



City of Bad Axe

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2017 Winter Newsletter

ELECTION INFORMATION

Rebecca Bachman, City Clerk
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BAD AXE POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Rothe, Chief of Police
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THE CONVENIENCE OF VOTING ABSENTEE BALLOT:

Pursuant to Election law, if you meet one of these requirements, you may vote absentee:

Absentee
Ballot
Request

- Age 60 years or older
- Unable to vote without assistance at the polls
- Expecting to be out of town on Election Day
- In jail awaiting arraignment or trial
- Unable to attend the polls due to religious reasons
- Appointed to work as an election inspector in a precinct outside of your precinct of residence

Those individuals that request to be on the **Permanent Absent Voter List** automatically receive an absent voter application for every election. If you choose to return that application, we will send you a ballot as soon as they are available. No more waiting in lines at the precinct.

If this appeals to you, please contact the Clerk's Office at 989.269.7681 or email me at rbachman@cityofbadaxe.com.

2018 City Council Meeting Schedule

- ❖ Wednesday, January 3rd
- ❖ Monday, January 15th
- ❖ Monday, February 5th
- ❖ Tuesday, February 20th
- ❖ Monday, March 5th
- ❖ Monday, March 19th
- ❖ Monday, April 2nd
- ❖ Monday, April 16th
- ❖ Monday, May 7th
- ❖ Monday, May 21st
- ❖ Monday, June 4th
- ❖ Monday, June 18th
- ❖ Monday, July 2nd
- ❖ Monday, July 16th
- ❖ Monday, August 6th
- ❖ Monday, August 20th
- ❖ Tuesday, September 4th
- ❖ Monday, September 17th
- ❖ Monday, October 1st
- ❖ Monday, October 15th
- ❖ Monday, November 5th
- ❖ Monday, November 19th
- ❖ Monday, December 3rd
- ❖ Monday, December 17th

As winter approaches, the Bad Axe Police Department would like to remind residents of Section 11-51 of the City's ordinance regarding snow removal. Enforcement of this ordinance will begin November 1st and will continue until March 31st. Violation Warnings will be issued for a short period of time before we begin issuing Parking Citations.

If you are going to be leaving Bad Axe for the winter months, please contact the Bad Axe Police Department and we will property check your residence until you come back.

The Bad Axe Police Department has an "open door policy" and welcomes all citizens to come into the office to voice any concerns or ask any questions they may have.

TAX COLLECTION INFORMATION

Kim Copeland, City Treasurer
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Tax payments must be made separate from utility bill payments.

Collection Dates for 2017 Winter Taxes:

- ❖ Dec. 1, 2017 thru Feb. 14, 2018 (**no penalty**)
- ❖ Feb. 15, 2018 thru Feb. 28, 2018 (**add 3% penalty**)

After February 28, 2018 checks must be made payable to the Huron County Treasurer

Note: Postmarks are NOT accepted. Payments must be received in my office on or before February 14, 2018 to avoid the 3% penalty.

Tax payments can be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account, free of charge. Pre-Authorized Payment Agreement forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website under the Treasurer link.





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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Scott Boshart, Director of Public Works

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Spring and Fall Clean-Up Reminder

Placing leaves (not grass clippings, trash, stones, etc) in the street is only allowed during these specific periods of time. Long, narrow piles of leaves are appreciated as it makes the Leaf Vac Truck more efficient. Try to leave a small gap between the curb and the leaves to help rain water flow past the piles.

Brush may be put out to the curb during the specific clean-up times. Please place the branches with the cut end facing the street.

If you have these materials before or after the announced times, place them in containers marked with an "X" and/or bundle brush in reasonably small short bundles (less than 4 feet long, less than 50 pounds, and with nothing greater than 4 inches in diameter) for pick-up by the trash collection company on the 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. Please use the "X" container method for small amounts of material as it will help make the clean-up process more efficient.

Watch for Water Leaks!

A running toilet can use up to 2 gallons of water per minute, so it's important to check all your toilets often. Sometimes you can't hear a running/leaking toilet. A good way to check is to put food coloring in the back tank of the toilet before you go to bed and if there is colored water in the bowl the next morning you know you have a leak. Be sure to monitor all your water taps to be sure they aren't leaking or dripping. Even a pinhole leak can use 170 gallons in 24 hours. It pays to be vigilant when it comes to water leaks!

Sump Pumps

It is a violation of the sewer use ordinance to discharge a sump pump into the sanitary sewer system. This costs everyone money as the wastewater treatment plant has to treat water that could have been sent straight back into the environment.

The City has been working on reducing I&I (Inflow and Infiltration) which is the flow of ground water or surface water (such as rain and snow run-off) into the sanitary sewer system. We have been performing remote video inspections of the

sewer system and repairing and replacing portions of the system to reduce these flows. Part of that process will be to eliminate sump pumps discharging into the sanitary system.

City sewer system customers should check their property to verify that roof drains and sump pumps do not discharge to the same pipes that their toilets and sinks drain to. Also, check to make sure outside cleanout caps are intact. If you do find a problem, please make arrangements with a plumber to correct it. Let us know too, we will put in our records to help keep track of progress being made. If you are unsure or need assistance determining if you are compliant, please contact City Hall to schedule an appointment for help. At this point in the process, there is a great deal of flexibility available in getting these problems solved. In the future, enforcement procedures will become more stringent.

Water Meters

Please keep the area around your water meter clear of obstructions and reasonably accessible. This will help water system personnel perform any work needed more efficiently. It can also help you in case of an emergency, such as a broken pipe, as there is typically a valve near the meter that can stop the flow of water to the rest of the building. It also makes it easier for you to occasionally check the leak detector on the meter.

Paperless Utility Billing

We now offer paperless billing. Please contact City Hall and we will email your utility bill to you each month.

Automatic Bill Payment

For your convenience, the City offers automatic payment of your utility bill (free of charge) from your checking or savings account. The application form can be picked up at City Hall or on the City's website.

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

CLOSED HOLIDAYS

City Hall: 989.269.7681

Public Works: 989.269.9132

Police Department: 989.269.9242

