

Bronson Banter

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Monday Music at the Farmers Market Pavilion will be returning in August

Monday, August 5

- Food Truck: Party on the Patio
- Band: Pomegranate Whiskey

Monday, August 12

- Food Truck: Brewhouse BBQ
- Band: County Line Band

Monday, August 19

- Food Truck: Mammazoni's Italian Beef
- Band: Delbert Walling Group

Monday, August 26

- Food: Hot Dogs and Drinks
- Band: Gospel Band

Music from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Food from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.

The Bronson Police Department has moved!!

In February 2024, the Bronson Police Department moved into a much larger office. The police department is now located at 120 W. Chicago St. (Formerly the old PNC bank building). You can contact us by the same phone number 517-369-9083 as before. We hope to have an open house in May to show the public how we are using the space as we are still working on some renovations. Hope to see you in May!

News from the Bronson Police Department:

Bronson City Ordinance 210: Front Yard Parking

The Bronson Police Department wants to remind residents that parking motor vehicles in your front yard is against the current Bronson City Parking Ordinance 210. The only exemptions are if the area where the car is parked is an improved surface. Ordinance states: "An improved surface shall consist of a parking strip, parking bay, driveway or garage, or any combination thereof, and shall be located on the premises they are intended to serve." (Ordinance 210, Section (F)(1)(D)).

Parking on the grass in your front yard is not acceptable by the ordinance. If parking in the front yard is unavoidable then the area where the motor vehicle is parked would need to be improved. Example materials to improve the parking area would be stabilized gravel, concrete, crushed concrete, asphalt, asphalt millings, etc.

The prohibition of front yard parking took effect a few years ago. Only recently has it become a larger problem where it needs to be addressed.

So please refrain from parking in your front yard unless you have an area that meets the requirements of the ordinance.

Business Spotlight

Madsen Steel Wire Products Expands in Bronson Michigan

Madsen Steel Wire Products (<https://www.madsenwire.com/capabilities/powder-coating/>) acquired a Bronson City factory that had been vacant since 2008. Comprising 100,000 square feet, the factory is located at 213 Industrial Avenue Bronson MI, on the north side of the city. On April 28, 2023, Madsen purchased the building that had fallen into severe disrepair. Bronson City and the state of Michigan were very helpful in encouraging Madsen to build in Bronson, since many new jobs are projected by Madsen as well as indirect jobs needed to support the operation.

Excited about the Future

In the first four months of ownership, Madsen has invested almost \$3,000,000 in revitalizing the building with a new roof, sprinklers, skylights, lights, offices, bathrooms, break rooms and conference rooms as well as a new powder coating line <https://www.youtube.com/@madsenwireproducts8694/>.

Madsen makes wire and sheet metal parts for refrigerator shelves, automotive partitions and store fixtures, point of purchase displays and fan guards. Madsen will be powder coating all its own products and has been painting for clients throughout the nation. This is just the start of Madsen leaning into the new facility and hiring talent from Bronson.

Madsen is looking to grow by hiring local citizens for some key roles

(<https://www.madsenwire.com/about-us/careers/>). Here is a list of current positions that are open:

- Salesperson to sell Powder Coating
- Powder Coating Line Operator

If you know anyone interested in these roles – please have them reach out to Gabrielle Silgalis GSilgalis@marlinwire.com

Madsen is also looking to rent out the adjacent office building located at 211 Industrial Avenue, Bronson MI, comprising 5,000 square feet of office space.

Recreational Fire Permits

All recreational burning must be approved. A recreational fire permit application can be obtained through the Police Department or at the City Office. The officer will inspect your fire pit / container and make sure the distance conditions are met. There is a \$15 charge once inspected and an annual \$5 renewal fee each year after.

First Congregational Church

Sunday Breakfasts 8 till 10 a.m.
May 5, June 2, July 7, August 4

They will also have lunch available during
City Wide Sales on May 17th & 18th!
Polish Festival Turkey Dinner July 19th
Friendship Sunday Event August 4th

Golf Carts on Public Streets

The Bronson City Council approved golf carts on public streets on November 13, 2023. There are several safety requirements that must be met to be approved. A copy of the ordinance and the requirements are available at the City Office. The golf cart must be registered through the Police Department. The cost is \$20 per driver of the registered golf cart.

Spring / Summer Clean-Up Brush Collection

Brush pick-up will continue every Monday. Leaves and clippings must be bagged in a paper bag 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 city office and signing one out. Trucks are dropped off to you generally between 3 or 3:30 p.m. and then picked up the following morning. Trucks can also be reserved for the weekend and are dropped off Friday afternoon and are picked up on Monday morning.

Help us keep our streets and storm drains clean. Please do not blow grass clippings or debris into the streets.

Please do not put brush or yard waste in your Republic Waste Containers!

The Bronson Theater has the marquee available for rent @ \$50.00 for 3 days and \$100.00 for a week.

Call the City Office at 369-7334 to check availability.

Pet Reminders...

As you enjoy a walk with your pet, please remember to clean-up what they leave behind. Bagged dog waste can be tossed in any public trash around town.

Have a missing dog? Call the Bronson Police Department to see if your friend may have been found or spotted. 369-9083

Like the City of Bronson on Facebook and keep up to date on the latest happenings or visit us at www.bronson-mi.com

Bronson Branch Library Hours: Monday – Friday 10:00-6:00 Saturday 9:00-12:00

Toddler Storytime – Baby-3yrs. – Thursdays @ 10:15 a.m.

Friday Tales – Ages 3-5 – Weekly on Fridays @ 10:15 a.m.

Homeschool Escapades – school age kids – Wednesdays @ 2 p.m.

Coffee House – ages 11-17 – Mondays @ 4 p.m.

Ages 6-11 – Wednesdays @ 4 p.m.

Different topics and fun every week!!

D.E.A.R. Sit and Read – April 12 @ 5:30 p.m.

Family Night – Build a Birdhouse – April 19 @ 6 p.m.

Plant a Flower – May 11 @ 10:30 a.m.

Family Movie Night – May 17 @ 6 p.m.

Quilt Square Picture – 18 and up - April 18 @ 4:30 p.m.

Essential Oil Body Wash – 18 and up – May 16 @ 4:40 p.m.

Any questions call 517-369-3785

Share your vision for the future of Bronson!

The City of Bronson is currently in the process of updating its Community Master Plan, a critical roadmap guiding the City's future growth and development. To ensure this plan aligns with the needs and aspirations of the community, the City is inviting residents, stakeholders, and all interested parties to a

**Master Plan Town Hall Event on Friday, May 17,
from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at City Hall.**

The City's Master Plan serves as the cornerstone for future development, infrastructure enhancements, and community improvement initiatives. The input and perspectives of Bronson's diverse population are crucial to crafting a plan that reflects the desires and needs of our residents.

To stay up to date on the Master Plan update, we invite you to email Patrick Bird at p.bird@bronson-mi.com or visit <http://www.bronson-mi.com>. We will be updating the website regularly as we progress in the master planning process.

Together, let's create a future for Bronson that reflects the desires and needs of every member of our community!

Farmer's Market:
Starts June 1st
and continues every Saturday
from 8:00 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Bronson Chamber of Commerce
Business EXPO 2024**

April 20, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Gym
204 Albers Road, Bronson

Come meet your Bronson Chamber of
Commerce Member Businesses

Free to the Public Event

**30th Annual Bronson
City-Wide Garage Sales
May 18, 2024**

Register your sale and be placed on
the map by calling 369-7334.

We will be allowing people to have a
Trunk Sale at the Farmers Market
Pavilion on Saturday only. First-
come, first-served to use the tables
or secure spots in the parking lot.

We will kick-off with a Food Truck
Rally and music on Friday night
(May 17) at the Farmers Market
Pavilion 4 - 8 p.m.

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