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City Council OKs water shutoff policy for non-payment

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council an 11-page water shutoff policy for non-payment of water bills was approved to be effective immediately.

Mayor Kenneth Voigt was not present at the meeting and Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Bates presided.

City Manager Jason Smith said they are going out for bids on new water meters, but he said he has no reason to believe the meters are the reason people aren't paying their bills.

"It's better than it was a couple of years ago," he said of the non-payments.

He said the city will send out the next bill cycle and then the consumers will pay or not. Bills are now sent out every other month, but they could change to monthly.

Under the new policy, customers have 30 days to pay or make arrangements to pay or to dispute a bill which is 90 days past due.

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The rain drove Flop E Bunny inside Victory Station on Saturday where he met with families who had waited patiently outside in a long line. The children got their free pictures taken with the bunny and extra candy because the outside candy hunt couldn't be held.

Independent photos by Janet Millard

VBT DDA allocates \$110,000 to public safety for 911 Viper System

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright came to the VBT Downtown Development Authority on March 26 to ask for it to re-allocate \$35,000 from FUSUS to help pay for a new 911 Viper System. Instead, the DDA allocated \$110,000 from its \$200,000 public safety line item.

Under state law, the DDA can only spend its funds on things within its district and the 911 system is completely housed in the public safety department at township hall, within the district.

Chief Wright explained that the FUSUS project didn't come to fruition because of the complicated way it would have to get

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The Denton Road bridge has been closed by Wayne County for 550 days as of today.



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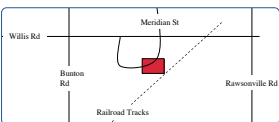
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VBT Planners OK staff study to bring ordinances up to present

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its March 27 meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, after almost an hour of discussion, decided it wanted staff members to study the present ordinances to bring the property laws into the present.

Building and Planning Director Dan Power said some of the ordinances were written in 1964.

Director Power said there is a lot of potential light industrial uses in Van Buren Township and they can make sure the zoning and master plan have it developed the way they want.

He said TYC wanted to come here, but didn't stay. It found an existing building in another community.

He said the commission had talked about a blended light industrial/office district.

He said he has put together three focus areas. First, was manufacturing definition between light and heavy. He'd propose having the rules product-based, not process-based for named products. He said they could direct the staff to address this issue

between light and heavy manufacturing.

His second focus was on warehousing, which has robust uses in the township. Currently there are three tiers: warehousing allowed by right in zoning for storage; distribution center, larger, more than 25,000 square feet and more trucks with special land use; and trucker railroad terminals, such as Costco, of 4,000 square feet for one or more trucks.

He asked if there should be more stringent standards for warehouse or distribution center? Staff could see how this is applied in other communities.

Power said the office/light industrial zoning district should be created in the new master plan.

Power said the township has not received complaints about warehouses near subdivisions.

Commissioner Bernie Grant, an architect, said that warehouses and distribution centers have building and truck traffic, but they may not be adjacent to residential communities currently.

"We want green space buffers," Commissioner Medina Atchinson said,

adding, "We have enough trucks in Van Buren Township. I'd like to see fewer big trucks." She asked about the opening of Our Next Energy battery plant.

Power said it has to have a final inspection before it begins. He said it is located in Building 6 of Crossroads North distribution center.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said the way the ordinance is now for warehouses, a property owner could exploit that and break up a big building into several smaller buildings and get more building space than in a distribution center, with fewer restrictions.

Commissioner Grant said he would like the distribution center name to be changed and called a distribution "building." He would like staff to look at the square footage and docks and other details.

"We're losing big in the township," Commissioner Jahr said, noting that a business with minor body work needs painting, which is not allowed.

"They are silly rules," he said. There is a difference between a large building that just paints vehicles or a smaller business that assembles and paints tractors. He said he didn't remember the name, but the township lost a light manufacturing business. "We lost their business," he repeated.

Commissioner Atchinson said things have changed and with EV repair all you change is the battery. "The business of auto repair is different than in 1964," she said, adding that parts come in for repair jobs now already painted the right color.

Jahr said, "Our ordinances don't reflect today's reality. I'm very concerned we're driving away business and jobs." He said if a new business bumps against the township's set of ordinances, it doesn't fight. It just goes away.

"Product vs. process," Jahr said. "That's to say 'yes,' Dan."

Power wanted to clarify an issue, "They moved because there was a built building for them and we weren't ready."

Commissioner Atchinson asked if the ordinance on painting within the township is the reason Camping World didn't move back in?

Power said they have been paving over an area that's been disturbed and they submitted a newer, revised floorplan. He said he has had active conversations with Camping World over the last couple of weeks.

"Have they talked about painting?" Atchinson asked and Jahr noted, "It's still in our ordinance."

Atchinson said the township was the reason they eliminated the painting and if Camping World can't make money that's a problem.

"They wanted to add a paint booth," recalled Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on

the commission as board liaison. She said they spent a lot of money for the last three months and brought in a lot of gravel. She said in August they got flooded.

Jahr pointed out the new trucking business is painting and not following the ordinance.

It was mentioned that painting could be an accessory use.

"I want an ordinance to be inclusive instead of exclusive," Atchinson said. "Can you ask Camping World about the painting booth?" she asked Power. "We could manage our ordinance to accommodate them."

"I've had no indication the painting was a problem," Power said.

"I direct you to find out how other communities have updated other ordinances," Jahr said.

Power said some of Van Buren Township ordinances were created in 1974.

Commission chairman Brian Cullin directed Power to move on his focus items.

Commissioner Grant asked if they may create a subcommittee and Power and Cullin agreed.

"Absolutely. Anything that would help," Cullin said.

Power said any volunteers should let him know. He said they have a limit of three so there isn't a quorum.

Grant volunteered and others seemed interested.

In other business at the one-hour, seven-minute meeting, the commission:


- Approved temporary land use for TNT Fireworks to set up an outdoor fireworks tent sale in the Walmart parking lot from June 21 to July 5, from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. TNT has been doing this for more than 10 years with no issues;

- Heard Power say he put an overall guide on parliamentary procedure in their packets. He said training sessions are available and he can sign them up or they can sign up themselves. He said the planning commission and board of zoning appeals have requirements for training for members;

- Heard Power said the state of Michigan is granting up to \$50,000 and Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers applied for one for a township-wide housing study. He suggested revisiting the master plan to increase the variety of housing in the township; and

- Heard Jahr ask if there have been any issues with the drainage pond with the assisted living project on Tyler Road. Power said different entities – the county and state – take care of the pond issue. Local ordinances have requirements for landscaping. He said there may have been silt from the construction that had to be cleaned out of the pond. The county has restoration issues about tying in with the ditches. The project is not closed out yet, Power said.

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Editorial

Residents: neighbor dispute shouldn't lead to new law

The Belleville City Council has been taking comments from residents for several meetings on an issue and on Monday, there was a public hearing on the proposed, amended Animal Ordinance. There will be another public hearing on the Animal Ordinance on April 15.

On Monday, there was new comment from several residents pointing out that this started as a dispute between two neighbors over a rooster and has grown into an ordinance that will be effective citywide that will limit residents' enjoyment of their animals.

Those animals that aren't bothering anyone shouldn't be limited, several noted. Arbitrary numbers of how many dogs or cats or other animals should be allowed are not necessary, they say.

There were concerns from residents about their rescue and fostering activities that would be curtailed if the ordinance went into effect. There were fears of neighbors spying into other neighbors' houses to count how many pets they have and turn them in.

And, how long does the city keep a pet before it possibly gets euthanized? It's up to 10 business days now in the constantly changing ordinance. Some question whether an ordinance is needed at all and whether the dispute between the neighbors shouldn't be remedied somehow. One resident even asked if the goats for Horizon Park trimming wouldn't be breaking the new livestock rules.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Longtime Van Buren Township Fire Fighter Curtis Lunsford has retired after many years of part-time service. Also, Tina Grishaber, who was in the VBT building and planning department for many years and at the police department before that, has also retired.

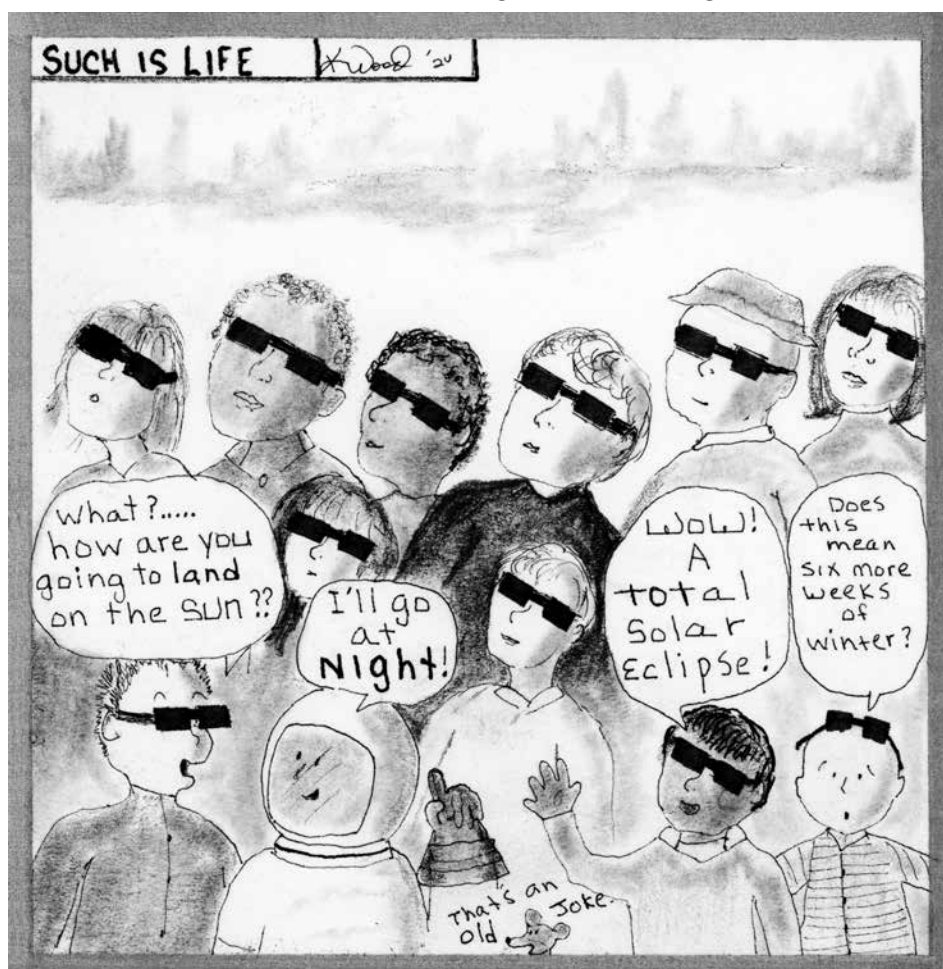
At last week's planning commission meeting, there were round tables with chairs around them for the audience to use, instead of the rows of chairs usually set out for the audience. Planning and Economic Development Director Dan Power explained that the retirement party for Tina was the next day and they didn't know if they'd have time to set it all up if they waited.

No problem. There were only two of us in the planning commission audience: me and the man from TNT Fireworks, who was getting approval to set up a temporary tent in the Walmart parking lot this season.

Tina had been a big help to me over the years and I am happy she gets to retire and that they had a big party to send her on her way.

Last Thursday night I got a phone call asking if I was watching channel 7 news. I wasn't, but I turned it on and saw the end of a report that involved a former Belleville Police Officer named Mark Aldrich. I got the whole story later off channel 7's website and you can, too.

Their report tells the story of his hiring as a Belleville officer in 2015 and how he resigned under pressure from Chief Hal Berriman after he sold a car he got from a local towing firm for a needy family and kept the money. He was asked to resign, and he did. Then, he went on to Huron Township



PD and had a lap dance and sex act from a suspect he had arrested for a traffic offense. After he was forced to resign there, he went on to Carleton PD, where he did other unprofessional conduct including road rage and a charge of destroying evidence. He resigned and went to Lake Orion, where channel 7 exposed him last week. Channel 7 reports that Lake Orion says he is on administrative leave.

The problem was his unprofessional conduct was not flagged to MCOLES (Michigan Committee on Law Enforcement Standards) by any of the chiefs and so he had no black marks against him and the next departments thought they were getting a good officer. Channel 7 said the state said his license now is inactive and he won't be able to be a police officer in this state.

Thanks to channel 7 for all the work it did to get police reports and comments from all of the police chiefs of those communities. Lake Orion's chief wouldn't talk to the reporter, but the city council demoted the chief last week, presumably for not checking the officer's background like he said he had.

We see in our *Independent* file that Officer Aldrich was among those getting a life-saving ribbon for their work in the December 2015 fire at a home on Denton Road in Van Buren Township where one teen lost his life.

State legislators spoke out over the weekend, saying if the police chiefs won't stop the "traveling cops," they will and new legislation is being introduced.

Others say if the police chiefs would only follow the law already on the books they could protect other departments from cops who are not doing their duty.

A 16-year-old boy from the Mt. Pleasant area, Connor James Hubble, who was reported missing on Saturday night at a restaurant where he works around 10:15 p.m., was found in the Belleville area on Sunday at about 3 p.m. Belleville in the news again.

After Saturday's Flop E. Bunny event on Saturday, the Kiwanis Club, which had taken part and was selling children's books, donated 12 boxes of children's books to the Belleville Area District Library for its upcoming used-book sale.

Elaine Guterrez, who is in charge of the used-book sale for the Friends of the Library, said she had been concerned because she had very few children's books for the sale on May 4 and 5. Now, there are many.

Bugles Across America in Belleville started March 7, 2004 with Ross Medos, Ed Sobolewski, and I standing in the sleet at the Veterans Memorial - 20 years ago.



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Guiding Harbor seeking diverse board members

To the editor:
 Guiding Harbor is pleased to welcome two new members of the board of directors. Jillian Czapinski is a local Belleville resident, wife, mom of teens and three fur children. She currently works as the HR Director at Aludyne in Southfield. She has a history of volunteer service and has served on a couple corporate boards, as well. She is interested in supporting children in need, appreciates working on collaborative efforts, and is happy to offer "an extra set of hands" to help wherever needed.

Rachel Kozlowski is a Business Systems Analyst Advanced with BCBS MI. Rachel is very active in several Clubs/organizations in the Belleville area such as Eastern Star and Belleville Community Chorus. She learned of this opportunity through her church, Cornerstone Christian Church. She has served as president of the Rotary Club for several terms and has raised significant amounts of money to make a profound impact for an orphanage in Honduras. She has organized events and coordinated volunteers. She loves helping children.

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Jennifer Trotter, LMSW
 CEO, Guiding Harbor, Belleville

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VBT planners set Agritourism, Mixed Use public hearings

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Public hearings on amendments to ordinances on Agritourism and Signs in the Mixed-Use Sumpter and Belleville road overlays will be held before the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.

At its March 13 regular meeting, the commission heard Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, and Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, explain the proposed changes.

After discussion, the commission voted unanimously to direct Director Power to schedule the public hearings. Commissioner Bernie Grant was absent and excused from the meeting.

Power said the hearings likely could be set for the April 10 meeting.

An Agritourism subcommittee, made up of commission chairman Brian Cullin and commissioners Bernie Grant and Jackson Pahle, have met several times over the past year to gather information. It had its final meeting at DeBuck's farm, a very large agricultural site on Martz Road.

Director Power said the proposed Agritourism ordinance calls for one site plan review with a recommendation to the board of trustees. The minimum 10-acre site would not have to come back for approval every few years, the way it does now.

He said Agritourism refers to outdoor mazes, the marketing of agricultural products, u-pick operations and ancillary projects, such as playgrounds, petting farms, tours, exhibits, gift shops, kitchen, entertainment and meeting spaces.

Krishnan said the residents in the south end of the township want to maintain a rural community. This would call for approval once, rather than again and again.

She said DeBucks run their operation really well, but the next person might not. This ordinance provides standards and a framework to protect the township's interest, she said.

Chairman Cullin asked if it would be evaluated after the first year and Power said that was removed in the last edit.

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the commission as the board's liaison, said first DeBucks ran a corn maze, now they have a tulip festival, lavender festival, sunflower festival, and then they are back into Halloween again.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked if this ordinance might attract more Agritourism and he was told it might.

Chairman Cullin said DeBucks came in every year or three years, "whatever we wanted."

The other ordinance amendment that will have its public hearing on April 10 will consider changes to the overlay districts
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City of Belleville

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City Manager Smith said the council could opt to approve the policy and not enforce it until the new equipment is installed.

Earlier in the meeting, Councilman Jeremiah Beebe had asked if there are problems with the water billing and Smith replied, "That's somewhat calmed down a bit and we're ready for another billing."

"If it's not a meter issue, let's go," said Councilman Jeremiah Beebe. "Why wait? ... I don't think it's a bad meter issue."

Councilman Randy Priest said once the council acts, they'll find out.

Councilman Beebe made the motion, supported by Councilwoman Julie Kissel to put the policy in place right now. "I have no interest in anyone's water being shut off," he added.

Smith noted Loza Lane was taken off the unpaid bill list he had presented at a previous meeting.

He said putting an unpaid bill on property tax, that the council approved at a recent meeting, is a last resort.

In other business at the two-hour-and-33-minute meeting on April 1, the council:

- Held the first reading of an amended Utilities Ordinance that will pair with the water cut-off policy. Smith said when the city attorney reviewed the current Utilities Ordinance he said it had not been updated since it was written in 1956 and it needed to be brought up to current state law, so the attorney rewrote it. The second reading and adoption of the ordinance is scheduled for the April 15 meeting;

- Held a 30-minute public hearing on the proposed Animals Ordinance amendment and then set another public hearing for the April 15 meeting because of the mixup in dates for the April 1 council meeting. Smith had published a notice that the April 1 meeting had been changed to April 2, but he was mistaken. The meeting and public hearing were held as scheduled on April 1. The first reading of the ordinance amendment was postponed to the next meeting;

- Held the first reading of the Mobile Food Vendor Ordinance with revisions. The second reading and adoption is scheduled for the April 15 meeting;

- Interviewed five law firms, for about five minutes each, to see who it wanted to represent them. The firm that currently represents the city is Cummings, McCloy, Davis, & Acho, which was interviewed first. Each new council likes to look at all contracts of firms serving the city. Also interviewed were The Kelly Firm, Meroueh & Hallman LLP, Pentiuik, Couvreur & Kobiljak., P.C., and Pear Sperling, Eggan & Daniels, P.C. The selection will be made at the April 15 meeting when the whole council is expected to be present;

- Approved paying half the cost of having goats trim the lake banks along Horizon Park at a cost of \$2,247.50, with the Downtown Development Authority paying the other half of the cost. Tentatively, Goat Days are scheduled to begin on June 15, before Lakefest, and the goats would not be in town for Lakefest;

- Approved the Digital Work Order System subscription quote from CityWorks for \$13,500 annually for three years and implementation of the quote from Ritter GIS in the amount of \$4,500 monthly. This is to bring the Department of Public Services into the 21st Century and get rid of the "pen and paper" style of work, Smith said. Each worker would have a tablet and have assignments on the tablet and take a picture of the completed work. This works with the GIS project to be done with Belleville High School and Eastern Michigan University interns. "The fire department always wanted to know where the hydrants are and the size," said Fire Chief Brian Loranger. Smith said that would be on the GIS maps;

- Approved Belleville Fire Department membership in CLEMIS (Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System in Oakland County) at a cost of \$1,400 per quarter. Chief Loranger said CLEMIS also is used by Van Buren Township Police Department and Fire Department and the Belleville Police Department;

- Heard Smith report that the city hall roof should be done by the end of April, the DPW roof has holes and so will be repaired for \$16,765, labor negotiations for the police union and GELC have begun, negotiations with VBT have begun for the dispatch and lockup contract, the Jewett Drain's drainfield has 600' on the south end of the city and so the cost for maintenance won't be a lot for the city, two DPS workers were hired and one backed out so others are being interviewed, the financial audit is under way, and the BYC will clean up Horizon Park the first week in May and Redemption Church will follow up on May 11; and

- Heard Councilman Priest ask about replacing the damaged split-rail fence at Victory Park. Smith said the county had to wait for the state to pass its budget so it could guarantee the grant for park work. He said the request for proposals for the fence and other park work will be the next to go out. He said 70% has to be spent by October 2024 and all the money obligated by December 2024 and spent by 2026.

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Ross Medos enjoys a soft-serve ice cream cone as he waits for his wife Sandy at Bladez hair salon in Belleville on March 22, a snowy day outside. Gene, owner of Get the Scoop ice cream shop across E. Huron River Drive from the salon, had just opened for the season and brought over cones for all at the salon. Medos is known in the community for starting the VFW Bugles Across America ceremony that continues after 20 years.



Millie Baker enjoys her cone.



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Overseeing the Kiwanis table inside Victory Station during the Flop E Bunny event in Belleville on Saturday were Sean Elliot, left, and Debbie Graham Lazaroff. Winner of the girl's bike given away in the Kiwanis drawing that day was David and Marsha Johnson.

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 Girl Scouts selling cookies inside Victory Station on Saturday were leaders Lauren Newberry and Mallory Dorman with scouts Deliah Dorman and Olivia Curtis.

Correction:
Eastern Star member actually is Ruth Claxton

On page 12 in the March 28 edition of the *Independent* we misidentified the Order of Eastern Star member standing with the Belleville Fire Department. It should be Ruth Claxton. We regret the error.
 Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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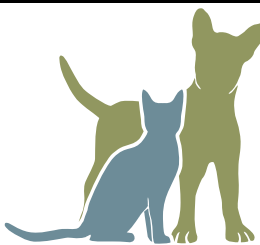
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VBT DDA

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access to CLEMIS information, which was not possible at this time.

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He explained that FUSUS is a great technology but they could not get a pathway into CLEMIS. He said 248 agencies are on CLEMIS and they make sure a vendor gets only the specific information.

"It's not impossible, but not available right

now," Wright said. He said Kalamazoo was the only one using FUSUS right now, but it's not on CLEMIS.

So, that was put on hold and the \$35,000 the DDA allocated could be used for the new 911 system.

He said the 911 Viper system captures all calls with background, including address and phone number and puts it into the dispatch information. He said they can call back if they lose a call and send a car.

He said VBT's system is only eight years old and 10 years is the max. He said VBT is the only dispatch in the state using this model. It will cost \$174,385 to replace.

He said it has been malfunctioning quite

a bit. It gets fixed and then it malfunctions again.

"It's a crisis thing," he said, adding it's end-of-life technology and there will be no support as of Aug. 1.

Chief Wright said the need to replace Viper sprang up two years earlier than they thought.

"If it breaks, they're not guaranteeing they can fix it," Chief Wright said. He said when it was purchased, it apparently was a model that was about to be being replaced by a newer model. He said he didn't know how that happened.

He figured with the \$75,000 they had in the police department budget and the

\$35,000 from the DDA, they could add \$64,385 from the drug forfeiture fund and be able to afford the new system.

He said it will take nine months to put it in and they will get the bill next February.

"This is very high-tech and the equipment never leaves the police department, so it stays in the DDA district," he said, adding this is a sole source so they can't go out for bids.

He said Viper is in Northville Township, Romulus, Canton, and Metro Airport, so they can back up each other. The service agreement on the new equipment is for five years.

But DDA members agreed this was an urgent matter and took \$110,000 out of the public safety line item and allocated it to the new 911 Viper system. The \$35,000 stays in the allocation to FUSUS and can be spent when FUSUS can be implemented.

FUSUS provides a platform to view public and community video sources for incidents, with, among other sources, people who are registered being able to send their Ring doorbell images to police.

In other business at the one-hour-three-minute March 26 meeting, the DDA:

- Unanimously approved re-electing Craig Atchinson as chairman and Chris Brown as secretary to serve year-long terms and Mark Laginess as the new vice-chairman, replacing Carol Bird who will be out until June or July as she finishes her chemotherapy;

- Approved the Belleville Road Streetscape Maintenance Agreement with Pioneer Landscaping for \$8,410 for quoted items, with an additional \$4,970 for additional items that needed to be done, for a total of \$13,380;

- Approved renewal of the Harris Park Grounds Maintenance contract with Grounds Control, LLC, in the amount of \$12,075, with increases for things that needed to be done. DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn said last year he underbid himself and did more than scheduled; and

- Approved renewal of the Belleville/Ecorse Road Intersection Grounds Maintenance contract with Randy Brown Landscape in the quotation amount of \$18,280, plus an increase for things that needed to be done for a total of \$22,230.

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Their in-person arraignment/pre-trial was scheduled for Dec. 13 before Judge Brian A. Oakley and then reset until Jan. 10 by zoom before Judge Lisa Martin. Then their final pretrials were set for Jan. 17 and officer in charge Jeff Wickham must appear. On Jan. 17 Officer Wickham did not appear and the charges were dismissed.

Also, on Nov. 20, Pineau was charged with having an unlicensed domestic animal in the city of Belleville. He was arraigned Feb. 15 and the charge dismissed by the city.

On Feb. 15, Davis and Pineau also were arraigned for a new charge of breach of the peace on Feb. 2 in Belleville. Personal bond was set at \$1,000 each and a remote pre-trial set for April 18. There is to be no contact with the victim.

This couple has been at the center of a controversy about having a rooster and other animals on a 45' lot on Henry Street in Belleville and the city council is working to approve an animal ordinance as a result.

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for Belleville Road and Sumpter Road to provide specific regulations for signage in these districts.

In other business at the one-hour-and-35-minute meeting on March 13, the commission:

- Approved temporary land use for Ricardo, Inc., to operate a mobile refueling station on its property at the northeast corner of the Haggerty/Tyler roads intersection through August. Ricardo had received permission from the township for this type of operation three times in the

past and last year it had approval but didn't do the operation. The Ricardo president said they are working on low-carbon transportation in Germany, Great Britain, and Van Buren Township and they have five generations of hydrogen-fueled trucks. They put the hydrogen in when they have contracts. The operation would have the possibility of four to five fillups;

- Heard an administrative update from Power on the redevelopment of the former Chase bank building at 10680 Haggerty Rd., next to Trilogy Apartments and backing up to Haggerty subdivision. It has been vacant for 20 years. Anchor Realty and Big Sisters in Nursing has remodeled the former bank into an office facility to

use for counseling services for medical professionals;

- Heard an administrative update on River Front Rentals at 40731 Edison Lake Rd., next to French Landing Park, which has applied for use change/new business approval to use an existing industrial building for fabrication of modular buildings and equipment for events. It was used for storage between 2015 and 2022 when it was sold to the person proposing this use. It plans to fabricate mobile kitchens out of shipping containers. Budd voiced concern about how many trailers will be stored outside, right next to the township's newly renovated park; and

- Discussed ongoing work on ordinances on EV stations, reforms to the master plan, opening up the office/light industrial zoning to other uses, and keeping up to date on state changes to solar farms and other laws.

Nelson Po files for Sumpter supervisor on Democratic ticket

Nelson Po of Sumpter Township announced Monday that he has filed with Wayne County to run for the position of Sumpter Township supervisor on the Democratic ticket in the Aug. 6 primary election.

Rather than gathering names on petitions, he said he paid the optional \$100 filing fee.

Po said as supervisor he plans to fulfill his dream project of building a senior citizen complex in Sumpter.

The deadline is 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, to file to be on the ballot for the Aug. 6 primary election for partisan and non-partisan candidates, including township officials, district court judge, and Wayne County Community College trustee.

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The scholarships are funded by the Charles B. Cozadd Foundation, which supports many of Rotary's activities. For more information and application forms go to bellevillerotary.org and click on Belleville Rotary Scholarships. Students are urged not to miss out on this opportunity.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 8 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS
- Tuesday, April 9 – Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority (LDFA), 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 11 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 15 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

City of Belleville Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2024 at 10AM**, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 18, 2024 - 7:30 pm

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Presentations
- i. Council Follow Up List
 - No comments on the follow-up list
- ii. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items
 - No citizens spoke at this time
- iii. Legal Services Bid Review and Candidate Selection

Council elected to interview The Kelly Firm, Pear Sperling Eggan & Daniels, Pentiuq Couvreur & Kobiljak, Meroueh & Hallman, and Cummings McClorey Davis & Acho. Each firm will be given 5 minutes to present, and the council will have time to ask questions. Interviews will take place on April 2.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Bates to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

- Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 4, 2024 Regular Meeting
- Communications
- i. MMRMA Monthly Claim Acknowledgement
- ii. Jewett Drain Order of Necessity – Wayne County Drain Commissioner
- iii. Feb 2024 YTD Crime Stats – Police Department
- Quarterly Financial Report
- DPS Activity Report
- Special Events
- i. Fill the Boot for Autism

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- Ordinance 24-002 – Amending Section 10 – Animals – First Reading

provided an update from the original packet draft. The council provided their insights and things they'd like to see changed. Mayor Voigt said he'd like to see a higher limit for animals than 3 and thought that 5 was a good number. He also would like to see a low fee associated with licenses. Mayor Pro Tem Bates mentioned that she would like to see a clearer and tighter definition of consistent barking. Mayor Pro Tem Bates also confirmed the language prohibited roosters. Lastly, she would like to see a longer hold before rehoming a stray, from 72 hours to 10 days. The council asked about grandfathering. CM Smith explained that the City Attorney advised against grandfathering anyone in, but instead we give residents a grace period for compliance. Councilwoman Kissel asked about the city's ability to issue licenses and if we were set up to do that. Councilwoman Kissel wanted to ensure that non-owner-occupied properties had a mechanism that granted permission for their tenant to have these types of pets. Councilman Priest asked about how many dog licenses we have in the city. He also expressed concerns about dogs and barking, as well as the number versus the size of the animal. Councilman Beebe expressed concerns over the regulations being too restrictive.

• Kristen from Victoria Commons spoke on the animal limit.

• Sandra from Harbor Point spoke on the animal limit.

• Kimberly from Henry Street spoke about the rooster and the noise caused, doesn't want them banned, and asked to allow grandfathering.

• Pauline from High Street said that she's glad to see ducks and rabbits would be allowed now after her meeting with the City Manager and mentioned that chickens only need 1.5 feet of space per chicken.

• Angela from Sumpter Road (non-resident) asked for no hard limits on animals.

• Nicole from Elwell (non-resident) said that there are vet and industry standards for space needed for animals, and guidance on soil, breed, and other factors. Also gave facts on how to control stray population and asked that grandfathering be retained.

• Matt from Henry Street mentioned that the ordinance should pertain to standard of care and sounds and smells versus counts.

• Mrs. Williams from Henry Street said that she has concerns about animals getting loose, and that quality of care of animals is important, she does have concerns about noise and predator birds, and that strays roam the community, and the shelters are full.

• Kimberly from Henry Street mentioned that feeding strays attracts vermin.

• Lucy on Clarence said that the animal limit was too low, would prefer habitat regulations versus a count.

• Brian from Henry Street stated that feeding strays causes nuisances around the neighborhood.

• Paul from Henry Street agreed that stray cats are a problem in their neighborhood.

• Mrs. Williams from Henry Street mentioned that not all the cats are theirs.

• Christina from Henry Street agreed that strays are a problem.

• Collette from Henry mentioned that there are some programs that will take strays in.

The City Manager recapped the feedback from council and residents and will return with an updated draft in the first reading form. CM Smith explained the process to pass the ordinance. The council requested a public hearing be scheduled regarding the ordinance.

• Ordinance 24-003 – Creating Section 107 – Mobile Food Vendor – First Reading

City Manager Smith reviewed the ordinance. Assistant City Manager Jones mentioned that there were some things that he would like to see added, including minimum setbacks, parking limits, longevity limits, and fire inspection. The council asked for clarification on certain portions of the ordinance. The changes will be made and the ordinance will come back as a first reading at the next meeting.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

• Resolution # 24-011 – Splurge Foundation Gaming License

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve the resolution of support for Splurge Foundation. Motion carried by voice vote.

• Consideration of an Offer to Purchase – 100 Davis Street

City Manager Smith presented the offer to purchase 100 Davis Street.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Priest to sell 100 Davis Street. Motion carried by Roll Call Vote.

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye

• VC3 Department Head Laptop Quotes

CM Smith presented the need for Department Heads to be moved to laptops as part of the IT upgrades.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to purchase the laptops for department heads. Motion carried by roll call vote.

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

• WDIV Skycam

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to authorize WDIV to place a Skycam at City Hall. Motion carried by voice vote.

9. ACCCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

• **Accounts Payable**

• **Departmental Expenditures**

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures. Motion carried by roll call vote.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Aye

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

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

CM Smith provided an update on legislation discussed at CapCon, an update on the VC3 onboarding process, the State budget timeline, our audit update, and the status of the grant writer. He also provided an overview of the Belleville High School/EMU/Michigan Works GIS project and the city's application for interns to assist with GIS implementation.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

-- Thanked the residents for their participation and reminded everyone to spay/neuter their animals

• Council Member Beebe

-- Thanked the residents for their participation in the government process.

• Council Member Kissel

-- Thanked CM Smith for the updates

-- Thanked Steve and Rick for working with her on the DPS cleanup.

• Council Member Priest

-- Thanked the residents for coming out and participating.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Thanked the residents for attending and participating in the meeting and encouraged future attendance.

• Warned of social media misinformation

• Provided an update on the Pump House Project

• Congratulated the BHS Robotics team on their season

• Congratulated the BHS Jazz band on their recent performances.

• Thanked Council Member Kissel on her work with DPS.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Kimberly on Davis said that animals are emotionally attached to their owners and vice-versa.

• Collette from Garden Fantasy thanked council for allowing their voices to be heard. Also mentioned that FEMA was helping to spread the word that those impacted by last summer's tornado had assistance from FEMA available to them.

• Residents also asked about the alley between Davis and Wabash.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,
Jason Smith, MPA, City Manager

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- **Saturday, April 6** – Seventh-annual Prom Dress Giveaway, for 2024 graduating seniors, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, sponsored by Crafted Gift Shop / The Jeremy Stovall SPLURGE Foundation. Call Crafted Gift Shop at 734-391-8110 to register or register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2024-prom-dress-giveaway-registration-861276159177?aff=oddtcreator>
- **Saturday, April 6** – Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste Collection, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wayne County Community College campus, 9555 Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township. For all county residents.
- **Wednesday, April 10** – Drive-Through Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. Pick up from 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Call orders in by 4 p.m. for faster service. Menu: four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dinner-style biscuits & gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of pie. \$14 for carry-outs (cash or check only).

- **Thursday, April 11** – Classic Movie Night Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Tonight it is Orson Welles’ “Citizen Kane.” Watch and discuss classic films presented by former *Detroit Free Press* film critic John Monaghan. Brought to you by the Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.
- **Saturday, April 13** – Family-to-Family Sale to benefit the Van Buren Public Schools Early Childhood Center will run from 9 a.m. to noon at the Belleville High School Cafeteria, 501 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville. This is a fund-raising event, cash only, like a mom-to-mom sale, and all proceeds will go toward the playground project at the Early Childhood Center. Information at: SCEnglish@vanburenschools.net.
- **Saturday, April 20** – Earth Day 2024 at Wayne County Community College, Ted Scott Campus, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Partnered with National Wildlife Refuge System. Open to the public at no cost. Educational presentations, indoor/outdoor inflatable archery, backyard bass game, hands-on planting activity, arts and crafts, snacks available. Information: Amanda Consiglio, (734) 699-7008.
- **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 25, 26, 27** – Annual Indoor Flea Market at St. Paul’s Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston, (734) 753-9048. Open 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Antiques, collectibles, furniture, and more.
- **Thursday, April 25** – Chili Cook-off at the Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club membership meeting at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township.
- **Friday, April 26, and Saturday, April 27** – Craft & Vendor Market and Bake Sale at the Sumpter Township Community Center Gym, 23501 Sumpter Rd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Gifts, crafts, jewelry, treasures. Rain or shine. Tables available for \$10. Contact MaryAnn Watson maryannwatson@sumptertwp.org or call (734) 461-9373.
- **Friday, May 3** – Third-annual Community Day at 34th District Court.



City of Belleville Public Notice



Notice of Availability of Draft Plan for Public Review

The City of Belleville has prepared a draft Parks and Recreation Master Plan to guide the future development of parks and recreation in the City of Belleville.

The public is welcome to view a copy of the draft plan for review and comments. The plan is available for consultation at the City Offices, 6 Main Street, and on the city’s website, www.bellevilleonthelake.com

The city will accept any comments on the plan until May 1, 2024.

Please direct your comments to Jason Smith, City Manager, by e-mail to: jsmith@belleville.mi.us; in person or by mail at: Belleville City Offices, ATTN: Jason Smith, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111


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City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville PUBLIC NOTICE SEEKING RESIDENTS TO SERVE ON CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION



The City of Belleville is seeking nine (9) individuals to serve on a Charter Revision Commission for the purpose of revising the City Charter. Commission Members must be a resident of the city, and at least 18 years of age.

Those interested in serving on the commission will need to file an Affidavit of Identity and Nominating Petition with the City Clerk in order to be placed on the ballot for the August 2024 Election. Petitions must be signed by not less than twenty (20) nor more than forty (40) valid registered voters of the City to qualify.

These documents may be obtained at the City Clerk’s office located at the Belleville Municipal Building, 6 Main St. Both documents must be completed and submitted to the Clerk’s office **no later than April 23, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.**

Please contact the City Clerk or City Manager’s offices with any questions (734) 697-9323 ext. 7010 or 7006.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 214 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, March 24:

0039 – 911 welfare check, Sawgrass Ct.
0635 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0739 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter
0835 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1112 – larceny, Michigan Ave.
1134 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
1345 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1421 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell
1529 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.
1530 – juvenile complaint, Outer Dr.
1539 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1600 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1602 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.
1644 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.
1611 – malicious destruction of property, W. Huron River Dr.
1627 – disorderly, Senate St.
1705 – 911 welfare check, Bramblewood Ct.
xxxx – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1927 – parking complaint, Ecorse
1847 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1837 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
1906 – juvenile complaint, Outer Dr.
1928 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2049 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brandi Dr.
2247 – larceny from auto, Vernon St.
2247 – larceny from auto, Park Estate Dr.
2253 – sex offender registration, N. Cumberland
2307 – larceny from auto, Brandi Dr.

Monday, March 25:

0017 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0152 – trespassing, Lake Villa Dr.
0247 – noise complaint, Wheeler St.
0410 – assist fire dept., Country Walk Blvd.
0437 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0742 – intrusion alarm, Pond Bluff Dr.
0841 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.
0847 – malicious destruction of property, Mott
1009 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1051 – intrusion alarm, Chloe Ct.
1138 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.
1223 – domestic, Pond Bluff Dr.
1309 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1350 – 911 welfare check, Brandi Dr.
1353 – threat, Meadows Cir.
1518 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1709 – fraud, Oak Ln.
1725 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
1928 – lost property/child, Meadows Ln.
1727 – domestic, Red Oak Dr.
1911 – assist other dept., Richmond Dr.
xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2028 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2141 – neighbor trouble, Meadows Cir.
xxxx – repossession, McBride Ave.

Tuesday, March 26:

0250 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0617 – mental subject, Bog Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Westlake Cir.
0908 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1002 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1101 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
1504 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Belleridge Dr.
1603 – welfare check, Greenwood Ct.
1616 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1641 – assist other dept., Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1830 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.
1803 – mis. Complaint, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1817 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.
1941 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
2029 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
2039 – civil matter, Jackson St.
2157 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, North Shore Dr.
2230 – domestic, Maple Dr.

Wednesday, March 27:

0025 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0448 – assist other dept., Henry St.
0707 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0731 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0805 – assist other dept., Purple Sage Ct.
0943 – welfare check, Freeport Ct.
1036 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1136 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.
1216 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1326 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1600 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1814 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.
2104 – 911 welfare check, SB I-275/Ecorse
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
2205 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rogers Ave.

Thursday, March 28:

0000 – road hazard, Van Buren St.
0117 – breaking & entering, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0701 – property damage accident, Van Born
0800 – intrusion alarm, E. Sadie Ln.
1045 – civil matter, Quirk Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Van Born Rd.
1325 – harassment call, Lighthouse Dr.
xxxx – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1509 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1513 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Born Rd.
1553 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1640 – family trouble, Paloma Dr.
1649 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1718 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Cumberland Dr.
1801 – traffic offense, Denton Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1850 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2123 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2131 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.

Friday, March 29:

0242 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Woodbury Dr.
0432 – domestic, Ash Dr.
0839 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0916 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0919 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Buchanan St.
1000 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1118 – intrusion alarm, Chester Ct.
1122 – welfare check, Paloma Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Ladonna Ln.
1237 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1244 – intrusion alarm, W. Schooner Dr.
1323 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
1342 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1326 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd./Sage Cir.
1350 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1523 – dumping complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1635 – disorderly, Quirk Rd.
1957 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
2025 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2133 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2238 – harassment call, Holly Ln.
2336 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, March 30:

0053 – welfare check, Zachary St.
0159 – sex offender registration, Maple Dr.
0255 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0302 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Village Center Dr.
0327 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0515 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.
0540 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd./Van Born Rd.
0959 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1038 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.
1209 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1212 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Ecorse Rd.
1218 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.
1238 – 911 welfare check, Dalton Dr.
1409 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd. / Quirk Rd.

1429 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
1509 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1622 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1646 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1741 – fraud, Stonebridge Dr.
1829 – assist fire dept., N. Bellridge Dr.
1857 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1917 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
2029 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Barnwell Dr./N. Cumberland Dr.
2040 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2119 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
2134 – vehicle lockout, Pebblebrook Dr.
2151 – disorderly, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
2158 – noise complaint, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2230 – 911 welfare check, N. Bellridge Dr.
2230 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beacon Trl.
2231 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2339 – suicidal person, Fret Rd.
2359 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Amanda Dr.

Also, on this week's log are 46 traffic stops, two of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 24:

0032 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.
0039 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.
0054 – traffic stop, Main St.
0128 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Henry St.
0528 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1119 – harassment call, Edison Ave.
1131 – property damage accident, Main St.
1146 – property check, Davis Additions Subdivision
1147 – property check, Huron Park Subdivision

Monday, March 25:

0122 – property check, Main St.
0222 – property check, Roys St.
0222 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Church St.
1025 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1057 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
1134 – property check, Owen St.
1156 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1343 – property check, Victoria Commons
1403 – property check, Harbour Pointe
1423 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1654 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Liberty St.
1655 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Liberty St.
2008 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Edgemont
2017 – welfare check, Main St./N. Liberty St.
2035 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.

Tuesday, March 26:

0523 – property check, Main St.
0544 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
0709 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1317 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Wabash Ave.
1322 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Henry St.
1735 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1751 – property check, Owen St.
1810 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
1835 – property check, Main St.
2113 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Waterbury Ct.
2158 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
2205 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
2216 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Thornhill Ct.

Wednesday, March 27:

0001 – property check, Main St.
0041 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
0446 – family trouble, Henry St.
0751 – property check, Huron Park Sub.
1540 – property check, Highlands Subdivision

1543 – property check, Harbour Pointe Sub.
1601 – larceny, Church St.
2119 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
2220 – traffic stop, E. Wabash Ave./South St.
2230 – 911 welfare check, Anaheim St.

Thursday, March 28:

1220 – breaking & entering, San Carlos St.
1620 – fraud, Estrada Dr.
1932 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.
2114 – disorderly, Main St.
2135 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Montague Ave.
2140 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Edgemont Ave.

Friday, March 29:

0024 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
0418 – noise complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1243 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victoria Ln./Oxford
1238 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
1253 – property check, Owen St.
1328 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1338 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis
1543 – property check, Harbour Pointe Subdivision
1725 – property check, Sumpter Rd.
1753 – property check, Main St.
1813 – property check, Main St.
1823 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
2021 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
2045 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./N. Aberdeen Ct.
2220 – 911 welfare check, Victorian Ln.

Saturday, March 30:

0207 – noise complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
0455 – assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.
0845 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.
0855 – property check, Village Park
0908 – property check, Victoria Commons
0921 – property check, Owen St.
1024 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Victorian Ln.
1125 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1236 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Biggs Ave.
1331 – property check, W. Davis St.
1341 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1346 – fraud, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1520 – property check, Fourth St.
1535 – property check, Harbour Pointe
1650 – property check, Third St.
1717 – property check, Main St.
1740 – traffic stop, Main St.

There are 11 traffic stops on this week's log, along with 39 property checks.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, March 24:

0239 – traffic stop – flee/elude, Rawsonville/Judd
0247 – animal complaint, Harris Rd./Martinsville
0322 – suspicious person, Texas St.
0724 – assist other agency, Bemis Rd./Sumpter
0943 – follow-up investigation, Judd Rd./Sumpter
1040 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
1124 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
1435 – 911 hang up, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1627 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
1730 – follow-up investigation, out of township
2136 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2216 – animal complaint, New Mexico St.

Monday, March 25:

0221 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
0502 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0759 – mental health call, Birch Dr.
1038 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1133 – civil matter, Knollwood Dr.
1139 – suspicious circumstance, 6000 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1208 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1231 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1330 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
1614 – 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1639 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1736 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1918 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2024 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2032 – civil matter, Magnolia Dr.
2256 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd

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Living Legacies: Stories from the Tri-Community

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Tuesday, March 26:
0706 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0943 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1010 – citizen assist, Birch Dr.
1203 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1401 – suspicious person, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1425 – family trouble, Birch Dr.
1559 – civil matter, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1628 – welfare check, Edgewood Dr.
1646 – assist other agency, Sumpter Rd./Bemis

Wednesday, March 27:
0207 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1041 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
1101 – assist other agency, Pecan St.
1256 – alarm, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1451 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1508 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1735 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1825 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1911 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Willis Rd.
1929 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2207 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2252 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter/Bemis

Thursday, March 28:
0216 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1140 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1321 – suspicious person, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1431 – suspicious vehicle, Virginia St.
1435 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1853 – fire dept. assist, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1919 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
2031 – 911 hang up, Magnolia Dr.
2308 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
2321 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
2333 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.

Friday, March 29:
0646 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
0849 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1058 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1214 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1310 – assist other agency, Edgewood Dr.
1328 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1358 – follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.
1713 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1806 – suspicious circumstance, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2131 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

Saturday, March 30:
0019 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0815 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd./Wear Rd.
1227 – property damage accident, Harris/Savage
1341 – harassment complaint, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1417 – fire dept. assist, New Mexico St.
1723 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1749 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1910 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1915 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
2026 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2146 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

Also, on this week's log are 226 patrol checks, 108 traffic stops, and 14 misc. details.

Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent Advertising Director



Belleville High School will have its spring musical, "Mama Mia," at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 18; at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19; and 2 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. It will be in the high school auditorium and tickets are \$15/person. The students do such a great job, so mark your calendars now and enjoy!

The Super Hornet is coming to the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show scheduled for July 20 and 21. The US Navy F/A-18 West Coast Super Hornet is based out of the West Coast Naval Air Station (NAS) Lenmoore. The Super Hornet adds to the iconic mix of famous fighters that will be performing at the show, ranging from World War I aircraft all the way up to the modern military marvel USAF F-16 Fighting Falcon.

In spite of the weather on Saturday, the Belleville Central Business Community's first event of the year, Flop E Bunny, was a great success. They couldn't have the candy hunt outdoors, but the kids received lots of candy inside Victory Station. The line started forming at 11:30 a.m. and didn't end until after 2 p.m. Next up is the Memorial Day Parade on May 27. Buzz the Business Dog will make his first appearance of the year along with veterans, schools, and community groups.

Did you get your registration in for the Prom Dress Giveaway scheduled for April 6? See the "Things to Do" column for more information,

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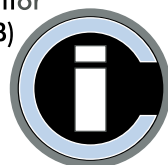


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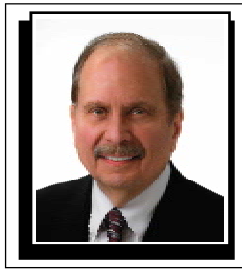
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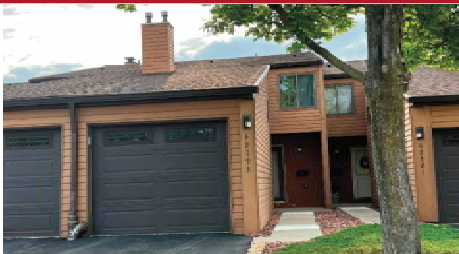
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