



Buchanan Town Spirit

A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR TOWN

SPRING 2021

Town Officials

Town Board

Mark McAndrews, Town Chairperson

Karen Lawrence, Supervisor #1

Dennis Reinke, Supervisor #2

Chuck Kavanaugh, Supervisor #3

Greg Sprangers, Supervisor #4

Town Staff

Maggie Mahoney, Town Administrator

Cynthia Sieracki, Clerk–Treasurer

Nichole Nielsen, Deputy Clerk–Treasurer

Ray Mohr, Fire & Rescue Chief

Paul Hermes, Building Inspector

New Town Administrator!

Maggie Mahoney started as Town Administrator on January 18, 2021.

For the past two years, Maggie worked at the City of Lawrence, Kansas as the Management Analyst for Budget and Finance in the Municipal Services Operations (core services) department. Prior to that she was the Associate Director and Chief Operating Officer at the Senator Robert J. Dole Institute of Politics at the University of Kansas where she worked for 13 years.

Maggie grew up in Montana. For her post-secondary education she earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology at Iowa State University and a Master of Public Administration at the University of Kansas.

Ms. Mahoney currently lives in Kimberly with her husband, Josh, and son, Sidd (14). She is looking forward to working with and building relationships with Town residents, the Board and Staff, and exploring the area.

Please feel free to call or stop by the Town Hall and welcome her to the Town of Buchanan.



Annual Town Meeting

If you want to learn about Town operations, accomplishments in 2020 and projects planned for 2021, this is the meeting to attend.

Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Buchanan Town Hall.

Currently seeking Volunteer Firefighters, Fire and Rescue and EMT's Application Packet and Information can be found in the Forms section of the website or picked up at the Town Hall Office.

Electronics Recycling Event



The Town of Buchanan is partnering with Goldin Iron & Metal for an electronics recycling event on Saturday, May 15, 2021 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Town Hall parking lot.

Free Electronics

CPU Towers Speakers Laptops Fax Machines Vacuums
Coffee Machines Scanners Record Players Tape Players I-Pods
Game Systems Phones DVD Players Ovens Washers/Dryers
Office Calculators Printers Microwaves Power Tools Shredders
Dishwashers Power Supplies Shredders Copy Machines

Chargeable Electronics

Flat & CRT TVs 29" & under	\$20 each
Flat & CRT Computer Monitors	\$20 each
Small A/C Units	\$20 each
Dehumidifiers	\$20 each
Flat & CRT TVs 30"-49"	\$40 each
Flat & CRT TVs 50" +	\$60 each
Refrigerators	\$20 each
Freezers	\$20 each
Wood Console or Projection TVs	\$60 each
Mini Refrigerators	\$20 each

Questions about the event?
Call event sponsor Goldin Iron & Metal at
(920) 766-4201



Signs in 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, (including rummage sales & campaign signs), 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. For more information go to: <http://townofbuchanan.org/your-government/municipal-code>

Water Bills

All water bills need to be paid to the Darboy Sanitary District, located at N398 County Road N, Appleton. Please do not drop your water bill payment off in the drop box at the Town of Buchanan.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Darboy Sanitary District at 920-788-6048.

TOWN WEBSITE: www.townofbuchanan.org

TOWN FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/Town-of-Buchanan-Wisconsin-1209562895790724/>

Open Burning Regulations

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, the related ordinance was changed and went into effect on January 1, 2017.

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

It does not apply to grilling or cooking using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances.

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.

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 Permits

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.

There is no fee for the annual burn permit.

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.

April 6th Spring General Election

Spring 2021 Town Elections Tuesday, April 6, 2021

The Spring General Election will be held on April 6, 2021. The following candidate's names will appear on the ballot for the Town of Buchanan:

Town Chairperson:

Mark McAndrews
Greg Sprangers

School Districts:

School Board Members
- All Schools

Supervisor 1:

Brian Starszak
Karen Lawrence

Judicial:

Court of Appeals Judge District #3
Rick Cveykus
Gregory B. Gill, Jr.

Supervisor 3:

Chuck Kavanaugh
Paul Knuppel

Judicial:

Circuit Court Judge Branch #6
Vincent R. Biskupic

State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Jill Underly
Deborah Kerr

All residents of the Town of Buchanan vote at the Town Hall located at N178 County Road N, Appleton, WI.

The polls will be open at the Town Hall from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Household Hazardous Waste

Residents are encouraged to dispose of their hazardous materials during the hazardous waste collection days held at Outagamie County Recycling & Solid Waste, located at 1919 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 12; June 23; July 21; August 18; September 15; October 20
- **Saturdays:** May 15; June 26; July 24; August 21; September 18; October 23

Appointments are required!!! Online: 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; paint thinners; wood preservatives; kerosene and mercury.

If you are unable to attend one of the scheduled collection dates and times, Outagamie County residents may utilize the Brown County Hazardous Waste Facility, 2561 S. Broadway Dr., Ashwaubenon, WI for free.

Thursdays 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. & Saturdays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Find more information at

www.browncountyrecycling.org/hazardous-waste (920) 492-4950.



2021 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.



Holiday Week Pick-Ups

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.

When is Garbage & Recycling pick-up? 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 at: <http://townofbuchanan.org/town-services/garbage-recycling/pick-up-days>

2021 Yard Waste Collection Weeks

During these weeks only, yard waste goes out on your normal garbage day. Please use a biodegradable bag or canister that can be dumped.

- April 19-23
- May 10-14
- June 21-25
- July 12-16
- August 16-20
- September 20-24
- October 4-8
- November 8-12
- November 29-December 3

Did you know...

If your garbage or recycling is not picked up, you can call
 GFL at: 1-888-895-8696 or
 1-800-279-1930 or 920-983-3341

RECYCLE WEEK CALENDAR

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Recycling Collection Weeks

No Garbage or Recycling collection.

HOLIDAY

Collection is delayed 1 day after a holiday

Did you know that assessors verify every property sale that takes place in Wisconsin so the Department Of Revenue (DOR) can set Equalized Value? Equalized Value is a term used to determine how close your assessed value is to the actual market value of a similar property. The DOR compares the sale price of the property to the assessed value to help them determine Equalized Value.

In 2020, Accurate Appraisal processed over 16,000 sales state wide. They verify every sale online, research the property data, mail sales questionnaires, and visit the property to validate each sale.

What is the difference between assessed values and an appraisal for a bank loan?

ANSWER: An assessed value is not always a true reflection of the current market value; when looking at an assessed value you have to remember to take the ratio into consideration. If you are buying a home for \$200,000 but it is assessed at \$150,000, that might turn you away; however, if the ratio for that municipality is 70% you could be getting a good deal! The other big difference between assessed vs an appraisal is that an assessed value is done in mass, typically through a statistical analysis, whereas a bank appraisal focuses in depth for one particular property.

Open Book and Board of Review

If you have questions regarding your property assessment, you can come to Open Book on Monday, July 12, 2021 from 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. or Tuesday, July 13, 2021 from 9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. at the Buchanan Town Hall to meet with Accurate Appraisal. Open Book appointments can be made online at www.accurateassessor.com or by calling:

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

Board of Review will follow Open Book. You need to attend Open Book first. Board of Review will be held on Wednesday, August 18, 2021 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.



****REMINDER****

**Second payment of property taxes
is owed to the Outagamie County
Treasurer by July 31, 2021**

MyVote Wisconsin Website

The State of Wisconsin Website:
www.myvote.wi.gov

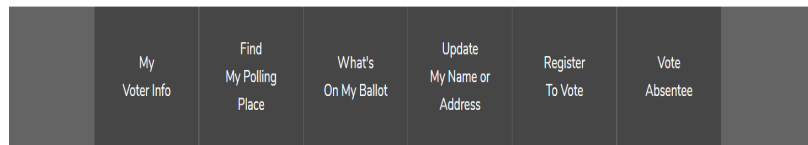


Military & Overseas Voters

Search by Name

Search by Address

The website, MyVote Wisconsin, is the official source for voter information. This site has been designed to be usable and accessible to all Wisconsin voters. This site provides electors the opportunity to start voter registration online, view personal voting information including registration status (active or inactive), polling place location, municipal clerk information, voting history, absentee or provisional ballot status and provides a sample ballot for an upcoming election.



The information found on this site is brought to you by the State of Wisconsin Elections Commission. The State of Wisconsin Elections Commission is a non-partisan, State agency charged with administering elections in Wisconsin.



Voter and Absentee Deadlines

Voter and Absentee Deadlines for the 2021 Spring Election and Spring Primary

[Learn more](#)



How Wisconsin Delivers Accurate Election Results

Wisconsin state law protects your vote through every step in the process. Click Learn more for information how your local election officials safeguard the voting process

[Learn more](#)



How Your Vote Gets Counted

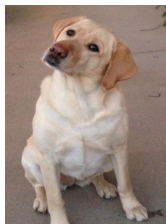
Wisconsin counts all ballots on election day, but it can take up to 45 days to record that data in the voter registration system.

[Learn more](#)

When you vote and write in a name that is not a registered write in, Election workers have to review all write in's which takes extra time and resources.

Did you know...

Dog License Late Fee Begins 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 provide a current rabies vaccination certificate from a veterinarian.

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 the completed application, required documentation with payment and a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The annual license fees are as follows: (check or exact cash only)

Spayed or Neutered - \$7.00

Not Spayed or Not Neutered - \$12.00

There is a limit of 3 dogs for each residence Code: [§ 203-8](#)

Licenses issued after March 31, 2021 will be charged an additional late fee penalty of \$5.00 each, per Wisconsin State Statutes.

Do I Need a Building Permit?

Are you finally getting around to that improvement project you've been talking about since you moved in?

Getting a new roof?

Updating the siding?

Getting a new furnace or air conditioner?



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.**

Forms can be found on our website at:
<https://www.townofbuchanan.org/our-community/forms>

Give us a call if you are unsure if your project requires a permit. (920)-734-8599

Please don't wait until election day to register to vote. Stop in today or go to myvote.wi.gov

Ditch & Right-Of-Way Alterations

Town ditches and watercourses serve important functions including draining roads of water, draining surrounding land, carrying water to a proper outfall and providing a location for snow storage below the road surface.

Landowners are responsible for general maintenance of these areas such as mowing, removal of weeds, brush and other obstruction.



Any improvements or alterations to ditches by landowners must be approved by the Town.

Changes or alterations to ditches made without Town approval **may** be required to be removed. This may include retaining walls, landscaping, concrete mailboxes, drainage or other improvements.

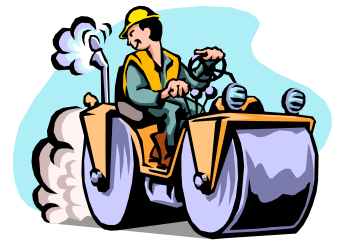
Code: [§ 504-44. Alterations to ditches and watercourses.](#)

Annual Road Paving & Maintenance

In the upcoming months the Town's website will provide an outline for 2021 road projects. When the construction season starts please go to the website for updates on project timelines, schedules and other important updates.

The following Capital Improvement projects are planned for 2021:

- *Creekview Lane*
- *Woodstock Lane*
- *Northbrook Ct*
- *Stillwater Trail*
- *Emons Rd (design phase)*
- *CTH N (design phase)*



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



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7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday
Website: www.townofbuchanan.org

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

**Town Administrator
N178 County Road N
Appleton, WI 54915**

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Town Calendar

APRIL

- 1-3 Recycle Pickup
- 1 Utility Commission Mtg.
- 2 Good Friday—Offices Closed
- 6 Spring General Election
- 12 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 12-16 Recycle Pickup
- 19-23 Yard Waste
- 20 Annual Town Mtg.
- **21 Large Item Pick-Up
- 26-30 Recycle Pickup
- 27 Town Board Mtg.



MAY

- 6 Utility Commission Mtg.
- 10 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 10-14 Recycle Pickup
- 10-14 Yard Waste
- 16 Electronics Recycling Event
- 18 Town Board Mtg.
- **19 Large Item Pick-up
- 24-28 Recycle Pickup
- 31 Memorial Day—Offices Closed



JUNE

- 3 Utility Commission Mtg.
- 7-11 Recycle Pickup
- 14 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 15 Town Board Mtg.
- **16 Large Item Pick-up
- 21-25 Yard Waste
- 21-25 Recycle Pickup



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