City of
Burton
Michigan

City Clerk's Office Newsletter Sept. 2024



Happy Fall from the City of Burton Clerk's Office!

Get ready for cooler weather, hot cocoa, colorful leaves, pumpkins & football. It's time to gather with friends and family and celebrate the **Season of Giving**! Here's what you need to know to make the most of the season.

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CITY ORDINANCES & PROJECTS

City Ordinances are laws & rules of the city that can be found on our website under Code of Ordinances at the bottom of the main page. Click below for a link:
https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/burtonmi/latest/overview

GRASS & HIGH WEEDS

- **Grass/weed cutting is landowners responsibility & must be kept less than 10 inches high. Tall grass complaints should be made to the Code Enforcement Department at 810-742-9230.**
- **Once the temperatures consistently stay below 50 degrees, you're good to pack away the lawnmower for the winter.**
- **PLEASE DO NOT RAKE LEAVES INTO THE STREET!**



Leaves can create driving hazards for motorists, and they can clog storm drains. Please use yard waste receptacles instead.
See pg. 6 for more info.

FALL PROJECTS

Construction season is almost behind us. The city is finishing up these projects:

- **Calvert Park resurface** (estimated completion Fall 2024)
- **Belsay Road** (begins mid-September)
- **City Hall Parking Lot** (estimated completion late September)

MDOT Projects:
NB/SB M-54 (Dort Highway) Closed for construction.
(Estimated end date 10-31-24)

All dates are approximate. Weather conditions and other factors impact completion dates.
For more road project information, please visit: https://mdotjboss.state.mi.us/MiDrive/construction

report it!

POTHOLES?

report it!

The City of Burton Road Department services 71.52 miles of major streets and 106.43 miles of local streets. We may not be able to find every pothole and crack in the city. If you notice one and would like to report it, please contact us with a detailed location at 810-742-9230 or by emailing our POTHOLE HOTLINE at pothole@burtonmi.gov.

SNOW ON SIDEWALKS?

Snow removal from sidewalks is the property owner's responsibility! If you would like to make a complaint about a business or residential home that is not removing the snow from their sidewalk, please email our Road Superintendent: c.howser@burtonmi.gov or call 810-742-9230.

PUBLIC SAFETY

A message from your Fire Chief, Kirk Wilkinson

We are actively recruiting personnel who would like to join the fire department, trained or untrained. We will send any untrained new hires through the fire academy this fall. If you know anyone who lives in Burton or within a mile of Burton that would be interested in becoming a Burton Firefighter, please send them our way. Thank you

*** If you are interested in applying, you can fill out an application at the Fire Station or City Hall.*

FALL is the perfect time for a campfire!

Don't forget the marshmallows! But first, make sure you:



1. Request a **free recreational burn permit** on our website's main page under the "How do I?" section.
2. Burn seasoned firewood only – NO construction materials, grass or leaves allowed!
3. Review a full list of burn regulations available on our website at www.burtonmi.gov

SNOW REMOVAL

The City of Burton takes pride in its ability to remove snow within one day on all major streets, and within 2-3 on all local streets during a normal snow event.



For the City of Burton Snow & Ice Removal Plan, visit our website at: https://www.burtonmi.gov/departments/department_of_public_works

Some tips that will help our plow trucks better serve you:

- Please do not park on the shoulder of the road during a storm event. Although it may be allowed, the vehicle blocks the plow from getting close to the edge of the street.
- The City of Burton does not stop plowing until all streets are done, please be patient as there are laws regarding the number of hours a day a driver can be behind the wheel.
- Please understand that the Major Roads must be cleared before Local Roads. If the storm lasts more than a day, the major streets will need continuous clearing.
- **DON'T CROWD THE PLOW!** Keeping your distance will ensure the driver can see you and keep you safe.

The Burton Senior Center
3410 South Grand Traverse Blvd
Burton, MI 48529
(810) 744-0960
Jean.Johnson@burtonmi.gov



The Burton Senior Center has many programs and services available for our senior population.

Line Dancing Class, Tech Help, Commodity Foods, Weekly Dance, Arthritis Exercise Class, Walking Group, Medical Loan Closet, Medicare/Medicaid Counselor, Travel Program, Concerts and Special Events.

Check out our newsletter at www.burtonmi.gov for all the programs and details.

SPECIAL EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Stop by the Burton Senior Center on Tuesday, September 24th at 6PM for a Town Hall Meeting with Burton Mayor Duane Haskins, City Clerk Racheal Boggs, and our **Special Guest, Jocelyn Benson Michigan Secretary of State** to have all your election questions answered.

Are you or someone you know having trouble with your furnace and worried about heating your home this winter?

Burton Project Heat's On provides Free furnace cleaning/repair for homeowners in the city who own their homes and are experiencing financial hardship. Complete the Application Below and return it to Burton City Hall. Applicants can be nominated by friends or family members.

Homeowner's Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Cell Number: _____
Do you own home?_____ Number of Years: _____
Is this a Rental Home? Estimated Value of Home: $_____
Mortgage Company Name:_____
Borrower(s) Name: _____
Are you delinquent 30 days or more on your mortgage? _____
Are the homes Property Taxes paid up to date? _____
How many in household? _____Adults: _____ Children: _____
Seniors:_____
Employer: _____ Date hired: _____
Has there been an income change in the past 12 months? _____
Household income: $ _____ Other Income Sources? _____
Furnace, Boiler or Electric Heat? Gas or Oil?
Date of last service: _____Reason for service: _____
Is your furnace working now? _____ If NO, please explain: _____
_____
Average heating bill: $ _____ per month
Does the home contain Smoke or Carbon Monoxide Detectors? _____
Are they working? _____
HOMEOWNER'S SIGNATURE: _____
Date:_____

2024 City of Burton Project Heat's On

GOYETTE MECHANICAL
PLUMBING • HEATING • COOLING • ELECTRICAL

Event Date: Friday, October 11th
Application Deadline: Thursday, September 26th

Please return to:
Burton City Hall
4303 S. Center Rd. • Burton, MI 48519
Attn: Collette Estes
This application is confidential.

Bring the Kids To The City of Burton Trick or Treat Trail ...







HALLOWEEN

is Thursday, October 31st and Burton's official TRICK-or-TREAT time is 5:00pm-7:30pm

Remember these safety tips!

- Wear reflective or light-colored costumes
- Walk in groups in well-lit areas
- Do not enter homes for a treat
- Watch for traffic when crossing streets

It's not officially spooky season if don't have a pumpkin!

Get a porch-perfect pumpkin at **the Friends of the Burton Dog Park Pup-kin Fundraiser** on **Sunday, October 6th @ 2:00pm (until gone) at Our Risen Lord Lutheran Church, 4040 Lapeer Rd. Burton, MI 48509**

All pumpkins will be sold by donation. Your donation helps maintain the park.



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

October 22nd Halloween Home Decorating Contest Begins (Ends: Oct. 24th)
November 1st Christmas Decorating Contest Begins (Ends: Dec. 8th)
November 9th Veterans Honor Run 11:00am @ Blessed Sacrament Church (Register at http://burtonraceseries.com/veterans-honor-run)
November 11th Veteran's Day Ceremony 11:11am @ Veterans Memorial Park
November 30th Christmas Tree Lighting 6-8pm @ Fire Station #1 on Bristol Rd.
December 7th Pizza with Santa – Bendle High School @TBA



OCTOBER is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Show your support & stop by City Hall for your FREE Breast Cancer Awareness Sticker!

Local Food Pantry & Food Distribution Locations

BURTON			
CenterPoint Church	Call Love, Inc. at 810-235-4990 for a referral	1225 S. Center Rd. Burton, MI 48509 810-743-0000	1. Call Love, Inc. at 810-235-4990 for a referral 2. Clothing also available at The Blessing Shop
Disabled American Veterans	Monday & Friday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	4270 E. Bristol Road Burton, MI 48519	Call 810-742-9220 for more information
Harmony Baptist Church	Thursday 9:00 am to 12:00 pm	5106 E. Bristol Road Burton, MI 48519 810-742-2630	1. ID required 2. One food box per family
Holy Redeemer Outreach	Tuesday & Wednesday 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm Thursday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm & 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm **CLOSED October 29th through 31st; Thursday, November 28th; December 24th through January 2nd (REOPENS Janaury 7th)**	1227 E. Bristol Road Burton, MI 48529 810-743-8530	1. **SERVES ZIP CODES 48507 AND 48529 ONLY** 2. DRIVE-THROUGH SERVICE ONLY 3. ONE VISIT ONLY PER MONTH 4. Closed during the fifth Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the month (if any)
GRAND BLANC (CITY)			
Holy Family Catholic Church Outreach Center	Monday through Friday 10:00 am to 2:00 pm	11714 S. Saginaw Street Grand Blanc, MI 48439 810-771-7279, ext. 2222	1. **SERVES ONLY AREA CODES 48439, 48507, 48519 & 48529 AND CLIENTS LIVING IN THE AREA FROM I-69 TO THE GENESEE COUNTY LINE AND I-75 TO IRISH ROAD** 2. **Photo ID required**

FLINT & FLINT TOWNSHIP

LOCATION	Address	Phone	Time	Day
Greater Flint Outreach Center	1114 University Dr. Flint	810-767-4064	11am-12:30pm	Every Wednesday
1st United/Hillside Church	1116 W. Hill Rd. Flint	810-232-2674	10am-12pm	1st & 3rd Wed of month
New Creation Church of God	G-3472 Lennon Rd. Flint	810-732-0500	9am-1pm	3rd Thur of month

Are you ready for some FOOTBALL?

HOMECOMING Games are set for your favorite hometown football teams.

Bendle Tigers September 20th

Davison Cardinals September 20th

Grand Blanc Bobcats September 27th

Kearsley Hornets October 4th

Carman Ainsworth Cavaliers October 4th

Bentley Bulldogs October 4th

Atherton Wolverines October 11th

COME OUT AND SUPPORT YOUR FAVORITE HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

Get there early and catch the Homecoming Parade!

IMPORTANT CITY INFORMATION

Reminders from your City Treasurer, Alice Bryce



Summer 2024 Taxes are due by September 30 without penalty. On October 1st a 4% penalty will apply and interest of .5% will accrue on any outstanding balances.

The last day that 2024 real property taxes can be paid at City of Burton will be on February 28, 2025. These can be paid electronically for your convenience on our website www.burtonmi.gov or paid electronically using any Online Bill Pay feature through your banking institution. Use your Parcel ID number as your account and add City of Burton as a payee with the address of 4303 S. Center Road.

Water and Sewer bills are always due on the 15th of the month. Need help with paying for past due utilities? GCCARD has a new assistance program open to all Genesee County residents. It is called the Local Water Utility Affordability (LWUA) program. They can be contacted at 810-768-4675 or at www.gccard.org for more information.



An Election Message from your City Clerk, Racheal Boggs

General Election - **November 5, 2024**

- Absentee Ballots will be available in the Clerk's Office and mailed to all voters on our **permanent ballot list** at the end of September.
- **Early Voting** will be available in the lower level of Burton City Hall on **Saturday, October 26th - Sunday, November 3rd 9:00am-5:00pm.**
- Polls are open on Election Day (November 5th) from 7:00am-8:00pm.
- If you become sick or have an emergency and still need to vote – you have options. Call 810-743-1500. We can help!

FOR MORE ELECTION INFORMATION, VISIT THE MICHIGAN VOTER INFORMATION CENTER (MVIC) at www.michigan.gov/vote

- ✓ **Register to Vote**
- ✓ **Find your local Clerk**
- ✓ **Request or Track your Absentee Ballot**
- ✓ **Locate your Precinct**
- ✓ **Check your Voter Registration**
- ✓ **View your Sample Ballot**

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DISPOSAL OF YARD WASTE & LEAVES

If you are trimming trees, raking leaves and cleaning up your garden debris, here are some tips...



BRUSH, TREE LIMBS & GARDEN DEBRIS?

Request a free **OPEN BURN** (3-day) permit on our website under the "How Do I" section or come see the City Hall Receptionist. Each household is entitled to 4 OPEN BURN permits per year.

WEEKLY YARDWASTE COLLECTION

- **Use paper yard waste bags for yard waste and leaves or come to City Hall for FREE yard waste stickers for your cans!**
- **Yard waste is picked up until the first FULL week in November on your regular trash day.**

Another way to take care of fallen leaves is to collect them in a compost bin and let nature do the rest. (Yes, even oak leaves!) They'll break down into rich soil that plants love. If you have the space, you can also rake them directly into a vegetable patch and till them under in the spring.



HOW DO I DISPOSE OF OTHER ITEMS LIKE LUMBER OR SHINGLES?

Each Burton household is entitled to: One (1) **free** dump permit per month. Dump permits are issued in-person at City Hall. Call us at 810-743-1500 or visit www.burtonmi.gov for more details.



Questions or complaints about your trash, recycling, or yard waste pick-up?

Call: DAN GARMAN at Emterra: 810-397-0610

or email: dan@crcminc.com

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

I have some old tires lying around. Can I put them in my trash?
Tires are not accepted. Please call Environmental Rubber Recycling Inc. 810-789-1222.

I found a dog running loose in my neighborhood. What do I do?
Contact Genesee County Animal Control at 810-732-1660 during their office hours: Tuesday, Wednesday Thursday & Friday from 12-6 PM; Saturday from 10-2PM; Sunday & Monday: Closed. Outside of these hours, please call 911 to have an officer dispatched.

If I call the city to report a complaint about my neighbor's property, will they know it was me who called?
All complainants shall remain anonymous; however, we do state that a complaint has been made. If you would like to make a code enforcement complaint and have the exact address of the property, please contact us @ l.swayne@burtonmi.gov or phone (810) 742-9230.

My trash/recycling was not picked up, what do I do?
To report a problem with trash collection, call Dan Garman with Emterra at 810-397-0610 or you can report it to the City Hall Receptionist at 810-743-1500.

I have posted questions and complaints on Facebook. Why isn't the city responding?
At this time, the city does not have any official social media platforms, including Facebook. City personnel do not monitor or respond to "Burton City Chat" or other unofficial pages. Please contact City Hall at 810-743-1500 with all concerns.

Where do I report problems with streetlights? Streetlights belong to Consumers Energy. To report outages or problems, visit their website (top of the page, under "company") at: https://www.consumersenergy.com/company/report-an-issue#report-an-issue-power

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



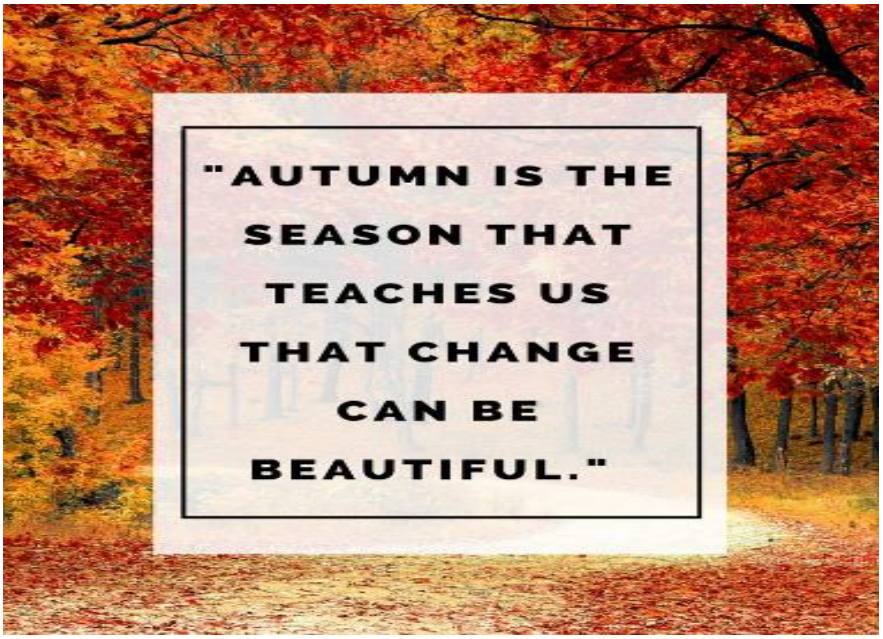
In this issue, we would like to spotlight a NEW addition to the City of Burton Team!



Ted Valley, City of Burton Human Resources Director

Ted joined our team in July of this year. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Management & Human Resources from Spring Arbor University and comes to us with an extensive background in management, labor relations, and government operations. Ted has already begun getting to know city employees and sharing his ideas to make the City of Burton a great place to work and live. Welcome, Ted. We are very lucky to have you!





Clerk's Office Newsletter (Winter Edition) coming to you in December…

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