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To: City Commission
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Election Preparations and Voter Outreach

The City Clerk's Office continues preparations for the November 3, 2026 General Election. With Election Day quickly approaching, our focus remains on ensuring that voters have access to accurate, timely information and that election operations are prepared.

Over the past several weeks, the Clerk's Office has made a concentrated effort to increase voter education and public awareness through the City's social media platforms.

This outreach has focused on voter registration, absentee voting, early voting, Election Day procedures, important deadlines, and general voter preparedness.

Our goal is to make election information accessible, answer common questions, and help residents feel informed and prepared to participate in the election.

Preparations are also continuing with election equipment, absentee ballot processing, election inspector scheduling and training, and required election security procedures.

Early Voting and Election Day Information

Early voting began Saturday, October 24, and continues through Sunday, November 1, at the Berrien County Early Voting location:

Lake Charter Township Hall
3220 W. Shawnee Road, Bridgman, MI 49106

Early Voting Hours:

October 24–27: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

October 28: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM

October 29–November 1: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM

Additional Clerk's Office Hours

The City Clerk's Office will be open Saturday, October 31, from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM for election-related services, including voter registration and absentee ballot assistance.

Election Day – Tuesday, November 3, 2026

Polls will be open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the following locations:

Precinct 1: Buchanan City Hall
302 N. Redbud Trail, Buchanan, MI 49107

Precinct 2: Redbud City Center
131 S. Oak Street, Buchanan, MI 49107

Residents are encouraged to verify their polling location and review election information at mi.gov/vote or by calling the Clerk's office.

Election Day Conduct and Campaigning Rules

As Election Day approaches, I would like to remind candidates, campaign representatives, and members of the public of the importance of maintaining an orderly and impartial voting environment.

Michigan election law prohibits campaigning and electioneering within 100 feet of an entrance to a building where voting is taking place. This includes campaign signs, literature distribution, solicitation of votes, and campaign-related clothing or materials within the restricted area.

Credentialed election challengers and poll watchers may observe election activities in accordance with Michigan election law but must follow established procedures and may not interfere with election operations.

All individuals are expected to respect voters, election inspectors, and the voting process. These rules apply equally to everyone, regardless of political affiliation or elected position.

Recognition of Election Workers

I would also like to recognize the dedicated election inspectors who have stepped forward to serve our community.

Conducting an election requires considerable preparation, coordination, and commitment. Many of our election workers rearrange personal and professional schedules, attend required training, and dedicate long hours to ensuring that our elections run smoothly.

Their willingness to serve, particularly as we navigate scheduling challenges and the demands of a busy election season, is greatly appreciated.

These individuals play an essential role in maintaining the integrity of our elections, and their dedication deserves recognition.

The Clerk's Office remains committed to conducting a secure, accurate, transparent, and accessible election while continuing to provide residents with the information they need.

Additional election statistics and operational updates will be presented verbally at the October 26 City Commission meeting.