



Buchanan Town Spirit

A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR TOWN

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— TO THE —
BALLOT

See Page 5 for more information.

Progress Continues in 2016

Wow, what a year 2015 has been! If you haven't noticed, we've been busy here in the Town of Buchanan putting your tax dollars hard at work. This past year we've completed several major road maintenance projects (e.g. Brookhaven Drive, Springfield Drive and the adjoining cul-de-sacs) along with the reconstruction of the Van Roy / Eisenhower & CTH CE roundabouts. All-in-all over 3 1/2 miles of roadway received substantial improvements.

2016 is poised to be another busy year for the Town of Buchanan. The Town plans major road repairs to areas including and along Mapleridge Drive/Court, Aspen Court, Hillside Drive and Liberty Lane. Significant road maintenance will also take place on Outagamie Road, Haen Road, Clune Road, Debruin Road and Block Road. An intergovernmental agreement between Outagamie County, Village of Combined Locks and the Town of Buchanan will be used to construct a roundabout at the intersection of County CE / County HH / Debruin Road. Over 7 miles of roadway will receive substantial maintenance this coming year!

I have enjoyed getting to know many of you through phone calls, emails, office visits, and Town meetings. I would like to thank you again for the opportunity to serve as the Town's Administrator/Clerk. Have a safe & prosperous new year!

Joel Gregozeski, Administrator/Clerk

2016 Town Budget Overview

The 2016 Town Budget is now available on the Town's website. Town electors approved a town tax levy of \$1,894,135 at the special Town Meeting held on Thursday, November 12th. Following the electors' approval, the Town Board adopted their 2016 Budget at their regular meeting on November 17, 2015 resulting in a Town tax rate of \$3.22 per \$1,000 of assessed value; unchanged from the prior year.

Although the Town's tax rate will remain flat, most town residents will see modest changes due to state school funding and tax credits. The 2015 Tax Rate Summary details tax rates of all applicable jurisdictions in the Town of Buchanan and provides tax rate information for the last two years by school district.

Overall Town spending for 2016 will decrease by roughly 23%. This can be directly attributed to the completion of the Van Roy / Eisenhower & CTH CE roundabout project. The Town will continue to spend a vast majority of its 2016 budget on capital infrastructure improvements however. Over \$1 million dollars in road repairs and maintenance activities are planned. Additionally, a roundabout at CTH CE and Debruin road will be built, along with some comprehensive drainage improvements along Hopfensberger and Hickory Park roads.

“The Town’s 2016 Budget was prepared with the goal of meeting the Town’s Mission of providing essential Town services.”

What is the Town Budget?

Per the requirements under Wisconsin State Statutes, the Town of Buchanan is required to prepare and adopt an annual fiscal year budget. As required, the budget lists all existing indebtedness and all anticipated revenue from sources during the ensuing fiscal year. Additionally, appropriations for each department, service or activity must also be shown.

The Town publishes its annual fiscal year budget online. The 2016 budget can be found at the following url:

<http://www.townofbuchanan.org/town-services/finance--taxes>

More Budget Information: More information on the Town’s budget and finances can be found at: <http://www.townofbuchanan.org/town-services/finance--taxes>

2016 Budget Statistics...

	2013 FY	2014 FY	2015 FY	2016 FY
Population	6,903	6,912	6,920	6,935
Assessed Value	\$576,177,500	\$579,558,900	\$585,489,700	\$587,925,220
General Fund Levy	\$1,325,680	\$1,335,045	\$1,350,825	\$1,362,747
Debt Service Levy	\$189,820	\$188,798	\$182,593	\$181,388
Road Maintenance Levy	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000
Total Tax Levy	\$1,515,500	\$1,523,843	\$1,883,418	\$1,894,135
Tax Rate	\$2.63	\$2.63	\$3.22	\$3.22

Property Tax Bills

For additional copies of your real estate tax bills, please contact the Outagamie County Treasurer’s Office at (920) 832-5065.

Tax information can also be found online at: <http://outagamiecowi.wgxtreme.com/property>

Tax Bills mailed in December reflect the following net Tax Rates:

Town residents who reside in:	
Kimberly Area School District	\$17.76
Kaukauna School District	\$17.17
Wrightstown School District	\$17.62
Appleton School District	\$17.39

The Town’s portion is \$3.22 of the total tax rate, accounting for only 18% of the net tax rate.

Property Tax Bills & Payments

IN FULL & 1ST INSTALLMENT: 2015 Tax Bills will be mailed in early December. The first installment will be due to the Town of Buchanan by January 31, 2016. (All payments after that date must be made payable to the Outagamie County Treasurer and mailed or taken in person to the Outagamie County Treasurer, 410 S. Walnut St., Appleton, WI 54911.)

We strongly encourage you to mail your payment, by check or money order, payable to the Town of Buchanan.

RECEIPTS. If you require a paper receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your tax bill and payment. If you'd like an electronic copy, include a clearly printed email address. A paper receipt will NOT be mailed unless a self-addressed, stamped envelope is included. All paid tax information is available on Outagamie County's website after January 31st.

If you desire to pay your **FULL or 1st INSTALLMENT** taxes **IN-PERSON**, please observe the tax collection dates & times:

<http://townofbuchanan.org/town-services/finance--taxes>

SECOND INSTALLMENT. Payable to Outagamie County Treasurer by July 31, 2016. Address: 410 S. Walnut St., Appleton, WI 54911. The Town cannot accept 2nd installment payments or late 1st installment payments.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS. To pay property taxes by Credit or Debit card the information is available online at Outagamie County's website. The Town of Buchanan does not accept Credit or Debit cards at the Town Hall at this time.

Special Assessment Codes: The following special assessment codes might appear on your tax bill: 04 Street Lights; 14S Storm Water Utility; 10P POWTS; 13 Garbage/Refuse Collection; 15/16 Delinquent Water/Sewer. Tax balances can be viewed on the Outagamie County website.

The **Outagamie County Treasurer** is Dina Mumford, phone number 920-832-5065. If your mailing address has changed please update it with the County Treasurer's office. All tax bills are sent to the last recorded individual/address on record.

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You Dialed 911, Now What?

Where do you need help? What is the emergency? Do you need police, fire, or ambulance services? These are just a few of the questions you can expect to be asked when dialing 911 for help. As an informed citizen you should be prepared to answer these and possibly more questions when you dial 911 for help. Depending on the type of emergency, different sub-questions may be asked to obtain more detailed information. Medical emergencies are among the most critical calls for service; so if you have a medical emergency you need to know the following information.

When to Call

If you are in doubt as to whether you have an emergency or a non-emergency try to answer these questions.

1. *Is a person in danger?*
2. *Do you need the Police, Fire Department, or an Ambulance immediately?*
3. *Are you a witness to a crime or serious situation that just occurred?*

If you answered yes to any of the above questions you have an emergency! Dial 911!

Outagamie County Sheriff's Department offers specialty care for every emergency situation. In particular medical emergencies require specific care requirements that can be handled over the phone. When you dial 911 with a medical emergency you are not just waiting for help to arrive on scene, you already have help at your disposal via the trained Emergency Medical Dispatcher that answered your call. Medical emergencies can be overwhelming situations and without proper care a patient's status can turn from bad to worse in an instant! When you dial 911 in Outagamie County you will be better equipped to handle any medical emergency because you have a trained professional at your disposal. Instructions on CPR, childbirth, and even how to help someone in a sinking vehicle is just a phone call away.

Medical emergencies are intimidating situations no doubt; but why are those pesky dispatchers asking so many questions instead of just sending help? Good Question! Our trained dispatchers know just what questions to ask in order to get you the help you need, as quickly, and as safely as possible. Each Medical Dispatcher is trained to ask a series of questions that can determine where you need help and what kind of help is needed. Outagamie County has also streamlined the process so that the medical assistance being provided isn't interrupted in order to get help going. In fact, the Medical Dispatcher asking you questions creates a screen for his/her co-worker to send you an ambulance while they are still on the phone with you. So, all those questions they're asking aren't delaying an ambulance!

What they are doing is relaying the needed medical information to the Emergency Responders so that they can better assist you when they arrive on scene. But wait, there's more! All of those questions also help to determine what type of care the Medical Dispatcher can provide to you before responders arrive on scene. The Medical Dispatcher can provide medical instructions on any type of medical situation that arises, from how to stop a bloody nose to helping a snake bite victim. The types of questions asked are imperative to quality patient care that can greatly assist responding Emergency Services in patient treatment.

Outagamie County Sheriffs Department

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**Dial 911 for
emergency
services in
Outagamie
County**

Dog Licenses Expired December 31st

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 late penalty per Wisconsin State Statutes.



Bring It to the Ballot!

Wisconsin now requires a photo ID to vote.

Find out the facts on the Photo ID requirement for voting by visiting:
<http://bringit.wisconsin.gov>

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2016 Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Info

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>

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

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**

Snow Emergencies!

Are you prepared for another Winter?

There may be occasions when the Town must declare a snow emergency.

The decision to declare a snow emergency is made on a case-by-case basis and is determined on conditions and available resources.



If a snow emergency is declared there shall be no parking for 48 hours or until snow operations have been completed. The Town will make announcement of such emergency to be broadcast on WHBY and WAPL radio stations, Twitter & the Town website.

Winter Snow Season

Winter Parking Regulations

Per the Code of the Town of Buchanan, (§495-19 and §495-14), No person shall park any vehicle upon any street in the Town between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st through March 31st.

Snow & Ice on Sidewalks

Residents and business owners are reminded that sidewalks adjacent to their property need to be cleared and maintained clear of snow and ice throughout the winter season. Please note that shoveling, blowing or plowing snow into the street is against the law and endangers the motoring public.

Fire Hydrants & Snow

Snow fall, combined with frozen plowed snow bury fire hydrants under large amounts of compacted snow, thus making them difficult to find and use in an emergency.

Don't let your neighborhood hydrant remain "undercover" this winter!

We are asking that you help us by keeping the fire hydrant closest to your home or business clear of snow. Snow should be removed about three feet (3') away from the hydrant in all directions and a pathway cleared between the hydrant and the nearest roadway.

TOWN WEBSITE: www.townofbuchanan.org

Open Burning Regulations & Permits

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 was changed and will go into effect January 1, 2016.

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.

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 as a fire ring or fire pit.
2. A fee for an annual burn barrel permits shall be paid as indicated on the application (\$25 for Annual Burn Barrel).
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 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. No fee is required for this type of permit.



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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Town Calendar

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- 11 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 19 Town Board Mtg.
- 20 Large Item Pick-up Day

February

- 08 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 16 Spring Primary Election
- 17 Large Item Pick-up Day
- 23 Town Board Mtg.

March

- 14 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 15 Town Board Mtg.
- 16 Large Item Pick-up Day
- 25 Town Offices Closed-Good Friday

