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VBT announces museum to reopen in December

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

About 40 people attended the Van Buren Township meeting at the Belleville Area District Library on March 16 to hear the township's plans for the Belleville Area Museum, which has been closed for more than three years.

Elizabeth Renaud, Van Buren Township director of community services, is in charge of the museum, as well as parks, recreation, the senior center, and construction of the expanded community center. Director Renaud said the township plans to reopen the museum the first part of December with the "Festival of Trees."

[Actually, the Festival of Trees is copyrighted and the Belleville event was changed to "Festival of Holiday Trees" when Diane Wilson was museum director.]

Renaud said the township has spent \$400,000 on the museum since 2019.

"We'll give you the best building we can," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara to the people in the audience, adding the Historical Society has to reform so it can run the museum.

Renaud said they have detected a new leak in the basement in a different spot and that needs to be fixed.

They have no plans to hire a museum director, McNamara said.

"That building was in terrible shape and those repairs had to happen," said Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson.

"Van Buren Township spent a lot of money on it," he said, adding now it will be a reburbished facility that is structurally sound. He said the public will have to rebuild its Historical Society and organize among themselves.

Supervisor McNamara said now they are giving the museum back to the experts –

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Belleville High School hosted the FIRST Robotics competition last weekend, with 40 teams competing, including BHS. Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley stood in the middle of the competition area wearing St. Patrick's Day green on Friday morning as the only speaker of the opening ceremonies. She welcomed everyone and encouraged students to thank their parents and mentors who helped them get to this competition.



Bill Wolters, one of mentors of the Belleville High School robotics team – the BelleVillians – talks with the team leprechaun before the competition begins on Friday. Wolters had just been released from the hospital after emergency surgery.



**The Belleville Area Museum
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Museum

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the public.

He said the volunteers will have to go through the archives and decide which things are no longer needed. He said, for example, there are ten shovels and they can decide which ones to keep – if one was

owned by an historical figure, for example – and which ones to return to their owners.

The meeting began with presentations by Good Design Group consultants, Jennifer Beyer and John Metcalf, who were hired by the township in February 2022 to come up with a museum plan, but not contacted until the township set up a June 2022 public meeting. At that meeting, the public

was asked to write what it wants for the museum on yellow sticky notes.

On March 16 the consultants presented drawings showing a redesign of the building interior to show where exhibits could go. The lack of a gift shop was pointed out by Brian Cullin, who said that was an important part of the museum income.

Beyer said in the 2022 survey the public said they had no problem with being charged admission to the museum, but people said the hours had been inconsistent and inconvenient which were barriers to use. The new hours should have evening and weekend times, she said.

She said the collections have a historical value, and need to be collected and preserved, but they are now difficult to access and they should work with curatorial experts to establish a collection plan. Paper should be separated from objects and there should be digitization and public access. There also should be a plan for storage and they need to make sure there is space for people to visit the records.

She spoke of the programming, which the survey showed some liked and some didn't. The public said they were looking for the opportunity to learn about local history.

Beyer said the consultants recommended a regular programming be established for families, school groups, and history enthusiasts and they should set up access to an expert on local history. She said there should be tours and docents to be present to teach the local history.

She discussed what the survey showed about exhibits and recommended they create dedicated space for certain exhibits, build partnerships with other museums to bring in exhibits, update and organize permanent exhibits, and have the exhibits be reflective of diversity.

Then Metcalf took over to speak about the layout of the museum, which ended at the connecting link built to give access to the old fire hall. He suggested exhibits should show Native American and early history, the river flowing through, the huge development in the 1800s, development of the lake, and Willow Run.

There could be a community corner, where local collections would be exhibited. He said a collection of clocks would have been good for the Daylight Savings Time period.

"Where do we hang our coats?" asked Barbara Miller from the audience and Renaud showed her a big closet near the east door that would work.

John Juriga asked how often the exhibits would be changed and Renaud said it will be part-time staff and no full time director. She said they will be relying on volunteers. She emphasized that everything that was donated was still at the museum. She said they have thrown nothing away.

John Delaney said the community has lost through death so many jewels who knew the local history over the last few years. He urged her not to give anything away or throw anything away.

Renaud said they have a surplus of yearbooks and she has given some away when they had multiple books for those

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Public Notice

OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER

NORTH COUNTY LINE INTERCOUNTY DRAIN

NOTICE OF DAY OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

DATE: Tuesday, April 4, 2023
TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Sumpter Township Community Center
23501 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111
QUESTIONS: (313) 536-0355

The Wayne County Drain Commissioner will hold a Day of Review of Apportionments on the above date, time, and location. The Day of Review of Apportionments is an opportunity to review the tentative apportionment of benefits for each parcel and municipality within the North County Line Intercounty Drain Drainage District.

The Drain Commissioner, engineers and/or other staff members will be available to assist individuals throughout the day and make revisions where necessary. There is no need to schedule an appointment for a specific time on the Day of Review. The computation of costs for the drains will also be available at the Day of Review. Drain assessments are collected in the same manner as property taxes and will appear on your winter tax bill. If drain assessments are being collected for more than one (1) year, you may pay the assessment in full with any interest to date at any time and avoid further interest charges.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Day of Review should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Day of Review to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

Comments on the apportionment of benefits may be submitted to the Drain Commissioner in writing before the date of the Day of Review to the Wayne County Drain Commissioner at 400 Monroe Street, Suite 400, Detroit, MI 48226 or to ESGHelp@waynecounty.com, or comments may be submitted in writing or verbally at the Day of Review. Comments submitted in advance must be received by the Drain Commissioner prior to the Day of Review to ensure consideration.

The following is a list of any county, township, city, or village to be assessed: Wayne County and Sumpter Township.

You may appeal the Drain Commissioner's determination of apportionments to the Wayne County Probate Court within ten (10) days.

The following additional information can be found on the Notice of Bid Letting on the Drain Commissioner's website at <https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/environmental/home.aspx>:

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- Location, number, type, and size of culverts or bridges to be installed, if any
- Conditions upon which the contract will be awarded; and

A description of the lands constituting the drainage district can also be found on the above listed Drain Commissioner's website.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Nice to meet those who protect us

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Fire Chief Brian Loranger introduced three fire fighters who were being promoted. They stood in front of the council and audience in their dress uniforms and they looked sharp.

Chris Zweng, who was being promoted to Chief II was not unfamiliar since he attends almost every council meeting and speaks up regularly, but the rest were not familiar faces. It was good to meet them.

At the Sumpter Township meeting on March 14, there was a similar event, with the promotion to sergeant of two police officers and the retirements of two longtime police officers. This was a happy time, as well, and the audience applauded them and were glad for the special event.

Van Buren Township police bring officers before the board for special presentations and top promotions, but we don't get to see the everyday officers as much.

Sumpter regularly brings in new officers that are hired to meet the board and residents, but VBT and Belleville have held off recently. We've learned that some new hires don't make it through their probationary periods and so are gone before we know they are here.

We are glad officers are being screened and trained carefully because we don't want any hard stories to write, like reporters have to in other communities. But once they are onboard, it would be nice to bring them in and let us meet them.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

According to the Belleville police log there were a couple of fights on Main Street the evening of St. Patrick's Day. Police Chief Robinson said the police broke them up and sent a person home. The fighting started again and the person was back and got sent home again. Eventually, he was cited for trespassing. Otherwise, it was an enjoyable holiday, we're told.

Speaking of the police log, in Van Buren Township there were seven retail fraud calls listed on Wednesday, March 15, around noon. Lt. Bazzy said the police had identified a suspect for one retail fraud case at Meijer and the store crew said that was the same person who did the other shopliftings and so there were six other cases filed. Lt. Bazzy said domestic violence cases are their top calls, followed by retail fraud.

At the March 13 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Reg Ion had a question during public comment.

Ion said he still hasn't had a report on what the district is doing with the money from the pop machines. He's been asking about the pop machines ever since his grandson got robbed at a pop machine and then was suspended for fighting.

He also asked School Supt. Pete Kudlak if the district ever suspended a student for bringing a firearm to school and then let him back in the school. He said he was not asking for a name. Just a yes or no.

Supt. Kudlak said he could call Ion in the morning. Ion said he would take that as a "yes." Ion told the board members to look at what they are supporting. He said



the district says it is "all about safety," but is it?

In early March, a man in Sumpter Township called to say his postal carrier called the police the day before for a welfare check on his neighbor. Mail was in the mailbox for three days. The neighbor was found dead, he said. He said he found it newsworthy that the postal carrier had followed through to try to help the man.

We received a letter to the editor from someone calling him/herself "Mrs. Silence Dogood" of Van Buren Township. The otherwise unsigned letter criticized us for not getting the salaries of the Wayne County Department of Public Services which maintains our roads since we were championing "effective government spending."

The writer said since we were targeting specific taxing authorities that we deem local, in the fairness of unbiased journalism and "watching elected bodies," shouldn't we report all that qualify?

"Maybe the Belleville Independent should change their name to the Belleville Opinion. Just a thought," the writer concluded.

We agree it would be interesting to see the county salaries as well as the state and the national salaries we pay for, but we've got to stop somewhere because we have no more room to spare in our little paper.

Finding space for what we do print is quite a project.

We were advised recently of some Belleville Lake dead fish pictures on a local Facebook page. No one knew exactly where these fish were, but we were guessing the Rawsonville DNR launch site. Then, probably in response to the pictures, on March 10, Van Buren Township posted the following on its website.

"At this time of year we tend to see a high number of fish killed in Belleville Lake. This is due to the spring melt and operators of Ford Lake and the Huron River water system managing the water levels between the dams.

"The State MDNR-Fisheries have visited the Ford Lake Dam and have done an investigation. The MDNR officials have communicated to the township that the dam draws water from the lake bottom, bringing along with it many fish. Recently, an estimated 10,000 fish (mostly black crappie) were killed due to the fact that they were "sucked into" the turbines.

"The township is aware of this occurrence and remains in contact with the MDNR and officials from the Huron River Watershed. The officials have advised this occurrence is likely to last another month."



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Letters

Sumpter confidentiality agreement now in place

To the editor:

Sumpter Township has been around for about one hundred and eighty three years, and has suffered through countless supervisors and trustees. Those officials had to contend with many important issues, such as removing the carcass of a dead mule off of a road, replacing a wooden wheel onto their only fire truck, and repairing the roof atop township hall, which suffered from storm damage. They witnessed the replacement of well water with fresh water delivered through underground pipes, and the stringing of wires through poles to bring telephone service to the residents. They saw their sons and daughters enlist to serve overseas in war.

During those years the officials of the township have trusted thousands of employees, mostly residents, to perform their assigned tasks competently and with the best interests of the township in mind. Until now, that is. During the meeting of March 14, all of the members of the township board, with the exception, as usual, of Peggy Morgan, voted to adopt a "Confidentiality Agreement" which all employees are required to sign, and adhere to. Basically, it is a mandate warning those employees not to "spill the beans" regarding aspects of the actual conduct of the township officials which may be considered confidential, although that term is not specifically defined.

So much for transparency in local government. In one hundred and eighty three years there has never been a problem, as Trustee Morgan pointed out, but now six of the seven trustees, along with the township's attorney, are worried to such an extent that, under line six of the "agreement", any employee can be fired for noncompliance.

What do the employee unions have to say about this intrusive and poorly written document? What do the residents have to say about it? What do the employees ... well, they can't say anything, can they?

However, during those extremely rare moments when the members of the township board are actually "at" township hall, and huddled around their desks while they deal with classified, "eyes only," top secret, documents they *can* take certain precautions if they are so concerned, to prevent those pesky employees from "peeking over their shoulders." They can do what those four-star generals do at the Pentagon ... close the damn office door.

Randy Miller

Sumpter Township resident

"Dear IRS, I am writing to cancel my subscription. Please remove my name from your mailing list."

— Charles M. Schulz

2nd Meijer Double Match Day is March 25

To the editor:

This Saturday, March 25, is the final of two Meijer Simply Give Double Match Days during the Winter Simply Give Campaign. On this day, Meijer will double whatever one loads on a Simply Give card. If one purchases a \$10 card, Meijer will match with \$20, for a total donation of \$30. If \$5,000 can be raised locally on these two combined days, Meijer will DOUBLE MATCH with \$10,000 for a total donation of \$15,000.

Please continue to help feed the hungry in Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the city of Belleville.

Thank you!

Marilyn Wood, coordinator

Emergency Food Closet

First United Methodist Church

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Tuesday, March 28** – The Rotary Club of Belleville will host State Representative Reggie Miller at 6:15 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library.

• **Saturday, April 1** – Easter Egg Hunt starts at noon at Graham Park under the pavilion at 24560 Sumpter Rd. Bring your camera/phone as the bunny will be there for photos. Bags are for children ages 12 and under. Children must be Sumpter Township residents. Sponsored by Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation.

• **Sunday, April 2** – Bugles Across America starts at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial on High Street on the lake in the city of Belleville. The brief ceremony honors all veterans, living and dead, with a pledge to the flag, National Anthem, and Taps. Everyone welcome.

• **Tuesday, April 4** – "Introduction to Internet Searching" is set for 1:30 p.m. at the Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Rd. Learn how to perform basic, effective internet searches using popular search engines. Participants must be proficient using a mouse and keyboard. Registration required.

• **Wednesday, April 5** – "Sister Pie: The Recipes and Stories of a Big-Hearted Bakery in Detroit" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library by Lisa Ludwinski, founder of the bakery. The evening will include bakery samples and a book signing.

• **Saturday, April 8** – Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt and pictures with the Bunny at Victory Park, noon – 2 p.m. sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community to celebrate the secular Easter season. Fire department and local nonprofits also participate.

• **Sunday, April 16** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti.

BACA, friends to view 'The Conformist' film at April 8 trip to DIA

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts invites the public to join it on an April 8 bus trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts to view a 1971 Italian film directed by Bernardo Bertolucci, "The Conformist."

The film is described in a DIA brochure as follows:

In Mussolini's Italy of the 1930s, Marcello (the great Jean-Louis Trintignant of "My Night at Maud's") is so desperate to fit in with those around him that he's willing not only to become a fascist and a murderer but also to deny his own desires in order to blend into the regime's version of "normal."

Bertolucci's masterpiece is a visual and aural feast – it's almost as if all the sensuality and passion the protagonist is repressing explodes onto the screen via the richly fluid cinematography of Vittorio Storaro ("Apocalypse Now") and the evocative score by the great Georges Delerue ("Jules and Jim," "The Last Metro").

Classically elegant while thematically subversive, "The Conformist" is more stunning than ever in this brand-new 4K restoration. With Dominique Sanda and Stefania Sandrelli. In Italian with English subtitles. (110 min.)

"Dazzling! Juggles past and present with the same bravura flourish as Welles in "Citizen Kane." –Tom Milne, Time Out (UK)

A bus from the DIA will leave the Van Buren Township Hall at 11 a.m. A docent-led tour of the DIA will be followed by lunch and viewing of the film at 3 p.m. The bus will get back to the VBT Hall at about 6 p.m.

Deadline to order tickets is March 31. The cost for round-trip bus fare, admission to the DIA, and admission to the movie totals \$20 per person. For a total of \$25 per person (an extra \$5) the arts council

will include a membership to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts for 2023.

For this trip to the DIA, BACA must have a total of 30 participants and if the required minimum isn't met, the trip will be canceled. If a wheel chair is necessary, BACA must be notified in advance.

Send check and information by March 31 to: Barbara Miller, 321 Main St., Belleville, MI 48111.

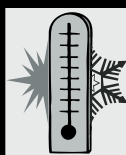
Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, March 23 – Van Buren Township public engagement evening hours to discuss solid waste collection, 5-7 p.m.

• Monday, March 27 – Van Buren Township public engagement evening hours to discuss solid waste collection, 5-7 p.m.

• Tuesday, March 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of trustees, 6 p.m.

• Thursday, March 30 – Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 6 p.m., to consider a dimensional variance to allow for a property split.



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Robert Henry Manier

ROBERT HENRY MANIER
 (December 31, 1956 – March 14, 2023)
 Robert Henry Manier, age 66, of Belleville, MI, passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at his home. He was born on New Year's Eve 1956, son of William Henry & Evelyn Marie (Tabor) Manier. He graduated from Milan High School, class of 1974. He went on to serve his country in the U.S. Army for nine years. Bob retired from the United States Postal Service as a Supervisor after many years. He loved the First Amendment and lived his life to the fullest. He enjoyed going to the gym, feeding wild animals, and dancing. Mr. Manier loved country music and taught two-step for over 30 years. Bob is survived by his wife of 36 years, Phyllis Ann (Browning) Manier; four sons: Timothy (Amanda) Browning of Georgia, Tiffany (Derek) McDevitt of Walled Lake, MI, Robert (Cathi) Manier of Georgia, and Gerald Hearn of Ypsilanti, MI; 9 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; six siblings: Debra (Mark) Grubaugh of Harrison, MI, Cheryl Steinaway of Texas, Tina Brokaw of Allen Park, MI, Thereasa (RC) Bailey of Belleville, MI, Tammy (Larry) Scott of Milan, MI, and Clara (Larry) Evans of Hamburg, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-father Jerry Hearn, also two brothers Benny Paul Hearn and Gerald Dale Hearn. Visitation was noon until 6 p.m. Thursday, March 16, 2023, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Bob's Funeral Service began at 6 p.m. with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

PATRICIA M. BARTON-SCHOOLEY
 (March 22, 1954 – March 12, 2023)
 Age 68, of Milan and formerly of Belleville. Survived by husband Richard Schooley; son Robert Barton; five stepchildren; three grandchildren; six siblings. Visitation was March 18 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville and service March 19. www.davidcbrownfh.com

MAE LEONA FRANKLIN
 (March 12, 1942 – March 19, 2023)
 Age 81, of Belleville. Survived by her children Mae Lauber, Richard Franklin, Joseph Franklin; her sister Jean Larouche; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Service was March 22 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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PHILLIP RYAN HARRISON
 (July 3, 1983– March 16, 2023)
 Age 39, of Van Buren Township, BHS Class of 2001. Survived by wife Sarah; five children Elijah, Brooke, Isaac, Scarlett, and Asher; parents Tim and Linda Harrison; grandmother Grace Fite; brothers Scott and Kevin. Services were March 21 at Connection Church, Canton. www.davidcbrownfh.com

VBT Supervisor: Now there is \$10 million for the Denton Rd. bridge

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara announced at the March 7 regular board of trustees meeting that state officials now have agreed to put \$10 million in its budget for construction of the Denton Road Bridge.

The last amount announced was \$7 million.

Supervisor McNamara said when the township realized the bridge was going to cost more than first thought, he said they went back to State Rep. Reggie Miller and State Sen. Darrin Camilleri and told them they will need \$3 million or \$4 million more for the project.

"Now, we're getting \$10 million," McNamara announced. He said there also is \$1.8 million coming from the Iron Belle Trail and there was a \$1 million private grant for the bridge.

He said anything over \$10 million Wayne County will pay.

McNamara also announced that IT Director Steve Rankin got a \$50,000 grant from the MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) for technology improvements.

"It keeps on coming in," he said of grant funds.

A recent grant of \$384,900 from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and the Department of Transportation's Safe Streets for All program will allow the township to study the entire roadway system and what needs straightening and will allow the township to go out for more grants, McNamara said.

He also explained that six years ago the township owed \$29 million in OPED liability and made a 40-year plan to take care of it. He said now they are 37.5% funded and soon will be 40%, which means the township will no longer be on the state watch list. He said they are putting \$125,000 into the fund each year and it's working out "pretty good."

In other business at the 25-minute meeting, the board:

- Was informed by McNamara that Police Officer Adam Byrd had just been appointed to the state board of the Police Officers Labor Council, which is responsible for the safety and livelihood of 400 agencies;
- Approved a subrecipient agreement for \$20,000 of community development block grant (CDBG) funding with Wayne County for senior services;

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Belleville Fire Dept. announces promotions at city council meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman

Independent Editor

Belleville Fire Captain Chris Zweng was promoted to Chief II and was honored before the city council at Monday's regular meeting.

Fire Chief Brian Loranger said because of a loss of personnel in the department he was making changes in positions. Aaron Zehel was promoted to Captain (C1) and Richard Landskroener to Lieutenant (L1).

the council:

- Set a public hearing for April 3 on the General Marijuana Ordinance that was put in place by a citizen-initiated charter amendment vote on Nov. 8. Also on that agenda will be the Marijuana Zoning Ordinance on which a public hearing was held before the planning commission and was recommended to the council for approval. The ordinances will go into effect 10 days after approval;
- Approved the special event application by



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger reported the promotions in his department at Monday's regular meeting of the city council. From left is Captain (C1) Aaron Zehel, Chief Loranger, Chief II Chris Zweng, and Lieutenant (L1) Richard Landskroener.

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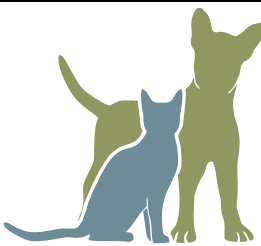

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City Council

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Robinson report that he has applied for two separate grants through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. He said he is seeking money for pickleball courts at Village Park to replace the unused hockey area and money to supplement the ARPA funds for Victory Park upgrades to put in a basketball hoop and pickleball court. He said CDBG is strict on its guidelines and those parks are the only areas that qualify for grant funding. He said he hopes to get grant funding for eight summer youth workers and the Downtown Development Authority is hiring two separately for the summer. He said the DDA approved \$35,000 in site furnishings for the DDA district and the project administrator did some studies on what is needed. He said they should see visual upgrades in the downtown;

- Heard Councilwoman Kelly Bates report that there was a good turnout that evening for the free VegMichigan! items offered. She said 37 signed up and 35 showed up to pick up their free items;

- Heard Councilman Tom Fielder praise city project administrator Steve Jones for getting all the information and numbers together for the DDA so they could make an easy decision on the site furnishings. He said he went to a Growth Works meeting on March 16 and the group has seen the need for some time for juvenile residential facilities and is working to create its own facilities in Western Wayne County. He also reported he went to a meeting in Detroit that day where he learned the use of cocaine and heroin is down and everyone is using fentanyl and some versions of the drug are made to look like Skittles candy;

- Heard Councilman Jeremiah Beebe ask if the city manager has heard anything about the proposed left-turn signal at Main and N. Liberty. Robinson said there is no word on the signal, but engineers say it's a capacity and timing problem and they have other remedies, such as having the traffic merge closer to Quirk Road. He said their legitimate concern is the six-to-seven-second delay that would be caused by a left-turn signal to cycle through. He said it's not about the Denton Road Bridge. It's a capacity problem. Councilman Fielder

agreed it was not a bridge problem. He said the city already had two lanes merging into one lane and it was suggested taking the parking off the right side of the first block into the city. "The solution should be longterm," Fielder said;

- Heard Mayor Kerreen Conley speak about the robotics competition at Belleville High School the previous weekend. She said Steve Jones was a great help and, "We did not come in last." She said the passion the student competitors had was unbelievable. She thanked the sponsors and everybody who made that happen. She said she was invited to the Strategic Planning Session for the schools. Steve Jones said the mayor, who was the only speaker at the opening event of the robotics competition, engaged the crowd and got everyone psyched up; and

- Heard Allen Foulkes of West Columbia Avenue explain how hard his four children train for their Tae Kwon Do skills and they earned four gold medals in the recent state competition for black belts. He was asked by council members to talk about how they train. He said they work three-to-five-hours a day, five days a week, and have two personal trainers. He said his goal is to have them be able to teach the skills to law enforcement and others.

Kayli Irvine, Nicholas Ray engaged

Kayli Irvine and Nicholas Ray, both of Belleville, announce their engagement to be married. The wedding is planned for June 24.

The bride-to-be is daughter of Brian Irvine of Westland and Melissa Pepper of Sterling. She graduated from Belleville High School and is Team Lead at Target.

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Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation will be holding an Easter Egg event on Saturday, April 1 at noon at Graham Park, under the pavilion. Children must be township residents. The Easter bunny will be available for photos and free candy bags will be given to children ages 12 years and under.

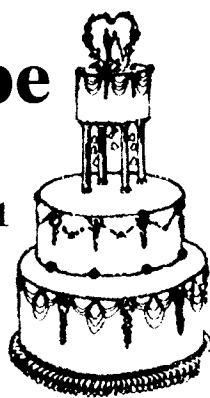
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Sumpter Twp. Board approves confidentiality agreement for employees

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted 5-1 to approve a confidentiality agreement for township employees at its regular meeting March 14. Employees could be fired if they violated the agreement.

Trustee Peggy Morgan was the only no vote. Supervisor Tim Bowman was absent.

During the workshop Trustee Morgan asked if the township had had this kind of agreement prior and if there's a state law on this why is the township putting this out?

Township attorney Rob Young said at the end of the day, the township has a right to set qualifications. He said a lot of harm can come to an individual if some information is revealed. He said they should not reveal people's information to anyone.

He said he didn't know how this was going to be enforced because it was new.

Morgan said if has been an issue, why is this being done now?

Young said some information has gotten out and harmed someone and they are trying to control it. He said the agreement isn't putative in nature so that people have to worry about it.

Morgan said maybe the township clerk has such information, but the average employee doesn't have that kind of information.

"We are trying to stop someone from causing problems," Young said, adding it's intended to try to keep something from happening. He said if something gets out and causes harm he doesn't want the board to ask him why he didn't do something to stop it.

Morgan asks what will happen if an employee won't sign and it should be up to them. She said she didn't think there has been a problem and if there has been, she hasn't heard about it.

Young said they have dealt with ugly issues that didn't get out. He said employees shouldn't share other people's information.

Trustee Don LaPorte said this pertains to the police and fire departments who see a lot. He said someone could be running his mouth saying do you see how they live or what they have.

Trustee Matt Oddy, who was chairing the meeting in the supervisor's absence, said he has to sign a confidentiality agreement at his job and he doesn't know why anyone would have a problem with signing.

"Someone could lose their job," said Morgan, adding, "I don't think it's protecting anyone."

Trustee Tim Rush said he has to sign such an agreement at his "day job" once a year. "It's a tool to help protect our township," he said.

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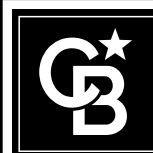
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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Belleville City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of the public hearing is for public input on two amendments to both Ordinance # 20-001, and the City's Zoning Ordinance, respectively.

The first amendment, would change the City's current Ordinance # 20-001, which regulates the business operations of persons licensed by the State to operate Marihuana Establishments within the City. The second amendment to the City's current Zoning Ordinance, and would include changes to Section 2.2, Section 3.1.15, and Section 4.40.

These proposed amendments are currently available for public review at City Hall.

The Public Hearing will take place at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111, in the City Council Chambers.

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

Publish: March 23, 2023 and March 30, 2023

Court Watching:

Sheena Barnes has jury trial set

Sheena Devina Barnes, 63, of Sumpter Township has a jury trial set for 8:30 a.m., May 22 before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley on a charge of malicious use of a telephone on Aug. 19 in Sumpter Township.

The case is being prosecuted by the Van Buren Township prosecutor because of a possible conflict of interest with Sumpter Township. The complaining witness is the township supervisor and the defendant is a former candidate for the township board.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The BZA will meet to consider the following request:

Case # 23-014- Request for a **dimensional variance** by Lawrence Zelanka to construct a 2.5 story home that is approximately 29.6 feet tall. The subject property is located at 13125 Ormond Drive (tax parcel ID 83 080 01 0059 000), located on the east side of Ormond Drive, between Edgar Avenue and Ellen Avenue. The property is zoned R-1B – Single Family Residential District. The request is contrary to the requirements of Section 3.106(D) of the Zoning Ordinance as described below:

Section 3.106(D) - R-1A, R-2A, R-1B, and R-1C, Single-Family Residential Districts – Dimensional Regulations

- Maximum allowable height: 30.0 feet or 2.0 stories, whichever is more restrictive per Section 1.106 of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance.
- Proposed height (feet): Approximately and not to exceed 30 feet
- Proposed height (stories) 2.5
- Variance requested: 0.5 stories

Members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org by **April 10, 2023**. On the meeting webpage, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting. On the agenda for the meeting**, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

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

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Museum

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years.

Delaney said there is content on the history of this area in the Henry Ford Museum and they should get it for this museum.

Donald Martin, who said he moved to Florida and then back to Belleville, said he and his son enjoy history. He said the Belleville Museum he remembers felt like you were in an old building and he doesn't know what they've done inside now. He said old buildings are the best like the Ypsilanti museum where you walk into an old building. Do not modernize, he said.

"You don't want to modernize displays talking about old history," Martin said.

Mary Ban said her brother-in-law's Air Force uniform was upstairs in the museum and she asked if it was still on exhibit. Renaud said one man came and picked up his uniforms, but the rest are still there.

Ban said the township should put out a handout to describe what's going on and Renaud said they will advertise it the way they always do with ads in the *Independent* and items on the township website.

Ban said she belongs to the Ypsilanti Historical Society and every few months they get a publication, "Gleanings," that is full of stories about the history of Ypsilanti, which is very informative.

She said the Ypsilanti Museum and other museums have people who are in college doing internships and docents working on their degrees, which Belleville could do. She said this area was part of Willow Run and took part in saving this country and used Rosie the Riveters. She noted the Ypsilanti museum opened in August 2020 after COVID.

When asked about what use the former fire hall behind the museum will have, since it wasn't on any of the reports from the consultants, Renaud turned the discussion back over to McNamara.

McNamara said it will be a decision of the township board, but the township could retain the fire hall and use it as community space. "That is the plan," he said.

McNamara said this museum area is in the center of Van Buren Township and the township wished it had a downtown.

"We would like to be part of downtown," he said, noting the community space could be a place for weddings, showers, concerts, and bar mitzvahs.

"It's up to the board," said McNamara. "I'm not sure."

Cullin asked where the archives will be if the fire hall is turned into a community space.

Renaud said the archives are not stored the way they should be and what way that should be is something to be figured out.

Cullin asked if the fire hall could be used for the archives and Renaud said she wouldn't say no and they are looking into it.

Cullin said the Ypsilanti Historical Museum has a climate-controlled area for the archives where tables can be pulled up for the public to do research.

"What are you going to do with the Model-T and Horse Carriage?" asked Juriga.

Renaud said they could be switched out in the new display area between the museum and the fire hall. She said there is room for only one because they had to put in ADA and lost some space.

A woman who identified herself as a Chippewa native, who recently moved from Ypsilanti to Van Buren Township, asked what kind of exhibits they would have for the native people who have lived here for 30,000 years and made the forced march to Kansas. Metcalf said there would be a Native American display.



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BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111

**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,
CITY CLERK**

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

Charter Township of Van Buren Annual Cemetery Cleaning Notice

The Department of Public Services will be conducting its annual spring cleaning at all Township cemeteries.

**Spring cleaning will begin
March 23, 202 and run through April 8, 2023**

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March 23, 2023

New items may be displayed beginning April 9, 2023

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Tyler - 39820 Tyler Road (Tyler and Hannan Roads)
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For additional information contact
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Leon Wright
Township Clerk

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 6, 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	Absent
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Absent

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

- A. Presentations
- None
- B. Council Follow Up List
- No comments.
- C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
- No comments.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe

to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Special Event Application – K of C Tootsie Roll Fundraiser

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Fielder to approve the Special Event Application for the K of C Tootsie Roll Fundraiser.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

B. Resolution # 23-008 – City Wide Yard Sale

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe approving **Resolution # 23-008** designating the dates of this year's City Wide Yard Sale as September 9th and 10th.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

C. Special Event Application – Goat Day

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Fielder to approve the Special Event Application for Belleville Goat Day.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

D. Discussion – BHS Girls Dance Team Adoption of 4th Street Square and Place

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe approving adoption of 4th Street Square and Place for cleanup by the Belleville High School Dance Team.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe to approve **Resolution #23-009** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson stated that the City Council and the DDA have both agreed to bring the goats back to Horizon Park in June, as opposed to August.
- Is hopeful that the DDA will approve replacement of trash receptacles and benches throughout the City.
- Noted there is currently a Request for Proposals in the works for design of the renovations at Victory Station. He stated that once the proposals are received, they will need to go before the Planning Commission. There will also be a ground breaking ceremony held at the building to mark the start of the construction.
- Reminded everyone that this Thursday the Planning

Commission will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning and General Ordinances regarding marijuana establishments in the City.

- Commented that the City Administration hopes to start the process to amend the City Charter soon.
- Mentioned that the City is slated to receive \$51,000 in tax revenue generated this year from the sole licensed marijuana facility.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Beebe
 - Asked if we could receive data from People Express to see how many people are utilizing the service.
 - Asked if there were any updates on obtaining a left-turn light at the intersection of Denton/Main St./N. Liberty.
 - Thanked the City employees who keep resetting the traffic cones that get knocked down at the Denton Rd. bridge closure.
 - Recognized two Belleville High School wrestlers who placed third in the recent wrestling competition. He also mentioned the team's coach, who won Coach of the Year.
- Council Member Fielder
 - Reminded everyone that the Robotics Competition will be held at Belleville High School beginning next Friday, at 11 a.m.
 - Noted that there will be a Planning Commission meeting this Thursday, March 9th, with two significant projects slated to be discussed.
 - Noted that the DDA meeting will be held next Wednesday, March 15th, at 6 p.m.
 - Stated that Ms. Fryske, a teacher at Belleville High School, will be launching a program for the school's Freshman students that will provide academic support. The program will take place on Thursdays.
 - Noted that Career Day at BHS will be taking place soon.

12. MAYOR PRO-TEM'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt thanked everyone in attendance at the meeting.
- Noted that the Belleville Area Museum will be holding a meeting on March 16th at 6 p.m.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Unknown Resident
 - Noted that the road conditions in the Harbour Pointe subdivision are horrible, and would like to see the City address them.
- Alan Folkes
 - Noted that there is an Olympic-style Tae Kwon Do State Competition taking place this weekend.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Fielder to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

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Birthdays

March 21 – Mellisa Griffin
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 March 26 – William Otzman
 March 28 – Dawn Fleeson, Sophie Smolinski
 March 29 – Mary Ellen Morris
 March 30 – Kaitlyn Beals

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Van Buren Township

Police Dispatch Log

There were 289 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, March 12:
0058 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0129 – domestic, Wildrye Ct.
0343 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
0454 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd.
0743 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
0842 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
0904 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0904 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1224 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1230 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1308 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1328 – assault & battery, McBride
1407 – misc. complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1513 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1543 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.
1630 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1652 – sexual assault, Robson Rd.
1703 – domestic, E. Huron River Dr.
1723 – indecent exposure, Rawsonville Rd.
1739 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2049 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2118 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Monday, March 13:
0039 – malicious destruction of property, Victoria
0223 – welfare check, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0843 – intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.
0945 – fraud, Borgman Ave.
1007 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1046 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1120 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Kirkridge Park Dr.
1127 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1137 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ash Dr.
1156 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1205 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1209 – suicidal person, Wildbrook Dr.
1235 – civil matter, Freedom Way
1251 – assault & battery, Country Walk Blvd. / Savage Rd.
1432 – civil matter, Wildbrook Dr.
1506 – fraud, E. Cherry
1549 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1608 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1611 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1804 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1926 – unattended death, Mott
1935 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2200 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
Tuesday, March 14:
0216 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
0646 -- intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
0721 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.
0722 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0723 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0948 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
0948 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1006 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1008 – parking complaint, Solitude Ln.
1047 – unattended death, Tyler Rd.
1128 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1219 – private property impound, Rawsonville Rd.
1221 – welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.
1223 – harassment call, Dalton Dr.
1335 – trespassing, Hoeft Rd.
1421 – animal complaint, Ayres Ave.
1431 – breaking & entering, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1518 – lost property/child, Ecorse Rd.
1528 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride/Pierce
1627 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1707 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.
1724 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-175
1848 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1919 – assist fire dept., Outer Dr.
2221 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.
2238 – assist other dept., rest area
Wednesday, March 15:
0043 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
0456 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0626 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Crest Dr.
0810 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1156 – noise complaint, Country Walk Ct.
1221 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
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1222 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1239 – private property impound, Industrial
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa
1328 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.
1401 – assist fire dept., E I-94/Rawsonville I-94 ramp E.
1427 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Sadie Ln.
1540 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1638 – fraud, Western St.
1654 – animal complaint, Laguna Dr.
1711 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave.
1748 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1808 – felony assault, S. Timberview Dr.
1812 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1827 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1847 – property damage accident, Hannan/Tyler
2036 – noise complaint, Arlene
2117 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2143 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2235 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
2240 – larceny, Bemis Rd.
Thursday, March 16:
0037 – traffic offense, Hull Rd.
0200 – assist other dept., McKinley St.
0542 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1053 – welfare check, Presidential Estates
1055 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1102 – welfare check, Prairiegrass ct.
1128 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
1141 – welfare check, Buchanan St.
1205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1225 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1242 – intrusion alarm, Morton Taylor Rd.
1243 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1300 – welfare check, Victoria St.
1321 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1327 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1354 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/Bog
1620 – malicious destruction of property, Rose
1754 – threat, Ivy Dr.
1826 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1828 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1845 – private property impound, Van Born
1945 – welfare check, W. I-94/Haggerty
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.
2018 – 911 welfare check, Lauren Ct.
2105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victoria St.
2152 – welfare check, Tyler/Morton Taylor Rd.
2218 – motorist assist, W. I-94/rest area
2312 – property damage accident, E. I-94/Haggerty
Friday, March 17:
0055 – property damage accident, NB I-275 / Ecorse Rd.
0102 – welfare check, Holly Ln.
0249 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
0330 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0507 – intrusion alarm, Dover Ct.
0519 – missing person, Edwards Rd.
0636 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Ricardo Dr.
0708 – PPO violation, Denton Rd.
0824 – civil matter, Bog Rd.
0833 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0918 – domestic, Rogers Ave.
1135 – private property impound, Holly Ln.
1137 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1159 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Blvd.
1217 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd./Rolan Meadows Dr.
1238 – intrusion alarm, Ayres Ave.
1316 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.
1319 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave.
1334 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jackson St.
1413 – neighbor trouble, Mida Dr.
1506 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1523 – family trouble, Oak Ln.
1608 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1810 – intrusion alarm, N. Timberview Dr.
1807 – leaving the scene of a property damage

accident, Belleville Rd.
1825 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1859 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
1857 – threat, Parkwood Dr.
2102 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.
2135 – traffic offense, Parkwood
2136 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.
2137 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
Saturday, March 18:
0113 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0214 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0227 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.
0312 – shooting, Sheldon Rd.
0325 – assist other dept., Van Buren St.
0808 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-275/Ecorse
1105 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1124 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1147 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1325 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1412 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
1416 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1646 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1714 – welfare check, McKinley St.
1827 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.
1901 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1944 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
2148 – noise complaint, Anna Dr.
2219 – road hazard, E. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 87 traffic stops, with 17 of those being on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police

Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 12:
0103 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
0333 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Edison
0532 – assist other dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
0658 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0703 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1046 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
1235 – traffic offense, Main St./Third St.
1343 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1358 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1409 – traffic stop, High St.
1540 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.
1750 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
1856 – property damage accident, Harbour Pointe
2014 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
2144 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
Monday, March 13:
0004 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.
2055 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2115 – family trouble, N. Liberty St.
Tuesday, March 14:
0440 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0851 – intrusion alarm, Henry St.
1623 – property damage accident, E. Columbia
1714 – fraud, Main St.
2157 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
Wednesday, March 15:
0947 – fraud, Main St.
0951 – fraud, Main St.
0952 – fraud, Main St.
1210 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia
1255 – larceny, E. Columbia Ave.
1519 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr. / S. Biggs Ave.
1552 – harassment call, Carmell St.
2028 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2039 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2203 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2340 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Edison
Thursday, March 16:
0211 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0614 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
0633 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0859 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
1203 – trespassing, Fourth St.
1750 – fraud, Main St.
1932 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
2030 – warrant arrest, Wexford Ave.
2053 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Ct.
Friday, March 17:
0020 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
0127 – property check, Main St.
0255 – assist other dept., Elwell
0812 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
1129 – missing person, Loza Ln.
1355 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.

1847 – fight, Main St.
2033 – fight, Main St.
Saturday, March 18:
0414 – intrusion alarm, Harbour Pointe Ct.
0422 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0901 – parking complaint, Main St.
1135 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1241 – fraud, Victorian Ln.
1859 – suicidal person, Carmell St.
2154 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2219 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
There were 21 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township

Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 12:
0059 – animal complaint, Oregon St.
0117 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0404 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0514 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
0716 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0836 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
1227 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1302 – welfare check, Wayside Dr.
1416 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1515 – civil matter, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1520 – 911 hang up, Indiana St.
1923 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
2003 – alarm, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2205 – fire dept. assist, Virginia St.
Monday, March 13:
0048 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0054 – noise complaint, Mulberry Dr.
0229 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Wear
0828 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0858 – property damage accident, Brookview Dr.
0943 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1234 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1254 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1324 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1326 – civil matter, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1439 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1811 – welfare check, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2055 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2224 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Judd
Tuesday, March 14:
0740 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville/Judd
1128 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1200 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1432 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1506 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1509 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1520 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1531 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1614 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1700 – mental health call, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1824 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1924 – welfare check, Montana St.
2029 – suspicious circumstance, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2040 – non-fatal shooting, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
2131 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2215 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2336 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Executive Dr.
Wednesday, March 15:
0151 – 911 hang up, New Mexico St.
0200 – larceny, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0522 – civil matter, Texas St.
0627 – 911 hang up, Timberlane Dr.
0630 – family trouble, Texas St.
0745 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
1214 – missing person, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1257 – traffic complaint/hazard, Arkona/Sherwood
1316 – citizen assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1413 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Bemis
1538 – suspicious person, Sherwood/Judd
1541 – juvenile matter, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1853 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1955 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
2038 – family trouble, Texas St.
2204 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Thursday, March 16:
0350 – malicious destruction of property, Brookview Dr.
0804 – fraud complaint, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
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SOLID WASTE COLLECTION PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EVENING HOURS VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP HALL

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be holding weekly evening hours to allow residents to come in and discuss upcoming changes to the Township's solid waste program. The weekly evening hours are as follows:

Wednesday, March 8, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 23 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Monday, March 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The weekly evening hours will be conducted at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Interested residents may also come in anytime during the Township's normal business hours Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to discuss these items as well.

The purpose of these evening hours is to provide information and obtain feedback regarding the upcoming changes to the Township's solid waste collection program and our current efforts to date. Items which can be discussed include the results of a solid waste survey, potential ordinance changes, the bidding process for securing a collection contract, the timeline for any transitions, and fees associated with trash collection.

Please contact Municipal Services Director Ron Akers at 734-699-8913 or by email at rakers@vanburen-mi.org with any questions regarding this informational meeting.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1038 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1115 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1225 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1536 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl Judd Rd.
1623 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1716 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1918 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
1944 – malicious destruction of property, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2026 – mental health call, 6500 bl. Oakville Waltz
2220 – 911 hang up, New Mexico St.
2348 – suspicious vehicle, Wilmot Rd./Willis Rd.
2349 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, March 17:

0212 – death investigation, Rustic Ln.
0809 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
1005 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1147 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1344 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1357 – ORV complaint, Arkona Rd./Marcus Dr.
1426 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1509 – alarm, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1549 – follow-up investigation, 10000 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1711 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1749 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.
1946 – juvenile matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2228 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.

Saturday, March 18:

0311 – family trouble, Texas St.
0942 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1028 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1109 – follow-up investigation, 10000 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1211 – alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1305 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1330 – citizen assist, Hampshire Dr.
1330 – traffic complaint/hazard, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1445 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1518 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1527 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Rawsonville
1856 – flee/elude police, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.
2046 – fire dept. assist, magnolia Dr.

Also on this week's dispatch log are 151 patrol checks, 72 traffic stops and 11 misc. details.

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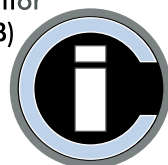
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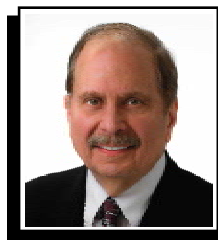
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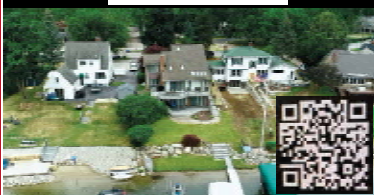
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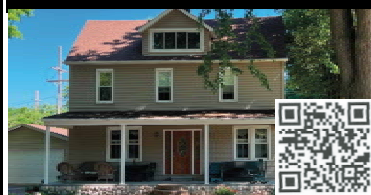
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