

City Hall 695-3844	Building Dept. 695-0011	Cemetery 695-3971	Code Enforcement 695-0006
Police Dept. 695-5120	Public Works 695-7547	Wastewater 695-5291	Water Dept. 695-3846

### **Summer Tax Deferment**

If you are a senior citizen (62 years of age or older), paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, eligible widow, blind person or a totally and permanently disabled person with an income of \$40,000 or less you are eligible to file for a tax deferment. If you are eligible to file, bring your summer tax bill into our office and fill out an application for deferment. You must file by September 15th to be eligible. The payment date for your winter taxes will be deferred without penalty until the winter 2012 tax due date. A tax deferment is valid for only the current year. You must file a new deferment each year to be eligible for the summer tax deferment.

### **Tax Assessment Information**

Summer tax notices are payable on or before Friday, August 10, 2012, after this date, add 4% penalty. Postmarks are not accepted. If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company and you received the actual tax bill indicating the amount you owe, you must send them your tax bill immediately. Failure to do so may result in taxes going delinquent. In this case, any late or delinquent charges will be the responsibility of the homeowner. If you no longer own this property, please forward the tax notice to the new owner.

### **Your Tax Information Available Online**

Simply register with BS&A (computerized tax service) at <https://is.bsasoftware.com/BSA.IS/default.aspx>. This is free to the homeowner, and a small fee will be charged to mortgage companies and realtors.

### **City of Buchanan NOW accepts Credit and Debit Cards!**

For your convenience, we offer the following options to pay bills at City Hall~

- Credit and Debit Card payments now accepted by paying online through our website or at City Hall
- Free electronic bill payment service through our website at [www.cityofbuchanan.com](http://www.cityofbuchanan.com)  
\*If paying your taxes electronically, call 695-3846 for payment processing instructions **before** making online transaction
- City Hall Lobby and the Drop Box located at the entrance of City Hall
- Chemical Bank's Main Branch

**Notice of Election-** There will be a Primary Election on Tuesday, August 7, 2012, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Precinct 1: City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail

Precinct 2: Redbud City Center, 131 S. Oak Street

### **McCoy's Creek Watershed Quality**

The City of Buchanan has finally got a permit to restore portions of McCoy's Creek the only designated trout stream in SW MI, and a key part of the Lower St. Joseph River Watershed which:

- Is the 3rd largest watershed in Michigan, beginning in Hillsdale County and emptying into Lake Michigan.
- Drains 4,685 square miles (15 counties in two states).
- Has more than 1 million people living in the watershed.
- Contains 2,130,000 acres of farmland, 240,000 acres of water and wetlands, 510,000 acres of forest and open land, and 120,000 acres of urban land.
- The St. Joseph River is 210 miles long with 17 dams.

Watch our Face Book and website for important information on how we can all help keep it going healthy & strong!



Did you know....we have 2,050 BFF's (Buchanan Facebook Friends), please join us!

