



# Buchanan Town Spirit

A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR TOWN

FALL 2021

## Town Officials

### Town Board

**Greg Sprangers**, Town Chairman

**Karen Lawrence**, Supervisor I

**Dennis Reinke**, Supervisor II

**Chuck Kavanaugh**, Supervisor III

**Tom Walsh**, Supervisor IV

### Town Staff

**Maggie Mahoney**, Administrator

**Cynthia Sieracki**, Clerk/Treasurer

**Nichole Nielsen**, Deputy Clerk/Treasurer

**Ray Mohr**, Fire & Rescue Chief

**Paul Hermes**, Building Inspector

Did you know that the Town of Buchanan has a seven member Plan Commission responsible for the majority of planning and zoning management for the Town?

This responsibility includes implementing the Town's Comprehensive Plan, developing new or updated ordinances, addressing growth and development issues, reviewing and approving applications for development and generally assisting the Town Board with planning and development decisions.

**Plan Commission meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.**

### Members of the Plan Commission:

Ted Erdmann, Commission Chairperson

Joseph Coenen (member)

Michael Jensema (member)

Eric Schultz (member)

Jon Lamers (member)

Greg Sprangers (Town Board Chairperson)

Chuck Kavanaugh (Town Board Rep.)

**Board of Appeals Committee member and Board of Review Committee member needed! Information is on website under the "Your Government" section.**

Pick up application in office during business hours if interested. Contact Town Administrator Maggie Mahoney with any questions.

*We greatly appreciate your support in this life-saving mission that was held at the Town Hall on August 4th. We had a great turn out and are looking forward to more events in the years ahead.*



Donate blood. Save lives.



## Winter Heating Safety Tips

Have your heating system cleaned and inspected by a certified and licensed heating technician prior to use. Here are some heating safety tips to keep you and your family safe.

### Furnaces:

- Replace your old furnace with a more efficient unit.
- Make sure your thermostat is working properly.
- Replace the filter as recommended for your furnace.
- Wash, brush or vacuum permanent filters as recommended for your furnace.
- Check the exhaust vent for debris.
- Give your furnace space.



### Fireplaces and Wood Stoves:

- Have your chimney cleaned and inspected yearly.
- Never use a flammable liquid to start a fire.
- Use only dry seasoned wood in your fireplace to avoid the build-up of creosote.
- Do not burn wrapping paper, newspapers, cardboard boxes, plastics, green wood/branches or trash.
- Ensure that your fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from escaping.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended. Extinguish the fire completely before going to bed or leaving the house.
- Store the cooled ashes in a metal container outside.
- Only use wood stoves that are air-tight and have a controlled airflow.

### Portable Heaters:

- Carefully follow all the manufacturer's instructions for operation.
- Keep heaters a minimum of three feet away from combustibles.
- Never plug your heater into an extension cord.
- Turn off or unplug heaters when not in use or you leave the room or go to bed.
- Portable heaters can be easily knocked over. Be sure your space heater has an automatic shut-off feature in case of a tip-over.
- Never use portable heaters as your only source of heat.
- Never place your heater on a rug or carpet, (unless it is the type specifically designed to be on carpet).
- Never use a heater if the cord is frayed or damaged.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, highly toxic gas that is undetectable to the human senses. Carbon monoxide poisoning can occur anywhere; at home, in your car, in a public place, or at work. CO detectors sound an alarm when unacceptable levels of CO are in the air. Without testing instruments, CO is virtually impossible to detect. Be sure to have a CO detector in your home. If the detector sounds a steady alarm or you are not sure, go outside immediately. Follow your home escape plan! Meet your family members at your safe meeting place and call 9-1-1. Never re-enter the home until you are told it is safe to do so.

## 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.

*Currently seeking Volunteer Firefighters. Fire and Rescue Application Packet and Information can be found in the [Forms](#) section of the website or picked up at the Town Hall Office.*

**A blocked vent can cause deadly carbon monoxide (CO) to enter the home. Don't forget to keep furnace and dryer vents clear of snow! If you have elderly or disabled neighbors, please offer to check their vents, too.**



# Snow Removal & Winter Maintenance Policy

The intent of this policy is to assist the Town and contractors in establishing priorities and guidance to ensure winter maintenance duties are performed in a responsible and timely manner.

It should be understood that this policy is not inclusive of all winter weather conditions. It is to be used to provide guidance resulting in timely, cost effective winter maintenance. This does not mean that dry, bare pavement should be expected. Due to circumstances such as: amount of snowfall, time of day, time of year, length of storm, predicted forecasts, and possible equipment breakdowns, the timing and level of service will be evaluated and steps will be taken to provide these services.

## **Policy Implementation**

It shall be the responsibility of the Town Administrator to implement this policy with the contractor. Any adjustments to the policy for a particular snow event, contractor questions and other related issues shall be the responsibility of the Administrator. Town office staff shall be familiar with this policy and assist the Administrator as necessary and address resident issues and calls. In the absence of the Administrator, the Town Chairperson shall be responsible for implementation of this policy.

## **Timing of Services**

Predicted and current snow accumulation, wind conditions, temperature and type of precipitation all dictate the timing of services needed. The following are general guidelines which shall be used to guide the timing of services:

- ◆ Completion of services shall be a priority for the time periods 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ As feasible, completion of services shall be completed once for each event.
- ◆ Contractor shall contact the Town prior to the delivery of services to confirm timing.
- ◆ Contractor shall contact the Town with any service delays, equipment failure, etc.



# Dog License Application

License Number: \_\_\_\_\_



**Town of Buchanan**  
**N178 County Rd N**  
**Appleton, WI 54915**

**Phone: 920-734-8599**  
**Fax: 920-734-9733**  
**www.townofbuchanan.org**

**(2022 Licenses will be available mid-December of 2021)**

<i>By Mail:</i>		<i>In Person:</i>	
Complete Application Form (below)		Complete Application Form (below)	
Copy of Rabies Certificate (retain a copy for yourself)		Copy of Rabies Certificate (retain a copy for yourself)	
Fee (plus late fee if after March 31st)		Fee (plus late fee if after March 31st)	
Proof of being Neutered or Spayed (if not on rabies cert)		Proof of being Neutered or Spayed (if not on rabies cert)	
Self-Addressed Stamped Envelope			

OWNER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF DOG: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

COLOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

BREED: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHIP # \_\_\_\_\_

~~FEE SCHEDULE~~

Neutered Male	\$7.00	Total Amount Paid \$ _____ <b>(exact cash or check appreciated)</b>
Spayed Female	\$7.00	
Male-Not Neutered	\$12.00	
Female-Not Spayed	\$12.00	
Late Charge*	\$5.00	
*A license obtained after March 31 <sup>st</sup> will be charged a \$5.00 late fee per dog		Regardless of when your dog is next due for their rabies shot you need to obtain the license with their current rabies certificate <b>prior to March 31<sup>st</sup></b> . If you obtained a dog license last year but no longer have the dog, please contact the Town of Buchanan so we can remove your information from our database. Thank you!

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### Notice to Dog Owners:

Dogs running at large and untagged dogs are subject to impoundment; penalties.

**Wisconsin State Statute 174.05 requires the owner of any dog more than five (5) months of age must have their dog licensed and tagged.**

Dogs running at large and untagged dogs are subject to impoundment and the owners may pay penalties. A dog is considered to be running at large if it is off the premises of its owner and not under the control of the owner or some other person. A dog is considered to be untagged if a valid license tag is not attached to a collar which is kept on the dog whenever the dog is outdoors, unless the dog is securely confined in a fenced area. An officer shall attempt to capture and restrain any dog running at large or any untagged dog. If the owner of a dog negligently or otherwise permits the dog to run at large or be untagged, the owner shall forfeit not less that \$25 or more than \$100 for the first offense, and not less than \$50 or more than \$200 for subsequent offenses.

### Dog License Receipt

Town Issued License Number:		Amount Paid: \$
Notes:	Cash	Check Number:
	Date:	

## Town Contact Numbers

Who should you call when you have a question about Town services?

**Garbage and Recycling—GFL**  
1-800-279-1930

**Outagamie County Deputies Non-Emergency line**  
(920) 832-5000

**Water/Sewer Questions—Darboy Sanitary District**  
(920) 788-6048

**Property Value Questions—Accurate Appraisal**  
1-800-770-3927

**Town Engineer/Storm Water/Erosion— Cedar Corporation**  
(920) 491-9081 or  
[thad.majkowski@cedarcorp.com](mailto:thad.majkowski@cedarcorp.com)

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**DID YOU KNOW...** [our official town facebook page is](https://www.facebook.com/BuchananWisconsin)  
<https://www.facebook.com/BuchananWisconsin> **follow & like**  
**us for all the updates!**

**You can also find information on our website at**  
[www.townofbuchanan.org](http://www.townofbuchanan.org)

## 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.

## Annual Budget Meeting

The Annual Budget Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be held on November 4, 2021 at 7:00pm.

## Annual Town Meeting

The Annual Town Meeting will be held April 19, 2022.

**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!**

# Information for 2021 Tax Payments

2021 Tax Bills will be mailed in mid-December.

**IN FULL OR 1ST INSTALLMENT:** Payable to the Town of Buchanan by January 31, 2022  
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](http://www.outagamie.org) (Department-Treasurer).

**SECOND INSTALLMENT:** Payable to Outagamie County Treasurer by July 31, 2022  
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**

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**PLEASE NOTE: 2022 DOG LICENSES ARE DUE JANUARY 1ST**

## NEW HOME OWNER-LOTTERY CREDIT APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE:

If your home was your primary residence as of January 1, 2021, forms are available at the Town Hall and also on the Town's website 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.

# Elections for Spring 2022

## Spring Primary Election (if needed)

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

## Spring Election

Tuesday, April 5, 2022

If you are interested in running for a 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, 2021. The final day for filing nomination papers, declarations of candidacy, and campaign registration statements will be 5:00 p.m., January 4, 2022.

### Town Offices

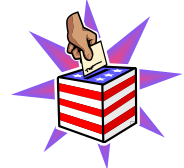
Supervisor #2

Supervisor #4

### Incumbent

Dennis Reinke

Tom Walsh



# 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 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.

## 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 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.

## 2021 Yard Waste Collection Weeks Remaining

During these weeks only, your yard waste goes out on your normal garbage day and is picked up during the week:

**October 4-8**

**November 8-12**

**November 29–December 3**

**DO NOT** put yard waste in recycle or garbage carts.

### **Trick-or-Treat Hours:**

Buchanan's trick-or-treat hours will be:

**Sunday,  
October 31st, 2021  
from**

**4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

### **Christmas Tree Pick-up**

Christmas trees will be picked-up in the Town of Buchanan on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022.**

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



PRSRT STD  
US POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
NEW BERLIN, WI  
PERMIT NO. 188

**N178 County Rd N  
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Phone: 920-734-8599

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Office Hours:

7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Monday-Thursday

7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday

Website: [www.townofbuchanan.org](http://www.townofbuchanan.org)

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

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

You may also access the newsletter online at:  
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# Town Calendar

## October 2021

- 4-8 Yard Waste Pick-up Week
- 7 Utility Commission Mtg.
- 11 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 19 Town Board Mtg.
- 20 Large Item Pick-up\*\*
- 31 Trick-or-Treat 4-7 p.m.



## November 2021

- 4 Budget Hearing/Town Mtg.
- 8 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 8-12 Yard Waste Pick-up Week
- 11 Utility Commission Mtg.
- 16 Town Board Mtg.
- 17 Large Item Pick-up\*\*
- 25-26 Town Offices Closed
- 29 -30 Yard Waste Pick-up Week



## December 2021

- 1-3 Yard Waste Pick-up Week
- 2 Utility Commission Mtg.
- 13 Plan Commission Mtg.
- 15 Large Item Pick-up\*\*
- 21 Town Board Mtg.
- 24-27 Town Offices Closed



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