

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

Upcoming Closed Dates:

November 24 & 25
December 23 & 26
December 30
January 2

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



Buchanan's New Mayor

Congratulations to our new Mayor, Brenda Hess as she was officially sworn into office on November 16, 2016.

A huge **THANK YOU** to Carla Cole for her dedication to Buchanan during her six years of being our Mayor. We appreciate your hard work and long hours spent making Life Better in Buchanan! Congratulations on being named Mayor Pro-Tem, you will do a wonderful job, as always!

Leaf Pick-Up & Bag Pickup Information

*Yard Waste Bag pick-up will continue until inclement weather, please call the Cemetery at 695-3971 to arrange pick up.

*Leaf pickup will continue as long as weather permits, please place leaves on the tree lawn as soon as possible and each city road will have a minimum of two pass throughs to pick up leaves.

Water Bill Information

Water bills are sent out the first business day of each month and are due the day before the last business day of the month. Failure to receive bill does not alter the due date nor waive past due penalties. Avoid bills getting lost in the mail and sign up for our E-Billing today! If your water bill seems high, check immediately for leaks in your system. A dripping faucet or running toilet are common causes of high bills.

Save a Stamp...Sign Up for an Email Water Bill

Did you know we can email water bills AND you can pay your bill using the link included in the email? Simply email waterbill@cityofbuchanan.com and we will sign you up to receive your water bills via email. You can change back to a postcard at any time if you don't like the convenience of computer generated bills.

Water & Sewer Billings-Pay Bills with a Click, Not a Check

If you haven't signed up to pay your monthly bills electronically, please visit the City's website and click on "Pay your Utilities Now" button for detail or call the water department at 695-3846.

We accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover

Save the Date Buchanan's 6th Annual Winter Thrill on the Hill - 2017

January 27th Friday

Friday Night - 6 pm to 9 pm - \$5
Adult Midnight Run - 11 pm to 1 am - \$5

January 28th Saturday

11 am to 9 pm - \$5
Free games and contests

Sledding tubes are provided, just pack up the family and plan on spending the day! All events include unlimited rides with fun surprises in store for everyone.

Important Summer Tax Bill Information

Unpaid summer tax bills are NOT included in the Winter Tax Bill. The summer tax bill you received in July 2016 is the only summer tax bill sent out. If your summer taxes are unpaid, you must pay them at City Hall on or before February 28th, being sure to include the 4% late charge fee. You can pay with one check, but you need to bring in both summer and winter tax bills to ensure proper payment posting. Please allow a minimum of 5 days mailing time to assure payment is received prior to the due date. On March 1st, taxes are delinquent and are turned over to Berrien County Treasurer.

Winter Property Tax Information

Winter Taxes are due on or before February 14, 2017. For payments received Feb. 15th through Feb. 28th a 3% late charge fee will be added. Postmarks cannot be accepted as date of payment and any payment received after Feb. 16th will be returned if the 3% late charge is not included. February 28th is the last day to pay taxes at City Hall, March 1st they are sent to the County Treasurer. If your taxes are paid by your mortgage company and you received the actual bill indicating the amount you owe, you must send them your tax bill immediately. Failure to do so may result in taxes going delinquent. In this case, any late or delinquent charges will be responsibility of the homeowner. If you no longer own this property, please forward the tax notice to the new owner.

Utilities

A.E.P (American Electric Power)

800-277-2177

Semco Energy Gas Company

800-624-2019

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To locate underground utilities

811 or 800-482-7171

Reliable Disposal

800-677-1083

Building Inspector at City Hall

Tuesdays & Thursdays
8am – 4pm

Fridays 1pm - 4pm
695-3844 ext. 24

Tax Assessor at City Hall

Tuesdays 9am – 4pm
695-3844 ext. 18

Dog License

Available at City Hall
Dec 1 – End of
February

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

Buchanan Promise Program

A newly endowed scholarship program in Buchanan has community leaders, parents and students excited about what the \$7 million investment will mean for the district and community. The Buchanan Promise scholarship program is the result of an endowment from the late Walter Schirmer Jr., who died in May. Schirmer, whose father was the longtime president of Clark Equipment, wanted to leave a legacy to give all Buchanan students access to higher education and strengthen the community. The Schirmer endowment is believed to be the biggest cash donation of its kind by an individual in Berrien County, Buchanan Promise steering committee member Jeff Curry said. Curry and other local leaders spoke at the unveiling of the Buchanan Promise program. "For years, Buchanan was a symbol of industrial decline with the loss of Clark and Electro-Voice, but Buchanan has been on the rise for quite some time," Curry said. "Walter Schirmer had hundreds of choices of who to leave his money to, and he chose Buchanan and public education." Like many Promise programs around the country, the Buchanan Promise goal is to expand students' access to higher education. Buchanan students who live in the district and maintain school attendance can receive up to \$10,000 total, or \$2,500 per year, to pay for college or trade school education. Trustees expect to issue 60 scholarships the first year. The number would rise to at least 160 in the 15th year. Buchanan City Manager William Marx likened the program to buying a new car and trying to get the best deal and best options. "This gives Buchanan one more option as a destination for families," he said. "... When you look at options, this would be a big one, like a luxury package." Young families will have the scholarship money available when their children get older. Dave Perez has two young sons, ages 5 and 3, and called the Buchanan Promise "absolutely wonderful." "It's good to be part of a community that cares so much about its students," he said. "It's a benefit for parents as well as children. We can encourage our children to follow their dreams and not have to worry so much about paying for their college education." Learning about the Buchanan Promise caused a change in plans for the Carlin family. Stacey Carlin said she and her husband had been thinking about moving to a new home outside of the school district until they heard about the new program. They have three young children, ages 7, 5 and 2. "We were looking at a house out of the district while still sending them to school here," she said. "But with the rollout of this, it's out of the question and not even in the equation. I also know other parents who live in surrounding communities and want to move here. This is a tremendous opportunity for our kids." Buchanan High School seniors Dylan Catalano and Britta Mollberg were among a handful of students attending a recent presentation at Buchanan Middle School. Their class will be the first to be able to take advantage of the program. "At first I was in awe to hear how much someone had donated," Catalano said. "We definitely feel very lucky. With how expensive college is, any money helps and I can see how this will be a driving force for some kids in being able to go to college." Mollberg said she expects the scholarship to make life a little easier for her and many of her classmates. "We're excited," she said. People can find out more about the Buchanan Promise and how it will work at the www.buchananpromise.com website.



White Saturday – November 26, 2016

Share a cup of small town cheers as we flip the switch and start the season!
White Saturday is an all-day holiday event in historic downtown Buchanan, MI.
Come for shopping, dining, art, and antiques,
and stay for the parade and traditional holiday lighting ceremony!
Don't miss the arrival of Santa at the holiday parade starting at 6:00 pm!
Stay for pictures with Santa, and all the festivities as we light the Common downtown.

10am – 6pm – Shopping!

Visit our historic downtown for shopping and dining. We will also have vendor's spaces in our Mill Alley.

10:30am – 3:30pm – Make & Take a Holiday Ornament!

Stop in and create a holiday ornament at the Buchanan Art Center. Enjoy the local art in the galleries and gift shop, hot cocoa, and fresh popcorn. All ages are encouraged to be a part of the art....all for free!

11am – Santa (First Sighting!)

Buchanan District Library will host Santa and Mrs. Claus along with pictures, crafts, and cookie decorating. All are welcome!

2pm – 4pm – Caroling!

The Lighthouse Chorus will be singing Christmas carols throughout downtown.

4pm – 5:30pm – Story & Letters to Santa!

Come back to the Library as Country Heritage Credit Union sponsors children story time and write a letter to Santa.

1pm – 4pm – Bake Sale!

The students of the Culinary Arts program at High School will host a bake sale. All proceeds will support the program.

6pm – PARADE!

6:30pm – 8:30pm – Holiday Lighting Ceremony!

Come to the Common following the parade for Santa's arrival and the annual "throwing of the switch" as we light the Common! Christmas music, caroling, pictures with Santa sponsored by AEP. Following the ceremony join us in the Community Center for cookies and hot chocolate!

Other participating business include:

Abandonedrelik
Alan Robandt Antique, Vintage, & Modern
B&W Olde Village Inn
Dean Antiques
Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve
Havens Retreat Day Spa
Julies Wear n' Share
Pure Rituals
Redbud Hardware
SL Consignment Gallery
Union Coffee House & Café

11th Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner

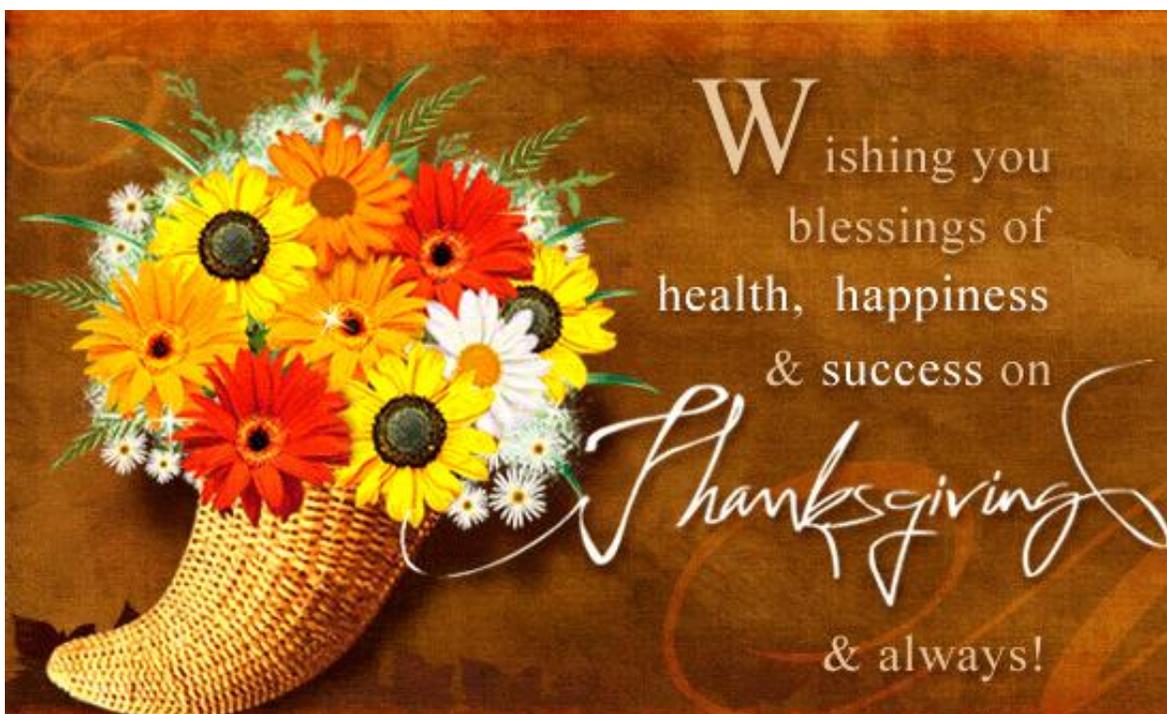
Where: Buchanan Area Senior Center
810 Rynearson St, Buchanan

When: Thursday, November 24

Time: 11:00am – 1:00 pm

Guests will enjoy a free traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings at the Buchanan Area Senior Center (810 Rynearson Street, in Buchanan). For more information or if you would like a meal delivered to your home, call Jean at 269-362-4894, or Gladys Bybee at 695-3844 ext. 17. (Delivery available in Buchanan only). If you're interested in contributing to the dinner, feel free to bring a dessert dish to share.

Thank you to our many community volunteers and donors who make this event possible each year!!



Pecan Pie Cake Roll



Prep time

30 mins

Cook time

70 mins

Total time

1 hour 40 mins

Pecan pie filling rolled into a light sponge cake make this pecan pie cake roll a perfect Thanksgiving dessert.

Serves: 12

Ingredients

Cake

- 3 Eggs
- 1 cup Sugar 3 tablespoons Cold water
- 1 cup Bob's Red Mill Organic Unbleached White All-Purpose Flour
- 1 teaspoon Baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon Salt
- 1 tsp Butter Nut Flavoring
- 2 c Pecans, chopped
- ½ c Confectioner's sugar for dusting towel

Filling

- 1 c Sugar
 - 1 ½ c Corn syrup
 - 4 Eggs
 - ¼ cup Butter, melted
 - 1 ½ tsp Vanilla
 - 2 c Pecans, chopped
- order ingredients



Instructions

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Line a greased jelly roll pan with parchment paper.
3. In a large bowl, beat eggs for 3 minutes.
4. Gradually add sugar; beat eggs in a mixer on high for 2 minutes or until mixture becomes thick.
5. Stir in water.
6. Combine dry ingredients and gently fold the mixture into the eggs. Don't over mix, you don't want to deflate the eggs.
7. Pour the batter into the pan and spread it evenly. You want to make sure it is even so the edges don't cook more than the center and crumble when you go to roll the cake.
8. Bake 13 - 15 minutes or until cake springs back when lightly touched. Halfway through baking sprinkle chopped pecans over cake and press down very lightly. Continue baking the remainder of the time then remove from oven and cool cake in pan for 5 minutes.
9. Invert cake onto a kitchen towel dusted with confectioners' sugar and peel off parchment paper.
10. Starting with a short side roll the cake up in the towel. Let the cake cool completely like that.
11. Unroll the cake and spread filling evenly over cake leaving a little space around the edges.
12. Roll the cake back up.
13. Store in the refrigerator.

Filling

1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
2. Mix all ingredients together in a bowl then pour into a 9 inch pie dish and bake 45 minutes or until only the center jiggles when moved.
3. Use a spoon to stir filling up every 10 minutes.
4. When ready remove filling stove top, stir again and let cool for 10 minutes before spreading on cake.