

# Bronson Banter

## Summer 2018

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### *Summer 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.

### **Returning in August... Monday Music at Memorial Park**

Mark the following dates on your calendar:

**August 6 – Church Group**

**August 13 – Jim Stout Band**

**August 20 – County Line Band**

**August 27 – Delbert Walling/Haley Smith**

**Bring your family and friends for a fun night and support local organizations who may sell food and beverages. The music will start at 7 p.m. In case of rain, the concerts will be at the Bronson Theater.**

All Recreational Burning must be approved. A Recreational Fire Permit Application can be obtained through the Police Department. The officer will inspect your fire pit / container and make sure the distance conditions are met. There is a \$15 charge once inspected. Permits must be renewed annually along with a \$5 renewal fee.

### **Bronson Polish Festival July 19-21, 2018**

#### **Thursday**

11-9 p.m. – Polish Food Knights of Columbus

6:30 p.m. – Kickoff/Opening Ceremonies

At dark – Fireworks

#### **Friday**

6-11 a.m.- Pancake & Sausage Breakfast @ Fire Station

10-noon – Kids Day @ Douglas Park

1 p.m. – Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls - Library

4-? p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational Church of Bronson Dinner

6-9 p.m. – Music by Dani & Garrett Jamerson @ Memorial Park

6 p.m. – Movie @ the Library – Peter Rabbit

7 p.m. – Talent Show (Bronson Theater)

9 p.m. – Beer Tent & Entertainment @ Matteson Street Grill & Bar

#### **Saturday**

6-11 a.m. – Pancake & Sausage Breakfast @ Fire Station

7-7:45 a.m. – Registration 5K Race & 5K Walk

8 a.m. – 5K Race & 5 K Walk – High School

8-1 p.m. - Annual Polish Festival Car Show

8 a.m. – Co-Ed Softball Tournament – Kiwanis Park

9 a.m. – Sand Volleyball Tournament

9 a.m. – Men's Softball Tournament

9 a.m. – Inflatables, Dunk Tank, Color Wheels, Games

10-noon – Meet & Greet – Dark Knight of MI (Batman) @ Library

11-3 p.m. – K of C Ox Roast

1 p.m. – Festival Parade

2-10 p.m. – Bingo Basement of American Legion

2:00 p.m. – Polish Scotch Doubles Bowling

Tournament – Bronson Strike Zone

3:00 p.m. – Cornhole Tournament – next to Matteson Street Grill & Bar

4:00 p.m. – St. Mary's Church Mass

6:00 p.m. – Athletic Boosters Truck Pulls

6-10 p.m. – Polka Band & Dance, Big Money Raffle, Polka in Her Shoes

#### **Sunday**

10:00 a.m. – Men's Softball Tournament

## **Bronson Area Fire Association Receives Grant**

The Bronson Fire Department (BFD) has been awarded an \$1,800 regional training grant from the Michigan Firefighters Training Council (MFFTC). This is the second training BFD has secured this year which will be paid for entirely by grant funding. In April of this year, BFD hosted a Basic Strategies for Farm Emergencies class at the ProMedica Coldwater Regional Hospital conference room. That class was funded by a Consultation Education and Training (CET) grant awarded by the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) and was open to emergency response agencies throughout the region.

The MFFTC grant funds will be used for two emotional health and wellness classes where significant others will accompany first responders to the session. All law enforcement, emergency medical services (EMS) providers, and 911 dispatchers in the county will be invited and any firefighter in the state is welcome to attend. Dealing with stressful calls for service can impact a responder's family life as well as their emotional health. This class helps responders learn to properly process stressful incidents and gives options to their significant others on how to support their loved ones.

BFD administrators have taken a proactive approach in seeking grant funding to help increase the quality of services provided to the community and the health and safety of BFD personnel.

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# **CURRENT RESIDENT**

## **Beautify Bronson Campaign: A Note from Chief Steve Johnson**

As an officer of your community for many years, I patrol the streets every day and I have noticed that we have many properties that are maintained to very high standards and those that are not. This may be for many reasons; monetary, ability, may not have the proper tools, or those that just don't know how.

We have noticed that many property owners may need some help in keeping their properties looking nice. In most cases, just some tree trimming, cutting of the bush hedges, general weed, and yard debris eradication is all that is needed to make a property look much nicer. Property owners may also need help moving outside storage into a garage or storage shed or to the curb for trash collection.

Keeping properties looking nice assists in keeping property values up for neighboring property owners as well as attracting new families into the community.

This day and age, many of us have shied away from getting to know our neighbors, not just their name, but actually knowing their story. I believe as a community we need to get back to knowing our neighbors as this also helps to fight crime in our neighborhoods. Lower crime and nice curb appeal for homes equals higher property values for all. This is a "win" for all involved.

Most of our residents are able bodied adults with some form of skill or another. I challenge all of our residents to assist a neighbor in helping them keep up the look of their property. You may be able to help them in one way and in return they might be able to help you in another. If their property looks nice, yours will too. Helping your neighbor is a way of taking stock in your community in which you live, helping to improve the area for all to enjoy.

The City of Bronson also has a program called "Adopt a Truck" which assists residents in hauling away of brush, limbs, or other natural materials (see page one of this newsletter for more info on this program).

So get out there and help a neighbor, let's clean up our properties and make this city a great place for our Families, Friends, and Neighbors!



## **Interest Free Loan Program**

No interest loans are available for home improvements / repairs or downtown exterior repairs. Stop in the City Office to see if it is something that would work for your next big project.

## **New and Improved Downtown Amenities:**

The City recently installed Downtown bike racks, benches, and new trash cans. The bike racks are located in front of Smitty's and Papa Mike's for your Downtown shopping and dining needs.

### **Bronson Community Theatre Improvements:**

A special thank you goes out to Bronson's Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts and their leaders Sherri Reese, Leah Freidel and Kristen Lehman for giving the inside of the theatre auditorium a fresh coat of paint on the walls and floor. They have spent many hours cleaning and painting over the course of a few weeks. New sound folds were also recently installed. We would like to give a special Thank you to Bronson Rotary, Bronson Chamber of Commerce, and Swift-Skidmore, Bob & Kim Swift for the donations which made these new sound folds possible. The auditorium looks wonderful with the fresh paint and new sound folds!



### **City to Receive Tree Planting Grant:**

In May, the City was able to plant (20) twenty trees throughout Greenwald Park and the Bronson Cemetery. The trees were purchased through an Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Michigan DNR. We would like to give a big thank you to Backyard Kreations for assisting us with the planting of these trees by donating the equipment and labor to dig the holes. Thank you Backyard for all of your assistance! We hope these trees will provide shade at these locations for many years to come.



### **Summer Picnic Reminders:**

Outdoor grills are available at Greenwald and Kiwanis Park! There are two charcoal grills at Greenwald Park and one at Kiwanis Park next to the picnic pavilions. They are free for anyone to use, just bring your own charcoal! If you would like to reserve a pavilion for a party call the City offices at 517-369-7334. There is no charge to reserve the pavilions.