

# Bronson Banter

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## Water/Sewer Disconnection Policy Change

Effective April 1, 2011, the water/sewer shut-off policy will change:

If your utilities are disconnected due to non-payment or under-payment, you will need to pay the amount due by 3:00pm at the City Office to have your water reconnected on that day. Payments made after 3:00pm will be reconnected first thing the next business day.

Remember, if you want to make a payment after office hours, you can use the drop box located on the east side of the City Office. If you have questions about your bill, call 369-7221.

## Summer Garden Contest Coming

Do you have a green thumb? Do you like to recreate the Hanging Gardens of Babylon in your front yard? Are you interested in helping make Bronson blossom this summer?

If you said yes to any of these questions, get ready for this summer's garden contest.

More details and prize information will follow.

Think spring!



## Merit Network

In December, the Bronson City Council approved Merit Network's application to string fiber optic cable through Bronson. Fiber optic cables provide high-speed internet capabilities and the ability to carry large amounts of data. Running the cable through Bronson will allow Merit to continue their expansion of the service along US 12 in southern Michigan.

While Merit focuses their service on non-profits like schools, libraries, and local governments, they are partnering with other companies who might be interested in serving businesses and residents with fiber service. If you would be interested in the potential of connecting to a fiber network, let Merit know. The companies they are working with are looking to see which areas are interested in this service in order to plan expansions.

If you have any interest, sign up on Merit's website, [www.merit.edu/meritformichigan/broadbandform/](http://www.merit.edu/meritformichigan/broadbandform/). Signing up does not commit you to anything but it does let Merit and their providers know Bronson residents and businesses are interested in this potential.

If you have other questions, check out Merit Networks on the web at [www.merit.edu/meritformichigan](http://www.merit.edu/meritformichigan) or call Mark Heydlauff at the City Office, 369-7334.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Hall

**Mystic Mason Lodge 141:**  
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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

The **Bronson Polish Festival Council** needs **YOUR HELP!!!** They desperately need **PEOPLE** to serve on the Council and help with the **2011 FESTIVAL.**

Please volunteer or they will not be able to have a Festival this year! If you are interested or have any questions please call **Doris Kehoe at 369-9742.**



**911**

Branch County  
EMERGENCY  
MANAGEMENT

**CODE RED**

**Keeping citizens informed**

**USES:** The Code RED system will be used to send critical communications, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts.

**CALLER ID:** When you see 866-419-5000 displayed, you will know the call is from us. If you would like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

**PRIVACY:** Your contact information remains private and will only be used for community notifications.

**JOIN OUR DATABASE:** To make sure you receive notifications, please register at [www.countyofbranch.com](http://www.countyofbranch.com). Select the Department Tab and select 911/Central Dispatch, and then follow the Code Red Icon. If you do not have access to the internet please pick up an "application form" at the City Office and send the information to Branch County 911.

**CODE RED**  
**WEATHER WARNING**

**The Call before**  
**the storm**

**STAY SAFE:** We have purchased Code RED Weather Warning TM to alert citizens in the path of severe weather.

**ALERT TYPES:** Moments after a severe thunderstorm, flash flood or tornado warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, telephone messages will be sent to affected citizens.

**CALLER ID:** You'll know the call is from Code RED Weather Warning when you see 800-566-9780. If you'd like to hear the last message delivered to your phone, simply dial the number back.

**PRIVACY:** Your contact information remains private. It will only be used for severe weather alerts, and in areas that have Code RED for community notification, you will also receive messages delivered through that system.

**OPT -IN TO GET THE CALL:** Sign up to receive alerts for any combination of severe weather warnings at [www.countyofbranch.com](http://www.countyofbranch.com). Select the Department Tab and select 911/Central Dispatch, and then follow the Code RED Icon. If you do not have access to the internet please pick up an "application form" at the City Office and send the information to Branch County 911.

# What should I do if I have a sewer problem?

1. If a homeowner believes their sewer is not working properly, the homeowner should contact the City of Bronson. During business hours 8-5 Monday through Friday, call the **City Office (369-7334)**; if it is after hours, call **911**.
2. In either case, City of Bronson will jet City's main line. City of Bronson will also assist the homeowner by jetting homeowner's line at cleanout if possible and accessible. If this does not resolve problem, homeowner should contact a plumber to check homeowner's line.

Rehearsals are underway for the upcoming **Spring Bronson High School musical production of "Godspell"**. The musical is loosely based on the Gospels and parables of Jesus and is one of the most popular musicals of all-time. The playful and poignant score by Stephen Schwartz (best known for writing "Wicked") includes such songs as "God Save the People," "All Good Gifts" and the international hit "Day by Day". The original Off-Broadway production was so successful the production moved to Broadway and ended after over 2,600 performances. The musical is scheduled to be revived on Broadway this Summer.

The cast is composed of Kaysie Burnside, Emily DeBoard, America DePaz, Dan Erwin, Sam Erwin, Francisco Cabrera, Jonah Houtz, Sarah McMeen, Breanna Rees, Alison Rifenburg and Cheyanne Wilson. Tim Erwin portrays Jesus. The production is directed by Trinity Bird with musical direction by Sheila McCrea. Becky Cranson is producer. The production will be accompanied by a four-piece rock band consisting of local students.

Performances are at 7 p.m. on March 18, 19, 25

Congratulations Chuck Buckley. He has been with the City of Bronson at the Waste Water Treatment Plant for 31 years.



**Who:** Bronson Chamber of Commerce

**What:** Honoring Bronson Fire Department

**When:** January 23, 2011

**Where:** Chicago Street School

**Time:** 1:00 p.m

Misc. Potluck with donations to Fire Department, the Chamber provides table service.

**Questions call Garth – 369-5455**

## Meet Mark Heydlauff, Bronson's new City Manager.

A Sturgis native, Mark Heydlauff is eager to become a part of the Bronson community. He holds a bachelors degree in Political Science from Taylor University in Upland, Indiana and a Master of Public Administration from Western Michigan University. He looks forward to introducing himself to the Bronson community, give him a call or stop by the city office!



Don't forget to clean the snow away from the fire hydrants!



Remember to change the battery in your smoke detector!



**Bronson City Council:**

Tom Rissman  
Mayor  
369-1687

Dave Post  
Vice-Mayor  
369-9613

Colleen Weage  
Councilwoman  
517-858-1051

Janet Cox  
Councilwoman  
369-5590

Jim Kenny  
Councilman  
369-3069

**City Council:**

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

# Good News!

*We have two new businesses in town! Stop in and check them out.*

- 1. Flashback Café at 625 E. Chicago Street – Great Food & Atmosphere*
- 2. Coconut Bay at 119 N. Matteson Street – Tanning with Movies and Retail Coming Soon*

*There is now a sidewalk that runs from McDonalds to the Strike Zone on the East Side of town to keep our residents safe.*

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