



# Buchanan Town Spirit

A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR TOWN

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## Town Officials

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## Building Permits

Building permit applications can be obtained at the Town Hall or downloaded from our website. The cost for a general permit can vary depending on the size of the building/remodeling project. Double fees may be charged for any project that is started without a properly issued building permit. Please allow at least a week's time for processing at the Town Hall once applied for and fees are paid. If special issues or circumstances apply, that timeline may need to be extended.

Permits are required for the following projects, (*this list is not all inclusive*): Houses, duplexes and apartments; Garages & sheds; Fences; Decks; Swimming pools; Barns and silos; Roofing, siding and windows; Interior remodeling & additions; Electrical, plumbing and HVAC changes or upgrades; Commercial buildings, interior changes to commercial buildings and signs; Demolition/ razing a building or any other structure and Gas and pellet stoves. Any questions or if you need a permit please stop at the Town Hall during normal business hours.



## September 16, 2017—Town Safety Day

Buchanan Fire & Rescue will once again host our Community Safety Day! Please mark your calendars for September 16, 2017 at the Buchanan Town Hall. More information including event time and activities will be posted on the Town's website: [www.TownofBuchanan.org](http://www.TownofBuchanan.org)

## Remember to Recycle



All plastic containers, milk/juice cartons, deli, produce, dairy and bakery containers and cartons can be included.

## Unwanted/Unused Medication Disposal



Unused and expired prescription medications, over the counter medications, pet medications & inhalers. **Does not include** sharps, (needles or syringes), hazardous or chemical waste, lancets, mercury or electronic glucose monitors.

Residents may drop off 24 hours a day 7 days a week at the Appleton Police Department's drop box, located in the front lobby at : 222 S. Walnut St., Appleton, WI.

Questions, contact: Outagamie County Solid Waste & Recycling (920) 832-5277.

## Televisions & Electronics Must Be Recycled

**DO NOT PLACE TELEVISIONS OR OTHER ELECTRONICS CURBSIDE OR IN GARBAGE CANS.**

Outagamie County Landfill accepts items including, but not limited to:

Televisions (*screen size 31" or smaller*)

Cell Phones

Monitors (*screen size 31" or smaller*)

DVD/VCR/Video Players,

Computer Towers and Laptops,

Printers, Scanners, Copiers,

Fax Machines, Keyboard/Mice

Speakers/Modems



Visit <http://www.recyclemoreoutagamie.org> for more information pertaining to the disposal of Electronics.

For more information on Town services, please visit the Town website at: [www.townofbuchanan.org](http://www.townofbuchanan.org)

## 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:** July 12; August 9; September 20 and October 18.
- **Saturdays:** July 15; August 12; September 23 and October 21.

Appointments are required online: [www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org](http://www.RecycleMoreOutagamie.org), or call (920) 832-5277. Types of hazardous wastes include—Automotive supplies such as: gasoline, fluids for motors; engine oil; anti-freeze; lead acid batteries. Cleaners such as: drain & oven cleaners; pool chemicals; household cleaners & aerosols. Garden & Lawn care supplies like: herbicides; insecticides; weed killer & poisons. Miscellaneous household items include: oil & lead paints; varnish & stains; spray paints & adhesives; wood preservatives; kerosene and mercury.

If you are unable to attend the scheduled collection dates and times, Outagamie County residents may utilize the Brown County facility for free. Brown County Hazardous Waste Facility, 2661 S. Broadway Dr., Ashwaubenon, WI. Thursdays 12:00 pm -6:00 pm & Saturdays 8:00 am -2:00 pm., find more information at [www.browncountyrecycling.org/hazardous-waste](http://www.browncountyrecycling.org/hazardous-waste), (920) 492-4950.

## Water or Sewer Questions

Call Darboy Jt. Sanitary District's office at:  
(920) 788-6048

or visit their website at:  
[www.darboysanitary.com](http://www.darboysanitary.com)

## Burn Permits

Burning your leaves, branches, and vegetation requires a burning permit.

Residents can only burn, with a valid permit, on Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Currently residents need only one permit per year.



***Campfires do not require a permit if they comply with the Town ordinance.***

The ordinance and permits are available at the Town office and on the Town website.

## Noxious Weeds & Lawns

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, goatsbeard (salsify), 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.

*Sign up for our Town monthly E-newsletter to stay up-to-date with things happening in Town. Easy sign up on the Town website. Or "Like" us on Facebook to keep up with the latest news.*

# 2017 Garbage, Recycling & Yard Waste Info

*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. 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 your 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**

**Did You Know?**

## Remaining 2017 Yard Waste Pick-Up Weeks

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

July 17 - 21  
Aug. 14 - 18  
Sept. 11 - 15  
Oct. 9 - 13  
Oct. 30 - Nov. 3  
Nov. 13 - 17



## 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 any type of 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://www.townofbuchanan.org/town-services/garbage-recycling/pick-up-days>

## Interested in Being An Election Worker?



Please contact Cynthia Sieracki at the Buchanan Town Hall (920) 734-8599 by October 31, 2017 if you are interested in becoming an election worker, (for new election workers only), for the elections held in

2018-2019, it is a two year commitment.

Being an election worker for the Town may require some daytime training and elections are on Tuesdays. The Town will provide the necessary training to all election workers and also provides a reasonable hourly wage.

Some elections require minimal staffing so you may not be asked to work every election.

## Signs in Public Right-of-Way

*The Town of Buchanan Municipal Code prohibits signs and markers in highways and Town right-of-way.*

Section 495-8 states that no person shall place within the limits of any street or highway maintained by the Town, any sign, signal, marker, mark or monument unless permission is first obtained from the Town. Any item placed or maintained in violation of this code shall be subject to removal.



Please be aware of this requirement with regard to signs for special events or sales as they may be removed by the Town. The Town may also charge violators for removal of items in right-of-way that are placed illegally.

**We hope you continue to support the local businesses that choose to advertise with the Town of Buchanan. Their business ads are printed throughout the newsletter. The Town is grateful for their support!**

## Walking Safely

Summer is here and you want to get outside and go for a walk. Do you know how to walk safely on a road without sidewalks? Do you know Wisconsin has rules (statutes) regarding walking on the road? Let's start with the statutes and some definitions.

Someone walking is considered a pedestrian and Wisconsin State Statutes define a pedestrian as:

**340.01(43) "Pedestrian"** means any person afoot or any person in a wheelchair, either manually or mechanically propelled, or other low-powered, mechanically propelled vehicle designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person, but does not include any person using an electric personal assistive mobility device.

And a vehicle as:

**340.01(74) "Vehicle"** means every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except railroad trains. A snowmobile, an all-terrain vehicle, and an electric personal assistive mobility device shall not be considered a vehicle except for purposes made specifically applicable by statute.

Put them together on a roadway and you have "traffic":

**340.01(68) "Traffic"** means pedestrians, ridden or herded or driven animals, vehicles and other conveyances, either singly or together, while using any highway for the purpose of travel.

Yes, pedestrians are traffic. Even though you are traffic you do not follow the same rules as the vehicles do. Pedestrians on roads without sidewalks are to walk on the left side of the road. The statute reads:

**346.28: Pedestrians to walk on left side of highway; pedestrians, bicyclists, and riders of electric personal assistive mobility devices on sidewalks.**

**(1)** Any pedestrian traveling along and upon a highway other than upon a sidewalk shall travel on and along the left side of the highway and upon meeting a vehicle shall, if practicable, move to the extreme outer limit of the traveled portion of the highway.

To sum it up, as a pedestrian you have a right to use the road. When using the road you need to walk on the left and move over if there is other traffic coming toward you. These are the rules and following them can help keep you safe. There are a number of other things you can do but you'll have to wait for the next newsletter for those tips.

## Share the Road

In 2015, **817 bicyclists were killed in crashes** with vehicles in the U.S.—a 13 percent increase from 2014 and the highest number of bicyclist deaths since 1995.

Sharing the road is a two-way street. Here's what you can do:

### As a cyclist....

- \* Wear a helmet, bright colors and reflective material.
- \* Obey all laws, and ride with the flow of traffic. Signs, signals, and pavement markings apply to bicyclists too!
- \* Equip your bicycle with a headlight and taillight, and use them both night and day.
- \* Avoid riding after dark, especially on narrow roads with speed limits exceed 35 mph.
- \* Don't wear headphones; you need to hear what's going on.
- \* Use appropriate hand signals.

### As a motorist....

- \* Keep your focus on driving. Avoid distractions, such as using a cell phone or adjusting the radio. Never text or email while driving.
- \* Increase your awareness of bicyclists, especially when making turns.
- \* Don't pass a bicyclists until it can be done safely. Give at least 3 feet of clearance when passing—more at higher speeds.
- \* Make sure you properly yield to bicyclists.
- \* Check for bicyclists riding along the edge of the traffic lane before opening a car door.



## ICE Information Got Your Cell Phone Handy?

Take a moment right now to put “ICE” by the names of the people you’d want called in case of emergency. That’s what “ICE” stands for—“in case of emergency.” The point is to let rescue workers, police, or doctors check your cell phone and reach the people you would want contacted if you’re in an accident or other emergency.

Most people don’t have ICE on their cell phones, but you will want to plug those letters into your cell phone once you’ve learnt why it is important, a new study shows.

The study researchers said they are often struggling to reach family members when a patient cannot speak, and the first place we might look is their cell phone. A family member or friend is one of their best resources for learning about the patient’s medical history.

Patients with ICE on their cell phones may help them get the best possible treatment in a timely fashion.

## No Child Left Inside!

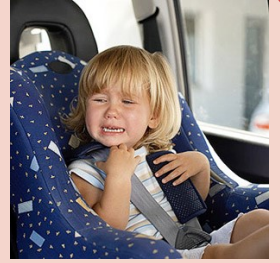
Now that the dog days of summer has arrived, it is time for an important **HEAT ADVISORY!** Never leave your child or dog alone in a hot car.

Not even for one minute to run into the store.

According to Safe Kids Worldwide—since 1998, at least 606 children, roughly one child every 10 days on average, have died from heatstroke when left unattended in a vehicle. Nearly 90% of these children were under the age of three. In 2013, 44 children died, making it one of the worst years on record.

Avoid heatstroke related injury or death by never leaving your child alone in a car, not even for one minute. And make sure the car is locked when your not in it so kids don’t go in on their own.

If you see a child alone in a car, call 911. Emergency personnel want you to call.



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# What's Inside

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

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# Town Calendar

## July 2017

- 04 Town Offices Closed
- 10 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 17 Yard Waste Pick-Up Week
- 18 Town Board Mtg.
- 19 Large Item Pick-Up



## August 2017

- 14 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 14 Yard Waste Pick-Up Week
- 15 Town Board Mtg.
- 16 Large Item Pick-up



## September 2017

- 04 Town Offices Closed
- 11 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 12 Yard Waste Pick-Up Week
- 16 Safety Day
- 19 Town Board Mtg.
- 20 Large Item Pick-Up

