



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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## BHS Tiger Drama to present 'Clue' for three performances Nov. 17,18

By Andrea Van Den Bergh  
Van Buren Township

Belleville High School Tiger Drama will be performing "Clue On Stage -- High School Edition" for three performances on Nov. 17 and 18.

Based on the 1985 movie that was inspired by the classic board game, "Clue" is a hilarious farce-meets-murder mystery.

The tale begins at a isolated mansion when six mysterious guests gather for a dinner party where murder is on the menu.

BHS senior Madison Leads, who plays Miss Scarlet, said, "As a senior, I am so happy to be performing 'Clue' as my last play! I've really been able to get into my character as Miss Scarlet and I love having the opportunity to be able to portray it on stage. The cast works so well together and we all complement each other perfectly."

Sophomore Braylon Hubbard, who plays the butler Wadsworth, adds, "Being Wadsworth is the most fun role I've ever played. I like everything about the character. I love being in 'Clue.' It's honestly just a great experience to be around everyone and in the environment and everything."

Tiger Drama is the Belleville High School Drama Club, and the group performs a play each fall and a musical each spring, with some shorter performances at other times of the year.



The director and leader of Tiger Drama, Jessica Carlin, said, "'Clue' is such a classic, and we are happy to bring it to the Belleville High School stage. This title has been suggested by many of our Tiger Drama students. Ultimately, this is their program so we try to choose shows that they love and take ownership of. So,

it seemed like an easy choice. We have such a talented cast and crew. Our sets are student-created and guided by Jeff Holste, our amazing tech director. We hope to fill the seats so they can get the audience they deserve."

The musical for Spring 2024 will be "Mamma Mia."

"Clue On Stage -- High School Edition" will have three performances: Friday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 18 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. All performances are in the Belleville High School auditorium. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door or at [gofan.co](http://gofan.co).

## Kenneth Voigt elected new mayor of Belleville

Present Mayor Pro-Tem Kenneth Voigt was elected mayor of the City of Belleville at the Nov. 7 general election. His term is 4 years. He received 311 votes (97.80%). There were 7 write-ins (2.20%) and a total of 318 votes.

Present Councilwoman Kelly Bates was reelected for four more years with 286 votes (53.06%) and Randy Priest was elected for the first time with 245 votes

(45.45%). There were 8 write-in (1.48%) for a total of 539 votes.

Present Councilman Jeremiah Beebe, who had been appointed, was elected for two more years, the rest of the term, with 237 votes (44.47%). Julie Kissel was elected to a two-year term with 288 votes (54.03%). There were 8 write-ins (1.50%) for a total of 533 votes.

The City of Belleville, Precinct 1, had

174 ballots cast out of its 1,581 registered voters, for an 11.00% turnout. Precinct 2 had 163 ballots cast out of its 1,885

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## Belleville City Council wrestles with MIOSHA complaint on safety

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

An Aug. 23 employee complaint to Michigan OSHA charging unsafe working conditions at Belleville City Hall, pushed the city council on Monday to look into whether they should reroof the building, fix the roof and then sell the City Hall site, or what.

According to MIOSHA, the letter specified:

- The roof is failing and when it rains, there are multiple ceiling leaks onto employee work spaces. The main level has leaks in the police department, water/treasurer's department, the building department office, and the city manager's office.

- The ceiling is falling down in several locations throughout the building on the second level.

- There have been rodents living in the ceilings and within the walls.

- There is a smell of mold/mildew that is prevalent throughout the building.

MIOSHA asked the city what it is going to do about it and City Manager Jason Smith responded that he would talk with the council about it at the Nov. 13 meeting.

He said this information landed on his desk right about the time he came to work for the city.

"We absolutely need to address the roof," City Manager Smith said, noting, it's been patched to death and the second story has problems, but he's not so sure about the first story.

He said his best guess is that it will take from \$175,000 to \$200,000 to completely reroof City Hall.

He said another option is to move to a temporary dwelling, sell this building, and build elsewhere.

"The roof absolutely has to be addressed," he said. "The state has its eyeballs on it."

Councilman Tom Fielder, a 23-year proponent of building a new City Hall, said the current building sits on prime property in the city and the city purchased land next to the DPW as a logical place for a new City Hall.

He said they need to look at how to get rid of the current building. He is relying on the portability of the new internet system. He said he assumes the fire department would stay where it is. He suggested reaching out to a Realtor and Mayor Kerreen Conley suggested an appraiser.

Mayor Conley said they could retrofit the building and lease it, or build on existing or new property, or make this building beautiful.

Smith said he talked with the state and sent them receipts for repairs that had been made.

"They claim we have to replace the whole roof?" asked the mayor. She said

they could repair it if they were moving. She said the city doesn't want to waste the taxpayers' dollars by putting on a new roof and then moving. She also wondered about being able to do roof work during the winter months.

Acting Police Chief Kris Faull said the chief's office had the ceiling fixed and in the spring it started leaking again.

Smith said most of the things mentioned are three years old and have been addressed.

Mayor Conley said more information is needed. Jones said an appraisal will cost about \$3,000.

The council voted unanimously to spend what is necessary to begin selling the site, at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.

Smith said he will get a current estimate on how to fix the roof and talk to Hennessey Engineers.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates said they should also look for a new site in the city, whether for a temporary location or a new location, she did not specify.

Smith said this action should be fine with the state and he has been given no time frame. Smith said he told MIOSHA that he doesn't think it's as bad as the state thinks it is.

At Monday's one-hour-and-34-minute meeting the council also:

- Directed the administration to get cost estimates for IT upgrades that are needed. Preliminary cost estimates, just for labor, are \$100,000 to \$110,000 over five years. City Manager Smith said the city first got a report on the needs of the internet system that showed the city's needs are very severe. He said the guy who wrote the report sat in the City Hall parking lot and accessed all the city data within five minutes. There are a lot of security gaps, he said, and the first steps need to be a firewall and cybersecurity, things they absolutely need to have. Then they need the right software for everyone and computers consistent with the needs. A request for proposals will be put out and then a presentation made to the council. The deep dive into the IT service started after the server crashed;

- Heard City Manager Smith tell the council that his appointment for police chief will be on the agenda of the next meeting and he plans to ask for the appointment of Acting Police Chief Faull as full police chief. Mayor Kerreen Conley reminded him he had to go through the Civil Service Commission;

- Approved the special event application for the annual St. Patrick's Day celebration on March 16, 2024 at Egan's Pub, 396 Main St. with use of the Fourth Street Square;

- Removed from the agenda the ceremonial swearing-in of former Wayne County Deputy Sheriff Brent Mytych as the new full-time police officer. It was explained

that Mytych, who had been sworn in by the clerk and had begun work, had resigned because he found the job wasn't a good fit. Now they need another full-time officer;

- Reviewed the special event application for the Veterans Day ceremony which had been held the previous Saturday, Nov. 11. Assistant City Manager Steve Jones said the person who usually handles the application, Cornell Anton, is very ill and with the change in the council meeting dates the application was late. It was turned in by VFW Commander Bob Krouse;

- Approved Mayor Conley's reappointment of Valerie Kelley-Bonner to the Downtown Development Authority with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2027. The council also approved the new appointment of John Winter to take the place of his wife Jennifer Winter due to her health. His term also expires Dec. 31, 2027;

- Approved spending \$3,848 for a radar speed sign from RadarSign that will be attached to speed limit signs in the city and would run on rechargeable batteries that are not solar powered. This replaces the city's 20-year-old sign that no longer works. The present speed sign being used that was borrowed from Van Buren Township Police Department, will be returned to it, Acting Police Chief Faull said they have money left over in police capital funds from police radios for the speed sign. Now they are looking into a grant to fund police radios for reserve officers;

- Approved the annual Wayne County Pavement Restoration Permit that allows work in county rights-of-way;

- Reviewed public safety statistics for the police department for October. The figures show a rise in year-to-date calls for service from 2,797 in 2022 to 3,083 in 2023;

- Approved the AT&T Metro Act Right of Way Permit Extension for the fiber optic lines from the expiration date of May 31, 2024 to a term to end on May 31, 2029;

- Directed administration to contact the city attorney to help create an agreement between the City of Belleville and the Van Buren Public Schools for a School

Resource Officer, similar to the contract Van Buren Township has with the school district for Brian Bidwell, who is the only SRO there now. Sgt. Kris Faull, who was the SRO for 12 years, is currently serving as Acting Police Chief and also recently had surgery, so she has not been working as a SRO. The most recent agreement the city had with the school district was for the school to pay \$40,000 a year for the SRO;

- Approved closing City Hall during the week of Christmas/New Year's Day, Dec. 25-Jan. 1, with union employees agreeing to use two days of leave time during closure. Property owners wishing to pay taxes on Dec. 31 are assured that if it is put in the slot in the outer lobby before the box is opened on Jan. 2, it will be recorded as being paid in 2023;

- Approved \$494,662.12 in accounts payable and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to B&IR Janitorial, \$670.96 for DDA maintenance cleaning supplies and \$546.46 for city hall cleaning supplies; to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$89,700 for road repair from Water & Sewer; to CDW Government, \$1,122.05 for the new laptop for the city manager; to Downriver Hitch, \$8,482.50 to outfit the new DPW truck; to EGLE, \$1,618.08 for DPW annual fee; to LTI Information Technology, \$1,800 for payment for completed network evaluation; to Michigan CAT, \$134,011.33 for purchase of backhoe; to Mr. Muffler, \$1,500 for police vehicle maintenance 218 – control arms and bushings; and to Spectrum Wireless, \$1,139 for programming of new channels on fire radios;

- Heard City Manager Smith say on Thursday he will be speaking at the Michigan Municipal League Mayors/Presidents Institute; and

- Was reminded the next meeting is Nov. 27 and then the Dec. 4 meeting will be at the Belleville Area District Library, with a reception beginning at 7 p.m. before the 7:30 p.m. meeting where the new council will be sworn in.

## VBT grants 1-yr. amendment to deal with University of Michigan

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

Barbara Miller, who was on the committee to negotiate the ground lease agreement with the University of Michigan for Van Buren Park property more than 25 years ago, stepped up at the Nov. 7 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees to give background information on the deal.

A proposal to amend the contract to allow one more year to negotiate a new contract for the U of M boathouse property was on the township agenda. Miller spoke during the public comment section at the beginning of the meeting.

Since the 25-year contract was expiring, she also served on the committee to renegotiate the lease. However, things broke

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Small crowd honors military veterans at Belleville ceremony

It was a beautiful, sunny day on Saturday when a small crowd gathered at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville to honor military veterans retired and in service.

It was disappointing, however, when it came time to watch them lay the wreaths at the memorial. There were two wreaths, one from the Veterans of Foreign Wars and one from the Polish Legion of American Veterans. There were three empty spaces left (go over to the monument and see for yourself).

In past years, representatives from the city of Belleville and Van Buren and Sumpter townships would each place a wreath. All five places were filled with colorful displays. And then the representatives, usually veterans themselves, would say a few words explaining the importance of the young men and women, and others, who serve to keep our country safe.

George Kennedy, commander of the PLAV, told those gathered that the VFW and PLAV had members that were getting old and ailing and needed new members. He asked veterans to join the groups.

The present veterans were able to do the 21-gun salute and play Taps and sing the National Anthem.

State Rep. Reggie Miller was sitting in the audience with VBT Clerk Leon Wright, but they didn't come up to say anything or to hang a wreath. God bless America.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Saturday, Nov. 11, Veteran's Day, every one of the 250 trains in the Canadian Pacific Railway's North American system stopped wherever they were at 11 a.m. for two minutes of silence to pay tribute to the thousands of North Americans who have served their countries in war.

The silence was followed by one long whistle blast from each train as a Remembrance Day and Veterans' Day tribute to the memory of fallen soldiers. This CPR practice harkens back to 1915.

Retired Belleville Police Chief alerted me to this event. He also said the Holiday Train is coming soon.

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The 2023 CPKC (Canadian Pacific-Kansas City) Holiday Train will tour Canada and the United States for its 25<sup>th</sup> year starting Nov. 20 in Calgary and continue through Dec. 19, raising money, food, and awareness of the important work that food banks do in their communities. The beautifully illuminated train does not stop here for a show, but local people wait for it to go by on the tracks through Romulus, Van Buren Township, and Belleville. It will roll through here on Thanksgiving weekend.

It is scheduled to arrive in Windsor, Ontario, at 5:45 p.m., Nov. 24. Its next scheduled event is at 6:45 p.m., Nov. 25, in Bensenville, Illinois, outside of Chicago. In between, the train goes through Belleville.

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A Van Buren Township resident came into the office last week to suggest that the two big empty stores – CVS and the hardware store – on Main Street could be used for a laundromat, which the community needs,



and a donut shop.

We told her that depends on who buys the properties and what they want to do. We noted that a laundromat probably won't come in because of the high cost of Belleville water. She said the donut shop would be nice.

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A reader came into the office on Monday to show us the text message he received, reportedly from the U.S. Postal Service, saying it had a package it couldn't deliver. It asked for more information and he knew it was a scam. He said others his age and older might fall for this and end up losing money. I told him I'd let people know, so they don't get scammed.

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We were alerted that Daryl Jamieson had died in an ATV accident and that he had been a Van Buren Township police officer. Then he was in the tow truck businesses and was very well-loved. His funeral at Michigan Memorial Home brought a long line of tow trucks and fire trucks – some estimated the line at more than 100 vehicles. He owned a plane and so, to add to the celebration, an airplane flew over pulling a banner with his favorite saying on it.

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On Saturday, as I was waiting for traffic to clear so I could turn on Main Street, I noticed a man pull up in a pickup truck in front of the former Belleville Hardware

store. He got out with a part of some kind in his hand, and he finally looked up when he got to the door. He looked confused when he saw the windows were empty and the door locked. He read the For Sale sign on the building. It took a while, but finally he realized there was no hardware store.

I thought that if he read his *Independent* this summer he would have known the store was closing and then closed. I remember one lady at a meeting years ago. She was complaining about something and said, "I didn't read the *Independent* so I didn't know."

That's my point.

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The next meeting of the Belleville City Council is 7:30 p.m., Nov. 27, at the Belleville Area District Library. The council has invited the public to come early, at 7 p.m., so they can celebrate the former members who are leaving – Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilman Tom Fielder – and welcome the new council members. The new council will be sworn in just seven days later, on Dec. 4. The council's meeting dates were convoluted in November to work around the Nov. 7 election.

This incoming council also celebrated itself at a party on Nov. 7 before the polls closed. Unopposed status will do that to you.



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## Letters

### Help Sarah feel special and loved at this time

To the editor:

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We're asking for the community to send her cards, stuffed animals, or flowers.

Garden Fantasy kindly offered free delivery of flowers to Sarah. You can call to order at (734) 697-7400. If you would like to mail cards or stuffed animals, her address is 41525 Riggs Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 or anyone can drop off their cards or gifts at Garden Fantasy, as well.

Thank you!

Breanna Smith & Audrey VanAssche

### You're invited to free Thanksgiving dinner

Dear Neighbors:

Bethany Bible Church is inviting you to enjoy a free Thanksgiving dinner at 6 p.m. in the gymnasium. All God's family will be warmly welcomed as we join our neighbors in giving thanks to our Lord for all of His bountiful provisions.

Worship service will immediately follow dinner in the Worship Center. Please Note: In order to be certain enough food is prepared, your free pre-registration is required by calling 697-7456 or website: [bethanybiblechurch.com](http://bethanybiblechurch.com).

Happy Thanksgiving,  
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker  
Belleville

### Death of a child marked at Angel of Hope event

To the editor:

Each year on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., around the world, parents that have experienced the death of a child gather around the Angel of Hope statue in their area to remember their child. The death of a child – no matter how long their life – is different than any other death. As parents, we are not supposed to outlive our children.

In 2002, with the support and generosity of the Belleville and Van Buren communities, an Angel of Hope statue was purchased and placed at Hillside Cemetery. Each year since, the Angel of Hope ceremony has taken place on Dec. 6.

If you have experienced the death of any of your children, please join us for this moving ceremony. We will gather around the statue, hear the names of our children spoken, and receive a flower to keep or place at the foot of the statue.

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Patti Monroe  
Brown Family Center

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For more information, please contact Dave Haener at (734) 252-9252 or Debbie Chamberlain at (734) 634-3569.

Dinner will be catered by Veronica's catering and we hope you can join us for an evening full of good friends, fun, and fellowship.

Debbie Chamberlain  
Correspondence Secretary  
Southwestern Wayne (County)  
Democratic Club

### Congrats to the family with the haunted house

To the editor:

To the fun-hater who didn't sign the card in regard to the haunted house: I say congrats to that family that spent all the money and time on that event that many people look forward to. Free donuts, candy, entertainment, etc. For not only kids but adults, too.

If you can't cross the street or walk in the dark, don't go. You're probably afraid to leave your own yard always and it's probably lit up.

In these times, we need all the fun we can get. There is a lot of congestion in this town during events like car shows, concerts, closed roads, and the bridge (Belleville Road in general). Deal with it or relocate.

By the way, she also cleaned the church parking lot from garbage and dirty diapers.

Jim Polk, aka Jimmy Jack  
Belleville/Van Buren resident  
Not afraid to leave my name.

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This work zone currently has one continuous lane closure expected in place through mid-December. The additional lane closure will be in place during off-peak hours (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) Wednesday, Nov. 15, and Thursday, Nov. 16.

Additional information on the CAV pilot project can be found on the MDOT website.

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Nov. 18 – Beth Kingsley, Richard Estermyer  
Nov. 20 – Karina Herring

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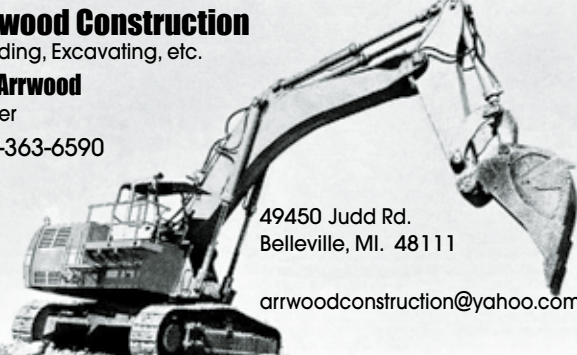
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### JUDY LOUISE YANDURA

(January 23, 1941 – November 6, 2023)  
Age 82, of Romulus. Survived by children Diane, Stephen, Cynthia, and Anthony; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Cremation planned. Will be buried with her husband Robert at Great Lakes National Cemetery. David C. Brown Funeral Home.  
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### DONNA MARIE LOGSDON

(February 18, 1943 – November 7, 2023)  
Age 80, of Belleville. Survived by children Sherry Krajewski and Nick Logsdon, Jr.; five grandchildren; and sister Cheryl Pighin. Memorial Mass at St. Stephen in New Boston at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 18.  
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### DARYL DEAN JAMIESON

(March 25, 1960 – October 19, 2023)  
Daryl Dean Jamieson, age 63, of Gibraltar, died October 19, 2023 in an ATV accident. Beloved husband of Lori Jamieson. Loving father of Nehemiah, Dustin (Kristina), Valerie, Nicole (Taye), Cheyenne, Keith, and Brandon (Melissa). Cherished son of Patricia Carter and stepson of Margery Jamieson. Dearest grandfather of 16. He is survived by his siblings Cyndi, Beth, Wendy, Angela, Rhonda, Suzanne, and Jennifer. He is preceded in death by his father George Jamieson, step-father Arthur Carter, and 5 siblings.

Daryl was a past president of The Towing Association, a former police officer for Van Buren Township, and a Director of the Detroit River Lighthouse Society.

Services were Nov. 5 at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home, with more than 100 tow trucks and fire department trucks present as part of the ceremony, along with a plane flying overhead carrying a banner with his favorite saying: "Dammit Boy!"

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## More Letters

### Staff Sgt. Willis will be always in my heart

To the editor:

I am writing to you because Nov. 11, Veterans Day, is coming up. My best friend had Agent Orange and got sick. I will always treasure him in my heart.

He died today, Nov. 4, at about 0800 hours this morning. We were in the National Guard together until our retirements. He spent three years in the regular Army and I did two years.

Staff Sgt. Willis was my Squad and Plt. Sgt. He knew how to make a bad soldier a good soldier. My friend told me, once you are humbled you will never forget it. He was so right.

He was the best leader a soldier could have. He took great care of his troops. He always made sure the troops ate first. He would always eat last, as long as everyone ate the meal first. He made sure their canteens were full of water. He made sure the troops kept clean. Staff Sgt. Willis knew their first names. He knew their wife's or girlfriends' names. Kids, too. He would always ask how they were doing.

When they say a Band of Brothers, well, this is very true. You sleep, eat, and work together around the clock. We would usually spend ten days together in the field. Never a harsh word. We were always assigned a mission and we would always complete that mission.

Staff Sgt. Willis said a soldier has to be resourceful. One time, one of our trucks broke down by Pontiac. We were already at Camp Grayling after a whole day trip in a slow convoy. He was handpicked to go all the way back and retrieve that Army truck. The truck had thrown a fan belt. They had no fan belts with them. Staff Sgt. Willis took commo wire (WD-1) and wrapped it around those pulleys. They got the truck back to Grayling in the middle of the night. Just in time to get up at 0 Dark Thirty.

To think our friendship all started with a scrub brush. I hardly knew Staff Sgt. Willis at this time. We came out of the field dirty. So in the barracks is a big shower room. So out of 100 guys the Good Sgt. has this scrub brush. I was amazed when he said, "You wash my back and I'll wash yours." Oh, my Lord. This was the start of a great friendship that lasted for decades. A \$2 scrub brush.

I know that there are many more different stories similar to mine. How a lasting and meaningful friendship starts. It is time to reflect on sacrifice, honor, loyalty to our Red, White, and Blue.

We have an obligation not to forget about our loved ones who have worn the uniform. A lot of the soldiers aren't here to speak. There is Mike, Dave, Carl, Rodger and more that have left way too soon. My good friend has joined them. I will speak for them, if I may.

As I think back, my friend would want

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Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, VBT Communications Dept.

Two houses owned by Ashley Capital on Haggerty Road between Ecorse and Van Born were destroyed in a test burn on Sunday put on by Van Buren Township Fire Department with the City of Belleville and City of Ypsilanti departments joining in.

## More Letters

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us to build a better nation. We have an obligation to them to treat and be kind to each other. They would want this. We owe it to them because they have given the ultimate sacrifice. The war scars carry on many years after the war has ended. The wounds sometimes never heal. It's all in God's hands because it is bigger than me.

We have been out of the uniform for a long time. But it will be always with me for the rest of my days. I would like to think we all did the right thing when our nation needed us.

I will end this. I remember a "Twilight Zone" episode. It was at the end of the Civil War. The soldiers were all following each other down a dirt road. They were going to the Gates of Heaven. At the very end of

this procession of soldiers were Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee. They were bringing up all the soldiers to the gates.

I would picture John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson, and Richard Nixon bringing up the rear for all of our soldiers. They would all meet at the Gates of Heaven and be together with their fellow soldiers and families.

My heart is filled with grief. Be as it may, we must push on for the time we have left in this world. May we do the right thing.

Thank you, Staff Sgt. Willis, for letting me be part of your life. I love you as a soldier and you will always be my brother and always in my heart.

Thank you,  
Al Pfaff, Van Buren Township  
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If there was music to this letter, it would be, "Mansions to the Lord," West Point Choir.

## BHS football wins Regional title, in Semi Finals on Sat.

The Belleville High School Varsity Boys' football team beat Northville High School on Saturday at the BHS field for the regional title and now will progress to the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) District 1 Semi Finals.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 18, BHS will play Davison at Novi High School in the Semi Finals. Tickets must be purchased through gofan.com. Novi will charge \$5 cash per vehicle to park in their lot. Gates open at noon.

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On Nov. 8, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting at The Butcher Shop on Main Street in downtown Belleville. A huge crowd attended to let them know how much the family-owned business is appreciated. From left in front is Jack Blair (holding the ribbon), Jourdain Blair, Calab Blair, Austin Nash, Jim Nash, Cole Blair, Cameron Blair and (not in the photo) Carson Blair.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Veterans Geof Bush and Lori Day sing the National Anthem at Saturday's Veterans Day ceremony at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville. At right, John Blackstone salutes. A small crowd turned out for the ceremony where two wreaths were hung, one by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and one by the Polish Legion of American Veterans. There are three empty places left for wreaths, where local municipal officials from Belleville, Van Buren and Sumpter usually place wreaths.

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## More Letters

### Silver cross stolen from artwork at library

To the editor:

I have always loved entering the BACA art shows with my fine art photography and my Shadow Box Art. It has been a lot of fun to meet fellow artists and those who enjoy the art at the Belleville Yacht Club.

This year I was honored to be chosen as a first-place winner in the upcycled category for my work titled, "Memories in the Rocks." This personal piece was marked, Not For Sale (NFS) for a reason. I had a story to tell and wasn't interested in selling this piece.

After the BACA art show was finished, the winners were invited to continue to display their art at the Belleville Library through December 2023. The awesome Belleville Library is an asset to the community. As the showcase was locked, my art was displayed on the shelves between books next to it. On one side of my art there was my name and title, and the other was the descriptor for visitors to read. My art was in the library for display purposes only.

Unfortunately for me, on Nov. 12, I went to check on my art, and was stunned, shocked, and horrified to see that my art had been vandalized. My display was tossed inside its wooden box, and one of my sterling vintage crosses was no longer a part of the display as it had been stolen with its chain tossed aside inside of the art. If you saw my art, it was the vintage cross in the lower right corner that is missing. The thief overturned everything inside of my art to find more items to steal and or displace.

If you know of someone, even a child, or young person, that has a nice sterling silver cross that you didn't purchase for them, please return it. If that person needs a cross, I will do what I can to get him/her one.

Cheryl Martin, Belleville



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Before the polls closed on Nov. 7, the new Belleville City Council was celebrating with a party at Gloria Jean Café & Bakery in the new shopping center next to the bridge. From left are unopposed and newly elected council members that will be sworn in Dec. 4: Mayor Ken Voigt and council members Julie Kissel, Randy Priest, Kelly Bates, and Jeremiah Beebe.

## Election

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registered voters, for an 8.64% turnout.

The new city council will be sworn in at the Dec. 4 meeting.

The Lincoln Consolidated Schools' operating millage and a millage renewal passed in precincts 7 and 8 in Van Buren Township in Wayne County and Precinct 2 in Sumpter Township in Wayne County.

The rest of the school district precincts are in Washtenaw County, where it also passed.

Airport Community Schools bond proposal to borrow \$30,075,000 for construction passed in Precinct 1 in Sumpter Township, but failed overall. Totally, there were 1,946 no votes (53.5%) and 1,689 yes votes (46.5%).

Returns are according to the Wayne County Clerk's Office, Elections Department.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, Nov. 21 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. at Belleville Area District Library. Public reception precedes at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 4 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
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## VBT

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down, Supervisor Kevin McNamara and his committee negotiated this one-year lease.

Miller said in the short lease she sees things that need to be mentioned. First, the township does not have good contact information with the university and they don't know who's in charge.

Also, in the original lease, the U of M said it would provide the public with the events at the site. "Not so," she said, adding the public would like to participate in and view the events and it does not have the information. That is not clarified in the agreement, she said.

Also, Miller said, 25 years have passed and the township owns the boathouse, and, "We should have access. We should definitely have a key to the boathouse."

Miller said the one-year agreement is too brief and the community should tighten it up a little in regard to these comments.

When the item came up on the agenda, Elizabeth Renaud, director of community services, said a one-year amendment is proposed to the 1999 contract with the U of M for the .45 acre at Van Buren Park and the boathouse and polebarn it built there.

The boathouse will be owned by the township in 2024 at the end of the lease. Both sides agree to the amendment to extend the end of the lease from March 22, 2024 to March 22, 2025, she said.

She said the U of M agrees to pay \$68,000 for that year.

Although it's not in the lease, she said in response to Miller's comments, "We have established a designated contact and the U of M has promised to keep us informed of events," adding, "The township has a key to the boathouse."

She said the area is closed up by a gate right now because of a site issue and erosion issues.

Supervisor McNamara said the Van Buren Education Foundation held events at the boat house in the past, but the inside is no longer useable because of workout equipment there.

Michael Rains, representing the U of M as director of communications, said he has been the contact for the past five years and his predecessor was contact before that, from the beginning. Only two people have been contact people over 25 years, he said. The township has not been turned down for any event that he knows of and the building inspector has been out there and a number of things taken care of. They want to extend the longterm lease.

McNamara said they have the 1999 agreement and it will stay the same for the additional year, except for being one year longer with rent of \$68,000. He said the extension will allow the township to continue to work out the details.

Clerk Leon Wright said he has been clerk for 15 years and he remembers going to events at the boathouse a couple of times. He asked what is wrong with the interior.

McNamara said there is workout equipment for rowing where it used to be open, party area.

"We have access to the building, but can't use it?" Clerk Wright asked.

"If there's a demand for the facility, we can rectify it," Rains said.

McNamara said it is not safe to walk

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James Otzman

Van Buren Township

From Abraham Lincoln's address before the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, IL on January 27, 1838

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on the walkway to the building and they need stairs. That's why the Education Foundation stopped using it. He said there is a treacherous downslope to the building and it's falling into the lake in sections.

"Why can't we get a commitment for a usable building for both parties?" Wright asked, noting he welcomes the rowing team.

McNamara said that's why they're working for a one-year amendment.

Wright said the township shouldn't be left to make all the improvements and it should be a partnership thing.

"You guys are getting the benefit of the agreement, right?" Wright said.

McNamara said the township group, "and Barbara Miller is in it. We all agree with you, too."

Wright said it should be better use for both parties and McNamara said, "That's what we're asking for us, right now." He said they are not sure if they are going to work this out, but they will try over the next year.

Renaud said Fishbeck engineers report \$1.2 million worth of work is needed on site conditions. She said it should be shared responsibility for the township and U of M.

McNamara said if the township loses control of the building it would be their problem and the U of M might see that as a

lot of money for a rowing house.

The 1999 agreement requires the U of M to take good care of the property, including pathway improvements, and to not allow it to become a public nuisance.

At the expiration of the lease, the U of M is required to deliver up the premises, including the building and other improvements, in good repair and condition, ordinary wear and tear and damage by the elements excepted.

"Belleville Lake is a great lake to row on," Wright said, noting he doesn't know how many lakes can give the U of M what Belleville Lake can.

The board voted unanimously to extend the lease for one year.

In other business at the one-hour-and-four-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance to allow the township board to modify the required minimum separation distance between group child care home uses;

- Approved the purchase of a John Deere 35 P-Tier Compact Excavator in the amount of \$62,224.08 from the Water Capital Outlay – Vehicle and Equipment account. McNamara said the other one was too big and made it too tight for the cemetery. "After three years of saying no, I caved in," he said; and

- Approved the Annual Exemption Opt Out for 2024 for Blue Cross/Blue Shield employees.

## City of Belleville Public Notice

### Public Notice of Public Hearing ZBA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CITY OF BELLEVILLE  
Zoning Board of Appeals

A Public Hearing has been set for Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main St, Belleville, Michigan 48111. The purpose of the Public Hearing is for the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider a Variance request from Section 5.8 FENCES AND WALLS, Subsection 4(A)l – Requirements to Specific Zoning Districts, Residential Zoned Districts from Traci Hill to construct a 6-foot chain link fence, 65 S. Liberty St, Belleville, MI 48111.

At the above time and place, all interested parties will be given an opportunity to be heard before the Zoning Board of Appeals issues its determination regarding the application. Parties seeking visual or audio accommodation may contact City Clerk Brianna Hootman at 734-697-9323 ext. 7010, preferably with as much advance notice as possible, so that suitable arrangements can be made to help make needed accommodations.

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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 10-17-23

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 5-2-17(2) AS AMENDED OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TO AMEND THE LANGUAGE OF SECTION 5.111 DAY CARE OR CHILD CARE, GROUP HOME TO REMOVE SEPARATION DISTNACE REQUIREMENTS FROM ANOTHER SIMILAR USE.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

### SECTION 1- ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Pursuant to this Ordinance, the following sections of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended in accordance with the below text upon the effective date of this Amendment:

#### Section 5.111 Day Care or Child Care, Group Home

- A. Group day care homes shall not be located closer than one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet to any of the following:
  1. Another licensed group day care home, except that the Board of Trustees may modify this requirement upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, if the Planning Commission finds that traffic, drop-off, pick-up times and other issues that may impact the adjacent neighborhood have been considered and have found not to be of concern based upon the specific circumstances of the request. If the minimum separation distance between licensed group day care homes is modified, the Planning Commission may require additional measures to mitigate any adverse impacts.
  2. Adult foster care, small group home or large group home as defined in this Ordinance and by the State of Michigan.
  3. A facility offering substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation service to seven (7) or more people licensed by the State of Michigan.
  4. A community correction center, residence home, halfway house or other similar facility which houses an inmate population under the jurisdiction of the Federal or State Department of Corrections.
  5. Child care centers, subject to the requirements of **Section 5.108**.
  6. Adult day care centers, subject to the requirements of **Section 5.110**.
- B. It has appropriate fencing for the safety of the children in the group day care home as determined by the Planning Commission.
- C. It maintains the property consistent with the visible characteristics of the neighborhood.
- D. It does not exceed sixteen (16) hours of operation during a twenty-four (24) hour period.
- E. The group day care home operator shall provide off-street parking for his or her employees in accordance with **Article 9**, in the ratio of one (1) parking space for each employee.
- F. The distances required under this section shall be measured along a road, street, or place maintained by the State, County or a local unit of government and generally open to the public as a matter of right for the purpose of vehicular traffic, not including an alley.

### SECTION 2 - SEVERABILITY

Should any provision or part of this Ordinance be declared by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, the same shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the balance of this Ordinance, which shall remain in full force and effect.

### SECTION 3 - REPEALER

All other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, or Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

### SECTION 4- SAVINGS CLAUSE

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding pending in any court or any rights acquired or any liability incurred, or any cause or causes of action acquired or existing, under the Zoning Ordinance, or any act or Ordinance hereby repealed as cited in Section 3 of this Ordinance; nor shall any just or legal right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this Ordinance.

### SECTION 5 - EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

### SECTION 6 - ADOPTION

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren at a meeting duly called and held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023, and ordered to be given publication in the manner prescribed by law.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

Leon Wright, Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Adopted: November 7, 2023

Published: November 16, 2023

Effective: November 23, 2023





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• **Saturday, Nov. 18** – BHS Holiday Craft & Vendor Show, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Saturday, Nov. 18** – Harvest Festival at Faith United Methodist Church, 6020 Denton Rd., 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food, games, and fun for all.

• **Saturday, Nov. 18** – St. Joseph Catholic Church Council of Catholic Women present their Holiday Festival Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Holy Family Center, 9425 Whittaker Rd., Ypsilanti. Holiday luncheon, bake sale, raffle door prizes, winter scene starring Santa photo op.

• **Saturday, Nov. 18** – Kentuckians of Michigan, 28391 Bredow Rd., Romulus, presents Southern Express at 8 p.m., \$15. Food available. Public welcome. Information: (734) 787-1137.

• **Monday, Nov. 20** – Tree of Remembrance

ceremony at the Brown Family Center begins with fellowship and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. and the outside ceremony around the tree at 7 p.m. Attendees are invited to bring a weatherproof ornament to hang on the tree in memory of a loved one.

• **Monday, Nov. 20** – Belleville Area Garden Club members invite the public to join them at 7 p.m. at the Cozadd Room at the Belleville Area District Library to hear guest speaker Ric Lawson of the Huron River Watershed Council. He will present: “Get your lawn a job! Rain Gardens and how they help restore the Huron River.”

• **Thursday, Nov. 30, to Sunday, Dec. 3** – Winterfest in Belleville. Soup Crawl 6-8 p.m. Friday, with Holiday Village on Saturday from 10 a.m. to the lighted parade 5:30 Saturday afternoon, followed by dancing on the Fourth Street Square to live music, 8-11 p.m. Breakfast with Santa is Sunday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Carriage rides are Saturday and Sunday.

• **Friday, Dec. 1** – Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club invites you to join it for its annual holiday dinner at 7 p.m., doors open at 6 p.m., at UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti Township. Tickets \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. Includes dinner, beer, wine, and setups. Tickets can be purchased on line at <https://donorbox.org/swdc-holiday-party>. Information at (734) 252-9252 or (734) 634-3569.



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, October 16, 2023 - 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 Conley at 7:30 p.m.

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

##### A. Presentations

• Scarecrow Contest Winners

i. The following individuals/groups were presented with awards for winning the 2023 Scarecrow Contest:

• Business Category – Animal Magic Mark & Misty

1. Not present to accept

• Adult Organization – Belleville Area Council for the Arts

1. Accepted by Ken Voigt

• Youth Organization – Boy Scout Troop 793

1. Not present to accept.

• Families/Individuals – Vicki Geyer & Jamie Winters

1. Not present to accept.

• Fire Department Promotions

i. The following Fire Fighters were promoted from probationary status:

• Rob Gay  
• Mike Wisniewski  
• Mike Harper

##### B. Council Follow Up List

• Council Member Beebe

i. Inquired if the issues regarding overgrowth of trees, replacement of signage, and pond maintenance in Victoria Commons have been resolved.

• Sheree Jones

i. Stated that she still has concerns about illegal street parking within Victoria Commons.

• Tom Jones

i. Presented his concerns about road conditions within Victoria Commons.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

• None

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the agenda as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. October 2, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder approving the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting, held on October 2, 2023.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None.

#### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. None.

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Special Event Application – Cinnamon’s Father’s Day Car Show

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder approving the Cinnamon’s Father’s Day Car Show event for 2024.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

B. Public Safety Stats

• Police Department  
• Fire Department

i. Call & run statistics for each department were presented to Council for review.

#### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt

to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$500, as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

**Motion Carried.**

#### 10. CITY MANAGER AND FORMER ACTING CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Former Acting City Manager Jones

-- Thanked city staff and the City Council for their cooperation and support during his tenure as Acting City Manager.

-- Thanked Julie Kissel for all of her assistance in volunteering to clean and reorganize City Hall

• City Manager Smith

-- Thanked the city staff for helping to get him on board, and noted that he is moved in to his office and is ready to hit the ground running.

#### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates

-- Thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting.

-- Appreciates the volume of residents from Victoria Commons in attendance, and noted that she hopes to keep fostering conversations between the Council and residents.

• Council Member Beebe

-- Welcomed City Manager Smith to the team.

-- Asked if everything was on track with the server upgrade project.

-- Noted that the Hillside Cemetery paving project is mostly complete.

• Council Member Fielder

-- Stated that the Belleville High School Football Team will be hosting the league championship game this Friday in which they will be competing against Northville.

-- Noted that he attended the DWIHN Substance Use Disorder Board meeting and learned about a new substance, similar to Fentanyl, that is causing many deaths.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Congratulated the Fire Fighters who have been promoted from probationary status.

-- Attended Harvest Fest and appreciated the efforts of both the Central Business Community and the Belleville Area District Library in the success of the event.

-- Welcomed City Manager Smith.

-- Wished the BHS Football Team luck in their game against Northville.

#### 12. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

• Echoed the previous comments made by Council.

• Acknowledged the anonymous donors who contributed to the Hillside Cemetery paving project.

#### 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Tom Jones

-- Asked what child safety programs for Halloween are in place in the city.

• Julie Kissel

-- Noted that the Dress Our Truck event at the BYC raised \$21,000 for the Fire Department to outfit their brand-new truck.

-- Stated that she has been helping out at City Hall quite a bit in an effort to clean and re-organize.

• Ken Armisen

-- Noted that the Fire Department has checked children’s Halloween candy bags in the past in Victoria Commons, and asked if that could be done again.

• Sabrina Richardson-Williams

-- Wondered what the upcoming road-funding millage cost would look like per household.

• Ray Martin

-- Thanked the city for helping to resolve some of the residents’ concerns in Victoria Commons.

-- Noted that he reached out to the Michigan State Police Highway Safety division about obtaining a speed trailer for the city, but has not received a call back yet.

• Brian Loranger

-- Thanked the community for the funds raised at the Dress Our Truck event.

#### 14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 8:19 PM.

No objections were noted.

**Motion Carried.**

Submitted by Briana Hootman

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 11/13/23

Posted: 11/14/23

Published: 11/16/23



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 207 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### **Sunday, Nov. 5:**

0117 – overdose, E. Sadie Ln.  
0123 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0323 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0138 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse/Denton  
0249 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
0836 – animal complaint, Holly Ln.  
0825 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1006 – disorderly, Birch Dr.  
1018 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1311 – assist fire dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1338 – intrusion alarm, Florence Ln.  
1355 – intrusion alarm, Savage Rd.  
1553 – suicidal person, W. Huron River Dr.  
1631 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1720 – welfare check, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
1751 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1651 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd./Van Born Rd.  
1827 – larceny from auto, Beckley Rd.  
1852 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1858 – larceny from auto, Beckley Rd.  
1902 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1907 – larceny from auto, Beckley Rd.  
1914 – larceny from auto, Beckley Rd.  
1914 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.  
1951 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1954 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Vernon St./Winchester St.  
1958 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.  
2005 – malicious destruction, Parkwood Dr.  
2017 – neighbor trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.

### **Monday, Nov. 6:**

0101 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple  
0923 – animal complaint, Harbour Club  
1056 – malicious destruction of property, Greenwood Dr.  
1151 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton  
1253 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1441 – threat, Huron River Dr.  
1509 – fraud, America  
1525 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1533 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.  
1547 – 911 welfare check, Capitol Dr./Liberty Ln.  
1700 – 911 welfare check, Van Buren St.  
1715 – neighbor trouble, Amanda Rd.  
1720 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.  
1739 – family trouble, Cobblestone Cir.  
1831 – mental subject, Denton Rd.  
1828 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1906 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1920 – traffic offense, Park Estates Dr.  
1919 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1934 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 7:**

Xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0732 – intrusion alarm, Cambridge Ct.  
0754 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Van Born  
0800 – property check, McBride  
0830 – missing person, Maple Dr.  
1131 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Maple Dr.  
1140 – ordinance violation-all 7300 MICR Codes, Harmony Ln.  
1142 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1453 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.  
1510 – ordinance violation-all 7300 MICR Codes, Haggerty Rd.  
1520 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1614 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1724 – property damage accident, Tyler/Haggerty  
1840 – vagrant, Belleville Rd.  
1937 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.  
1957 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.  
2020 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2052 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2118 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2356 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 8:**

0030 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Robson Rd.  
0137 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0157 – mental subject, Riggs Rd.  
0253 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0410 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
Xxxx – assist fire dept., Maurice Dr.  
0811 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
0918 – assist fire dept., Zachary St.  
0936 – transport prisoner, S. Wayne Rd.  
0958 – warrant arrest, Taylor PD  
Xxxx – repossession, Nautica Dr.  
Xxxx – fraud, Harbor Ln.  
1337 – property damage accident, Oak Blvd.  
1340 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.  
1401 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.  
1448 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1458 – assist other dept., E. Walden Dr.  
1646 – disorderly, Denton Rd.  
1654 – trespassing, Wheeler St.  
1904 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.  
1937 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2117 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.  
2118 – robbery, Parkwood  
2127 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
2219 – intrusion alarm, Red Oak Dr.

### **Thursday, Nov. 9:**

0105 – mental subject, Riggs Rd.  
Xxxx – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.  
1029 – welfare check, Revere Dr.  
1315 – larceny, Bemis Rd.  
1115 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1107 – assist fire dept., Kirkridge Park Condos  
1415 – noise complaint, Arlene Ln.  
1445 – personal injury accident, Sheldon Rd./Van Boren Rd.  
1530 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1638 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1656 – civil matter, Kirkridge St.  
1720 – domestic, Holly Ln.  
1849 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Villa Dr.  
1917 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.  
2142 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.  
2200 – warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.  
2358 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.

### **Friday, Nov. 10:**

0039 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0144 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0127 – mental subject, Bemis Rd.  
0344 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0325 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0747 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.  
0916 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0944 – felony assault, Belleville Rd.  
1029 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.  
1123 – threat, Ecorse Rd.  
1303 – threat, Chester Ct.  
1305 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.  
1335 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.  
1421 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1504 – 911 welfare check, Hannan Rd.  
1644 – family trouble, Alba Ct.  
1713 – civil matter, Lake Point Pass  
Xxxx – larceny, W. Huron River Dr.  
1707 – fraud, Sylvia Dr.  
1921 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Venetian Ave.  
2158 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.  
2209 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.

### **Saturday, Nov. 11:**

0222 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0329 – assist fire dept., Lenmoore Ave.  
0541 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0657 – suicidal person, Buchanan St.  
0722 – noise complaint, Morton Taylor Rd.  
0814 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0833 – private property impound, N. I-94 Service  
0836 – breaking & entering, Edwards Rd.  
1429 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1621 – civil matter, E. Archwood Dr.  
1805 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.  
1745 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.

2113 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Wildbrook Dr.

2332 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 58 traffic stops, seven of which are on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### **Sunday, Nov. 5:**

0117 – traffic stop, Main St.  
0119 – road hazard, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.  
0703 – harassment call, Robbe St.  
0839 – animal complaint, Henry St.  
2142 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.  
2244 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.  
**Monday, Nov. 6:**  
1740 – assist other dept., Cobblestone Cir.  
1821 – intrusion alarm, E. Waterbury Ct.  
**Tuesday, Nov. 7:**  
1332 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.  
1246 – civil matter, South St.  
1417 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.

1804 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harbour Pointe Dr.

1821 – family trouble, E. Columbia Ave.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 8:**

0843 – road hazard, W. Wabash/alleyway  
0920 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
0956 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
1348 – mental subject, W. Columbia Ave.  
1557 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1558 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1558 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1815 – fight, Savage Rd.  
1845 – animal complaint, South St.

### **Thursday, Nov. 9:**

0131 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.  
1009 – traffic offense, W. Columbia Ave.  
1050 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.  
1119 – welfare check, Third St.  
1234 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1239 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.  
1646 – repossession, Sumpter Rd.  
2228 – assist fire dept., S. Biggs Ave.

### **Friday, Nov. 10:**

0009 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
0117 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.  
0221 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.  
0454 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
xxxx – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
xxxx – fraud, Main St.  
1424 – property damage accident, W. Columbia  
1626 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.  
1924 – juvenile complaint, Oxford Ct.

### **Saturday, Nov. 11:**

0229 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1130 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.  
1226 – intrusion alarm, Bay Pointe Dr.  
1247 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Sumpter Rd.  
1321 – civil matter, Loza Ln.  
2042 – harassment call, Robbe St.

There were five traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### **Sunday, Nov. 5:**

0139 – mental health call, Birch Dr.  
0118 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0402 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.  
0836 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0951 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1029 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Sumpter  
1428 – animal complaint, Magnolia Dr.  
1755 – property damage accident, Crandell/Willis  
1703 – assault, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1943 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Wear

1955 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Judd Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

### **Monday, Nov. 6:**

0145 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1037 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Elwell  
1125 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1136 – larceny, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1320 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1527 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1639 – fraud complaint, Texas St.  
1811 – fraud complaint, Edgewood Dr.  
2152 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### **Tuesday, Nov. 7:**

0101 – suspicious circumstance, Edgewood Dr.  
0339 – 911 hang up, Delaware St.  
0952 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1337 – civil matter, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1616 – animal bite, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1634 – citizen assist, Creekside Dr.  
1715 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.  
1725 – fire dept. assist, Delaware St.  
1820 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.  
1933 – property damage accident, Willow Rd. /

Martinsville Rd.

2024 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2045 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

### **Wednesday, Nov. 8:**

0454 – suspicious person, Texas St./California St.  
0633 – citizen assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0933 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Wear  
1004 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.  
1406 – citizen assist, 9000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1437 – suspicious person, 9900 bl. Rawsonville  
1442 – mental health call, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1448 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 Martinsville Rd.

### **Thursday, Nov. 9:**

0013 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.  
0633 – suspicious circumstance, 49000 bl. Willow  
0658 – family trouble, Delaware St.  
0947 – suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Willow  
1122 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1146 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1330 – civil matter, Wyoming St.  
1357 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willow  
1852 – follow up investigation, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1921 – suspicious circumstance, Arkona Rd. / Carleton West Rd.

2151 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd. / Bemis Rd.

### **Friday, Nov. 10:**

0241 – felony warrant arrest, Sumpter Rd./Bemis  
0820 – welfare check, Colorado St.  
0925 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1227 – flee & elude police, Willis Rd./California  
1233 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1257 – suspicious person, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1903 – family trouble, Washington St.  
1916 – traffic complaint/hazard, California/Idaho  
1942 – ORV complaint, Willow Rd./Martinsville  
2058 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2226 – noise complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2338 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

### **Saturday, Nov. 11:**

0853 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.  
0919 – welfare check, Judd Rd./Rawsonville Rd.  
1003 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.  
1043 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1145 – suspicious person, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
1313 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.  
1715 – shots fired, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1741 – breaking & entering report, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1757 – disorderly person, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2006 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Judd  
2113 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.

Also on this week's log are 162 patrol checks, 125 traffic stops, and 17 misc. details.

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## Metroparks annual surplus auction runs online until Sat., Nov. 18

The Metroparks annual surplus auction started on Nov. 9 and will close on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The online-only auction is offering more than 80 club car golf carts, Toro/John Deere mowers, SUVs/trucks, equipment, trailers, and more.

Bidding online started Nov. 9 and begins closing at 4 p.m. with a soft close on Saturday, Nov. 18.

Items are available to see from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 17, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 18, at the Kensington Metropark Service Area, 2240 West Buno Rd., Milford, MI 48380, next to the park office.

Checkout is Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 20 and 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. a 10% buyer premium applies to the purchase.

Chuck Cryderman and Associates are the auctioneers.

For more information, see [metroparks.com](http://metroparks.com) and click on EVENTS or [crydermanauctions.hibid.com](http://crydermanauctions.hibid.com).

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 7, 2023

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, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Trustee Martin. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Fire Chief McNally, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Public Services Luckett and an audience of seven.

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2023, Prepaid List of October 19, 2023, Prepaid List of October 26, 2023, Prepaid List of November 2, 2023, Voucher List of November 7, 2023, Approval of the 2024 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract, Approval of the Commercial Fireworks Display Permit Application by Michigan Fireworks Club, Approval of Resolution 2023-32: Wayne County Annual Permit, Approval of Resolution 2023-30: Van Buren Township Early Voting Plan and Approval of Resolution 2023-33: Stormwater Maintenance Agreement with Subaru Research and Development, Inc. at 50255 Michigan Avenue. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** There is an election for Lincoln Consolidated School district voters today, November 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Township Administrative Offices will be closed Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veteran's Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** A resident commented on the University of Michigan Ground Lease Agreement.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 10-17-23: To allow the Board of Trustees to modify the required minimum separations distance

between group child care home uses. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Boynton, Kelley, Budd, Wright, McNamara. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Martin. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the purchase of a John Deere 35 P-Tier Compact Excavator in the amount of \$62,224.08 from the Water Capital Outlay-Vehicle and Equipment account. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the 1-Year Amendment to the existing Ground Lease Agreement with the University of Michigan for the premises containing approximately .45 acres of land in Van Buren Park. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2023-31: Annual Exemption Opt Out 2024. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Boynton, Frazier, Kelley, Wright, Budd, McNamara. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Martin. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Kelley seconded to approve Resolution 2023-34: A new Class C quota license for on premise alcohol consumption to El Agave Bar and Grill, LLC located at 10840 Belleville Road. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Revocable License and Operation Agreement between The Charter Township of Van Buren and Van Buren Little League for use of Beck Road Ball Fields. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Haggerty Road (Ecorse to Van Born Road) Water Main Design Service by Fishbeck. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to amend the motion to approve professional services by Fishbeck for Harmony Lane Lift Station and Water Tower from the Capital Outlay-Facilities Improvement Fund in the amount of \$40,800. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the authorization of two agreements with DTE Energy for the installation of street lighting within the Walden Woods Subdivision phase 4 and Phase 5. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Fire Chief McNally reported there will be a training burn on Sunday, November 12 at the Ashley Capital property on Haggerty Road with City of Belleville, City of Ypsilanti and City of Romulus Firefighters and DDA Director Coburn reminded the public of the Light Up the Park Event that will take place at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, November 15 at Harris Park.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
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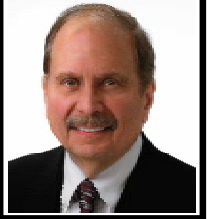
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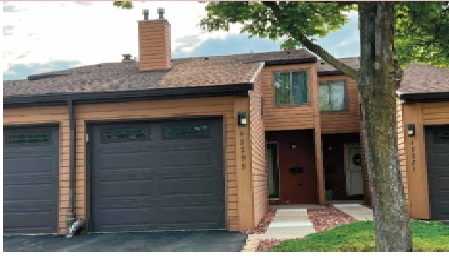
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