

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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Mayor's Welcome

Have you seen Buchanan? Have you *really* seen Buchanan? There have been so many changes since I have become a City Commissioner that I'd like to take a moment to highlight a few of the things that are making life better here in Buchanan:

* Streetscaping-- Unearthing McCoy Creek

* Farmers' Market

* Building acquisition for new Police/Fire Department and City Hall

* Finding use for the former Teen Center

* Finding use for the old Library that is now the Buchanan Art Center

* The trail project-- exposing Buchanan's natural fish ladder

* Balanced budgets with limited and shrinking funds that have not negatively impacted services

We must continue to work with all of our different volunteer groups. They are doing the real work! We the Commission want to thank them!

LIFE IS BETTER HERE,

Mayor Joe Scanlon

Water/Sewer Emergencies Info.

If you should have a water or sewer emergency after business hours or on the weekend, such as a backup or break, please call the Police Department at: 695-5120 and the dispatcher will contact the appropriate party to address the situation.

Want a Fast and Easy Way to Pay Your City Utility Bills?

We offer two convenient ways to pay your utility bills online, free of charge!

Simply log on to www.cityofbuchanan.com, and click on the maroon "Pay Your Utilities Electronically" button for all the details. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 695-3846.

Summer Taxes

It's not too late to pay your summer taxes that were due August 10th. To avoid having your summer taxes rolled over to the winter bill, please pay your summer tax amount due plus 4% late fee before October 31st. You can make your payment by mail, at City Hall, at Chemical Bank Shoreline, or use our drop box located between the parking lot entrances at City Hall.

Volunteers Needed!

Anyone wishing to help out for Trek-or-Treat should contact Michelle Klarich at the Chamber of Commerce by October 25th at 695-3291.

Fall Leaf Pick-up Program

The City Department of Public Works will start the leaf pick-up program on Monday, October 23rd and end on November 17th. **Please rake your leaves along the curb.** For more information, please contact Mr. Willie Brown at 695-3232.

Brush and Bag Pick-up

October will be the last month for brush pick-up until spring, and the last pick-up day for kraft recycling bags is October 9th.

Fire Department Pancake and Sausage Breakfast

Come join the Buchanan City Fire Department for their annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, October 15th from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Tickets can be purchased from any City Firefighter or at the Fire Chief's office for \$4.00 ahead of time, or for \$4.50 at the door. For more information, call the Fire Department at 695-0007.



Happy Halloween!

Have a safe and happy Halloween!

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

A. Jeanne Arbanas
Barbara J. Clark
Carla Cole
Jennifer Harrington
MarLon "Lon" McGuire

Also, Earl "Joe" Scanlon will be running as a write-in candidate for City Commission.

DIAL-A-RIDE BUS SYSTEM

Shall the City of Buchanan continue its local support of the "Dial-A-Ride" bus system, more properly known as the "Dial-A-Ride Transportation System", under UMTA Section 5, Federal Transportation Act of 1978, the general transportation fund program, and Act 327 of the P.A. of 1972, as amended, of the state of Michigan by levying one mill (One [\$1.00] Dollar per each One Thousand [\$1,000.00] Dollars) on the taxable value of all taxable property in the City of Buchanan to support its local share, for a period of three (3) consecutive years, to be levied in 2007, 2008, and 2009? The requested millage rate represents a renewal of a previous millage of .75 mills (seventy-five [.75] cents per each One Thousand [\$1,000.00] Dollars), and a new millage of .25 mills (twenty-five [.25] cents per each One Thousand [\$1,000.00] Dollars) on the taxable value of all taxable property in the City of Buchanan. Based on current valuation, it is estimated that the amount of revenue generated from total millage in the first year of the levy (2007) will be approximately Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty (\$80,780.00) Dollars.

CHARTER AMENDMENT

Shall Chapter 9, Section 9.10 of the Charter of the City of Buchanan be amended by removing the \$1,000.00 monetary limitation on obtaining formal sealed bids and require the City Manager to obtain City Commission approval on all contracts or transactions involving the expenditure of \$5,000.00 or more?

The last day on which a person may register in order to be eligible to vote at the City General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006, is Monday, October 10th, 2006.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS will be available from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, November 4th at Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail. Buchanan residents may obtain an absent voter ballot for the following reasons:

1. 60 years of age or older
2. Expect to be absent from the City on election day
3. Physically unable to come to the polls
4. Confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

Questions regarding absent voting may be directed to the Buchanan City Hall, 695-3844.

Gladys M. Bybee, CMC, City Clerk

Halloween Festivities

The American Legion will be hosting this year's Halloween party and parade on Saturday, October 28th. Starting at 10:30 at the Senior Center at 131 S. Oak Street, children will be served juice and donuts until the parade starts at 11:00. The parade will end at the American Legion at 403 E. Front Street. There lunch will be served, as well as a costume-judging contest and games.

Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat will be held from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. on October 28th this year. Please drive carefully and watch for children crossing streets during these hours so all can have a safe and happy Halloween!

Trek-or-Treat

Trek-or-Treat will again be held this year on the McCoy Creek Trail, starting at EB Clark Woods. The event starts at 1:00 p.m. and runs until 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 28th. Bring the whole family out to enjoy this fun outdoor activity!

Life Continues to be "Better Here"...

Dianne Zielbauer had this to say about why "Life is Better Here" in Buchanan:

"I love Buchanan for the community support that is shown for our local school programs. When our girls went further in softball than they had in a long time, the community was there to support them at every winning step. Even when they didn't make it past the final 4, Buchanan still recognized it as a huge accomplishment, and was proud of their softball girls for going that far!

"Thanks from a proud Buchanan resident!"

You're welcome, Dianne, and a "Life is Better Here" t-shirt will be delivered to your door soon!!

Buchanan Logo T-Shirt Sale!

Get your very own piece of the Buchanan legacy by sporting one of our long-sleeved shirts with the brilliantly colored, all-new Buchanan logo! Warm and comfortable for Fall, at **30% off** they also make great Christmas gifts! Just clip the coupon below and present to City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce, and show your pride in the city where "Life is Better Here" for only \$10!

Save 30%! Save 30%!

Get any size, long-sleeved "Life is Better Here" t-shirt for only \$10.

* Limited time offer: offer good November 1st-30th, 2006.