



City of Bad Axe

2020 Summer Newsletter

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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.

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 up to 170 gallons in 24 hours. It pays to be vigilant when it comes to water leaks!

Paperless Billing Available

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



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Scott Boshart, Director of Public Works

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. 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

nothing greater than 4 inches in diameter) for pick-up by Emterra. **Emterra will collect this yard waste April 1st through November 30th.**

Free Wood Chips

The woodchips at the DPW garage are free. Help yourself anytime, or we can load a truck or trailer for you if you stop by at 6 AM, 9 AM, 12:15 PM or 2 PM. Please call first on the midday times as the equipment may be out of the yard. You may leave a trailer by the wood chips and we'll load it for you to pick up the next business day. If you want some wood chips but don't have a way to haul them, contact City Hall and we'll see what we can do to deliver. **The wood chips are the only "free" material in the yard. The rest is for DPW use only.**

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.

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 and make it through the pumps, they have to be removed at the beginning of the treatment process. These materials cause a great deal of damage to the pumps and other treatment equipment.

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

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ELECTION INFORMATION

Rebecca Bachman, City Clerk

DEAR REGISTERED VOTER:

All registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote by mail. It's a safe way to vote and protect your health, and the process is secure and accurate.

To vote by mail, fill out the simple application that you have received either from the State or your local Clerk's office. When filling out the application, if you check the box to be added to the permanent absent voter list, you'll get an application mailed to you before every election. But there's no commitment. Even if you apply to vote by mail, you can change your mind and vote in person.

ELECTION DATES:

August Primary – August 4, 2020

November General – November 3, 2020

SAFETY FIRST:

Social Distancing will be required on Election Day, and face coverings are highly recommended. We will be following all protocols when it comes to sanitizing voter booths and surfaces.

BAD AXE POLICE DEPARTMENT

David Rothe, Police Chief

The Bad Axe Police Department would like to remind all citizens that City Ordinance 12-155 states **"No person shall burn or deposit leaves, brush or lawn trimmings, upon any public way or upon any property owned by another or in any body of water within the City, nor shall any person deposit or place any leaves, brush or lawn trimmings upon any premises owned or occupied by him unless the same is enclosed in a suitable container as herein required."**

When cutting your grass this summer, do not blow lawn trimmings into the roadway. When it rains, the rain washes the lawn trimmings down the storm drains. This clogs the storm drains and requires the DPW to clean and clear the drains. Thank you for your cooperation.

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 1st through Sept. 14th (no interest charged)
- ❖ Sept. 15th through Feb. 16th (add 1% interest per month)
- ❖ Feb. 17th through March 1st (add 3% penalty plus interest)

Call City Hall at 989-269-6479 to request a tax bill receipt or write "Receipt" on the remittance included with your payment

Summer Tax Deferment: Eligible property owners must submit the Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes by September 14, 2020 to qualify for deferment of 2020 Summer Taxes. Forms are available at City Hall and on the City's website.

Please let me know if you need the mailing address on your tax bill changed. **If you need to make a change to the name on the tax bill, you will have to contact the Huron County Tax Mapping office. I cannot make any name changes.**

UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Melissa Carriveau, Deputy Clerk/Utility Billing Clerk

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.