

CITY COMMISSION

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Wastewater 695-5291
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**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
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1-888-767-6424

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Property Tax Payments

March 1st was the last day the City of Buchanan could collect winter tax payments. If you have not paid your taxes, please contact the County Treasurer's office at 695-3887, ext. 8569, to make payment arrangements.

Yard Waste Pick-Up

Starting April 7th, residents who request the City to pick up and dispose of grass clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings, or garden waste are charged for such service on a "pay-per-bag" basis. These materials are collected at curbside, and must be placed in City-approved, 30-gallon kraft paper bags. These bags can be purchased at City Hall for \$2 each. A City crew will collect bagged yard waste on Mondays beginning April 7th and ending October 27th. To arrange for collection, residents must call the City's yard waste information line at 695-2440. **There is no leaf pickup until the Fall. All leaves must be bagged in City-approved kraft bags.**

Flushing Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants will be flushed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 7th, 8th, and 9th, between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. During this time, you may notice a reduction in your water pressure. This procedure may stir up sand and/or rust. A discoloration of the water may result from the process. Residents should run their water to check for discoloration before using. If you should have any questions, please call Mark Bachman at 695-0257.

Brush Pick-Up

The City will offer pick-up of brush and limbs, starting on April 7th. These materials will be collected by the City crew on the first Monday of every month and end October 6th, 2008. The following is a list of requirements, and the City will not pick up brush if violating one of the following:

- Stack piles neatly, with limbs and ends all facing one direction
- Pile brush in the tree lawn between the curb and sidewalk, or just off the curb if you have no sidewalk
- Items may not exceed ten (10) feet in length
- Branches or tree trunks may not exceed four (4) inches in diameter
- Tree stumps will not be collected

The City will not, unless in the case of an emergency, pick up brush put out after the first Monday of the month, or after October 6th. If you should have any questions, please call Jon Raines at 695-3971.

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are no longer available at City Hall. If you have a dog that is over 4 months old and does not have a license, please contact the Berrien County Animal Control Office at (269) 471-7531.



Happy Spring!

Buchanan Community School Election

Notice is hereby given that there will be a School Election on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to vote for two (2) positions for four (4) year terms on the Buchanan School Board.

Precinct Locations:

Precinct 1: City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail

Precinct 2: Senior Center, 131 S. Oak Street

The following persons have filed petitions and qualified as a candidate for the Buchanan School Board and will be on the ballot:

Thomas Gordon
Karen S. Worvey

The last day for voter registration will be **April 9th, 2008**. In order to vote in this election, you must be registered by this date.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS can be obtained at City Hall prior to the election and will be available from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, May 3rd 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 election day
3. Physically unable to come to the polls
4. Confined to jail or awaiting arraignment or trial

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

Gladys M. Bybee, CMC, Buchanan City Clerk

Cemetery Decorations

Winter decorations may be maintained from November 1st through April 1st. If they are not removed by April 2nd, they will be considered abandoned and shall be disposed of.

Summer decorations may be maintained from April 15th through October 1st. If they are not removed by October 2nd, they will be considered abandoned and shall be disposed of.

Community Calendar

Arbor Day Ceremony - April 25th at 10:00 a.m. at the Gazebo on the corner of Front and Oak streets. Sponsored by the Buchanan Garden Club.

City Spring Clean Up - May 23rd and 24th at the Department of Public Works Building, 606 Clark St. For more information, please call the Police Department at 695-5120.

McCoy Creek Clean Up - May 31st. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. at the Gazebo on the corner of Front St. and Oak St. with cleanup to immediately follow.

Community Wide Garage Sales - June 20th and 21st. Permits can be obtained from City Hall for \$5, and all permits obtained before June 12th will be put on the garage sale map. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Buchanan.

Household Hazardous Waste Collections - May 17th and October 11th from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (noon). For more information, please call Jill Adams at (269) 983-7111 ext. 8234, or visit the Berrien County website at www.berriencounty.org.

Community Planting Day - May 24th at 10:00 a.m. at the Common. For more information or questions, please contact Liz Miller at 695-3309.

Nominating Petitions for City Commissioner

Nominating petitions to qualify as a candidate for a Buchanan City Commissioner are available at City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, Michigan, beginning immediately. Two (2) seats for a four (4) year term on the Commission will be voted on during the City Election, November 4, 2008. Nominating petitions shall contain not less than 6 or more than 20 signatures of qualified registered electors in the City. The last day to file Nominating Petitions in the City Clerk's office is Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. local time.
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