

Bronson Banter

141 S. Matteson Street
Bronson, MI 49028

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Community Garden

The community garden applications are available at the City Office and Bronson Food Pantry. Anyone is eligible to have a garden plot. If you had a plot last year you don't need to fill out an application just call Gary at 369-9711. (Applications and information are available in Spanish) Here are a few fun facts about the community garden plots:

1. Garden Plots are about 22' x 25'
2. Garden Plots are free
3. You can have more than 1 or even ½ of a plot
4. You can also grow flowers, not just vegetables
5. Board members or other gardeners are available for advice
6. Hoses & water are easily accessible
7. It's a good way to meet other members of the Community
8. Everyone helps each other
9. You can give extra vegetables to your neighbors or the food bank
10. 48 plots available



Spring Clean Up Brush Pick Up

Brush pick up will continue to be on every Monday. Leaves and clippings must be bagged or boxed or they will not be picked up. Bags and boxes are not to exceed 50 pounds. If you have large amounts of brush we still have an adopt a truck program. A truck can be reserved by coming in 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.

Summer Garden Contest

Get your green thumbs ready, the first annual Bronson Garden Contest is coming! Sign-ups will be available soon with the full rules and details for entering the contest. The simple rule is this: plant flowers, trim your shrubs, and do anything else to improve the curbside view of your home's landscaping and plantings. Judging will take place from the sidewalk or street in front of your home so be sure to focus your effort on what the judges will see from that viewpoint. Also, check out the sales and specials being offered by Bronson businesses for those who register. Judging will take place in early July and winners will be announced in time for Polish Festival.



Did we mention prizes?

First prize will receive a \$100 water bill credit with second and third prize receiving a \$50 and \$25 credit respectively.

In late April sign-up forms will be available at Miller Do-It Center, Bronson Floral Company, Ye Olde Book Shoppe and at other Bronson businesses.

2011 Bronson Area Trade Show

April 16th

6 to 8 pm

Chicago Street School



Promoting area businesses and non-profit organizations

Public Invited - Something for Everyone

Free Admission - Door Prizes

Vendors & Exhibitors Needed

To reserve your space or for any questions call Janet Cox 369-5590

Sponsored by Bronson Chamber of Commerce

American Legion:

Meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Legion

Bronson Athletic

Boosters:

Meet the first Sunday of the month of odd months in the High School Library at 6:00 p.m.

Bronson Housing

Commission Board:

Meet the first Monday of the month at 6:00 p.m. at the Bronson Housing Commission. For information contact Sherry Losinski at 369-6265

Chamber of Commerce:

Meets 1st Tuesday @ 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Congregational Church

FFA Alumni:

Meet as needed. Contact Karen Smith at 369-9124

Friends of the Library:

Meets the 3rd Tuesday @ 5 p.m. in the basement

Kiwanis Club:

Meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursdays at the Greenwald Park Building

Knights of Columbus:

Meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall

Mystic Mason Lodge

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Meet the first Tuesday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at the lodge

Mystic Order of Eastern

Star:

Meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. @ the lodge

Polish Festival Council:

Meet the 3rd Monday of the month at City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Rotary Club:

Meet Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. at the First Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

Bronson Polish Festival 2011

July 21 - 24



The theme for this year's festival was selected as "Freedom, Family, and Tradition". This theme reflects appreciation for those serving in the military, for those who have returned to their families, and for the generations of continued service to the country.

The Festival Council also selected Grand and Honorary Grand Marshals for the parade. Grand Marshals will be the Bronson Friends of the Library Committee. Through their diligent work, the Bronson Carnegie Library is now ADA accessible. Honorary Grand Marshals will be retired Police Chief Richard Stout and retired Police Officer Al Meccia who have a combined service of over 50 years to the Community.

The Council will again host a "Big Money" raffle. First prize will be \$2,000, second prize \$1,000, third prize \$500, fourth prize \$250, fifth prize \$125. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each.

The Polish Festival Council meets at 7:00 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at the Bronson City Office. Volunteers are always needed as planning continues for the 42nd Annual Bronson Polish Festival. Please contact Council President Charles Bell at 369-9726 or at cbell@cbpu.com.

Police Chief Richard Stout Retires



After 30 years of service to the Bronson Police Department, Richard Stout retired in early January. Stout spent 10 years as a patrol officer and then 20 years as Chief of Police for the City of Bronson. To thank him for his long service, his retired badge and other items representing his service were framed and a plaque was given to him by City Manager Mark Heydlauff on behalf of the City Council and the Bronson community. Richard Stout's service is an example of dedication to the community. Thank you

Did you know?

If you spend \$100 locally, \$62 stays right in the community.

If you spend \$100 in a national chain, only \$42 stays in your community.

If you spend \$100 online, \$0 is returned to your community.

Out shopping? Think Bronson first.



If you have something you want listed on the Google Calendar of the City's website call the office at 369-7334 and we will get it on there for you!

New Library Hours

Closed on Mondays

Tuesday – Thursday 10 to 6

Fridays 10 to 4

Saturdays 9 to 12



CAUTION

Be on the lookout in your mail for a notice for "water service line coverage". This is not something that is sponsored by the City of Bronson! Use caution when responding.



City Wide Garage Sales

May 21, 2011

Call 369-7334 to register your sale!

Check out the City's new website!



www.bronson-michigan.com

Farmers Market begins Saturday, May 7, 2011. Spaces are available on a first come first serve basis starting at 8 a.m.!



City Council meeting minutes now available online at:
www.bronson-michigan.com



The Bronson Planning Commission will now be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. instead of the last Tuesday of the month.

Bronson City Council:

Tom Rissman
Mayor
369-1687

Dave Post
Vice-Mayor
369-9613

James Schafer
Councilman
369-6025

Janet Cox
Councilwoman
369-5590

Jim Kenny
Councilman
369-3069

City Council:

Meets the 2nd Monday of the month at
5:00 p.m. at City Hall.

Business Spotlight

*Want to have
your business
featured here call
the City Office!*

We have a NEW business in town! Rid of Stuff, LLC, is an online auction company at 420 W. Chicago Street. They specialize in the valuation and the subsequent conversion of assets into cash through online auctions bringing a refreshing new concept to the industry. Our clientele consists of buyers and sellers from all 50 states. Currently they have over 110,000 registered buyers viewing items on a weekly basis.

Some of their services include: asset recovery, devalued inventory reduction, business liquidation, private party consignments, bankruptcy, court ordered repossessions, estate auctions. Selling trucks, cars, boats, trailers, office supplies, toys, tools, farm equipment, furniture, appliances, antiques, collectables, jewelry, sporting goods, electronics, clothing and much more.....

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