



- Brownfield Consultant RFP Proposals received and interviews for two proposers were conducted. Proposal award to Fleis & Vandenbrink is being considered by the City Commission for their review and approval.
- The Buchanan Northside Home Repair Program, funded by CDBG and foundation dollars received several bids on home repair projects. Bids and contracts were approved by the City Commission. Project building permits are being issued, and construction of projects have begun.
- 111 Railroad St./708 S. Redbud - Final hydroseeding of lot is complete. Demo is fully complete with the exception of some minor remediation of soil being funded by Baroda Tire insurance claim to be completed this fall.
- McCoy's Creek Trail Extension construction is substantially complete. Work on Walton Rd. in front of River St. Joe Brewery has been completed. Schirmer Pkwy work has been completed. Ribbon Cutting and Community Celebration took place on August 12th. Several punch list items from walkthrough are still outstanding.
- Downtown Project Communication Plan is active with regular updates on City's Facebook page and project website. Weekly construction meetings are ongoing. Weekly meetings with downtown business owners are going.

- Short Term Rental Ordinance public hearing and first reading took place at the August 25th City Commission meeting.
- Draft 3 of the new Zoning Ordinance has been provided to the Plan Commission for their review and recommendations. City attorney and Zoning Consultant Susan Henderson have made their review and recommendations. The new Zoning Ordinance will go to a public hearing at the Sept. 9th Plan Commission meeting and will be considered for approval and recommendation by the Plan Commission to the City Commission.
- The City Commission held a public hearing and approved an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation Exemption (OPRA) Certificate on February 14, 2022, for the owner, Claremont Stark, LLC, at 502 Claremont St. in Buchanan. Dr. Ayana Redding of ALR Real Estate has recently purchased the property at 502 Claremont St. from Claremont Stark, LLC., and has requested approval of a transfer of the OPRA certificate which will be considered by the City Commission at their regular meeting on Sept. 8th.
- The Buchanan Social District is live with three participating bar/restaurants, Thistledown & Row and McCullom's and now McCoy's Creek Tavern is also a live social district participant. Stranger Wine Co. has also been approved for their tasting and social district license. B&W's Pour Decisions has submitted their redevelopment liquor license application to the State for approval. The Community Development Department is in the process of doing due diligence on a new tool available for new liquor licenses in Buchanan, the DDA Liquor License. Several other new businesses are discussion new liquor license applications. Staff will be discussing with the DDA chair and City Manager proposing a policy regarding this additional path to obtain a new liquor license.
- The National Register Nomination of the Days Avenue Historic District and Mill Race in Buchanan continues to progress with the Nomination to be approved by the end of the year.