



# The Villager

The Official Newsletter for Beverly Hills Residents

## 20TH ANNUAL HALLOWEEN HOOT - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25TH

Save the Date—The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Halloween Hoot will be held at Beverly Park on **Sunday, October 25th** (see flyer on page 6). All children living in Beverly Hills are invited to join the fun.

- **Topping & Gutting • 10 a.m. – 12 Noon**

Volunteers are needed to help top and gut pumpkins in preparation for children to come later and carve them.

- **Carving Pumpkins • 12 Noon – 2 p.m.**

The first 200 youngsters can carve a pumpkin that will line the Halloween Hoot Trail for the evening walk. Carvers can pick up their pumpkins after 8:00 p.m. to take home.

- **Trick or Treating • 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

Children can trick or treat along the “friendly” path of the park’s wooded trail. Members of various Homeowner’s Associations of Beverly Hills and local businesses will be in costumes to pass out treats to the youngsters. Children and adults can enjoy a Halloween story and some tasty goodies at the pavilion.

Mark your calendar now, pick out your favorite costume, put fresh batteries in your flashlight and join your neighbors at this wonderful community event. Thanks to our generous supporters, there is no charge for this event.



## LEAF VACUUMING PROGRAM CANCELED

After careful review of the 2014 leaf vacuuming program, the Village Council has discontinued the program. When the project was bid in early 2014, only one contractor submitted a bid. Village Administration met with the contractor on more than one occasion and followed up with their references to verify their ability to perform the contract as required. As leaf season progressed last year, it became clear that the contractor did not have the capability to fulfill the terms of the contract. Village Council reviewed the contractor’s performance and the overall program as well as hundreds of communications received from Beverly Hills residents regarding leaf vacuuming. They agreed in April this year to discontinue the program. Residents may still use paper yard waste bags and/or cans marked with a yard waste label to dispose of leaves on their regular trash day.



**Please do not rake leaves into the street for collection.**

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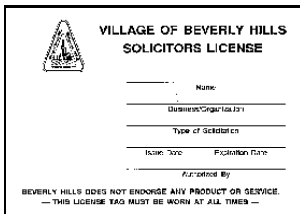
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### GARAGE SALE ORDINANCE

Residents are required to obtain a \$3 permit from the Village Office prior to their sale. Any household may hold two garage sales per year, in addition to the village-wide garage sale in June. Garage sale hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and may last for no more than three consecutive days. A complete copy of the ordinance is available online at <http://www.villagebeverlyhills.com/code/chap%2035.htm> and at the Village Office.

### SOLICITATION

Anyone going door-to-door soliciting products is required to obtain a Solicitation License from



VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS  
SOLICITORS LICENSE

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Business/Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Solicitation \_\_\_\_\_  
Issue Date \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized By \_\_\_\_\_

BEVERLY HILLS DOES NOT ENDORSE ANY PRODUCT OR SERVICE.  
— THIS LICENSE TAG MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES —

the Village Clerk's Office. The only exception is if that person lives within three miles of Beverly Hills. If you want to know if someone has obtained a license, please contact the Public Safety Department (248) 540-3400 or the Village Clerk's Office (248) 646-6404. Solicitors who have complied with the Village's Solicitation Ordinance are issued a photo identification badge by the Village Clerk and instructed to wear it at all times while

in the Village. Many times solicitors are unaware of the Village's requirement to visit the Clerk's Office before going door-to-door, but a phone call from you will help alert the police to visitors who need to obtain the proper okay to sell goods in the Village.

### APPLY FOR A PASSPORT AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE— APPOINTMENT REQUIRED

Anyone can apply for a passport at the Village Office. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call (248) 646-6404 to schedule an appointment.



The following summarizes what is needed to apply:

You must provide your Social Security Number, Proof of U.S. Citizenship and Identification.

All applicants must appear in person.

#### One Photograph

- Good likeness, full face, normal street attire (no side view shots) with a white or off-white background.
- One 2" x 2" overall, with image size no less than 1" and no more than 1 3/8" measured from the top of the

### RODENT CONTROL

Rodents, like all animals, seek food, water, and shelter. Whenever possible, they will look for refuge in our homes/yards and dine on our left-over food. Since rodents reproduce rapidly, it is essential to prevent the establishment of a nest and/or food source.



#### How To Get Rid of Rats

Since rats need a place to live and food to eat, if you remove their shelter and food, rats can be eliminated. Starve them. Do not feed the birds and/or squirrels. Use metal trash cans or approved plastic with tight-fitting lids. Keep trash cans covered! Clean up fallen fruits and nuts from the ground. Remove pet food dishes and leftovers promptly after feeding. Trim back overgrown bushes and weeds. Clean up animal waste daily!

If you see a rodent or signs of their presence (holes in the ground), contact Elite Pest Mgmt. at 877-422-3284 for discounted treatment options. If you notice property in need of maintenance, contact the Village Code Enforcement Officer at 248-646-6404 ext. 227.

Village Office Hours  
Monday—Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
**Offices Closed**  
**November 11 (Veteran's Day)**  
**November 26 & 27 (Thanksgiving)**  
ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF  
*Chris Wilson, Village Manager*  
*Ellen Marshall, Assistant Mgr/Clerk*  
*Tom Meszler, Public Services Director*  
*Peggy Linkswiler, Treasurer*  
*Elizabeth Wren, Finance Clerk*  
*Erin Wilks, Administrative Assistant*  
*Dan Gosselin, Code Officer*

head to the bottom of the chin.

### Appropriate Fees

#### U.S. Passport Book:

- \$110 Passport Application Fee (check payable to the U.S. Dept of State)—16 years of age or older (10 year passport). \$80 for 15 years of age or younger (5 year passport).
- \$25 Execution Fee for each application (check payable to the Village of Beverly Hills).

#### U.S. Passport Card:

Valid for travel by land or sea between U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean ONLY

- \$30 Passport Application Fee (check payable to the U.S. Dept of State)—16 years of age or older (10 year passport). \$15 for 15 years of age or younger (5 year passport).
- \$25 Execution Fee for each application (check payable to the Village of Beverly Hills).

Sorry, we cannot process credit card payments.

#### Approximate Time Frame:

4—6 weeks regular service

EXPEDITED PASSPORTS—For an additional \$60 you can expect to receive your passport in approx 3 weeks.

# VILLAGE OFFICE

## n o t e s

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### UNDERSTANDING YOUR NEW WATER BILL

The Village of Beverly Hills—like many communities across the country—has revised the way water and sewer related costs are charged. This change will be reflected on your new water bill. Your water bill will now include the following charges:

#### Water

The cost of water used during the billing period. The rate per unit reflects the wholesale cost billed to the Village from our supplier Southfield Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA), based on annual estimated water usage for the Village. SOCWA rates are based on their costs from the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), formerly DWSD, as well as SOCWA infrastructure and operating costs to receive, store, and deliver water to the Village. This cost reflects individual property owner usage.

#### Sewage Disposal

The cost of sewage disposal continues to be a factor of water usage. The rate is based on costs billed to the Village by the Great Lakes Water Authority. The rate reflects the collection conveyance, and treatment of wastewater by the GLWA, and its operating, administrative, and debt service costs according to the new agreement with GLWA. This cost reflects individual property owner usage.

#### Debt Service

This cost reflects current bond commitments by the Village for major infrastructure projects and will include any new bond commitments approved by the Village Council in the future.

#### Infrastructure

This cost reflects annual estimated fixed costs for the Village. Fixed costs include meter reading, maintenance and improvement of the Village infrastructure for water and sewage. Infrastructure includes all of the water supply and sewage disposal lines, drains, pumps, and the associated

contracted services for monitoring, inspecting, and completing projects on the system. Annual infrastructure costs vary from year to year, however, annual costs average \$500,000. This cost is now divided equally among all Village residents and commercial users, regardless of individual water usage and sewage disposal, and is no longer added to the rate for water or sewage disposal.

#### Minimum Usage Fee

A minimum water usage and sewage disposal fee of \$85 per quarter will be assessed for all accounts. Debt service and infrastructure fees will be equal to all residents.

Historically, the vast majority of your water rate has been established based primarily on water usage. The more you used, the more you paid. Throughout the GLWA system, as rates increased many homeowners decreased water usage.

Water usage has also declined over the years due to homeowner conservation practices; installation of water saving appliances/toilets, etc., and even greater rain seasons. As volumes declined, the need arose to raise rates in order to meet expenses. A growing portion of these expenses are either fixed costs, such as debt payments and infrastructure repairs and upgrades—neither of which are significantly impacted by water volume used. As volumes continue to decrease and ex-

penses remain steady or increase, the cycle of increased rates and lower volumes became self-reinforcing and unsustainable.



Many other communities serviced by GLWA are experiencing these same issues. Recently, GLWA and SOCWA sought to stabilize revenues through the use of fixed charges. Fixed charges are a base charge to end users irrelevant of usage. As a result, the Village adopted the new methodology to separate water and sewage disposal rates from fixed costs.

#### What are the actual rates for 2015/2016?

The rates for 2015/16 will be \$18.25/1000 cubic feet of water used and \$51.50/1000 cubic feet of sewage disposal. 1,000 cubic feet equals one unit.

#### Is sewage disposal still tied to water usage?

Yes. There is no reasonably affordable or accurate monitoring method to measure sewage disposal by household/user.

Therefore, the accepted method is to tie sewage usage to water usage within a community.

#### If I use less water, will I pay less?

Yes, because fixed costs are separate, that charge will remain the same regardless of usage. However, the water and sewer disposal costs will continue to reflect actual usage. The less water you use, the lower those amounts will be.

If you have additional questions, please contact Village administration at (248) 646-6404.

Current Structure (Quarterly)		
	Units Used	Cost
Water	20	\$36.92
Sewage Disposal	20	\$103.30
Debt Service	20	\$11.46
		<b>\$157.68</b>
Minimum Quarterly Bill*		\$41.06
*based upon charge of 5 units per quarter		

New Structure (Quarterly)		
	Units Used	Cost
Water	20	\$29.54
Sewage Disposal	20	\$82.64
Debt Service		\$20.00
Infrastructure		\$65.00
		<b>\$197.18</b>
Minimum Quarterly Bill*		\$85.00
*based upon charge of 5 units per quarter		



## PUBLIC SAFETY

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**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

## Community Calendar

### September

- 1 Council meeting
- 7 Village & Township Offices Closed
- 14 Zoning Board  
Last day to pay 2015 taxes w/o penalty
- 15 Council meeting
- 16 Cable Board meeting 7:45 am
- 17 Parks & Recreation (at Beverly Park)
- 23 Planning Commission meeting

### October

- 6 Council meeting
- 12 Zoning Board
- 15 Parks & Recreation Board
- 20 Council meeting
- 21 Cable Board 7:45 am
- 28 Planning Commission
- 25 Halloween Hoot

### November

- 3 Council meeting
- 9 Zoning Board
- 11 Veterans Day—Offices Closed (no delay in trash collection)
- 17 Council meeting
- 18 Cable Board 7:45 am
- 19 Parks & Recreation Board
- 24 Retirement Board 7:30 pm
- 25 Planning Commission
- 26 Thanksgiving—Village Offices Closed
- 27 Village Offices Closed

**Meetings are at 7:30 pm unless noted.  
Call (248) 646-6404 to confirm time**

Reminder—Please keep your dog on a leash if you are visiting the Douglas Evans Nature Preserve. Please do not let your dog run loose. If you see someone allowing their dog to run loose, please call the Public Safety Department (248) 540-3400.



**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

*Rich Torongeau, Director*  
*Chris Yanosy, Captain*

*Lieutenants: Dave Dinkins and Mike Vargas*

*Sergeants: Pete Barch, Nate Cook, Howard Shock, and Chad Trussler*

*Emergencies: 911*

*Non-Emergency/General Business*  
*(248) 540-3400*

### PRIVATE SALE TRANSACTIONS

The Beverly Hills Public Safety Department is offering their parking lot and lobby for Craigslist transactions or any other exchange of property through social media. The Public Safety Department is aware of the increasing amount of buying and selling items over the internet. We would like people to be safe when making those transactions and also be secure in a videotaped parking lot. The Public Safety Offices are open 24 hours a day and we have cameras outside the building as well as inside the lobby and station. Letting a stranger come to your house may not be a very good idea.

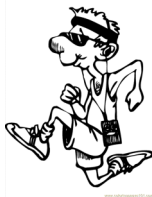


We are also offering additional safety tips for those conducting a transaction with an unknown buyer:

- Only accept cash or a cashier's check for sale. (Personal checks carry some risk).
- Conduct sales during weekdays so banking or financial institutions can be contacted if there is a problem.
- Don't go alone and trust your instincts.
- We also have an ATM inside the station.

### WALKERS/JOGGERS

All walkers and joggers are encouraged to use sidewalks where provided. It is contrary to traffic law to use the street for jogging or walking. Where no sidewalks are available, pedestrians should use the left side of the street facing traffic. Always carry identification in case of emergency. Wear light colored clothing or reflective vests so you are visible to traffic.



### BREATHALYZER TESTS

Do you need a court ordered breath test for alcohol? Breath tests are available at the Public Safety Department, 18600 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, front desk. \$10.00 per test.



**SET YOUR  
CLOCKS BACK**

**Sunday, November 1st is Daylight Saving Time**

Remember to set your clock back one hour and change the battery in your smoke alarm.



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**THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE DO NOT CALL LIST**

The first phone call in history happened on March 10, 1876, when Alexander Graham Bell rang up his assistant and said, "Mr. Watson - come here - I want to see you."

It wouldn't be surprising to learn that the second call in history took place later that evening, when a telemarketer rang up asking if a Mr. Bell lived at the residence and if he might want to buy some genuine snake oil. It seems like telemarketing and phones have gone together forever.

Surprisingly, the National Do Not Call Registry didn't come into being until 2004. Since then, it's had a rocky history, and many people still aren't quite sure how it works.

Even after a decade, you'll see myths online about what is and isn't blocked, whether or not cell phones are allowed, rumors that the FTC is about to release your number unless you act right away, etc. So I'm going to set the record straight and clear up the confusion.

**1. How to sign up for Do Not Call**

Joining Do Not Call is actually very simple. You go to the website <https://www.donotcall.gov/> and enter the landline or cell phone number you want on the list. A quick email verification and you're done. You can also call 1-888-382-1222 from any phone you want on the list. That's all it takes.

Note: Fax numbers are governed under different regulations, so signing them up won't do anything.

Your number stays on the list until you ask for it to be removed or you give up the number.

Warning: You might receive a phone call from someone claiming to work at the Do Not Call Registry or Federal Trade Commission. They'll claim your number isn't listed on Do Not Call and offer to sign you up - you just have to provide some personal information. This is always a scam; just hang up.

**2. What Do Not Call does and doesn't cover**

The Do Not Call list keeps you off of for-profit business call lists, but it isn't immediate. Telemarketers update their lists periodically, so the FTC says it can take up to 31 days to take full effect.

Tip: If you receive an unexpected sales call after you've registered your number, and it has been on the list for 31 days, you can file a complaint. Just go to [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov) or call 1-888-382-1222. Be prepared to provide the date of the call and the company's name or phone number.

On the other hand, political organizations, charities and survey takers are still permitted to call you. Businesses you've bought something from or made a payment to in the last 18 months also have a right to call. If you ask them not to, however, they must honor your request.

Sometimes on a call from a survey company they'll ask if they can make a follow-up call. If you agree, then an associated for-profit company can call you with a sales pitch.

Be careful when signing up for sweepstakes and free product offers. The fine print may grant your permission to receive telemarketing calls.

Under the rules, most businesses can't hit you with prerecorded telemarketing messages, also called robocalls, without your

written permission. Political and informational robocalls, such as those received from health care providers, banks and schools, are still allowed.

**3. Cell phones and Do Not Call**

Every year or so, a hoax burns like wild-fire through email inboxes and social networks warning that all cell phone numbers are about to go public - register your mobile number right away!

The online rumor also points out that there's a deadline to register your cell phone, and - once registered - it only blocks your number for 5 years.

Strangely enough, the only thing the message gets right is the number to call (plus the fact that it only takes a few seconds to register).

For the record, mobile telephone numbers have never been in any danger of being made public or released to telemarketers. There has never been a deadline to register your cell phone. And you don't need to renew every five years (this was a rule for landlines that was axed in 2007).

In fact, even if you don't sign up your cell phone, the FTC says that unsolicited telemarketing calls or robocalls to cell phones are illegal. If you're getting unsolicited marketing calls, first ask the caller how they got your number and tell them you don't want to be contacted.

If they call back, file a complaint with the FTC at [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov) or 1-888-382-1222. Again, you'll need to provide information about the date and time of the call, the caller's number and so forth.

Still, it is a good idea to register all your landline and wireless numbers, because if you do receive a telemarketing call, that's a good sign the person on the other end is a scammer.

Legitimate telemarketers play by the rules and don't want to risk a \$16,000 fine for disregarding a number on the list.

Attention: CHILDREN OF BEVERLY HILLS  
(of all ages!)

# HALLOWEEN

## HOOT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2015



BEVERLY PARK  BEVERLY RD.  BEVERLY HILLS

10:00 AM to Noon (adults)

### TOPPING & GUTTING

of

Pumpkins



Noon to 2:00 PM

### PUMPKIN CARVING

First 200 children can carve pumpkins that will line the Halloween Hoot Trail for the evening walk.

Note: Carvers can pick up their pumpkin following the Hoot.

6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

### TRICK OR TREAT

Children (accompanied by an adult) can Trick or Treat along the "Friendly" Halloween Hoot Trail and enjoy storytelling and treats under the Pavilion.

WEAR COSTUMES & BRING A FLASHLIGHT



Please send donations to: The Village of Beverly Hills  
Attn: Ellen Marshall  
18500 W. 13 Mile Road, Beverly Hills, MI 48025

**Are you available to help with organizing and planning? Your help is needed.  
Please contact the Village Office at (248) 646-6404.**

*Special Thanks to:* Comeau Equipment Co., Village of Beverly Hills and the Beverly Hills Lions Club!

# PUBLIC SERVICES

## services & info

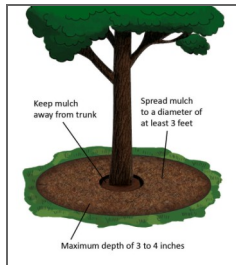
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### OAK WILT

By Judd Hart

JH Hart Urban Forestry

Over the last few seasons, the number of confirmed cases of Oak Wilt has increased in the State of Michigan. Last year the disease was even found in parts of Oakland County. Red Oak varieties are the most susceptible, as the disease will kill the tree within three (3) weeks time. White Oak varieties are more resistant and likely become carriers, but in some cases they go into decline and die within a few seasons.



Oak Wilt, a fungal pathogen very similar to Dutch Elm Disease, killed nearly all of the American and English Elm trees. Once the disease makes its way into the vascular system of an oak tree, it begins to slow and ultimately fatally stop the flow of water through the canopy. The vector, or carrier, of this fungal pathogen is the picnic beetle. If an oak tree is pruned during the growing season, or damaged in a storm event, the resulting wound(s) produce a sap which attracts the picnic beetle. If a beetle feeding on this sap is carrying the Oak Wilt fungus, it now has easy access to the vascular system through the wound.

The best way to help prevent oak trees from contracting Oak Wilt is to limit pruning to the dormant season (November – March). If an oak tree is damaged during a summer storm, it is imperative the wound be promptly treated with wound dressing to prevent sap flow. Taking precautions is essential, as there is not a cure for a tree infected with Oak Wilt. If your neighbors have

oak trees, these precautions should be followed as well because Oak Wilt can also be transmitted through root grafts. As stated, proper pruning will go a long way to protect our oaks, but there are preventive treatments available for Oak Wilt through Macro Trunk Injection. If you have a high valued oak you would like to protect, please feel free to contact me for a treatment quote.

### 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:



1. 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.
2. 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.

3. Leaves eventually decompose and can improve soil. Shredded leaves carry up to 80% of the nutrients a tree extracts from the soil and air.

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

Visit [www.socwa.org](http://www.socwa.org) for instructional videos on leaf mulching and tips for home composting.

### FALL FERTILIZING

A lawn care option you may not have considered this fall is fertilizing. Fall is the best time to fertilize your lawn for quickly improving vigor and growing a healthier, greener lawn next spring.

When applying fertilizer this fall, consider:

**Earth-friendly fertilizers.** The over-application of lawn fertilizers has been linked to water quality problems in the Rouge River watershed and local lakes. Earth-friendly fertilizers can reduce the problem by building turf density and health while minimizing the risk of excess nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen. Try fertilizers that have 50% or more slow-release nitrogen and do not contain herbicides or weed-control.

**The bright green sticker.** Local hardware stores and garden centers are helping the program by placing a bright green “Earth-Friendly Fertilizer” sticker on the designated bags. For a complete area listing visit [www.healthylandscapes.com](http://www.healthylandscapes.com).

### DIRECT PAYMENT OF WATER BILLS

The Village offers, **free of charge**, the option of having your water bill automatically deducted from your checking account. You will still receive your quarterly statement approximately 21 days in advance indicating the amount to be deducted. Your automatic payment will be reflected on your next bill and itemized on your checking account. Please allow 30-60 days for processing. If you wish to cancel your participation in the plan, simply call the Water Department at (248) 646-6404. Forms are available at the Village Office and on the village website [www.villagebeverlyhills.com](http://www.villagebeverlyhills.com).



# PUBLIC SERVICES

## recycling

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### WHAT TO RECYCLE

#### Food & Beverage Containers

- \* Clean cardboard milk cartons, paper cups, drink and juice boxes.



#### Paper

- \* All papers, paperback books and boxes can be mixed together in paper or plastic grocery bags. Just mix all paper items, including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, office paper, computer paper, paperboard (cereal boxes, tissue boxes, shoe boxes, etc.) together in one bag and place in bin.
- \* Please do not recycle paper disposables such as napkins, tissues, plates, hand towels, binders, table covers, and placemats.

#### Cardboard

- \* Non-wax coated with wavy corrugation in the middle.
- \* Discard any packing material, loose food or badly stained cardboard as trash.
- \* Large boxes or quantities: Fold or cut into 2' x 2' x 3' pieces and securely tie in bundles less than 40 lbs. Place under bin.

#### Glass Bottles & Jars

- \* Clean
- \* Clear, green, brown and blue glass.
- \* Metal lids are OK. Labels are OK.
- \* No ceramics, mirrors, coffee cups, plates, window glass, broken glass or light bulbs.



#### Plastic Jugs & Bottles

- \* **All plastic containers** are accepted.



#### Metal

- \* Metal food containers, beverage cans, pie tins.
- \* Metal clothes hangers, clean pots & pans, toasters, faucets, silverware, pipe, and other small metal objects that can fit into the recycling bin.
- \* Clean. Labels are OK.
- \* Clean aluminum trays and pie tins (no foil please).
- \* Place loose metal lids inside cans and bend so lids don't fall out.



#### Paint & Metal Aerosol Cans

- \* Must be empty.
- \* Recycle metal lids.
- \* Do not try to flatten or remove the ends.
- \* Aerosols—do not puncture or remove ends.



#### Household Batteries

- \* AA, AAA, C, D, 9 volt and rechargeable batteries.
- \* Place in a clear plastic bag and place inside recycle bin.
- \* NO automotive batteries (see "Household Hazardous Waste").



#### Shredded Paper

- \* Place in tied, see-through plastic bags inside bin.

### STOP! THIEF!



Be on the look out for scavengers taking recyclables from in front of your home, in particular, newspapers and metal. Taking recyclables is against the law in Beverly Hills. Your recyclables are revenue for the Village and help keep our sanitation costs down and reduce your taxes. If you see someone taking recyclables, please call Public Safety at (248) 540-3400.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE—WALK INS WELCOME!

Appointments are no longer necessary.

The Special Household Hazardous Waste program offers residents a convenient and effective means of disposing of household waste products that require special handling, processing and disposal. Items such as paints, solvents, garden chemicals, household cleaners, automotive products, insulin syringes, fluorescent light bulbs, oils, and other household hazardous waste from homes, NOT businesses. Please visit the SOCRRA website at [www.socrra.org](http://www.socrra.org) for a complete list of acceptable items.

SOCRRA also accepts computers and other electronics at the drop off center. Call (248) 288-5153 for an appointment or schedule one online at [http://www.socrra.org/hhw\\_appts.shtml](http://www.socrra.org/hhw_appts.shtml)

Old medicines are accepted by SOCRRA through their Household Hazardous Waste Program by calling 248-288-5153 to schedule an appointment or log on to [http://www.socrra.org/hhw\\_appts.shtml](http://www.socrra.org/hhw_appts.shtml). To prepare old medicines, empty all medicines into an unmarked zip-top plastic bag.

The drop off center is located at 995 Coolidge Road (between I4 and I5 Mile Roads).

### Operation Medicine Cabinet

You may also drop off unused prescriptions or over-the-counter medications seven days a week, 24 hours a day at the Beverly Hills Public Safety Building, 18600 W. I3 Mile Rd.



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## refuse

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**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT SOLID WASTE COLLECTION BEGINS AT 7:00 A.M. THE HAULER MAY CHANGE THE ROUTE ORDER AND COULD PICK UP YOUR STREET AS EARLY AS 7:00 A.M. IF YOUR ITEMS ARE NOT AT THE CURB BY 7:00 A.M., THEY WILL NOT BE PICKED UP UNTIL THE FOLLOWING WEEK.**

### REGULATIONS

Collection begins at 7:00 a.m. sharp. Trash should be placed at the curb or roadside edge by 7:00 a.m. and not earlier than 5:00 p.m. the day preceding collection. The Village requires empty containers be removed by 7:00 a.m. the day following collection.



Trash and recycling bins should be placed on the front easement and not in the street, so as not to interfere with drivers and bicyclists.

### APPROVED GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS

All garbage and rubbish must be placed in containers no larger than 35 gallons with handles, or in 2-mil plastic garbage bags. Containers & bags shall not weigh more than forty (40) lbs. Recyclables are to be placed in the green 18 gallon recycling bin, which should not weigh more than 40 lbs. Please separate trash and recyclables several feet apart.

### BRUSH AND BRANCHES

Branches less than 2" in diameter will not be collected with trash. They are considered compostable. Branches that are larger than 2" in diameter are considered trash. Cut them into lengths not longer than 4 feet and tie them into bundles not exceeding 40 lbs. Logs or firewood must be cut to 2 foot lengths or less, bundled and set to the curb for trash collection.



### LARGE/IRREGULAR ITEMS

Large items such as TV's, sofas, mattresses and household furniture are picked up on your regular rubbish day. Very large items must be broken down into sections.



### CARPETING

Carpeting must be tied in bundles no wider than four (4) feet and not exceeding 40 lbs. Please do not put carpet out if rain is expected. If it gets wet, the contractor will not pick it up because of the weight.

### LUMBER AND DEMOLITION MATERIAL

Items such as wood (please remove nails), gutters, and other building materials must be cut into 3' lengths, tied in bundles and not exceed forty (40) pounds.

### APPLIANCES (SPECIAL ITEMS)

Large metal items such as refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, hot water tanks & lawn mowers (remove gas, oil & plug) are picked up on your regular trash day.



### ITEMS THE VILLAGE WILL NOT PICK UP

Explosives, hazardous waste, engines, broken concrete, bricks, wood with nails, contractor's materials, containers weighing more than 40 lbs., tires, and tree stumps will NOT be picked up and must be removed by the homeowner. Please call SOCRRA (248) 288-5150 for methods and services available for disposing of such material.

### NON-RECYCLABLES

Your "trash" should be less than 25% of what leaves your home; 75% is recyclable. Residents needing another recycling bin can purchase one at the Village Office for \$12.00. Your trash should only include such things as:

- food waste and items with debris on them

## Holiday Collection Schedules

### Columbus Day, Monday, October 12

Trash collection will not be interrupted.

**Veterans Day, Wednesday, November 11** Trash collection will not be interrupted.



- paper plates and cups, napkins, paper towels and tissues (all other tearable paper is recyclable)
- plastic caps from juice and water bottles
- ceramics, coffee cups, plates
- mirrors, window glass or light bulbs (new compact fluorescent bulbs have mercury. Please take them to SOCRRA).
- broken glass—wrap in heavy paper or cloth. Put with regular trash NOT in recycling bin
- large items such as sofas, mattresses and household furniture. The Oakland County Furniture Bank is (248) 332-1300 or online at [www.furniture-bank.org](http://www.furniture-bank.org).

## YARD WASTE

*Weekly collection continues until December 15th*

Yard waste collection will continue through **Tuesday, December 15th**. Please use brown paper yard waste bags or cans with yard waste labels to dispose of compostable items. Labels are available at the Village Office and the Police Station. Compostable items include:

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Old plants
- Weeds
- New shrub growth
- Sticks & twigs less than 2 inches in diameter and shorter than 4 feet long
- Vines
- Sod & Dirt (less than 40 lbs)
- Halloween Pumpkins





# BALDWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

248-647-1700 [www.baldwinlib.org](http://www.baldwinlib.org) 300 W. Merrill St. Birmingham, MI 48009

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



### Build Imagination: Open House

Saturday, September 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us to celebrate our new children’s architecture collection generously donated by the Rae Dumke Fund of the Michigan Architecture Foundation. We’ll have Legos and other fun blocks for a morning of construction for adults and kids alike.

Registration Required



### Eleanor Roosevelt Tea at the Townsend Hotel

Saturday, September 26 at 12 noon

Join Barb Gulley of Barb’s Tea Shop and the Townsend Hotel for a tea inspired by the life of Eleanor Roosevelt. Cost: \$45

Reservations required: 248-642-7900

### Station Eleven: The Great Michigan Read

Explore all facets of Emily St. John Mandel’s novel, *Station Eleven*, with this exciting lineup of programs.

#### Station Eleven: Book Discussion

Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Pigeon Creek Shakespeare Company

Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

#### King Lear by William Shakespeare: Book Discussion

Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

#### King Lear Lecture with Professor Ralph Williams

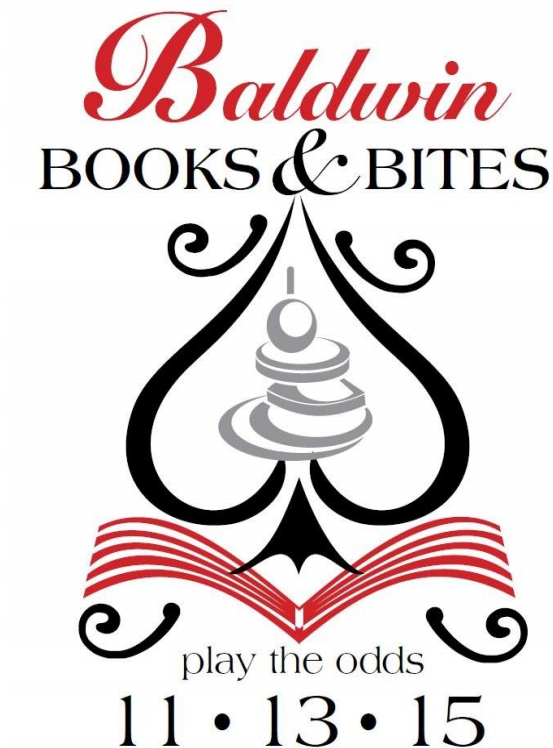
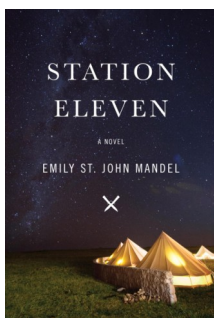
Sunday, October 25 at 2:00 p.m.

#### When Germs Travel by Howard Markel: Book Discussion

Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 p.m.

#### When Germs Travel: Contagious Crises Across History with Dr. Howard Markel

Saturday, November 21 at 3:00 p.m.



### Books & Bites Library Fundraiser

Friday, November 13, from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Support the library while enjoying a strolling dinner, a selection of beers and wines, live music, a raffle-style auction, and casino games for your entertainment. Visit [www.baldwinlib.org/bookandbites](http://www.baldwinlib.org/bookandbites) for more information and to purchase tickets to the event. Tickets are \$75



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## **BITS and PIECES**

### **GREENFIELD SCHOOL**

Submitted by Cindy Sowle  
Greenfield Elementary Community School  
Organizer

Greenfield Elementary School has been a part of this community for over 50 years. This summer you may have noticed that the Greenfield grounds have a new look. A walking path was put around the perimeter of a section of the grounds. This path is 1/4 mile in length. This is an improvement that not only the students and staff can enjoy, but also one the community at large can enjoy. Greenfield Community Education and the Greenfield PTA raised money to put towards this path. The Birmingham Education Foundation granted funds towards this project, as well as a Play 60 grant was earned. There are plans drawn to put in the remaining 1/4 mile path behind the building. This will require more significant fundraising and grant writing by the staff, parents, and community.

Our grounds also contain a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. Our parents, staff and students worked diligently to develop this environmental garden, in which children can explore, play and learn. The garden is near the playground making it easily accessible for children to utilize during recess and

class time to find and watch the inhabitants, smell and identify the plants, and let their imaginations run wild. It is the hope of those involved in this garden that it will also be used as an outdoor classroom.

One of the most exciting things about our grounds is that they are to be shared with the entire community. We invite all of the community members to remember the park-like setting that Greenfield Elementary offers to all that utilize it. It is a wonderful place to bring the family for a time of fun and frolicking in the sun. You can enjoy a picnic, soccer, kickball, or basketball, as well as 3 playgrounds, one of which is devoted to preschool children. In addition, now you can walk, run, scooter, board, or bike the new path.

At Greenfield, our doors are always open to those in the community who are interested in taking a tour of the building. If you are interested in such, please contact the main office at 248-203-3217. We would be happy to meet with you and show you our wonderful facility.

Greenfield Elementary continues to cherish our long and fruitful relationship with the community. Keep your eyes open for future articles about the happenings at Greenfield.

It's a dirty job, but somebody's got to do it. Please pick up after your dog. Thank you!



Fall brings the start of another school year, and that means the return of football and all the other fall sports. Watch the matchups between Seaholm and Groves on BCTV, Comcast channel 18, WOW channel 18 and AT&T channel 99. You can find the program guide, updated weekly, here <http://www.bloomfieldtwp.org/Services/cable/ProgramSchedule.asp>

If you are interested in becoming part of BCTV's sports coverage and other programming, learn how to run robotic cameras, do graphics, and audio, sign up for the upcoming Volunteer Workshop on October 27. There will be two sessions to choose from, 10 a.m. to noon or 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 248-433-7790 to register or for more information. Learning camera operation and working on BCTV shoots is a great opportunity for students looking for community service hours or for anyone interested in TV production.

### **NEXT SENIOR EXPO & FLU SHOT CLINIC**

2121 Midvale

Tuesday, September 29

10 am – 1 pm



Over 50 exhibits featuring services health care, consumer products, and housing alternatives. Free parking, refreshments and PRIZES!

Flu shots will be administered by the Visiting Nurses Association accepting most insurance, Medicare and Medicaid.

### **Lahser Road Construction**

Lahser Road is anticipated to remain closed through the end of September for through traffic between 13 Mile and 14 Mile due to construction being done by the Road Commission for Oakland County. Residents in the area will still have access to their homes and the trash contractor will continue to pick up trash. The detour for the closure is 13 Mile Road to Telegraph to Maple to Lahser and vice versa. Thank you for your patience.

**Village of Beverly Hills**  
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# Halloween Hoot Sunday, October 25th



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### BUY-A-BRICK for Beverly Park

After five years, the brick program has been reinstated. Over 600 bricks have been installed at Beverly Park through the Buy-a-Brick Program and there are still spaces available. Order yours today and make a lasting contribution to the Park. This is a limited offer from now through April 30, 2016. Bricks will be installed during the summer of 2016.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation for each brick (\$50.00 or \$100.00) ordered is to be enclosed with this form. If more than one brick is ordered, engraving information may be attached on a separate sheet of paper.



**4" x 8" Brick to be engraved as follows: (\$50.00)**

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Number of bricks ordered

\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total donation enclosed = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**8" x 8" Brick to be engraved as follows: (\$100.00)**

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Make checks payable to:

**VILLAGE OF BEVERLY HILLS—BRICK**

Mail to:

**Village of Beverly Hills  
 Attn: Ellen Marshall  
 18500 W. 13 Mile Rd.  
 Beverly Hills, MI 48025**

If you have questions, please contact Ellen Marshall at (248) 646-6404.