



The Villager

The Official Newsletter for Beverly Hills Residents

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Curbside Chipping Resumes in April

The Village will be continuing our curbside chipping program this year during the week of the 4th Monday of each month. Please note that branches will not be chipped except on the scheduled weeks. Branches must be placed at the curb on your normal trash collection day. Our Department of Public Works team collects and chips branches throughout the entire week, generally starting on the east side and working their way west, so it is not necessary to notify the office that branches have been placed at the curb.

The 2024 schedule will be as follows:

- **Week beginning Monday, April 22, 2024**
- **Week beginning Monday, May 27, 2024**
- **Week beginning Monday, June 24, 2024**
- **Week beginning Monday, July 22, 2024**
- **Week beginning Monday, August 26, 2024**
- **Week beginning Monday, September 23, 2024**
- **Week beginning Monday, October 21, 2024 (Moved to third week due to Halloween)**
- **Week beginning Monday, November 18, 2024 (Moved to third week due to Thanksgiving)**

As a reminder of the program’s guidelines, residents can place stacked branches between 2 inches and 6 inches in diameter at the curbside for collection and chipping. We ask that branches be stacked, not bundled, and that the cut ends be placed parallel to the curb. Twigs and branches smaller than 2 inches must be put with your normal yard waste bag or container, in lengths not exceeding 4 feet, and placed to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your normal trash day. Branches larger than 6 inches in diameter must be disposed of privately.

You may also dispose of branches between 2 – 6 inches in diameter through our normal yard waste service. However, branches must be cut to 4-foot lengths or less, bundled with twine, weigh no more than 40 pounds, and set at the curb for collection. Regular weekly yard waste collection resumes April 1, 2024.

Curbside chipping will not be available during winter months, but will resume in April 2025, with the week beginning April 28, 2025.



Hours of Operation

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Office Closed

Friday, March 29, 2024
Monday, May 27, 2024
Thursday, July 4, 2024

Administrative Staff

Jeffrey Campbell, Village
Manager

Kristin Rutkowski, Assistant
Village Manager/Village Clerk

Sheila McCarthy, Finance
Director

Peggy Linkswiler, Treasurer

Neil Johnston, Public Services
Director

Mark Stec, Planning & Zoning
Administrator

Carissa Brown, Permit Supervisor/
Economic Development Associate

John Girard, Building Official

Matt Young, Code Enforcement
Officer

Holly Townsend, Building/
Rental Inspector

Chandá Simmons, Utility Billing
Clerk

Jay Blenkhorn, Assistant to the
Village Manager

Village Office Notes

Polling Locations

For elections that are held in Southfield Township, which includes Beverly Hills, polling locations are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day at the following locations:

- Precinct 1 Greenfield Elementary School
- Precinct 2 Beverly Elementary School
- Precinct 3 Southfield Township Offices
- Precinct 4 Berkshire Middle School
- Precinct 5 Groves High School
- Precinct 6 Bingham Farms School
- Precinct 7 Franklin Community Church

For questions regarding voting, polling locations, or absentee ballots, please contact the Southfield Township Clerk's Office at 248-540-3420 or visit mvic.sos.state.mi.us

The next elections will be held on August 6 and November 5, 2024.

Board/Commission Applications

The Village of Beverly Hills has 3 Boards and 1 Commission made up of volunteers in the community: the Birmingham Area Cable Board, the Parks & Recreation Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Planning Commission. Boards play an important role in the public input process of local government and provide recommendations to the Village Council.

Meetings are generally held monthly in the Village Council Chambers. Board and Commission members serve staggered 3-year terms beginning July 1. The Village Council will make appointments/reappointments to the Boards at their second meeting in June.

If you are a registered voter in Beverly Hills, have lived here for at least 1 year, and are interested in volunteering, please visit the Village website to download an application. Applications will be due to the Clerk's office on June 10, 2024.

Descriptions of each Board/Commission and meeting dates are available on the Village website: www.villagebeverlyhills.com/government/board_committee/index.php

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Public Safety

Excerpt: 2023 Law Enforcement Fatalities Report Reveals Law Enforcement Deaths Dropped

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund releases 2023 year-end fatalities report depicting firearms fatalities were the leading cause of law enforcement deaths in 2023.

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 11, 2024) -- The number of law enforcement professionals nationwide who died in the line of duty in 2023 decreased 39% compared to the previous year, according to preliminary data provided by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), the leading authority on officer fatalities. As reported in their official 2023 End-of-Year Preliminary Law Enforcement Officers Fatalities Report, the NLEOMF data shows that 136 federal, state, county, municipal, military, tribal, and campus officers have died in the line of duty in 2023, representing a 39% decrease compared to the 224 officers who died in the line of duty in 2022.

“There is no such thing as ‘good news’ when reporting even a single officer being killed in the line-of-duty,” said National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund CEO Bill Alexander. “Yet we are encouraged to see fewer overall officer deaths across all major categories in 2023. Using and reporting on this data allows us to highlight the continuing dangers faced by our law enforcement professionals, particularly the number of officers who are shot and killed each year.”

Firearms-Related Fatalities

Firearms-related fatalities have claimed the lives of 47 officers in 2023, which represents a 25% decrease from the 63 officers killed by gunfire in 2022, yet was the leading cause of death.

Of the 47 firearms fatalities:

- 9 were attempting to make an arrest
- 7 were handling domestic disturbance calls
- 6 were investigating suspicious persons or circumstances
- 5 were ambushed
- 5 were responding to robbery/burglary in-progress calls
- 5 were killed during traffic enforcement
- 2 were killed serving warrants
- 2 were investigating disturbance calls
- 2 were killed during tactical encounters
- 2 were killed in other circumstances
- 1 was a training accident
- 1 off duty officer intervened in a crime in progress

Traffic-Related Fatalities

Traffic-related fatalities decreased 27% with 37 deaths in 2023, compared to 51 deaths in 2022. The 27 fatal crashes in 2023 (automobile/motorcycle) represents a decrease of 25% compared to the 36 fatal crashes in 2022. “Struck-by” fatalities, defined as an officer struck outside of their patrol vehicle, dropped 33% from 15 in 2022 to 10 in 2023.

Of the 37 traffic-related deaths: 23 were automobile crashes, 4 were motorcycle crashes, and 10 were struck-by fatalities

Additional Demographics

There were 126 male officers killed in the line of duty and 10 female officers. The average age of the fallen officers is 45, with an average of 15 years of service. On average, officers left behind two children.

The statistics released in the annual report are based on preliminary data compiled by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and may not represent a final or complete list of individual officers who will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in 2024.

Beverly Hills Public Safety Department

Address:

18600 W. 13 Mile Road
Beverly Hills, MI 48025

Non-emergency number:

248-540-3400

Emergency: 911

Website:

www.beverlyhillspolice.com

Economic Development

Business Spotlight: Brady's Tavern

Cheers to 34 Years and Many More!

By: Carissa Brown, Economic Development Associate

The owner of Brady's Tavern Robert "Bob" Berg probably could write a book about running a restaurant. He has spent the last fifty years working across the country in the restaurant/hospitality industry. Berg joined the Brady's team in 1993 as the Director of Operations and purchased the restaurant in 2001.

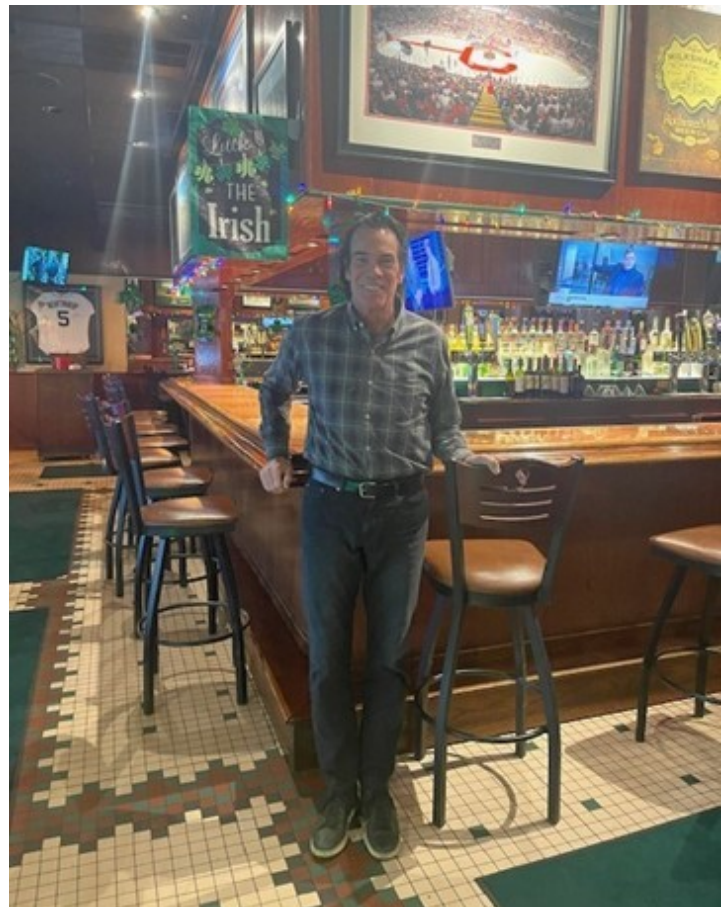
Brady's Tavern, located at 31231 Southfield Road, celebrated their 34th anniversary in February. And if you ask any seasoned resident of the Village of Beverly Hills to describe this local gem, you will probably hear them compare Brady's to the fictional bar featured in the hit television show Cheers. "Our vibe is Cheer-ish. We know our regulars, we are a community restaurant and bar, that's our DNA. I'm glad that we are recognized that way. I wouldn't want it any other way." Berg explained. "Comfort food, comfort beverages, and comfortable settings combined with good service and value. That's what makes us what we are. When people ask me, who are unfamiliar with Brady's, what are you guys all about, I say we are the neighborhood joint- friendly, we aren't perfect, but we try to do a really good job and stay value priced, so you get good bang for your buck, and you get plenty of offerings."

And if you enjoy a wide assortment of food offerings, you will be greatly satisfied with their menu options which range from street tacos to smoked wings to their signature freshly made burgers. When asked for a menu recommendation for a first timer visitor, Berg promptly gave his suggestions. "For entrees? I have to recommend a burger. The burgers are all Certified Angus Beef. They are fresh, never frozen. We are a Certified Angus Beef licensee. Have been since I been here. Ribs, a burger or one of our Mexican dishes like a burrito."

Along with delicious dishes, Brady's Tavern also offers entertainment on the weekends. You can find acoustic performances and small bands playing every Friday night and trivia happening on Saturdays. "That's gotten very popular. We do trivia at 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm. Two games, they last an hour each," said Berg.

If you are looking for a local place to celebrate St. Patrick's Day this month, Brady's has you covered. Brady's will be celebrating St. Patrick's Day for the entire weekend with live entertainment and traditional Irish and Irish-American cuisine such as corned beef and cabbage, shepherd's pie and their popular Reuben eggrolls.

Stop in to see Bob and the rest of the friendly staff at Brady's Tavern for lunch and dinner every Monday through Saturday!



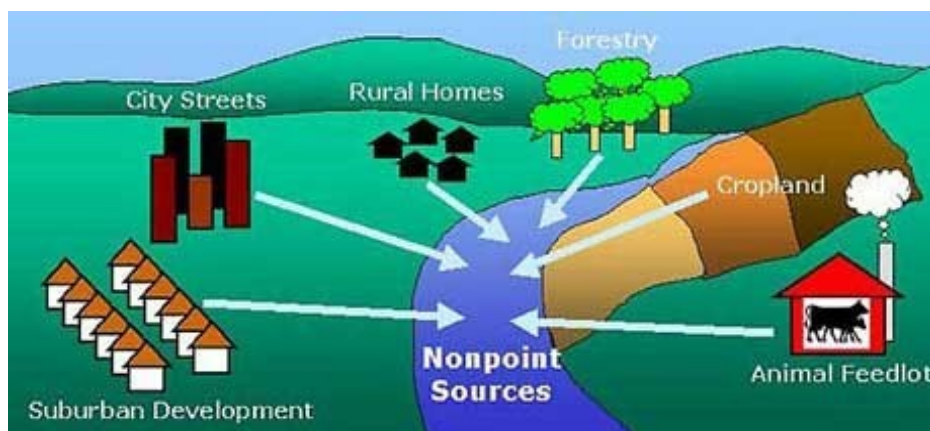
Public Services

Managing Nonpoint Source Pollution from Households

Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution is the leading source for water quality degradation in the United States. Nonpoint source pollution is runoff from urban residences, agricultural fields, impervious surfaces, construction activity, and any other over land flow that enters our waterways while accumulating pollutants. Detrimental outcomes such as eutrophication, sedimentation, and contamination can severely affect aquatic and terrestrial habitat in addition to impact drinking water supplies.

There are several proactive measures a homeowner can take to help reduce the amount of NPS pollutants entering local lakes, streams, and rivers. These preventive measures include:

- Keeping litter, pet waste, and lawn waste out of storm drains.
- Control soil erosion on your property by planting vegetation
- Immediately clean up any oil and grease spills when maintaining your vehicle.
- Apply lawn and garden chemicals sparingly. Alternatives for chemicals and fertilizers include low phosphorous brands.
- Properly dispose of household chemicals, cleaners, paints, and other hazardous chemicals. Do not dump these harmful chemicals down your drain or any storm sewer.



For more information on nonpoint source pollution, please visit the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) website at www.epa.gov or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) website at www.noaa.gov.





Avoid Wasting Water

Save water - and money - by checking for water leaks in your home. A continuous water leak adds up fast!

Kitchen and bathroom faucets are a common source for leaks. While seeming minor, these leaks can add up in bills and cause damage to bathtubs and sinks. Shower hoses can corrode quickly due to constant use, which can also lead to leaks.

Investigate the appliances and fixtures in your home. Check the cabinets under the kitchen, laundry, and bathroom sinks to make sure they are dry. Look for puddles around the bases of tubs, toilets, and showers and beneath your water heater. If you find any puddles, turn off the water supply valve to that appliance or fixture and call a professional plumber.

WASTE PER QUARTER AT 60 PSI WATER PRESSURE

Diameter of stream	Gallons	Cubic Feet
 1/4"	1,181,500	158,000
 3/16"	666,000	89,031
 1/8"	296,000	39,400
 1/16"	74,000	9,850

↑ A continuous leak from a hole this size would, over a three month period, waste water in the amounts shown above.

Around the Community

Baldwin Public Library

March is National Reading Month!

Events of Interest

Visit www.baldwinlib.org/calendar to view our upcoming programs for all ages. Find event descriptions, locations and registration links for each program by clicking on the titles listed on the calendar dates.

Teen Study Night with Therapy Dogs

March 2, 2024, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Is school stressing you out? Maybe petting dogs will help! After the library closes to the public, the library will remain open for students in grades 9-12. Pizza will be provided. No registration required.

Suffragettes at the DIA: The Changing Role of Women in America

March 5, 2024, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Join us as we continue to honor women's voting rights by exploring both works by suffragette artists and art which exemplifies the challenges women faced before the adoption of the 19th amendment. Detroit Institute of Arts docent, Kathleen McBroom, will discuss the roles of women throughout history through the perspective of art and artists. Registration required.

Mario Day Celebration: Grades 1 to 6

March 11, 2024, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Join us for a craft and activities celebrating everyone's favorite mustachioed plumber and his friends. Participants are encouraged to dress up as anyone from the Super Mario series, but are asked to leave their Nintendo Switch at home. Registration required.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

April 6, 2024, 10:30am - 11:30am

Whether you completed 1K Books Before Kindergarten or are still working your way through, we invite you to join us for a celebration with stories, activities and more. Registration required.

Genealogy Series: Mastering Genealogy Online

April 11, 2024, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Join archivist Robbie Terman as you move beyond the research basics. Sources like ancestry.com and Family Search can make your genealogy journey easier - if you know how to use them. This virtual session will help you master common genealogy websites. Registration required.

College Info Series - Teens and parents are welcome. You may attend these sessions in-person or on Zoom. Registration required.

High School Course Selection - How to Stand Out

March 20, 2024, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

As course selection season approaches, it is important to guide students in making informed decisions for the upcoming year. Join Collegewise as we explore the key considerations of course selection and how to ensure your student has a fulfilling academic experience.

Inside Highly Selective College Admissions

April 10, 2024, 7:00pm - 8:00pm

Join Collegewise to get behind-the-scenes advice from a former University of Michigan and Vanderbilt admissions officer on how your teen can get admitted to a highly selective college.

Book Clubs!

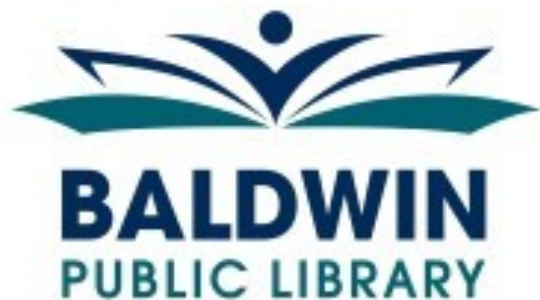
Baldwin offers around a dozen book clubs per month, for all ages and across genres. Visit baldwinlib.org/book-clubs to see upcoming selections and for details on registering to attend.

Computer Classes are available on a variety of topics every month. See baldwinlib.org/computer-classes for the schedule.

Mark your calendars for the **Friends Spring Used Book & Media Sale** – May 3-5, 2023. And mark your calendars for the upcoming 4th Saturday Sale on March 23 from 10am-2pm on the lower level of the Library.

Save the Date – Library Open House and Dedication to celebrate the completion of Phase 3 Construction May 18, 2024; 1-3pm. Follow along to the finish line at baldwinlib.org/renovation

Baldwin Public Library is located at 300 W. Merrill Street in downtown Birmingham, Michigan. Visit us online at baldwinlib.org or call 248-647-1700. The Library will be closed on Sunday, March 31, 2024.



Around the Community

Beverly Hills Lions Club

Membership

The Lions Club is seeking new members! For more information, please call 313-492-8232 or email bhmi.lions.info@gmail.com. The Lions generally meet on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Tavern Restaurant in Troy from September to June.

Over the years the Lions have helped sponsor the Beverly Hills Halloween Hoot and Adopt-a-Road Clean Up along Lahser. They also support a variety of organizations such as Leader Dogs for the Blind, Penrickton Center for Blind Children, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Gigi's Playhouse, and other non-profit organizations that provide outstanding service to those in need.

Please visit the Beverly Hills Lions Club's new website for more information: bhlions.org

Memorial Day Fun Run

Save the date for the Memorial Day Fun Run, hosted by the Lions Club: May 27, 2024 beginning at Beverly Elementary School!

BBCC

Birmingham Bloomfield Community Coalition (BBCC) takes a research driven, youth-led approach to substance abuse prevention, health and wellness. BBCC and its Youth Action Board (YAB) provide 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. Contact the youth program coordinator, Kelly Michaud, at kmichaud@bbcoalition.org for more information!



Next

Join us for Birmingham's
Big Night Out
Thursday April 4, 7:00 pm at
The Daxton to Benefit Next!



Think of bands like Tommy Dorsey, Count Basie or Glen Miller and crooners like Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and Dean Martin. Headlining this year's Big Night Out, Mark Randisi accompanied by the Motor City Brass Orchestra, with special guests starting off the evening, the amazing acapella group, The Unforgettables. The night will be reminiscent of the night-club scene that was popular starting in the 1930-50s with clubs such as the Copacabana, The Chi Chi Room and The Rainbow Room. — add strolling appetizers and desserts, a couple of special surprises, and the warmth of community, and you truly have a night to remember!

Next serves over 2,300 members with a wide variety of opportunities for socialization, enrichment, and life-long learning, as well as health and wellness presentations, fitness classes and creative arts. We also serve several hundred additional non-member residents through our Support Service Department where we provide Meals on Wheels, SMART transportation, offer home and yard maintenance, and provide referrals and information that allow seniors to remain safely in their homes.

Please visit the Next website at www.BirminghamNext.org to see a full calendar of activities and learn more about the services and resources Next provides.

Cable Board

The Birmingham Area Cable Board represents the communities of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms, Birmingham, and Franklin. It works with escalation teams established by the cable companies to resolve cable related issues.

The Board meets the third Wednesday of every other month in the Beverly Hills Village Council Chambers at 7:45 a.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Cable concerns may be submitted via the Cable Board website www.birminghamareacableboard.org or by calling the Executive Director Cathy White at 248-336-9445.



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Community Calendar

March

- 5 - Village Council Meeting
- 6 - Non-residents can begin making pavilion reservations
- 10 - Day Light Saving Time begins
- 11 - ZBA Meeting
- 17 - St. Patrick’s Day
- 19 - Village Council Meeting
- 20 - Cable Board Meeting; Spring begins
- 21 - Parks & Recreation Meeting
- 27 - Planning Commission
- 29 - Good Friday, Village Office Closed
- 31 - Easter

April

- 1 - Yard Waste Collection begins
- 2 - Village Council Meeting
- 8 - ZBA Meeting
- 9 - Southfield Twp Board Meeting
- 16 - Village Council Meeting
- 18 - Parks & Recreation Meeting
- 22 - Earth Day; Passover begins; Curbside chipping this week
- 24 - Planning Commission Meeting
- 26 - Arbor Day

May

- 4 - Park Clean Up
- 7 - Village Council Meeting
- 12 - Mother’s Day
- 13 - ZBA Meeting
- 15 - Cable Board Meeting
- 16 - Parks & Recreation Meeting
- 18 - Armed Forces Day
- 19 - Java & Jazz
- 21 - Village Council Meeting
- 22 - Planning Commission Meeting
- 27 - Memorial Day Parade/ Carnival/Ceremony & Fun Run