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Buchanan, MI 49107

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City Hall 695-3844
Building Department 695-0011
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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

IT'S TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING!!

Buchanan's Annual Spring Clean-Up Days will be held on Friday and Saturday, May 6th and 7th, from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, 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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 5, 6 and 7, 2011 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, fromApril 4th through October 10th. Residents must call 695-2440 (24-hour answering machine) to request pick-up. Do not place leaves, grass clippings, etc in the street.

131 SO. OAK ST. (former Senior Center)

As you may know, the Buchanan Senior Center has moved into its new location. It is the wish of the City Commissioners to use this building to benefit the Community. Presently, we plan to update the facility and make it available for parties, showers, reunions, etc. for a nominal fee for City Residents. We expect the building to be available by the end of May.

BRUSH PICK-UP

From Monday, April 4th through Monday, October 3th, 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

WEATHER ALERT

During the upcoming summer months severe weather is a common occurrence in our part of the country. The Fire Chief is recommending residents purchase a weather emergency radio, which is available at our local hardware store for a reasonable price. If you purchase one of these radios and need help programming it, please call Fire Chief Tim Gowen, at 695-0007, and he will assist you with the programming. Our fire siren which has a 3-wail sound will be used to alert citizens of severe weather. One solid 3-minute wail sound is given for tornado warnings. Listen to your local radio and television stations for the most current and up to date information regarding severe weather. Remember that when you hear these sirens, please take appropriate precautions for your safety.

PAY WATER/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.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE BUCHANAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that there will be a School Election on Tuesday, May 3, 2011 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to vote for two (2) members on the Buchanan School Board along with a Millage Proposal.

Precinct Locations:
Precinct 1: City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail
Precinct 2: Buchanan Community Center (formerly known as the Buchanan Senior Center), 131 S. Oak Street

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 Tuesday, May 3, 2011 is Monday April 4, 2011.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Public Accuracy Test for the May 3, 2011 election has been scheduled for Thursday April 21, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATIONS
may be submitted anytime after the 75th day preceding the election. If the ballot must be issued by mail, the application for the ballot must reach the clerk no later than 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 30th at Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail. A voter who visits his or her clerk's office on the day prior to the election to obtain an absentee voter ballot must vote the ballot in the clerk's office; the voter is not permitted to leave the clerk's office with the ballot. Buchanan residents may obtain an absent voter ballot for the following reasons:

* 60 years of age or older
* Expect to be absent from the City election day
* Physically unable to come to the polls
* Appointed election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the residing precinct
* Confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial

Questions regarding absent voting may be directed to:
Buchanan City Hall, 695-3844.
Gladys M. Bybee, MMC
Buchanan City Clerk