

A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR TOWN

FALL 2024

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Avoid the Long Lines—Vote Absentee!

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. Whether voting in person or by mail, photo ID is required. To obtain an absentee ballot, you may choose one of the following:

- Personally come to the Town Clerk's office to cast an absentee ballot. You will need to show your photo ID. In person absentee voting will start October 22 November 1. The hours for this are M-Th from 8:00 am 4:00 pm and Fridays from 8:00 am noon.
- You can make a request in writing or email or on the MyVote.Wl.gov website and an absentee ballot will be mailed to you. The written request must include your voting address within the Town of Buchanan, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You can also complete an Absentee Ballot Request form. You will need to include a copy of your photo ID with your request for a ballot to be mailed to you. To count in the election, absentee ballots must be returned by 8:00 pm on Election Day.

Polling Place Location & Hours

General Election: November 5, 2024.

All elections are conducted at the Buchanan Town Hall, N178 County Road N, Appleton, WI 54915. Polling place hours on election day are 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

If you are in line to vote prior to 8:00 pm, you will be able to cast a ballot.

Please note: no absentee voting or registrations are allowed on the Monday before an election.

Yard Waste Transfer Site Information

Eligible Users

Town residents residing in households serviced by the Town Garbage collection program are eligible to use the Site. This does not include Commercial, Rental Property Owners, and Businesses. To use the Site, residents must acquire a Yard Waste Transfer Site Sticker from the Town Hall, after filling out the application and paying the sticker price of \$40.00. The stickers are valid for one (1) calendar year (Jan-Dec). You may have (2) two stickers per household.

Location—N124 County Rd N, Appleton, WI 54915

Hours of Operation*

Sunday Closed Thursday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Friday Closed

Tuesday 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saturday 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wednesday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm *The site will open April through November, weather permitting.

Materials Accepted:

Grass Trimmings, Weeds Fruit & Nuts Leaves

Flowers & Vegetable garden debris Sticks & Branches (Maximum length of 6' and width of 6")

A refuse container will be available for disposing containers, tarp material, etc.

Materials Not Accepted:

Sod & Stumps ~ Roots ~ Dirt ~ Rocks ~ Concrete & Asphalt ~ Gravel Sticks & Branches over 6' in length and/or 6" in width, building materials/lumber & other wood **Anything classified as garbage, refuse, or recyclable**

Rules and other information are on the website at: https://www.townofbuchanan.org/town-services/garbage-recycling/yard-waste or available at the Town Hall.

Trick-or-Treat Hours:

Buchanan's trick-or-treat hours will be:
Thursday, October 31st, 2024
from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm



SPECIAL MEETING

Annual Budget Meeting

The Annual Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be held on: November 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. It is open to the public.

Storage of Boats, Campers & Trailers

From November 1 to March 31st of each year, boats, campers and trailers may no longer be stored within the front yard. These items may be stored year round in the side yard on a gravel/paved surface or in the rear yard. Certain setback restrictions apply. Please visit our website for more information.

Abandoned & Junked Vehicles

Pursuant to §492-2 of the Code of the Town of Buchanan, no person owning or having custody of any abandoned or junked motor vehicle shall store or permit any such vehicle to remain on any private property for a period of more than ten (10) days. Such storage is declared to be a public nuisance and may be abated or removed and forfeiture may be imposed.

Become a Community Guardian!



The Town of Buchanan needs its citizens to answer the call to be protectors of our community. Have you ever dreamed of being a hero and knowing what to do during someone's worst day? We will provide the training; you provide the commitment!

- Be a Buchanan resident
- Be available on Monday nights
- Be able to respond to 2 calls/mo.
- Enjoy meeting new people
- Enjoy mastering new challenges

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, October 10th, 4:00pm – 7:30pm Buchanan Town Hall, N178 County Road N

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FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th 4:00pm - 7:30pmTown Hall/Fire Department - N178 CTY N

Fire Prevention Month and Fire Prevention Week were created in 1922 by the National Fire Protection Association to commemorate the Great Chicago Fire of 1871. The goal is to raise awareness of fire safety and to educate families in ways to protect their homes and lives.

Our department celebrates Fire Prevention Week and Month by spreading fire safety awareness and educating our families, students, and community.

This year's campaign strives to teach everyone about the importance of having working smoke alarms in the home; INSTALL, TEST, and REPLACE. New smoke alarm technology updates, best practices, and how to plan and implement a successful escape plan all aid in promoting a safe household.

Join us at the Town of Buchanan Fire Station for an afternoon of celebration as we open our house to you. We will be having demonstrations, station tours, touch-a-truck, snacks, and Q & A with our firefighters. The first 100 children will receive a goodie bag (must be present).

There are so many exciting things happening in the last quarter of 2024. Come join your Buchanan Fire Department for the following fun events:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 9:00am - 1:00pm **FESTIVAL PUMPKIN BLOW OUT**

Festival Foods, W3195 Van Roy Road

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 4:00pm – 7:30pm FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

Town Hall/Fire Department - N178 CTY N



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31st, 9:00am - 1:00pm TRUCK OR TREAT WITH THE FIRE DEPARTMENT! Be on the look out for our brave firefighters as they drive through the community to hand out goodies to our favorite little friends!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30th, 6:30pm -7:30pm KEEP IT GREEN, BUCHANAN! WREATH LIGHTING

Town Hall/Fire Department - N178 CTY N Christmas snacks, kids meet Santa!

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm SANTA'S FIRST ANNUAL TOWN TOUR!

Come get a candy cane from Santa as he rides through the streets of Buchanan and donate an unperishable.



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2024 Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Info

Bulky Item & Appliance Pick-Up

Bulky items must have stickers on them. All stickers need to be purchased at the Town Hall office before noon on the Tuesday before pick-up each month. Pick-up for these items is scheduled on the third Wednesday of each month.

Large bulky items and appliances will cost \$20.00 each. Small bulky items will cost \$10.00 each.

https:// www.townofbuchanan.org/ town-services/garbagerecycling/appliances-largeitems



Note: TV's, Electronic items or anything with Freon can not be picked up.

Holiday Week Pick-Ups

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.

When is Garbage & Recycling pickup?

Recycling is picked up every other week on the same collection day as your garbage. To find out the collection day for your specific street, go to the Town's website under Town Services.

https://www.townofbuchanan.org/ town-services/garbage-recycling

RECYCLE WEEK CALENDAR

*Dates in **Purple** are holidays - no collection of any kind.

October 2024

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December 2024

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Recycling Weeks
Large Item Pick-Ups

NO PICK UP ON PURPLE DAYS Holiday pickup will be pushed back one day for that week.

GFL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE (OFF) Thanksgiving 11/28/2024 Christmas Day 12/25/2024

Christmas Tree Disposal / Pick-Up



Christmas trees will be picked-up in the Town of Buchanan on Wednesday, January 8, 2025.

Be sure to have your undecorated tree at the roadside by 6:00 am.

REMINDER—

Do not put brush, grass clippings, ashes, construction material ect. into the garbage carts.

ONLY house hold waste allowed. It is also required that all garbage be bagged as garbage flies out of the truck when loose.



Recycling: Plastic bags are NOT recyclable. Please do not put any loose plastic or plastic bags in recycling. Also DO NOT bag your recycling material.

If you have any questions you can visit the County website at: www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org or pick up a Guide at the office.

SNOW SEASON REMINDERS

Winter Parking Regulations

Per the Code of the Town of Buchanan, (§495-14 and §495-19), no person shall park any vehicle upon any street in the Town between the hours of 2:00 am and 6:00 am 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.

Snow Emergencies

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. When a snow emergency is declared there shall be no parking upon any street in the Town for 48 hours or until snow removal operations have been completed. The Town will make an announcement of such emergency to be broadcast on WHBY and WAPL radio stations, Facebook, Twitter, and the Town website.

CALLING ALL DOGS!

2025 tags will be available around December 1, 2024.

If you are more than five months old, tell your owner that you need a shiny new tag for your collar. Your owner must bring in a current rabies vaccination certificate from a veterinarian in order to be issued a license.

Dog licenses are sold at the Town Hall or by downloading and mailing the completed application with payment, rabies certificate & self-addressed stamped envelope.

https://www.townofbuchanan.org/home/ showpublisheddocument/745/637799925561530000

The annual license fees are as follows: Spayed or Neutered - \$7.00 (proof required) Not Spayed or Not Neutered - \$12.00

Limit - 3 Dogs

Licenses issued after March 31, 2025 will be an additional \$5.00.

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Information for 2024 Tax Payments

2024 Tax Bills will be mailed in mid-December.

IN FULL OR 1ST INSTALLMENT: Payable to the Town of Buchanan by January 31, 2025 Address: N178 County Rd. N, Appleton, WI 54915.

We encourage you to mail your payment, by check or money order and please include your phone number on the check!

The Town of Buchanan discourages cash payments. Tax payments can be dropped in our drop box on the Southwest corner of Town Hall.

For details on how to pay property taxes by Credit or Debit card, go to Outagamie County's website: www.outagamie.org (Department-Treasurer).

SECOND INSTALLMENT: Payable to Outagamie County Treasurer by July 31, 2025

Address: 320 S. Walnut St., Appleton, WI 54911.

The Town of Buchanan cannot accept second installment payments!

RECEIPTS

Receipts will be dated the date on which the monies are physically received at the Treasurer's office.

If you require a receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your tax bill stub and payment. All paid tax information is available on Outagamie County's website as soon as payments are posted, and you can print payment information for your records.

TAX OVER PAYMENT REFUNDS

No refund is given, unless payment is over the full tax bill amount. There are **NO CASH REFUNDS** for amounts over \$30.00. Refund checks will be issued within three weeks after payment is applied.

IN-PERSON HOURS OF COLLECTION:

(Town of Buchanan, N178 County Rd. N) **DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS**

NEW HOME OWNER-LOTTERY CREDIT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE:

If your home was your primary residence as of January 1, 2024, forms are available at the Town Hall and the Department of Revenue's website at https://www.revenue.wi.gov.

If you have received the credit in past years and have not moved, you do not need to reapply.

2025 Spring Elections

Spring Primary Election (if needed)

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

If you are interested in running for local office, please contact the Clerk at 920-734-8599 or stop in the Town Hall office during normal business hours.

The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2024.

The final day for filing nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements will be 5:00 pm, Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

Town OfficesIncumbentChairpersonJoe CoenenSupervisor #1Karen LawrenceSupervisor #3Chuck Kavanaugh

Spring Election Tuesday, April 1, 2025



Update to Springfield Park

Springfield Park is almost complete and will include new basketball, pickleball, and tennis courts along with a new playground with a turf surface, and a paved trail!



2025 Tentative Capital Improvement **Projects**

The following Capital Improvement Projects are tentatively planned for 2025.

The projects will be made official as part of the 2025 budgeting process which takes place during September-November of each year.

- Reconstruction of Stoney Brook Rd from CTH KK to Creekview.
- 2. Main St. Pond Park: paving of existing gravel trail and installation of a playground with a turf surface. The Town received a grant for 50% of the playground equipment cost and is in the process of seeking additional grants.
- Engineering Design and ROW acquisition continues on the Eisenhower Trail with construction anticipated for 2026.



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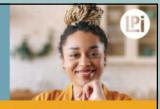
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7:00 am to 4:00 pm Monday - Thursday

7:00 am to 12:00 pm Friday

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TOWN FACILITIES WILL BE CLOSED ON: NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2024 **DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2024 JANUARY 1, 2025**

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

Town Administrator N178 County Road N Appleton, WI 54915

You may also access the newsletter online at: www.townofbuchanan.org



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Town Calend

October

7-11 Recycle Pickup 8 Parks Committee Mtg. 8 Plan Commission Mtg. 15 Town Board Mtg. 16 Large Item Pickup ** 21-25 Recycle Pickup 22-11/1/24 In-Person Absentee Voting 31 Trick or Treating

November

4-8 Recycle Pickup 5 Fall General Election 7 Budget Hearing & Special Town Mtg. 12 Parks Committee Mtg. 12 Plan Commission Mtg. 18-22 Recycle Pickup 19 Town Board Mtg. 20 Large Item Pickup ** 28 & 29 - Office Closed

December

2-6 Recycle Pickup 10 Parks Committee Mtg. 10 Plan Commission Mtg. 16-20 Recycle Pickup 17 Town Board Mtg. 18 Large Item Pickup** 25 & 26 Office Closed 30 & 31 Recycle Pickup



** You must first purchase a sticker for Large items **