

## CITY COMMISSION

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## CITY DIRECTORY

City Hall 695-3844

Building Department 695-0007

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Code Enforcement 695-0006

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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

1-888-767-6424

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## Commissioners' Corner

With snow on its way, I want to take this opportunity to urge everyone to please slow down and allow extra time for all your travels. Not only do we need to be cautious on the roads for the safety of other drivers, but we also need to watch out for the children who will be playing in the snow. The first snow is always exciting for the kids, but they sometimes forget to watch the traffic, so we need to be careful in our driving habits to ensure a safe holiday season for all.

The City Commissioners would like to extend our invitation to all to attend the Holiday Lighting Ceremony at the Common at 6:30 p.m. on December 7th. This is a wonderful community event, and we hope to see you there. Also, on December 8th, from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., there are many activities planned for both adults and children. The 2nd Annual Holiday Hunt will take place downtown, and at the Art Center there will be ornament-making for the kids, as well as cookie decorating at the Senior Center. There will be many prizes for the Holiday Hunt, and cookies and crafts for the kids, so please come and join in the fun!

From all the City Commissioners, have a safe and happy holiday!

Carla Cole  
City Commissioner

## Winter Property Tax Information

Winter taxes are due on or before February 14th, 2008. After February 14th, a 3% late charge fee will be added. After February 28th, taxes are delinquent and will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

If you received a green and white tax notice and your taxes are paid by a mortgage company, you must send them your tax bill immediately. Failure to do so may result in your taxes going delinquent. In this case, any late or delinquent charges are the responsibility of the homeowner.

## Winter Parking

In order to plow the snow, remember not to park on streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. The snow is coming soon, and this is essential for winter maintenance.

## City Offices Holiday Hours

All City offices will be closed for the holiday season on the following days:

- \* December 24th
- \* December 25th
- \* December 31st
- \* January 1st

Have a safe and happy holiday!



Happy Holidays!

## **Holiday Events Calendar**

### **December 7th – Holiday Lighting Ceremony**

The annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony parade will kick off the event at 6:30. Anyone wishing to walk in the parade should gather at the McCoy Pond Park at the corners of Front and Redbud for the event. The first 200 children will receive a special surprise! After the parade, The Common will be lit by Santa and Mrs. Claus and there will be music and a Community Carol for all to enjoy. Afterwards, get warmed up in the Senior Center with cookies, cocoa, and the Buchanan Lady Bucks' award-winning chili! Mrs. Claus will read a story to the children, and horse drawn carriage rides are available as well. To reserve your spot, please call Laura Fox at City Hall at 695-3844.

### **December 8th –Holiday Hunt**

This year's Second Annual Holiday Hunt will take place from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Come join us in trekking the downtown businesses to find clues to prizes!!

### **December 8th – Ornament-Making Class**

Kids, are you looking to make a special ornament to give to your mom and dad or grandma and grandpa this holiday season? Then come join us at the Buchanan Art Center from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. and make ornaments! If you have any questions, please call Laura Fox, facilitator of the event, at City Hall at 695-3844.

### **December 8th – Cookie Decorating**

Come enjoy a sweet treat by decorating, sprinkling, and frosting your own cookies! Children of all ages are invited to attend. Cookies and decorating supplies will be provided by the City of Buchanan, so stop on in and let the fun begin! For questions about the event, please contact the facilitator, Diana Klug, at City Hall 695-3844.

### **Dog Licenses Sold at City Hall**

Dog licenses will be sold at City Hall from December 1st through February 28th. Proof of rabies vaccination is required, as is proof of neutering and the Berrien County renewal form.

## **Ice Removal**

As an ongoing effort to keep our rivers and streams free from pollution, remember these tips when removing ice from sidewalks and driveways. Manually remove as much ice as possible before applying salt. Use only enough salt as required to melt ice from driveways and sidewalks. Better yet, try using alternatives like sand or calcium magnesium acetate (CMA). Salt damages ecologies by threatening both flora and fauna, while also reducing the amount of clean drinking water. For more stormwater information, please visit the following link: [www.swmpc.org/water.asp](http://www.swmpc.org/water.asp)