



VAN BUREN

CHARTER TOWNSHIP

For Immediate Release

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Township Hall Remains CLOSED Until May 28, Open For Business Remotely

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, Mich., May 8, 2020- In response to Governor Whitmer's Executive Order 2020-77 (COVID-19) to extend the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order, all Township Administration Offices, Parks & Rec. Department and the Senior Center will remain closed until Thursday, May 28, 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, assessing services, taxes/Treasury Department, Focus Hope, Meals on Wheels, etc.) please call 734-699-8910 and leave a message. A staff member will return your call in a timely manner. For Water & Sewer questions please call 734-699-8925 and leave a detailed message. Property Transfer Affidavits, Principal Residence Exemption forms, and all other assessing form designated for the Assessing Office should be deposited in the drop box.

The Township is waiving all dog license late fees, asking residents to stay home, and purchase dog tags once the "Stay Home" order is lifted. Please keep the old license on your pet until you can purchase a new one. When Township Hall reopens, you can pick up dog licenses at the Treasury desk and will not be charged a late fee. Dog licenses will expire on May 31.

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

- 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
 - Dropbox in front of Township Hall – checked daily (checks only please)
 - Dropbox located in Public Safety Lobby – checked daily
 - Mail in personal checks and/or money orders to: 46425 Tyler Rd. Van Buren Twp 48111
- **Please note, when paying online you will be charged a processing fee.

Yard waste pick-up has resumed and bulk pick-up will begin the week of May 11. 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

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/>.

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 visit:
https://www.michigan.gov/whitmer/0,9309,7-387-90499_90705-528460-,00.html

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