## **Bronson Banter**

## Winter 2018

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### **Bronson Fire Department:**

The Bronson Fire Department (BFD) responds to emergencies in six townships and the City of Bronson. BFD responded to 140 fire calls and 192 medical calls for a total of 332 calls for service in 2017. Over \$230,000 in grant funding was secured by BFD administrators over the last calendar year.

BFD has partnered with the American Red Cross to provide smoke alarms to residents within the Bronson fire district. If you have non-working, outdated (older than 10 years), or do not have at least one smoke detector on each floor of your residence, BFD can install new smoke detectors with 10-year batteries for free. BFD also offers free smoke detector inspection if you are not sure your current setup is sufficient. Call (517) 369-6475 to schedule a free smoke detector inspection or installation.

### City Receives Tree Planting Grants:

The City recently received tree planting grants from Consumer's Energy (\$2,000) and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Community Forestry Grant Program (\$2,300). The Consumer's Energy Grant was completed in November and included twenty (20) trees planted in Kiwanis, Douglas, and Greenwald Parks. A big thank you to Backyard Kreations for donating in-kind services to get these trees planted! This winter the City also received a Michigan Department of Natural Resources tree planting grant which will allow the City to purchase and plant twenty (20) trees in the City Cemetery and other locations in the City this spring.



### **Report Streetlight Issues:**

Did you know that you can report a streetlight issue directly to Consumers Energy? Once you file a report you can also check on the status of the repair on their website (link available on the City's website under "Residents"- then click "Report Street Light Problems"). You can also report it to the City offices at 517-369-7334.

#### **Fire Hydrant Safety**

If there is a fire hydrant in your yard or near your house, shovel the snow away from it. In case of a fire, this will make the response faster for the fire department.

### Sidewalks:

Please keep your sidewalks cleared of snow this winter and keep our kids out of the streets.

# "What does the law say about.....?" Dogs and Animals:

**Dog Ordinances:** The Bronson Police Department would like to remind residents that the City of Bronson has animal ordinances that pertain to licensing, ownership and care for dogs. Penalties range from a civil infraction citation to a 90-day Misdemeanor criminal charge. Below is a summary of the most popular animal ordinances where we see continued violations. Ordinance #173 can be viewed in its entirety on the City of Bronson website under Code of Ordinances.

### 1) Dog Licenses:

A dog six months or older in the city is required to be licensed as provided by law.

### 2) Collar and Tags to be worn:

No person shall own, keep or house any dog six months old or older, without wearing a collar or harness with a dog license tag attached.

### 3) Adequate Care:

Owners must provide an animal with sufficient food, water, shelter, and medical attention.

### 4) Dogs at Large:

No owner shall allow any dog to stray beyond his or her premises unless it is under the reasonable control of some person.

To be deemed to be under "reasonable control" means; the dog is on a leash, in an enclosed vehicle or container, with the owner or some member of the owner's family, with some other person with the permission of the owner (provided the dog is amenable to orders and commands of the person in charge thereof).

### 5) Barking Dogs:

No person shall own, keep, house or have charge of any animal, which, by loud or frequent or habitual barking, crying, yelping or howling, shall cause a serious annoyance to the neighborhood or to people.

### 6) Owner Responsible for Damage:

Every owner of an animal shall be liable for damages for any and all injuries to persons or property caused by the animal.

### Bronson Branch Library Monday – Friday 10-6 Saturday 9-12 369-3785 February Activities

- 1 Adult Winter Reading Challenge starts
- 1 Teen Book to Movie 4 p.m., Ages 13-18
- 2 Friday Tales 10:15, Ages 2-5
- 2 Homeschool Escapades 1-3
- 3 Take your child to the library day! Join the fun with Stan the Dinosaur Man, T-Rex, Pete the cat, Mr. Steve's Storytelling, Myles the Juggler, games, crafts and soooo much more! 9-11:30
- 6 Adult Coloring Club 2:00, bring your own coloring tools, pages provided
- 7 Tween & Teen Club 4:00 Ages 11-17
- 8 Teen Crafternoon 4:00 Ages 13-18
- 8 Family Steam Night 5-7 Bring the whole family and enjoy playing with our Snap Circuits, Dot Dash, Makey Makey, Littlebits & Squishy Circuits
- 9 Friday Tales 10:15 Ages 2-5
- 9 Homeschool Escapades 1-3
- 13 Teen Fandom 4:00 Ages 13-15
- 13 Adult Coloring Club 2:00, bring your own coloring tools, pages provide
- 13 Special Program for adults: Creating with 3D pens 6:00, Ages 18-older Register to attend
- 14 Kidz Crew 4:00 Ages 6-10
- 15 Special Program: Quilt workshop with Fran 12:00 Register to attend
- 15 Teen Steam Powered 4:00 Ages 13-18
- 16 Friday Tales 10:15 Ages 2-5
- 16 Homeschool Escapades 1-3
- 16 Family Movie Night 6:30
- 19 Branch District Library Board Mtg. 5:30 at Coldwater Branch
- 20 Adult Coloring Club 2:00, bring your own coloring tools, pages provided
- 20 Friends of the Bronson Branch Library Meeting 6:00
- 21 Tween & Teen Club 4:00 Ages 11-17 Legos
- 22 Teen Wild at Art 4:00 Ages 13-18
- 23 Friday Tales 10:15 Ages 2-5
- 23 Homeschool Escapades 1-3
- 27 Adult Coloring Club 2:00, bring your own Coloring tools, pages provided
- 28 Kidz Crew 4:00 Ages 6-10
- 28 Adult Winter Reading Challenge Ends

### City Trash Program

NO loose garbage – PLEASE bag and tie all your garbage in your container.

ALWAYS have the can out the night before to avoid missed trash pick-up.

ALL trash must be inside the can and the lid MUST be shut to avoid the outside elements from getting inside and to avoid having your trash blowing around the City.

Bring the can back to your house after pick up.

Call the City Office at 369-7334 with any concerns.

Please do not shovel and blow snow into the street!

Mark it on the calendar...

<u>American Legion:</u>
1st Thursday of the month at 7pm

<u>Bronson Athletic Boosters:</u>
1st Sunday of odd months in BHS Library at 6pm

<u>Chamber of Commerce:</u>
4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. Bronson Library

<u>Friends of the Library:</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 5pm in the library basement

<u>Kiwanis Club:</u> 6pm on Thursdays at Smitty's Pizza

 $\frac{\text{Knights of Columbus:}}{2^{\text{nd}} \text{ and } 4^{\text{th}} \text{ Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Hall}}$ 

Mystic Mason Lodge 141: 1st Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm at the Masonic Temple

<u>Mystic Order of Eastern Star:</u>
1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Masonic Temple

<u>Rotary Club:</u>
Wednesdays at 11:45 at the Congregational Church Fellowship Hall

<u>Branch County Longbeards:</u> 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 6:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus

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# **CURRENT RESIDENT**

Want to have your business featured here in future issues? Call the City Office at 517-369-7334

# **Business Spotlight**

### Harvest Oak Manufacturing:

Harvest Oak Manufacturing began production at their new facility located at 804 N. Matteson Street back in May of 2017. Harvest Oak specializes in finishing hardwood mouldings which encompasses painting, top coating, staining, and glazing. Their specialized moldings add details and fine architectural lines to create beautiful finished kitchens and bathrooms. Harvest Oak also works with accessories such as mantles, wood hoods, stem glass holders, and wine racks. Owner Jamie Brock has more than 20 years of experience in the kitchen cabinet industry. Harvest Oaks products are shipped across the country to cabinet manufacturers as well as kitchen distributors.

#### M&M Core:

M&M Core has moved! The City held a ribbon cutting for M&M Core back in November at their new location at 300 Mill Street. M&M Core recycles automotive batteries, transmissions, aluminum wheels, catalytic converters, starters, alternators and other core automotive parts. M&M Core also recycles non-ferrous items such as copper, brass, and lead. M&M Core is owned and operated by Mark and Mike Roberts. M&M Core's recycled core components are shipped across the country. Please join us in welcoming them to their new location!

### Papa Mike's Coffee Shop / L & M Computer Services:

Mike and Linda moved to Michigan from Alaska in the summer of 2016, so that Linda could start her new position as Library Director for the Branch District Library. Mike was planning to retire (hah!). His plan has now turned into two businesses, a coffee shop, and L & M Computer Services—so much for retirement. Mike and Linda are the owners of Papa Mike's Coffee Shop, located at 111 W. Chicago St. in Bronson. Linda and Mike are grandparents to two beautiful, little girls, Yulana and Zella. They call Mike "Papa." You can see their photos in the shop and they are pictured, along with Papa, in the shop's logo. Mike loves to cook and is known for his smoked salmon. His first love is grilling but he's willing to try any kind of cooking. The idea for a coffee shop came about because of the lack of choices for coffee and breakfast in Bronson. He scouted around for a suitable building and found 111 W. Chicago Street. So far, the business is doing alright. His plans are to add a grill and a hood if the business continues to prosper. Currently, the shop offers panini sandwiches for breakfast and lunch, lox and bagels, biscuits and gravy, filling soups, and of course, coffee, and lattes. Mike and Linda are still newlyweds. They met in Ketchikan, Alaska, in 2012, where Linda had moved to build a library and where Mike had lived, off and on, since 1958. Both are veterans—Linda served in the Air Force and Mike is a Marine.

Mike is also a "computer guy." He managed a computer business in Alaska for more than 25 years. He can fix just about any computer problem but is quick to tell you if it is something he is not familiar with or able to fix. Unlike other computer places in the area, he does make house calls.

Mike is a member of Branch County Business Associates (BCBA), the Bronson Chamber of Commerce, and was just appointed to the Bronson Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Linda is a member of Altrusa International of Branch County.

# City of Bronson 2018 Trash & Recycling Schedule

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TRASH ONLY

TRASH & RECYCLE

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# All-In-One Recycling™

No Sorting Required

Properly prepare your materials. Fill your container. Place curbside every other week

# Recyclable

These items can be recycled in one container with All-in-One Recycling<sup>™</sup>



### Paper

Magazines Catalogs Junk Mail Office Paper Phone Books Newspaper



### Cardboard

Cardboard Paper Bags Paperboard



### Plastic

Plastic Jugs/Bottles (#1 & #2) Household Plastic (#3 - #7)



### Metal

Aluminum Cans Steel & Tin Cans



### Glass

Clear & Colored Glass

# Unacceptable Items

Paper Milk or Juice Cartons Styrofoam Containers/Packing Propane Tanks

Paint or Oil Cans Medical Waste

Liquids of any kind

Plastic Bags

Bubble Wrap

Ribbons & Bows

Gift bags (Laminated, Coated, or Dyed)

Cellophane

Packing Peanuts (Polystyrene Foam)

Chemicals (Dry or Liquids)

Household Cleansers

Garbage of Any Kind

Pizza Boxes

# Holiday Recycling Guide

Boxes (Gift, Shoe, and Shipping)
Wrapping Paper (Plain or Sparkly)
Tissue Paper
Cards & Envelops (Without Embellishments)
Gift Bags (Paper)

For more information on recyclables, visit RepublicServices.com



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