



# City of Bad Axe

2018 Summer Newsletter

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## ELECTION INFORMATION

*Rebecca Bachman, City Clerk*

### STATE PRIMARY AUGUST ELECTION

**August 7, 2018**

July 9, 2018: last day to register to vote for August Election

### STATE GENERAL ELECTION

**November 6, 2018**

October 9, 2018: last day to register to vote for November Election

**Absentee voter ballots** are available for all elections. They provide voters with a convenient method for casting a ballot when they are unable to attend the polls on Election Day.

As a registered voter, you may obtain an absentee voter ballot if you are:

- 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



The City Clerk's office maintains a list of registered voters who choose to vote absentee for every election held in the City of Bad Axe. If you would like to receive an application for each election, you must complete a Permanent Absent Voter Request Form. This form is available at City Hall, on our website, or it can be mailed to you upon request. Once you have submitted this request, you are automatically sent an application to vote for each election.

In addition to our regular hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., City Hall will be open on Saturday, August 4, 2018 and Saturday, November 3, 2018 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. for registered voters to obtain an absent voter ballot. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

## BAD AXE POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Rothe, Police Chief

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU SEE A PET IN A PARKED CAR:

**It takes only minutes to save a life.**

Leaving pets locked in cars is never safe. But when the weather gets warmer, it can be deadly. High temperatures can cause irreparable organ damage and even death. Protecting animals from an unnecessary death is a problem we can all agree to prevent.

How to help a pet left in a hot car:

- Take down the car's make, model and license plate number
- If there are businesses nearby, notify their managers or security guards and ask them to make an announcement to find the car's owner. Many people are unaware of the danger of leaving pets in hot cars and will quickly return to their vehicle once they are. If the owner can't be found, call the non-emergency number of the local police or animal control and wait by the car for them to arrive.

It doesn't have to be that warm outside for a car to become dangerously hot inside. Here are some facts:

- When it's 72 degrees Fahrenheit outside, the temperature inside your car can heat up to 116 degrees Fahrenheit within an hour.
- When it's 80 degrees Fahrenheit outside, the temperature inside your car can heat up to 99 degrees Fahrenheit within 10 minutes.
- Rolling down the windows has been shown to have little effect on the temperature.

If at all possible, do not take your pets with you when you go shopping. If you care about them, leave them at home.



## SUMMER TAX COLLECTION

*Kim Copeland, City Treasurer*

**POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** Payments received in our office after the due dates will be subject to the following charges:

- ❖ July 1<sup>st</sup> through Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> (no interest charged)
- ❖ Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> (add 1% interest per month)
- ❖ Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> through Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> (add 3% penalty plus interest)



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**Summer Tax Deferment:** Eligible property owners must submit the Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes by September 14, 2018 to qualify for deferment of 2018 Summer Taxes. Forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website.

## UTILITY DEPARTMENT

*Melissa Carriveau, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk*

### Automatic Bill Payment

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

### Paperless Billing Available

You can have your utility bill emailed to you each month. Just tell me your email address and I will get you set up for paperless billing!

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

*Scott Boshart, Director of Public Works*

### Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste

Weekly trash pick-up and recycling is on Friday unless a holiday falls on a Monday through Friday, in which the trash pick-up would be delayed until Saturday that week. The holidays include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Yard waste is also picked up every Friday by Emterra April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. Yard waste includes grass clippings, trimmings from shrubs and trees, and other greenery from general yard maintenance. It must be contained in biodegradable paper sacks or in garbage cans clearly marked with an "X."

### 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 has to treat water that could have been sent straight back to 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 and we will put in our records to help track progress being made. If you are unsure or need assistance, 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.

### Miss Dig Flags

Please be aware that it is illegal to tamper with the colored flags and paint markings that show up occasionally indicating the location of various utilities buried underground. The company or individual that made the location request should remove the flags when they have completed their work. A Miss Dig request is normally good for 21 days, but may be up to 180 days in some cases.

### 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 only during the specific clean-up times. Please place the branches with the cut end facing the street.

## CONTACT US

**Monday – Friday**

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

**City Hall: 989.269.7681**

**Public Works: 989.269.9132**

**Police Department: 989.269.9242**