City of
Burton
Michigan

City Clerk's Office Newsletter April 2025



Spring is in the air! The snow has melted, and flowers are blooming. 😊 It's time to get outside and breathe in some fresh air. Here's what you need to know to enjoy all that springtime in Burton has to offer.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Officer's duties are to enforce Chapter 157 of the Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 91 Health and Sanitation Nuisances, and Chapter 133.04 Sanitary Conditions of the City of Burton.

- The city operates on a complaint basis. Please contact the Code Enforcement Department at 810-742-9230 or l.swayne@burtonmi.gov. Complaints are kept anonymous.

GRASS & HIGH WEEDS

- **Grass/weed cutting is landowners responsibility & must be kept less than 10 inches high – the city may cut grass/weeds as necessary and charge the costs to the property owner. Tall grass complaints should be made to the Code Enforcement Department at 810-742-9230.**



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

DPW FAQ's

Do I need a permit for a pool? Yes, but permits are only required for a pool that holds more than 24" of water.

Is there a permit requirement for a deck? Do I have to install rails? Decks require permits unless it is free-standing at least 10 feet from the house and is less than 200 square feet. Decks that are 30" or more off the ground must have rails and the spindles cannot be more than 4 ¼" apart.

Who is responsible to pull a permit? As the property owner, it is your responsibility to ensure that a permit has been pulled for the work being done to your property. If you hire a contractor, please ask to see the permit before the work is started. You will have little recourse or action to the contractor if you pull the permit for them and/or fines if the project is not permitted at all.

***If you do not know whether or not you need a permit, please call the DPW Building Department.**

POTHOLES?

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.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Acrylic Painting Class with Gayle
Tuesday, April 22nd @ 1:00 pm ???
$10.00 per person -
Includes all supplies needed

Back by popular demand. You will finish a completed painting the same day. A sample will be available at the reception desk.

Please register and pay in advance.
Limited spots available.

Stained Glass Class
@ Factory 2
Tuesday, May 6th
1:00 to 3:30 $35.00 per person

This is an exciting opportunity to learn how to make stained glass. We will provide the transportation to Factory 2 on Grand Traverse in Flint. There, your instructor Gary Mueller has all the equipment you will need to fully complete a small stained glass project. Once you have the basics, you may join another glass to increase your skills. This particular day and class is small in size for a lot of one on one attention. ***If interested, please register and pay. Class is limited to only 3 participants.***

WEEKLY EVENTS

Line Dancing - Mondays -10:00 am - $3.00 Line Dancing is not only fun but also a great way to get exercise. Learn new line dance moves on Mondays.

Bingo - Mondays & Thursdays - 12:30 pm Start time, Be checked in by 12:20 pm Regular bingo cards are used. Play 8 cards for $1.00 and 25¢ for 2 additional cards.

Pinochle - Mon. & Thurs. - 12:30 pm - .50 Double Deck Pinochle.

Dance with live a Band - **Mondays 6 pm - 8 pm** - $5.00 per person - includes light refreshments. You don't dance? You are still welcome to come listen to the live music.

MAYOR'S DAY OF SERVICE

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Please join City of Burton Mayor, Duane Haskins, in helping to make our community a cleaner, greener place as he heads out with volunteers to clean up areas in Burton.

Saturday, May 3, 2025

CLEAN UP KICK-OFF AT 9:00 AM

Burton City Hall ~ 4303 S. Center Rd.

To Volunteer
please call (810) 743-1500 Ext 1103 or
email l.bigsby@burtonmi.gov



Burton
Parks and Recreation



UPCOMING EVENTS

(ALL EVENTS ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

April 12, 2025	Easter Egg Hunt – City Hall (12pm-2pm)
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day Festivities – City Hall
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day 5k Run/Walk (sign up at burtonraceseries.com)
June 3, 2025	Burton Youth League – Atherton School Fields (sign-up going on NOW!)



City of Burton 2025 Mosquito Control Program

The City of Burton has contracted APM Mosquito Control (APM) to provide this service for the 2025 Spring and Summer Season.

HOW WILL THE PROGRAM WORK?

1. **Initial spring larvicide application to lowland/woodland wet areas will take place during mid-April to mid-May.**
2. **The placing of New Jersey Light Traps for monitoring adult mosquito population. Traps will operate from June 1st until September 15th.**
3. **Mosquito disease testing will begin in June.**
4. **Backpack applications to parks / public use areas & weekly nighttime application from a truck- mounted and or ATV mounted sprayer will be used.**

NOTICE: Property owners and residents who do not wish to be treated by this method of mosquito control may fill out a form and submit it to APM Mosquito Control; 4136 Holiday Drive, Flint MI 48507. These properties will be identified as non-treatment areas. Forms are located at City Hall or APM Mosquito Control, 4136 Holiday Drive, Flint MI, 48507.

Contact APM Tollfree: 1-877 276-4714 or Local (810) 766-9423.

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More detailed information about the Mosquito Control Program, including product labels and safety data sheets, are available at: www.advancedmosquito.com

IMPORTANT CITY INFORMATION

An Election Message from your City Clerk, Racheal Boggs

Join the Burton City Council!



Offices to be elected in 2025:

Burton City Council (3 seats) 4-yr term, ending November 2029

Qualifications:

Must be a Citizen of the United States. *Limitations of Candidacy: No person shall qualify as a candidate for more than one elective office under City Charter (section 12.8) in any given election.*

Eligibility:

Pursuant to City Charter Section 3.2(a) to be eligible for election to and to hold a city office, a person shall be and remain a resident of the city for a period of one year and be a qualified elector at the time of election.

- **Petition Packets & candidate information are available in the City Clerk's Office.**
- **The deadline to file nominating petitions and Affidavit of Identity is Tuesday, April 22, 2025, by 4:00 p.m.** (MCL 168.551).

Give us a call at 810-743-1500 Extension 1402 or 1403 if you have questions.
We are always happy to help!

Reminders from your City Treasurer, Alice Bryce

- ✓ Did you know you can pay your water or tax bill electronically? Visit our website www.burtonmi.gov
- ✓ 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.



TRASH COLLECTION & PERMITS

Questions or complaints about your trash or recycling pick-up?

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

or email: dan@crcminc.com



RECYCLING – ACCEPTABLE ITEMS

Newspaper	Place newspapers, phone books, magazines & glossy newspaper inserts in brown paper bags or bundle and tie with string.
Cardboard	Clean corrugated cardboard must be bundled and tied in two (2) foot squares, not exceeding a thickness of one (1) foot.
Plastic #1-7	Plastics should be rinsed clean with the cap removed. No motor oil, anti-freeze or cooking oil containers please.
Cans	Clean tin and aluminum cans. These items may be flattened to conserve space in your container.
Glass	Clear, brown and green empty glass. The glass should be rinsed out.

PLEASE REPORT ISSUES WITH YOUR WASTE COLLECTION!!!!

Emterra & the City of Burton appreciate your feedback. It helps us serve you better.

BURN PERMITS

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.
Call us at 810-743-1500 or visit www.burtonmi.gov for more details.

DUMP PERMITS

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.

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.

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 REMARKABLE RESIDENT!

City of Burton resident **Kris Johns** has facilitated a number of city clean-up projects with a group known as the "**Burton Blight Busters**" and has taken it upon himself to secure grant funding for "**Beautify Burton**", a program that allows residents to receive FREE tree seedlings and flowers.

For more information about Beautify Burton, visit www.beautifyburton.com







We applaud you, Kris!!! Thank you for all you do for our city and our community! 😊



“Despite the forecast,

live like it’s spring.”

- Lilly Pulitzer

Clerk’s Office Newsletter (Summer Edition) coming to you in July…

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