

CITY COMMISSION

Dr. Patricia Moore, Mayor
David Hagey, Mayor Pro-Tem
Barbara Clark
Carla Cole
Jennifer Harrington

Meg Mullendore, City Manager
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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

**Welcome New City Commission
and Mayor!**

Help us welcome and greet the three new City Commissioners, Barbara Clark, Carla Cole, and Jennifer Harrington, as well as the new Mayor Dr. Patricia Moore as they begin their efforts to make "Life Better Here" in Buchanan. Commissioner David Hagey remains the Mayor Pro-Tem of the City Commission. City Commission meetings are the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 8 p.m. at City Hall, so please join us in welcoming our new City Commission!

Dog Licenses Sold at City Hall

Dog Licenses will be sold at City Hall from December 1st through February 28th. Proof of rabies vaccination is required, as is proof of neutering and the Berrien County renewal form. The cost per license is \$15 each or \$5 neutered.

Large Item Pick-up

Reliable Disposal has large item pick-up once a month on the first Thursday of each month. Only one item per month can be picked up and must be tagged properly. Items such as furniture, washers, dryers, and mattresses may be set out. If disposing of a refrigerator, the freon must first be taken out. For questions, please call Reliable Disposal at (800) 677-1083.

Winter Property Tax Information

Winter taxes are due on or before February 14, 2007. After February 14th, a 3% late charge fee will be added. After February 28th, taxes are delinquent and will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

If you received a green and white tax notice and your taxes are paid by a mortgage company, you must send them your tax bill immediately. Failure to do so may result in your taxes going delinquent. In this case, any late or delinquent charges are the responsibility of the owner.

**Four Convenient Ways to Pay Your
City Bills**

- * Drop box located at the entrance of City Hall
- * City Hall
- * Chemical Bank's Main Branch
- * Free electronic bill payment service (www.cityofbuchanan.com)

City Offices Holiday Hours

All City offices will be closed for the holiday season on the following days:

- *December 22nd
- *December 25th
- *December 29th
- *January 1st

Have a safe and happy holiday!



Happy Holidays!

Be Aware of Scams...

Please be aware that a number of scams have been attempted in the City. Even after efforts to educate citizens on how not to become a victim to such scams, the Police Department is investigating several cases in which thousands of dollars has been handed over to con-men by city residents.

If someone sends you a real-looking check and asks you to cash it and send them a portion of the money back to them, **do not do it**. If someone tells you that you have won a large amount of money, and the only way to receive the money is to send them a tax fee or a processing fee, **do not do it**.

Con men can call you, or in most cases, will send you a check through the mail asking you to cash it.

If you receive anything like this or if you have any questions, please call or stop down to the Police Department and we will help verify the story: If it sounds too good to be true, it is a scam.

Commissioners' Corner

The City of Buchanan is entering a new era of government with a new Mayor, several new Commissioners, and a relatively new City Manager. All of this could be viewed as an opportunity for a fresh look at how the City goes about the work of the people.

Most citizens I have spoken with over the past two years since becoming a Commissioner are looking for value for their tax dollars, accountability and reliability through the City organization. While we are making strides in these areas, I invite you to envision what the ideal community is to you. Will the new Art Center cause an Artist Community to spring from our multi-talented population? Will we be a center of Techies that will create a Midwest Silicon Valley? Will we become known as a tourism center with our rich heritage and natural beauty on display?

I believe that we may look back at this time as a pivotal moment in the history of Buchanan. We might take this chance to create a Gold Standard community that others look to for innovation, creativity, and diversity. To achieve these ideals, we must come together and work towards progressive policies, good communications, and wise use of our limited resources. With your help, we can shape the City into a future we can all be proud of. Thank you for this opportunity.

Mayor Dr. Patricia Moore

Did You Know?

Chemical Bank's Main Branch (128 N. Main) accepts current payments for the City of Buchanan property taxes and water/sewer bills. If you received a pink notice or a shut-off billing on your water/sewer account, payments must be made at City Hall to avoid service disconnection.

The City offers a free electronic bill payment service for your water/sewer bills. Visit www.cityofbuchanan.com for all the details

Winter Street Parking

Please remember that there will be no parking on City streets from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. With winter snow removal fast approaching, cars need to be off the street to allow plow trucks to clear the roads.

Stocking Stuffers!

Looking for that perfect gift to stuff your stocking with and show your pride in Buchanan? Look no further! City Hall now has window clings and pencils for **50¢!!** Also, don't forget that long-sleeved t-shirts are now **30% OFF** at the great price of \$10 with the coupon below—a great item to snuggle and stay warm in all winter long! Short-sleeved shirts and bracelets are also still available, so be sure to check them out!

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 and show your pride in the city where "Life is Better Here" for only \$10!

