



BUCHANAN

Life is better here.

CITY COMMISSIONERS

- Joe Scanlon, Mayor
- Dave Hagey, Mayor Pro Tem
- Flora King
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DIRECTORY

- City Hall 695-3844
- Building Dpt 695-0007
- Cemetery 695-3971
- Police Dept. 695-5120
- Public Works 695-3232
- Water 695-3846
- Wastewater 695-5291
- Code Enf. 695-0006

OTHER #S

- Schools 695-8400
- Library 695-3681
- Post Office 695-5821
- Chamber 695-3291
- Courthouse 695-3887
- Landfill 695-2500
- Reliable 800-677-1083
- Animal Ctrl. 471-7531
- Sec. of State 684-3531

Coming Down the Pipe

Residents often ask why the city flushes water mains. The reason is to remove the buildup of calcium carbonate (lime hardness) from the walls of the water mains. It also enable the city to exercise fire hydrants and underground system valves to be sure they are in good operating condition.

For homeowners, there are a few things that can be done to improve the homes water quality and water pressure. The service line from the water main to the home also accumulates hardness deposits that in time will reduce the amount of water that can flow through the pipe. The restricted pipe will also cause a reduction in water pressure. There is a way to flush out some of these deposits. First, unscrew all the sink faucet aerators in the home. Then start to turn all of the sinks on. Be sure the sink drains can handle the water so the sinks do not overflow. This process will help flush out debris in your home's piping. Before screwing the aerator back on, remember to clean the aerator screens. The

clean screens will increase water pressure. An old hot water heater that has filled with deposits may also be robbing your system of pressure and cause water to smell. Older water heaters also require more gas or electrical energy due to extensive build up of lime deposits on the tank walls. Refrigerators with ice makers should have their water filters replaced annually.

By flushing water pipes, the quality of water will be enhanced and water pressures increased. For further information, please contact Rick Smigielski at 695-3844.



Winter Property Tax Information

Winter taxes are due on or before February 14, 2006. After February 14, a 3% late charge fee will be added. After February 28, taxes are delinquent and will be turned over to the County Treasurer.

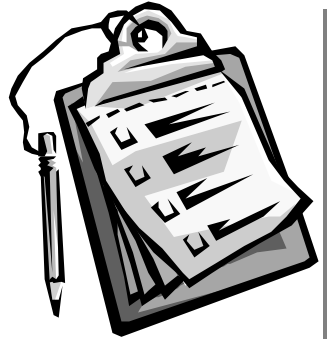
If you received a green and white tax notice and your taxes are paid by a mortgage company, you must send them your tax bill immediately. Failure to do so may result in your taxes going delinquent. In this case, any late or delinquent charges are the responsibility of the homeowner.



Did You Know?

Chemical Bank's Main Branch (128 N. Main) accepts current payments for 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 paying service for your water/sewer bills, visit www.cityofbuchanan.com for all the details.



TUNE IN!
Buchanan's cable station is no longer Ch. 17. Please tune in to Channel 99 for Buchanan News.

A Huge Success

Thank you to all of the Buchanan area residents who supported the Buchanan City Fire Department breakfast and the Pizza Hut Night-Out. Pizza Hut Night-Out is a fundraiser hosted by the local Fire Departments (Buchanan City, Buchanan Township, Bertrand Township, and Galien Township).

The proceeds from this event went to help Hurricane Katrina victims.

Life is better here....why?

While we all have unique stories about how we got to Buchanan, our reason for being here is the same...life IS better here.

Send in your reasons for living in Buchanan, explaining why you believe LIFE IS BETTER HERE. You could win a t-shirt!

Include your name, address, phone number, and email address with your submission. Mail to City of Buchanan, 302 N. Redbud Trail.

Look for more reasons why Life is Better Here in future newsletters.

"We're a lot better than fine."

Reply to media question as to why the City was changing from the old slogan "A fine place to live."

JUST A FEW THINGS TO LOVE ABOUT BUCHANAN:

- *The Common
- *Tin Shop Theatre
- *Farmers' Market
- *Pears Mill
- *Downtown Streetscape
- *McCoy's Creek Trail

THERE'S A NEW FACE IN TOWN

October 3 marked Meg Mullendore's first day as Buchanan City Manager. Meg hails from Grand Rapids, where she worked for the municipality. In her first weeks here, Meg has immersed herself in projects like the Farmers' Market while also familiarizing herself with codes, policies, facilities, departments, staff, businesses, schools, and more. If you have not yet had opportunity to meet Meg, call 695-3844 to schedule a meeting.

Don't forget—you can also get involved in City projects by volunteering for one of our Boards. Contact Gladys at 695-3844 for more information.

Looking for that special holiday gift?

Visit Buchanan City Hall at 3rd and Redbud Trail for one-stop shopping. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m.

Life is Better Here merchandise:



- Long-sleeve shirt \$15
- Short-sleeve shirt \$11
- Window Cling \$1

www.cityofbuchanan.com