

CITY COMMISSION

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CITY DIRECTORY

City Hall 695-3844

Building Department 695-0011
Cemetery 695-3971
Code Enforcement 695-0006
Police Department 695-5120
Public Works 695-7547
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

www.cityofbuchanan.com

Summer 2008 Tax Information

Summer taxes are payable on or before Monday, August 11, 2008. After this date, a 4% penalty will be added. Please do not send tax remittances after October 31, 2008, as any unpaid taxes will be rolled onto the winter tax notice, which will be mailed December 1, 2008.

If you received your blue and white tax bill and taxes should be paid by your mortgage company, 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.

Summer Tax Deferment Information has been included with this newsletter and tax mailing. If you are eligible, simply request a homestead form from our office, complete the form, and return to City Hall for processing.

Just a Friendly Reminder...

Please remove all Reliable Disposal containers from the street upon pickup so that they do not obstruct street traffic.



Have a great summer!

City of Buchanan Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a Primary Election on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to vote for City, State, and County Offices and proposals.

Precinct Locations:

Precinct 1: City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail
Precinct 2: Senior Center, 131 S. Oak St.

**THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE
FILED PETITIONS AND QUALIFIED AS
A CANDIDATE AND WILL BE ON THE
BALLOT:**

Ann-Marie Buchanan Jones
John C Garmire
Marlin D Lowery
Patricia A Moore
Maryellen Robards
Warren Weaver

The last day on which a person may register in order to be eligible to vote at the Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2008 is Monday, July 7, 2008.

National Night Out

Buchanan Police Department's "National Night Out Against Crime" is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5th from 6 - 9 p.m. at McCoy's Creek Park behind the Buchanan High School. Please come to celebrate and take a stand against drugs, crime, and violence in the City of Buchanan! If you have any questions, please call the Police Department at 695-5120.

Commissioner's Corner

Have you gone "Green" yet? I am working on going green now and am discovering it is not difficult or expensive to do. By starting with one simple thing and changing our habits, we can all work together to save our environment.

One simple way in which we can all begin to go "green" is by eliminating some of the cleaning products that are harmful for our environment. Using biodegradable soaps and cleaning products is one way to cut back on pollutants. Even better, make your own biodegradable, eco-friendly soft scrub simply by adding 1/8 cup of baking soda to water!

Do you have a dishwasher? (This is on my wish list.) Save energy and money by running the dishwasher on the light setting and only when it is totally full. Also, use a dishwashing detergent that does not contain phosphates. Just by skipping the pre-rinse, you will save up to 20 gallons of water per load!

Outdoor maintenance habit changes can also lead to a healthier environment. By letting your grass grow to 2 1/2 inches tall, your grass can absorb more sunlight to promote growth for a thicker turf and deeper roots. Letting your grass grow taller will also save water since you won't have to water as often. Also, instead of buying lawn chemicals, leave your grass clippings on the lawn. These clippings will add nitrogen to the soil to help keep weeds from germinating.

Finally, support the Buchanan Farmers' Market. You will not only get the freshest food possible, but you will also be saving money and fossil fuels.

I hope you will join with me in being more conscientious about our surroundings to give our environment a boost.

Carla Cole
City Commissioner

Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm -
Ralph Waldo Emerson

2008 - 2009 City Commission Priorities

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- * Plan for Future Industrial Attraction and Expansion
- * Continue to Pursue Grant Opportunities
- * Protect McCoy's Creek
- * Support City Festivals

PUBLIC SERVICES

- * Develop and Implement Sewer Backup Policy
- * Develop Catch Basin Cleaning & Replacement Program

PUBLIC SAFETY

- * Police Dept. to Increase Visibility and Interaction with Public
- * Increase Code Enforcement Efforts
- * Continue Training Police and Fire, Including Emergency

Management

RECREATION, PARKS, CULTURE

- * Continue McCoy's Creek Trail Project
- * Support and Enhance the Arts & Historical District
- * Market Recreational Opportunities

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- * Hold Public Forums on Community Issues
- * Employees being Ambassadors of the City
- * Establish Level of Support to Provide to the DDA
- * Communication and Open Dialogue

COMMUNITY OF CHOICE

- * Promote McCoy's Creek
- * Mill Race Resolution
- * Continue Support of Farmers' Market

Old Mill Festival 2008

Come join us at this year's Old Mill Festival on Friday, August 22nd; Saturday, August 23rd; and Sunday, August 24th! You can enjoy:

- * Parade
- * Historical tours and presentations
- * 5K Extreme Race
- * Classic Car Cruise-In
- * Variety Show
- * Beverage Garden/Wine Tasting
- * Fireworks!
- * 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
- * WWA Wrestling
- * Carbon's Waffle Eating Contest

For more information, contact the Chamber of Commerce at (269) 695-3291, or visit the Old Mill Festival website at www.oldmillfestival.com