



VAN BUREN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP

For Immediate Release

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Township Hall Remains CLOSED Until May 15, Open For Business Remotely

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., April 28, 2020- In response to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-59 (COVID-19) to extend the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, all Township Administration Offices, Parks & Rec. and the Senior Center will remain closed until Friday, May 15, 2020. 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, water and sewer bills, etc.) please call 734-699-8910 and leave a message. A staff member will return your call in a timely manner. Property Transfer Affidavits and Principal Residence Exemption forms designated for the Assessing Office should be deposited in the drop box.

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
 - 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.

Yard waste pick up resumed the week of April 20. Bulk pick-up is still suspended until further notice. Trash & recycling are operating as scheduled. Waste Management crews are working as quickly as possible based on crew availability. If you need a yard waste sticker or landfill pass (to drop off bulk items) please call 734-699-8926, leave a detailed message including your name, address and phone number

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. 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. 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 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.

All Township events have been canceled until July 5. This includes fireworks and the first session Summer Camp. Refunds will be issued for those who have

registered for camp and classes. The Senior Center will continue with the emergency foods program such as Meals on Wheels, but will remain closed for senior activities.

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_90705-526894-,00.html

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