

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

April 14 -1/2 day - Good Friday
May 29 - Memorial 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

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.

Oak Ridge Cemetery Clean-Up

All Winter decorations should be removed on April 1st.

The Cemetery department will begin Winter decoration clean-up on April 3rd.

Fire Hydrant Flushing

Tuesday, April 4th: 7pm – Midnight
Wednesday, April 5th: 7pm – Midnight
Thursday, April 6th: 7pm - Midnight

The hydrant flushing program is very important to the maintenance of the City's water system. Hydrant flushing may cause some water discoloration and low water pressure for a short period of time. If you see the City crew flushing hydrants in your area, avoid running tap water and using the washing machine.

Easter Egg Hunt

When: Saturday, April 15, 2017
Time: 8 am - Noon
Where: Buchanan Common

Rain, snow, or sunshine, please dress for the weather!!

Buchanan's Annual Spring Clean-Up

April 21st & 22nd 8am-5pm
Department of Public Works
606 Clark Street

No refrigerators with Freon, tires, or paint can be accepted. This service is offered to City residents at **NO CHARGE**.

For more information call the Police Department at 695-5120

Dial-A-Ride

Harding's Market in Buchanan contracts with Buchanan Dial-A-Ride to provide Buchanan seniors free rides from their homes to Harding's. The service is provided every Wednesday where seniors are given an hour to shop (9am-10am) before their return trip home. Seniors must call on Tuesdays before 3pm to schedule their free ride to Harding's. For more information or to schedule a pick-up call 269-697-0600

Facilities Available to Rent

Call City Hall 695-3844 ext. 10 to rent Ravish Park Pavilion and or Centennial Park Pavilion.

Call the Police Department to rent the Redbud City Center at 695-5120. We offer discounted Rates for Buchanan City Residents.

Message from the City Clerk

There will be an election held May 2, 2017. The Buchanan Community Schools are proposing a Sinking Fund Millage. A sample ballot is posted at City Hall.

Brush Pick Up

April 3, 2017-October 2, 2017

The City will pick up brush and limbs on the FIRST and THIRD Monday of each month. The City Crews will make only ONE pass throughout the City starting on each of the first and third Monday's.

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.

Officer Brie's Tip of the Month

Phone scams! We have all received phone calls from unknown phone numbers, telemarketers, and the latest...the IRS. The IRS will ALWAYS contact you by mail, not by phone. Here are some ways to avoid phone scams:

- If you do not know the number calling you, let it go to voicemail. Most scammers will not leave messages.
- Get caller I.D. If you do not know the number, or the person calling you, do not answer the phone.
- If there is a long pause before someone, or an automated message responds, then hang up.
- Ask what state and federal agencies that the company is registered with or regulated by.
- Ask to be put on a Do-Not-Call list.
- If it sounds too good to be true, then it probably is.
- Just hang up if you are not interested.
- NEVER give out your personal information!

Keeping these tips in mind will help protect you against most phone scams. Share with your friends and family to help keep them informed. To stay up to date on the latest scams, I recommend <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>. This website has information on the latest scams and good information on prevention and protection from being a victim.

Also, please feel free to contact Buchanan City Police Department if you have been a victim of a fraud or have any questions about frauds. Contact us at 269-695-5120.

Know someone who is not receiving our Newsletter? Have them email us at citynews@cityofbuchanan.com to sign up for our monthly newsletter!!

Save the Dates:

Memorial Day Parade
May 29, 2017 at 10:00 am

Buckteen's Car Cruise-In

On Saturday, June 10th from 1pm-7pm the Buckteens will have Front Street turned into a car show from Redbud to Main Street. They have scheduled a rain date for June 11th.

2017 Community Wide Yard Sale

Due to a conflict in dates, the Annual Community Wide Yard Sale has been changed to June 16th and 17th this year.

2nd Annual Summer Thrill on the Hill

First weekend in August

