



# VAN BUREN

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### For Immediate Release

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### **Van Buren Township CLOSED Until April 30 & All Events Canceled Until July 5**

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., In response to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-42 (COVID-19) to extend the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, all Township Administration Offices will remain closed until April 30, 2020.

All Township events have been canceled until July 5. This includes fireworks, the first session Summer Camp and R.E.A.L summer jobs program. Refunds will be issued for those who have registered for camp. The Senior Center will continue with the emergency foods program such as Meals on Wheels, but will remain closed for senior activities.

Emergency Services (Police, Fire & Dispatch) will remain open. Van Buren Township will continue to work remotely. For emergencies, such as a water main breaks, please contact the Van Buren Township Dispatch at 734-699-8930. For non-emergencies, government services and/or general questions (building permits, Focus Hope, etc.) please call 734-699-8910 and leave a message. A staff member will return your call in a timely manner.

We're encouraging residents to pay taxes and water bills online or use the Drop Box:

- Tax and utility payments via debit, credit card or Echeck at <https://bsaonline.com/Home/WelcomePage>
- Sign up for automated debit for your utility bill payments with this form: [https://vanburen-mi.org/Forms/Automatic\\_Water\\_Bill\\_Payment.pdf](https://vanburen-mi.org/Forms/Automatic_Water_Bill_Payment.pdf)
- Drop box in front of Township Hall - checked daily (checks only please)
- Drop box located in Public Safety Lobby - checked daily
- Mail in personal checks and/or money orders to: 46425 Tyler Rd.

Please note, when paying online you will be charged a processing fee.

Waste Management has postponed all Yard Waste & Bulk Pick Up until further notice. They're running their daily operations with essential staff only to make sure that trash and recycling are operating as scheduled.

For Police and Fire reports, please submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request available on the Township website: <https://vanburen-mi.org/officials/clerk/>. The FOIA request form can also be emailed and/or faxed to you directly by contacting the Records Office at (734) 699-8939 or by emailing Tina Harman at [tharman@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:tharman@vanburen-mi.org). When sending email requests, please write FOIA Request in the subject line.

Copies of traffic crash reports can be obtained on the CLEMIS website: [www.clemis.org](http://www.clemis.org). You will need to know your report number in order to obtain a copy of the report. These reports can also be obtained by submitting a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request form. If you do not know your report number, please contact the Records Office at (734) 699-8939.

Due to records window closure at this time, local background checks will not be done at the window. You can visit the State of Michigan website: [www.michigan.gov](http://www.michigan.gov) to obtain an ICHAT background check through the State of Michigan.

The Township is committed to supporting our at risk populations. Our website has a list of local resources available to assist our residents seeking food, shelter, utility assistance, mental health resources, un-employment information, small business loans, grants and more. For more information visit <http://vanburen-mi.org/>.

We've partnered with the Van Buren DDA and Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce to create a COVID-19 Business Directory. Visit <https://vanburendda.com/> to see which businesses are open as essential services. If you're a business that has remained open please visit the website and fill out the form that only takes three minutes.

We're closely following the COVID-19 situations and will update our staff and residents as new information is reported. Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please Stay Home and Stay Safe.

To view the Governor's Executive Order please click the link below:  
[https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499\\_90705-525182-,00.html](https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-525182-,00.html)

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