

CITY OF BAD AXE NEWSLETTER

2010 SUMMER TAX COLLECTION



Collection Dates

July 1 through September 14, 2010 without interest; September 15, 2010 through February 14, 2011 add 1% interest per month; February 15 through February 28, 2011 pay interest and 3% penalty. March 1, 2011 and after taxes are due to the Huron County Treasurer, plus additional interest and fees.

Payment Methods

Mail payment to Bad Axe City Treasurer, 300 E. Huron Avenue, Bad Axe, MI. 48413; pay at City Hall Monday through Friday during regular business hours; automatic payment from your checking or savings account; or drop in the payment slot in the front door of City Hall. Payment must be RECEIVED by September 14, 2010 to avoid interest. Postmarks are not accepted. There is a \$25.00 charge for returned checks. Payment of taxes must be separate from other payments to the City.

Mailing Address Updates

To insure prompt delivery of your property tax bill, please provide any change of mailing address to me as soon as possible. Tax bills are not forwarded by the post office.

Summer Tax Deferment

Eligible property owners must sign the Application for Deferment of Summer Taxes form annually to qualify for the deferment. The form is available at City Hall or on the City website.

Kay Gordon, City Treasurer
kaygordon@cityofbadaxe.com



BAD AXE POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to introduce myself as your new Chief of Police for the Bad Axe Police Department. If you have any concerns, complaints or comments, please feel free to contact me at the Bad Axe Police Department, (989)269-9242, or by email at davidrothe@cityofbadaxe.com.

Working for the police department for the last 18 years I know the importance of relying on the public for assistance with complaints. If you see any type of illegal activity or complaint that you feel requires police attention (including drug usage/sales, blight, loud music, or any other type of complaint), please contact our department. You can remain anonymous, but we do encourage people to leave their name and phone number so that they can be contacted and advised of the police action that was taken.

David W. Rothe, Chief of Police



WE NEED TO TALK

COMMUNICATION – It can always improve and that's what we are trying to do.

The City's website www.cityofbadaxe.com is available for information ranging from zoning compliance certificates to the City Charter. There are also links to local organizations like the Chamber of Commerce, the Historical Society and the District Library. Look for regular updates of community activities and DPW work schedules.

FACEBOOK – Yes, the City is there. We will post coming events and other points of interest. Comments, suggestions or questions are invited.

Dale VanDeVusse, City Manager
dalevandevusse@cityofbadaxe.com



ELECTION INFORMATION

State Primary Election – August 3, 2010
Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Voting at Wilcox Community Center
650 Whitlam Street

Absentee Ballots:

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 old 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 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., City Hall will be open on Saturday, July 31, 2010 between the hours of 12:00 noon 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.

Kay Goebel, City Clerk
kaygoebel@cityofbadaxe.com



Parks & Recreation

The City of Bad Axe is updating its Parks & Recreation Master Plan. We need your input regarding recreational facilities and programming in Bad Axe. Please take a few minutes to complete the following survey. The survey is brief and should take you about 5-10 minutes to complete. Please go to www.BadAxeRecPlan.com to take the survey. Your input is very important to us!

2010 Bad Axe Music in the Park is scheduled for every Wednesday from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with local entertainment playing music from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. The music and market in the park is located near the Historic Log Cabins across from the Bad Axe District Library on South Hanselman Street. Bring a lawn chair and relax to some great music or just stroll around the farmers market.

For more information about the Bad Axe Parks & Recreation Department, please call (989) 269-2630.

Rich Barker, Parks & Recreation Director
richbarker@cityofbadaxe.com



UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Effective July 1, 2010

The City of Bad Axe WILL NO LONGER HANG DOOR CARDS to notify customers of delinquent water bills.

After **JULY 1, 2010** if we have not been contacted regarding payment, you can expect to have your **WATER SHUT OFF ANY TIME** after your red shut off notice expires.

The red shut off notice **WILL BE THE ONLY NOTIFICATION** you receive before the water service is interrupted.

If the water is shut off a \$50.00 turn on charge applies.

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 or found on the City's website.

Bridget Glasgow, Deputy Clerk
bridgetglasgow@cityofbadaxe.com



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FREE WOOD CHIPS at the DPW garage. 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.

Scott Boshart, Director of Public Works
publicworks@cityofbadaxe.com



PLEASE HELP

Take pride in our beautiful City by keeping your property clean and in repair. Please keep your grass mowed and weeds under control.

Remember, you can dispose of yard waste by placing it in marked containers or tied in bundles and setting it out for Richfield to pick up with your regular weekly trash.

The Kiosk located downtown, adjacent to the Huron County Courthouse, is available to post local or community events. If you have information that you would like to share, please drop it off at Bad Axe City Hall. We are always looking for ways to keep the community informed.



CONTACT US

City Hall Business Hours

Monday – Friday
8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
CLOSED HOLIDAYS

City Hall: (989)269-7681

DPW: (989)269-6654

Parks & Recreation: (989)269-2630

Wastewater Treatment Plant: (989)269-9132

Police Department: (989)269-9242

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MEETING INFORMATION

City Council - 1st & 3rd Mondays @ 7:30 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals – as needed, 3rd Wednesday @ 6:00 p.m.

Planning Commission – as needed, 3rd Wednesday @ 7:30 p.m.

Downtown Development Authority – 2nd Thursday @ 7:30 a.m.

All meetings are held in City Hall. The public is invited to attend.