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EVERY THURSDAY
May 29th - August 28th
from 7-8:30 p.m.
MUSIC BY THE RIVER
At East Riverside Park next to the Flat River!

May 29	Flashback	Oldies
June 5	Spuddies	Rock
June 12	B & B Country	Country
June 19	Tim Evans & the Silverado Express	Country
June 26	Tequila Rose Chilled	Rock
July 3	Hagen-Hudson Trio	Pop/Swing
July 10	Fred & Friends	Variety
July 17	Sandra Faye Band	70's Hits
July 24	Erin Rich	Acoustic Variety
July 31	Looped & Loaded	Electrified Duel
August 7	Marty Miller	Variety
August 14	Twister	Variety
August 21	Clark, Reed & Meadows	Folk
August 28	Modern Day Relics	80's Rock

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we will also have food trucks, fundraisers and

June 5th - Annie's Cinnamon Wagon 	FREE POPCORN WEEKLY! Courtesy of Belding WESCO And volunteer efforts of Oasis Ministry	PLUS BOLO Be on the look out for 	Brain Freeze Express
Crumpy's Loaded Baked Potatoes JULY 6 & AUGUST 14	Cheese & Squeeze CHEESE BALLS CREAMY SPECIALTY LEMONADE JULY 6 & AUGUST 14	Kids 	Girl Scout Troop 4304



Belding Bugle

'Lil Lady Bugs!

July, August, September 2025

From the City Manager's Desk: Summer in Belding

As we step into the heart of summer here in Belding, I want to take a moment to thank all our residents for continuing to make our city such a vibrant and welcoming place. Throughout the summer months, Belding comes alive with activity—our parks are buzzing, the riverfront is a favorite gathering spot, and community events like Music by the River, Gus Macker, and the Labor Day Celebration showcase the spirit that makes our city so special. City crews are working hard to maintain our streets, improve public spaces, and ensure safety during this busy season. I encourage everyone to take full advantage of the warm weather, support local businesses, and participate in the many events and programs offered throughout the community. Together, let's make this summer one to remember. Stay safe, stay cool, and enjoy all that Belding has to offer. —Keven Krieger, City Manager

Holiday Closings

Thursday, July 3

In observance of Independence Day (as City Offices are regularly closed on Fridays)

Monday, September 1

Labor Day



Belding Museum/ Belding Exploration Lab (BEL)

Belding Museum—Labor Day weekend:

Open Saturday, Sunday & Monday 1-4pm

Belding Exploration Lab (BEL)—Summer Hours: Open every Wednesday, 1-4pm.

Children must be with an adult.

Both the Museum and the BEL offer free admission with donations welcomed to support our programs. Handicapped parking and an elevator are available for those needing assistance. For the most current information on the Museum or the BEL, check out our Facebook pages: BEL-Belding Exploration Lab or Belding Museum or email us at beldingmuseum@gmail.com. The Museum and the BEL will be closed on July 6 and August 3.



Belding Housing Commission

Properties include primarily one-bedroom units at Belhaven I, Belhaven II and Woodhaven, and two and three-bedroom units at Taft and Hilltop Courts. Applicants must meet income and other eligibility requirements for admission. Applications and inquiries for safe and affordable rental housing (including all other Michigan Housing Commissions offering rental assistance) are available through the administrative office Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, located at 41 Belhaven.

Phone: 794-1740, 8am to 5pm

Window hours: 1pm to 4:30pm

Email: info@beldinghousing.org.

Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.



Alvah N. Belding Library



Gather to Grow, Free Lunch!

Ready to take lunch provided for ages 18 & under from 12-2pm. Pick up in the lower level of the library.

JULY 2025

July 2, 9, 16, 30 @ 10:30 AM Storytime

July 2 @ 2 PM SENIOR Social Bingo

July 7 @ 1-2:30 PM Lolly at the Library.

Join Lolly the dog for a story.

July 10 @ 1 PM YOUTH, Citrus Prints. Join Miss Barbara—she will be using fruit to paint!

July 14 @ 5 PM ADULT, Glass Bottle Painting. Space is limited and registration is required for this program.

July 15 @ 3 PM Monthly Tech Help. Make an appointment with Zach at the Library.

July 17 @ 2 PM TWEEN/TEEN, Illusion Painting

July 21 @ 1 PM Reading with Ritz. Join Ritz the dog for a story.

July 23 @ 10:30 AM Destination Storytime. Join Miss Barbara at Lightning Bend Park for a special Storytime and bring a picnic lunch.

July 23 @ 6 PM (EVENING Book Club)

July 24 @ 10 AM (MORNING Book Club)

July 24 @ 1 PM YOUTH, Weaving Bookmark

July 25 @ 3 PM ADULT, Summer Reading Task, Tie-Dye Book Bags

July 26 @ 10 AM to 12:30 PM EVERYONE, "Beldingpalooza" Cool off in the air conditioning! Drop in and make bracelets, keychains, bookmarks, or whatever you want to design!



AUGUST 2025

August 2 CLOSED. Good luck Macker teams!

August 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 10:30 AM Storytime

August 6 @ 2 PM SENIOR Social Bingo

August 7 @ 1 PM - 3 PM YOUTH, Summer Reading Finale

August 9 @ 1 PM to 3 PM (6th to 12th Grade) TWEEN/TEEN, Summer Reading Finale Glow Party

August 19 @ 3 PM Monthly Tech Help. Make an appointment with Zach @ the Library.

August 23 @ 10 AM to 12:30 PM EVERYONE, "Beldingpalooza" Cool off in the air conditioning! Drop in and make bracelets, keychains, bookmarks, or whatever you want to design!

August 27 @ 6 PM (EVENING Book Club)

August 28 @ 10 AM (MORNING Book Club)

August 30 & 31 CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 2025

September 1 to September 6 CLOSED

September 8 @ 6:30 PM FAMILY NIGHT

Intro to JiuJitsu

September 10, 17, 24 @ 10:30 AM Storytime

September 10 @ 2 PM SENIOR Social Bingo

September 11 @ 4:15 PM Youth Scrapbook Workshop

September 16 @ 3 PM Monthly Tech Help. Make an appointment with Zach @ the Library.

September 20 @ 10:30 AM WWII Rosie the Riveter & Beyond: How Women Helped Win WWII

September 24 @ 6 PM (EVENING Book Club)

September 25 @ 10 AM (MORNING Book Club)

September 25 @ 3 PM TEEN/TWEEN Candle Workshop



Belding Fire Department



A few reminders of some of the rules as it relates to fireworks:

An individual shall not discharge, ignite, or use consumer fireworks or low-impact fireworks while under the influence (at any level) of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance.

A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises.

Fireworks must be launched from private property, and also land on the same private property where permission has been given.

You must be 18 years old or older to use consumer grade fireworks or low-impact fireworks.

Know your local ordinances and state laws regarding the dates and times when you can use fireworks.

Fines can be up to \$1,000 for your first offense.



Hazardous Materials Pick Up: Due to budget cuts at the County level, there will be no hazardous materials pickup this year in Belding. Please visit the Ionia Conservation District website for other dates and locations.

Water Safety: Water safety is critical during this time of year. Please be vigilant while participating in water activities and making sure access is restricted to pools while not in use. Watch little ones!



Code Enforcement /Animal Control

—Please remember that no brush can be placed at the curb until the 18th of the month; After it is removed, no brush can be put to the curb until the 18th of the next month. Brush placed at the curb must have all cut ends facing the same direction and can be no longer than 8 feet (96 inches); it must be placed parallel to the roadway.

—Grass clippings are no longer allowed loose or dumped at curbside. Grass clippings MUST be placed in paper yard waste bags and set at the curb by 7am Monday. The bags MAY NOT be put out before Sunday evening at 6pm and must be at curbside by 7am on Monday for pick up. Grass can be no longer than 10 inches, and leaves must be raked.

—Garbage 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.

—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.

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



Belding Police Department

As we move into the heart of summer, we have a few important updates and exciting events to share with you. Please take a moment to review the information below and plan ahead for a safe and fun season in our community.

New Ordinance Reminder: Don't Feed the Waterfowl

The Belding Police Department would like to remind everyone of a new city ordinance now in effect: **Feeding of geese, ducks, swans, and gulls is prohibited on all public property.** This measure helps keep our parks clean and our wildlife healthy. Thank you for doing your part!

Gus Macker 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament Returns!

Dates: Saturday, August 2nd & Sunday, August 3rd
Downtown Belding will once again host the popular Gus Macker tournament. We're expecting another great turnout this year. Please be aware of street closures in the downtown area during the event. Come out, cheer on the teams, and enjoy the fun!

Belding Labor Day Homecoming Celebration

Dates: Friday, August 29th – Monday, September 1st
Mark your calendars, our beloved Labor Day Homecoming Celebration is just around the corner! This multi-day event will include parades, fireworks, family activities, and more.

Street closures and detours will be in place throughout the weekend, especially during parade times and the fireworks. Watch for brochures with the full event schedule.



Dump Vouchers are Back!

Limited to one PER City of Belding household (including apartments), you may pick up your **FREE** Dump Voucher at City Hall during regular business hours. Vouchers can be used from July 1 through September 30, 2025 at Pitsch Landfill. Each voucher has a limit of a \$25 standard load. Any excess to the standard load will be charged directly to the resident by Pitsch Landfill. Additionally, all loads must be covered or Pitsch Landfill will assess a \$10 fee to the resident.

ADDITIONAL COSTS: Mattress \$20; Box-Spring \$20; Tires (Off-Rim) \$5 (On-Rim) \$10; Freon Appliances \$25;

The Pitsch Landfill is located at 7905 Johnson Road, Belding
Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday | 7am – 4:30pm
1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday of each month | 7am – 12 Noon
Pitsch Phone: 616-794-3050

**If you are in need of assistance transporting your load to Pitsch Landfill, please contact the City of Belding 616-794-1900 for more information.*

City Meeting Schedule

City Council - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays monthly; 7pm; Depot.

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

Museum Board – 4th Tuesday monthly; 4:30pm; Museum.

Planning Commission - 4th Tuesday monthly; 6:30pm; Depot.

Recreation Board - 2nd Monday monthly; 6:30pm; Depot.

Zoning Board of Appeals meets as needed.

All meeting notices are posted according the Open Meetings Act 267 of 1976.



Finance Department

Payments for taxes MUST be made separately from water/sewer payments. Payment will be returned to be separated if they are combined on one check or money order.

Summer 2025 Taxes:

Billing Date - July 1, 2025

Due BY Date - August 15, 2025

A 3% Late Fee will be assessed after August 15th – please call the office to inquire on the total owing, including late penalty, if payment is going to arrive after August 15th. *Deferments are available upon request for property owners who are 62 years or older or who may have other qualifying factors. For more information, please call the Treasurer's office at 616-794-1900 extension 203.

Water/Sewer:

Cycle Dates: 3/1/2025 - 5/31/2025

Billing Date: June 30th

Due BY Date: July 30th

10% Late Fee Assessed: July 31st

Shut-Off Date: August 14th

Payment options:

—In person at City Hall during business hours, Monday-Thursday, 7am-6pm

—Via USPS mail or by using the drop box outside City Hall

—Online through the City of Belding's website, www.belding.gov.

—Build a credit by making smaller payments each month toward your account.

Discount:

As a courtesy to our residents in the months of June, July and August, a sewer discount is calculated for residential homes that do not have a separate meter for irrigation. The discount is based on an average of the usage for the previous 3 quarters. The credit is applied to the sewer portion of the billing in October.

For water/sewer questions, please feel free to contact our office at 616-794-1900 extension 217.

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: 1-844-464-3447

— United Way: Dial 211

Assessor



I have started the field work necessary to begin updating property record card information for the City of Belding. Once again, this year Ken Moran will also be working in the field. He will have a City of Belding ID and a magnetic sign on his vehicle identifying him as from the Assessing Department for the City of Belding.

The State Tax Commission recommends all properties be inspected every 5 years to update property information and ensure more accurate and equitable assessments.

Every year my goal is to update 20% of the parcels' property card information. This includes updating photos/sketches and performing onsite property inspections for the City's commercial, industrial, and residential neighborhoods. All the work is done from outside; we do not enter your house or outbuildings.

Before I visit your property, you will get a postcard giving you a time frame when you can expect a visit to your property. If you do not want us 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.

The Assessor's web page has been updated and may provide you with an answer to a question you have or a link to a form you are looking for, check it out. Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

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



Department of Public Works

2025 **Brush Pick-Up** will be the last full week of each month as follows: July 21-25, August 25-29, September 22-26

Brush must be in line with the street at the curb but not the road. All cut ends must face the same direction and be placed in a clear area, at least 4 feet away from any obstructions, included but not limited to: Consumer poles and guide wires, telephone poles, overhead wires, walls, fences, mailboxes, or any other obstacles that could prevent a safe and efficient pick-up for staff and equipment.

FAILURE TO FOLLOW ALL OF THE ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS WILL RESULT IN NON-REMOVAL.

Bagged Yard Waste pick-up will be on Mondays, **ending** September 29, 2025.

Loose Leaf Pickup will start October 6, 2025. **NO bag pick-up in October.**

Fall fire hydrant flushing will be September 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.

2024 Water Quality Report

The City of Belding's 2024 Water Quality Report is available on the city's website under the Water Quality Report heading. All city residents should receive one in the mail prior to July 1, 2025.



Important Reminder:

Water Lines

If you have previously received a letter from the City and/or CL Trucking & Excavating regarding your water line(s):

— The City of Belding has acquired a State grant to replace water line(s) at no cost to you.

— CL Trucking & Excavating LLC has been hired by the City of Belding to complete this work.

— The CL crew, subcontracted plumber, and DPW will need to gain access to your home where the water line(s) come in through the wall to replace the line per requirements set forth by the State of Michigan.

— Any disturbed areas will be restored to their original condition.

Thank you for your cooperation while we work to complete this task. You can find more information on the City of Belding Website www.belding.gov.