

# BUENA VISTA CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER

Meet Imani Henderson,  
Buena Vista's new  
Community Development Coordinator

RESTORED, REFOCUSED, RENEWED



Save The  
DATE

Twilight Movie Night  
Friday, June 17th  
6pm - Midnight

Food trucks, vendors  
and a great family  
friendly movie!



Consumers Energy and  
Nexteer will host a booth at  
the  
event to kickoff the  
"Light Up The City"  
Buena Vista event!



**Torrie L. Lee**  
Township  
Superintendent/Manager

### Buena Vista is a partner with MSHDA for the MIHAF program.

Homeowners must have and explain a financial hardship  
directly related to COVID-19 on or after January 21, 2020.

Apply for Up to \$25,000 Grant Per Household to Pay:

- Delinquent mortgage/housing expenses, including property tax and insurance escrow shortages
- Delinquent land contract payments, mobile home consumer loan payments or mobile home park lot payments
- Delinquent property taxes
- Delinquent condominium/homeowner's association fees
- Delinquent homeowner's insurance
- Delinquent utilities, gas, electric, water, sewer
- Delinquent internet broadband services

**PLEASE CONTACT MSHDA AT  
844-756-4423 OR [Michigan.gov/MIHAF](https://Michigan.gov/MIHAF)  
for more information.**

**WE CAN HELP  
YOU KEEP  
YOUR  
HOME.**

With up to \$25,000, MIHAF – the Michigan Homeowner Assistance Fund – is for homeowners with financial hardships due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It can help pay delinquent:

- mortgage/escrow
- condo/homeowners' fees
- property taxes
- utilities
- internet

Scan to apply



**Buena Vista Community Center (BVCC)** home of the Parks and Recreation Department, is located at 1940 S. Outer Drive. BVCC is comprised of two full-time and three part-time employees: Administrative Clerk; Angienell Davenport, Assistant Administrative Clerks; Tina Houze, Sheila Swiley, and Ronald McKenzie, and a Full-time Custodian; Alexandria Beverly. Buena Vista Community Center is one of the sites of Commission On Aging. Seniors meet Tuesday - Thursday from 10am-2pm. Every fourth Wednesday of the month commodities are distributed to those who qualify.

#### Spaces for rent:

- Multi-Purpose Room
- College Room
- Gymnasium
- Kueffner Park
- Lions Park

You may call  
(989) 752-1655  
for rates during regular  
business hours:  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**7am – 6:30pm**  
**Friday, 7am – 3pm**  
**Saturday, 9am – 12pm**



**Duane Fairris**  
**BVCC/DPW Director**



**DPW will begin brush pick-up on April 18th.**

This service is provided to Township residents only. We will not provide service for work done by commercial tree trimmers.

- Brush should be put out by 7am on a Monday morning to ensure weekly pick up.
- Brush should be laid out near the edge of the street with the cut ends towards the road.
- No piece of brush should be larger in diameter than 6 inches or longer than 6 feet.
- Logs should be separated from brush.

#### DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS



The Department of Public works (DPW) is responsible for maintenance and various jobs throughout Buena Vista Charter Township which include snow removal, salting parking lots, brush pick up, grass cutting and cemetery maintenance. The Department of Public Works has two full-time employees; Heavy Equipment Operator; Charles Darrough, and Light Equipment Operators; Jaylon Mills and DonQua Taylor.

Hours of operation are from 7am to 3:30pm, Monday - Friday. For more information call (989) 752-1476.



### Meet Brayden Lemaire Amazon Area Manager



After one year of opening in Buena Vista Charter Township, Amazon continues to grow. Within one year Amazon delivered over 3 million packages from this site. We at the Township are excited for their presence and success!

**CONGRATULATIONS**





## **BUENA VISTA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**The various committees established by Buena Vista Charter Township play a vital role in balancing the social service needs of the Township. Serving on a Township committee is a great way to become involved and engaged in important governmental matters, serve as stewards of Township's tax dollars, and contribute to the growth of our beloved community. We are looking for representatives of the commercial business industry (small or large) to serve on the Buena Vista Charter Township Downtown Development Authority (DDA), pursuant to Act 197 of Public Acts of 1975 as amended, of the State of Michigan. The DDA Act authorized the use of Tax Increment Finance to correct and prevent the deterioration of downtown areas..**

**As a member of the BV DDA nine-member board, you will attend monthly meetings to discuss and decide on issues such as:**

- **Business district issues and concerns**
- **Program strategies to develop the downtown district**
- **Public and private development projects**
- **Funding for public improvements in the downtown district**

**The nine-member DDA Board consists of the following:**

- **The Supervisor**
- **One (1) resident of the DDA district**
- **Five (5) persons with a business located in the DDA district**
- **Two (2) persons with a business in Buena Vista**

**We are taking applications for membership of the DDA Board. If you are interested, please fill out the application (on the reverse) side and submit it to the Clerk's office.**

**If you have any questions, please call  
Supervisor Christina Dillard-Jackson at 989-214-1466.**

### **BVBA RETURNING THIS SUMMER!**

**The Buena Vista Business Alliance, LLC promotes the climate and growth of commerce in Buena Vista Charter Township through networking events. Stay tuned for upcoming information and your chance to become a member of the BVBA.**







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## *Application for Appointment*

**Please check the desired  
committee:**

- ☐ Beautification Committee
- ☐ Board of Review
- ☐ Downtown Development Authority
- ☐ Parks and Recreation
- ☐ Planning Commission
- ☐ Zoning Board of Appeals

**NAME: (Last, First)**

**ADDRESS:**

**HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU LIVED AT YOUR  
CURRENT RESIDENCE?**

**HOME/CELL PHONE:**

**EMAIL:**

**HAVE YOU PREVIOUSLY SERVED ON ANY TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE? IF SO, PLEASE LIST.**

**WHAT SKILLS/TALENTS DO YOU BRING TO THE COMMITTEE?**

**WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE?**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**PLEASE NOTE:** All applicants are subject to appointment by the supervisor and approval by the Board of Trustees. Please submit application to the Clerk's Department



On April 1st after 26 years of service to Buena Vista Charter Township, Deputy Chief James Baker retired. We thank you for your dedication and commitment to serving the BV community. You will truly be missed at the Public Safety Department. We wish you all the best.



**The Buena Vista Public Safety Department is looking for 3 or more community volunteers to form a Public Safety Committee. This committee would help the department with promoting positive morale, connecting to the Buena Vista community, etc. If you are interested please contact Chief Williams at 989-755-9075 or [chief@bvtc.org](mailto:chief@bvtc.org).**



# FOOD for the SOUL



event was filled with delicious food and love from the many supporters! Thank you to everyone who attended the event. Many thanks to both Baldwin's Smokehouse and Tia's Soul for supplying the tasty treats.

*THANK YOU!*

