



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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Photo courtesy of Michael Japowicz, Van Buren Township  
Pausing for a picture at the end of the Feb. 9 meeting on the Denton Road Bridge are, from left, Wayne County Director of Public Services Andy Kandrevas, State Senator Darrin Camilleri, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, State Rep. Reggie Miller, Wayne County Director of Engineering Sami Khaldi, VBT Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, and County DPS Deputy Scott Cabauatan.

## Denton Road Bridge: How about a temporary bridge over the bridge?

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Those who had concerns and questions about the closed Denton Road Bridge between Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville were invited to an informational session on Feb. 9.

A crowd turned out at the VBT board meeting room to hear information from Wayne County and township officials and to ask questions of them. The meeting lasted just over an hour.

One of the interesting suggestions that VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he would investigate was the proposal by a man to put up a temporary bridge over the bridge like they do in the Upper Peninsula.

He said it is secured to land on both sides of the bridge and makes it safe for pedestrians to cross. He said it can be put up in a couple of weeks and reused later for pedestrians in other areas of the county.

"I love that idea," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara who said he would look into it.

This discussion followed questions from members of the audience on why

pedestrians aren't allowed to walk across the Denton Road Bridge, because they report people are doing it all the time.

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**The Belleville Area Museum  
has been closed by  
Van Buren Township for  
1,081 days as of today.  
No date set for reopening.**

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## 15th Annual Report to Taxpayers

### Van Buren Township 2022 Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township

	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Total Compensation
<b>Police</b>			
Floro, Kenneth	\$137,697.22	\$97,263.56	\$295,111.92
McCormick, Ryan	\$131,286.48	\$91,610.54	\$282,421.06
Abdilla, Marc	\$120,063.57	\$92,143.40	\$268,884.42
Keele, Louis	\$113,576.07	\$90,921.86	\$259,577.01
Champagne, David	\$90,964.27	\$88,780.88	\$227,738.12
Buckberry Jr, Mark	\$138,889.75		\$198,693.24
Rini, Michael	\$133,447.72		\$191,767.45
Smith, Amy	\$128,393.03		\$191,669.94
Schulz, Alexander	\$132,162.69		\$190,424.44
Bazzy, Charles	\$126,003.79		\$188,652.84
Stanton, Jeffrey	\$128,487.66		\$187,145.59
Raschke, Matthew	\$116,876.66		\$171,245.56
Short, Jordan	\$106,911.34		\$156,273.01
Wright, Jason	\$106,122.75		\$155,806.22
Griggs, Scott	\$107,659.99		\$149,131.36
Barry, Ryan	\$102,177.95		\$144,234.47
Valinski, Christopher	\$100,790.29		\$142,574.13
Edge, Michael	\$93,007.23		\$139,605.89
Mowbray, Kurtis	\$101,482.32		\$138,857.09
Harrison, Dale	\$101,663.06		\$137,673.18
McCarthy, Donovan	\$96,026.26		\$136,873.97
King, Mark	\$94,323.20		\$136,297.96
Long, Michael	\$106,774.78		\$135,527.46
Byrd, Adam	\$94,017.73		\$135,182.55
Bidwell, Ryan	\$87,171.00		\$132,926.87
Evans, Seth	\$95,178.58		\$132,302.12
Wehrman, Patrick	\$89,723.80		\$129,333.09
Perez, Derek	\$89,227.51		\$128,490.19
Daniels, Keith	\$97,768.76		\$126,976.61
Hillen, James	\$93,677.37		\$125,494.98
Bettendorf, William	\$86,215.33		\$125,135.20
Svabik, Daniel	\$95,510.91		\$124,395.97
Hayes, Christopher	\$86,866.92		\$120,271.21
Tront, Jason	\$92,744.70		\$118,463.19
Fedel, Andrew	\$89,517.47		\$117,197.05
Velevska, Katerina	\$80,346.27		\$116,479.73
Hall, Joshua	\$77,968.83		\$108,545.95
Rubens, Donavin	\$77,457.68		\$103,606.54
McGregor, Devonte	\$69,288.30		\$102,675.77
Schmidtke, Casey	\$62,747.14		\$88,462.56
Monte, Joshua	\$55,288.51		\$70,381.57
Buxton, Mark	\$46,116.24		\$68,956.92
Evans, Irishia	\$44,958.19		\$68,942.64
Laurain, Gregory	\$49,196.79		\$61,604.51
Vargas Jr, Juan	\$7,392.19		\$8,875.71
Kasenow, Kyle	\$6,164.31		\$7,398.15
Jaffar, Ali	\$5,813.05		\$6,977.87
Harman, Christina	\$60,007.16		\$87,551.83

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## 15th Annual Report to Taxpayers

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Van Buren Township 2022 Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township			
	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Total Compensation
<b>Ordinance</b>			
Schuler, David	\$57,562.06	\$89,474.38	\$182,253.25
Queener, Robert	\$71,686.63		\$112,907.75
<b>Fire</b>			
Smith, Ryan		\$109,686.14	\$149,237.85
Walter, Daniel		\$107,688.00	\$147,318.71
McInally II, David		\$103,238.04	\$145,880.19
Folks, Ronald		\$105,921.02	\$144,264.40
Ladach, Aaron		\$89,892.03	\$128,012.28
Bowman, Scott		\$86,626.95	\$121,096.81
Pierce, Christopher		\$98,022.07	\$119,698.70
Lenaghan, Andrew		\$88,384.79	\$113,502.05
Townsend, Nathan		\$88,238.70	\$108,864.38
Greff, Allison		\$68,494.57	\$89,456.66
Vlademar, Michael		\$42,693.00	\$46,795.48
Everett, Rachel		\$39,137.06	\$42,903.50
McCormick, Elizabeth		\$35,526.32	\$38,951.55
Hayden, John		\$35,514.61	\$38,938.73
Lunsford, Curtis		\$34,538.61	\$37,870.50
Lewis, Zion		\$24,782.85	\$30,756.28
Ling, Jason		\$27,813.43	\$30,509.78
Smith, Edward		\$27,481.17	\$29,506.13
Henley, James		\$20,565.04	\$22,576.42
Moening, Michael		\$17,682.15	\$20,124.81
Cox, Dustin		\$15,726.18	\$17,280.29
Rose, John		\$14,035.95	\$15,430.34
Crain, Andrew		\$2,541.50	\$2,788.87
<b>Dispatch</b>	<b>Dispatch Wages</b>		
Lucas, Gretchen	\$72,075.97		\$108,149.67
Baker, Georgia	\$68,655.37		\$104,173.65
Weisbecker, Vicki	\$63,896.12		\$101,933.01
Martin, Robert	\$66,638.24		\$101,643.42
Jones, Julie	\$70,709.58		\$92,387.46
Rea, Teri	\$65,476.79		\$88,504.94
Johnson, Dominique	\$58,601.15		\$88,109.63
Giroux, Gabrielle	\$61,819.92		\$81,191.66
Pauls, Kelsey	\$55,650.86		\$74,466.96
Barker, Ryan	\$50,662.19		\$70,658.07
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,490,959.29</b>

**2022 Total Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township -- \$9,490,959.29**

**2021 Total Public Safety Wages and Cost to Township -- ~~\$8,327,155.58~~**

**Difference + \$1,163,803.71**

2022 Public Safety total wages & compensation had approximately a 13.98% increase since 2021.

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

Van Buren Township 2022 Employee Wages and Cost to Township		
	Wages	Total Compensation
<b>Elected Officials</b>		
McNamara, Kevin	\$98,207.55	\$125,295.64
Wright, Leon	\$94,333.08	\$141,706.36
Budd, Sharry	\$94,333.08	\$124,830.94
Boynton, Donald	\$18,059.04	\$28,458.90
Frazier, Sherry	\$18,059.04	\$28,281.90
Martin, Kevin	\$18,059.04	\$28,281.90
Miller, Regina	\$18,059.04	\$28,141.74

Van Buren Township 2022 Employee Wages and Cost to Township		
	Wages	Total Compensation
<b>Assessing</b>		
Dorazio, Gina	\$62,722.46	\$103,678.21
<b>Building and Grounds</b>		
Cardenas, Hugo	\$72,006.50	\$109,051.30
Esch, Charles	\$61,847.57	\$81,460.00
Jenkins, Kirk	\$61,578.51	\$101,694.11
Luckett, Lawrence	\$84,987.45	\$109,791.04
Miller, Patty	\$44,853.83	\$60,750.66
Taylor, Gerald	\$49,306.10	\$75,946.65
Villa, Samuel	\$44,275.95	\$60,033.86
Lesperance, Crystal	\$43,082.87	\$78,648.12
<b>Clerks's Office</b>		
Beaudry, Brittany	\$85,942.35	\$125,242.38
Montgomery, Joanne	\$35,594.83	\$64,917.71
Towles, Carol	\$79,528.60	\$103,020.92
Tyler, Karen	\$55,650.09	\$88,626.59
<b>Communications</b>		
Campbell, Charles	\$18,740.42	\$24,548.89
Japowicz, Michael	\$64,990.42	\$88,599.38
VanSlyke, Jr, Julian	\$3,505.46	\$3,773.63
<b>Community Services</b>		
Dohring, Tammy	\$61,413.22	\$81,124.99
Price, Jennifer	\$55,881.58	\$88,917.38
Renaud, Elizabeth	\$89,199.69	\$117,120.93
<b>DDA</b>		
Ireland, Susan	\$91,207.63	\$120,004.67
Lothringer, Lisa	\$55,894.69	\$95,461.03
<b>Development SVS</b>		
Williams, Brittney	\$42,456.82	\$79,063.53
Fields, Julia	\$10,144.65	\$13,535.56
Grishaber, Tina	\$54,331.61	\$75,088.37
Murphy, Deanna	\$45,520.94	\$61,800.16
Power, Daniel	\$88,882.43	\$134,044.68
Salazar, Christopher	\$6,167.40	\$7,416.59
<b>Elections</b>		
Coleman, John IV	\$38,387.53	\$52,703.00
Hubbard, Donae	\$55,427.86	\$73,671.64
<b>Human Resouces</b>		
Sumpter, Nicole	\$81,526.59	\$117,454.76
<b>IT</b>		
Barbaza, Brad	\$26,250.00	\$34,156.85
Brataniec, John	\$40,806.31	\$54,119.67
Dandy, Kenneth	\$74,196.50	\$111,096.67
Rankin, Steve	\$90,437.39	\$118,639.63
Sabin, Joel	\$69,989.74	\$98,473.41
Worthy, Blake	\$6,490.40	\$9,312.71
<b>Municipal Serv.</b>		
Akers, Ronald	\$24,500.00	\$37,612.91
<b>Parks</b>		
Cochenour, Jonathon	\$66,119.13	\$101,051.43
Drotar, Ryan T.	\$66,889.34	\$86,992.92
Hollenbeck, Michael	\$7,335.00	\$7,896.13
Kauffman, Joshua	\$11,945.65	\$12,859.49
Ketchum, Joseph	\$10,903.86	\$14,389.70
Lehman, Juliana	\$6,414.89	\$6,905.63
Locke, Jason	\$6,057.70	\$7,294.42
Mabry, Maranda	\$12,477.63	\$13,432.17
Mann, Connor	\$11,428.93	\$12,303.24
Meier, Benjamin	\$10,464.40	\$11,264.92
Rupnow, Jay	\$16,692.59	\$19,324.37
Wilson, Chandler	\$4,958.27	\$5,337.57
Yoder, Josiah	\$4,853.89	\$5,225.21

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# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### So many changes coming to our tri-community

It kind of makes your head spin. There are so many changes coming to our tri-community. For instance:

- It looks like we will be seeing billboards on the freeways encouraging people to come to Belleville to shop.

- Construction is under way for the wonderful new Van Buren Township Community Center, which will be able to be used by everyone. No pool, but you can't have everything.

- Banotai Park/Sherwood Pond and the former Sumpter fairgrounds are being redesigned and are sure to be something special when it all done and paid for. The Butterfly Garden is already a big hit at the park.

- We have word from an unimpeachable source that the building to be constructed at the corner of Third and Main in the city of Belleville will be retail on the ground level with second-floor apartments. For several years there had been a sign on the property with a picture of a restaurant on it. No more.

- The business at 575 W. Columbia Ave. may be purchased by the school district, right next door. It was discussed at Monday's meeting and is expected to be voted on at the next school board meeting.

- The new Denton Road Bridge is destined to be special when it's done. It will be higher, prettier, with an 8-10 foot sidewalk, with no weeds along the causeway.

This area is on a roll and these projects are just the beginning. Hold onto your hats.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We misspelled the last name of the Belleville resident who told the city council he feels unsafe in the city because of the color of his skin. His name is Allen Foulkes and he bought the old Midge Artley place on Columbia Avenue.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said after Foulkes told the story of his children running down the street in their martial arts uniforms, a year ago, and getting hassled by Belleville police, he looked into it.

He said Sgt. Kris Faull, a school resource officer, was driving by and saw the kids and stopped. She knew school was in session and they weren't in school, so she investigated – doing her job.

Foulkes drove up and told her he home-schools his children and that was the end of it, Chief Robinson said.

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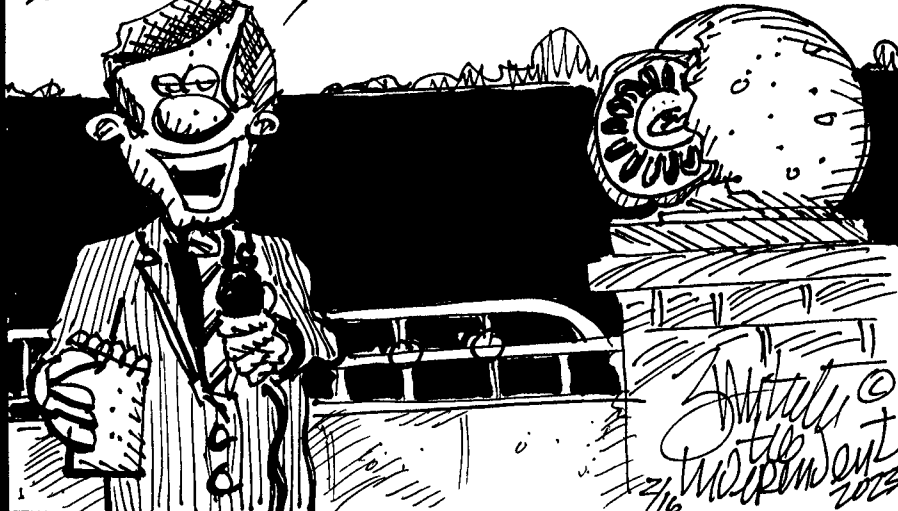
A reader came into the office to suggest that local people decorate the statue in the park with an athletic jersey to honor the local teams. It could be the statues in Horizon Park or Victory Park, I guess.

She actually came into the office to find out how to get to Sherwood Park because she had read Jo Gardner's letter and was very interested. I gave her directions, but I'm not sure she was confident in finding her way there.

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Sure hope the crazy drivers coming into Belleville from the bridge don't hit the new bench put in place near Hayward's to honor the memory of the late Mike Kouza, courtesy of the many who donated to the GoFundMe account. It can get very confusing in that area for people who aren't familiar with the

WE'RE LIVE ON THE BELLEVILLE BRIDGE WHERE MOTORISTS SAY A ROUND, DISH-SHAPED FLYING OBJECT SHOT ACROSS THE SKY HERE LAST SATURDAY NIGHT. EYEWITNESSES REPORTED THAT A CAR HIT A POT HOLE AND LOST A HUBCAP. FURTHER FINDINGS CONCLUDED THAT THE HUBCAP CAME TO REST PARTIALLY LODGED INTO THE CEMENT BALL TO MY LEFT, LOCAL AUTOMOTIVE EXPERTS SAY IT CAME OFF A 2004 FORD CROWN VIC.. NO INJURIES WERE REPORTED... SOME CALL IT LUCK.. OTHERS ARE CALLING IT ART..



city, the closed Denton Road Bridge, and the one lane into the city. Drivers hit the light pole in front of Hayward's regularly.

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We had printed an obituary in January and the brother of the deceased wanted to get some copies to send around to relatives. He said he tried to get it off our website, but it came out too dark when he printed it. He decided to come in but didn't know where we were. He thought we were located near Detlor Insurance and he went in there. He asked for the *Independent* and they told him it was on the counter. He didn't want the current paper, he wanted the newspaper office. He then went someplace else to look and when he didn't find us because he didn't know where the "old theater" was gave up and went home. Then he sent us an email and we were able to help him out.

For those who want to know where we are, we indeed are in the building that used to be a movie theater at 152 Main St. – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or, you can email us at [baindependent@ameritech.net](mailto:baindependent@ameritech.net). Our former email address started having problems, but this one is working fine.

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When people started comparing Belleville Lake to the width of the Intracoastal Waterway in Florida during a meeting on the BYC's plan to extend its decks farther out into the lake, I was able to understand what in the heck they were talking about. A week earlier, I wouldn't have had a clue

about what that waterway was.

I had been to Florida just a few days before that meeting and saw the waterway, in the area where people were wind surfing on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean. It was a very windy day and the surf was spectacular.

According to Wikipedia: "The Intracoastal Waterway is a 3,000-mile inland waterway along the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico coasts of the United States, running from Massachusetts southward along the Atlantic seaboard and around the southern tip of Florida, then following the Gulf Coast to Brownsville, Texas. Some sections of the waterway consist of natural inlets, saltwater rivers, bays, and sounds, while others are artificial canals. It provides a navigable route along its length without many of the hazards of travel on the open sea."

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I'm told there's a project afoot to put billboards up on the nearby freeways to encourage people to come to Belleville to shop. Besides a businessman wanting to promote the new shopping center in Belleville, I believe the issue was also placed on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority agenda for last night's meeting. Too late for me to have much information on it for this week's paper.



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## Letters

### Denton Road Bridge: Here are the details

To the editor:

I am writing you to try and clear through the weeds of what was said at last night's town hall meeting on the Denton Road Bridge. A town hall is meant to put out what we are thinking and doing on the bridge replacement. It also provides input from the public to find ideas that make the project better. This meeting completed those objectives but was bogged down with a lot of the niceties of not wanting to point out why some governments can and can't do certain things in a manner to produce a product that will serve the community for the next 100 years.

Wayne County operates under self-governed law to do large projects like this in a particular way. This process insures fiscal stability, transparency and numerous reviews getting a quality product that saves money so they can move any savings to the next project.

Ideas like running an electrical line and hanging a light on the bridge are frowned on as extras and cause delays (the New Boston Bridge was held up for this "extra"). The county process also requires long vendor applications to get the job within the county. This process can take four to six months. It includes six department reviews (fiscal, legal, executive, etc.) with 15 points or desks it has to go over outside of the bridge department to get approved. It also requires commission or legislative review which can take one to two months. And this process must be done twice -- once for design and engineering and once for construction. County Executive Evans has stated he would move that along as fast as he can, but it is a County Law.

There is a solution to move faster. Design, engineering with regulatory approvals and construction cannot be speeded up. **It is a two-year process if everything goes right.** But this process of procuring engineering, design and construction and the continuous review processes that need to be performed can add over a year within the county system (they have a lot of projects going on). Van Buren has the time, and consultants, to do that. Our process allows for six weeks from the start of a bid to board of trustee approval (county four to six months). Our review processes take place after legal review with the full-time elected and the directors meeting together in a conference room and forwarding its recommendation to our board. We can complete in as many weeks what the county would need to do in months.

This is a 100-year bridge. Van Buren wants a bridge that will serve the communities of Van Buren and Belleville for the next 100 years. The current bridge does not serve the boating public. It needs to be raised. An excellent comment from the town hall came from a resident that the bridge

should be the same height as the Belleville Bridge. The causeway is unsafe to the walking public. It needs a walkway. The causeway has no lights. It needs lights. The bridge is hard to maintain, the vegetation growing junk trees and weeds all along the causeway. It needs a system or design to clean this visual as a front door to our community.

Van Buren needs to control this design process. I have a saying on my desk that reads, "If you're not the lead dog, the view never changes." This bridge needs to change.

The county requires them to wait for the money to move this process along. ALL sides agree the money is coming; either quickly through the legislature this year or through the normal bridge process over the next three to four years. Van Buren's board has approved the use of fund balance to begin this process now.

The county and Van Buren are moving ahead with engineering and also negotiating simultaneously an agreement to allow Van Buren to take over the process and get reimbursed through the state of Michigan or the county bridge fund. Van Buren has already begun moving on an additional three to four million dollars from non-county sources that we believe we can get into this project. The county is so thankful to Representative Miller bringing in seven million dollars. The county would have been required to spend from their zero-balance bridge fund that money. They have assured us that they would also participate financially to cover any shortfalls (within reason). Without the state's seven million dollars, the county's alternative would be that they would have to pay the seven million dollars out of its bridge allotment funds, which are already millions of dollars short with numerous projects on its list.

The bottom line is we are working with the county and the state and utilizing each of our strengths, while acknowledging each of our weaknesses to get the job done as fast as possible; we are taking great suggestions from the public like providing a safe walk way on the bridge until construction and instituting a dashboard on our web site to report the progress of the project. Working together will strengthen this project and provide a bridge that serves the whole community for the next 100 years.

Sincerely,  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Van Buren Township

## Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Feb. 21 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Feb. 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Feb. 23 – Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m., to consider a zoning variance to allow for a split of property at more than 4x1 ratio at 21400 Elwell Rd.



# Obituaries



James Henry West, Jr.

## JAMES HENTRY WEST, JR.

James Henry West, Jr., age 66, of Belleville, February 7, 2023. Beloved husband of Beverly West. Loving father of James (Melissa) West and Amanda (Lance) Witt. Loving son of Patricia Haggard. Dearest grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 2. He is survived by his siblings Mary (Shane) Hyder, Leslie (Barb) West, Gina (John) West, and Sherril (Tracy) Williams. He is preceded in death by his father James West, Sr., granddaughter Alivia Witt, and a baby brother. James was very active in the Masons, being a three-time past master. He loved fishing, hunting, and racing. He was an avid Harley Davidson fan, having his own for 5+ years. He will be loved and missed by many. Visitation was Monday, February 13, 2023 and service was Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park

## STEVEN (MILFORD) EDWARD LATHROP

(September 18, 1961 – February 10, 2023)  
Age 61, of Ypsilanti formerly of Reed City. Survived by partner Melody McKee; mother Sondra Lathrop; two siblings; five children; many grandchildren. Service was February 13 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.  
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## Obituaries



Linda Lee Silvenis

### LINDA LEE SILVENIS

(July 20, 1949 – February 5, 2023)

Linda Lee (nee Gray) Silvenis, age 73, of Garden City, MI, died peacefully at Garden City Hospital late Sunday afternoon, February 5, 2023, after suffering a stroke.

Mrs. Silvenis loved taking care of her family, which included her two daughters, her precious dog Skippy, and husband Leonard, and spending time with them.

Linda enjoyed spending her time helping at schools and churches, including being a Sunday School teacher at Faith Lutheran Church in Ypsilanti, MI, and King of Kings Lutheran Church in Renton, WA. She was a teacher's aide at Springbrook Elementary School in Renton, WA. She volunteered at schools in Orlando, FL, and Ft. Worth, TX, and she gave a lot of her time to sew costumes for school performances and to bake cookies for many events. Inspired by a baker in the family, she tried many different ways to decorate cakes for birthdays. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting and she created many gifts for family, friends, and donations.

Linda is survived by her husband of 53 years Leonard; two daughters, Sue-Ann (Christopher) Clemons and Christa (Mark) Harrison; her granddaughter, Gillian; sister Yvonne (Dennis) McDermott; numerous cousins, including but not limited to, Gail (nee. Gray) Alan Jadcak, Anita (nee Gray) Dennis Wright, Anna (nee Gray) Don Sylvester, Glen (Paula) Gray, and Bob Gray.

Linda was preceded in death by her father, Edward Gray, Sr., stepmother Joyce Gray, mother Leona Gray, and brother Edward V. Gray. Visitation was held Friday, February 10, 2023 at Christ our Savior Lutheran Church, Livonia, MI. Visitation also was held Saturday, February 11, 2023 at Manns Family Funeral Home, Livonia, MI, before the funeral service. Private interment followed at Mount Hope Cemetery, Livonia. In lieu of flowers, donations to help cover her hospital stay would be appreciated.

### LYNN LASKEY-WILLIAMS

(January 19, 1962 – February 9, 2023)

Lynn Laskey-Williams, 61, of Belleville, MI passed away February 9, 2023.

A memorial service for Lynn will be held Friday, February 17, 2023 from 5 until 8 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville, MI. 48111.

Lynn is survived by her sons Jeffery Spiridigliozzi, Scott Spiridigliozzi Jr. and Jeffery Williams; her stepmother Helen Laskey; her sisters Linda Braswell (Gary), Debbie Lee Couture (Gerard), and Linda Laskey (Chuck). She was preceded in death by her parents Richard and JoAnn Laskey.

Lynn will be laid to rest at Midway Gardens in Caddo, Alabama.



Jan R. Laurie

### JAN ROBERT LAURIE

(January 1, 1950 – February 7, 2023)

Jan R. Laurie, 73, passed away on Tuesday, February 7, 2023, at his home in Evert, MI. Jan was a career Navy sailor, a loving father, brother and a lifelong artist.

Jan fought a four-year-long battle with cancer. When his fight ended, he passed peacefully at home with his family and dog at his side. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

Jan was the second of four children born to John Robert and Violet Laurie. He was born and raised in Belleville, MI. The Laurie family home was built by his dad, John, complete with a house for Jan's grandmother and aunt next door. Jan attended Belleville High school, graduating in 1970. He enlisted in the Navy in 1977 to see the world and did just that on both the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and USS Coral Sea. Later he was stationed in Panama, Nevada and Maine, reaching the rank of Petty Officer First Class. Jan spent the most time stationed in Virginia Beach, Virginia where he raised his two children, Melissa, and Eric, with his former wife, Mary Jarrett. He retired from the Navy in 1998 and began studying fine arts at Norfolk State University, where he discovered his love for pottery.

Jan generally preferred spending his time in solitude but was quick with a joke when around others. He enjoyed renovating his home, fixing his many cars and motorcycles, making ceramics and gardening. In 2012, Jan fulfilled a longtime aspiration by moving back home to Michigan, where he spent his final years tending his wood stove and taking his dog Penny, for long walks in the woods.

Jan leaves behind his two adult children; his beloved grandchildren, Zepheniah, Hezekiah, Rachel, and Frankie; and his siblings, Richard, Scott and Lynn. He also leaves many cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family, friends and his faithful canine companion, Penny. He was preceded in death by his father and mother.

Friends and members of the community are invited to join the Laurie family on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 11 a.m. for a celebration-of-life service. Join us at the David C. Brown Funeral Home at 460 E. Huron River Drive in Belleville. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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• **Saturday, Feb. 18** – Part two in the "Preserving Family Heritage" three-part series begins at 2 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library with a workshop concentrating on preserving fabric and organic materials. Part three -- books and documents -- is set for 2 p.m., March 18. Registration is required. Register for one session or both.

• **Sunday, Feb. 19** – Acclaimed local best-selling author Beverly Jenkins, who also is an NAACP Image Award nominee, will give a talk on Black History at the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service at Trinity Episcopal Church, 11575 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-3361. All are welcome.

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Bid documents will be available on the Township website and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "TOWNSHIP CLERK / FIREWORKS DISPLAY BID" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 6, 2023.

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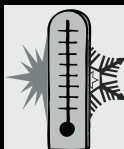
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Congratulations to the Belleville High School Wrestling Team and coaches on their Team District's Championship. Belleville wrestled Wednesday, Feb. 8, at Roosevelt High School winning against both Wyandotte High School and Woodhaven High School to bring home the Team District Championship and trophy. They advanced to Team Regionals on Feb. 15 at 5 p.m. at John Glenn High School.

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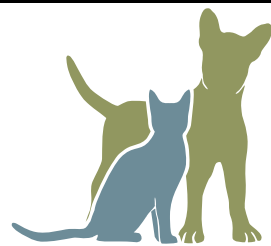
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## City of Belleville Public Notice



### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF BELLEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION

#### PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE ZONING ORDINANCE

Notice is hereby given that the City of Belleville's Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on proposed amendments to the City of Belleville's Zoning Ordinance regarding Marihuana.

The amendments are proposed in light of citizen-initiated amendments passed at the November 8, 2022 election allowing medical marihuana establishments and facilities in the designated Industrial Overlay district.

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

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

Briana Hootman  
Clerk/Treasurer

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## More Letters

### Disappointed on timing of museum presentation

To the editor:

Just read Thursday, 2-9-2023, edition of the *Belleville Independent*, where I found the announcement of the museum's upcoming presentation. Something I've waited for, with much anticipation, for some time!

So very disappointed to find it's being held on Ash Wednesday evening, 2-22-2023! Many individuals attend church on this religious celebratory day. Myself included. Obviously, there wasn't any consideration of this fact when planning the presentation.

Feeling very disappointed,  
Claudia Roullier, Belleville

### BHS at-home games

• **Friday, Feb. 17** – Boys Freshman Basketball vs. Dearborn, 4 p.m.; Boys JV Basketball vs. Dearborn, 5:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Dearborn, 7 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Feb. 21** – Girls JV Basketball vs. KLAA Crossover, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Basketball vs. KLAA Crossover, 7 p.m.

Go, Tigers!  
Diane Kiessel  
Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

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# Denton

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One person said after school, the athletes who have been to practice just walk across the bridge to get home. Another person said that on his way to the meeting that afternoon he saw someone walking across the bridge and others are doing it all the time.

If the bridge was going to be closed for several years, this pedestrian crossing would be a big help, they agreed.

Andrew Kandreas, Wayne County Director of Public Services, said he’s sure he couldn’t get county attorneys to agree to let people walk on the bridge the way it is now.

One man asked how it can be safe for boaters to go under the bridge, if people can’t walk over the bridge. He asked who he should sue when it comes down on somebody fishing or boating below?

Another man asked if you would get a ticket if you walked over the bridge and nobody knew.

“This is new to us,” said VBT Police Lt. Mark Buckberry. “I feel unsafe on the bridge.”

The meeting began with opening remarks and introductions by Supervisor McNamara, who said this is an important bridge. At first it was thought the bridge could be repaired during the first quarter of this year, but then there were more and more problems with the bridge and it has to be replaced, not repaired.

“And, it’s got to be done fast,” he said. He said it is going to be funded and they expect \$7 million this year, the worst case by June.

McNamara said Michigan House Speaker Joe Tate said they were committed to getting the money for the bridge. He said those who lived through the New Boston Bridge closing knows the importance of building the bridge as fast as possible.

He said recreational use and traffic going in and out to downtown Belleville now have to drive a little bit longer.

“It’s going to get started,” he said.

Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers showed a drawing of the damage to the bridge and explained why it needed rebuilding.

“We could fix it and it would cost about half of what a new bridge would cost,” said

Director Kandreas. “But it’s still an old bridge and could fail on the other side.”

He said they are going to put in a top-of-the-line, brand-new bridge. He thanked the state partners for the promise of \$7 million. He said the first step is its design. Usually this is the time they start looking for the money, but now they have the promise from the state, so that speeds it up.

Wayne County Director of Engineering Sami Khaldi, who has spent 27 years in the department, said the bridge was built in 1924 and is almost 100 years old. He said it has wood piles and they inspect it every two years, find things wrong, and fix it. Then every five years there is an

underwater inspection.

He said it was due for an underwater inspection in 2018 and they hire consultants for this, but it got to be November and it was too late, and they couldn’t do it. So they did a sonic inspection. Last September they did an actual underwater inspection and the bridge was found in critical shape and unsafe to keep it open to traffic.

He said the piles were really in bad shape. He said there is a section loss in the beam. He said at first they ask if it can be repaired and the answer is yes, but it would take \$3 million. They have to find a contractor. He said the Grosse Ile bridge had clearance

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# 15th Annual Report to Taxpayers

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## 2022 Van Buren Township Retiree Health Care Costs

Employee	Cost to VBT
Bovitz, Kristy	\$11,264.47
Brooks, Dennis	\$9,764.81
Brooks, Ken	\$1,954.27
Brooks, Terri	\$9,426.06
Burgor, Michael	\$16,830.28
Buxton, Mark	\$17,832.84
Caincross, Noah	\$19,916.69
Cline, Kathleen	\$21,299.70
Combs, Linda	\$10,763.75
Devos, Bart	\$9,518.06
Fields, Julia	-\$83.25
Fleming, Pamala	\$21,441.50
Fondaw, Jeffrey	\$22,502.20
Foster, Helen	\$10,783.75
Greene, Robert	\$20,207.50
Gueli, Jeff	\$7,548.75
Guenther, Dale	\$20,187.50
Hunter, Donna	\$10,853.49
Jordan, Lynette	\$11,728.65
Kaupila, Barb	\$10,759.75
Kennedy, Sharon	\$20,382.75
Kurtz, Brenda	\$8,546.18
Laurain, Gregory	\$19,053.50
McIntosh, Laurie	\$24,824.65
Miller, James	\$19,970.08
Moening, Michael	\$9,561.41
Montgomery, Joanne	\$21,100.37
Morse, Vernon	\$22,502.20
Noye, George	\$20,361.97
Osborne, Jeffrey	\$24,740.65
Papin, Michel	\$25,602.93
Partridge, Denise	\$10,246.93
Pinard, Mario	\$7,959.18
Sears, Robert	\$20,187.50
Smith, Daniel	\$21,387.50
Smyth, Keith	\$11,696.93
Stevenson, Linda	\$22,252.68
Thornsbury, Ernie	\$16,616.04
Toney, Kenneth	\$25,648.93
Wilson, Diane	\$10,811.75
Yono, Fred	\$10,938.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$638,893.85</b>

<b>2021 - 34 retirees</b>	<b>-- \$410,634.74</b>
<b>2022 - 41 Retirees</b>	<b>-- <u>\$638,893.85</u></b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ <u>\$228,259.11</u></b>

2022 retiree health care costs had approximately a 55.59% increase since 2021.

## Van Buren Township 2022 Employee Wages and Cost to Township

	Wages	Total Compensation
<b>Recreation</b>		
Simpson, Corenina	\$17,709.88	\$19,064.68
Thompson, Monica	\$3,142.38	\$3,382.77
Zaenglein, Jennifer	\$66,019.64	\$101,266.26
<b>Seniors</b>		
Alexander, Janie	\$2,066.86	\$2,224.98
Duncan, Anne	\$11,038.53	\$11,882.98
Edenstrom, Aidan	\$6,804.71	\$7,325.27
Edenstrom, Robert	\$8,321.00	\$8,957.55
Jordan, Lynette	\$39,880.66	\$71,243.08
Kingscott, Candace	\$6,713.43	\$7,227.00
McBride, Patricia	\$45,119.02	\$71,266.74
Partridge, Denise	\$19,585.35	\$21,083.63
Porter, Beverly L.	\$9,752.49	\$10,498.55
Zitzewitz, Darrin	\$6,349.86	\$6,835.62
<b>Supervisor</b>		
Rodriguez, Hannah	\$54,479.83	\$73,203.97
Selman, Daniel	\$90,069.68	\$133,620.65
<b>Treasurer</b>		
Adams, Kathy	\$58,697.08	\$87,322.01
Bellingham, Sean	\$95,309.40	\$136,480.06
Shevrovich, Jessica	\$52,696.48	\$85,140.94
<b>Water &amp; Sewer</b>		
Hazlett, Kelsey	\$36,419.92	\$70,562.82
Miller, Eric	\$46,377.80	\$76,678.70
Nesler, Jordan	\$8,928.83	\$12,363.74
Patton, Brandon	\$71,956.18	\$104,590.74
Pecsenye, Karen	\$56,723.09	\$85,845.22
Pinard, Mario	\$46,554.56	\$78,628.24
Saums, Todd	\$41,274.51	\$62,106.07
Schlutow, Kristopher	\$69,319.51	\$111,231.24
Strickland, Joseph	\$86,385.00	\$122,851.67
Valinski, Jason	\$71,297.43	\$91,737.06
Zantop, Kendyl	\$45,373.22	\$61,231.84
Zysk, Marcus	\$71,124.55	\$105,440.02
Lawrence, Kevin	\$44,230.73	\$56,389.08
<b>Water</b>		
Greenleaf, Brian	\$8,434.89	\$14,559.76
Hine, Bradley	\$74,801.09	\$95,536.12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,677,656.26</b>	

Benefits include FICA and may include health care, dental, life insurance, vision and pension.

<b>2022 Total Employee Wages &amp; Actual Cost</b>	<b>-- \$5,677,656.26</b>
<b>2021 Total Employee Wages &amp; Actual Cost</b>	<b>-- <u>\$5,262,975.09</u></b>
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ <u>\$414,681.17</u></b>

2022 employee total wages & compensation had approximately a 7.88% increase since 2021.

# Lost Passport

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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN  
ORDINANCE NO. 01-17-23(1)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE 5-2-17(2) AS AMENDED OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN TO INCREASE PLANNING COMMISSION FLEXIBILITY IN DECISIONS REGARDING GARAGE DOOR ORIENTATION AND MINIMUM BUILDING SEPARATION IN RESIDENTIAL PROJECTS.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDAINS:

## SECTION 1- ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS

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 5.115 Dwelling, Single-Family Residential (All Site Condominiums and Subdivisions)

### (B) Application of standards.

#### (6) Definitions.

(b) “**Substantially different**” means that a structure, when compared to another structure, differs from that structure as measured by ~~three (3)~~ four (4) or more of the following ~~five (5)~~ six (6) criteria:

- (i) Roof style. Roof style is determined by location and orientation of the principal ridge line and adjacent sloping sections. Different roof styles include but are not limited to gable, reverse gable, Cape Cod, gambrel, hip, mansard and flat, etc.
- (ii) Roof pitch. Roof pitch is determined by measuring the ratio of vertical to horizontal units in the sloping segments of the principal section of the roof of a structure. Different roof pitches are three (3) or more vertical units in twelve (12) from each other including, for example, 6:12 and 9:12 or 8:12 and 11:12, etc.
- (iii) Exterior Material. Exterior material describes the material present area of structure. Different exterior materials include but are not limited to horizontal siding, vertical siding, shingles/shakes, brick, stone and stucco, etc.
- (iv) Location of Major Design Features Relative to Main Mass. Major design features include but are not limited to attached garages, porches, porticos, breeze-ways, gables, dormers and/or similar major features. Different locations of major design features relative to the main mass of a structure include but are not limited to in front of, beside, on top of, and/or in some other location relative to the main mass of the structure.
- (v) Location of Windows Doors Relative to Main Mass. Windows and doors on a structure can take on various configurations. Different location of windows and doors relative to the main mass of a structure include but are not limited to center door, off-center door and no door, with windows on either or both sides of and/or above the door.
- (vi) **Garage door orientation.** The garage door on a principal dwelling which is oriented toward the side, rear, or front of the lot, in contrast to the garage door’s orientation on the neighboring property.

- (8) **Garage Door Orientation.** In addition to the requirement that a structure be found to be substantially different as defined herein, at least thirty percent (30%) of all structures within a proposed residential plat or site condominium project shall have the garage door oriented other than to the front of the lot (i.e., oriented to the side or rear of the lot). A deviation from the 30% requirement can be granted by the Board upon recommendation from the Planning Commission if the negative impacts of front garage door orientation are offset by recessing the garage door a minimum of five (5) feet from the front face of the dwelling, use of architectural enhanced garage doors,

expanded brick on the front façade, limits on the ratio of the area of the garage door area to the area of the dwelling’s front façade, or other enhancements deemed acceptable by the Planning Commission.

## Section 6.203. Modifications

(A) **Modifications Permitted.** The Township Board of Trustees may, upon recommendations from the Planning Commission, permit modifications to the following requirements, subject to any specific limitations for any specific requirements also enumerated in this Ordinance, and upon finding that the modification will result in a substantial benefit to the users and community as whole:

- (1) PRD Site Area (Section 6.204(C)).
- (2) Density (Section 6.206).
- (3) Building Setbacks (Section 6.207(B)) and Building Separation (Section 6.207(C)).
- (4) Lot Area and Width (Section 6.207(D)).

## Section 6.207. Design

A PRD shall comply with the following standards:

(B) **Building Setbacks.** Buildings in a PRD shall comply with the following building setback requirements:

- (3) Notwithstanding Section 6.207(B)(1) and Section 6.207(B)(2) above, the minimum side and rear yards for all buildings in a PRD shall be the same as in the zoning district in which the PRD is located. The Township Board, upon recommendation from the Planning Commission, may modify the minimum side and rear yard setback requirements based on sound planning and design principles, taking into account the degree of compatibility between adjoining uses, sensitivity to the characteristics of the site, the need for free access for emergency vehicles, the need for adequate amounts of light and air between buildings and the need for proper amounts of open space for the exclusive use of residents of the PRD. ~~However, the minimum building separation requirements of Section 6.207(C) may not be modified.~~

## 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

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# Denton

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and they could put a barge underneath. He said the vibration from fixing one end could damage it more. When there is critical work to do, the contractor can ask for a lot of money to work on it.

Khaldi said bridges have a 75-year life cycle and this is past that. He said the township wants a 10-foot path, so they have to widen the bridge. EGLE has requirements.

"We put the project on a fast track," he said, noting the township wants to increase the clearance, put lights on the bridge and make a different looking bridge to blend with the other bridge. He said it would take one to two years to design and cost \$10 million, if they can secure that.

Lt. Buckberry said the call volume is low, but service calls are high. He said the closed bridge is not a significant challenge to police.

County Commissioner Al Haidous asked if it take more than 20 minutes to get to sites on the the other side of the bridge by a detour.

Lt. Buckberry said the township has two

patrol cars south of I-94 and two north of the freeway and it depends where the cars are when the calls come in.

He said Waverly on the Lake apartments have 500 occupants. He said if the cars are in the city of Belleville, they take Quirk Road and it adds one to four minutes to the run.

VBT Fire Chief Dave McNally explained that the township uses Huron Valley Ambulance to transport patients and a call did come in that evening from the other side of the bridge. He said if fire fighters/EMS come from the Sumpter and Hull roads station, it adds another three to four minutes to the run.

He said they sent responses from both stations and they met at Quirk Road. One took Beckley Road and it took eight minutes. He said if there is a confirmed fire at The Waverly, Ypsilanti Township Fire Department automatically comes for mutual aid. He said Beckley Road is a dirt road. Beckley and Denton roads are the

detour roads.

Don Sherwood said Beckley is supposed to be a gravel road but not one stone of gravel has been put on it in years.

Akers said that the township has asked the county to grade and maintain Beckley Road. Sherman said Denton Road hasn't been fixed in years. Akers said he would make a notation of that as well.

McNamara said they will try to get the county to put gravel on Beckley and see if they can mill and fill on Denton Road, although the county doesn't like to do concrete that way.

Akers said officials have been meeting and at the Feb. 7 township board meeting the board approved requesting the township to do the engineering. The VBT engineering is estimated to take one year, which is less than the two to two and a half years estimated by the county.

Kandrevas said they have pledged to be out there taking care of the road, but it won't be perfect. He said the city wants

a turn signal at Belleville Road and N. Liberty, but the cycling of that signal will take longer for drivers to get through the interection.

He said the city had an issue with the detour signage and the county changed it. Deputy Director of Public Services Scott Cabauatan will keep the local road maintenance crew on track and, "You'll all tell Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous when we're not doing a good job. He talks a lot to us."

When the discussion was turned over to the audience, a man said the left-turn signal should only run during rush hour, so he doesn't have to wait for it to cycle at eight o'clock at night.

Kandrevas said it would be a temporary measure during the closing of the bridge, but he couldn't say it wouldn't be permanent. He said the engineers will work it out. He said they will discuss details with the city. Khaldi said it could be flashing at night.

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55" FLAT SCREEN PANASONIC TV. Perfect condition. \$150. (734) 699-6905 02/23

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2008 SUBARU FORESTER WAGON. Very clean inside & out. No rust. Economical 5-speed transmission. Full power & air. \$3,850. Private owner. (734) 695-0819 03/02

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**Cash For Salvage & Scrap Vehicles.**  
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Opportunities are available for Experienced Agents. Training provided for New Agents. Call 734-697-1800 to schedule an appointment.

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- Margaret Thatcher

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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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 7th day of February, 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: February 7, 2023

Published: February 16, 2023

Effective: February 23, 2023

## More Letters

### We American citizens must not remain idle

To the editor:

Hello Tri-community legal American citizens and voters. I am quite sure you, like myself, are aware of (and sickened) with the critical crises our beloved America is facing today -- unless, of course, you have purposely "tuned out."

The TRUTH\* is we are constantly being bombarded with overtures of lies, ILLEGAL immigration, deadly drugs, murders, division, impeachments, "woke" education in public schools, the economy and threats of the evil Socialism!

As Americans, we must actively Overcome EVIL with GOOD -- the Truth\*.

Unless, and until, we American legal citizens Stand-up, Speak out and Peacefully petition/insist that all of our elected politicians

(Democrats and Republican) put an end to all the lies/false rhetoric, we legal citizens will no longer be living in the land of the free!

We will then say - Hello evil Socialism!

It is my honest intent to overcome Evil Socialism with American Good: The TRUTH!

Please join with me in this prayer for healing our nation: 2 Chronicles 7:14 -- "If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land."

We American citizens MUST NOT remain idle -- doing nothing, saying nothing, while watching with horror and shame, the total destruction of our beloved, Sovereign, Christian America!

A friendly reminder: Preferred is AMERICAN MADE - Look at and read the labels!

\* John 8:32

GOD BLESS AMERICA

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice

### REQUEST FOR PRICE QUOTES

Charter Township of Van Buren

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Request for price quotes

DDA Ground Maintenance at Belleville and Ecorse Roads.

**Proposal Due Date:** Time: 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023

**Project:** The Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority (DDA) is accepting quotes for the Belleville and Ecorse Intersection Landscape Yearly Maintenance for:

2023 and 2024 with an option to renew in 2025

**Commencement Date:** Approximately May, 2023 as agreed upon by the DDA and landscaper

Specifications are attached or the proposal may be downloaded from the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority website: [www.vanburenDDA.com](http://www.vanburenDDA.com). Or a proposal may be obtained at the Downtown Development Authority Offices, 10151 Belleville Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

**Submittal:** Please submit quotes by e-mail to [mcoburn-dda@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:mcoburn-dda@vanburen-mi.org) or mail/deliver to the Van Buren Township DDA, 10151 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 no later than 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on March 28, 2023.

**Quote Review:** Quotes will be reviewed at the Regular DDA meeting on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 during the regular meeting @ 5:30 p.m. The DDA reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and to waive irregularities that are in the best interest of the DDA.

For additional information contact: Merrie Coburn, Van Buren Township DDA at 734-699-8941 or by e-mail at [mcoburn-dda@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:mcoburn-dda@vanburen-mi.org).

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**VAN BUREN**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP**

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of the Charter Township of Van Buren will be held on the following dates:

March 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday  
2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
(Organizational Meeting)

**No Appeals Heard at this Meeting**

March 13<sup>th</sup>, Monday  
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

**Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 15, 2023.**

**Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-699-8946 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. by MARCH 7, 2023.**

Leon Wright  
Van Buren Charter Township

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Thursday, February 23, 2023  
Thursday, March 2, 2023



**Minding  
Your Business  
with Bob Mytych**



Paczki Day is Tuesday, Feb. 21, and the folks at the Bake Shoppe on Savage Road in Sumpter Township will be presenting their European recipe including apple, apricot, blueberry, custard, lemon, raspberry, strawberry, and, hopefully prune, if available. Paczki will not be available on Feb. 19, as indicated in their ad in last week's paper. You can get them starting on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$2.50 each, \$15 for a half dozen and \$30 for a dozen. Call (734) 699-2236 to place an order.

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JR's Small Engine Repair is offering

spring tune-ups starting at \$40 when you mention their ad in today's paper. Owner JR Chapman services lawn mowers, tractors, tillers, chainsaws, and much more. Now through March 31, JR is offering a Pick-up & Delivery Special for \$50. Call (734) 564-2039.

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Today's paper features an insert from Lifeline Health Screening, which will be coming to the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road on March 2. The screenings can check for the level of plaque in arteries, HDL and LDL Cholesterol levels, Diabetes, Kidney and Thyroid Function, and more. Special screening packages start at \$159 but consultants will work with you to create a package that is right for you based on your age and risk factors. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit their website at [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com). Pre-registration is required.

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The 2023 edition of the Polar Plunge to benefit Special Olympics here in Michigan is this Saturday, Feb. 18, at the Belleville Yacht Club in Belleville, starting with check-in at 10 a.m., followed by the plunge at noon. The general public is invited and can stay for the After Splash Bash featuring the Cody Boggs Band. It's the 10<sup>th</sup> year of hosting by the BYC.

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I read on Facebook in a *Metro Times* article that The Rusted Crow Belleville location with an Americana theme will be opening sometime in mid-March. From N. Liberty Street peeking in the windows last summer, I saw an artist there painting giant waves on walls and the ceiling. In another area hung an airplane fuselage, which was really cool. They had to have brought that in in pieces or before the windows were installed; it's huge. The news article stated that The Great Wave inspired murals were

painted by well-known Japanese artist Katsushika Hokusai. Some of the décor will feature vintage outboard motors, pin-up girl art, and tributes to Henry Ford and Thomas Edison. Owner Freddy Giordano closed his Detroit location but still maintains his place in Dearborn Heights. Can't wait to check it out. Also, on the news front of openings, our hometown A&W restaurant on East Columbia Avenue will open for another season on March 1. I've been reading a lot of good things about the recently opened Belleville Bait Shop Bar, Gloria Jeans, as well as the The Butcher Shop, and I've been to all three. Now there's even more reason to support local businesses and eateries.

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*Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020.*

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# VB Public Schools to consider purchase of 575 W. Columbia Ave.

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

School Supt. Pete Kudlak told the public at Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education that as in the past, they are keeping an eye on property around the high school that may become available for purchase.

He said with the high school property the district's option for land are very limited.

He presented the property at 575 W. Columbia Ave. as an information item only and said the board will have it on its agenda

at the next meeting for a vote.

At other business at Monday's meeting, the school board:

- Heard an Instruction Support Specialist presentation on iReady implementation. This is the first year of the iReady benchmark assessment that replaced the district's former NWEA assessment;

- Heard a report on the district's Extended COVID-19 Learning Goal, as of mid-year, 2022-23, according to the iReady assessment, which is administered three times a year to students grade K-8. The report is required to be made available through the transparency reporting link on the district website;

- Approved hiring Andrea Nault as BHS math teacher as of Feb. 6 and Jordan Berger as BHS science teacher as of Feb. 13;

- Approved the termination of Jose Augilar from Buildings and Grounds after less than a year of service; and the resignations of Jermain Crowell from a non-instructional position at BHS as of Feb. 1 after two years of service; and Matt Barr resigning from BHS after four years of service as of Feb. 24;

- Approved hiring non-instructional employees Jacob Kosilkowski as a custodian as of Jan. 31; Bryan Vannoy as a bus driver trainee as of Jan. 31, Kirt Harrison as a paraprofessional at the Early Childhood Center, and Rahman Baith as custodiam with a date to be determined; and

- Held a closed-door session at the end of the open meeting and then went back into public session to reinstate Student 21-22-070 with conditions for the second semester of this school year.

The school board also held a closed-door session at 6:15 p.m., before the beginning of the regular board meeting, to "consider material exempt for discussion or disclosure by state or federal statute ... and to discuss a document protected from public disclosure under the attorney-client privilege."

## 34th District Court Watching:

Daniel Joseph Merrill

Daniel Joseph Merrill of Belleville was charged with police officer assault on Jan. 18 in Sumpter Township. His probable cause conference was held Feb. 1 and then adjourned for a live probable cause conference on Feb. 22.

Sarah Ann Poirier

Sarah Ann Poirier of Sumpter Township was charged with driving without the proper registration/plate and no insurance on Jan. 3 in the city of Belleville. Her pre-hearing and appearance by zoom was set for Feb. 1. She did not appear and a default judgment was generated with a penalty for a total of \$200.

Timothy Raymond Jager

Timothy Raymond Jager, 44, of Belleville was charged with registration/plate violation, no insurance, and drove while license suspended on Dec. 14 in the city of Belleville. At his pretrial on Feb. 1, he got a plea deal. The first two charges were dismissed by the prosecuting attorney and for the third charge, Jager pled guilty to a reduced charge of allowing unlicensed driver to drive. He was fined \$345.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 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 Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Director of Parks Locke, DDA Director Ireland, DDA Director Coburn and an audience of seven (7).

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** McNamara moved, Frazier seconded to approve the agenda with the addition of a New Business Item: To Consider approval of allowing the Supervisor to send a letter of commitment to enter into an IGA with Wayne County in regards to the Denton Road Bridge. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2023, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes of January 17, 2023, Prepaid List of January 19, 2023, Prepaid List of January 26, 2023, Prepaid List of February 2, 2023, Voucher List of February 7, 2023, Approval of the appointment of Jackson Pahle to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 10, 2023 and Approval of Resolution 2023-02: To Participate in the Meijer, Inc. Settlement Agreement and authorize the Supervisor to execute the Binding Term Sheet. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

### CORRESPONDENCE / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

State Representative Miller thanked the Board for appointing Jackson Pahle to the Planning Commission; Denton Road Bridge Information Road Meeting will be held Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the Board Room beginning at 5:30; Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup> in observance of

President's Day and February is Black History Month and the Township will be honoring historical notable Black individuals on the DIRT wall throughout the Township.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### NEW BUSINESS:

McNamara moved, Frazier seconded to approve of allowing the Supervisor to send a letter of commitment to enter into an IGA with Wayne County in regards to the Denton Road Bridge. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Kelley seconded to approve the selection of IMEG Corp. for Commissioning Services for the Community Center Project for a total of \$27,800.00. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the selection of Tel Systems, CNM Telecommunications, and Johnson Controls Inc., for the Community Center Low Voltage Project for a total of \$646,310.93. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 01-17-23(1) to increase Planning Commission flexibility in decisions regarding garage door orientation and minimum building separation in residential projects. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Kelley, Boynton, Martin, Budd, Wright and McNamara. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Frazier seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance RZ 02-07-23 to consider rezoning a 16.18-acre parcel V-125-83-006-99-0004-000, from R-1B Single Family Residential to M-1 Light Industrial. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve the purchase of a Ford F-150 from Atchinson Ford for the Parks Department for \$34,675.00. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** A representative from U.S Representative Debbie Dingell's Office introduced herself and a resident asked for an update on the Township Gateway Signs.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Clerk Wright and H.R. Director Sumpter met with the Township's health insurance carrier and learned the Township's medical costs decreased last year.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Budd moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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## They're reading the Independent everywhere

James Otzman, left, and Rosemary Otzman, both of Van Buren Township, and Anthony Kuchta of Fort Pierce, FL, read their *Independent* on Feb. 4 in front of a reconditioned 1715 cannon from a Spanish fleet that was recovered in 2018 from a site known as the Sandy Point Wreck. The badly rusted and deformed nine-foot cannon was put through a three-year reverse electrolysis preservation process requiring one year for every hundred years the cannon was submerged, at the City of Fort Pierce Savannah Road Public Works Compound. This cannon was on the Nuestra Senora del Rosario, one of 11 ships of the 1715 Spanish fleet, 10 of which sunk during a hurricane on the night of July 30/31, 1715.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

If you aren't going to an exotic location, just send us \$35 for postage to an address inside Michigan or \$40 out of state, and we'll provide mail delivery of the *Independent* so you won't miss a single, exciting issue.



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 298 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, Feb. 5:

0047 – missing person, N. Cumberland Dr.  
0230 – welfare check, Lancaster Dr.  
0230 – disorderly, Oak Ln.  
0548 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0826 – welfare check, Stonebridge Dr.  
0901 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Blvd.  
0955 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Landmark  
1033 – mental subject, Anna Dr.  
1142 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.  
1145 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1309 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1332 – malicious destruction of property, Lancaster Dr.  
1344 – private property/property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1634 – civil matter, Locust Dr.  
1636 – intrusion alarm, Westlake Cir.  
1656 – follow up by officer, Chloe Ct.  
1807 – disorderly, Oak Ln.  
1837 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.  
1849 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1923 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.  
2020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Laguna Dr.  
2244 – assist fire dept., Brandi Dr.  
2312 – disorderly, Bentley Dr.

### Monday, Feb. 6:

0953 – civil matter, State St.  
1107 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1240 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty Rd./Alden  
1415 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Van Buren St.  
1645 – property damage accident, Sadie Ln.  
1906 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / county line  
1921 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2006 – threat, Lake Villa Dr.  
2025 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.  
2040 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2041 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
2121 – juvenile complaint Berkdale Dr.  
2145 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
2210 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
2214 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
2221 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
2225 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
2333 – assist fire dept. Elwell Rd.  
2351 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Tyler Rd.

### Tuesday, Feb. 7:

0116 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
0405 – personal injury accident, W. Schooner Dr. / Michigan Ave.  
0550 – vehicle lockout, Water’s Edge Ln.  
0648 – warrant arrest, Peachtree Ln.  
0713 – larceny, Westlake Cir.  
0803 – property damage accident, Haggerty School  
1015 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1018 – private property impound, Country Walk Blvd.  
1052 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1220 – misc. complaint, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.  
1315 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1320 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1402 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.  
1406 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.  
1424 – misc. complaint, Meadows Cir.  
1426 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.  
1505 – larceny, Yost  
1514 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton  
1522 – animal complaint, Stonebridge Ct.  
1532 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1644 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1654 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.  
1708 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.  
1902 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1934 – intrusion alarm, Red Oak Dr.  
2007 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.  
2224 – 911 welfare check, Vista Dr.  
2229 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2249 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

### Wednesday, Feb. 8:

0049 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.

0202 – missing person, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0411 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
0857 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.  
1006 – follow up by officer, Rawsonville Rd.  
1207 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
1229 – threat, Martinsville Rd.  
1303 – ordinance violation, West Archwood  
1335 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1353 – suicidal person, Arborview Ln.  
1355 – ordinance violation, Lighthouse Dr.  
1407 – ordinance violation, Lighthouse Dr.  
1542 – threat, Morton Taylor Rd./Ladonna Ln.  
1632 – welfare check, America  
1711 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.  
1713 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cherry Ln.  
1713 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Bellridge Dr.  
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi Dr.  
2055 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
2140 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2247 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

### Thursday, Feb. 9:

0131 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0210 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
0258 – suspicious person/vehicle, Southport Apts.  
0715 – road hazard, Mission Pointe  
0911 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0912 – malicious destruction of property, Denton  
1041 – domestic, Robson Rd.  
1045 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1210 – welfare check, Wildflower Ct.  
1248 – retail fraud, Ecorse Rd.  
1335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln./Redwood Dr.  
1405 – parking complaint, Wildbrook Dr.  
1432 – civil matter, Locust Dr.  
1443 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood  
1517 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.  
1616 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1716 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1731 – civil matter, Morton Taylor Rd.  
1746 – fraud, Oak Ln.  
1747 – threat, Parkwood Dr.  
1800 – threat, Maurice Dr.  
2029 – intrusion alarm, Van Buren St.

### Friday, Feb. 10:

0105 – family trouble, Chatsworth Dr.  
0153 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
0356 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.  
0750 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0823 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0830 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lindsey Dr.  
0908 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.  
0927 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.  
0930 – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Creek Dr.  
0942 – private property impound, Village Green  
0944 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Riggs Rd.  
1108 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd.  
1138 – fraud, Meadows Ln.  
1155 – intrusion alarm, Van Buren St.  
1417 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.  
1456 – family trouble, Lake Point Blvd.  
1503 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1509 – threat, Purple Sage Ct.  
1517 – mental subject, Westlake Cir.  
1532 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.  
1613 – welfare check, Country Walk Blvd.  
1749 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1758 – civil matter, State St.  
1811 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1839 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1856 – trespassing, E. Schooner Dr.  
1906 – suicidal person, Stonebridge Dr.  
1910 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.  
1934 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
2035 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.  
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.  
2314 – threat, Freedom Way  
2329 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.

### Saturday, Feb. 11:

0022 – family trouble, Holly Ln.  
0139 – unauthorized driving away of auto, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.  
0651 – assault and battery, Denton Rd.  
0849 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
1109 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
1125 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1159 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.

1227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Blvd.  
1322 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ct.  
1439 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1447 – parking complaint, Dorchester Dr.  
1524 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1608 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.  
1638 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1641 – threat, State St.  
1707 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1718 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk  
1742 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
1802 – larceny, Bemis Rd.  
1851 – domestic, Hamline St.  
2007 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton  
2021 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
2122 – traffic offense, W. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
2216 – K-9 call out, Hazelwood/Western  
2347 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.

Also, there are 104 traffic stops on this week’s log, eight of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Feb. 5:

0258 – mental subject, Charles Ct.  
1132 – follow-up by officer, Lake Villa  
1826 – property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave./W. Huron River Dr.  
2057 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.  
2112 – neighbor trouble, Clarence St.  
2159 – civil matter, Loza Ln.

### Monday, Feb. 6:

0911 – suspicious person/vehicle, Blue Sky  
1000 – suspicious person/vehicle. Main St./Denton  
1420 – malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.  
2047 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.  
2155 – traffic stop, Main St./South St.  
2358 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.

### Tuesday, Feb. 7:

0522 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.  
0859 – intrusion alarm, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1230 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River  
1322 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1335 – traffic stop, High St.  
1549 – juvenile complaint, Main St.

### Wednesday, Feb. 8:

1036 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1327 – private property/property damage accident, W. Columbia Ave.  
1448 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.  
1457 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
1600 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

1623 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Belle Villa Blvd.

1759 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty  
2331 – traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.

### Thursday, Feb. 9:

0843 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.  
0844 – lost property/child, W. Columbia Ave.  
1352 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
1441 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
1554 – private property impound, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1732 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/Fourth St.  
1808 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
1947 – intrusion alarm, South St.  
2019 – traffic stop, Water Works  
2041 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.  
2146 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.

### Friday, Feb. 10:

0112 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
1223 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.  
1625 – traffic offense, Main St.  
1922 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2037 – found property/child, Main St.  
2224 – traffic stop, Main St.  
2240 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Edison

### Saturday, Feb. 11:

0045 – 911 welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
0216 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.  
0302 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
0303 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1113 – trespassing, Fourth St.  
1334 – traffic stop, Savage/tracks  
1342 – traffic stop, South St.  
1518 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.  
1525 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.  
1631 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont

Ave.  
1652 – traffic stop, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.  
1749 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty  
1840 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.  
2020 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.  
2039 – property damage accident, Victorian Ln.  
2059 – 911 welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
2219 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2237 – traffic stop, Clarence St./E. Huron River  
There are 36 traffic stops on this week’s log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Feb. 5:

0926 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.  
1109 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.  
1508 – found property, Edgewood Dr.  
1758 – follow-up investigation, Oregon St.  
1822 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1848 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1853 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2249 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.

### Monday, Feb. 6:

0110 – suspicious person, Indiana/California  
0335 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
0533 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.  
0821 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0834 – suspicious circumstance, 25000 bl. Karr  
1114 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1244 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1252 – welfare check, Oregon St.  
1448 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.  
1449 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1719 – family trouble, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1818 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis  
1823 – follow-up investigation, Texas St.  
2109 – follow-up investigation, First St.  
2213 – assist other agency, Sumpter Rd./Bemis

### Tuesday, Feb. 7:

0057 – neighbor dispute, Redwood St.  
0106 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.  
0824 – fire dept. assist, Pecan St.  
0940 – welfare check, Indiana St.  
1011 – assist other agency, 17000 bl. Marthas Dr.  
1123 – family trouble, Nevada St.  
1444 – warrant arrest, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1526 – welfare check, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.  
1756 – family trouble, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2041 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2152 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.  
2244 – property damage accident, Carriage Ln.  
2306 – prisoner check, Huron Twp. PD  
2341 – civil matter, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

### Wednesday, Feb. 8:

0005 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.  
0131 – suspicious vehicle, Wayside Dr.  
0137 – civil matter, Knollwood Dr.  
0222 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1333 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.  
1354 – suspicious vehicle, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1606 – noise complaint, Montana St.  
1608 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1755 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1839 – follow-up investigation, Magnolia Dr.  
1855 – traffic complaint/hazard, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.

1921 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.  
1958 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
2022 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Thursday, Feb. 9:

0122 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.  
0242 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.  
0404 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0752 – alarm, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.  
0949 – family trouble, Washington St.  
1005 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1037 – reckless driver complaint, Karr/Willis  
1202 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.

1702 – down wires, Mulberry Dr.  
1740 – suspicious person, Creekside Dr.  
1838 – citizen assist, Texas St.  
1854 – animal bite, Hampshire Dr.

### Friday, Feb. 10:

0141 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.  
0312 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd. / Elwell Rd.  
0448 – animal complaint, Arkona/Sherwood

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# BELLEVILLE AREA MUSEUM MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION

**WHEN:** Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00pm

**WHERE:** The Belleville Area District Library  
167 Fourth Street, Belleville, MI 48111

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## More Letters

### Please tell CVS to paint off-color area on store

To the editor:

Can someone PLEASE tell CVS to paint

### Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0545 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
0649 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0739 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.  
0755 – lost property, Willis Rd./Lohr Rd.  
1126 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.  
1131 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1215 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.  
1235 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1242 – animal complaint, Arkona Rd./Rawsonville  
1409 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.  
1517 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1705 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1753 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2158 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2300 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.  
**Saturday, Feb. 11:**  
0925 – subpoena service, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1212 – subpoena service, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1254 – warrant arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1427 – reckless driver complaint, Sumpter/Willow  
1438 – reckless driver complaint, Rawsonville / Willow  
1456 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1541 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.  
1651 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2114 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 170 patrol checks, 72 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.

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## City of Belleville Public Notice



**City of Belleville  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING**

The City of Belleville Board of Review will be held on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023  
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023

Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7th. A second meeting will be on Tuesday March 14<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
**MEETINGS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.**

Please call (734) 697-9323 ext. 7016 to set up an appointment.

The meetings will be held in the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville. The purpose will be to review the assessment roll and hear any objections. Resident and non-resident taxpayers are permitted to file protests in writing without personal appearance; letters must be received by 4 pm on March 14, 2023.

Briana Hootman  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
Publish: February 9, 2023  
February 16, 2023  
February 23, 2023  
March 2, 2023





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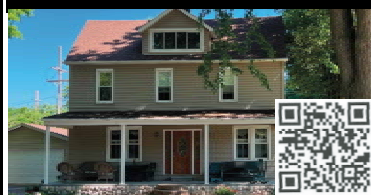
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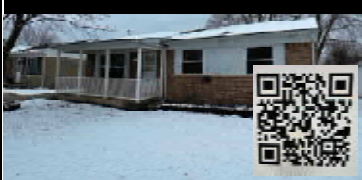
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