

CITY COMMISSION

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CITY DIRECTORY

City Hall 695-3844
Building Department 695-0011
Cemetery 695-3971
Code Enforcement 695-0006
Fire (non-emergency) 695-0007
Fire Emergency 911
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 of Commerce 695-3291
County Courthouse 684-5274
Landfill 695-2500
District Library 695-3681
Post Office 1-800-275-8777
Reliable Disposal 1-800-677-1083
Secretary of State 1-888-767-6424

www.cityofbuchanan.com

2010 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTIONS

The Southeast Berrien County Landfill will collect hazardous household waste from 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, May 22nd. This service is available for Berrien County residents only, NO businesses or institutions.

Accepted items include home, garden and garage chemicals such as used motor oil & filters, gasoline, antifreeze, oil-based paint, stain, varnish, pesticides, household batteries, cleaners, outdated medicine, medical sharps, mercury items, and compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Items not accepted include propane tanks, ammo, fireworks, appliances, tires, electronics, and latex paint (latex paint can be dried out and placed next to your regular trash with the lid off).

There will be a collection fee of \$1.00 each for 3 or more car batteries; the 1st 2 batteries are FREE. For more than 10 gallons of liquids the fee is \$0.50/gal/item (the 1st 10 gal/items are FREE).

The collection locations will offer a Mercury Fever Thermometer exchange. You may trade in your mercury thermometer and receive a digital thermometer free, while supplies last!

There will be collections at various locations and dates throughout the county. A list is available by visiting the county website, www.berriencounty.org/recycle; click on "Household Hazardous Waste Collections." You may also email jadams@berriencounty.org or call 269-983-8234, if you have any questions regarding the Household Hazardous Waste Collection.

WELCOME COMMISSIONER SCANLON

On March 8th the Buchanan City Commission appointed Joe Scanlon to fill the vacancy left by the unexpected passing of Mayor Barbara Clark. Mr. Scanlon also served on the Commission from July '01 to Nov. '06. The Commission elected Carla Cole to serve as Mayor.

BUCHANAN DWRP (DRINKING WATER REVOLVING FUND) PROJECT UPDATE

Contracts have been awarded for the City of Buchanan DWRP Projects. Projects include the construction of a new well and transmission main, new water billing system, Third St water main replacement, water tower improvements, new water control building and well house improvements, and lastly the replacement of several inoperable water valves at various locations throughout the City. The Contractors were authorized to start construction February 2010. Currently the transmission main is being constructed and will be complete in July 2010.

The Third St water main project will start in April and be complete in June 2010. The Water tower improvements will begin in April and last about two weeks. The Water control building will be under construction starting April 5, 2010 and will be complete in the fall of 2010. The water billing system is expected to be complete in fall 2010.

Lastly, the valve replacement projects will start in June 2010 and will be complete in the fall of 2010. The projects received federal stimulus funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The stimulus funding will reduce the City's incurred cost by 40%. Should you have any questions regarding these projects please call the Project Engineer, Kenton McAndrew, P.E. 269 927 2295-x122.

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!!

Buchanan's Annual Spring Clean-Up Days will be held on Friday & Saturday, May 14th and May 15th, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Department of Public Works, 606 Clark Street. No refrigerators with freon, tires, or paint can be taken. This service is offered to City residents at NO CHARGE. For more information, call 695-0006.

FLUSHING FIRE HYDRANTS

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, April 12, 13, & 14, 2010, between 7 p.m. and 1 a.m. This procedure may stir up some sand or rust, causing a discoloration of the water. Residents should run their water to check for discoloration; run the water until it is clear before using.

YARD WASTE PICK-UP

The City will pick up grass clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings or garden waste on a "pay per bag" basis in City approved, 30-gallon kraft paper bags, which can be purchased at City Hall for \$2.50 each. Pick-up will be on Mondays, from April 5th through October 25th. Residents must call the City's yard waste line at 695-2440 (24-hour answering machine) to request pick-up. **DO NOT PLACE LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, ETC. IN THE STREET.**

BRUSH PICK-UP

From Monday, April 5th through Monday, October 4th, the City will pick-up brush and limbs. Crews will make one pass through the City each month. Brush and limbs must be neatly stacked and laying in one direction on the area between the curb and sidewalk. Items will not be accepted if tied in bundles or exceeds 10' in length or exceeds an amount of 6' high by 6' wide. If the brush is a result of pruning/removal on private property by the owner or a hired Service Provider, that brush shall not be placed for City pick-up. No branches or tree trunks with a diameter greater than 4 inches will be collected. Tree stumps are not acceptable.

RECYCLING SCHEDULE CHANGES

Effective April 29th, Reliable Disposal will pickup recycling every fourth Thursday instead of once monthly.

PAY WATER AND SEWER BILLS ON-LINE

You may pay your water and sewer bills on-line. Visit www.cityofbuchanan.com and click on "Pay your utilities now" for more information.

CITY OF BUCHANAN PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be a School Election on Tuesday, May 4, 2010 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote for two (2) members on the Buchanan Community School Board, an Operating Millage Proposal and a Millage Proposal, Building and Site Sinking Fund Tax Levy.

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

The last day on which a person may register in order to be eligible to vote at the Buchanan School election to be held on May 4, 2010 is Monday, April 5, 2010.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 1, 2010 at Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail. Buchanan residents may obtain an absent voter ballot for the following reasons:

1. 60 years old 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 Buchanan City Hall, 695-3844.

NOMINATING PETITIONS to qualify as a Candidate for a Buchanan City Commissioner are available from the City Clerk's office, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, Michigan. Three (3) seats for a four (4) year term on the Commission will be voted on during the City Election, November 2, 2010. 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 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. local time.**

Gladys M. Bybee, CMC, City Clerk

PROPERTY TAX ESTIMATOR

Are you wondering what your property taxes will be with the new 2010 Assessment? Get an estimate by going to the City's website www.cityofbuchanan.com, click on "City Departments," go to the Treasurer's web page and click on "Property Tax Estimator," which takes you to the State's website. Answer the questions and you will get your estimated annual tax amount.

2010 CENSUS PARTICIPATION IS IMPORTANT

Please return your completed 2010 Census form. Allocation of federal monies is determined by area population numbers.