



Buchanan City News

“A Fine Place To Live”

City Directory

City Hall	695-3844
Utility Dept.	695-3846
Bldg. Dept.	695-0007
Cemetery	695-3971
Library	695-3681
Police	695-5120
D.P.W.	695-3232
Water	695-0257
Wastewater	695-5291
Code Enfor.	695-0006

Commissioners

David Hagey, Mayor
Flo King
Marlin Lowery
Joe Scanlon, Myr Pro-Tem
Susan Lee

Frequent Numbers

Schools	695-8400
Post Office	695-5821
Courthouse	695-3887
Landfill	695-2500
Animal Cr.	471-7531
Sec. of St.	684-3531
Comcast Cable	683-1584
Chamber	695-3291
Reliable	(800)677-1083

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302 N. Redbud Trail
Buchanan, MI 49107

From the City Manager's Desk: Buchanan's Greatest Asset is Its People

This summer was marked with a number of fantastic events and programs only possible with the leadership and help of dedicated residents of Buchanan. I am impressed by the hard work and personal sacrifice of volunteer board and commission members that strive to make our community better. Without these people, we would not have experienced events like Buchanan Fest and its parade; the Great Buchanan Cruise-In; Redbud Celebration; the performances at the Common and Tin Shop Theatre; the programs at Pears Mill; the City-Wide Garage Sale; Buchanan Day at the Cove; the myriad of services provided by the Senior Center; National Night Out and the list goes on. I would like to thank these volunteers for being good stewards of their community.

We know that successful communities not only have open processes for citizen decision-making, but also active and organized volunteers. A Friends of the Cemetery group has taken the initiative to make improvements at Oak Ridge Cemetery such as repairing old headstones. A Trail Committee has formed to tackle the challenge of developing a linear trail from Centennial Park through the downtown and into Spafford and E.B. Clark Woods. A Process Committee made up of active community members will commit even more of their time to make key decisions and preparations for the Blueprints Program in October. Many other groups and individuals give their time and resources to make Buchanan better.

Buchanan residents truly have a unique opportunity to provide input and direction for the revitalization of the downtown. On Tuesday, October 21st a Community Vision Session will be held at 7:00 p.m. as part of the Blueprints Program planning process. I encourage all residents to provide input on the questions located on the back of this newsletter.

If you are interested in making Buchanan a better place and would like to find a way to get involved, please contact me at (269) 695-3844.

Very Truly Yours,

Michael L. Hughes
City Manager

Buchanan City Fire Department: Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

The Buchanan City Fire Department is having their annual Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on October 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Tickets are available from any City Firefighter or in the Fire Chief's office at City Hall for \$4.00 or at the door for \$4.50. For more information call 695-6007.

Fall Leaf Pick-up Program

Streetside leaf pick-up for the City of Buchanan is scheduled to start on October 20th and continue through November 26th. October 2nd is the last pick-up of kraft recycling bags and brush until Spring. **Residents are asked to rake their leaves into the street.** The Department of Public Works can extend the leaf pick-up program at their discretion.

Absent Voter Ballots

Absent voter ballots will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 1st 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 awaiting arraignment or trial**

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

BLUEPRINT FOR DOWNTOWN

Community Vision Session Questions

1. If the citizens, the business community, and the government were to work together over the next 5 years to make Downtown Buchanan the very best it could be, what would you like to see **result** from that effort?
2. For you to consider those efforts a success, what would Downtown **look** like in 5 years?
3. What would the property and buildings in Downtown be **used for**?
4. Who would the **customers and users** of our successful Downtown be in 5 years?
5. What kinds of **goods and services** would you be able to find here?
6. What is the **image** you want Downtown to have 5 years from now?

Location: Buchanan District Library
Time: October 21st @ 7:00 p.m.

CITY GENERAL ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that there will be a City General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2003 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote for two (2) seats on the Buchanan City Commission for full terms of three (3) years ending in 2006.

PRECINCT LOCATIONS

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

LAST DAY TO REGISTER

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 4, 2003 is Monday, October 6, 2003.

Candidates

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

- Flora Ann King
- Marlin D. Lowery
- Marlon "Lon" McGuire

2003 Street Paving

Moccasin and Chippewa Streets will be paved the week of October 20th. Weather allowing, milling of the streets will occur on October 20th with street paving on October 21st. If you have any questions regarding the paving of these streets please call 695-5291.

Buchanan City Fire Siren

The Buchanan City Fire Department would like to inform all Buchanan residents that the siren located at the Fire Station is finally up and running. To make residents more aware of the siren tones remember this, if it is an ongoing siren it means severe weather is approaching, and if the siren cycles up and down, there is a fire.