

Citywide Trash/Recycling

Due to the high demand for the drop off recycling bins, the City will be contracting with Republic Services for curbside trash and recycling services at all residential properties in the City beginning January 1, 2016.

Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting has been scheduled for October 19 at 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at City Hall.

141 S. Matteson Street

Bronson, MI 49028

Representatives of Republic Services and the City will be present to answer any questions you may have. Complimentary snacks and giveaways for children will be available as well.

How much will it cost?

The monthly cost for service will be \$16.25. This includes weekly curbside trash service (95 gallon container) and bi-weekly curbside recycling services (95 gallon container). This will allow residents to be able to recycle without having to drop off their recyclables. The monthly rate for services will be guaranteed to stay the same for the first year. The second and third year of the contract the monthly rate may only be increased by the actual cost of living index for the Water/Sewer/Trash or WST/CPI but any such increase may not exceed four percent (4%).

The price is competitive or better than most stand-alone garbage services in the City while at the same time adding the convenience of curbside recycling services for residents. We believe this is a win-win for the residents and City.

How will this change affect me?

All residential properties will be automatically enrolled in the new program and the service will be added to the water/sewer bill. If you already have Republic Services for trash service there is nothing you need to do.

If you do not already have Republic Services, you will need to contact your current trash provider to cancel service at the end of December. You will be automatically enrolled in Republic Services at the start of 2016.

Republic Services will be dropping off a 95 gallon container for trash service and a 95 gallon container for recycling prior to January 1st.

What if I already have Republic Services and paid in advance for the entire year?

If you have pre-paid for Republic Services, a refund will be issued to you for any unused portion of your prepayment.

What if I really do not need trash service at my residence or do not want to use Republic Services?

If you absolutely do not need trash service at your residence or you do not want to use Republic Services, you may fill out an opt-out form at City Hall during normal business hours.

What if I go south for the winter and do not need any trash service during the winter months?

If you do not need trash service for the winter months you will be able to suspend service for January through the end of March for the 2015-2016 winter season (as the program does not start until Jan. 1, 2016). After the 2015-2016 season you will be able to annually suspend service from December to the end of March.

What if I do not want recycling services?

Recycling will be optional for residents, however, the cost will be the same if you choose not to recycle.

What if I still have questions about this new service?

You are encouraged to attend the Town Hall meeting on October 19, 2015 at 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at City Hall. Representatives from Republic Services and the City will be present to answer any questions you may have. You can also call City Hall at 517-369-7334 or stop in to City Hall. Republic Services will also be sending information to every residency about the new service including pickup schedules, where to place your containers, bulk item pickup options, and acceptable recycling items.

New City Manager



Brandon Mersman was appointed to be the new City Manager in July and began work for the City in September. Brandon is originally from Holland where he attended Hope College. Brandon received his master's in public administration from Grand Valley State University in public management and urban and regional policy and planning. He was an assistant to the Township Manager for Brighton Township for the past two years and before that served as a management intern at the Village of Spring Lake and the City of Holland. Please welcome him to the City!



Fall Clean-Up Brush Collection

Brush pick-up will continue every Monday. Leaves and clippings must be bagged or boxed or they will not be picked up. Bags or boxes should not exceed 50 pounds. If you have a large amount of brush, we still have an adopt a truck program. A truck can be reserved by coming into the office and signing one out. Trucks are dropped off to you generally between 3 and 3:30 p.m. and then picked up the following morning. Trucks can also be reserved for the week end and are dropped off Friday afternoon and picked back up on Monday morning.

*When the leaf machine starts for the season (around the beginning of October) **PLEASE** place the piles between the sidewalk and curb and **DO NOT** rake them into the street as this clogs the storm drains.*

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Upcoming Events in Bronson

Bronson Homecoming Cookout

When: Oct 9th Serving from 4:30 to 7:00



Where: Bronson Jr/Sr High School Football practice field, if it rains we will move into the High School Cafeteria

What: Hot Dogs, Polish Sausage, Sauerkraut, Corn & Potato Salad, Sloppy Joes, Chips, Cookies and Drinks

Who: Everyone Welcome

Cost: Free of Charge, However Donations will be accepted

Come and support our team! Fireworks at the game.

Sponsored by: the Bronson Athletic Boosters

S.P.O.O.K.S. is looking for volunteers and donations. There will be cans set up at the City Office, Barone Hardware & Auto and Wolff's Den. Please help so this worthwhile event can continue!!

Mark it on the calendar...

American Legion:

1st Thursday of the month at 7pm

Bronson Athletic Boosters:

1st Sunday of odd months in BHS Library at 6pm

Chamber of Commerce:

4th Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bronson Library

Friends of the Library:

3rd Tuesday at 5pm in the library basement

Kiwanis Club:

6pm on Thursdays at Smitty's Pizza

Knights of Columbus:

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Hall

Mystic Mason Lodge 141:

1st Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm at the Masonic Temple

Mystic Order of Eastern Star:

1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Masonic Temple

Polish Festival Council:

3rd Monday of the month at City Hall at 7pm

Rotary Club:

Wednesdays at 11:45 at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

Branch County Longbeards:

3rd Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus

The City Office will be closed the following days for the Holiday Season:

November 26 & 27 – Thanksgiving

December 24 & 25 – Christmas

December 31 & January 1 – New Years

Halloween Schedule



Trick or Treating will be on Saturday, October 31st, between the hours of 5:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m. The Halloween parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. on October 31st at PNC Bank parking lot. Children are encouraged to be in the parade. The parade will move East on Chicago Street and proceed to Chicago Street School where S.P.O.O.K.S. will begin. S.P.O.O.K.S. provides a safe alternative to door to door trick or treating for our area children. A big thanks to Patti and Gig Wagner and all of Patti's helpers, Rotary Club, Kiwanis Club and the Barones of Barone Hardware and Auto for storing all the props in their store. Bring your kids for lots of fun!!



Business Spotlight

Matteson Street Grill and Bar
130 N. Matteson Street. 517-858-1202

Now serving breakfast from 6:00 am to 11:00 am every day of the week. Great food at great prices!

Check out the Matteson Street Grill & Bar's Facebook page for a full breakfast menu.



Want to have your business featured here in future issues? Call the City Office at 517-369-7334

City Receives Tree Planting Grant

The City received a \$2,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Community Forestry Grant Program. The grant allowed the City to purchase and plant 16 Crimson King Maple trees. The trees are being planted at three of the City parks. A huge thank you to Rodney and Kathy Szafranski and Sandy Hollister for providing matching funds for the grant program with Backyard Creations providing in-kind services to get the trees planted. Thank you to our generous donors for making this possible!



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 2th at 2:00 a.m. don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour!



"What does the law say about.....?"

Dogs and Animals:

Being a responsible pet owner is crucial to the health, wellbeing, and safety of not just the animal, but of your community as well.

Chapter 90 of the Bronson Code of Ordinances specifically deals with animal regulations. While the ordinance requires the adequate care and treatment of ALL animals, it prohibits residents from keeping and housing farm, vicious, or wild animals within the city limit.

A portion of the ordinance specifically relates to dogs. Any dog over the age of six months (state law is four months) is required to be licensed annually by the County of Branch.

This is the fee schedule for Branch County Dog Licenses:

Before March 1st:

\$20 - Male or female dog

\$10 - Neutered dog (\$8 for senior citizens)

After March 1st:

\$40 per dog

Licenses can be purchased at the Branch County Treasurer's Office year-round. The animal must also wear a collar with the license tag affixed.

The most frequent inquiries the police dept. receives relating to dogs is barking and/or running at large. Except for a female dog in heat, there is no specific provision for use of a leash. All dogs, however, must be under the direct and reasonable control of some person, either by verbal command or physical restraint. Dogs are not permitted to wander onto the property of others without permission. All animal owners are also responsible to keep their animals from making "loud, frequent, or habitual barking, crying, yelping, or howling." There is no language in the ordinance differentiating the time of day. Additionally, state law requires all animal bites, including bites to other animals, be reported to police.

It is paramount that dog owners take necessary action to contain their animals at all times. Dogs running loose may be very unpredictable and become uncharacteristically aggressive when exposed to unfamiliar situations. This not only puts the public at an unreasonable risk, but considering traffic and other territorial animals, may put your dog's life in immediate jeopardy.

Each year our police officers respond to hundreds of animal related incidents. Violations of the noise portion of the ordinance are municipal civil infractions. The fines and costs vary, with steep increases for repeat offenders. All other violations, however, are misdemeanors, which upon citation will require a court appearance. The offenses carry a fine of up to \$100. After considering court costs, the total for a violation could be as much as \$225.

While having a furry friend is fulfilling and rewarding, it requires much responsibility and dedication. This is far too often overlooked. We must all do our part to be responsible pet owners. We owe that to not only our cherished pets, but to our fellow citizens. Being considerate of our neighbors makes us a stronger community.

A complete version of the animal regulation ordinance is available online at www.bronson-mi.com

Bronson Branch Library
Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday Tales (preschool Storytime) every Friday 11:00-11:30

Family Movie Night October 23, November 20 & December 18 6:00 pm. Free movie, free popcorn and water. Call 517-369-3785 for movie titles.

Date Night at the Movies: October 24, November 21 & December 19 6:00 pm Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Free movie, free popcorn and water. Call 517-369-3785 for movie titles.

Get Crafty: Adult craft time. October 6, 29 November 3, 19 December 1 6:00-8:00 space is limited so registration is required. Cost is usually \$5.00 per person to be paid when you register. These workshops are for ages 14 and older.

Book Discussion: October 1, November 12, December 10 starting time 6:00 contact library for book title.

October 18-24 Teen Read Week "Get Away @ Your Library" & National Friends of Libraries Week

November 21 International Games Day. Stop by the library to join the fun 10:00-11:30.

Bronson Branch Library will be closed November 26 & 27 December 24, 25 & 31

Friends of the Bronson Library Make A Difference Day October 24 9:00-12:00. This fund raising event is held at Bronson Family Dollar and money raised goes back to the library to help purchase children's books. Bake sale, book sale, plants and garage sale items.

First Congregational Church
Upcoming Events

Soup & More Dinner Saturday
October 24th from 4:00-7:00 pm

* A fundraiser in conjunction with the Thespians to purchase new headsets and receivers

Annual Fall Bazaar November 14
from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

*Crafts *Christmas Decorations* Nearly New Shop* Quilt Drawing*
Lunch will be available