



TOWN OF BUCHANAN TOWN HALL NEWSLETTER



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Fall Newsletter

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Town Manager's Message:

Happy Fall!

It has been an exciting year to work with the community, and, I appreciate everyone who has stepped up to help us make so many positive things happen in Buchanan over this past year. I love the opportunities I have had to share my experience in Economic Development to help the community make so many improvements coming after a year faced with the challenges of COVID.

Buchanan is doing well! New Retail since April 2021

- James River Drip (official opening)
- Tammie's Place (This property was vacant for around 4 years)
- Stable Hill (New business following the retirement of Mrs. Falls)
- Gateway Realty (This property was vacant for around 5 years)
- Buchanan Bojinkan Dojo
- Appalachian Soul (yoga, belly dancing lessons)
- Faithful Country Creations
- Regina Lograsso Photography (New business following replacing Patina Creek)
- Buchanan Mini Mall (New business replacing Glowarama)

New Development – Factory Flats, LLC – 22 market rate apartments, 1 brew pub.

People visit Town Hall with plans to locate and open businesses here. Our staple, anchor businesses have served the community and visitors for decades, and, we appreciate everything you do. Buchanan is a community of choice. More and more people are choosing to move to Buchanan, residents and businesses alike. Your patronage and passion for the Community resonates in ways you never would imagine. "Citizens are Buchanan's assets," as Melissa Lucas stated.

There are several major projects in the works for next year, and, I look forward to seeing the progress we make in 2023.

~ Susan McCulloch

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Help Share the Town News If you find this newsletter informative and interesting and want to forward a copy to someone, you can request another copy by visiting Town Hall. A copy of the newsletter will be placed on the Town's website.

Upcoming Town Meetings (All are at Town Hall unless otherwise stated):

- Monday, October 3rd at 7PM – Planning Commission
- Thursday, October 6th at 7PM – Work Session
- Tuesday, October 11th at 7PM – Regular Town Council Meeting (Monday is a Holiday)
- Thursday, November 3rd at 7PM – Work Session
- Monday, November 7th at 7PM – Planning Commission
- Tuesday, November 8th – Election Day
- Monday, November 14th at 7PM – Regular Town Council Meeting
- Monday, December 5th at 7PM – Planning Commission
- Thursday, December 1st at 7PM – Work Session
- Monday, December 12th at 7PM – Regular Town Council Meeting

NOTE: Work Sessions will be posted to the front door of Town Hall and advertised on the town's website several days in advance of the meeting or as per state code requires.

Town Hall Office Holidays:

Town Hall will be closed in observation of the following upcoming Holidays.

- Columbus Day - Monday, October 10
- Election Day - Tuesday, November 8
- Veteran's Day - Friday, November 11
- Day before Thanksgiving – Close at Noon – November 23
- Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24
- Day After Thanksgiving – November 25
- Christmas Eve – December 23
- Christmas Day – December 26
- New Year's Eve – December 30
- New Year's Day – January 1, 2023

Final Word: Thank you for taking the time to read the Newsletter. If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall at 540-254-1212. As always, your feedback is appreciated!

American Recovery Act Program Funds (ARPA) Spending Update

Council voted to hire Curtis Deacon to repair the floor at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Due to the constant moisture, there have been challenges, which will now be resolved. The Town also purchased a storage container for equipment/supplies, and it is behind the Town's warehouse. The Real Estate Investment Grant is doing well, and we would love for more businesses and organizations to apply. Please contact us with any questions.

Recreation Economy for Rural Communities Grant

The Town of Buchanan is one of 25 communities nationally to be selected to receive technical assistance in planning for recreation as an economic and community development tool. The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) is funding the applicants for the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Recreation Economy for Rural Communities (RERC) grant program.

The Town established a Steering Committee, and we are now working on the Community Assessment and will meet every few weeks to plan and then host a large community workshop in Spring of 2023.

Thank you to the members of the Committee who agreed to serve! They are Daniel Bratcher, Dr. Molly O'Dell, Katie Conner, Mike Burton, Jessie Burton; Rose Jeter, Melissa Lucas, Teresa Rothwell, John Mays, Jenny Wilson, Ken McFadyen, Eddie Wells, Harry Gleason and Susan McCulloch. We were asked to limit the number of committee members by the program manager, but these are great representatives. If you have any questions about this project, the Committee members are the ambassadors of the program.

The process is being convened by consultants from Revive Strategies, Just Trails, and the program manager from EPA. We are excited that representatives from federal agencies including the EPA, ARC, and the US Department of Agriculture – Rural Development will be onsite in Buchanan to learn about a community-driven vision for recreation.

This Master Planning effort can be used as a roadmap for project planning and implementing. We will share the Workshop date when it is finalized. We look forward to your participation and input during this process!

Upcoming Dates to Remember

- ✓ Mountain Magic in Fall – Saturday, October 1 (10AM to 4PM)
- ✓ Buchanan Town Cleanup – Saturday, October 15
- ✓ Halloween – Monday, October 31
- ✓ Small Business Saturday – Saturday, November 26
- ✓ Tree Lighting Ceremony – Saturday, November 26
- ✓ Festival of Lights Grand Illumination – Friday and Saturday, December 2 and 3 – New this Year!
- ✓ Buchanan Christmas Parade – Saturday, December 10
- ✓ Buchanan Community Christmas Market – Saturday, December 10
- ✓ Christmas Eve Luminaries – Sunday, December 24
- ✓ Epiphany Bonfire – Friday, January 6