are experiencing difficulties or simply wish to have them inspected, we are available to assist you with the proper installation of your car seat(s). Additionally, we can guide you through the transition between different car seat types, especially in light of recent changes to safety regulations.

Lastly, please remember to secure the necessary permits before using your bonfire.



## LIBRARY

### APRIL

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 10:30AM Storytime  
April 1 @ 2PM SENIOR Social Bingo  
April 6 @ 6PM FAMILY Night, Maker Space  
Dinosaur Sculpture  
April 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 3PM BEGINNER Crochet  
April 8 @ 5PM (One Week Early) ADULT  
Cozy Knots Crochet Workshop (INTERMEDIATE)  
April 9 After School to 4:30PM YOUTH  
Shrinky Dink Workshop  
April 13-15 Friends Book Sale (During normal  
library hours)  
April 20 @ 5PM ADULT Craft, Hippy Wind Chime  
Registration required and begins March 30th.  
April 21 @ 3PM Monthly Tech Help  
Please contact the library to make an appointment.  
April 22 @ 2PM to 4:30 PM YOUTH , Suncatcher  
April 22 @ 6PM (EVENING Book Club) *Black Cake*  
April 23 @ 10AM (MORNING Book Club)  
*The 7 Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*  
April 23 @ 3:45PM - 4:45PM Teen/Tween  
Escape Room *The Enchanted Forest*



### MAY

May 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 3 PM BEGINNER Crochet Club  
May 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 10:30AM Storytime  
May 6 @ 2PM SENIOR Social Bingo  
May 11 @ 5PM ADULT, Beaded Plant  
Registration Required and begins April 20th.  
May 13 @ 5PM ADULT, Cozy Knots Crochet  
Workshop" (INTERMEDIATE)  
May 27 @ 6PM (EVENING Book Club)  
*Ionia County on the Same Page Book*  
May 28 @ 10AM (MORNING Book Club)  
*Ionia County on the Same Page Book*  
May 29 @ 3PM ADULT Craft, Butterfly Puddler  
Registration Required and begins May 8th.

### JUNE

June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 3PM BEGINNER Crochet  
June 3 @ 10:30AM Destination Storytime @ East  
Riverside Park. Please bring a lunch.  
June 3 @ 2PM SENIOR Social Bingo  
June 8 1:30PM to 3PM Lolly at the Library  
June 8 @ 6PM STEM Night, Elephant Toothpaste  
June 10,17,24 @ 10:30AM Storytime  
June 17 @ 5PM ADULT, Cozy Knots Crochet Work-  
shop (INTERMEDIATE)  
June 25 @ 2PM Teen/Tween, Dinosaur Eye