

City of Buchanan E-Newsletter

City of Buchanan
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Hours Monday – Friday 8am to 5pm

City Commission Meetings
are open to the public.
Meetings are held every
2nd & 4th Monday @ 7pm

City Commissioners:

Brenda Hess, Mayor
Carla Cole, Pro-Tem
Dr. Patricia Moore
Dale Toerne
Dan Vigansky
Bill Marx, City Manager

Department Phone Numbers

Emergency: 911
City Hall: 695-3844
Police Department: 695-5120
Dept. of Public Works: 695-7547
Code Enforcement: 695-0006
Cemetery: 695-3971
Water Department: 695-3846
Wastewater: 695-5291

Building Inspector

Tues & Thurs: 8am – 4pm
Fridays: 1pm - 4pm
695-3844 ext. 24

Tax Assessor

Tuesdays 9am – 4pm
695-3844 ext. 18

Holiday Closing Dates

September 4 – Labor Day

Peddlers/Solicitors

You must have a permit to go door to door in our City. Residents should ask to see a permit, if they do not have one, call City Hall or the Police Department. There is a Police background check before a permit is issued.

For the Veterans

The Berrien County Veteran's Service Office is located in the County Administration Building at 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, MI. Phone 269-983-7111 ext. 8118 or 8224. Hours are 8:30am – 5:00pm Monday thru Friday. It's best to call first to make sure the Service Officer is in. Check out their website at www.Berriencounty.org/veterans

Sewer Backups

Make us your first call if you have a sewer backup. We will check the main line, which may save you from having to call a plumber. If available, we can print you a copy of your sewer line & clean outs. Call City Hall at 695-3844 ext. 11

Sewer Drains

Please keep grass clippings, leaves and yard waste out of the streets as this is the #1 result of our storm drains being clogged.

Worn Flags

The American Legion has a drop box where worn flags can be taken and will be destroyed in a dignified way by the American Legion.



Annual Summer Thrill on the Hill August 3rd, 4th & 5th

Thursday, August 3rd 4pm to 10pm - \$5

Friday, August 4th Noon to 10pm - \$5

Friday, August 4th Adult Luau Party 11pm to 1am - \$5

Saturday, August 5th 10am to 10pm - \$5

Early Bird Special – All 3 days - \$10 (excludes Adult Luau)

Early Bird Special has to be purchased at City Hall by Thursday, August 3rd.

Friday: P.S. Dump Your Boyfriend Concert - 8:30pm
(concert free with wristband)

Friday: \$5 Carriage Rides 6pm-9pm

Saturday: Arts & Crafts 10am – 7pm

All wristbands include unlimited rides! You'll also find Corn Hole, Water Balloon Games, Prizes, Dancing, Music, All day DJ, Beach Themed Playground Area, Non-Profit Food Vendors, Zumba, Sandcastles and more!

YOU provide pool floating device, **NO** sharp edges allowed, floating device required to slide!

Friday night Concert - P.S. Dump Your Boyfriend

On Friday, August 4th at 8:30pm there will be a Concert held in the Moose Lodge Parking lot located between Citgo Gas Station and Smoke Vision Center. This venue will be free with Friday or Early Bird Special wristband. If you plan to only attend the concert, there will be a \$5 wristband charge at the gate. We hope to see you there!

Thrill of the Art Craft Show at Thrill on the Hill

If you are a crafter or know a crafter that would be interested in utilizing one of the 15 booths available for the Thrill on the Art, Saturday August 5th from 10am – 7pm, contact Liz Dreitzler at Elizabeth.Dreitzler@xpo.com.

A Note from the Mayor

Hello everyone. My name is Brenda Hess and I wanted to introduce myself as your Mayor for those I have not had a chance to meet yet. I joined the City Commission in the summer of 2015 and became Mayor in November of 2016. I moved to Southwest Michigan in 1989 from a small town south of Grand Rapids following graduation from Hope College in Holland. I was hired by Niles Community Schools where I worked for 24 years. I moved from Niles to Buchanan Township in 1997 and into the City in 2003. I was hired by Buchanan Community Schools in 2013 where I currently work as the Elementary Literacy Coach for Ottawa and Moccasin Schools. I am married to my husband, Chip and I have two adult sons, Alex and Ben Brown. I became involved in City government because I feel Buchanan is a very special place, and it is my desire to help Buchanan continue to grow and flourish. I moved into Buchanan as a single mom. My two sons have since grown into young adults and I attribute their success in part to the fact that they grew up in such a wonderful small town. Buchanan is a community where people care for and watch out for each other. Now that my children are grown, I feel it's very important to give back to the community that helped them get their start. As your Mayor, I feel it is very important to get citizen input. You can contact me anytime at brendahessbuchanan@gmail.com. I would also like to invite you to City Commission meetings which are held each 2nd and 4th Monday of the month at City Hall. Meetings start at 7:00 p.m. We cover a variety of topics important to City life and I hope you can join us. I am honored and privileged to be your Mayor and I hope to see you this coming weekend at Thrill on the Hill. Please be sure to introduce yourself and say hello. I look forward to meeting you!



National Night Out

When: Tuesday, August 1, 2017

Time: 6pm – 9pm

Where: McCoy Creek Recreational Area (behind BHS)

Cost: Free of Charge



Every year, our very own Buchanan City Police Department puts on an event free to the public called National Night Out Against Crime! This event is open to all citizens in and around the Buchanan Community! It also includes good food, music, a dunk tank to dunk your favorite police officers, getting sprayed by the Buchanan City Fire Department, and a WATER SLIDE! This is your chance for you and your family to meet the multiple agencies in Berrien County and strengthen the connection between the police and community! This night also raises awareness of heightened crime and drug prevention!

Visit our Community Calendar
On our website
www.cityofbuchanan.com



Yard Waste Pick Up

Now-October 2, 2017

Pick-up will be every Monday.

Grass clippings, leaves, hedge trimmings and/or garden waste must be in 30 gallon brown recyclable paper bags that can be purchased from the store of your choice. Plastic bags will not be accepted.

Residents must call the Cemetery by Sunday evening at 695-3971 (24-hour answering machine) to request pick up.

DO NOT PLACE LEAVES, GRASS CLIPPINGS, ETC IN THE STREETS

Summer Taxes Due

Just a friendly reminder that all Summer Taxes are due August 10, 2017

Summer Concerts

2017 Summer Concert Series

Buchanan Common

Thursdays 7pm, Rain or Shine

August 3 – The Backsliders

August 10 – Terry & the Heartbeats

August 17 – Parallel Hope

Visit the Community Calendar on our website to get the details of each event!

Brush Pick Up

Now-October 2, 2017

The City brush pick-up starts on the FIRST and THIRD Monday of each month. It could take up to 2 weeks to make a complete pass through the town, depending on weather, equipment, funerals, and the amount of brush to be picked up. We have 27.81 miles of streets and one chipper truck.

Brush and limbs must be neatly stacked and laying in one direction on the tree lawn area, between the curb and sidewalks.

Items will NOT be accepted if tied in bundles or if it exceeds 10 feet in length. No branches or tree trunks with a diameter greater than 4 inches will be collected. Tree stumps are not accepted and will not be picked up.