



View from Buhler

January 2026



Letter from the City Clerk

Dear Buhler Residents,

As we begin a new year, I want to take a moment to share our excitement for the year ahead and to thank you for your continued involvement and support of the City of Buhler.

The City's budget for the new year has been adopted with a focus on fiscal responsibility and thoughtful planning. I am pleased to share that the budget was approved without an increase to the mill levy. At the same time, it is important to be transparent and forward-thinking. As operational costs rise and long-term infrastructure and service needs continue to grow, a future mill levy increase will likely be necessary to ensure the City can remain sustainable and proactive. City leadership is committed to having open, honest conversations with residents as we plan for Buhler's future.

This year also brings changes and continuity in City leadership. We are excited to welcome Ryan Wray as Buhler's new Mayor. We also welcome Mike Knopp as a new City Councilmember, and we congratulate Andrew Epp on his re-election to the Council. Their leadership and service will play an important role as the City continues to move forward.

Buhler's strength comes from its engaged residents, and the City remains committed to transparency, collaboration, and responsible stewardship of public resources. We look forward to working together to ensure Buhler remains a strong, vibrant community now and for years to come.

On behalf of the City, thank you for being an active part of our community. I wish you a happy, healthy, and successful new year.

Sincerely,
Sara Howard
City Clerk
City of Buhler



Community News



John Brislin began his career in law enforcement in Montana back in 2002, but ended up spending 29 years in large corporate management positions, in the automotive business.



In 2011, John and his wife, Dina, moved to Hutchinson, Kansas, where they later welcomed their daughter, Jade. In 2021, John returned to the police force, proudly serving the community of South Hutchinson.

John and Dina also have two older sons, Devon (fiancé, McKenzie) and Derek. The family recently celebrated the arrival of their grandson, Deke, born on December 28, 2025. If you see John out and about come meet him and be sure to welcome him to our community.



Business Spotlight

After working food concessions at fairs and festivals, Matthew Hall has put down roots with a new restaurant in Buhler. Bubba's Burgers held a soft opening Dec. 19 at 111 N. Main St., with a grand opening planned later this year.

Hall, a third-generation concessionaire, started in the industry at age 15 and spent years traveling with fairs serving everything from lemonade to corndogs. Opening a brick-and-mortar restaurant allows him to spend more time at home with his children and offer food at more affordable prices than the festival circuit often allows.

The restaurant is named in honor of Hall's oldest son, known as "Bubba," who passed away from cancer. "It's a way to remember him," Hall said.

Bubba's Burgers features a retro diner-style menu, including hand-crafted burgers on buttered, toasted buns, fries, onion rings, shakes, and other classic comfort foods. All fried items are cooked in beef tallow; a choice Hall says enhances flavor despite the higher cost.

Inspired by small-town diners from his North Dakota hometown, Hall said Buhler felt like the right place to open a restaurant meant to last. The Buhler community is excited to add Bubba's Burgers to its growing local business scene.

 **111 N Main St.**

 **620-543-2979**

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Upcoming Events

January

- 16-5th Quarter-Buhler MB Church after BB game-midnight
- 19-City Office Closed
- 19-Buhler Singers Showcase @ 6pm
- 27-City Council Meeting @7pm
- 30-5th Quarter-Buhler MB Church after BB game-midnight

February

- 9-No School
- 11-Buhler Mennonite Church Soup Supper
- 16- City Office Closed-Presidents' Day
- 20-5th Quarter-Buhler MB Church after BB game-midnight
- 24-City Council Meeting @ 7pm
- 26-27- No School

Mondays

9am Coffee
11am Exercise
Afternoon Coffee



Tuesdays

afternoon coffee

Wednesdays

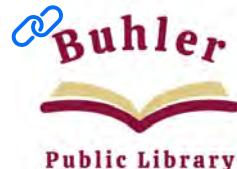
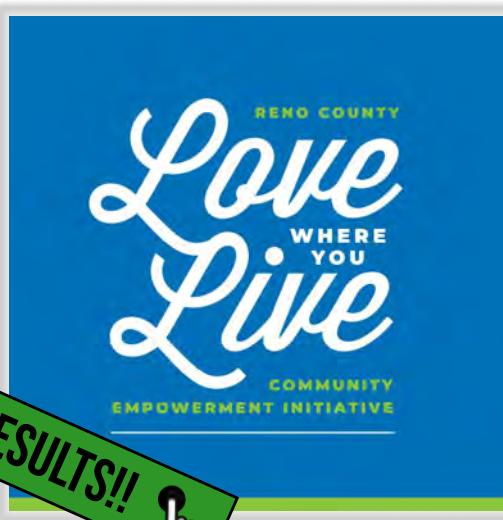
9 am Pool Practice
Afternoon Coffee

Thursdays

10:30 AM Exercise
12pm Lunch from Sunny's (**register by Wed**)

Weds:

Community Meal at BMC
5:45pm-6:45pm Community Meal at Buher MB
6:30pm-7:30pm **JAM** @ BMC (6 weeks)
6:30pm-7:30pm Middle School Youth at Buhler Mennonite
6:45pm-8:10pm Kids 4 Truth Club at Lighthouse
8pm -9pm Youth Group at BMC with Hoffnungsau
6:30pm Youth Group at BMBC



3rd Tuesday Book Club-7-8pm
2nd Thursday Board Meeting-6:30-7:30pm



Buhler USD 313

**For full Buhler USD 313
Schedule click link*

Once a Month Events

Fri, Dec 5 @ 6:30 PM - Game Night (1st Friday)
Fri, Dec 19 @ 6:30 PM - Movie Night (3rd Friday)
Thur, Dec 25 Senior Center Closed
Fri, Jan 2 @ 6:30 PM - Game Night (1st Friday)
Fri, Jan 16 @ 6:30 PM - Movie Night (3rd Friday)



Cold Weather Preparedness

As winter temperatures drop, taking steps to prevent frozen water pipes can help residents avoid costly repairs and service disruptions. Frozen pipes can crack or burst, leading to water damage once they thaw.

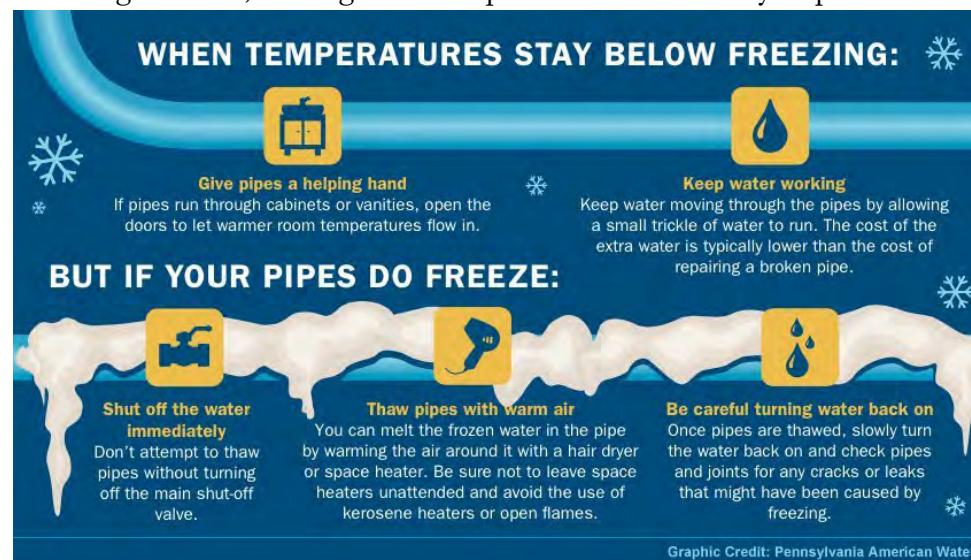
Preventing Frozen Pipes

The water meter pit is especially vulnerable to freezing. Insulating it with a proper insulation ring helps block cold air and retain ground heat. The City sells meter pit insulation rings for \$20, making this a simple and affordable way to protect your water service.

Homeowners should also insulate exposed pipes, seal cracks where pipes enter the home, and keep cabinet doors open under sinks during extreme cold. Allowing faucets to drip slightly can also help prevent freezing.

If Pipes Do Freeze

If a pipe freezes, keep the faucet open and slowly apply heat using a hair dryer, heating pad, or warm towels. Never use open flames. If you cannot safely thaw the pipe or if leaks appear, contact a plumber.



Graphic Credit: Pennsylvania American Water

A little preparation—and quick action if problems occur—can help prevent damage and keep water flowing throughout the winter.

Snow Removal

Snow Removal Responsibilities and Reminders for Residents

As the community prepares for the first major snowfall of the season, the City is reminding residents of snow removal procedures and shared responsibilities during winter weather events. City crews monitor weather conditions and begin snow removal based on several factors, with a general guideline of clearing streets when snowfall exceeds two to three inches and once the snowfall has ended.

The City's primary focus during snow removal is ensuring streets remain passable for emergency vehicles, allowing police, fire, and medical responders to safely reach residents when needed. Due to limited manpower, city crews are unable to clear driveway entrances after streets are graded. Property owners are responsible for clearing their own driveways.



Residents and property owners also play an important role. Sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours after snowfall, as required by ordinance.

Vehicles should be moved off streets before a snow event to prevent obstruction and allow crews to work efficiently. Downtown businesses are asked to clear sidewalks into the street past the gutter to prevent water buildup and improve pedestrian access.



City officials thank residents for their cooperation and extend appreciation to public works crews who work early hours and overtime to keep streets safe and accessible throughout the winter season.