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## VBt BZA postpones Belleville Yacht Club request for longer docks

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
 Independent Editor

At the end of a three-hour meeting on Jan. 10, the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals voted unanimously to postpone a decision on the Belleville Yacht Club's request concerning construction of two docks three times longer than allowed by ordinance.

The township ordinance limits dock length to 40 feet into Belleville Lake, but the BYC already has extended its dock to 84 feet and is requesting a length not to exceed 120 feet.

The marina project already was on the agenda of the Jan. 11 planning commission meeting the next night and members of the BZA agreed that the BYC should get a decision from the commission first before it came to the BZA.

Dan Power, director of building and economic development, said the township had consulted its attorney who said it was not a requirement to go to the planning commission first, since the BYC is technically requesting an "exception, modification, or appeal" from the BZA.

The BZA held an 18-minute public hearing on the BYC request.

• A resident of West Huron River Drive said he has lived in the township for about 40 years. He said the BYC is a private entity, not to be used by the public and 120 feet is an awful long extension of its dock. He said the water is pretty rough in that area.

• Corey Gibson of East Huron River Drive said the BYC has no regard for rules or ordinances. He said the long docks would be a lake hazard. He said the BYC built its tiki bar without a permit or zoning. He said the lake travel area would be reduced to 525 feet in front of the BYC if their dock was extended because there has to be 100 feet of no-wake zone out from the dock and then another 100 feet of no-wake zone out from the north shore into the lake. He said

the proposal was 140 feet years ago plus a 100 foot no-wake zone. "I'm not a fan of this request," Gibson said.

• Barbara Rogalle Miller of Harmony Lane asked how many boats would be docked. She also said in the presentation it was stated "this is precedent setting" and then later, "this is unlikely to be replicated in the future." Also, the presentation said this is a service to the community, but it's for the BYC only and no women are allowed as members, so 50% of the community is not allowed. She said it was stated "reasonable use" by the community is allowed, and she asked how? Also, it was stated, drydocks or storage "will not occur," and the words should be stronger to say "will not be permitted." She also said the pages in the background information on the meeting were not numbered and they should be so people can keep them in order.

• Michele Montour of East Huron River Drive sent written correspondence, which Director Power read into the record. She said Belleville Lake is narrow, especially in this area, and longer docks would be a hazard to boaters, jet skiers, and other people.

• Jeff Riggs pointed out in written comments a potential conflict of interest in this case. He said the 762 feet to the opposite shoreline does not take the no-wake zones into consideration. He said the drawing of the proposal was given to the township on Dec. 21 during the Christmas season when people are busy and aren't keeping track of the township. He said the Wayne County Marine Patrol should be contacted for their opinion. Then, he spoke via Chat to give more comments. He said the 100 foot no-wake zones from the docks and from the north shore of the lake cuts the area in between to 522 feet. The longer docks would make a great increase in boat traffic and narrowing it down would make

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The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees held a special, one-hour meeting on Jan. 10 to interview three candidates for the trustee position left vacant by the election of Trustee Reggie Miller as state representative. From left are Ashley Shukait, Bryon Kelley, and John Herman. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the board members will consider the interviews and then make a decision at their Jan. 17 meeting. That agenda calls for Kelley to be considered for appointment as the new trustee.

## VBt planners postpone action on BYC docks, want better site plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
 Independent Editor

At the end of a three-and-a-half-hour meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 11, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously postponed action on the Belleville Yacht Club's proposal to be designated as a marina and to have its preliminary and final site plans approved.

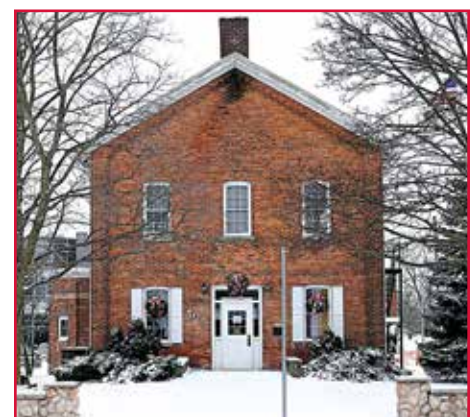
The township board room had many members of the BYC present for the meeting to show support to BYC resident agent Scott Jones, who was the only one speaking for the BYC although there was a public hearing.

The previous night, at another three-hour meeting, another group of BYC members was present to support Jones' request for an extension of its docks to 120 feet out into Belleville Lake. That proposal also was postponed. Jones again was the only person speaking for the BYC although there was a public hearing.

Planning commission chairman Bryon

Kelley announced that he was a member of the BYC. He said he would preside over

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## VBT Plan

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hearing comments from the public and then he would decide whether he should ask the commission to recuse him from discussion. Commissioner Medina Atchinson was absent from the meeting.

The BYC request to construct a marina of two docks with four arms brought the following comments during the planning commission's public hearing:

- Angela Mears of Ryznar Drive said she does appreciate everything the BYC does for the community and the schools, but the proximity to the DNR boat launch makes a crowded area with people coming to use the lake and her concern is about safety if the allowed dock length is increased from 40 to 120 feet;

- Corey Gibson of East Huron River Drive said that the BYC had constructed a tiki bar without permits. He showed a graphic of how there would be just 520 feet of travel space on the lake at that point if the BYC constructed 120 feet out into the lake, with 100 feet required in addition for no-wake and 100 feet of no wake from the north shore. He said if boats are towing tubes or skiers, who swing from side to side, it would not be a safe area. He said there are no-wake buoys at the DNR launch site next door to the BYC. He requested the township to get input from Wayne County Sheriff Marine officers and come back with their recommendation. Gibson said the BYC was replacing docks without a permit and now has gone out to 80 feet, so they are not just doubling the footage to 120 feet, but tripling the 40 feet allowed by ordinance. He said the 524 feet left is basically two boats passing and EGLE will probably suggest buoys to mark the 520 feet. Gibson said anyone on the planning commission who is on the BYC should recuse themselves from making decisions on the BYC;

- Michele Montour of East Huron River Drive said she thinks the dock extension is unsafe and after what Gibson said about the zone in the middle, it is scary. She said a lot of boaters and jet skiers don't watch the no-wake zone. She said she wants her concerns about the safety noted;

- Penny Young of East Huron River Drive pointed out that a new kayak landing place has been put in at French Landing Park and there is one in town. She said kayaking is a great sport and they would be unsafe. She asked why the township submitted a revised site plan to the state when the BYC has yet to submit one. "Why do we do this for the state?" Young asked, saying the township is spending man hours paid by the taxpayers for a private site plan going to the state;

- Harry Van Gelder of Edison Lake said he stays off the lake on weekends because

more and more docks are going in around the lake. He said next to the DNR launch site on weekends there are 12-13 boats waiting to go out. He said the BYC plan pinches in the whole center of the lake. He said the speed limit on the lake is 40 mph. He wanted to know how many boats would be on the new BYC docks. He said people would kill for one of his docks and Sandy's Marina has a waiting list. He wanted to know if the BYC would charge people to dock. He asked what kind of precedence this is setting and if they can do it, why can't he do it. He said he could make a lot of money. He said he's not sure all the ordinances are being enforced. Van Gelder said he appreciates the fireworks from the BYC, but that doesn't give them the right to pinch the lake;

- Jenny Brown of Alden Road took part via zoom. She said anyone on the commission who is on the BYC should recuse himself. She said she loves living on the water, but there are already huge safety issues. Tuesday nights with the fishing is crazy in that area, she said. "I don't see that the BYC serves the whole community ... it's for members only," she said. "A private club. A small number of people who have resources are taking a public resource to use." She said if they are looking for docking space, they should absolutely buy more land and abide by the ordinance.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said he would send the general written comments from the Tuesday meeting for them to review.

The planning commission then took the following actions before returning to the BYC items:

- After a public hearing, approved recommending to the township board rezoning of a 16.18-acre site on the south side of Van Born Road, west of Haggerty, from R-1B (single family residential) to M-1 (light industrial) for Crosswinds Distribution Center North. Vidya Krishnan, principal planner from McKenna, said the intent is not to build on this parcel because of the wetlands on it but to use the land as required setback. Dennis Schultz of Ashley Capital said the whole property is intended to be put into a conservation easement; and

- After a public hearing, voted unanimously to postpone any action for more information on the special land use and preliminary and final site plans for Nicole's Little Friends group day-care home at 45921 Chatsworth. Nicole and Robert Burke were present to discuss their plans. They care for six children now in their home and with the new designation they could go to 14. Director Power said he would work with them on what is required.

The commission then returned for action on the BYC request for Marina Special Approval and Preliminary and Final Site Plan Approval.

At this point, chairman Kelley said he

is a BYC member and is requesting the commission to grant him recusal from the discussion and vote on this item.

"I have a boat, live on the lake, and would probably use the dock," Kelley said. The commission voted to recuse him and he left the meeting room. Vice chairman Jeff Jahr took over the meeting.

Power said his site plan and special approval review had been updated the day before this meeting. He said the designation of "marina" is required by the state. He said previous floating dock structures supported up to 24 boats, but there was a code enforcement ticket, which was dismissed and the BYC is working with the township on this issue. The BYC wishes docks longer than 40 feet. He said the Board of Zoning Appeals special exception was pursued instead. The 2"x6" docking material is proposed. The lake is 14 feet deep at 120 feet from shore. The docks are currently on 0 and 5-foot setbacks and are 162 feet from the DNR boat launch to the west side of the docks. The BYC docks are 1.4 miles from Sandy's Marina.

He recommended conditional approval of the BYC site plan.

Jones said the docks are actually a parking lot for boats. This allows the members to come and go by boats, members and guests of members. He said the BYC is in a group of boat clubs and others in that group can use it. People can park boats for two or three days if they do not live on the lake and live in the township or in other communities.

Jones named some of the services BYC provides to the community including the Polar Plunge in February to earn funds for Special Olympics, Youth Boater Permit classes, bringing American Powerboat racing to the lake this summer (to be called "Thrill in the 'Ville"), July 4 fireworks when 700 to 800 people are at the site, diving training, Poker Run in late July, upcoming swim classes in the pool, and sailing classes for youth.

He said they fall under the Michigan Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) marina permit which includes a marina and mooring and costs \$4,000. There will be 22 boats and, "We had 24." Each boat site will be 23 feet long and eight feet wide, the standard size of a boat, he said. There will be 60 feet in between the main docks for navigation. The sea wall is existing and not a part of this issue. He said they acquired the lot from the Moose Lodge in 2009.

Jones said they need to clear the docks for the fireworks because that's the place they use for launching.

He said EGLE did not like the T-docks first proposed because they had to be approached from the neighbor's property line.

Commissioner Bernie Grant asked if they could get an impact study for boat traffic,

like the commission gets for vehicular traffic on land. Commissioner Grant said this could be used to alleviate the safety concerns.

Jones said King Engineering represents BYC and he could ask them. He said they already have agreed to light the docks for safety, so boaters can see where they are.

Grant said the BYC seeks to triple the length.

Jones said they had 86 feet out, but then were in noncompliance, so they tore that out.

"Now you're at 40 feet?" asked Commissioner Callie Barr.

"No," Jones replied, adding they removed some.

"Are you non-conforming now?" Grant asked and Jones said, "Yes."

"Is that non-conforming part existing?" Barr asked.

"A portion is still there on the east end," Jones said. "Two T's of floating docks and pilings driven... We couldn't keep our floating docks together because of the heavy waves from the DNR launch."

Jones said the BYC is a 501c7 non-profit social club and can go to other like facilities. When others want to visit they ask them to call first to make sure the BYC can handle them. He said it's a reciprocation through the "American Yacht Club of America."

Commissioner Brian Cullin asked what's to stop Hayward's, Johnny's, or the city of Belleville with Doane's Landing from asking for extensions.

Power said, "Each case stands on its own merits and each would have to make justifications."

Commissioner Cullin said years ago Doane's Landing had two docks out 60 or 70 feet and rented the slips.

Power said the BZA would decide if an exception is met.

"He has to show it doesn't impact safety," said Grant of the BYC. "If a study is done, it answers a lot of questions people have. I'd rather have an expert come in."

Power asked if Grant was concerned about the layout and number of boats.

Grant said the configuration, length into the lake, wake zones, how narrow does that middle area get, two-way traffic. He said if he didn't get information from an expert he would have to make a decision on his own opinion.

Vice chairman Jahr asked if there is an organization to do the study.

Jones said the distance across the lake is 898 feet. He said he is not aware of someone to do a study and Grant suggested he get his marina engineer to provide a study.

Jones said 672 feet is a safe distance and safety is a big concern. He said his intention is to show the distance to the BZA.

Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, who serves as the board liaison to the

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial Local newspaper important to lives of our residents

Readers have been walking around town searching in business after business for last week's paper. The papers were gone from our newspaper box in front of our office and gone from our office because people have been taking several at once, to deliver to friends and neighbors.

What's the attraction? It was the letter from Don Sherman that includes a "petition" to Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara asking him to get the Denton Road bridge back in service as soon as possible.

The report that the bridge wouldn't be fixed until 2025 or 2026 won't do. People who depend on that bridge are livid. We think the supervisor underestimates their anger – and their power.

The first petition didn't include the address of township hall, so Sherman rewrote the letter, adding comments and the address and sent it again for publication. It's in today's paper. Will it make a difference? We'll see.

A different group of readers are upset that the museum for the tri-community has been closed for 1,053 days, as of today. They are not impressed with VBT's plan to hold another public meeting on the museum. There had been a public meeting before, but no officials were there to answer questions. Comments were supposed to be put on sticky notes. This was not well received. People are irritated.

Your local newspaper is here to spread the word on your concerns. Use it.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

When Scott Jones said that the Belleville Yacht Club had women members and women could join, people in the meeting room stopped talking to absorb what he had said. Jones was before the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on Jan. 11 when he made that statement. He went on further to say that nowhere in the BYC bylaws does it say women couldn't belong and they can if they meet the criteria.

From the beginning, the BYC has been purported to be a men-only, private club so this news was really news.

When I later asked wives of BYC members about this, they were surprised, as well, and told me he was probably referring to the two honorary memberships given to two widows after their member husbands died.

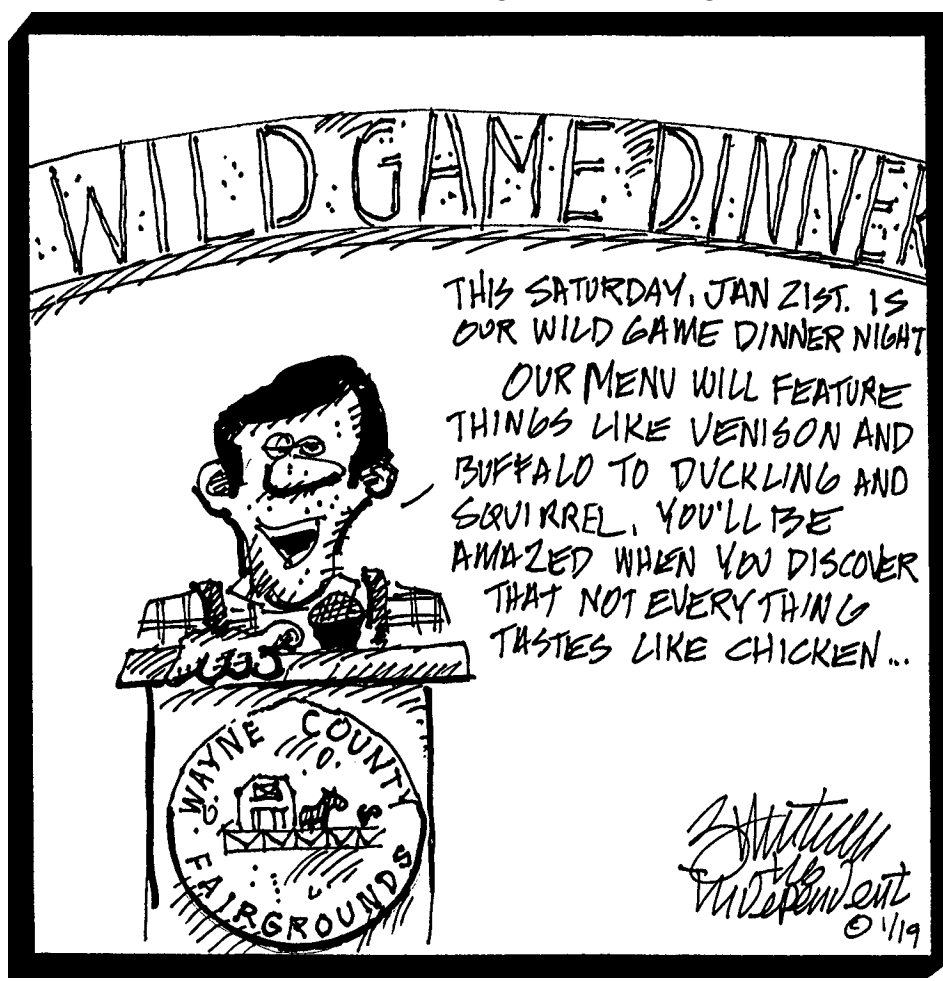
They also told me women can't pay for their own drinks and the male husbands have to pay. Lots of women have told me they would like to join if they could meet the criteria, whatever that is.

Of course, Jones was at the planning commission meeting because the BYC wants to officially become a "marina" and extend its docks out 120 feet into Belleville Lake. VBT ordinances allow only 40 feet, but they are already twice that length.

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Van Buren Township Planning Commission chairman Bryon Kelley was set to be named trustee for Van Buren Township on Jan. 17 to replace Reggie Miller who was elected state representative. Kelley recused himself from discussion and vote on the Belleville Yacht Club requests at the Jan. 11 planning commission because he announced he was a member of the BYC.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Supervisor Kevin McNamara has told me he is a member of the BYC, so that will make at least two BYC members on the township board. One of the requests – for special land use as a marina – has to go to the township board for a final decision. It will be interesting if the two BYC members (or more) on the township board will choose to recuse themselves from that vote. Scott Jones said the BYC now has 300 members.

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Many of us who went to the Van Gogh exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) with the Belleville Council for the Arts group are trying to remember if we saw the painting that now is being secured by a guard as it hangs on the wall. The special exhibit closes this month.

"The Novel Reader" is being guarded because the \$5 million, 1888 artwork allegedly was stolen from a Brazilian art collector, who claims to still have the title, before it was loaned to the DIA for the special exhibit. A lawsuit requires the DIA to protect the painting until after a federal judge rules on it Jan. 19. The exhibit closes Jan. 22 and does not travel. The 74 works were arranged to be loaned one by one for the exhibit by the DIA.

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I always read the obituaries when I get my *Io Triumpe!* alumnae magazine from Albion College. This week I found out my old roommate died in Peoria and also the guy who was my photographer when I was

editor of the college newspaper. He ended up being one of the employee owners of the *Monroe Evening News* and had a lot of other accomplishments I never knew about. They both were really great people. Seems like the older you get the more you read the obituaries. That's what many of our readers say, as well.

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A reader came in to tell me not only the streetlights but the traffic lights need to be brighter in the city of Belleville. He said you can't see the traffic lights on a bright, sunshiny day. He agreed with comments that the streetlights are not bright enough, either.

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On Friday afternoon I saw a nice, healthy fox with a bushy tail heading back to the woods behind our house on Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township. I grew up in the house I now share with my sons and I remember we always had fox around, so we had to guard our chickens and rabbits and other small tidbits.

It's nice to see the healthy wild animal again, but I think we have to make sure our cat doesn't become a snack. We've got wild bunnies under the bird feeder, so that might be something interesting to the fox, as well.



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Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road will be having a Valentine dinner and dance on Saturday, Feb. 4, beginning at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$15 which includes DJ music by Rocking Ricky and a dinner featuring mostaccioli, chicken alfredo, salad, bread and butter, and dessert. A portion of the proceeds will benefit University of Michigan Pediatric Diabetes at CS Mott Children's Hospital. Call Lisa Ochalak for tickets and info at (734) 732-3809.

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## Letters

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Don Sherman, Van Buren Township

#### Denton Road Bridge Petition

We Van Buren Township citizens, taxpayers, and visitors signing this petition are definitely not prepared to wait four years for the replacement of the Denton Road bridge. This closing has inconvenienced our daily endeavors and diminished our property values. Worse, alternative routes such as Beckley Road and Denton Road are unacceptable due to their criminal lack of maintenance. Without the bridge, access to our neighborhood by fire, medical, and police services is impeded. Local funeral home operators face a ten-times-longer trip to Hillside Cemetery.

We expect you to expedite the permitting process by every available means including assistance from Governor Gretchen "fix the damn roads" Whitmer. We have no interest in waiting behind other bridge projects planned by Wayne County. This repair should not be impeded by the addition of frivolous decorations and Iron Belle Trail distractions.

Your goals must instead be to commence demolition of the existing bridge AT ONCE and to complete construction of a replacement bridge **by the end of 2023**.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your signed petition in an envelope addressed to Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. Drop that envelope at the Supervisor's counter, in the outdoor box at the Township Hall, or mail it to: VBT supervisor, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.



Jan. 19 – Jeremy Irwin  
Jan. 20 – Ernesto Guzman  
Jan. 21 – Kathy Kovach  
Jan. 24 – Angie Koste  
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Jan. 30 – Wanda Wadkins

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# Obituaries



Peggy Lou Stabnau

## PEGGY LOU STABNAU

(March 5, 1932 – January 3, 2023)

Peggy Lou Stabnau, age 90, a lifelong Belleville resident, died surrounded by her family in her home on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.

Peggy is survived by her son Mark (the late Susan) Stabnau; her grandkids, Danielle (Gary) Burnaska, Erica (Tommy) Martin, William Stabnau and Emily Stabnau. Peggy is also survived by her sisters Georgina (Russ) Peabody and Marlene (Mike) Daley and her sisters-in-law Elaine Stabnau, Dortha Akans and Janice Akans. Lastly, Mrs. Stabnau is survived by her great-grandkids, Tommy and Ellis Martin.

She is preceded in death by her parents Guy Akans and Minnie (Duquette) Akans; her three sisters Betty (the late Chester) Thurston, Natalie (the late Bill) Coy Kendall, and Darlene (David) Schwartz, and brothers Loyal (the late Ann) Akans, Donald Akans, Norris "Viv" Akans, Russell (the late Helen) Akans, Jack Akans, Richard Akans, and Bob Akans.

Peggy graduated from Belleville High School in 1950 and worked in the general office department at the Ford Motor Company. Peggy and her late husband Floyd enjoyed traveling to their cottage in Traverse City and spending time with family.

A simple cremation has been arranged and no public services are planned at this time.

## BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, Jan. 19** – Boys Bowling vs. Fordson, 3 p.m. at Lodge Lanes
- **Friday, Jan. 20** – Boys & Girls Bowling vs. Churchill, 3 p.m. at Lodge Lanes; Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Churchill, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Churchill, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Churchill, 7 p.m.

- **Tuesday, Jan. 24** – Girls JV Basketball vs. Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Swim & Dive vs. Flat Rock & Garden City, 6:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Basketball vs. Dearborn, 7 p.m.

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- Monday, Jan. 23 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 6 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

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## Obituaries



Ferdinand Peter "Pete"  
Endreszl, Jr.

### **FERDINAND PETER 'PETE' ENDRESZL**

(December 27, 1942 – January 11, 2023)  
Ferdinand Peter "Pete" Endreszl, Jr., 80, of Belleville MI, passed away on January 11, 2023, at home with his family by his side. He was born to Ferdinand Peter "Fritz" and Alvina (Klecha) Endreszl, Sr. on December 27, 1942, in Dearborn, MI. After 34 years of working at Ford Motor Company, Pete retired in 2001. He had been a Design Specialist at Ford's Product Development Center in Dearborn, MI, where he was passionate about cars. Even in his free time, he enjoyed tinkering and fixing cars, particularly his prized 1965 Mustang convertible that his son had restored.

Pete enjoyed attending auctions to find what he considered "Good Deals" and "Conversation Pieces." He also had a fondness for cruising on his pontoon boat and taking in the sunset from the deck of his lake house. He was known for being a jokester and loved making others laugh. Above all, his family was the most important thing in his life, and he treasured spending time with them.

Pete is survived by his partner Lois Seager; loving children Stephen (Tricia Crim) Endreszl of Belleville, MI, Sheri Endreszl of Garden City, MI, and Joseph (Kimberly) Endreszl of Plymouth, MI; grandchildren Shannon Endreszl, Kaylyn Bothell, Nicole Swinea, Tyler Shelton, Jakob, and Joshua Endreszl, Jordan and Megan Crim; and great-grandchildren Greyson, Roman, and Chandler. He also leaves behind siblings George (Rose) Endreszl of Livonia, MI, Charles (Sue) Endreszl of Garden City, MI, David (Carlotta) Endreszl of Clarkston, MI, Mary Ann (Ronald) Tobey of Garden City, MI, and Richard Endreszl of Rohnert Park, CA, as well as many loving nieces and nephews. Pete's loved ones who passed before him include his parents, brother Thomas Endreszl, former wife and mother of his children Kathleen Gibbons, and sister-in-law Doris Endreszl.

Visitation will be held at David C. Brown on Thursday, January 19 from 1 to 8 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m. A service has been planned for Pete at 11 a.m. on Friday, January 20, 2023, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, at 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI. The service will be officiated by Father Bryan Shackett. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or the American Cancer Society.

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### **MARIE REYNOLDS**

(August 31, 1935 – January 14, 2023)  
Age 87, of Belleville. Survived by daughters Gloria and Robin; grandchildren; great-grandchildren. Services at Brown Funeral Home, Jan. 20, with visitation beginning at 11:30 a.m. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Rosemary Anderson

### **ROSEMARY ANDERSON**

(November 1, 1927 – January 7, 2023)

Rosemary Anderson, age 95, long-time Belleville resident, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2023, at Cedar Woods Assisted Living, Belleville, MI, under hospice care, after a short battle with dementia. She was born November 1, 1927, in Detroit, MI, daughter of Frank & Mary (Telek) Nagy. Mrs. Anderson was a member of St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Belleville, MI. She enjoyed teaching for 30+ years in Van Buren Public Schools. She taught 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade as well as gym. She enjoyed sports and tried to be an athlete. She played field hockey, tennis, basketball, baseball, badminton, and swam. She adored animals.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by 8 children: Rodney (Lesli) Anderson of Colorado, Rebecca (Elizabeth) Anderson of Michigan, Robert (Jeannie) Anderson of Florida, Joe (Christine) Anderson of Van Buren Township, MI, Roberta Anderson of Colorado, James (Cheryl) Anderson of Colorado, Roch Anderson of Colorado, and Jay Anderson of Van Buren Township, MI; 18 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; also a sister Irene Vincze of California. She was preceded in death by her husband of 67 years, Robert Anderson, on December 24, 2017, also a son in infancy, Robin Anderson.

Visitation was 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Funeral Mass was Wednesday, January 18, 2023, at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, with Father Bryan Shackett as Celebrant. The family greeted guests from 10-11 a.m. at church. A private interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to any animal rescue and would be appreciated.

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## Man killed after car hit by train on Rawsonville between Willis, Bemis

An 89-year-old Sumpter Township man died when his car was hit by a train on Rawsonville Road between Willis and Bemis roads in Augusta Township at about 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11. The car was pushed westward, according to reports. He was alone in the vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

The investigation is being handled by the Railroad Police, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, and the Michigan State Police. Sumpter Township police and fire assisted.

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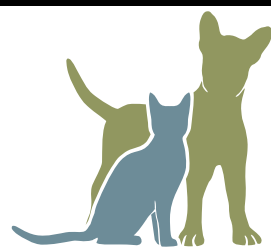


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# VBT BZA

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it worse. He said people were on vacation while this was being proposed and he is speaking from Key Largo. He said Van Buren Township Marine Patrol also should be contacted. He said ten different facilities on the lake are listed in the packet of information and if they all expanded as well, Belleville Lake would become a no-wake-zone lake. He pointed out a conflict of interest in that the wife of some official is active in the BYC. "They do lots of things for the community, but most of the time they are enjoying their facility," Riggs said of the BYC.

After the public hearing closed, Director Power explained that BYC is asking for two docks at 120 feet each with four extensions on the sides of each dock, subject to approval by the state. He said they have relatively narrow frontage so they have to go farther out in the lake to get enough dock space. He said Sandy's Marina has over 750 feet of frontage.

Power stressed that EGLE (Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) and FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) need to agree.

He said just 700 parcels abut Belleville Lake and it is 1.4 mile to Sandy's Marina. He said very few sites on the lake could be developed this way. He recommended granting the exception for the 120' docks.

Applicant Scott Jones of the BYC said they got the property from the Moose in 2012 and they had a floating dock. In 2015, they had a site in the city of Belleville and put in a dock.

In 2020, they started putting in pilings at their property at 831 E. Huron River Dr., but they didn't have a permit so they had a stop-work order from the township. There were some court hearings and the judge put the problem back in the laps of the BYC and the township to settle the dispute, he said.

Jones said they requested a permit from EGLE in 2021 and EGLE said to take it back to Van Buren Township first. He said EGLE did not like the T-docks they had proposed because they were using the neighbor's lot lines. He said the current plans are based on the EGLE recommendation and is being resubmitted to Van Buren Township.

He said after the township, they have to take it to the next step at EGLE. Jones said they had planned for 24 docks and this new proposal is for 22 docks.

BZA member John Haase asked what

was the different between a variance and an exception and Power said a variance is to the property forever and an exception was a grant for a use. He asked if it would set a precedent.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna, said this is an exception for this property and other requests are handled on a case-by-case basis.

Jones said they now have 14 spaces and are going to 22. He said the BYC now has 300 members. He said if a member does not live on the lake, the club allows access for the boat overnight. He said there will be no maintenance and no fueling of boats at their docks.

Hasse said he had a concern for safety. If the docks are extended 120 feet, adequate lighting should be put on the docks so they can be seen.

BZA chairman John Herman said the BYC doesn't want anyone hitting their docks.

"In my previous life, we used my pontoon for recoveries on the lake," Herman said, noting that the sun reflects on the lake and sometimes boaters and skiers can't see.

Jones said there was no problem with the lighting. He said they are out 84 feet now.

Planning commission representative on the BZA Jeff Jahr asked about the current docks.

"We had a stop-work order and we removed the docks on the west side," Jones said.

"One of my concerns is that this hasn't

come to the planning commission," Jahr said of the dock project. "I don't feel we're doing it right. Trying to decide today before the other group meets. I was unaware there was a court case.

"The pilings are pretty far out there," Jahr said. "One hundred twenty feet is pretty far out, three times farther than any other structure on the lake and I'm concerned about that."

For safety sake he suggested no-wake buoys at the end of the dock. He said the BYC had legal non-conforming docks in 2020.

He said no "use" criteria has been presented yet because that was scheduled to be presented at the planning commission meeting the next night. He said more information is needed.

"Postponing a decision is a reasonable move," Jahr said. "BYC is in a high traffic area. He compared the docks shown as exhibits in the BZA packet of information

and said none of them go out 120 feet. He said the site plan and use would be presented the next night.

BZA vice chair Amos Grissett said it should go to the planning commission first.

Board of Trustees liaison to the BZA Trustee Kevin Martin said he agreed with Jahr and it is premature for this to be at the BZA now.

"Our decision is final. What happens after that doesn't matter," Trustee Martin said.

Haase asked if it wouldn't be better to go to the planning commission first.

Director Power said the township went to its attorney and was told it is not a requirement for exceptions on Belleville Lake property. He said there was a court case, ordinance enforcement, and it was adjourned based on working with the township on a virtual path to approval. He said an ordinance amendment was reviewed. He said this issue is for a unique

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## Tiger Drama to present Random Acts of Theater on Friday, Saturday

Tiger Drama will present the second-annual “Random Acts of Theater: A Night of Student-Directed Scenes” at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20, and Saturday, Jan. 21.

Tiger Drama Director, Belleville High School teacher Jessica Carlin, explains the Random Acts of Theater process this way: junior and senior students get to apply and go through the process of being a director. They select the scene they wish to use, get it approved, design it, cast it, and direct it while being supported by the Tiger Drama directorial staff.

Carlin said student-directed scenes

“help students see just how much goes into producing a scene of 1-10 minutes in length. We have scenes from movies, plays, and musicals.”

Senior Josie Gardner said, “I love the student-directed scenes because it gives our Tiger Drama members the opportunity to shine in another aspect that’s separate from our typical productions.” Josie is directing “Anything You Can Do I Can Do Better” from *Annie Get Your Gun* and is also performing in Senior Aaron Rizzo’s scene “Tonight (Balcony Scene)” from *West Side Story* and junior K. J. Smith’s scene “The Schuyler Sisters” from *Hamilton*.

Senior Brody Hill said, “What I like about student-directed scenes is seeing my fellow students’ takes on familiar works. I am directing a monologue from a classic Charlie Brown cartoon, giving a younger actor from our school a moment to display his range to a larger audience.” Brody is performing in junior Madison Leads’ scene “Agony” from *Into the Woods* and Junior Sarah Kessler’s scene “This is Our Song” from *Camp Rock*.

The Random Acts of Theater will take place at the Belleville High School auditorium at 7 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 20, and Saturday, Jan. 21. Admission is \$5. Money raised goes to support Tiger Drama’s fall and spring productions. Tiger Drama will be presenting the musical *High School Musical* at 7 p.m. Friday, April 27, and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28.

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**Bid Due Date:** 2:00 p.m., Thursday, January 26, 2023  
**Bids will only be accepted on forms provided. Proposal forms must be in a sealed envelope, mailed or delivered in person prior by 2:00 p.m. EST on the due date to:**

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN SPECIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2023

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Fire Chief McNally, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, DDA Director Ireland, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Communications Specialist Japowicz and an audience of three (3).  
**NEW BUSINESS:** Panel interviews of Bryon Kelley, John Herman and Ashley Shukait for the vacant Board of Trustee position.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT:** A resident voiced opinions on the candidates and Township Trustee position.  
**ADJOURNMENT:** Budd moved; Wright seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 p.m. Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
 Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
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# VBT Plan

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commission, said proposals used to come to the planning commission first and ask for action. Now the BZA had the issue first because they are not seeking a variance and the BZA has given the planning commission no idea of what it was thinking. She suggested tabling this issue until the commission gets direction from the BZA.

“They could meet next month and then we could meet,” Budd said.

Commissioner Cullin said he was at the BZA meeting the night before and the concern was on safety. He said the 120 feet bothers him with the docks sticking out into the lake. “You could reduce that length and still provide you with what you want,” Cullin said.

“Miss Brown said it doesn’t serve the entire community,” said Barr, referring to a public comment. Barr asked if the club is for men only.

Jones said no. The club was founded in 2009 and acquired the Moose in 2012. “Our bylaws have never excluded women,” he said.

Barr asked if a woman could join the

BYC and he said she could if she met the criteria for membership. Jones said the BYC bylaws never said women weren’t allowed, but they have to meet criteria.

“Not based on sex?” Barr asked and Jones said no.

Jahr said since he was now sitting as chairman he doesn’t feel he should have comments, but he does.

He said he was in the BZA meeting and there were significant concerns about the safety and a significant amount of public comment. He said the planning commission hasn’t had the opportunity to review what the BZA did. It postponed action so the applicant could present to you. The BZA felt the site plan was lacking in some details, he said.

“Special exception was not given to 120 feet,” Budd said. “If they are not going to approve that, we can’t approve 120 feet – if they haven’t. Since they didn’t approve it, we don’t know what it’s going to be ... We will come in behind it.”

Jahr asked if the docks should take up 81.8% of the frontage, as proposed.

“It’s their frontage,” Cullin said.

“Land-based parking lots have lines,” said Jahr, and then referred to the broadside parking on the site plan. He said the site plan should have pictures of where the boats would be. The water depth is called out on the site plan, but the depth of the seawall and percentage of frontage being used should be stated.

He said the safety devices should be shown. He said life rings and ladders at the end of the dock should be shown and they should address the visibility at the lake. Also, the commission usually gets material samples and the samples could come with the next site plan revision.

Grant agreed there should be a planning graphic showing the boats and the traffic patterns and, “How far it really is to the other shore.”

Jahr said there were four numbers so far and they need an accurate number. He said there were questions from the public on why the site plan is going to the State of Michigan before here? Also, he asked about the costs of this.

Power said the township owns that property and EGLE is involved. He said typically the township does the plan first and, “I cc’d Jeremy Richards of EGLE as a matter of courtesy to show where we were,” Power said.

The public was invited to speak again and Angela Mears said they are proposing 22 boats to replace 24 when they say they now have more members. Also, the DNR boat launch was there first and they knew what it was before they bought the property.

Penny Young read from an emailed letter to her from EGLE. She said the BYC submitted an application to EGLE after the township caught BYC putting in docks without a permit. EGLE said the structures were not consistent with the requirements for marinas in Part 301 of the Inland Lakes and Streams of the NREPA. The permit was not granted, but an EGLE permit is still needed and would include a 20-day public comment period.

She said EGLE said for VBT to send the revised plan before the applicant sent

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one was “highly unusual.” She revised her remark later. She said to be absolutely accurate, she should have said EGLE said it was “unusual.”

She called what was happening “political favoritism”.

Harry Van Gelder said he would like input from law enforcement on this issue.

Doug Wachtmann of Hoyt Drive on Edison Lake extension said the DNR launch site is very busy. He said he had witnessed 20 boats waiting to get off the lake. He said for them to maintain a significantly narrow channel through the lake, a no-wake buoy west of the BYC should be placed. He said that area is dangerous now, without any extension into the lake. He said once they

drive a piling 120 feet out, any decision after that will show a permanent structure there.

He said the question of whether or not it is setting a precedent is not as important as safety. He said Johnny’s and the U of M rowing facility exist in coves. “This is the opposite. It’s an extension into the lake. It impedes the actual channel and traffic pattern of the lake,” he said.

He said he would like to see the planning commission handle it first and get the variances later, noting they somewhat got the cart before the horse. He said BYC proceeded originally without a permit and that influences how it was presented to the commission.

Jeff Riggs, who when he commented the previous day said he was in Key Largo, asked Power in a remote message

to forward his earlier comments to commissioners. Then, he said the 522 feet he figures is left in the center of the lake for travel is not acceptable. He said a lake traffic study is needed, but in the middle of winter it is inappropriate.

Power reported someone who was anonymous sent a remote message that the BYC is asking for a variance of a variance. They started construction “until they got caught,” he said.

At that point the commission voted unanimously to postpone marina special approval.

Jahr said a more detailed site plan is needed and they should postpone that issue pending a better site plan. He said the BZA wants a better site plan from the commission, who needs a preliminary site plan review.

Power asked if the commission wanted a preliminary site plan to go to the planning commission, BZA, and then planning commission.

Jahr said he has not been able to review the BZA meeting minutes because they are not yet available. He said it should go to a variance until the site plan has been discussed.

The commission voted unanimously to postpone review of the site plan which would be before it goes to the BZA.

The commission then took a five-minute break while the BYC left the room and Kelley returned to the table. Then, Power gave his annual report on planning commission activities and commissioners voted to recommend it to the township board as written.

The next meeting will be at 5:30 p.m., Jan. 25.

# VBT BZA

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site and the staff found it unique. The general ordinance was not as viable as an exception, he said.

“Does the court retain jurisdiction over this case?” Herman asked.

Jones said if the problem couldn’t be resolved, the ticket would be reissued and it would go back to the judge. The judge never resolved the case.

Trustee Martin asked what was to happen at the planning commission the next day and Power said they could get the marina zoning and take it to the township board.

BZA member Aaron Sellers asked why they were redoing their docks.

Jones said there is heavy wave action from the DNR boat launch next door to the west and that knocks the floating docks around. He said the pilings absorb that and it doesn’t transfer to the surface.

“What do you want to do?” Martin asked Jones.

“If the 120 feet is not do-able tonight, if the planning commission makes a decision, if there is an alternative proposal...” Jones said.

Power said the BZA could postpone action for the planning commission to make a decision and then come back to the BZA.

Herman said he would recommend postponing.

Jones agreed: “Good advice, postpone.”

Krishnan said they can go up to 120 feet without another public hearing, since they already had a public hearing.

Martin suggested the BYC get a more concrete plan for lights and safety.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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2005	SATURN	4D	5GZCZ23D25S869559	22-12097
2004	PEGASUS	TR	1P9NE38204E338222	22-12097
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Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,  
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## City of Belleville Public Notice

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF BELLEVILLE

#### PROPOSED ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belleville’s Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the request for a zoning change from the (I-P) Industrial Park District to the (RM) Residential Multiple-Family Residential District on a 3.49-acre tract of land, located at 515 Sumpter Road. The purpose of this request is to allow for the construction of single-story attached apartments.

The Planning Commission will conduct its public hearing on February 9, 2023 at 7PM, during the regular City of Belleville Planning Commission meeting, at the Municipal Council Chambers located at 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Copies of the project plan detailing the proposed projects will be available for inspection by the general public at the Office of the City Clerk, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan. Written comments received before the hearing record is closed on February 9, 2023 will receive responses in the final project plan. Written comments should be sent to the City of Belleville’s Director of Public Works, Rick Rutherford, at 6 Main St, Belleville, MI, 48111.

Briana Hootman  
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1551 – welfare check, Edwards Rd.  
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1843 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
2036 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
2148 – family trouble, Rock Creek Dr.  
2206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vine St.  
2317 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chandler Dr.

### Monday, Jan. 9:

0216 – suspicious person/vehicle, Coolidge St.  
0713 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd.  
0930 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.  
1024 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.  
1041 – intrusion alarm, Hardwood Dr.  
1105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arborview Ln.  
1116 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1125 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1145 – assist other dept., Lighthouse Dr.  
1240 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.  
1240 – threat, Montague Ave.  
1310 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.  
1427 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
1516 – fraud, Kent Ln.  
1527 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1551 – harassment call, Deanna Vanburen Twp. Dr.  
1632 – suicidal person, S. Timberview Dr.  
1720 – missing person, Rose Blvd.  
1753 – harassment call, E. Archwood Dr.  
1847 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.  
1905 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.  
1948 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1956 – welfare check, S. Adams  
2003 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hayes St.  
2222 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
2253 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.

### Tuesday, Jan. 10:

0033 – malicious destruction of property, Quirk  
0417 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sandlewood Dr.  
0850 – fraud, Main St.  
0935 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
0959 – welfare check, Renton Rd.  
1003 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1014 – vehicle lockout, Harris Park  
1224 – animal complaint, DNR boat launch, Rawsonville Rd.  
1251 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.  
1332 – fraud, Timberview Ct.  
1400 – unattended death, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1418 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1529 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd. / McKinley St.  
1530 – animal complaint, Rebecca Ct.  
1631 – assist fire dept., Brandi Dr.  
1647 – fraud, Chatsworth Dr.  
1648 – motorist assist, EB Michigan Ave./bypass  
1709 – welfare check, Colonial Rd.  
1754 – welfare check, Bog Rd./Hoeft Rd.  
1823 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1913 – harassment call, Beck Rd.  
2001 – private property/property damage accident, Brandi Dr.  
2042 – neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.  
2122 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.  
2248 – suicidal person, Rolan Meadows Dr.

### Wednesday, Jan. 11:

0146 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.  
0951 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
1022 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1315 – assist other dept., Victoria St.  
1353 – animal complaint, Old Michigan Rd.

1518 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.  
1533 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.  
1554 – fraud, Tyler Rd.  
1815 – suspicious person/vehicle, Birch Dr.  
1816 – harassment call, McBride Ave./Pierce St.  
1914 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.  
2038 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2109 – larceny, Bradley Dr.  
2153 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.  
2227 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service  
2317 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
2353 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa

### Thursday, Jan. 12:

0005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lincoln St.  
0027 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0154 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
0215 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0223 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
0239 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0412 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0944 – mental subject, Ash Dr.  
1131 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1215 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Fret Rd.  
1237 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1614 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1627 – hospice death, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1726 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
2128 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
2139 – suicidal person, North Shore Dr.  
2258 – family trouble, Locust Dr.  
2348 – 911 welfare check, Maple Dr.

### Friday, Jan. 13:

0010 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
0022 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0031 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
0107 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
0544 – hospice death, Celestine Dr.  
0658 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.  
0706 – intrusion alarm, Cambridge Ct.  
0719 – family trouble, E. Archwood Dr.  
0727 – assist fire dept., Park Estates Dr.  
0857 – civil matter, Harmony Ln.  
0945 – larceny, W. Archwood Dr.  
1018 – property damage accident, Michigan  
1036 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1117 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.  
1309 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
1320 – welfare check, Alden Ave.  
1327 – intrusion alarm, W. Sadie Ln.  
1352 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1455 – property check, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1509 – welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.  
1621 – family trouble, S I-94 Service Dr.  
1638 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1807 – 911 welfare check, Hardwood Dr.  
1949 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
2247 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

### Saturday, Jan. 14:

0048 – suicidal person, Lighthouse Dr.  
0124 – property damage accident, Martinsville Rd. / Hull Rd.  
0353 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0452 – intrusion alarm, Lancaster Dr.  
0512 – assist other dept., Martz Rd./Loehr Rd.  
0525 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0708 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0753 – assist other dept., Sonrisa St.  
0812 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0853 – threat, Lake Villa Dr.  
1046 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1205 – intrusion alarm, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1254 – civil matter, Assembly St.  
1322 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.  
1330 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1332 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1354 – intrusion alarm, Ormond Dr.  
1437 – fraud, Tyler Rd.  
1507 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1519 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1606 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
1609 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.  
1647 – vehicle lockout, Ashbury Dr.  
1717 – parking complaint, Stratford Dr.  
1841 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.  
2021 – suicidal person, Vernon St.  
2025 – welfare check, Southport Apartments  
2048 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.

2117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.  
2143 – vehicle lock out, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2158 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2247 – road hazard, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 135 traffic stops, 31 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Jan. 8:

0035 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/Victorian Ln.  
0048 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.  
0131 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence  
0344 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0559 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
1209 – 911 welfare check, Victorian Ln.  
1403 – abandoned auto, Main St./Roys St.  
1527 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
1801 – fraud, Main St.  
1939 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2111 – traffic stop, High St./W. Huron River Dr.  
2201 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
2235 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
2305 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.  
2305 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.  
2307 – assist citizen, Main St./High St.

### Monday, Jan. 9:

0650 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.  
0824 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.  
1101 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
1448 – motorist assist, Village Park  
1454 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon  
1558 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.  
1747 -- family trouble, Astor  
1857 – assist other dept., JT Pub Grub  
1959 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2006 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon  
2034 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr. / W. Huron River Dr.  
2110 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. Columbia Ave.

### Tuesday, Jan. 10:

0451 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.  
0856 – fraud, Main St.  
1033 – parking complaint, S. Biggs Ave.  
1328 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.  
1408 – traffic stop, Savage/tracks  
1421 – traffic stop, Savage/tracks  
1457 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
1549 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1558 – traffic stop, Art Factory  
1639 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1747 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.  
1818 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.  
1840 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.  
2323 – noise complaint, S. Liberty St.

### Wednesday, Jan. 11:

0100 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.  
0246 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
0358 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.  
0548 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Biggs  
0633 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.  
0644 – traffic stop, Second St./Church St.  
0705 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church St.  
0845 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St.  
0935 – fraud, Menlo Park Dr.  
1614 – harassment call, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1622 – welfare check, San Carlos St.  
2016 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Industrial Pk. Dr.  
2152 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River  
2202 – traffic stop, Church St./Roys St.  
2203 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.

### Thursday, Jan. 12:

1247 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.  
2018 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
2021 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2028 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.  
2050 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.  
2100 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.  
2102 – traffic stop, Third St./Church St.  
2129 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.  
2211 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./High St.

### Friday, Jan. 13:

0013 – intrusion alarm, Estrada  
0106 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln./Potter Dr.  
1419 – property damage accident, High St./Main  
1650 – property damage accident, Main St./High

1945 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
2119 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs  
2259 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.

### Saturday, Jan. 14:

0857 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon St.  
0920 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.  
0940 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
1017 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
1050 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1108 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
2036 – traffic stop, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.  
2154 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
2313 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Owen St.  
2356 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.  
There were 49 traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Jan. 8:

0055 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.  
0219 – suspicious person, 8200 Rawsonville Rd.  
0640 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1108 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.  
1113 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1546 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1856 – welfare check, Birch Dr.  
2215 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Monday, Jan. 9:

0033 – harassment complaint, Edgewood Dr.  
0048 – welfare check, Birch Dr.  
0937 – suspicious circumstance, Arkona/Haggerty  
1056 – citizen assist, Dunn Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
1204 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1415 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.  
1624 – alarm, Creekside Dr.  
1652 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1914 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.  
1951 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2007 – family trouble, Texas St.  
2237 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.

### Tuesday, Jan. 10:

0552 – traffic complaint/hazard, 28000 bl. Clark  
0728 – warrant arrest, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
0859 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0946 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1041 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1339 – contempt of court violation, Brookview Dr.  
1342 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1437 – neighbor dispute, Texas St.  
1755 – fire dept. assist, Georgia St.  
2021 – alarm, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2142 – citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2250 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2251 – alarm, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
2314 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.

### Wednesday, Jan. 11:

0611 – mental health call, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0711 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1031 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1125 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1155 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1241 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1348 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis  
1818 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.  
1935 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2006 – 911 hang up, Elwell Rd./Harris Rd.  
2047 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter  
2204 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Harris  
2223 – malicious destruction of property, Redwood St.

### Thursday, Jan. 12:

0236 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.  
0915 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.  
1242 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1449 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

### Friday, Jan. 13:

0747 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1131 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Sherwood  
1200 – welfare check, Indiana St.  
1524 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1650 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.  
2134 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2201 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.  
2207 – suspicious person, 20000 bl. Martinsville  
2257 – shots fired, Arkona Rd./Martinsville Rd.

### Saturday, Jan. 14:

0018 – 911 hang up, Knollwood Dr./Country Club

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0422 – noise complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0713 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0758 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.  
-946 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1207 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1523 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1524 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1610 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.  
1641 – property damage accident, New Mexico St.  
2027 – flee & elude police, Martinsville/Willis  
2040 – family trouble, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2129 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2140 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
2206 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
2241 – welfare check, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2249 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
Also, on this week's log are 234 patrol checks, 96 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

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• **Saturday, Jan. 21** – A “Preserving Family Heritage” three-part series begins at 2 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library with a workshop concentrating on preserving photos for future generations. Fabric and organic materials will be discussed at 2 p.m., Feb. 18, and books and documents at 2 p.m., March 18. Registration is required. Register for one session or all three.

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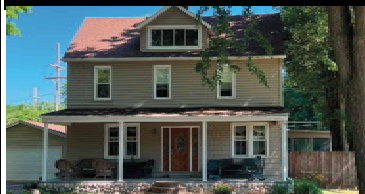
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