

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

www.cityofbuchanan.com

Summer 2007 Tax Information

Summer taxes are payable on or before Friday, August 10, 2007. After this date, 4% penalty will be added. Please do not send tax remittances after October 31, 2007, as any unpaid taxes will be rolled onto the winter tax notice, which will be mailed December 1, 2007.

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!

Commissioner's Corner

Have you been to the Buchanan Farmers' Market? If not, you have missed a fantastic experience!

The Market sells a variety of products: in-season home-grown produce, vegetable plants, and bedding plants from Concord Ridge Farms, Sevick Gardens, and Mount Zion Perennial Gardens; out-of-this-world baked goods from Froelich's Bakery; and hand-made wooden products such as bowls, benches, birdhouses, bird feeders, and hand-made soaps and candle tarts. As you can see, there is something for everyone!

Also, stop in to meet our new Market Master, Molly Thornton, who will answer any of your questions, as well as take any ideas or comments you may have for the Market. She is also working on having live music on the first Saturday of each month. If you have a band and are interested in playing, give Molly a call at (269) 506-3021.

Starting July 10th through August 21st, the Market will be open during the concerts at the Common. With Yesterfest on July 7th, and the Old Mill Fest on August 25th, there are many opportunities to have a great time in Buchanan this summer!

"Life is Better" in Buchanan! Have a great summer!

Carla Cole, Commissioner

2007-2008 City Commission Priorities

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- * Plan for Future Industrial Attraction and Expansion
- * Pursue Municipal Buildings Complex
- * Develop Redbud Corridor
- * Continue to Pursue Grant Opportunities
- * Protect McCoy's Creek
- * Support City Festivals

PUBLIC SERVICES

- * Develop and Implement Sewer Backup Policy
- * Leaf Pickup

PUBLIC SAFETY

- * Police Department to Increase Visibility and Interaction with Public
- * Increase Code Enforcement Efforts
- * Develop and Implement Community Volunteer Program
- * Continue Training Police and Fire, Including Emergency Management

RECREATION, PARKS, CULTURE

- * Continue McCoy's Creek Trail Project
- * Support and Enhance the Arts & Historical District
- * Determine Feasibility of Developing the Boat Launch into a Destination Point
- * Enhance non-DDA property
- * 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

- * Pursue Fountain at McCoy's Pond Park
- * Establish a Museum
- * Promote McCoy's Creek

MDEQ Wetland Inventory Information

A county wetland inventory has been completed by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) pursuant to Part 303, Wetlands Protection, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The inventory map is on file with the county extension office, register of deeds, and clerk and is also available at www.michigan.gov/deqwetlands. The inventory map provides potential and approximate locations of wetlands but cannot be used to identify wetlands for regulatory purposes. Property containing wetlands may be subject to regulation under Part 303. For more information, including how to obtain a wetland permit or a determination of whether property contains regulated wetland, please visit the MDEQ Web site above.

As indicated in the notice, wetland inventory maps can be accessed electronically or requested in paper format at cost (currently \$6 per map, plus shipping) at www.michigan.gov/wetlands. This web site also provides additional background information regarding the wetland inventory.

Old Mill Fest 2007

Come join us at this year's Old Mill Fest, Friday, August 24th, and Saturday, August 25th! You can enjoy:

- *Extreme Race
- *Parade
- *Tour of the Mill
- *Talent Show
- *Pre-School Story Hours
- *Ice Cream Social and Cake Auction
- *Duck Race
- *Waffle-Eating Contest
- *Classic Car Cruise-in
- *Motorcycle Cruise-in
- *Fireman's Waterball Challenge
- *Farmers' Market
- *WWA Bruiser Wrestling
- *and much more!

For more information, call the Chamber of Commerce at 605.5794

National Night Out

Buchanan Police Department's "National Night Out Against Crime" is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at McCoy's Creek Park behind the Buchanan High School. Food, music, and fun activities will be provided. Please come to celebrate and take a stand against drugs, crime, and violence in the City of Buchanan!