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**City Hall Administrative Office Hours:**  
**Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

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### City Manager

#### Survey

We are pleased to report that our expectations were far surpassed by the participation we received on the two surveys in our newsletter last fall! Due to the success of those surveys, inside this edition of the Belding Bugle you will find an insert that includes survey questions on another topic of interest to the city:

#### 1.) Curbside Refuse Pickup

By answering the survey questions, it will help the decision makers of the city understand what direction the citizens would like for Belding.

A link to the blank survey is on the city website at [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us) or may be picked up in person at City Hall during regular business hours.

Surveys can be returned by mail, by placing them in the water bill drop box located outside of City Hall, in person or by emailing a photograph or scanned copy of the completed survey to [j.cooper@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:j.cooper@ci.belding.mi.us).

**The deadline for the survey is Monday, May 8th.**

Your opinion matters and your participation is encouraged!



### Office Hours and Services

City Hall Administrative offices are open Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays/observed holidays) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. offering our citizens the unique opportunity to conduct business face-to-face before or after work!

In most instances, calls are answered by one of our dedicated staff, not by an automated service where it is near impossible to ever get to speak with a live person.

Payments can be made online, with the credit card vendor assessing a nominal fee.

Our website and Facebook page provide a vast array of information, answering most of your questions—or you can always email us.

We are proud to be a business that continues to offer a mix of old-fashioned personal service along with modern-day technology to our residents!

### City Clerk



#### Depot Re-opens

After just over a year, we are happy to announce that beginning on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, all City Council, Planning Commission, ZBA, Rec Board and DDA meetings will resume once again at the Pere Marquette Depot building located at 100 Depot Street.

#### Meetings

To view our yearly meeting schedule for city council and all of the other regular board and/or commission meetings, go to the Public Notices page on our website, [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us). Information regarding special meetings, cancellations and rescheduled meetings can be found there as well.

#### City Website

The City website, [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us) has been undergoing some changes over the past few months. Those enhancements will continue over the next few months. The goal is to be more user-friendly. We are reviewing many of our forms, making updates and adjustments where necessary, and will post them to the website in a modern, fillable format. Hand written forms will still be accepted. To expedite your request, please write legibly.

### City Hall Holiday Closings

Good Friday (observed) - Thursday, April 6  
Memorial Day - Monday, May 29th

Kindness  
is  
uplifting!

### Beatnik Bazaar

The first Beatnik Bazaar of the season will be held on Saturday, June 10th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Gathering Place. More monthly dates to follow!





# BELDING BUGLE

April - June 2023 Edition  
Inspirational Hot-Air Balloon Quotes



## Board and Commission Applications Sought

Serving on one or more of the City of Belding's boards and/or commissions is a great way to actively shape the future of our community! Recommendations for Appointment are made by the respective board/commission to the City Council, with City Council making the *formal* appointment. A description of the focus of each board/commission is available on the city website, [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us) or contact the City Clerk. Please note that some boards/commissions may strongly suggest and/or require training and/or certification, which is offered to you at no cost upon your appointment. It is not necessary for there to be a vacancy to apply as applications will be kept on file for one (1) year from the date of filing.

Currently there are vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA).



**Planning Commission** – Meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.; serving a three-year term.

**Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)** – Meets as needed; serving a three-year term. Alternate positions needed as well.

**Recreation Advisory Board**—Meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Per the City Charter, we are seeking a Junior at Belding High School who is a resident of the city. The student will participate, but is not a voting member. This is a great opportunity to use as a resume' builder for those students who will soon be entering the workforce!

An application is available on the city website – [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us), or at City Hall – 120 S. Pleasant Street, during regular business hours. Please contact Janae Ortego at 616-794-1900, ext. 210, or by emailing [j.cooper@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:j.cooper@ci.belding.mi.us) for additional information. Please submit applications to the City Clerk.



Up, up, and away!

## Music in the Park

The Music in the Park program has been led by volunteer citizens in the past. We are working on plans to provide Music in the Park again this summer, however, the city is in need of a volunteer or a group of volunteers to facilitate the Music in the Park program for it to continue.

Volunteer duties include seeking bands, sponsors, door prizes and coordinating the events. The city will create a sponsorship letter, manage monetary donations and check disbursements, create event posters and advertise the events.

Please refer to our website, [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us) and the City of Belding Facebook page for updates and information.

If you are interested in volunteering for this program, please contact either the City Manager at [jstoppels@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:jstoppels@ci.belding.mi.us) or 616-794-1900, ext. 216 or the City Clerk at [j.cooper@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:j.cooper@ci.belding.mi.us) or 616-794-1900, ext. 210 for more information.



The sky's the limit!

## Dial-A-Ride

**Employment Opportunity**—Public Transportation Driver

The City of Belding Dial-A-Ride is accepting applications for a part-time Public Transportation Driver.

Dial-A-Ride services run Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Duties include operating a small bus, rider interaction, performing daily pre-trip/post-trip inspections, collection of fares, operating a hydraulic lift, mobility device securement, monitoring the activity and safety onboard the vehicle, two-way radio communication with dispatch and other drivers, and other duties as assigned.

Candidates must possess a good driving record and must submit to a pre-employment drug test. CDL required.

Submit applications to Belding City Hall, 120 S. Pleasant Street, Belding, MI 48809 or by emailing [Dialaride@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:Dialaride@ci.belding.mi.us). The City of Belding is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Museum

The Belding Museum is open the first Sunday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission is free, with donations appreciated. Your donations are what allows the museum to offer various programs. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

May 6 and 7 is "Spring Into the Past" weekend. The theme is Feeding America. A special display can be seen on the 3rd floor of the museum.

The BEL (Belding Exploration Lab) is a hands-on children's museum, open the first Sunday and Wednesday of each month from 1 to 4 p.m. We will be open during Spring Break on Wednesday, April 5th from 1 to 4 p.m.

Summer hours for the BEL begin Wednesday, June 7th where we will be open every Wednesday through June, July and August until school begins. Handicapped parking is in the rear of the building. An elevator is available for those needing assistance.



Rise above your thoughts—things look much smaller and less threatening up in the sky!

## Police Department

The Belding Police Department would like to remind you that Spring is a time for an increase in pedestrian traffic. Residents will be out walking, bicycling or just enjoying the spring weather. With pedestrians out it is time to **slow down**. The speed limit in the city is 25 miles per hour unless posted otherwise. Slowing down will allow you time to react to a pedestrian entering the street.

### **PARKING**

Vehicles parked on any street must park with the passenger side wheels to the curb or the road edge. Parking between sidewalk and curb is prohibited.

For persons that enjoy a good walk or run, please use the sidewalks when provided or enjoy the public trail system.

Bicyclists on the roadway must obey the same laws as a person driving a motor vehicle. This means you must come to a complete stop at stop signs or stop lights and signal your intent to turn or change lanes.

### **PARKS**

Park hours 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Bathrooms are open daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. from late spring through September weather permitting. Bathrooms that are damaged or littered beyond regular use will be locked and not reopened until they are cleaned or repaired on regular business days. If we all do our part, they will stay open daily.

### Section 62-6 Domestic Animals

No domestic animals shall be permitted in any public park or on a public pathway unless on a leash, not exceeding 6 feet in length and controlled by the owner at all times. Owners shall remove all animal fecal discharges from the park or the pathway property immediately. No dangerous or vicious animals shall be permitted in any public park or on a public pathway.

### **VACATION HOUSE CHECKS**

If you are going to be away from your residence on vacation, please make arrangements to stop the mail and newspaper. Make your home look lived in with the use of light timers. Have trusted friends and neighbors watch the house and help it look lived in by picking up weekly newspapers and flyers left at the door. For extended vacations, have someone mow the lawn. Contact the police department and request a vacation check on your home. The form is available on the City of Belding website.

**Contact the police department any time you observe suspicious persons, activity or vehicles any place in the city.**



## Fire Hydrant Flushing—2023



Fire hydrant flushing will take place on April 24, 25 and 26 between the hours of 12 a.m. (midnight) to 7 a.m. If you experience discolored water, flush the cold water faucet closest to the water meter until the water runs clear.

**Let's get carried away!**

## Fire Department

During the spring we all like to tidy up. Please dispose of yard waste appropriately.

Permits are required for fire pits and the permits must be renewed yearly. To establish a new fire pit, please contact the Fire Department at 616-794-1900, extension 212 for a list of requirements. New fire pits must be inspected before use to ensure all requirements are satisfactorily met. Renewal permits can be obtained by visiting the Fire Department. Pit inspections and permits are free. You may not burn yard waste in fire pits.

With the spring comes high water in our river. Please take caution when around the river. The water flow is very strong and can take you down the river without warning.

Did you know that 93% of all car seats are installed with something wrong? All of Belding's fulltime firefighters are National Child Passenger Safety Certified car seat installers. We can help you to install your car seats if you are having problems or simply would like them looked at.

## Code Enforcement/Animal Control

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.

Please remember that no brush can be placed at the curb until the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month; after it is removed, no brush can be put to the curb until the 18<sup>th</sup> of the next month.

Brush must be placed parallel at the curb and must have all cut ends facing the same direction. Branches can be no longer than 6 feet long and no larger than 3 inches in diameter.

**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 7:00 a.m. Monday. The bags **MAY NOT** be put out before Sunday evening at 6:00p.m. and must be at curbside by 7:00 a.m. 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.

## Department of Public Works



### **Brush Pickup—2023**

**Brush pick-up will be the last full week of each month as follows:  
April 24, June 26, August 21 and September 25**

Please place brush at the street by 7 a.m. on the dates listed above but no earlier than the 18th of each month. The total amount of brush and limbs per household shall not exceed 10 cubic yards per month. Brush must be placed parallel at the curb, but not in the road. All cut ends must face the same direction. Branches can be no longer than 6 feet long and no larger than 3 inches in diameter. To ensure pick-up, please locate brush in a clear area, at least 4' (ft.) away from any Consumers poles and guy cables, telephone poles, walls, fences, mailboxes, overhead wires, or any other obstacles that will prevent a safe and efficient pick-up for the staff and equipment.

Yard waste pickup will start on Monday, April 24th and will continue every Monday. Bags must be biodegradable and must not exceed 35 pounds, and cannot contain other materials such as rocks, shingles, garbage, sticks or brush. Please place bags at the curb by Monday at 7 a.m. but no earlier than 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 23rd. There is no loose-leaf pick-up in the Spring—all yard waste and leaves must be bagged.



**Adventure is out there!**





## Finance Department

### Taxes:

Any unpaid 2022 summer or winter taxes were sent to the Ionia County Treasurer's office on March 1, 2023 and must be paid directly to the county.

The 2023 summer property taxes will be issued July 1, 2023, due IN OFFICE by August 15, 2023 without penalty. After this date, a 3% penalty will be added to the property tax bill.

For any tax questions please contact the Treasurer's office at 616-794-1900 ext. 203 and we will be glad to help.

### Water/Sewer:

Water and/or sewer bills are mailed quarterly in January, April, July, and October. The January bill will be mailed prior to January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023. Below are the dates of each billing and the cycle dates that each bill covers.

Quarterly Billing Cycle Dates and Month Billed:

January 1<sup>st</sup> Bill – 9/1-11/30 cycle dates – Due by 1/30 without a 10% late fee

April 1<sup>st</sup> Bill – 12/1-2/28(29) cycle dates – Due by 4/30 without a 10% late fee

July 1<sup>st</sup> Bill – 3/1-5/31 cycle dates - Due by 7/30 without a 10% late fee

October 1<sup>st</sup> Bill – 6/1-8/31 cycle dates – Due by 10/30 without a 10% late fee

If unpaid by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the billed month, a ten percent (10%) late penalty on the unpaid balance is added to the bill. If the bill continues to be unpaid a "shut-off notice" is issued, and a fifteen (15) day grace period is instituted. If unpaid by the 16<sup>th</sup> day, a \$75.00 shut-off listing charge is added to the bill and the water service discontinued. Services so discontinued shall not be restored until payment is made in full, including penalties and late fees. Partial payment does not cancel the shut-off action (Section 86-291b).

You can make payments for taxes or water/sewer bills with cash, checks, or money order at the City Hall office during business hours or via the drop box outside city hall or the USPS mail.

You can also pay online by visiting the city's website at [https://belding.mi.us/bill\\_pay.php](https://belding.mi.us/bill_pay.php). There are separate links for Taxes and Utilities (which refers to the water/sewer billing). If you have any questions regarding the payment website, do not hesitate to contact us at 794-1900 ext. 217 and we will be happy to help.

If you choose to pay with debit or credit card, whether in office or online through the City of Belding's website, there is a 3% service fee charged by the card processing company.



**If you are planning to pay taxes and water/sewer bills at the same time, please make sure that tax payments are on separate checks or money orders from payments for water/sewer bills, as they are deposited into separate banks and the payment will need to be returned to be separated if they are combined.**

## Adopt-A-Spot

We will no longer be offering the Adopt-A-Spot program. The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is working towards other options so that all beds are uniformly maintained around the mall and the surrounding parking lots. The new plans will be implemented as soon as weather permits.

If you have flowers or plants that you would like to keep from a spot(s) that you have previously adopted, please remove them immediately. Once implementation of the new plans begin, existing flowers/plants will be removed and disposed of. No refunds/reimbursements will be given.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in this program over the years. Your efforts have been appreciated.

## Assessor

### Principal Residence Exemption (PRE)

If you own the property, the house is occupied as a principal residence by that owner of the property, and you are not claiming a similar exemption in another state you may be eligible for a 'Principal Residence Exemption' (this does not apply to renters). Check the upper left-hand corner of your Assessment Change Notice, "% Exempt As Homeowners Principal Residence" should be 100%. You should have received the Notice of Assessment in late February or the first week of March.

The PRE is a separate program from the [Homestead Property Tax Credit](#), which is filed annually with your Michigan Individual Income Tax Return.

If you have questions or concerns give me a call at 616-794-1900 ext. 201 or email me at: [assessor@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:assessor@ci.belding.mi.us)



No where to go but up! - Mary Poppins

## Library

There is a lot happening at the Belding Library this Spring! Check out the schedule below. Remember to follow us on Facebook for added events.

**April**—Every **Wednesday** there is story time at 10:30 a.m.

April 1 - YOUTH Spring Egg Hunt 10:30 a.m.

April 5 – Senior Social Bingo 2 p.m.

April 6 - YOUTH Activity Day - 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

April 10 – ADULT Craft details to follow; **Registration Required**

April 13 - TWEENS Fairy Garden Program 3:30 p.m.

April 19-21 Friends of the Library Book Sale during normal library hours.

April 28 – TEENS Slumber Party 4:45 p.m. **Registration Required**  
**Library will be closed April 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>**

**May**—Every **Wednesday** there is story time at 10:30 a.m.

May 3 - Senior Social Bingo 2 p.m.

May 12 – Mad Hatter Tea Party 3 p.m. This is an adult with your child craft. Follow Facebook for details to be released.

**Registration Required**

May 15 - UFO's of Michigan 5:30 p.m. Bill Konkolesky from the Michigan UFO Network (MUFON) will be our presenter.

**Library will be closed May 27<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>**

**June**—Every **Wednesday** there is story time at 10:30 a.m.

June 3rd – Summer Reading Starts! Both youth and adults may register.

June 7 – Senior Social Bingo 2 p.m.

June 8 - Teen Nerf Battle 3:30 p.m.

June 12 - Reading with Ritz the Dog 1 p.m.

June 12-16 Adult Summer Reading Activity "Riddle Me This?" Scavenger Hunt: Can you follow the clues and find the book?

June 14 - Destination Storytime 10:30 a.m.

June 21 – Outdoor Concert "The Corner Laughters" 6 p.m. (will move inside if there is bad weather)

June 22 - Exploding Paint 3 p.m.



You don't need wings to fly!

## Proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increase

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** The City Council will be soon increasing water and sewer rates. The rates were last increased by 3% for water and 5.9% for sewer in 2019. Prior to that, the rates had changed in 2018.

The rates are being increased to help offset the cost of building a new wastewater treatment plant, wastewater collection system improvements, replacing lead water service lines, and replacing under-sized and aging water mains.

The city is fortunate in that the existing Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) stayed viable well past its design life. This avoided major capital improvement projects that would have significantly increased rates years ago. However, it is time to build a new WWTP that will provide excellent treatment and will serve the city well into the future.

Of the planned \$37 million wastewater improvements, approximately \$18.5 million is being funded through principal forgiveness and grants that reduce the City's financial investment. An additional \$2 million grant has been applied for and will likely be awarded. The City is also applying for subsidized loan and grant funding for the planned water system improvements to help reduce financial impacts on residents.

The water rates are proposed to be increased by 6.5% each year from 2023 through 2026.

The sewer rates are proposed to be increased by 35% in both 2023 and 2024 and by 10% in 2025 and 2026.

Currently, the city's water and sewer rates are some of the lowest in the region. In fact, Belding ranks at 45 out of 48 similar sized Michigan communities. Even after the proposed increase, the city will only rank at number 12 out of those 48 communities.

Water and sewer bills are some of the cheapest utility rates facing families. Often times natural gas, electric, phone and cable/WiFi are more expensive on a monthly basis.

While higher water and sewer rates will increase a family's monthly budget, the good news is that practicing water conservation can greatly reduce the cost of both water and sewer, since both are based on total water usage.

Here are a number of ways that families can reduce their water consumption:

- Test your home plumbing, making sure that there are no leaks (such as in toilets, remote sinks and outdoor plumbing)
- Reduce the number of loads of laundry or dishes done each week
- Reduce shower time
- Reduce or eliminate lawn irrigation
- Obtain a second water meter for irrigation to eliminate some sewer charges
- Use low flow toilets, shower heads and sink faucets
- Use newer, water-efficient washing machines, dishwashers and appliances
- Do not allow the water to run while washing hands, brushing teeth or washing vehicles



## Belding Housing

Belding Housing Commission welcoming and expressing appreciation . . .

First, a bit of history. Creation of Michigan housing commissions was authorized under Public Act 18 of 1933, also known as the Housing Facilities Act. The purpose of the law was to enable municipalities to eliminate slum neighborhoods and create safe and sanitary housing specifically for persons whose income levels limited access to decent homes without living in overcrowded conditions. Not every community in Michigan has a housing commission. Within the state, approximately 136 agencies exist in as many communities, in both the Upper and Lower Peninsulas. Michigan law predates federal law established in 1937. While federal law now funds and regulates housing commissions nationally, it is our state law that defines the relationship with the municipality.

Belding City Council created Belding Housing Commission December 19, 1950. The intent was to increase the supply of safe, sanitary and affordable housing for working families. Many of our community's previous civic leaders took advantage of this housing opportunity as they started their lives as young adults with families. While not calculated based on income at that time, reasonable rents allowed these leaders to prosper and many have given back to the community in countless ways since that time.

Since the initial development, known as Taft Court, was built in 1952, expanded federal laws governing eligibility and funding opportunities allowed Belding Housing Commission to create three additional developments that continue to provide housing opportunities for senior citizens, handicapped and disabled individuals and families. Income-based rent was established in 1968 and provisions within the law no longer restricted housing to working families.

The creation, purpose and existence of housing commissions is often misinterpreted by most communities in which commissions exist. This occurs because of periodic changes with elected officials, employment of new city administration, appointment of new housing commissioners, and changes in employment of city and/or housing personnel when information is not properly shared.

Housing Commissioners are appointed by City Council to a five-member board and each member serves a five-year term, providing oversight for administration and operations based on federal, state and local law. The City of Belding has one of the best relationships with its housing commission within the State of Michigan. The relationship is invaluable as the commission and the city continue to provide safe and affordable housing and serve residents of the community.

As we approach the 75<sup>th</sup> year of operation, appreciation is extended to the Mayor and City Council, City Manager, all department administrators and personnel, and especially to DPW, Police, Fire and Finance. With no local financial support received, it is collaboration and cooperation from the city that allows the housing commission to meet its mission effectively and efficiently.

Information about eligibility, availability and applications for safe and affordable rental housing may be obtained from the housing commission office located at 41 Belhaven as follows:

Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Email – [info@beldinghousing.org](mailto:info@beldinghousing.org)

Phone – 794-1740 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Window hours - 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.



## Disc Golf Mobile App and Stats

As most everyone is aware, now-a-days there are apps for just about everything. If you or someone you know is a disc golfer or if you are interested in becoming one, **UDisc** specifically has some great stats about SMASH Park, the Disc Golf Course at Lightning Bend.

Some of the features this app allows are to keep score on your cell phone, measure throws, track stats, find courses, leagues, etc. Understandably, the data is only as good as those who participate in using the app but the numbers found on **UDisc** are quite astounding nonetheless! Below are some interesting stats found on **UDisc** for SMASH Park in 2022:

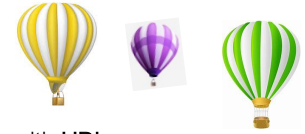
### Rounds and Players

4,114 rounds scored on **UDisc**

724 **UDisc** players visited SMASH Park

5,183 hours were spent on SMASH Park with **UDisc**

26 Disc golfers played their first **UDisc** round ever at SMASH Park in 2022



### Traffic & Tourism

May 22 was the busiest day of the year with 89 rounds played

June was the busiest month with 625 rounds played

Black was our most played layout with 2,739 rounds played

173 players visited SMASH Park from over 30+ miles away

26 players visited SMASH Park from over 150+ miles away

19 players visited SMASH Park from over 300+ miles away

Players from 15 states visited SMASH Park, including disc golfers from Michigan, North Carolina, California, Indiana, Minnesota, Arizona, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Massachusetts, Missouri, Ohio, South Carolina, Texas, and Washington

Players from 3 countries visited SMASH Park, including disc golfers from United States, Canada, and United Kingdom

### More Course Stats

174 ratings were left for SMASH Park in 2022

SMASH Park was added to a **UDisc** Wishlist 61 times

9 photos were added to SMASH Park's **UDisc** listing last year

25 total aces were logged in 2022

Most aced hole: Hole 4 with 2 aces on **UDisc**

If you are interested in downloading the **UDisc** application, please scan the QR code to the right, or if you want to download this from the App Store on your mobile device, here is the icon to look for:



Disc Golf is fast becoming a very popular sport. We are so fortunate to have this prized gem in our little community!

*If you want to fly, give up everything that weighs you down!*



### Curbside Refuse Pick-up Survey

**Deadline for submission: Monday, May 8, 2023**

The City of Belding is looking at options to provide curbside trash and recycling services to all City of Belding residents. Currently, city residents must contract with private haulers for trash services. Because the level of services currently available is varied in both scope and price, the city is looking at ways to provide contracted services that are at a fixed cost and provide weekly service for trash pick-up, bi-weekly recyclable service, and periodic pick-up of large and bulky items. It should also be noted that with as many private haulers that we have serving the city now, reducing that number will have a positive effect on the condition of city streets, as heavy trucks damage the roadway. Please answer the following survey questions and help us to design a program that residents would appreciate and benefit from.

1. Would you like to have a better option for curbside trash services? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
2. How easily can you call and register a complaint with your current provider?  
Very easy \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfactory \_\_\_\_\_ Not easy at all \_\_\_\_\_ I have no complaints \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How responsive is your provider to complaints?  
Very responsive \_\_\_\_\_ Satisfactory \_\_\_\_\_ Not very responsive \_\_\_\_\_ No response from them \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Does your current provider offer recycling? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Large item pick-up option(s) \_\_\_\_\_
5. What services do you currently have? Trash \_\_\_\_\_ Recycling \_\_\_\_\_ Large item pick-up option(s) \_\_\_\_\_
6. How long have you been using your current provider? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you currently pay a fuel cost recovery fee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is your cost for service guaranteed for one year or more? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Unsure \_\_\_\_\_
9. How would you rate your current provider on a scale of 1-10, with 10 being the best? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What cost range applies to your current service level?  
Less than \$75 per quarter \_\_\_\_\_ Between \$75 and \$100 per quarter \_\_\_\_\_ Over \$100 per quarter \_\_\_\_\_
11. If provided, how likely are you to use a curbside recycling program? Likely \_\_\_\_\_ Not Likely \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments: \_\_\_\_\_
12. Would you like to have an annual "All Trash Day" where you can place large and bulky items in front of your home to be picked up and hauled away? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
13. What type of container(s) do you currently use?  
My own trash cans \_\_\_\_\_ A curb cart provided by my hauler \_\_\_\_\_ Trash bags \_\_\_\_\_
14. Are you required to purchase specific trash bags? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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