



The Villager

The Official Newsletter for Beverly Hills Residents

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Halloween Hoot



The annual Halloween Hoot is back again and will be as spook-tacular as ever! The Halloween Hoot is a cherished tradition in Beverly Hills and is fun for the entire family!

The Halloween Hoot will take place on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at Beverly Park. The event starts at 10:00 am for pumpkin topping and gutting (adult volunteers still needed). From 12:00-2:00 pm, the first 200 youngsters are welcome to carve pumpkins in the pavilion. The jack-o-lanterns will then be lined along the trail. (Carvers can pick up their jack-o-lanterns at the end of the event.) Later, wear your costume and bring a flashlight for trick-or-treating around the friendly Beverly Park trail from 6:00-8:00 pm! Local businesses, non-profit organizations, and various homeowners associations will line the path and pass out treats. Children must be accompanied by an adult. There will also be storytelling under the pavilion during this time.

If you are interested in volunteering or setting a booth up at the event, please contact the Village office at 248-646-6404. There is still time to donate, too!

Thanks to our generous supporters, this event is free to attend!

Happy Halloween!



PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Board had a busy spring and summer planning and hosting events—and the fun is not over yet!

The Memorial Day Parade and Carnival was another great success. Thanks to our sponsors, the event was free to attend - including the bounce house and video game trailer. Three food vendors set up shop for attendees - All City Dogs Fuddruckers, and Kona Ice. Our Grand Marshal was John Kerner, an Army veteran. It was a gorgeous day to remember those who served our country and we look forward to the annual event next year! A huge thanks goes out to Patty Wainer who coordinated the parade and to Janice Hausman who coordinated the carnival.

On June 7th Bob Mervak and company performed at Concert in the Park. It was a beautiful day and a noteworthy performance. We plan to have two concerts in the park next year. Be sure to stay tuned!

August 15th was Movie in the Park night. Viewers enjoyed watching *How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World* and eating free popcorn.

The Parks & Recreation Board heartfully gives thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors who make these events possible.

Save the Date: Read in the Park



The third annual Read in the Park is on Saturday, September 28, 2019! Meet authors, walk the Storybook Trail, and enjoy beautiful Beverly Park.

At 1:30 pm hear Michael Zadoorian - local bestselling author of *Beautiful Music*, *The Leisure Seeker*, *Second Hand*, and *The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit* - speak about his life and writing career.

At 3:00 pm visit with beloved children's author Kelly DiPucchio for a special story time. She's the author of *Everyone Loves Bacon*, *Dragon Was Terrible*, *Super Manny Stands Up*, *Gaston*, and more.

Both authors will take questions from the audience and sign books after they speak. Local bookseller The Book Beat of Oak Park will be there selling books for signing.

Presented by Baldwin Public Library and The Village of Beverly Hills Parks & Recreation Board, with support from the Baldwin Public Library's Jane Cameron and Judith Nix Endowment Funds.



Community Calendar

September

2	Labor Day
3	Council Meeting
9	Zoning Board Meeting
16	Summer taxes due
17	Council Meeting
18	Cable Board (7:45 am)
19	Parks & Rec Board Meeting*
25	Planning Commission
28	Read in the Park

October

1	Council Meeting
14	Zoning Board Meeting
15	Council Meeting
16	Cable Board (7:45 am)
17	Parks & Rec Board Meeting
23	Planning Commission
26	Halloween Hoot

November

5	Council Meeting
11	Veterans Day
12	Zoning Board Meeting
19	Council Meeting
20	Cable Board (7:45 am)
20	Planning Commission
21	Parks & Rec Board Meeting
28	Thanksgiving

December

3	Council Meeting
9	Zoning Board Meeting
17	Council Meeting
18	Cable Board (7:45 am)
18	Planning Commission
25	Christmas
31	New Year's Eve

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All meetings are open to the public. Meetings are held in the Council Chamber at the municipal building (18500 W. 13 Mile, Beverly Hills) at 7:30 pm unless otherwise noted.

*The September 19th Parks & Recreation Board meeting will be held at the Beverly Park Pavilion (18801 Beverly Road, Beverly Hills)

Recent Village Council Actions

Here is a recap of some of the actions Village Council took in May, June, and July:

- Approved an Eagle Scout Project to install a new bench at Beverly Park
- Approved Marian High School's request to hold its annual Walk-a-thon on May 10, 2019
- Added Special Assessments to the tax roll
- Approved the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget
- Adopted 2019/2020 millage, water, and sewer rates
- Approved purchase of new boiler and generator for the Public Safety building
- Recognized June 7, 2019 as National Gun Violence Awareness Day
- Filled several board/commission vacancies
- Passed a resolution celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Michigan's ratification of the 19th Amendment
- Approved a Sewer System Operation and Maintenance Agreement with Oakland County
- Implemented Traffic Control Order (Yield Sign) on Woodhaven and Vernor
- Held a public hearing on an Ordinance to amend Ch. 22 of the Municipal Code
- Repealed Section 42.07(c) of the Municipal Code
- Approved Cost Participation Agreement for a Local Road Improvement Program
- Referred several site plans to Planning Commission
- Received and filed MERS Actuarial Valuation Report



Village Office Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Office Closed:

Monday, September 2, 2019
Monday, November 11, 2019
Thursday, November 28, 2019
Friday, November 29, 2019

Administrative Staff

Chris Wilson, Village Manager

Kristin Rutkowski, Assistant
Village Manager/Clerk

Sheila McCarthy, Finance
Director

Peggy Linkswiler, Treasurer

Tom Meszler, Public Services
Director

Erin LaPere Planning &
Zoning Administrator

Dan Gosselin, Code Officer

Karrie Marsh, Assistant to the
Manager

Chandá Simmons, Utility
Billing Clerk

Carissa Brown, Building Clerk

Village Office Notes

New Ordinances Approved by Council

Since our last Newsletter was sent out, Village Council has passed four new ordinances to amend the Village of Beverly Hills Municipal Code. Announcements about these ordinances were published in the Eccentric Newspaper, but here is a summary of the changes.

Ordinance #366 - Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Section 22.08.090 and 22.08, Distance Between Residential Buildings

This ordinance eliminated conflicting sections in the Code referring to minimum distances between residential buildings. It also updated deadlines for Special Land Use requests to be consistent with the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act.

Ordinance #367—Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Section 22.04, 22.08.370, and 22.14.030, 22.16.030 Adult Foster Care and Child Care Facilities

The language regarding adult foster care and child care facilities in our Municipal Code was updated to remain current with the State of Michigan’s definitions and regulations of these facilities.

Ordinance #368 - Amending the Zoning Ordinance, Section 22.08.280 Nuisance Activities

Language was modified to reference administrative rules for construction site maintenance. Submittal guidelines for demolition permits became more detailed and added a fence inspection as a prerequisite prior to demo or construction.

Ordinance #369 - Repeals Section 42.07(c) of the Municipal Code

This section, titled Apparel of the Opposite Sex, stated “no person shall appear in public in the dress of the opposite sex.” This section was eliminated from the Code because it was outdated and unnecessary.

Passports

The Village of Beverly Hills is a passport acceptance agency. To apply for a new passport at the Village office, you must schedule an appointment in advance by calling 248-646-6404. For more information, visit travel.state.gov

Water Bills

The 2019/2020 rate structure for water and sewer is as follows:
Water: \$2.1006 per 100 cu ft
Sewer: \$6.2397 per 100 cu ft
100 cubic feet is equal to one unit.
Both charges are based on water usage.

2019 Summer Taxes

Southfield Township collects taxes for the Village of Beverly Hills. Property owners received two tax bills in one envelope (one from Southfield Township for school and county taxes and one from Beverly Hills for annual operating expenses). **Both tax bills are payable to Southfield Township.** Bills were mailed out June 28 and are due by September 16 without penalty.

Public Safety

Address:

18600 W. 13 Mile Road
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Non-emergency number:

248-540-3400

Emergency: 911

Identity Theft Prevention

Excerpts from the Department of the Attorney General | July 2019 | https://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-359-81903_20942-455904--,00.html

IN THE NEWS:

Identity theft is the fastest growing crime in the U.S. On average, there is one identity theft victim in the U.S. every two seconds and for Michigan consumers, the Federal Trade Commission reports that six of the top 15 cities for identity theft reports in 2016 were in Michigan—including the number one city: Ann Arbor.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Knowing how to guard your personal information is your first line of defense against identity theft. This alert shares where identity thieves find your personal information and lists steps you can take to avoid becoming their victim.

THINK LIKE AN IDENTITY THIEF

An identity thief needs your personal information—your name, social security number, credit card number, bank account and routing numbers, or login and password information to commit fraud and other criminal acts.

Identity thieves use low and high tech means to steal from you. They may dumpster dive or get into your hard drive thru an online scam. They go where you have your personal information.

So even if you follow best practices for your cyber security and lockdown all of your online information, if you leave your front door unlocked or toss un-shredded documents containing your personal information in the trash, your personal information may be at risk.

Identity theft is often a silent crime. Experienced identity thieves may use your information for months—even years—while you remain unaware. You may not learn that you are a victim of identity theft until you are denied credit because of negative entries on your credit report. How can that happen?

You know when your wallet is stolen at a store or from your workplace, but you might not know about someone who works in your home who steals information, or if mail is taken from your mailbox, or if a service person takes your information when you hand over your credit card.

You also will not know if an employee with access to your personal information is bribed to provide it to criminals, or if it is gained in a security breach, or through an unsecure Wi-Fi connection, or from a hidden skimmer at an ATM machine or gas pump.

It is also quite possible that you unwittingly gave the identity thief your personal information when you answered a phishing phone call or email, or posted it on one of your social media accounts.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO REDUCE YOUR RISK

At one extreme, reformed identity thief Frank Abagnale, “Catch Me If You Can” fame and current AARP Fraud Watch Network Ambassador, advises:

- charge everything to a credit card [you are most protected against liability for fraudulent charges];
- shred papers with a device that makes microcuts [turns your documents into confetti];
- consider credit monitoring [know when someone checks your credit-and more]; and
- never pay again with a personal check [you expose your account and routing number and hence, your money, to anyone who handles the check].

Inquiries and complaints may be directed to the Attorney General’s Consumer Protection Division at:

Consumer Protection Division
P.O. Box 30213
Lansing, MI 48909

or online at: <https://secure.ag.state.mi.us/complaints/consumer.aspx>

Public Services

Earth-Friendly Car Care

Dirty water from car washing, leaky motor oil, and gasoline can wash from our driveways and roads into the storm drain or roadside ditch.

Which car care practices can be harmful?

- Washing your car in the driveway or on the street sends polluted wash water into waterways.
- Allowing continuous fluid leaks onto your driveway or street from your vehicle sends hazardous pollution into waterways.

How can I wash my car without harming our waterways?

- Wash your car on the grass. Washing your car and dumping wash water on the lawn allows the ground to filter wash water naturally.
- Host car wash fundraisers at the car wash. Commercial car washes are required to send wash water into the sanitary sewer where it can be properly treated.

How can I practice car care without harming our waterways?

- Take your car to the shop for maintenance. Service centers have the ability to recycle used fluids and properly clean up accidental spills.
- Safely dispose of used fluids. Take your used oil, anti-freeze, or other fluids to your community's household hazardous waste collection day or to a business that accepts them. Never dump these fluids down the storm drain.
- Stop drips. Prevent fluid leaks from reaching paved surfaces. Check for leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Use ground cloths or drip pans to capture leaks until you can get them fixed.
- Soak it Up. Kitty litter is actually a great way to clean up and absorb spilled vehicle fluids. Once soaked up, sweep it into a bag and throw it into the trash.
- Cover Up. Always perform vehicle maintenance in a well-ventilated, but covered location (i.e. garage). This minimizes rainfall from washing the inevitable spills and drips into our waterways.

Visit www.semcog.org/protect-our-waterways for more easy tips!

Colorful Alternatives for Leaf Disposal



The beauty and splendor of autumn is generally diminished every year by the burdensome task of raking leaves. There are several options for leaf disposal that are not only environmentally beneficial to your landscape, but can also be less labor intensive than raking or blowing leaves. Here are four simple watershed-friendly ways to use your leaves and enhance your lawn:

Compost your leaves. Mix leaves with grass clippings and soil to create your compost pile. Compost can be added to your garden to enrich the soil and suppress plant diseases and parasites.

Chop or shred leaves with your mower and use them as mulch around ornamental plants, bushes and trees. Mulch reduces the need for watering and weeding.

Let leaves lie where they fall and mow them into the lawn. Leaves eventually decompose and can improve soil. Shredded leaves carry up to 80% of the nutrients a tree extracts from the soil and air.

Bag extra dry leaves to save for use in your compost pile during spring and summer.

Visit www.canr.msu.edu/outreach/ for more information and tips for home composting.

Public Services

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste collection began in April and will continue until the third Tuesday in December. Collection begins at 7:00 AM and containers must be removed from the curb by 7:00 AM the following day. Columbus Day and Veterans Day will not impact the pick up schedule.

Yard waste has to remain separate from trash and recyclables and must be properly labeled. “Yard waste” stickers are available at the Village Office for free.

Yard waste containers must weigh less than 50 pounds.

Leaves, grass clippings, pumpkins, straw bales, logs, and vines are all considered yard waste.

Please do not include the following with yard waste: plastic bags of any kind, paper products, pet manure, cat litter, charcoal, meat, bones, oils, coffee grounds, or egg shells.

Download the Waste Wizard App!



How to Reduce Yard Waste

Excerpts from the SOCRRA and SOCWA website | <https://www.socrra.org/yard-waste-1>

Yard waste can recycle naturally, when managed correctly. Here are a few ways you can put less yard waste to the curb and benefit your garden at the same time.

Grasscycling – Let the clips fall! Use a mulching mower or retrofit your current mower with a mulching blade kit and let grass clippings fall back into the lawn. This adds nitrogen from the clippings to the soil. Can cut fertilizer use by 30% or more. Cut only 1/3 of grass blade at a time to promote root growth and shade out weeds. Deep roots help plants resist drought and disease .

Reduce Lawn Area Add low maintenance plant beds and groundcovers, slow-growth bushes, decks, walkways and borders to your yard to reduce lawn area.

Use shredded leaves and grass clippings as mulch Controls weeds, conserves moisture and reduces soil erosion. Place 1”- 2” layer on wet newspaper between vegetable/flower rows. Sprinkle 1” layer around bushes and tree bases. Shred leaves into lawn – adds nutrients and doesn’t harm lawn.

Backyard Composting Through the natural process of decomposition, leaves, grass, and other yard clippings can transform into a soil-enriching substance called compost. You can make your own bin/pile or purchase plastic compost bins and compost all of your yard waste. To build a compost pile, start with a layer of organic materials, such as shredded leaves. Then, water the layer until it is as moist as a wrung-out sponge. Next, add a 2 to 3 inch layer of garden soil or compost to provide microorganisms. Mix. Then continue layering, watering, and mixing until you have enough to fill a compost bin. Plastic compost bins are recommended because they retain moisture and keep animals out. Remember to mix or turn the pile to add oxygen, which will accelerate the decomposition process.

Environmental

Oak Wilt

By: Ruth Dorando Marcy

Oak wilt is a lethal disease of oak trees. Learn how to prevent and manage this disease to protect your oaks. Prompt action can mean the difference between losing one tree or many.

PREVENT!

One way oak wilt is spread, called overland transmission, is by small native sap beetles. These beetles pick up spores from fungal mats on trees which were killed by oak wilt, and transfer those spores to healthy oaks with fresh wounds or pruning cuts.

- **AVOID PRUNING OAKS DURING THE GROWING SEASON.**
The safest time to prune is in the winter when beetles are not active.
- **SEAL ACCIDENTAL WOUNDS IMMEDIATELY**
Cover wounds from storms or lawn equipment with pruning seal, latex paint, or clear shellac. This creates a protective barrier against the spores carried by the sap beetles.
- **DO NOT MOVE FIREWOOD**
Wood from oak trees killed by oak wilt can carry fungal spores that bring the infection to new locations. Never transport firewood off-site.

The second way oak wilt is spread, called underground transmission, occurs when the oak wilt fungus travels through shared roots between infected oak trees and healthy oak trees.



DISEASE CONTROL ACTIONS:

- **LEARN THE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS OF OAK WILT**
Leaf wilt beginning at the top of the tree is usually the first symptom in red oaks, followed by rapid leaf loss. Leaves will often show a characteristic browning.
- **CONFIRM**
There are several other conditions that affect oaks which can cause similar signs and symptoms. Therefore, it is necessary to confirm the presence of oak wilt by submitting a sample to MSU Diagnostic Services. Information can be found on their website, pestid.msu.edu. This is the only way to confirm oak wilt unless a professional locates a spore mat on a dead oak tree.
- **CONSULT A PROFESSIONAL**
The Arboriculture Society of Michigan (ASM) trains arborists to effectively manage oak wilt. Find a specially trained Oak Wilt Qualified Professional arborist at MichiganOakWilt.org.
- **TREAT NEARBY OAKS**
An arborist trained in oak wilt management will be able to tell you whether surrounding oaks can be protected by fungicide injections. Fungicide treatments must be done every other year for 6 years to effectively protect from oak wilt.
- **TRENCH**
After initial fungicide treatments are done, trench lines are cut 5-6 feet into the ground to sever roots between infected and healthy oak trees. Determination of these trench lines should be done by a professional trained in oak wilt management.
- **REMOVE DEAD TREES**
Only after fungicide treatments and trenching are done should infected oak trees be removed. Removal prior to this can speed the uptake of the fungal pathogen by surrounding trees. Removal is an important step because trees killed by oak wilt form spore mats which provide a source for further infection.
- **DESTROY OR TARP WOOD FROM INFECTED OAKS**
Infected wood should be burned, buried, or chipped onsite. It can also be sealed under a tarp until completely dry and debarked. Tarp edges should be buried to create an effective barrier against beetle access.

Visit www.MichiganOakWilt.org to download a free *Field Guide to Michigan Oaks!*

Environmental

Invasive Species

An invasive species is an organism that is not native to a specific location and whose introduction to a new area causes harm to ecosystems, the economy, and even human health. Invasive species can reduce property values, damage infrastructure, create public safety hazards, and degrade natural areas. Invasive species often lack natural predators and spread quickly. They compete with native species for resources and usually come out triumphant, damaging the native ecosystem.

In Beverly Hills we're all too familiar with buckthorn. The wooded area of Beverly Park is currently undergoing a buckthorn eradication project. Contractors have mowed and spray treated the invasive plants. They will be back in December for another round of treatment. Buckthorn leaves remain green much longer than other plants, so they are easy to spot in early winter.

Another invasive plant popping up in parts of the lower peninsula is phragmites. Phragmites, or common reed, can grow up to 15 feet tall which becomes a visibility and safety issue if it grows too close to a road or intersection.

Swallow-wort is originally from Europe, but is now creeping through Oakland County. Its thin vines twist around themselves and surrounding vegetation, crowding out native plants. The vines can group up to 8 feet high and ooze clear sap when broken. Unfortunately, monarch butterflies confuse swallow-wort with native milkweed, which is a plant they depend on for survival. Monarchs may lay their eggs in the swallow-wort, but caterpillars are not able to survive on this invasive species and will die.

The State of Michigan has also identified several noxious weeds that people should avoid purchasing and planting including: Canada thistle, giant ragweed, leafy spurge, and wild carrot.

The Village of Beverly Hills recently joined the Oakland County Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area (OC CISMA) to help manage invasive species. If you encounter these species in your area, you can report them to the Midwest Invasive Species Network (MISIN) online at www.misin.msu.edu.



Buckthorn (*Rhamnus cathartica*)



Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*)



Black swallow-wort (*Cynanchum nigrum*)

Oh Deer!



Have you noticed more deer in your neighborhood lately? Do they treat your garden like an all-you-can-eat salad bar? Deer love to eat acorns, apples, arborvitae, berries, English ivy, hostas, and yew—just to name a few!

Deer tend to stay away from plants, shrubs, and trees that produce a strong or unpleasant aroma. Examples include: bleeding hearts, boxwood, Japanese pieres, and lavender. However, certain species may prove more palatable within a specific genus, so do your research before choosing what plants to add to your yard.

Do not actively feed the deer. If you leave out apples, strawberries, and nuts for the deer, you're encouraging behavior that your neighbors may be trying to prevent.

Environmental

Right Plant, Right Location

By: Kevin F. Lary, J.H. Hart Urban Forestry

Creating and maintaining a healthy landscape isn't an easy task. With a little research, and good cultural practices, the task becomes simpler. Choosing plants well suited to your yard may help them thrive without requiring a lot of attention. Get to know the plants in your yard. You may have a plant that is not doing well simply because it is in the wrong location. For example, rhododendron may not do well next to a sprinkler head or water drain pipe, as they do not like to have high water content in their soil. These beautiful broad leaf evergreen plants do not do well in full sun either. A little research may go a long way in helping you repair a sick plant, simply by moving it from one location to another.

Be aware of the conditions in your yard. What kind of soil do you have? What are the hottest and coldest temperatures throughout the year? How much light and shade is there in certain areas? These are all questions you, or your landscaper or arborist, should be aware of prior to purchasing plants, planting or diagnosing problems. Certain plants need more water than other plants, while some plants (rhododendrons) like more arid conditions.

Some insect pests and diseases can be more prominent if certain plants are near each other. One very common issue occurs when you have a crabapple tree near a juniper. Cedar-apple rust occurs if these plants are close to each other. This disease requires two different host plants to complete its life cycle. Be familiar with plants in your landscape. If they are not doing well, moving them to a different location may make all the difference.

Native plants may do better than introduced plants if their requirements are met. When requirements of a native plant are met (i.e. water, proper drainage or correct amount of sunlight) the plant may thrive with little care. At your local nursery, plant breeders are always working to create resistant plants or plants with a built in resistance. With research being the key, you may find a plant to fit that troublesome location.

Once you become more familiar with your landscape and are ready to purchase appropriate plants, choose healthy plants with little to no leaf or bark damage. Check the soil of the plant you are looking to purchase, it should not be dry nor should it be considerably wet. The roots of the plant should not be growing in a circle around the plant.

Your local extension office can provide a list of plants recommended for your area. As always, you can call J. H. Hart Urban Forestry and one of our Certified Arborists can answer questions you may have.

J.H. Hart Urban Forestry | Phone 586-795-5581 | Fax 586-795-0930



Around the Community



Birmingham Area Cable Board

The Birmingham Area Cable Board represents the communities of Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bingham Farms, and Franklin and works with escalation teams established by the cable companies to resolve issues (cable service, billing, wires). Cable concerns may be submitted via the BACB website

(www.birminghamareacableboard.org) or by calling our Executive Director Cathy White at 248-336-9445.

The BACB meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:45 am at the Beverly Hills Village Council Chamber and members of the public are welcome to attend.

BACB meetings are broadcast on Comcast channel 15, AT&T channel 99, and WOW! channel 10.



Your Place to Stay Active & Connected



Next: A community center for Boomers & beyond offering unique speakers on a variety of timely topics, opportunities for fitness, creative arts, and travel - and so many ways to socialize and meet new people. Come by for a tour or look at the Next website for more information.

www.BirminghamNext.org | 2121 Midvale, Birmingham, Michigan | (248) 203-5270

Here are just a few of the events happening this fall:

THE CENTER FOR MICHIGAN/BRIDGE MAGAZINE– PHIL POWER

Thursday, September 5 at 6:00 pm

Join Phil Power as he shares his passion for “Democracy in America”. By identifying critical issues, the Center and Bridge Magazine help citizens navigate the challenges of our civic life by providing fact based, nonpartisan information.

OKTOBERFEST AT BEVERLY PARK

Thursday, September 12 at 5:00 pm

Enjoy an autumn evening under the pavilion at Beverly Park. The Russ Dixon Band from the Clawson Steak House will perform. Brats, beer, potato salad, pretzels rolls and desserts will be served. Join friends old and new in this festive evening!

OUT OF RUSHMORE’S SHADOW

Tuesday, September 24 at 12:30 pm

Award winning storyteller Lou Del Bianco portrays his grandfather Luigi Del Bianco and tells the story of his unique contribution as chief carver on our nation’s greatest memorial.

GUARDIANS OF DETROIT: ARCHITECTURAL SCULPTURE IN THE MOTOR CITY

Wednesday, October 9 at 1:30pm

This presentation documents Detroit’s amazing collection of sculptures that adorn the city’s buildings, some of which have been hidden from public view for over 100 years.

Around the Community

Groves High School

Homecoming Football Game

Friday, September 27, 7:00 pm

Homecoming Dance

Saturday, September 28, 7:00 pm

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 10, 4-7 pm

Berkshire Middle School

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 pm

PTA Meeting

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 pm

Dad's Club Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 19, 9:00 am



BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

248-647-1700 www.baldwinlib.org 300 W. Merrill St. Birmingham, MI 48009

HOURS: M–Th 9:30 to 9 p.m. F–Sat 9:30 to 5:30 p.m. Sun 12 to 5 p.m.

Youth Room Expansion & Renovation

The Youth Room Expansion & Renovation is under way and is expected to be completed in June 2020. Learn more about the project and sign up for email updates at www.baldwinlib.org/renovation. The project is funded by the Library's millage and generous donations from community members and Library supporters.

This new Youth Room will:

- ENHANCE Baldwin's ability to serve the children of our community by providing developmentally appropriate learning spaces for children from birth to sixth grade
- SATISFY needs and requests shared by parents, caregivers, children, and staff that have been collected through a variety of forums
- INCREASE value that the Library delivers to residents, businesses, and visitors of all ages

Project highlights include:

- Expansion of Youth Room by approximately 2,000 square feet
- Larger play area, story room, seating areas, and a separate room for strollers
- New furniture, carpeting, and lighting
- New display cases and a large aquarium
- ADA compliance
- Modernized restrooms with increased capacity
- Outdoor children's terrace and garden
- Exposure of brick on original 1927 building
- Energy-efficient, glare-reducing glass from floor to ceiling



Friends of the Library 2019 Fall Book Sale

November 1 from 7 pm to 9 pm: Member Preview Night

November 3 from 12 pm to 4 pm : Half Price Day

November 2 from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

November 4 from 10 am to 2 pm: Bag Day

Around the Community

Beverly Hills Lions Club



Interested in
joining us?

For more information call
248-633-4606, or email us at
bhmi.lions.info@gmail.com

website: e-clubhouse.org/sites/beverlyhillsmi/index.php

Serving our Community Since 1972

The Beverly Hills Lions are men and women who are dedicated to serving our community needs through community service by helping to fund events. We provide a college scholarship stipend for a Beverly Hills high school senior who demonstrates community service accomplishments and involvement. We help sponsor the Memorial Day Parade and Carnival, Fun Run, Halloween Hoot, and Adopt-a-Road Clean Up along Lahser. We also support a variety of causes and organizations such as Leader Dogs for the Blind, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, and other non-profit organizations that provide outstanding service to those in need.

Our motto is "TO SERVE," and we are looking for a few more Beverly Hills residents to join us in our efforts. We meet twice monthly for dinner with

occasional guest speakers discussing topics of interest.

The Beverly Hills Lions Club has great deal to offer and you will see the positive impact of your involvement immediately. We play a vital role in the community and would like you to consider us a part of your dedication to make Beverly Hills the best place to live. For further information and a membership packet, please call Pat Wojas at 248-633-4606. If your desire is to give back to the community, you will not be disappointed or find a better group to do it with....have dinner with us and learn more about the events we sponsor, such as Project Kidsight and the annual Candy Cane Collection.

Project Kidsight provides free vision screenings to children ages 6 months and up. It's fast, non-invasive, and has an accuracy rating of 98%. Screenings are held at Baldwin Public Library.

Project Kidsight



Lions District 11-A2

The annual Candy Cane Collection will be held November 27 to December 24, 2019! Proceeds support charities that assist the blind and speech and hearing impaired in the immediate area. Any support will be greatly appreciated!

Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition (BBCC)

Whether it be the opioid or vaping epidemics to the high levels of stress and anxiety experienced by young people, the BBCC and its Youth Action Board (YAB) are in the forefront of addressing and preventing these issues in our community with a focus on youth.

The BBCC is a non-profit, 501 (c)(3) community-serving organization established in 1995 that focuses on youth substance abuse prevention, health and wellness. BBCC and its Youth Action Board (YAB) take a research-driven, youth-led approach in providing education, tools, activities, and support to help youth rise above life's challenges by making informed decisions about their safety, health and wellness, as well as encouraging adults to thoughtfully support them.

The YAB is a dynamic, diverse and inclusive group of local high school students that meet throughout the year and want to bring about positive change for their peers. By providing a platform for teens to have a positive voice and presence in the community, YAB teens demonstrate the positive choices teens are making.

To learn how you can be a part of the solution, contact the BBCC at (248) 203-4615, www.bbcoalition.org or Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.



Odds and Ends

Citizens Redistricting Commission

Every 10 years following the U.S. Census, district lines for political offices must be redrawn in states across the country to accurately reflect their population. In Michigan, a randomly selected commission of citizens is responsible for drawing U.S. Congressional and Michigan State legislative district lines. Voters passed this constitutional amendment in the November 2018 general election, which makes citizens — not legislators or special interests — responsible for drawing district lines.

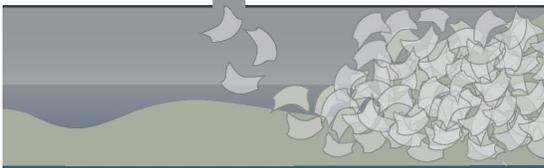
The commission will be composed of 13 Michigan registered voters: four who self-identify as Democrats, four who self-identify as Republicans and five who self-identify as unaffiliated with either of those political parties. Visit RedistrictingMichigan.org to find out more about eligibility, to view the projected timeline, or to submit an application. Applications will also be randomly mailed to thousands of voters by the Secretary of State's office.



“Flushable” Wipes?

They clog our pipes

Things like “flushable” wipes, feminine hygiene products, and paper towels do not disintegrate like toilet paper. This means they cause blockages in sewer pipes. Keep our wastewater system flowing and dispose of these items in the trash.



To keep it flowing, only flush:



Daylight Saving Time

Time to fall back! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour and check the batteries in your smoke alarms/carbon monoxide detectors on Sunday, November 3rd!



MISS DIG 811

Call MISS DIG before you dig. It's the law, it's fast, and it's free!

Before you dig for a deck, patio, fence, pool, swing set, room addition, landscaping, or other projects, be sure to call 811 or visit www.missdig811.org so you can prevent utility damage and safely complete your digging project.

When you contact MISS DIG 811, the public facility companies are notified to mark the location of their underground lines.

Public facilities are marked for free by facility company representatives known as Locators. The Locators paint lines and/or place flags to mark the approximate location of underground public lines. Do not remove the flags until the work is complete.

Flag Color Key:

- White - Area of Proposed Excavation
- Pink - Temporary Survey Markings
- Red - Electric
- Yellow - Gas, Oil, Steam, Propane
- Orange - Phone and Cable
- Blue - Water
- Purple - Reclaimed water, irrigation
- Green - Sewer
- Gray - Used to Erase Marks



Odds and Ends

United States Census

The 2020 Census will be here before we know it and everyone's participation is crucial. The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every ten years. The first census took place way back in 1790. Census data is used all around us and every count matters. Every 10 years the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets. The distribution of roughly 675 billion dollars of federal funding is determined by the census count. That means money for schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other programs is based on census data.

In the 2010 Census, the Village of Beverly Hills had a 90% participation rate which is good—but lower than the 2000 Census participation rate of 92%. While the participation rate in Beverly Hills is above the national average, less than 100% participation increases the likelihood of an undercount. Undercounts could result in missed funding for the community and for the state.

Remember, you should complete the census for the residence you are at most of the time. (Looking at you, snowbirds.) For example, if you have a home in Michigan and in Florida, you'll receive a census form at both residences. To keep an accurate count, complete the form for the residence where you stay the majority of the time.

The 2020 Census will be easier than ever to complete because people will be able to respond online. Each residence will receive an invitation with a unique identifier in the mail with instructions on how to complete the census online. People who are unable to fill out the census using the internet may receive a paper form later. There is also an option to call into the Census Bureau and be counted over the phone. Remember, every person counts!

Veterans Day

Did you know Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day? An armistice is an agreement made by opposing sides in a war to halt fighting, also known as a ceasefire or truce. Armistice Day was originally established to honor the end of World War I, which occurred in the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month—or November 11, 1918. Later, after fighting in World War II and the Korean War, veterans groups and supporters urged Congress to change the name of the holiday to Veterans Day (instead of Armistice Day) in order to honor all veterans who served. Veterans Day was established as a holiday in 1954.

Veterans Day differs from Memorial Day in that it recognizes *all* veterans who have served in the military. Memorial Day honors and remembers servicemen and women who lost their lives while serving the country or as a result of injuries incurred during military battle.

Other countries around the world, such as Australia, Canada, and Great Britain refer to the holiday as "Remembrance Day." No matter where you are this November 11th, be sure to thank a veteran for his or her service!

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving brings family and friends together to enjoy delicious food, good company, and usually a disappointing football game. Did you know that the first time the Detroit Lions played on Thanksgiving was in 1934? Twenty-two years later, in 1956, was the first time that fans could watch the annual game on television.

If you are traveling this Thanksgiving, you're not alone. According to the American Automobile Association, 54 million Americans traveled during the Thanksgiving holiday period in 2018. Most drove automobiles, many took planes, and a small percent traveled by trains and buses. When you are travelling, expect heavier traffic and delays. Reduce stress by giving yourself extra time to get to your destinations this holiday season, especially if you are travelling with small children or pets. Remember, safety first! Wear your seatbelt, use your turn signal, and don't text while driving. Happy Thanksgiving!





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