

#### CITY COMMISSION

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#### CITY DIRECTORY

City Hall 695-3844

Building Department 695-0007  
Cemetery 695-3971  
Code Enforcement 695-0006  
Police Department 695-5120  
Public Works 695-3232  
Wastewater 695-5291  
Water 695-3846

#### FREQUENTLY REQUESTED PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Control 471-7531  
Buchanan Schools 695-8400  
Chamber 695-3291  
County Courthouse 695-3887  
Landfill 695-2500  
District Library 695-3681  
Post Office 1-800-275-8777  
Reliable Disposal 1-800-677-1083  
Secretary of State 684-3531

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#### Straight Talk With The City Manager...

##### Setting The Record Straight

You may or may not have seen this series in the local newspaper. If you haven't, look for it! I will be having straight talk and setting the record straight to questions asked about City business. You will find this article in the Berrien County Record, "City of Buchanan News" column.

Why am I going to do this? Well, unfortunately, wrong information gets disseminated amongst residents, business owners and taxpayers. Not unlike the children's game "Telephone", what was first said ends up in no way resembling what is said last. So, the simple solution to this is to tell it like it is and address the "myths" and provide the "facts". Basically, what the City wants to do is provide the correct information and dispel the false information that's out there! If you have something you want to know, email, call or write City Hall and you may see your question answered in the paper.

Sincerely,  
Meg Mullendore  
City Manager



Pay your  
utility bills on-line, visit  
[www.cityofbuchanan.com](http://www.cityofbuchanan.com)  
for more details.

#### "Life is Better Here" Merchandise

Show off your City pride by sporting our new logo. City Hall has short and long sleeve t-shirts, pencils, window clings and stickers for purchase.

If you help us "Brag our Tag" you could win a t-shirt. Just send us your reason for choosing Buchanan as your home town and why you believe "Life is Better Here". If it appears in a future newsletter you've won a new t-shirt.

Please include your name, address and phone number with all entries.

You can also email your entry to [jobryant@cityofbuchanan.com](mailto:jobryant@cityofbuchanan.com).

#### Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th  
at Centennial Park

All children ages 2-11 are invited  
10:00 a.m. Games & Refreshments  
11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

Will you be one of the lucky ones to find a "Golden Egg" with a special prize in it?

Bring your camera,  
we've invited the Easter Bunny!!

Sponsored by:  
United Federal Credit Union &  
Chamber of Commerce

#### Annual Memorial Day Parade

May 29th at 10 a.m.  
Downtown Buchanan  
City offices closed on this day



## Buchanan Community School Election

Notice is hereby given that there will be a School Election on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to vote for two (2) positions on the Buchanan School Board.

### Precinct Locations:

- Precinct 1: City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail
- Precinct 2: Senior Center, 131 S. Oak Street
- Precinct 3: Buchanan Twp. Hall, 15235 Main St.

The following persons have filed petitions and qualified as a candidate for the Buchanan School Board and will be on the ballot:

John Colip and Marlene Gauer

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### Community Wide Garage Sale- Put Your Sale On The Map!

Why not start cleaning out your garage and basement and join your neighbors in our annual Community Wide Garage Sale?

This year's event will be held on June 16th and June 17th. You can purchase your Garage Sale Permit at City Hall for \$3 and we'll put your address on the map.

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### Why Is "Life Better In Buchanan"?

Because Mr. DenHerder, owner of Front Street Framery writes;

"In the past 22 years, we have run into many unusual circumstances and we have always found all departments of the City of Buchanan to be neighborly and helpful, especially the Police Department".

Thanks Chris, a "Life is Better Here" t-shirt is on its way to you!

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Chemical Bank's Main Street Branch accepts City Utility and Tax Payments, for your convenience.

## It's Time For Spring Cleaning, Here's Information To Help Get You Started

### Flushing Fire Hydrants:

The City of Buchanan Water Department will be flushing fire hydrants Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, April 10, 11, 12 between 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. This procedure may stir up some sand or rust. A discoloration of water may be a result of this process. Residents should run their cold water to check for discoloration before using.

### Brush Pick Up:

Starting April 6th, the City will continue to offer pick up of brush and limbs. These materials will be collected by City crews on the first Thursday of each month. Brush and limbs are to be stacked neatly and laying in one direction on the tree lawn area between the sidewalk and curb. Items will not be accepted tied in bundles or if it exceeds 10 feet in length. No branches or tree trunks with a branch diameter greater than 4 inches will be collected. No tree stumps are acceptable.

### Yard Waste Pick Up:

Starting April 3rd, residents who request the City to pick up and dispose of grass clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings or garden waste are charged for this service on a "pay per bag" basis. These materials are collected at curbside if placed in City approved, 30 gallon kraft paper bags, which can be purchased for \$2.00 each at City Hall. City crews will collect bagged yard waste on Mondays. To arrange for collection, resident's must call the City's yard waste information line at 695-2440 to request pick up (24 hour answering machine). **DO NOT** place leaves, grass clippings, etc. in the street.



### City Spring Cleanup Day:

Is scheduled for May 12th and 13th, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Department of Public Works Building, 606 Clark St. Rules include: City residency, no Freon in appliances, flammable materials, tires, paint cans, batteries, oil or medical waste. For more information, call 695-5120.

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### Where's Warren?

If you are looking for the Fire Chief or Building Inspector, Warren has moved to the Police Station at 105 W. Front Street, 695-0007.

**Buchanan Trivia- The "Top Dog" in Buchanan is the Labrador Retriever (based on 2006 dog licenses sold).**