

# Bronson Banter

## Spring 2017

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### Memorial Park Improvements:

The City of Bronson would like to thank the many generous donors who supported the crowdfunding campaign for Memorial Park. The campaign raised more than \$21,000 from the community. Because the campaign met its fundraising goal of \$12,500, the City received a \$12,500 matching grant from the MEDC/MSHDA. The City also received a \$5,000 grant from Michigan Gas Utilities. Please join us in thanking all of our generous donors listed below:

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Farmer's Market: Starts May 6 and  
continues every Saturday in  
downtown Bronson  
beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Find homemade baked goods, farm  
fresh produce, eggs, and other locally  
made items.

### Community Garden

There are still a few garden plots left. If  
you are interested in getting one, you  
need to come into the City Office and  
fill out a registration form. Plots are 25'  
x 25' and will be assigned on a first  
come first serve basis.

## 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Bronson Polish Festival – July 20-22, 2017

### Thursday

11am-9pm - Polish Food at Knights of Columbus  
6pm-10 - Live Entertainment at Smittys  
6:30 pm - Kickoff/Opening Ceremonies  
5:30pm-6:30 Silent Auction / Barbie Busia Contest  
7 pm -10 – Bingo Downtown  
At Dark – Fireworks

### Friday

6 am-11 – Pancake & Sausage Breakfast  
10 am – noon – Kids Day  
11am-9pm – Polish Food at Knights of Columbus  
11am-? – Polish Food at the American Legion  
Noon - ? – Inflatables & Dunk Tank  
Noon - ? – Craft & Food Vendors  
1 pm – Kids Pedal Tractor Pulls  
4 pm-? – Congregational Church Polish Festival Dinner  
5pm-10 – Bingo Downtown  
6pm-8 – Delbert Walling & Haley Houtz (Memorial Park)  
7 pm – Talent Show  
9 pm – Movie at Douglas Park “Moana”  
9pm-? – Beer Tent & Entertainment outside on Matteson  
Street at Matteson Street Grill & Bar  
9:30 pm - ? DJ/Karaoke with Brian Jenkins at Bronson Strike Zone

### Saturday

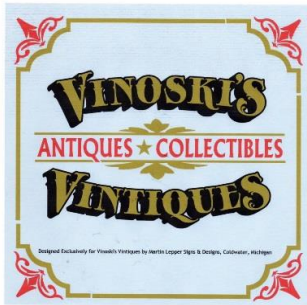
6 am-11 - Pancake & Sausage Breakfast  
8 am - 5K Race & 5K Walk (registration 7-7:45am)  
8am-1pm – Annual Polish Festival Car Show  
9am-? Craft & Food Vendors Downtown  
11am-3pm – Knights of Columbus Ox Roast  
11am-? – Polish Food at the American Legion  
1 pm – Festival Parade  
2:30 pm – Cornhole Tournament Registration  
2pm-10 – Bingo Downtown  
2 pm – Polish Scotch Doubles Bowling Tournament  
3 pm – Cornhole Tourn. (Matteson Street Grill & Bar)  
3-5 pm – Pure Pro Wrestling Event  
4 pm – St. Mary’s Church Mass  
6 pm – Bronson Athletic Boosters Truck Pulls  
6pm-10 – Polka Band & Dance, Big Money Raffle  
Polka in her shoes  
9pm-? – Beer Tent & Entertainment outside on  
Matteson Street at Matteson Street Grill & Bar  
9:30pm – Live Band-Meccabone at Bronson StrikeZone

There will be a Men’s Softball Tournament, a Co-ed Softball Tournament and a Sand Volleyball Tournament throughout the week-end. Festival Brochures can be picked up at the City Office and other local businesses. Full program is available on the City’s website at [www.bronson-mi.com](http://www.bronson-mi.com).

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### **Business Spotlight:**

We have two new businesses in town!

**Vinoski's Vintiques** held their grand opening on May 6 and they are located at 107 E. Chicago Street in Downtown. Owned by Jennifer Vinoski and Jim Krontz, they specialize in antiques and collectibles featuring; glass, collectibles, depression glass, pottery, toys, lures, Tupperware, art, vintage lamps, fine china, crocks, tools and much more! They also plan to carry Polish Unikat pottery. They will be open the first weekend of each month (Saturday and Sunday) from 10 am-3 pm or by appointment.

Check out their Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/jimmyandjenny/> for updates and new featured items! Contact them at [520-250-6990](tel:520-250-6990) or [269-274-8543](tel:269-274-8543). They take cash or credit.

**La Pachanga Mexican Restaurant** opened in December and is located at 575 E. Chicago St. They feature authentic Mexican food as well as American dishes. They are open 6 am to 9 pm, 7 days a week with a full breakfast menu until 11 am. Stop by and check them out! Phone number (517)369-3179

### **Returning in August ...**

#### **Monday Music at Memorial Park**

**Mark the following dates on your calendar:**

**August 7 - Jim Stout Band**

**August 14 - Derek Brown – Beatbox Sax**

**August 21 - To be announced**

**August 28 – Delbert Walling Band**

**Bring your family and friends for a fun night and check out the updates that have been done to the Memorial Park. The music will start at 6 p.m. In case of rain, the concerts will be at the Bronson Theater.**

## **24th Annual Bronson City-Wide Garage Sales**

### **May 20, 2017**

To register your sale and to be placed on the map, contact the City Office at 369-7334.



The Congregational Church will be providing lunch during the sale from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. They will also have gently used Spring and Summer clothes and collectibles for sale.

### **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.

### **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.

## New Tree Planting Requirements for the Right-of-Way

For the protection and benefit of the public, the City's residents through their elected leadership have chosen to establish rules regulating the responsible planting and care of trees in the public road and utility right-of-ways.

If you are interested in planting a tree in the Right-of-Way (typically the section between the curb and sidewalk) you will need to fill out a Tree Planting Application. The application is used to determine the tree is planted safely away from above and below ground utilities, driveways, fire hydrants, street signs, street lighting, and clear of obstructing site distance. The owner will need to sign an acknowledgement that they are responsible for maintaining the tree (including removal when necessary) and responsibility for any damage to sidewalks or utilities.

For more information about the new policy please contact City Hall at 517-369-7334 or visit the City offices (Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm). The application, along with planting rules, are available on the City's website at [www.bronson-mi.com/ROWtreeapplication](http://www.bronson-mi.com/ROWtreeapplication).

## Flags Across Bronson

The Bronson Kiwanis Club, assisted by Cub Scout Pack #412, has launched a new project called "Flags Across Bronson." The Club will display a quality 3' x 5' American Flag on a 10' pole in front of your home or business on five patriotic holidays. The Club will provide all materials and maintain the flags. Volunteers will deliver and install the flag prior to each holiday and remove it following the holiday - all you need to do is subscribe!

Flags will be displayed on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day. The annual subscription cost is \$30.00 and \$20.00 for each additional flag. The funds raised help the club support many great local organizations including; Bronson Food Pantry, Kiwanis Park, Kids Against Hunger, Bronson Cub Scout Pack #412, Branch County Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and many more!

For more information contact a member of the Bronson Kiwanis Club:

Terry Kubasiak 269-760-9082

Jim Jones 269-625-8384

Brandon Mersman 517-369-7334

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

May 12 – Friday Tales-Preschool Storytime 11 – 11:30 a.m. and Home School Escapades 1 – 3 p.m.

May 16 – Bronson Friends of the Library Meeting 6:00 p.m.

May 17 – Tween & Teen Club 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. : Ages 11-17 Percy Jackson books / Greek stuff

May 18 – Kidz Crew – Mystery Theater at the Library: Crime Caper 6 – 7:30 Ages 7-10. Can YOU solve the mystery.

May 19 – Friday Tales-Preschool Storytime 11 – 11:30 a.m. and Home School Escapades 1 – 3 p.m.

May 19 - Friday Family Movie 6:30 p.m.

May 24 – Kidz Crew 4:00 – 5:00 Ages 6-10 and Family LEGO night 6:00-7:00 p.m.

May 25 – Tween & Teen Mystery Theater: Unfriendly Friends Mystery 6:00-7:30 Ages 11-17

May 26 – Friday Tales-Preschool Storytime 11 – 11:30 a.m. and Home School Escapades 1 – 3 p.m.

Friends of the Bronson Library will be holding a "Fun Fest" at the White Star Auction on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 – 3.