

**CITY COMMISSION**

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**CITY DIRECTORY**

City Hall 695-3844

Building Department 695-0011  
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 Police Department 695-5120  
 Public Works 695-7547  
 Wastewater 695-5291  
 Water 695-3846

**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  
 1-800-813-3144  
 Secretary of State  
 1-888-767-6424

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**Summer Taxes**

It's not too late to pay Summer 2008 taxes that were due on August 11th. To avoid having your summer taxes rolled-over to your winter bill, please pay your summer tax amount, plus 4% late fee, before October 31st. You can make your payment either by mail, or in person at City Hall or Chemical Bank, or you can use our drop box located between the parking lot entrances at City Hall.



**Give Yourself a Break with our  
 Payment Options for Utility Bills**

In addition to City Hall and Chemical Bank, you can save time by paying your utility bill on-line. Its **FAST, Easy and Free!** Go to our website at [www.cityofbuchanan.com](http://www.cityofbuchanan.com) and click on the "Pay Your Utility Bill Electronically" button for all the details. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 695-3846.

**Flushing Fire Hydrants**

Fire hydrants will be flushed Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, October 6th, 7th, and 8th, between 7:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. During this time, you may notice a reduction in your water pressure. This procedure may stir up sand and/or rust. A discoloration of the water may result from the process. Residents should run their water to check for discoloration before using. If you have any questions, please call City Hall at 695-3846.

**Holiday Lighting Ceremony**

The Holiday Lighting Ceremony this year will be on Friday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m., at The Common.



**Brush Pick-Up**

Monday, October 6, 2008 will be the last day this season for brush pick-up. After October 6th, brush will not be collected unless there is an emergency.

**Yard Waste Pick-up**

October 27th will be the last day for yard waste pick-up. The waste has to be in City approved, 30 gallon kraft paper bags available at City Hall for \$2.00 each.

**Leaf Pick-up Program**



Streetside leaf pick-up will begin Monday, October 20th. Please rake your leaves to the back of the curb at the edge of the pavement. Weather permitting, and machine operable, each zone will be covered in a one-week time frame.

**Mill Race Presentation**

A representative from Wetland and Coastal Resources will give a presentation on the Mill Race Remediation Study, at the October 13th City Commission meeting, at 7:30 p.m., Buchanan City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail.

**Halloween Trick-or-Treat Schedule**

This year, Buchanan celebrates Halloween on Saturday, November 1st. A full schedule of events are planned for all the ghosts and goblins. The American Legion is again sponsoring the **Halloween Parade and Party!** At 10:30 a.m., at the Senior Center, 131 S. Oak Street, children will be served donuts and cider until the parade starts at 11:30 a.m. The Parade begins at the Senior Center and ends at the Legion Hall. The Legion will serve lunch and have a costume-judging contest, and games. From 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. **Trek-or-Treat** will be held on the McCoy Creek Trail. **Trick-or-Treat is from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** Following trick-or-treat, there will be a movie at The Common. Come join the Fun!!!



## City of Buchanan Public Notice

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that there will be a General Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2008, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote for City, Federal, State and County Offices, and proposals.

Precinct Locations:

Precinct 1: City Hall, 302 N. Redbud Trail

Precinct 2: Senior Center, 131 S. Oak Street

### **THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE FILED PETITIONS AND QUALIFIED AS A CANDIDATE AND WILL BE ON THE BALLOT; VOTE FOR TWO:**

Ann-Marie Buchanan Jones

Patricia A. Moore

Maryellen Robards

Warren Weaver

The last day on which a person may register to vote in the General Election to be held on November 4, 2008, is Monday, October 6, 2008.

**ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS** can be obtained at City Hall prior to the election, and will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., Saturday, November 1, 2008, 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 on election day;
3. Physically unable to come to the polls;
4. Tenets of religion;
5. Appointed an Election Precinct Inspector;
6. Confined to jail or awaiting arraignment or trial.

Questions regarding absent voting may be directed to Gladys Bybee, CMC, Buchanan City Clerk, at City Hall, 695-3844, 302 N. Redbud Trail

### **Cemetery Decorations**

Winter decorations may be maintained from November 1st through April 1st. If winter decorations are not removed by April 2, 2009, they will be considered abandoned, and will be discarded.

### **Call 811 Before You Dig!**

"811" is the new nationwide number that will route you to the local "Call Before You Dig" system. The MISS DIG 811 system will notify affected local utility companies to send crews to mark underground lines, for free. You may still use 800-482-7171 to contact the MISS DIG state program.

### **Buchanan Has a New Fire Chief!**

Hello, I would like to introduce myself to the citizens of the City of Buchanan. My name is Tim Gowen, and I became the City's new Fire Chief on May 1, 2008. Following former Chief Warren Weaver will be a difficult task; however I have an excellent group of officers to assist me: Assistant Chief Mike Adams, Captain Bobby Blaylock, Safety Officer Bill Norton, and Lieutenants Justin Harrington and Rich Mills. The City also has a crew of 15 great firefighters, along with 3 cadets.

There are a few events of which I would like to inform you:

#### **Sirens to Indicate Severe Weather**

The City is adopting a new policy regarding the use of fire sirens. During severe weather conditions, the fire sirens will sound as follows: an up and down wailing sound, which will last for 3 to 5 minutes, indicates a Severe Weather Alert; a continuous wailing sound lasting for 3 minutes, indicates a Tornado Warning. On October 11, 2008, at 9:00 a.m., and lasting for approximately 15 minutes, the Fire Department will be testing the sirens. **THIS WILL BE A PRACTICE ONLY!**

**Please remember, never touch downed power lines! They are very dangerous.**

I would also like to remind you that when we change our clocks, it's also time to check smoke detectors and replace the batteries!

#### **Annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast**

The Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held on October 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Fire Department, 105 W. Front St. Children under 12 years old are free, children 12 years old, and adults are \$5.00 each. Please join us for this all-you-can-eat meal, and to get to know your firefighters!

If you have any questions regarding the siren testing, or any other concern related to the Fire Department, please feel free to call me at 695-0007.

Sincerely,

Tim Gowen, Fire Chief



#### **Complaint Procedures**

The City of Buchanan encourages residents to inform us of any problems they may be having within the City, and we take every complaint we receive very seriously. However, before we can address and resolve a complaint, we need to have your name, address, and phone number. This information will be kept confidential, but your contact information is required to file a complaint. If you do have a complaint, you may obtain a form at City Hall.