CITY OF BUCHANAN

Press Release

Buchanan City Hall Closed Until April 6

Buchanan, March 19, 2020: In an effort to keep staff and citizens safe amid the threat of COVID-19, the Buchanan City Hall will close today at 5:00 pm through April 6. Plans are in place to maintain essential City services including police, fire, water, and wastewater functions.

Water/sewer payments can be made through the City's online payment process or the City's drop box at the edge of the City Hall parking lot. Cash payments are not recommended in the drop box but will be accepted during this time. Payments will be posted for the amount submitted and overages will be credited to the account number or street address included with the payment – no change will be returned at a later date. Anyone with a Water/Sewer emergency should contact the Police Department at 269-695-5120 or Berrien County Dispatch at 269-983-7141, #1.

The March 23 Commission Meeting will still be held as planned. We will be taking appropriate precautions and requiring social distancing. Therefore, we request public comments be made in writing prior to the meeting through the City's website. We are currently exploring options for future meetings that would enable us to both comply with the current guideline of the Open Meetings Act and adhere to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control.

Residents who have general questions or concerns about city services should use the <u>Contact Us</u> form on the City's website at <u>cityofbuchanan.com</u>. During this time, most staff will be working remotely but voice mail and email, addresses listed below, will be checked periodically and staff will respond to critical needs as quickly as possible.

City Manager: WMarx@cityofbuchanan.com
City Treasurer: jobryant@cityofbuchanan.com
City Clerk: bpitcher@cityofbuchanan.com

Building Department: glewis@cityobuchanan.com

Zoning Permit Administrator: dpatzer@cityofbuchanan.com

Accounts Payable: chorner@cityofbuchanan.com
Water/Sewer: rcornwell@cityofbuchanan.com
General Inquiries: aschanick@cityofbuchanan.com

We also want to encourage our community to support local businesses who are still working to serve the public through these adverse conditions. Many local restaurants are adjusting their hours, their menus, and even offering delivery services. Follow the City of Buchanan on Facebook for the latest information.