



City of Bad Axe

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2018 Winter Newsletter

ELECTION INFORMATION

Rebecca Bachman, City Clerk
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The City's non-partisan regular election will be held November 5, 2019.

Seats up for the November 2019 Election:

Mayor – one seat, two-year term

City Council – three seats, four-year term

Committee Positions Available:

- Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
- Fire Board – Alternate
- Regional Water Authority - Alternate

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.

2015 Public Act 84 Senate Bill 133

For fiscal year (FY) 2018, the Legislature continued the City, Village and Township Revenue Sharing (CVTRS) program. The City of Bad Axe has met all the requirements of Accountability and Transparency in order to receive the full CVTRS payments in past years. All required documentation pertaining to the CVTRS program can be found on the home page of the City's website.

BAD AXE POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Rothe, Chief of Police
davidrothe@cityofbadaxe.com

On November 1st, the Bad Axe Police Department will begin enforcing the 3 a.m. – 5 a.m. no parking ordinance (Sec. 11-51) within the City of Bad Axe. No vehicle or object may be parked on the traveled portion of any street within the City of Bad Axe between 3 a.m. and 5 a.m. EST. The enforcement of this ordinance will be in effect until the 31st day of March.

TAX COLLECTION INFORMATION

Kim Copeland, City Treasurer
kcopeland@cityofbadaxe.com

Tax payments must be made separate from utility bill payments.

Collection Dates for 2018 Winter Taxes:

- ❖ Dec. 1, 2018 thru Feb. 14, 2019 (**no penalty**)
- ❖ Feb. 15, 2019 thru Feb. 28, 2019 (**add 3% penalty**)

After February 28, 2019 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, 2019 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.

Online Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are now available online at www.midoglicense.org. You can renew your license or obtain a new license at that website. The Huron County Treasurer's office will be putting a link and additional information regarding dog licenses on their website at www.co.huron.mi.us. You can also get your dog license at City Hall, the Huron County Treasurer's office, or at your Huron County veterinarian's office.



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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. Handfuls of small twigs are difficult to put in the chipper. Please put them out for garbage yard waste pick-up.

Seasonal Yard Waste: 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 Friday of each month from April 1st through November 30th. 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!

What Not to Flush!

The following items should not be flushed down the toilet or drains: cooking grease, food scraps, feminine hygiene products or their applicators, condoms, syringes, paper other than toilet paper, baby wipes, mop heads, cloth wipes, diapers, fish, paint, fuel, motor oil, medicine, clothing, etc. Items that don't dissolve in water can create blockages in the sewer pipes and pumps. If they do make it to the treatment plant, they have to be removed at the

beginning of the treatment process if they make it through the pumps. These materials cause a great deal of damage to the pumps and other treatment equipment.

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Melissa Carriveau, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk
melissacarriveau@cityofbadaxe.com

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.

Residential Lawn Meters

Residential lawn meters are available with a permit fee of \$100. Lawn meters are only charged water that goes through the meter; you will not be charged sewer. Perfect for lawns, gardens, pools, flowers and landscaping. For more details, contact Melissa.

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

