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Belleville DDA announces purchases near of 3 properties

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville Downtown Development Authority has announced the final stages in purchase of three downtown properties.

At the regular meeting of the DDA on Jan. 17, chairperson Alicia McGovern announced that the DDA was wrapping up the purchases of three properties.

She said the purchase of 258 Main St. is almost complete and they are in the process of working on the paperwork for 458 Main St. and 25 Fifth St.

There were no further comments on the properties. The 258 Main St. site is a vacant lot next to Morton's Pharmacy, the former Chamber of Commerce headquarters. The DDA in the past had discussed that site, the former location of a gas station, as a good place for a parking lot.

The 458 Main St. property is the former hardware store, where a U-Haul business now has its office, and 25 Fifth St. houses a barber shop.

A proposed closed-door session was removed from the agenda. The DDA had held several closed sessions during recent meetings to discuss purchase of property.

In other business at its 22-minute meeting on Jan. 17, the DDA:

- Removed from the agenda the "DDA Best Practices" presentation by DDA attorney Kevin Kilby. Chairperson McGovern said that will be deferred to the 9:30 a.m., Feb. 17, strategic planning session at the Belleville Area District Library. Lori Ward, Northville DDA director, will also be present then for a presentation;

- Reelected McGovern as chairperson for 2024; Denise Baker as secretary; and Sabrina Richardson-Williams as treasurer. Kelly McWilliams said she wished to step down as vice-chairperson and so John Winter was unanimously elected to that position;

- Selected members for 2024 for the

Marketing and Community Engagement committee: Chris Donley as chairperson, McWilliams, Winter, Mike Gatteri, and non-DDA member Rachel McGovern;

- Selected members for the Economic Development committee: McGovern as chairperson, Baker, and McWilliams;

- Selected members for the Budget & Finance committee: Baker as chairperson, Gatteri, Richardson-Williams;

- Selected members for the Events/Culture and Arts committee: Richardson-Williams and Winter;

- Approved accounts payable of \$16,015, which included a \$300 payment for "TC Drone Photography of Denton Cemetery," \$8,598.25 to Garden Fantasy on Main for autumn and winter decorations, and \$6,868 to McGraw Morris P.C. for legal services;

- Discussed the street repair needed at the Main/Liberty/Denton corner. City Manager Jason Smith said he talked to Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara and when they are working on the Denton Road Bridge, maybe it can be worked out to use the township people to fix that;

- Heard Gatteri ask about the proposed left-turn signal at the corner of Main and N. Liberty. Mayor Ken Voigt explained that county traffic engineers said it's better not to have a light there now. There are four traffic lights on Main Street and they have to be synchronized for traffic to flow. Assistant City Manager Steve Jones said the signal there is outdated and the county wants to wait until after the bridge work is done to reassess that corner. Mayor Voigt said they've been told that would be a \$200,000 item; and

- Heard Mayor Voigt say the parking lot by the Veterans Memorial needs to be sealcoated and restriped and the landscape beds worked on. He was told that is on the DDA Follow-Up List for things to do.



Independent photo by Elaine Gutierrez

At the annual meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library on Saturday, outstanding members received awards for their dedication and hard work. From left are Rika Regentin, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award; Katerina Tyner, the 2023 Sponsorship Award; and Katie Cook, the 2023 Member of the Year Award. Not pictured is Elaine Miller, who earned the Volunteer of the Year Award, who was unable to attend the meeting. Officers for 2024 were elected at the meeting: Donna Gilkey-Lavin, president; Katerina Tyner, vice-president; Manny Lavin, secretary; and Rika Regentin, treasurer.

Belleville Police refile charges against driver found with fentanyl

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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Christian Devon Harris, 22, formerly of Van Buren Township and now of Southfield, was charged with delivering/manufacturing narcotics and possessing a controlled substance when 56 fentanyl tablets were found in the borrowed car he was driving on May 2, 2021 in the city of Belleville. He also was charged with driving while license suspended.

On Dec. 6, an exam was held at 34th District Court and the drug charges were dismissed. At his pretrial on Dec. 20 on the DWLS charge, that charge also was dismissed through a motion of the prosecuting attorney. Case was closed.

The court then advised the city of Belleville to return the \$2,700 in cash taken from Harris during his arrest. At its Jan.

16 meeting, the Belleville City Council approved accounts payable including a check for \$2,718.39 to Harris from the police department's drug forfeiture fund where it had been placed.

The case was refiled on Jan. 4 and Harris was arraigned on Jan. 17 by Judge Lisa Martin. Defense attorney Kevin Martin objected, saying the charges already had been dismissed, most recently by Judge Martin herself. He filed a motion to dismiss at 6:28 p.m. the night before this scheduled 10:15 a.m. arraignment / probable cause conference.

Judge Martin set the next probable cause conference on the charges for Feb. 21 and the hearing on attorney Martin's motion also was set for Feb. 21.

Attorney Martin said this was the third

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	Wages	Benefits	Total
ADMINISTRATION:			
Suchy, Mary Jo	\$95,453.03	\$27,679.94	\$123,132.97
Savage, Hilary	\$74,833.78	\$34,542.04	\$109,375.82
McCann, Tara	\$67,632.86	\$27,213.38	\$94,846.24
Greschaw, Amy	\$59,726.34	\$37,091.27	\$96,817.61
Lore, Lindsay	\$55,263.22	\$20,211.87	\$75,475.09
Johnson, Carol	\$39,310.68	\$8,260.63	\$47,571.31
LIBRARIANS:			
Lewis-Yarbrough, Nakenya	\$50,347.10	\$40,810.84	\$91,157.94
Skinner, Kelly	\$52,082.12	\$23,209.10	\$75,291.22
Dubke, Karen	\$47,369.71	\$8,928.09	\$56,297.80
Corcoran, Crystal	\$2,083.43	\$159.38	\$2,242.81
Davies, Rachel	\$1,218.75	\$93.23	\$1,311.98
Green, Debra	\$1,928.95	\$147.56	\$2,076.51
Richards, Jonathan	\$6,482.10	\$495.88	\$6,977.98
Richardson, Jennifer	\$19,060.93	\$7,439.57	\$26,500.50
Spiteri-Zaidel, Theresa	\$29,823.88	\$2,281.53	\$32,105.41
LIBRARY INTERN:			
Kisken, Rachel	\$8,207.50	\$627.88	\$8,835.38
LIBRARY ASSISTANTS:			
Campbell, Trinity	\$17,025.96	\$1,302.49	\$18,328.45
Douglas, Noelle	\$24,548.27	\$1,877.94	\$26,426.21
Douglas, Jackie	\$1,190.32	\$91.06	\$1,281.38
Green-Husted, Jessamy	\$1,946.50	\$148.90	\$2,095.40
Moody, Gail	\$16,676.66	\$1,275.76	\$17,952.42
O'Brien, Amy	\$25,181.28	\$1,926.37	\$27,107.65
Pickeral, Nicole	\$35,012.29	\$16,551.33	\$51,563.62
Reynolds, Kamron	\$36,871.93	\$27,539.95	\$64,411.88
Sugai, Danielle	\$16,975.03	\$1,298.59	\$18,273.62
Villa, Justin	\$14,695.51	\$1,124.20	\$15,819.71
LIBRARY CLERKS:			
Carr, Mary	\$5,957.06	\$455.72	\$6,412.78
Castle, Claire	\$2,964.73	\$226.80	\$3,191.53
Foley, Tatiyana	\$11,453.53	\$876.20	\$12,329.73
Garascia, Judy	\$8,488.20	\$649.35	\$9,137.55
Kirby, Shelly	\$6,671.79	\$510.39	\$7,182.18
Klotz, Harper	\$12,035.13	\$920.69	\$12,955.82
Lisa Meadows	\$6,315.00	\$483.10	\$6,798.10
Najduk, Lori	\$15,479.26	\$1,184.16	\$16,663.42
Plummer, Kaitlyn	\$7,400.47	\$566.14	\$7,966.61
Powers, Cecilia	\$6,119.03	\$468.11	\$6,587.14
Reed, Ronda	\$13,036.60	\$997.30	\$14,033.90
Riehl, Jasmine	\$7,005.00	\$535.88	\$7,540.88
Schmitz, Hollie	\$626.25	\$47.91	\$674.16
Smith, Karrie	\$22,027.39	\$1,685.10	\$23,712.49
Willson, Lori	\$10,413.30	\$796.61	\$11,209.91
Yates, Grace	\$12,184.82	\$932.14	\$13,116.96
LIBRARY STUDENT ASSISTANTS:			
Cannon, Micaya	\$1,936.68	\$148.15	\$2,084.83
Emerson, Jesse	\$1,985.10	\$151.86	\$2,136.96
Foley, Tierra	\$5,338.30	\$408.38	\$5,746.68
Kendrick, Heidi	\$1,179.18	\$90.21	\$1,269.39
Plummer, Kennedy	\$598.46	\$45.78	\$644.24
Yarbrough, Naima	\$4,078.10	\$311.97	\$4,390.07
LIBRARY COMPUTER TECH:			
Kelley, George	\$56,607.44	\$20,584.49	\$77,191.93
FACILITIES:			
Decker, Nancy	\$3,714.35	\$284.15	\$3,998.50
Miller, Bob	\$5,984.92	\$457.85	\$6,442.77
Prince, Jason	\$33,094.40	\$16,198.60	\$49,293.00
Seefeld, Haylee	\$1,524.51	\$116.63	\$1,641.14
		2022 Total	\$1,220,676.18
		2023 Total	\$1,407,629.58
			+\$186,953.40

2023 employess total wages & benefits had approx 15.32% increase over 2022.

Belleville City Council suggests changes to boat parking ordinance

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its first reading of the amended zoning ordinance on seasonal boat parking in driveways recommended by the planning commission, Belleville City Council members suggested slight changes to the document.

That was at their regular meeting on Jan. 16. The ordinance amendment is scheduled for its second reading and possible adoption at the council's next meeting on Feb. 5.

Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Bates asked why the dates had been shortened from those first suggested. They now are from May 1 to Sept. 15.

"I saw a boat in the water on Christmas Eve," she said referring to years with higher temperatures.

Councilwoman Julie Kissel, who sits on the commission as council liaison, said the dates were discussed and this was considered a good idea. She had commented at the commission meeting that boat owners could always get their boats out of storage to use them late in the season.

Councilwoman Kissel said the city could try it for a year and, "If it's a mess, we can pull it back and do something else."

Councilman Randy Priest said a picture or drawing would help, since the words in the ordinance are hard to understand when talking of measurements to the sidewalk and street.

He mentioned: "at least 12 feet from the street, measured from the edge of the nearest dwelling..." as being hard to picture.

City Manager Jason Smith, who wrote the amendment wording, said he can put in diagrams and, "We can clean that up for the next meeting."

Councilman Priest, a retired teacher, said the ordinance wording is one long sentence with too many commas and he would like to see that easier to read.

Mayor Voigt said, "I read it myself and I think it's good... The planning commission did do a very nice job."

In other business at the one-hour-and-22-minute meeting on Jan. 16, the council:

- Approved in one motion all of the Belleville Central Business Community's requests for special events: Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt at Victory Park from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on March 30; Farmer's Market on Mondays, 4-7:30 p.m. from June 3 to Oct. 14, Fourth Street Square and Fourth Street Place; Memorial Day Parade/Farmers Market from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 27; and Taste of Belleville, 6-8 p.m., Aug. 15. Approval for the parade was stipulated by the city receiving a map of the parade route planned;
- Approved the mayor's reappointment of Kelly McWilliams to the Downtown

Development Authority with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2027;

- Discussed the Social Media Policy written by the city manager, who said it is pretty boiler-plate and most communities have policies. Council members said they would like to see the city attorney weigh in on this before they take action;
- Discussed the Injury Policy written by the city manager, who said an employee got hurt and there was no policy on paper. He said it is pretty boiler-plate and he put it together from policies from other communities. Councilwoman Kissel asked if this could be sent to the attorney at the same time as the Social Media Policy and the rest of the council agreed;
- Approved the refreshing of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan by the city manager so the city would be eligible to apply for county grants. City Manager Smith said he updated the demographics in the old plan between 2000 and 2020 census and there was a significant change. "I didn't have a ton of new stuff," he said, adding, "I refreshed it so we have a plan in place to start going for grants";
- Approved the Washtenaw Area Mutual Aid Agreement that is changing into an interlocal agreement to address liabilities. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said his department also belongs to the Western Wayne Group, but his department gets more grants and cheaper training through Washtenaw;
- Discussed the list of service contracts the city has, which was put together by the city manager. He pointed out the Nixle agreement expired in 2023, the Priority Waste contract expires this year, and the dispatch contract extension with Van Buren Township is expiring. Mayor Voigt said he wants to go out for costs for legal service, copy machine maintenance, and recording software for water meters;
- Approved \$416,989.92 in accounts payable and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$4,090 to repair broken sewer in the county right of way at 524 E. Huron River Dr. on Dec. 14; to Election Source, \$860 for coding and testing for the November 2023 election; to Hennessey Engineers, \$3,753 for Harbour Pointe road survey work; to McQueen Equipment, \$13,658.85 for fire department purchase of turnout gear; to Michigan Cat, \$547.52 for fittings for new backhoe; and to Work'n'Gear, \$1,350 for uniform allowance. Included in the accounts payable was a check for \$2,718.39 for Christian Devon Harris, who had been arrested for fentanyl possession and the charges were dismissed. The 34th District Court ordered the city to give him back the cash city police had confiscated during the arrest;

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Annual salary reports on what's paid by taxpayers

You pay your taxes, but do you know how much of those tax dollars you are paying employees in local public bodies? The hard-earned funds go from your pocket or purse through the public bodies into the hands of employees.

It's time for our annual salary reports to our readers to keep them informed. In January of each year for the past two decades we have been reporting on how much taxpayers are spending to pay employees in their local governments.

Every year we issue Freedom of Information Act requests to the school district, charter school, district library, city, and two townships. Diane Madigan and her husband Dr. Carl Johnson, who used to live on Bak Road in Van Buren Township and were active in township affairs, work on getting the numbers ready for printing. They now live in Tennessee, but with the internet, that's just next door. We appreciate their help a lot.

Diane likes to show taxpayers how much the salaries have increased each year, so she computes that and puts it at the bottom of the lists. It's always interesting to see.

This is a service to our readers who care about their local government and what's going on. Our readers can decide if the numbers are fair compensation for the services received. Or, they can decide it's time to start coming to meetings to observe first-hand what is happening.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

After Saturday's annual meeting of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, there was a scavenger hunt with prizes. One participant said she learned a lot about what the library offered by taking part in the hunt. For one thing, she said she didn't know that the library had a Braille area.

Van Buren Township Police Lieutenant Charles "Chip" Bazy told me that he will be retiring as of Feb. 16. My brother Tony and Chip's father worked together in the glass house at Ford Motor Company before they retired. Chip's father had a side business of taking people on safaris in Africa and my brother went on one of their safaris. Chip helped his dad with the safaris and learned to shoot at an early age. His mother also is a top-shot.

Chip's dad has written several books and Tony gave me one that had pictures of the young Chip in Africa, along with pictures of his mother and father.

I remember several years ago when VBT was investigating a string of break-ins in the community of Denton. The police set up trail cameras and caught the guy. I always felt it sounded like Chip's work.

Lt. Bazy gives me straight reports on crimes when I called the chief or deputy chief and they would send me over to him. He never said, "Don't put this part in the paper." He was always straight-on and I appreciated that a great deal.

He has earned his retirement and I'm sure he'll find things to do, since he is still a vibrant person. He did say he hates to leave the officers who he has grown close to over the years, but he has to make way for others. I know I'm going to miss him.



Both my brother Tony and Chip's dad Charles are in their 90s and going strong, driving themselves all over the place. Chip told me his father fell on Sunday and got a hairline fracture in his leg and won't be able to put pressure on it for a while. This too shall pass, I'm sure.

Belleville City Manager Jason Smith did a refresh of the city's Parks and Recreation Master Plan so the council could approve it before a February deadline, which it did. That way the city could apply for federal, state, and county grants.

He said he didn't have anything big to add, but he did update the demographics that came with the 2020 census. He said those changes were substantial.

The total population in 2000 was 3,997 and in 2020 it had dropped to 3,978. Total households grew slightly from 1,842 to 1,847 and the average household size grew from 2.16 to 2.2. Average family size dropped from 2.87 to 2.08. Median age grew from 37.5 to 40.9.

Preschoolers under the age of five grew from 238 to 369 and those 65 and over grew from 606 to 738.

Racial composition changed. From being 87.54% White (3,499) in 2000 it went to 68.98% (2,744) White in 2020. Black went from 7.88% (315) to 16.99% (676) and Latino from 2.53% (101) to 5.98% (238).

Those with high school diplomas went from 87.7% to 81.7%; bachelor's degrees from 24.2% to 20.2%; and graduate or

professional degrees from 10% to 12.1%.

He wrote: "The median household income during the 2020 census for Belleville was \$51,602, which is up from the 2000 census reporting of \$44,196; however, this number is significantly less when the 2000 median household income is adjusted for inflation. The median income for the year 2000 when viewed in 2020 dollars is \$67,481.01. Based on Belleville's average family size of 2.08, approximately 28.13% of the population lives below the 2023 Federal Poverty Guidelines, which is \$39,440."

My son has been watching the old "Death Valley Days" series on our cable channel and he enjoys it because they are true stories and he learns a lot. He told me of a recent story he watched about a fort in Indian territory and how the five-year-old son of the fort commander slipped out of the fort with the troops and was almost killed by an Indian and was rescued.

A soldier who was in the brig broke out to save his little friend and eventually had charges dropped against him. The little boy who marched around with the soldiers and carried a wooden gun was Douglas McArthur.

What would history be like if he wasn't rescued?



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Letters

A tribute to our dad on his 88th birthday

To the editor:

This is a tribute to our dad on his 88th Birthday.

Dad, words cannot express how much you mean to us and how much we love you, but we will try: Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, Uncle, Friend, Neighbor, etc.

F - Faithful

A - Admirable

T - Tireless

H - Honest

E - Essential

R - Reliable

Fathers have a way of putting everything "together" and a dad like you deserves a great birthday. Here's to you and all you do and have done for us kids.

Peter Pitzen - making the world better since 1936 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

We Love You.

Pete, Andy, Mark, Matt, Barb, and Mike

BACA offers bus ride to DIA to view exhibit

To the editor:

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) has arranged a bus trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) to see the exhibit "After Cubism," an exhibit that has been highly praised.

The trip will be Saturday, Feb. 17. The DIA bus will be at the Van Buren Township Hall on Tyler Road. Riders are asked to arrive at 10:30 a.m. and the bus will leave at 11 a.m. to take us to the DIA. Lunch is available at the DIA.

Docents will be available for a tour of various parts of the art collection at the museum. There are no docents for the

exhibit.

We will board the bus to return at 4 p.m. and arrive at the Van Buren Township Hall about 5 p.m. There is no charge for the excursion, including the bus transportation, but BACA is suggesting a minimum donation to the Art Council of \$10 per person.

Residents of Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, the City of Belleville, and guests are welcome to attend.

Registration will be on a "first come" basis. Participants must communicate his/her registration information by Friday, Feb. 2, by noon. We need this registration information a little early to notify the DIA of our numbers. If we do not reach 25 registrations, the trip will be cancelled.

The DIA has an easily accessible web site. Information about the exhibit is available online. Children 12 and older are welcome to attend but must be in the company of a responsible adult who is designated at the time of registration.

To register with BACA for the excursion, email the full name of each participant, each address, phone number and email address. Designate anyone under the age of 18 and the adult responsible.

Send to Barbara Rogalle Miller at bmiller321main@comcast.net.

The donations will be collected on the bus. No advance payment is required. There is no charge for the bus transportation. There is no charge for admission to the museum. There is no charge for admission to the exhibit. The DIA has been voted The Best Art Museum in America in 2023.

Barbara Rogalle Miller

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Ruth Bleeker, 98, broke her hip, send her mail while she's in rehab

Ruth Bleeker of the city of Belleville, a regular contributor to our letters' pages, fell on Jan. 12 and broke her hip. She was taken to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for surgery and now is in Optalis Rehab of Ann Arbor, formerly called Heartland, for physical therapy.

Bleeker, 98, is having hearing problems so she can't talk on the telephone and she has no computer on which to type, so she could use some mail from her friends.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 16, 2024

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Public Services Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Recreation Zaenglein and an audience of five.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Martin moved, Kelley seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of December 19, 2023, Prepaid List of December 21, 2023, Prepaid List of January 4, 2024, Prepaid List of January 11, 2024, Voucher List of January 16, 2024 Approval of the reappointment of Charles Coleman, Kimberly Nofz, Todd O'Neil and Tammy Wall to the Recreation Committee with terms to expire February 1, 2025 and Approval of the appointment of Jessica Thomas to the Downtown Development Authority Board to fulfill the remainder of the vacant term expiring March 9, 2026. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Martin Luther King Jr was recognized for his integral role in the civil rights movement and Trustee Martin requested that Van Buren Township honor him with community events in the future.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Report of Planning Commission and Public Engagement Activities for 2023, as required by the Michigan Planning Act, along with a report on public participation and master plan implementation activities by the Planning Commission. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA

ITEMS: Supervisor McNamara commented on this attempt to obtain Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network's Mobile Response Units in our area to assist with mental health calls to our police department.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Kelley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:24 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: January 25, 2024

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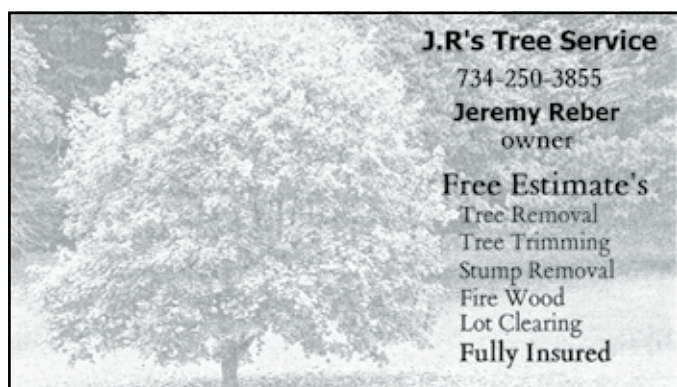
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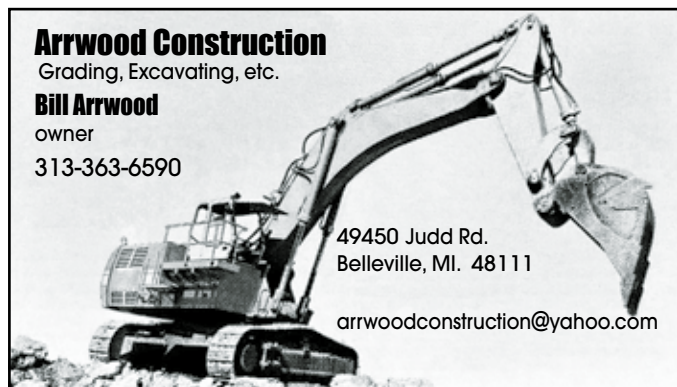
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Obituaries



Clarence Edward Hall, Sr.

CLARENCE EDWARD HALL, SR.

(September 7, 1941 – January 14, 2024)

Clarence Edward Hall, Sr., age 82, passed away on Sunday, January 14, 2024, with his family by his side. Born to Jordan and Matty (Steele) Hall on September 7, 1941, in Dorton, KY.

Clarence worked construction for many years, but he finished his working career in the General Motors Powertrain factory. Clarence had a love for Kentucky and his family was a huge part of his life. Clarence was in recovery and had 44 years of continuous sobriety. He had a close relationship with his AA Family and was a huge help to many. Clarence loved being outside doing tasks like mowing the lawn. Most of all he cherished his family.

Clarence leaves his loving wife Pamala (Storemski) Hall; 9 children Brent (Todd) Massie of MI, Clarence (Arianna) Hall, Jr. of KY, Jordan (Tabitha) Hall of IA, Adam (Tia) Hall, of MI, Jerry (Trecia) Hall of MI, Terry Hall of MI, Tonya (Raymond) of MI, Kelly (Jamie) Baker of MI, and Chad Hall of MI; also numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Too many to name, but all loved! There are also many nieces, nephews and extended family and many life-long friends. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents and 5 siblings: Carl, Cecil, Jenny, JoAnn, and Scottie.

According to Clarence's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

A Celebration of Life will be planned in the summer of 2024. www.davidcbrownfh.com

KRISTY MARIE KNOX

(December 7, 1979 – January 13, 2024)

Age 44, of Belleville. Survived by mother Della Knox, son Austin Knox, fiancé Shawn Wallis, brother Jeremy Knox. Cremation rites have been accorded through David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



DOUGLAS D. MASON

(October 6, 1948 – January 14, 2024)

Age 75 of Belleville. Vietnam veteran. Survived by wife Glenda, two children Philip Mason and Sarah LeCouffe, two grandchildren. Graveside service January 17 at Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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We are fortunate to have Kayrouze Jewelers here

To the editor:

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Thank you,
Jim Bevard

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God's Closet provides children's clothes

To the editor:

The Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church will be hosting God's Closet, a children's clothing shopping day on Monday, Feb. 19, 3 to 6 p.m., at 89 S. Edgemont St. in Belleville, next to Edgemont Elementary School. \$1.00 buys you a "FULL" bag of children's clothing.

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Charges

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time the charges have been filed. He said the charges first had been filed on July 26, 2023 and were dismissed by Judge Tina Brooks Green on Oct 4 for lack of evidence. Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Mohamed A. Mohamed said that was because the Michigan State Police laboratory was swamped and didn't get to the pills in time for the court session.

The charges were refiled on Oct. 5, after the MSP had identified the pills as fentanyl, and the charge went on the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN) on Oct. 6. Harris was before an out-county judge on Oct. 7, but there was no paperwork on his arraignment, so he was arraigned before his preliminary exam on Dec. 6.

Attorney Martin pointed out that Judge Martin [no relationship], who arraigned Harris on Jan. 17, also had dismissed charges against him on Dec. 6.

At Harris' Jan. 17 arraignment, Judge Martin said Belleville police had asked for \$100,000/10% bond to be levied and he had eight traffic warrants and was on parole on bond for another. Attorney Martin requested personal bond for his client.

Judge Martin said that Harris had shown up for his court dates and so she ordered personal bond of \$20,000. She asked his attorney to see that his client takes care of

the \$1,803 he owes the court for different cases. Harris, who was present via Zoom, laughed at the judge's request.

Attorney Martin said he had no new discovery for this new filing and Judge Martin said the prosecutor is aware of that and is on notice on the discovery issue.

Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Jan. 25 – Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m. to consider variance to relax side set back from 10 feet to 3 feet for carport.

• Monday, Jan. 29 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS



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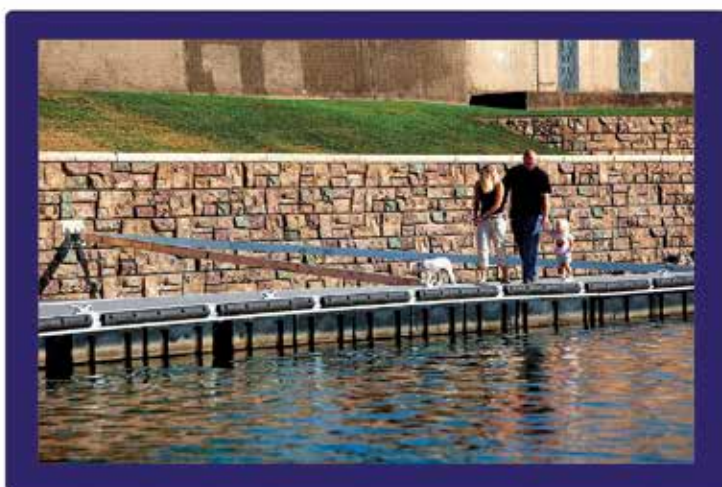


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WWII Veteran George Leland celebrates his 98th birthday.

Rosie the Riveters, WWII Vets gather at Belleville's Rusted Crow

By Jeannette Gutierrez
President (volunteer) of Michigan Willow
Run Chapter, American Rosie the Riveter
Association

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, a group from the American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) Michigan Willow Run Chapter, including real World War II "Rosies," gathered at the Rusted Crow on the Lake in Belleville to celebrate two very important birthdays.

The group celebrated WWII veteran George Leland's 99th birthday. George flew 28 combat missions over Europe during the war as a nose gunner on a B-24 bomber. George flew with the 460th bomb group out of Spinnazola, Italy.

Also celebrated was the 98th birthday of Rosie the Riveter Emma Timmermann, who worked at Stinson Aircraft in Wayne, MI, during the war. As a bonus, Emma and her husband Henry will mark their 78th wedding anniversary in early February.

Rosie the Riveter is the affectionate nickname for women who entered the workforce during WWII to fill critical wartime jobs. These patriotic and hardworking women built the planes, tanks, ships and guns that were needed to win the war.

They also took on essential jobs that men left behind as they went to war, doing jobs that were at the time considered men's work. These women not only helped win a war, they opened doors for women of future generations. The surviving WWII Rosies and Veterans are all close to or more than 100 years old.

Vivian Larsh, vice president of ARRA's Michigan Willow Run Chapter, said, "The

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Rosie

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men and women of WWII endured hardship and sacrifice. They're heroes! It's important to honor and celebrate them while they're still with us, and preserve their legacy for future generations."

In addition to being an ARRA volunteer, Vivian owns Kwick Automotive in Belleville. She credits her Rosie the Riveter mom, Stella, with inspiring her and her sisters to pursue nontraditional careers for women.

The Rusted Crow on the Lake restaurant's industrial and historical theme provided the perfect backdrop, and owner Fred Giordano of The Rusted Crow on the Lake was delighted to host the Rosie group.

"Our restaurant's decor and menu celebrates Belleville's history, including the proud tradition of building bombers at Willow Run during WWII," Giordano said. "It was an honor to serve these very special folks who helped their country in a time of great need. We had the ladies here who built the aircraft, and a gentleman who flew in one. They really are the Greatest Generation!"

The group gathers frequently, and the Rosies and veterans of WWII enjoy being together. The American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) Michigan Willow Run Chapter, in addition to providing opportunities for fellowship for the WWII Rosies and vets, also organizes special events where the public can meet and honor these amazing Americans. The group also provides educational and entertaining Rosie presentations to clubs, civic groups, and libraries.

Do you have a Rosie the Riveter in the family? The American Rosie the Riveter Association (ARRA) considers any woman who worked or volunteered on the home front during WWII to be a "Rosie."

A national nonprofit organization, founded in Alabama in 1998 by the WWII Rosies themselves, ARRA has chapters in many states. Call ARRA Chapter Vice President Vivian Larsh at (734) 722-0994 or email michiganrosies@gmail.com to learn more. Visit the local ARRA group's website at michiganrosies.org, and the National ARRA website at www.rosietheriveter.net.



WWII defense workers Henry and Emma Timmermann enjoyed the gathering. Emma was also celebrating her 98th birthday and the couple will celebrate 78 years of marriage in early February.

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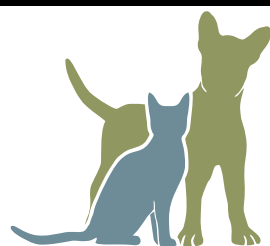
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- **Friday, Jan. 26** – Taco & Margarita Night, 5-7 p.m., at the Romulus VFW Post 9568, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Proceeds support the building fund.
- **Saturday, Feb. 3** – Chicken Dinner from 4-6 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/

Romulus VFW Post, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. \$15 for three pieces broasted chicken, potatoes, green beans, cole slaw and rolls. 50/50 raffle. All proceeds to the building fund.

• **Saturday, Feb. 3** – Musical Bingo, 7-9 p.m., at the Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. \$5 for entry includes three games of Bingo and Bingo cards for the games. Additional cards are \$1 each. All proceeds to the building fund.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The BZA will meet to consider the following request:

Case # 23-074- Request for a **dimensional variance** by Arbor Farms Development to construct fifty-seven (57) detached single family residential dwellings which will be set back greater than or equal to 30.0 feet from the back of curb of an existing private road, and greater than or equal to 12.0 feet from the front lot line. The subject 13.1-acre property will encompass current parcels 83 043 01 0207-0212 000 and 83 043 01 0219-0232 000, located north of the Hickory Woods Condominiums on the north side of Tyler Road between Morton Taylor Road and Parkwood Street. The property is zoned RM - Multiple Dwelling Residential District. The request is contrary to the requirements of Section 3.107(E) of the Zoning Ordinance as described below:

Section 3.107 (E) – RM - Multiple Dwelling Residential District– Dimension Regulations:

- Minimum required front yard setback for detached single family residential dwellings in the RM District: 30.0 feet
- Proposed front yard setback: 12.0 feet
- Variance requested: 18.0 feet (60.0%)

Members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org by **February 12, 2024**. On the meeting webpage, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**. On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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Published: January 25, 2024

City Council

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• Heard City Manager Smith report that he has an early draft for a design for a new city hall, the Civil Service Commission is working on a policy, a GLWA water rate increase of just shy of 4% is coming in 2025 and in 2026 will increase more, and he wants to reach out to Priority Waste for a clean-up-the-city day when people can put out mattresses and other large items. Mayor Voigt said it could be coordinated with the date for the BYC cleanup in May;

• Planned a 5:30 p.m. special meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20 for the Michigan Municipal League's "Essentials of Local Government" session, which would be followed by the regular 7:30 p.m. city council meeting. This may be held at the school or library since members of the planning commission and DDA are invited and will split the \$1,800 cost;

• Heard Mayor Voigt say Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network is looking for places to locate its Mobile Response Units. It needs someplace with a desk and parking spot, he said. He added that Belleville has plenty of space upstairs at city hall. He also said he met with Congresswoman Debbie Dingell about money for streets. He said he also met with State Rep. Reggie Miller and will meet with Senator Darrin Camilleri to see if he can get some of their discretionary funds for the city streets;

• Heard Smith report that WDIV-TV will be at Belleville High School to broadcast live at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 5, the same night as the city council's next meeting. They also will be at the museum, he said;

• Heard Mayor Voigt urge council members to attend the Downtown Development Authority's 9:30 a.m. visioning session on Saturday, Feb. 17 at the library; and

• Heard planning commission member Mike Renaud ask what has happened to the Victory Park upgrades planned? Mayor Voigt said there were just some t's to cross and i's to dot in the project and that is already in progress.

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— Mark Twain

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— Gore Vidal

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR
THE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2024
IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN 48111**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified electors of the Charter Township of Van Buren in the State of Michigan who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State agency. Registration can be completed online at mi.gov/vote or forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is Monday, February 12, 2024

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 68.492) at the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's Office at the following place, day and times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Additional Early Voting Hours: Saturday, February 17 through Sunday February 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday February 27, 2024 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Qualifications for Registration:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- Resident with the Charter Township of Van Buren for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Citizen of the United States

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below: (Voters may choose one ballot style)

REPUBLICAN PARTY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

OR

DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

AND

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL-
This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mils on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance, The remaining 1.3197 mils are only available to be levied to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the "Headlee" amendment to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will only be levied to the extent necessary to restore that reduction.

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting mvlc.sos.state.mi.us where a sample ballot can be viewed.

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**Posted: January 17, 2024
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City of Belleville Public Notice

**BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 21, 2023**

A special meeting of the City of Belleville City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111, by Mayor Ken Voigt.

1. Roll Call
Mayor Voigt Present
Mayor Pro Tem Bates Present
Councilperson Beebe Present
Councilperson Kissel Present
Councilperson Priest Present

2. General Business
A. IT Service Provider Selection.
Discussion occurred about the groups that bid on the IT Service Provider RFP. **Motion by Beebe, Second by Bates to select VC3 with their regular monthly rate quote. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. AYES – 5 (Voigt, Bates, Beebe, Kissel, Priest) NAYS – 0 ABSTAIN – 0 ABSENT – 0**

3. Adjournment
Motion by Bates, seconded by Beebe to adjourn at 6:30pm. Motion carried unanimously.
Respectfully submitted by:
Jason Smith, MPA, City Manager
Published: January 25, 2024

"You can observe a lot just by watching."
– Yogi Berra

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On February 1st 2024, 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.

2009	DODGE	SW	2D8HN541X9R519260	23-12815
2015	FORD	PU	1FTFX1EF8FFB81685	23-13002
2022	PRATT	TL	1P9UT1419NN343116	23-12511
2002	SATURN	4D	1G8ZH52832Z130766	23-12746
2009	FORD	4D	1FAHP34N59W231742	23-12712
2003	FORD	PU	1FTYR10U93PB47303	23-12815
2003	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCHK23U43F203188	23-13271
2010	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WB5EK6A1179638	23-13267
2008	FORD	4D	1FAHP35N48W295400	23-13454
2008	JEEP	SW	1J8GR48K98C144201	23-13384
2006	DODGE	PU	1D7HE42K76S665992	23-13277
2007	VOLKSWGN	2D	3VWEG71K17M133106	23-13516
2010	MAZDA	4D	JM1BL1SFOA1236280	23-13704
2016	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3CCAGG7GH117047	23-12759
2010	FORD	SW	2FMDK3JC6ABA08959	23-13137

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2012	JEEP	4D	1C4NJDBB9CD553249	23-13813
2006	TOYOTA	SW	JTEZU14R168044749	23-14500A
2018	JEEP	SW	1C4RJFBG0JC483880	23-14087
2006	HYUNDAI	4D	5NPEU46C66H074568	23-12746
2003	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNEK13Z13J131010	23-12323
2016	FORD	4D	1FADP3F29GL292916	23-12370
2006	HONDA	4D	1HGFA165X6L077466	23-12326
2006	FORD	2D	1FAFP31N86W149852	23-7485
2006	FORD	VN	1FTSE34L66DB08088	23-13959B
2006	DODGE	PU	1D7HE42K76S665992	23-13277
2010	FORD	4D	1FAHP3GN6AW256794	23-13082A
2012	JEEP	SW	1C4RJFAG9CC221375	23-13174

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: January 25th, 2024

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Jan. 25** – Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Swim & Dive vs. Dearborn HS, 6:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Wayne Memorial HS, 7 p.m.

• **Friday, Jan. 26** – Girls & Boys Bowling vs. Franklin HS, 3 p.m. at Lodge Lanes

• **Saturday, Jan. 27** – Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer (Fast Break Invitational), 6 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 30** – Boys Freshman Basketball vs. John Glenn HS, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. John Glenn HS, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. John Glenn, 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 31** – JV & Varsity Wrestling vs. KLAA Crossover Quad, 5 p.m.

Go Tigers!
Diane Kiessel
BHS Athletics Secretary

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Jan. 16 – Kris Faull
Jan. 29 – Pete Pitzen

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 210 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Jan. 14:

0114 – assist citizen, Meadows of Van Buren
0256 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Martz Rd.
0528 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0803 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0812 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.
0834 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0845 – motorist assist, Beck/Ecorse
0922 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.
1007 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1122 – assist fire dept., Shelley Dr.
1220 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1159 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville
1210 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1305 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1502 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1412 – misc. complaint, Holly Ln.
1444 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
1501 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1539 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.
1553 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1702 – vehicle lockout, Wheeler St.
1711 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
2149 – sexual assault, Belleville Rd.
1829 – intrusion alarm, Old Michigan Rd.
1847 – vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.
1937 – domestic, Tyler Rd.
2205 – operating while intoxicated, Martinsville Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
2332 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2356 – animal complaint, Kennedy Ct.

Monday, Jan. 15:

0013 – motorist assist, Morton Taylor Rd./Tyler
0031 – operating while intoxicated, Tyler/Haggerty
0109 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Green Ln.
0125 – intrusion alarm, W. Schooner Dr.
0146 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave.
0206 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0602 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – repossession, S. Bellridge Dr.
1140 – property damage accident, Hannan/Tyler
1227 – parking complaint, Vista Dr./Paloma Dr.
1227 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1244 – breaking & entering, Pond Ridge Dr.
1252 – civil matter, Meadows Cir.
1311 – intrusion alarm, Old Michigan Rd.
1340 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1357 – intrusion alarm, Dellor St.
1356 – civil matter, Meadows Cir.
1425 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1503 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1558 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1634 – civil matter, Wildrye
1706 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.
1853 – threat, S. Bellridge Dr.
2016 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Montague Ave./Sumpter Rd.
2102 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
Tuesday, Jan. 16:
0715 – abandoned auto, Van Born Rd./Sheldon
0801 – vehicle lockout, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0844 – vehicle lockout, Oak Ln.
0858 – abandoned auto, Haggerty Rd./Alden Ave.
0904 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0914 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.
0921 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0932 – property damage accident, W. I-94/rest area
0937 – property damage accident, E. I-94 / Rawsonville I-94 ramp E.
0950 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0951 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1004 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
1042 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Park Estates Dr.
1048 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Park Estates Dr.
1108 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1227 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Van Born Rd.
1301 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1458 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1619 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pond Bluff Dr.
1627 – threat, Lilac Ln.
1639 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1715 – welfare check, Sugarbush Ln.
1712 – misc. complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1733 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1843 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
2206 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2228 – animal complaint, Van Buren St.
2351 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, S. Ponderosa Trl.
Wednesday, Jan. 17:
0912 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
0955 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.
1100 – assist other dept., America
1127 – malicious destruction, Rose Blvd.
xxxx – repossession, E. Sadie Ln.
1334 – intrusion alarm, North Shore Dr.
xxxx – fraud, Van Buren St.
1449 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
1512 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Huron River Dr./Hannan Rd.
1532 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1540 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd./Savage
1557 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1623 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
1844 – fraud, Michigan Ave.
1847 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
1849 – larceny from auto, Brandi Dr.
1949 – shooting, Sumpter Rd.
2216 – noise complaint, Maude Ct.
2302 – animal complaint, Montague Ave.
2249 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
2226 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2240 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
2240 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
2356 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
Thursday, Jan. 18:
0036 – 911 welfare check, E. Walden Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Jeremy Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Lancaster Dr.
0905 – juvenile complaint, Owen
0939 – 911 welfare check, Greenwood Ct.
1012 – vehicle lockout, Maple Dr.
1044 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.
1103 – property damage accident, Pond Bluff Dr.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1230 – assist other dept., WB I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1324 – harassment call, Rose Blvd.
1341 – property damage accident, Jackson St.
xxxx – repossession, Laguna Dr.
xxxx – welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.
1440 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Greenwood Ct.
1457 – warrant arrest, N. Huron St.
1607 – welfare check, America
1647 – motirust assist, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
xxxx – vehicle lockout, Lincoln St.
1920 – warrant arrest, Huron/I-275
2015 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
2135 – intrusion alarm, North Shore Dr.
2351 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Coolidge St.
Friday, Jan. 19:
0023 – suicidal person, Country Ln.
0152 – hospice death, Hamilton St.
0717 – private property/property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
xxxx – property damage accident, EB I-94 / Rawsonville Rd.
0857 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
1047 – larceny, Harbor Ln.
1148 – assist other dept., Savage Rd. / Country Walk Blvd.
1202 – trespassing, Park Estates Dr.
1412 – private property impound, Haggerty Rd.
1440 – intrusion alarm, Oak Ln.
1456 – fight, Aspen Ln.
1507 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
1641 – assist other dept., Bradley Dr.
1538 – intrusion alarm, Oak Ln.
1629 – property damage accident, E. Schooner Dr.
1641 – neighbor trouble, Deanna Dr.

1851 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1733 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1906 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1940 – domestic, Montague Ave.
2015 – domestic, Sheldon Rd.
2130 – domestic, Oak Ln.
Saturday, Jan. 20:
0200 – assist other dept., Zachary St.
0348 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
XXXX – family trouble, Outer Dr.
0757 – animal complaint, Edgedale Dr.
1013 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd.
1103 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1125 – property damage accident, S. I-275/Ecorse
1127 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1245 – vehicle lockout, Milton Dr.
1244 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1330 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1404 – welfare check, Lancaster Dr.
1423 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1459 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
1522 – intrusion alarm, Oak Ln.
1713 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Savage
1835 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
2135 – intrusion alarm, Hardwood Dr.
2215 – property damage accident, McBride Ave. / Van Allen Ave.
2249 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2355 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
Sunday, Jan. 21:
0024 – noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
Also on this week's log are 33 traffic stops, five of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 14:

0125 – assist citizen, Meadows of Van Buren
0310 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd.
1006 – welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.
Monday, Jan. 15:
0929 – intrusion alarm, Water Works
0948 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1726 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Montague Ave./Sumpter Rd.
Tuesday, Jan. 16:
1106 – property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / Denton Rd.
xxxx – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1438 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Potter Dr.
1859 – road hazard, Main St.
2050 – fraud, Main St.
Wednesday, Jan. 17:
0031 – civil matter, Main St.
0328 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0820 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
0942 – animal complaint, Henry St.
1250 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1403 – welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.
1528 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1555 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1649 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1917 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
Thursday, Jan. 18:
0201 – repossession, Carmell St.
0804 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0909 – assist other dept., Owen St.
1230 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1436 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Huron River Dr.
1438 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
1608 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
Friday, Jan. 19:
1227 – property damage accident, Savage Rd.
1314 – civil matter, South St.
1314 – property damage accident, Main St./N. Liberty St.
2013 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2102 – disorderly, Main St.
Saturday, Jan. 20:
0320 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1556 – assault & battery, Sumpter Rd.
2052 – traffic offense, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.
There were eight traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 14:

0100 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0251 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.
0733 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.
1147 – animal complaint, California St.
1417 – follow-up investigations, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1557 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1611 – follow-up investigations, 50000 bl. Judd
1647 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.
1806 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2056 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
2216 – 911 hang up, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Monday, Jan. 15:
0209 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Martinsville
0404 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0837 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1034 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1128 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
1128 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1132 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1145 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
1155 – animal complaint, Oregon St.
1544 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1547 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1654 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1715 – property damage accident, Judd/Karr
1735 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1848 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
2240 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Tuesday, Jan. 16:
0101 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0636 – 911 hang up, Arizona St.
0817 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0959 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
1120 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.
1209 – harassment complaint, Mulberry Dr.
1301 – lost property, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1319 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1331 – animal complaint, Willis Rd./California
1407 – motorist assist, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1426 – mental health call, Magnolia Dr.
1555 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1637 – civil dispute, Timberlane Dr.
1734 – death investigation, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2036 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
2104 – family trouble, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2226 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2312 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Martinsville
2330 – harassment complaint, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
Wednesday, Jan. 17:
0829 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
0832 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1113 – death investigation, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1214 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1221 – alarm, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1312 – mental health call, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1533 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1553 – fire dept. assist, Colorado St.
Thursday, Jan. 18:
0128 – assist other agency, out of township
0135 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0656 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0746 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0813 – property damage accident, 39000 bl. Judd
0827 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.
0902 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.
0952 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1002 – welfare check, Utah Ct.
1126 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1306 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1343 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1555 – property damage accident, 10000 Rawsonville Rd.
1557 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Dunn
2202 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
2229 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
Friday, Jan. 19:
1038 – follow-up investigations, 50000 bl. Judd
1403 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd. E./Judd Rd.
1505 – assist other agency, Birch Dr.
1538 – property damage accident, Bemis/Elwell
1711 – motorist assist, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1737 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1946 – L3504 – Detail – SU, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1950 – motorist assist, Martinsville/Mulberry
2138 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2201 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2233 – assist other agency, Greenmeadow Dr.
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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Saturday, Jan. 20:

0028 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0222 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 - 7:30 pm

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Voigt at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Priest	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Absent
Mayor Voigt	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

• None.

B. Council Follow Up List

• No comments.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

• John Juriga

i. Stated that there will be a jazz program at the Belleville Area District Library on Wednesday, January 10th at 7:30 p.m.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Kissel to approve the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. December 18, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Kissel approving the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on December 18, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Goal Setting for 2024

• The Council compiled and ranked a list of top goals that they would like to accomplish in 2024, in various areas of the city:

i. Police and Fire

1. Ordinance Enforcement
2. Building Up Reserve program

ii. Parks

1. Horizon Park
2. Maintenance
3. Emptying of garbage cans

iii. Economic Development

1. Synergy between the city and DDA
2. Incentives to fill vacant storefronts and lots
3. Transparency in budget report

iv. Department of Public Services (DPS)

1. Road program and sidewalk assessment
2. Deferred Maintenance Lists and Plans
3. City Wide (Planning/Zoning/Building)

v. Senior transportation

1. Senior transportation
2. Social media presence
3. Communication/community newsletters

vi. Roads and Sidewalks

1. Clean up of gutters and leaves on curbs
2. Completion of sidewalks where there are gaps

0442 – 911 hang up, Carriage Ln.

1048 – civil dispute, Magnolia Dr.

1246 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

1357 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Bemis

1418 – welfare check, Greenmeadow Dr.

1937 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.

2001 – suspicious circumstance, 8200 bl. Rawsonville

Rd.

Also on this week's log are 226 patrol checks, 41 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$500, as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• The speed radar sign ordered by the Police Department has been delivered.

• The parts needed to repair Police Department vehicle #223 have arrived, and it will take approximately 3 days to complete the repairs.

• The Police Department has an interview on Friday with an officer who worked for the department previously.

• The last of the funds from FEMA for the purchase of a new fire truck have been received, and as a result a check will be sent to R&R Fire Truck Repair to complete the sale.

• An extension request for the city's financial audit has been submitted. If approved, it would give the city until May to have the audit completed.

• The registration for CapCon is now open.

• The MML is willing to present an in-person Essential of Local Government Training class, if Council and Board/Commission Members would like to attend.

• An auction of old and unused city property will be conducted soon.

• Karen Drew from WDIV conducted an interview with City Manager Smith featuring the City of Belleville for a local segment. The interview included stops at local businesses in an effort to promote the city. The station will be returning in February to conduct a live segment.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Beebe

-- City Manager Smith did a nice job on the goal setting project.

-- Would like to see the city's water metering looked into to ensure that reads are accurate, as a result of various issues that have been observed.

-- Would like to see an ongoing project timeline for the city's I.T. transition as it occurs.

-- Noted that he saw a member of the city's DPS cleaning up leaves.

• Council Member Kissel

-- Appreciates the city's efforts to provide consistency and transparency via the goal setting project.

-- Noted that she also witnessed DPS doing leaf cleanup in the city.

-- Stated that Firefighter Kissel will be producing ID badges for City Council Members

• Council Member Priest

-- Disappointed that the news segment didn't cover the left-turn light at Denton Rd./Main St.

-- Inquired if the I.T. contract with VC3 had been signed.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• No comments.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• No comments.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to adjourn at 8:31 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Submitted by Briana Hootman,

City Clerk/Treasurer

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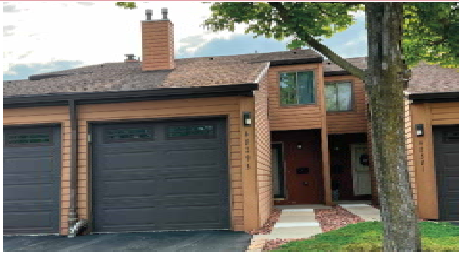
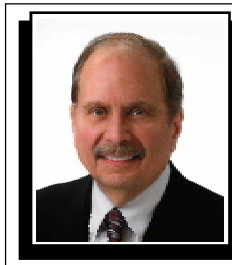
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