



Buchanan Town Spirit

A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR TOWN

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How Are We Doing..?



In order to excel, it is important for all organizations to reflect on how well they are performing at delivering the goods and services it provides. The Town Board and Administration wish to provide you with an opportunity to give us basic feedback on our performance.

Beginning on page 4 of this newsletter, a brief survey is included to give you an opportunity to provide feedback that will help us to better meet your needs & expectations. Please complete one survey per person and mail or deliver to the Buchanan Town Hall by May 6, 2016. If you do not wish to complete a paper copy, please follow the web link to complete a survey online. Surveys will be kept anonymous.

Thank you in advance for providing us with important feedback!



Make a Difference For Your Community!

Do you believe in being a part of something "bigger"? Are you motivated by helping others in need? Would you like to experience the satisfaction of selflessly serving your community? Become a Paid-on-Call Firefighter/First Responder with the Buchanan Fire & Rescue Department! See Page 3 for details.

Annual Road Paving & Maintenance

The Town of Buchanan will continue increased road maintenance and improvements for 2016.



The Town's website provides updates to road project details and other important updates for the 2016 construction season.

The following projects are planned for this year:

- **Mapleridge Drive & Adjoining Cul-de-Sacs** (North of Buchanan Rd.)
- **Hillside Drive** (Cty Rd N to Van Handel/Hank)
- **Liberty Lane** (Hank to Frontier)
- **Haen Road** (Cty Rd KK to Weiler)*
- **Clune Road** (Cty Rd. Z to Termini)*
- **Outagamie Road** (Town Jurisdiction)*
- **DeBruin Road** (Cty Rd. KK to Block Rd)*
- **Block Road** (Buchanan to Comb. Locks)*

**Denotes Surface Patching & Chip Seal*

County CE & HH Roundabout

This project consists of improving the safety of this intersection by constructing a multi-lane roundabout based upon engineering recommendation and public input.



This project is scheduled for the 2016 construction season. Likely start by July 5, 2016

Traffic Impacts will include the following:

Intersection of County CE and County HH will be closed to all traffic. County CE detour to be County N, County KK, and Highway 55

For more information go to:

<http://www.outagamie.org/index.aspx?page=473>

TOWN WEBSITE:

For more information on Town services, please visit the Town website at: www.townofbuchanan.org

Annual Town Meeting

If you want to learn about Town operations, accomplishments in 2015 and projects planned for 2016 this is the meeting to attend.

The Annual Town Meeting is unique to town governments in Wisconsin; as it is required to be conducted per State Statute.

The Annual Town Meeting will be
Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm.
at the Buchanan Town Hall.

All are welcome to attend the meeting!



Open Book & Board of Review

If you have questions regarding your property assessment you can come to Open Book on Monday, June 6, 2016 from 4:00-6:00 pm., at the Buchanan Town Hall, to meet with Accurate Appraisal.

The law requires that the Assessor arrive at the assessment from actual or the best information obtainable. The values arrived at by the Assessor are presumed correct until proven otherwise. It is up to each property owner to find out what his/her assessment is and take action if he/she feels the assessment is inequitable. Taking action at tax time is too late!

Open Book appointments can be made online at www.accurateassessor.com or by calling:

Accurate Appraisal
(920) 749-8098 or 1-(800)-770-3927.

Board of Review will follow Open Book, you need to attend Open Book first. Board of Review will be held on June 29th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

It's Not Too Late To Be a Firefighter or EMT

Did you know the Buchanan Fire & Rescue Department is volunteer/paid-on-call? Did you know there are different ways to join and serve your community? You can choose between being an active firefighter, EMT or both. The Town of Buchanan will pay for your state certified trainings once you have become a member. Currently the Buchanan Fire & Rescue Department has openings for firefighters and EMTs.

Are you ready to serve your Buchanan Community? Volunteer firefighting is very rewarding and a valuable way to serve your community. It takes dedication and many hours of training to become a firefighter or EMT. If you're willing to put in the time and effort, Buchanan Fire & Rescue is ready for you to serve.

More information and applications can be found on our website: www.townofbuchanan.org.



Annual Town Performance Survey

Available Online: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PQH5Y5V>

The Town is dedicated to providing efficient and high quality services. This survey gives you an opportunity to provide anonymous feedback that will help us to better meet your needs & expectations. Please complete one survey per person.

1). What is your gender? Male _____ Female _____

2). What is your age? 18-24 _____ 25-34 _____ 35-44 _____
45-54 _____ 55-64 _____ 65-74 _____ 75+ _____

3). How many children under the age of 18 live in your home? _____

4). How do you receive information on Town issues? Please check all that apply:

Town Website _____ Town Newsletter _____ Town E-Newsletter _____
Town Twitter _____ Times Villager _____ Public Meetings _____

5). Where in Town do you live (circle one)?

East of State Highway "55" _____ West of State Highway "55" _____

6). How do you rate the following Town services? Please check one for each service listed:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Trash & Recycling	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Yard Waste	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Road Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ditch Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Snow/Ice Removal	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Park Maintenance	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Building Inspections	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Elections	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Property Assessment	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Other Town Hall Services	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Comment/Service Request: _____

7). Please rate the Town on the following:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Quality of info. provided on policies/services	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Town website (user friendliness)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Newsletters (content & timeliness)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
E-Newsletters	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Welcoming citizen involvement	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

8). How likely or unlikely are you to recommend living in the Town of Buchanan to someone else?

Very Likely _____ Somewhat Likely _____ Somewhat Unlikely _____ Very Unlikely _____ No Opinion _____

9). General Comments: _____

Thank You For Completing This Survey! Please Return to the Town Hall by May 6, 2016

Household Hazardous Waste

Residents are encouraged to dispose of their hazardous materials during any Clean Sweep collection held at Outagamie County Solid Waste, located at 1419 Holland Road, Appleton. The program will run May - October from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on the following days:

- Wednesdays: May 4; June 1; July 13; Aug.10; Sept. 21 & Oct. 19, 2016.
- Saturdays: May 21; June 18; July 16; Aug. 27; Sept. 24 & Oct. 22, 2016.
- Appointments are required by calling (920) 832-5277, option #3 or online at [www. RecycleMoreOutagamie.org](http://www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org).



If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled collection dates and times, Outagamie County residents may utilize the Brown County permanent facility for free. Brown County Hazardous Waste Facility, 2661 S. Broadway Dr., Ashwaubenon, WI. Thursdays 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., (920) 492-4950.

2016 Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Info

2016 Yard Waste Pick-Up Weeks

During these weeks only, your yard waste goes out on your normal garbage day:

April 25 - 29
June 13 - 17
July 18 - 22
August 15 - 19
Sept. 12 - 16
Oct. 3 - 7 & 17 - 21
Oct. 31 - Nov 4 & Nov. 14 - 18

Garbage Delays During Holiday Weeks

Please note that when your garbage day falls within the **week of a holiday**, everyone who normally has their pick up **on that holiday, and everyone after the holiday during that week**, will be delayed one day for pick up.

Bulky Item & Appliance Pick-Up

For bulky items and appliances to be picked up, stickers need to be purchased.

All stickers need to be purchased at the Town Hall office before noon on the third Tuesday of each month. The pick ups for these items will take place **on the third Wednesday of each month**.

Large bulky items and appliances that do not contain Freon will cost \$20.00 each. Small bulky items will cost \$10.00 each. Appliances containing Freon or a refrigerant will cost \$50.00 each.

When is Garbage & Recycling Pickup?

Garbage & Recycling refuse is picked up weekly on the same collection day (with the exception of holidays). To find out the collection day for your specific street, go to the Town's website at:

<http://townofbuchanan.org/town-services/garbage--recycling/pick-up-days>

Please help to keep your neighborhood clean by following these rules and helpful hints:

- Your garbage and recyclables must be out by 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day. If you are late, Advanced Disposal will not return to retrieve your garbage.
- There is a limit of no more than five 30-gallon trash bags per residence per week.
- No bag or container should weigh more than 50 lbs.
- Bag and close all garbage even if you are using a garbage can.
- Be sure to bag packing materials such as packing peanuts, bubble wrap, etc.
- Make sure that your garbage and recyclables are on the same side of the street close to each other. Advanced Disposal is using one truck to pick up your recycling and garbage all at once. NOTE: Yard waste is the only thing that should be placed on the opposite side of your driveway away from your weekly garbage.
- Large over sized items and appliances require stickers that need to be purchased at the Town Hall weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. You will then be added to the list for the next large item and appliance pick up.
- Recycling is mandatory and if it is mixed with regular trash, it can be refused to be picked up.
- Cardboard should be cut into pieces no larger than 2' x 2', then placed in with all other recycling.
- Blue recycling bags are no longer accepted. Please use a container clearly marked with a recycling emblem. There are recycling stickers available at the Town Hall if you would like to designate your own container.

IF YOUR GARBAGE OR RECYCLING IS NOT PICKED UP, PLEASE CALL ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES AT: 1-800-279-1930

Dog License Late Fees Began April 1st

The Town is reminding residents that the owner of a dog more than five (5) months old is required to obtain an annual dog license.

You must bring in a current rabies vaccination certificate from a veterinarian in order to be issued a license. In addition, to be eligible for the spayed/neutered rate, you must provide documentation of the procedure from your veterinarian.

Dog licenses are sold at the Town Hall or by downloading and mailing complete application with payment & self-addressed stamped envelope. The annual license fees are as follows:

Spayed or Neutered - \$7.00
Not Spayed or Not Neutered - \$12.00

Licenses issued after March 31, 2016 will pay an additional \$5.00 each, late penalty per Wisconsin State Statutes.

Noxious Weeds & Lawn Maintenance

Notice is hereby given to each person who owns, occupies, or controls land in the Town of Buchanan, to destroy all noxious weeds on such property before the plants bloom.

No person owning property within the Town shall permit to grow or pollinate upon his premises any weeds or grasses, burdock, Canada thistle, bindweed or creeping jenny, leafy spurge, bull thistle, sow thistle, wild mustard, yellow rocket, yellow dock, Russian thistle, giant foxtail, English charlock, musk thistle, velvet leaf, quack or quitchgrass, wild radish, buckhorn plantain, goats-beard, harmful barberry, and marijuana.

In order to prevent such growth and pollination, it shall be the duty of every property owner to mow or cause to be mowed upon his premises all grasses or weeds exceeding one foot in height and in such manner as shall effectively prevent them from bearing seed or spreading to adjoining property.



Do I Need a Building Permit?

Anyone planning to work on a building or remodeling project, including fences and swimming pools, needs to obtain a building permit from the Town Hall prior to starting the project.

Open Burning in Buchanan

In order to promote the public health, safety and welfare and to safeguard the health, comfort, living conditions, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Buchanan (from threats) due to the air pollution and fire hazards of open burning, outdoor burning and refuse burning ordinances have been changed, effective January 1, 2015.

The Ordinance applies to all outdoor burning and refuse burning within the Town of Buchanan.

- A. It does not apply to grilling or cooking using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances.
- B. It does not apply to burning in a stove, furnace, fireplace or other heating device within a building used for human or animal habitation unless the material being burned includes refuse as defined in § 209-9 of the Municipal Code.
- C. This article does not apply to the use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, gasoline or kerosene in a device intended for heating, construction or maintenance activities.

Key Changes to Open Burning:

1. No person shall start or maintain any open burning without obtaining a burning permit issued by the Town of Buchanan. This does not include small recreational fires provided that the fire is confined by a control device or structure such a fire ring or fire pit.
2. There is no fee for permits for Open Burning and \$25 for Annual Burn Barrel permit.
3. Open burning shall only be conducted on Saturdays, other than legal holidays, as defined by §995.20, Wis. Stats., between the hours of 8:00 am. and 8:00 pm.

To read the full code, go to our website: <http://townofbuchanan.org/your-government/municipal-code> or visit the Town Hall to receive a copy of the full Code.





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What's Inside

Questions & input regarding the *Buchanan Town Spirit* newsletter should be directed to:

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You may also access the newsletter online at:
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Town Calendar

April

- 05 Spring Election
- 11 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 19 Annual Town Mtg.
- 20 Large Item Pick-up Day
- 26 Town Board Mtg.

May

- 09 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 17 Town Board Mtg.
- 18 Large Item Pick-up Day
- 30 Town Offices Closed

June

- 6 Open Book 4-6 pm
- 13 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 15 Large Item Pick-up Day
- 21 Town Board Mtg.
- 29 Board of Review 6-8 pm

