City of
Burton
Michigan

City Clerk's Office Newsletter June 2025



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

It's time to grab your sunglasses & swimsuit and throw something on the grill! Here's some tips for a fun, healthy, and safe summertime.

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CITY ORDINANCES & ROAD 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/overvie

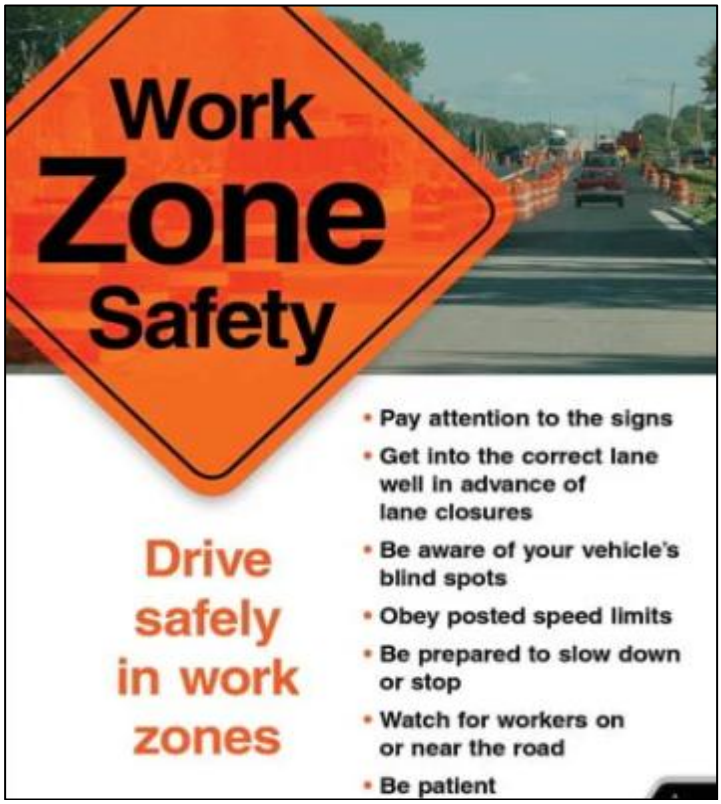
** Check out our Frequently Asked Questions on page 7 for more ordinance information**

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.



SUMMER IS ROAD CONSTRUCTION SEASON!

Upcoming projects:

- North Genesee Road, from Davison Road to the city limits
- North Grand Traverse Road, from Bristol to Hemphill roads.



GOT POTHOLES? **Use our POLHOLE HOTLINE**

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.

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.*

Thinking of having a backyard campfire with family and friends this summer?

Don't forget the marshmallows! But first, don't forget:



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

Summer Safety Tips from your Police Chief, Brian Ross

- ✓ **Keep doors in your home closed and locked,** including your garage doors. An open door is an invitation.
- ✓ **Be a good neighbor and alert police** to any unusual activity in your neighborhood.
- ✓ **Plan for vacation** by having your mail stopped or having a neighbor pick it up. Leave inside lights on timers to create the impression that your house is occupied. Be sure to set your alarm system. Have lawn service or a neighbor mow your lawn.
- ✓ **Do not leave valuables or cash in your car.** If you must leave items in the car, lock them in the trunk.
- ✓ **Be alert for children playing in neighborhoods** and residential areas. Young children may be more concerned about catching a ball that rolls into the street than watching vehicles coming toward them.
- ✓ **Drive safely and slowly** around parks and playgrounds. More children are out playing during the summer.

Join our Burton Neighborhood Watch Group! Meetings are the second Monday of each month at the Police Station at 6PM. Call 810-742-2542 for more information.

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 seniors

- **Senior Fresh Coupons**
- **Free Legal Advice**
- **Hot Lunch Program**

Join us for some of our other exciting events:
Line Dancing Class, Weekly Dance, Arthritis Exercise Class, Walking Group,Travel Program, Concerts and Special Events.

Secretary of State
Mobile Office



The Secretary of State Mobile Office will be here inside the Burton Senior Center on:

Wednesday, July 23, 2025
Hours: 10 - 3 pm

They are able to do all services that are done at the branch offices with the exception of a road test. The fees are the same. Call for your appointment 810 744-0960.

Concert presented Free of Charge by:
The Genesee District Library

Tuesday, July 22nd at 3:30 - FREE

Patriotic Tunes
With Peter Bergin

Stay after for dinner - $5.00

Menu: Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Potato Salad and Ice Cream

These are two separate events. Please make reservations for both in advance. If staying for dinner pay when registering.

CHECK OUT OUR NEWSLETTER FOR MORE DETAILS AT: www.burtonmi.gov

Planning a Baby Shower, Graduation Party or Wedding this summer?

The city offers park pavilion rentals at Kelly Lake Park as well as weekend hall rentals for all your summer events… at a great low price!





For Pavilion Rental call (810)743-1500





For Hall Rental call (810)744-0960

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Grab a lawn chair and head to Saginaw Street in Downtown Burton to watch the

21st Annual

Back to the **BRICKS Rolling Car Cruise**

August 11th -16th



August		
08/04/25 - 08/09/25	TUNE UP WEEK	
08/11/25 - 08/16/25	MAIN EVENT WEEK	Main Event

Other Events In August 2025

Ally Challenge Week: August 18-24, 2025

The CRIM: August 22nd - 23rd, 2025

Genesee County Fair: August 19th - 24th, 2025



For FULL Details on ALL Back to the Bricks® events, Visit: Backtothebricks.org

The City of Burton has contracted with APM Mosquito Control to provide citywide services for the 2025 Season!

APM MOSQUITO CONTROL℠

This service includes:

Backpack applications to parks/public use areas & weekly nighttime application from a truck–mounted and or ATV mounted sprayer.

For more information or to OPT-OUT, visit our website at www.burtonmi.gov or **contact APM locally at 810-766-9423**

IMPORTANT CITY INFORMATION

Reminders from your City Treasurer, Alice Bryce



Summer 2025 Taxes are due and payable starting July 1st and due by September 30th without penalty. Oct 1st a 4% penalty will apply and interest of .5% will accrue on any outstanding balances.

Taxes 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

Burton voters have two elections this year:

Primary Election - **August 5, 2025** General Election - **November 4, 2025**

Polls are open on Election Day from 7:00am-8:00pm or you can request an absentee ballot today! Contact us at 810-743-1500 Ext. 1402.

City Office to be elected:
3 City Council Members (4-year term)

FOR 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**

SCAN ME

TRASH & RECYCLE

Have you finished your summer clean-up and want to know what to do with all that stuff? Here's what you need to know 😊



WEEKLY COLLECTION

- **Please have your trash cans yard waste & recycle bins to the road by 6AM on your scheduled trash day.**
- **Trash MUST be in bags (even if in a can) No loose trash is accepted.**
- **You may have separate trucks for trash and recycle, but sometimes a "split truck" can take both. Don't Worry! Emterra will get everything where it needs to go.**
- **Yard waste is picked up from April-November only on your regular trash day.**
- **Use paper yard waste bags for yard waste or come to City Hall for FREE yard waste stickers for your cans!**

LARGE ITEMS? No Problem!

Emterra will pick up 1 large item per week. Accepted items:

Couches, chairs, tables, televisions, washers, dryers, stoves, box springs, mattresses, and rolls of carpet, air conditioners & freezers (freon removed).

WHAT ABOUT OTHER ITEMS LIKE LUMBER OR SHINGLES? No worries!

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.

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS?

Contact GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION to check dates and locations by calling (810) 762-7744 or visit www.gcmpc.org

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.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

I have some old tires laying 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.

I am having a garage sale this summer. Do I need a permit?
No permit is required to have a garage sale. Please be cautious with the placement of garage/yard sale signs. Signs cannot be posted to telephone poles or in the right of ways.

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 by l.swayne@burtonmi.gov or phone (810) 742-9230.

Do I need a permit to put up a swimming pool?
Permits are required for any in-ground pool. Aboveground pools only require permits when the pool is to stay erected year-round.

I hired a contractor to do some work, are they responsible for pulling a permit?
As the property owner it is your responsibility to ensure that a permit has been pulled for the work being done on your property. If you hire a contractor, please ask to see the permit before the work is started.

Someone came to my door soliciting something. Is this allowed?
Anyone soliciting, peddling, or canvassing in the City of Burton must be approved and licensed by the City Clerk and have an identification badge/card signed by the City Clerk. THIS INCLUDES ICE CREAM TRUCKS! Please report unlicensed solicitors immediately to the City Clerk's Office 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.

My neighbor has a rooster, is that allowed in the city?
Roosters are not allowed within the city; however, chickens are allowed on properties that meet specified conditions. Contact Code Enforcement at 810-742-9230 with questions.

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 the Spotlight

In this issue, we would like to spotlight the City of Burton Downtown Development Authority (DDA)

Duane Haskins - Mayor
Joseph S. Richvalsky – Chair
Steven A. Coates - Vice Chair
Nate Henry, Board Member
Neil Martz, Board Member
Timothy Wagner, Board Member
Jerome (Jerry) Barylski, Board Member
Jeannie Herford, Board Member

The Burton DDA is charged with making public Improvements to strengthen our downtown area. The board consists of the mayor and eight (8) VOLUNTEER members with not less than five (5) having interest in property located in the district. The City of Burton Downtown District is located on Saginaw Street between Maple Road and Hemphill Road.

The DDA's most recent improvement project was the "WELCOME TO BURTON MONUMENT" installed in the south corridor of the DDA district at Maple and Saginaw. The project was approved by the board earlier this year and came to fruition on June 30, 2025.

Drive by and take a look… What a beautiful addition to our downtown!

To our DDA Volunteers,

We sincerely appreciate the work you do to make Downtown Burton beautiful.

Sincerely, Burton Residents





Clerk's Office Newsletter (Fall Edition) coming to you in September…



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