

CITY COMMISSION

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Public Works 695-3232

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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

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1-888-767-6424

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Commissioner's Corner

Fall is knocking on our doors! It is one of my favorite times of the year, and with Halloween just around the corner, Buchanan has many events people of all ages in the community can enjoy.

The Halloween parade sponsored by the Buchanan Moose Lodge will be on Saturday, October 27th, starting at 11:00 a.m. at the Senior Center and ending at the Moose Lodge for treats and a costume contest that will be judged by the Buchanan City Commissioners!

Police Chief Bill Marx would like to remind parents to talk to their children about safety on Trick-or-Treat night. Several tips to keep in mind this Halloween to ensure all have a safe and happy Halloween are:

- * Do not walk out between parked cars.
- * Wear reflective clothing or reflective tape on your costume for visibility to drivers.
- * Please stop by the Police Department for a candy check. DO NOT consume any candy, fruit, or anything else until the candy has been checked-over.
- * Parents, please stay with your children to help supervise and keep your children safe.

Have a safe and happy harvest and holidays!

Carla Cole
Commissioner

Halloween Trick-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat will be held from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 31st this year.

Summer Taxes

It's not too late to pay your summer 2007 taxes that were due August 10th. To avoid having your summer taxes rolled over to the winter bill, please pay your summer tax amount due plus 4% late fee before October 31st. You can make your payment by mail, at City Hall, Chemical Bank, or use our drop box located between the parking lot entrances at City Hall.

Brush and Bag Pick-up

October will be the last month for brush pick-up until Spring, and the last pick-up day for kraft recycling bags is Monday, October 15th.

Tree Trimming and Stump Grinding

Tree trimming and stump grinding will begin this fall with the trees in most need of removal at the top of the list. Please understand this is a process which takes time. If you feel you have a tree in need of removal, please contact Joe Vander Meulen for an assessment of the need at 695-1159.



Happy Halloween!
Have a safe and happy
Halloween!

City of Buchanan Public Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there will be an Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. to vote for Lake Michigan College District Operating Millage Proposal.

Precinct Locations:

Precinct 1: City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail

Precinct 2: Senior Center, 131 S. Oak Street

OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Shall the charter tax rate limitation in the Lake Michigan College District, Michigan, be increased by .49 mill (\$0.49 on each \$1,000.00 of taxable valuation) for the inclusive 10 year period of 2007 to 2016, to be used for operating purposes for all Lake Michigan College campuses and to include, but not be limited to maintenance and renovation of college facilities, upgrading of instructional equipment, and development of new instructional programs (the estimate of revenue the community college district will collect in the first year of levy, 2007, is approximately \$3,342,000)?

Yes

No

ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS can be obtained at City Hall prior to the election and will be available from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Saturday, November 3rd 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 or awaiting arraignment or trial

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

Gladys M. Bybee, CMC, City Clerk

File of Life Packets

Enclosed in this newsletter you will find a "File of Life" red magnetic holder to stick on your refrigerator and two "File of Life" information cards. In the event of an emergency, these cards are very useful in obtaining quick information. Preparedness saves lives!!

Leaf Pickup

Leaf pickup will begin on October 22nd. For leaf pickup problems and questions, please contact Willie Brown at the Department of Public Works at 695-3232.

Oak Ridge Cemetery Columbarium

The Cemetery Department has completed the placement of the Oak Ridge Cemetery Columbarium. The columbarium is now available for those interested in securing a section. To secure a section of the columbarium, please contact Jon Raines at the Cemetery at 695-3971.

Oak Ridge Cemetery Fundraising Project

The Friends of Oak Ridge Cemetery is seeking help to make the entrance sign on Front Street to Oak Ridge Cemetery a reality through donations from members of the community. The sign is a project of Friends of Oak Ridge Cemetery that is being erected completely from time and materials donated by area contractors and union locals. However, though most of the needs for this sign have been provided for, about \$5,000 of the cost is still needed. Any donation amount is being accepted by the Friends, and any money received over the required amount will be used for the continued restoration of the Cemetery. The names of donors will be placed in the Local History room of the Buchanan District Library.

Donations may be made out to Friends of Oak Ridge Cemetery with "Memorial Sign" on the memo line, and mailed to: Friends of Oak Ridge Cemetery, P.O. Box 142, Buchanan, MI 49107. Friends of Oak Ridge Cemetery is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and all donations are tax-deductible.

If you have any questions, please contact Lyle Sumerix at (269) 695-9733, or Donna Lace, Friends secretary-treasurer, at (269) 695-5676.