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## VBTD DDA votes to give up to \$3,000 to arts council

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority voted to allocate up to \$3,000 to the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, matching whatever the Belleville DDA grants BACA, for Music Lakeside this summer.

At its regular DDA meeting on March 28, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara asked the item "Sponsorship of Belleville Area Council for the Arts" to be put on the agenda and then he explained.

He said the township wants to be part of the community and "be closer to those around us" and develop ties to the local communities. He said BACA is a good group to start with.

DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn said she talked with Steve Jones, who not only is project manager for the city, manager for the city's DDA, but active in the chamber of commerce and BACA. She said they all are in 48111.

Coburn said she was just elected as a director to the chamber of commerce and Jones wants her to meet the rest of the board members.

The Music Lakeside concerts are very popular and they run out of parking, Coburn said. She said people could park in Van Buren Township and be taken by shuttle bus to the concerts and then brought back to their vehicles in the township and "be in our community."

Supervisor McNamara said by putting money into the Belleville concerts, it would be advertising for the township. He said last year the Belleville DDA gave BACA \$2,000 and the township will give \$3,000 as advertising. He said the township has no concerts this year.

Coburn said the township does have three concerts planned this year and she

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

The Easter Bunny poses with twins Ben and Charlie Duncan of Sumpter Township, who are almost three years old, during Sunday's Easter Egg Hunt for children at Graham Park in Sumpter. Holding Ben in the picture is their grandmother Lanae Harsch. When the weather was forecast as stormy for Saturday, the day set for the Easter event, the Parks and Recreation Committee postponed the hunt until Sunday when it was cool, but sunny. The Belleville Central Business Community will hold its annual Flop E Bunny Candy Hunt beginning at noon on Saturday, April 8, at Victory Park in Belleville.

## Belleville DDA approves \$32,267.84- plus to buy benches, tables, cans

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Steve Jones, project manager for the city of Belleville, told the Downtown Development Authority that he did a walking survey of the city and came up with a preliminary list of needs along the streets and in the parks.

At the regular DDA meeting on March 15, Jones presented a list of items that he determined were needed along the streets and in the parks that added up to \$34,939.84 plus shipping.

He said he found that the Wayne County Parks millage grant of \$2,672 could be used for some of the items with the city paying \$87 plus \$400 for shipping, so that amount of the parks grant could be taken out of the total.

The DDA unanimously approved the remaining \$32,267.84, plus shipping and

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## Sumpter ups board member salaries by 5% on 5-2 vote

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees received a 5% raise in pay as of April 3 after a 5-2 vote at their regular meeting March 28.

Voting no were Trustees Peggy Morgan and Don LaPorte.

Earlier in the meeting, resident Mary Ban asked about how much the pay raise would add to the elected officials' pay and Trustee Matt Oddy explained.

He said the trustees currently made \$22,001 and that would go up to \$23,001. The treasurer and clerk make \$30,000 and that would go up to \$31,500 and the supervisor makes \$38,000 and that goes up to \$39,900, he said.

An early agenda for the March 14 meeting had an item put on by Supervisor Tim Bowman calling for \$7,000 raises for all the board members and also included raises for deputies, but that agenda was revised before the meeting and the raises were no longer on the agenda. Supervisor Bowman did not attend the March 14 meeting.

The approval of the 2023-24 budget was pulled from the March 14 agenda to

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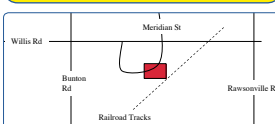
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# SECOND FRONT PAGE

## City Council adopts General Marijuana Ordinance, MJ Zoning

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After a half hour of public hearings on Monday, the Belleville City Council unanimously adopted the General Marijuana Ordinance Amendment and the Marijuana Zoning Ordinance Amendment.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said, in short, the first ordinance regulates how people get licenses and the zoning ordinance covers where they can be.

Mayor Kerreen Conley recounted how Belleville opted not to have marijuana in the community, but a group from out of state convinced city voters that the city would get lots of money by having marijuana dispensaries. In 2020 voters approved the group's extensive ballot proposal and put it in the city charter, with 51% approval.

"The only thing we had control about was the zoning," she said.

In 2022 there was another election and medical marijuana was included, but changes were made because of city efforts and while there were 26 licenses allowed in the original ordinance, way fewer licenses are allowed now.

"We were able to pull it out of our charter," said City Manager Robinson. "I'm glad to have them out. That's why the ordinances are before us now."

Mayor Conley explained that all the licenses are in the same location on Savage Road and it is a monopoly.

Robinson said there were four retail store licenses and now two of those are being transferred to medical marijuana licenses.

Matthew McLean, who has been trying unsuccessfully to get a license for his business at 573 E. Huron River Dr., which is in B-3 zoning instead of the required Industrial zoning, spoke up again. He

explained that when he was 17 he was "locked in a cage in this very building" when he was stopped by police while walking with weed in his pocket. That's when it was illegal, he said. Now he wants to convert it into a business.

He was told he is in the wrong zoning and the city isn't interested in moving marijuana dispensaries into zonings other than Industrial, where they can keep it away from schools and churches.

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt said the city had to have a reasonable zoning or it would get sued. He said the same people came into the Village of Pinckney and the village fought it and lost at the Court of Appeals. It is estimated they had half million dollars in attorney fees, Voigt said.

"I would not move to B-3 without a vote of the people," Voigt said.

McLean said he would look into getting a ballot initiative.

A resident of Victoria Commons, who objected to the Blue Sky dispensary near his home, asked if it was true they were getting a smoking lounge and he was told it was true, but it would be a while. Robinson said they have a consumption license, but the lounge would have to go before the planning commission and council before being approved.

Robinson said the lounge would not have an alcohol license, as rumored, since that is prohibited by state law.

Voigt said the city worked to get this problem in hand with the help of a special attorney on marijuana issues, the city manager's efforts, and the planning commission.

"We are now mitigating the nightmare we were presented with in 2020," Mayor Pro Tem Voigt said.

In other business at Monday's regular

meeting, the council:

- Listened to about 20 minutes of complaints and discussion on the very bad condition of the streets in Harbour Pointe subdivision. The council explained the procedures it is going through to fix the roads. Voigt said it is estimated to take from \$6 million to \$8 million to get the roads all done. The city has applied for grants unsuccessfully, he said. The streets are crumbling because of flyash that was mixed in the concrete during the 1990s. Victoria Commons residents said their streets are also in need of attention;

- Approved renewing the current Town Web Design city website contract, as recommended by city project manager Steve Jones with the addition of services that include online payments and reservations and special event applications and is compatible with the BS&A software used by the city. Jones said the 313 service allows people to take pictures of downed trees over sidewalks or other problems which then can be sent on to the proper department to handle it. City Manager Robinson said the old website was not bad, but city employees didn't know how to use it. The new agreement has 24/7 website support at no additional charge. The three-year contract is \$6,900 for the first year and then \$5,683 for the following years. Mayor Conley asked Jones to call the references in other communities to check on Town Web;

- Approved an agreement with Wayne County for \$2,672 in Parks Millage funding for Village Park improvements, that the city Downtown Development Authority had ordered. The DDA ordered two, six-foot Jordan Park Benches, and one 46-inch expanded metal square picnic table and a similar ADA picnic table, which

totaled \$2,739.85 before shipping. City Manager Robinson said the city would be responsible for the difference of \$67.85, plus shipping which is estimated to be a total of \$423.29;

- Approved the special-event application for the Bayou Rodeo After Party from noon June 10 to 2 a.m. June 11 at the Bayou and Fourth Street Square where a tent will be erected. This is for those who attend and participate in the annual Midwest Invitational Rodeo June 9 and 10 at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, and anyone else in the community who wants to come. Food and drinks will be paid for inside the Bayou, but will be served in BORA DORA [Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area] cups and to-go containers for food. The council approved extending the BORA DORA time until 2 a.m. because the rodeo doesn't end until 10 or 11 p.m. Buses will take participants back to their hotels;

- Approved the special-event application for the May 4, 5, and 6 Veterans of Foreign Wars Buddy Poppy Sale, as a fund raiser for VFW 4434 and PLAV 167. They plan to be out at various intersections from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. for sales of poppies. The donations will be returned to worthy causes in the community and none of the funds may be used for Post expenses or aggrandizement; and

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$40,879.13 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Amazon, \$2,728.98 for purchase of new computers for the fire department; and to MacQueen Emergency, \$20,271.50 for five sets of turnout gear for the fire department.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates was absent from the meeting.

## Library turns into warming center when homes lose electricity

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Belleville Area District Library didn't lose power during the latest storm that knocked out electricity for many places in the community and so it became a warming center for many people who had lost power.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy told the library board at its regular meeting on March 14 that quite a few people in the community sought to be warmed at the library and staff threw open the doors of the Cozadd Room so people could plug in their devices.

She said staff put on an impromptu story hour for the many children who were there.

Board chairperson Sharon Peters said she had no heat at home, so she enjoyed sitting

in the library by the fireplace and speaking with the neighbors she hadn't seen during the winter months, who also were out of power.

Board member John Juriga said the library parking lot was full and there was no where to park so he parked at the Methodist Church across the street.

All the board members agreed that they were very pleased that the community could be served in this way.

Director Suchy said the library managed to stay open during the Feb. 22 ice storm, but delayed opening until noon on Saturday, March 4 from the Friday afternoon snowstorm in order to let things melt and give the staff time to dig out.

In other business at the 54-minute meeting, the board:

- Voted unanimously to accept the supplemental retirement program from MERS (Municipal Employees Retirement System) and to cancel the service from Mission Square, as recommended by Director Suchy. The funds will be transferred from Mission Square to let MERS handle it at a lower fee. There is no charge for the transfer and the employees will get better service, Suchy said;

- Discussed the cement that needs to be put in the sidewalk across Roys Street next to Grace Baptist Church. Chairperson Peters said it is no longer a library issue. Juriga said the Baptist minister said he had proof the pipes were destroyed by O'Neal and Blue Ribbon during library construction and he thinks the construction companies are liable. O'Neal said they

have photographs of their excavations in that area that do not show any evidence of any exposed pipes. They also do not see a corresponding sewer manhole on Main Street. O'Neal will speak with the church to assist them with trouble-shooting. Juriga said he'd love to take it off the library books and the city can pay for it. Suchy said it's just another one of the building "stuff" that the library will have to handle through the end of time;

- Approved the six-page Patron Behavior Policy, as amended, following a presentation by Policy Committee chairman Dan Fleming. Fleming said they cleaned up the wording of the policy and Peters said that included the gender-specific wording. Suchy said she ran it

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# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Bayou Grill decides to take advantage of Fourth St. Sq.

The Bayou Grill received special-event approval from the Belleville City Council for a June 10 party on the Fourth Street Square, right next to its restaurant. They plan to put up a tent and entertain the people who attended the Midwest Invitational Rodeo at the Wayne County Fairgrounds – and anyone else in town who wants to attend. This is the rodeo you see on TV with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans on his horse.

They told the council that participants in the rodeo who also frequent the Bayou suggested having the After-Rodeo get together and the Bayou thought it was a great idea.

The Fourth Street Square usually is used by Egan's Pub on the other side of the square for special events and also will be used this summer as a second location for the Farmer's Market. Council members congratulated the Bayou for at last taking advantage of the location right next to its restaurant. The Bayou said after this is over, they plan to look at other events to have there, maybe a two-day party.

They said that they just got a call from an alcohol vendor who wants to bring in "pretty ladies" carrying around alcohol on trays to share with those at the party. The Bayou will be using DORA cups so people who buy their drinks at the Bayou can walk to Egan's or Johnny's or all the way down to the bars at Lakeview Center with them in hand. For the first time, DORA will last until 2 a.m. This will be watched carefully to see how it works.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The Belleville City Council was informed by the fire department at Monday's regular council meeting that they will be having a controlled burn at the DPW lot on Savage Road on Saturday morning, before the Flop E Bunny event at Victory Park. They said not to be alarmed by the smoke.

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Also at Monday's meeting, the owners of Belleville's Bayou Grill restaurant said they have another location in Dundee and the tornado that came through Dundee last week came right down their street, but there was no damage to the restaurant.

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One of our readers came into our office to say when Reggie Miller was running for state representative she had an advertisement on television that said she would give \$500 to Michigan residents. He said that since she got elected, he's been waiting for the \$500 and doesn't have it yet.

We asked him if he meant the \$500 the governor was going to give to us and he said, no, that Miller had said specifically that *she* was going to give it to us.

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Looks like the new shopping center next to the bridge has been named after the tavern that was torn down at that site: Lakeview Center.

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I used to be Sunday editor at the *Longmont Daily Times-Call* in Longmont, CO, and I recently came upon the newspaper's website, so I've been keeping tabs on what's happening where I used to live.

It seems the mountain community of Nederland after 20 years has stopped celebrating its annual weekend-long Frozen

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Dead Guy Days and has come up with a new festival. It had honored Grandpa Bredo Morstoel who is cryogenically frozen in Nederland.

The festival was relocated to Estes Park this year. They celebrated the season with contests, competitions, live music, great food, parades, and parties March 17-19.

*The New York Times* named Frozen Dead Guys Days in its "Top-10 Best Parties of Winter," a list which also included Mardi Gras in New Orleans and Carnival in Rio de Janeiro.

The festival started in 2002 in Nederland in remembrance of Grandpa Bredo Morstol who is frozen in a Tuff Shed above the town after being shipped overseas from Norway following his death to be near his family. Later they moved back to Norway and left him in Nederland.

Nederland, a town of 1,227 residents at 8,230 feet high in the Rocky Mountains, is west of Boulder, just a short drive for the fraternity brothers at the University of Colorado. Estes Park is just up the road from Longmont in the mountains and I used to get assignments to drive up the mountain for stories. No railings. Kind of scary.

All this is to say, each community sets up its special festivals and Lakefest is perfect for those around Belleville Lake. But it's not weird enough to get on *The New York Times* list.

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A resident of Harbour Pointe subdivision

told the Belleville City Council during Monday's meeting that the concrete roads have so many holes in them that her son has suggested they just go down to gravel roads. At least then their homes could be accessed.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said the DPW reports that the "400-year-old" street sweeper gets damaged when it goes into that subdivision and hits the large cement pieces that used to be the streets.

Mayor Kerreen Conley, who also lives in that subdivision, agrees with those who came into the city meeting to complain. She said the city has done studies of its streets and those in Harbour Pointe are absolutely the worst of all.

The city has tried all kinds of ideas to get the work done, without success. It received no federal/state grants when it applied. A few years back, the residents of the subdivision said they did not want a special assessment so they could pay for their street repairs.

A resident at the meeting said she lives on a corner lot and so she could not afford the \$40,000 estimated for her to pay that much front footage. Mayor Conley said she lives on a corner lot, too, but away back in the subdivision and she was willing to write the check to get the roads fixed.

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**Letters**

**VB Fire Captain Folks, you are appreciated!**

To the editor:

Thank you to Captain Ron Folks of the Van Buren Fire Department, Fire Station #2.

I was in the hospital for five days. I came home on Monday before the big ice storm on Wednesday. I am on an oxygen concentrator machine 24/7, due to severe emphysema and COPD. I started looking to my medical supply company for oxygen bottles -- so if we lost power I would have a backup of oxygen.

They informed me that everybody had the same idea and that none was available. I started calling other suppliers -- none available. I started calling the hospital. They said if you run out call 911 and come back to the hospital. I called several other agencies without receiving any help.

Well, Wednesday came and we lost power. I tried calling DTE but could not get in touch with a live person. I DID NOT want to go back to the hospital!

I called the Van Buren Fire Department to see if they may have some extra oxygen bottles. Captain Ron Folks answered the phone. I explained the predicament I was in. He was very concerned and understood that I needed help. He took my number and said he would call me back. A few minutes later he called back. He said he talked to DTE and explained my need for oxygen. After talking to DTE, they sent two men out with a generator.

DTE had two guys on shifts to take care of the generator for the five days we were without power. We had enough power to run my oxygen machine and a small heater and lamp.

I am very thankful to Captain Ron Folks and the fire department personnel. Had he not gotten DTE to act, I would have been back in the hospital. The people of Van Buren Township are very lucky to have such kind and dedicated employees.

Thanks again, Captain Ron Folks. You are appreciated!

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COVID-19 hit, which was another struggle, but we continued on.

We've had many vehicle mishaps, but we continued on.

There have been many changes at city hall. Can we continue on?

We are very grateful for all of your support.

Jennifer Delano  
Wheels For Independence  
Belleville

## Why wait for one day? Pray for America now

To the editor:

Dear Neighbors, American Citizens: In 1988, President Ronald Reagan officially designated the first Thursday in May as National Day of Prayer. This year, that particular day falls on May 4.

I'm asking - Why wait for just one day to Pray? The need to Pray is NOW -- every day!

Surely, anyone, everywhere must be aware of America's current threat to our Democracy, and will agree we must Pray, Pray, and continue Praying! Truly, our nation is experiencing a spiritual battle for our hearts and minds! Prayers are needed DAILY, not just one day. Together, as freedom-loving, legal American citizens, let us all join together and Pray for our Nation's healing. \*\*

In my entire lifetime, I cannot recall a time in American history when our beloved country was as badly divided as we are now. Have we Americans become too busy/preoccupied, blinded and deceived -- or just lazy? We must face the obvious, horrifying facts -- and seek the truth. \*

Most media (written & electronic), wealth and politicians (both parties) are attempting to amend our Constitutional Amendments and freedoms. If we American citizens do not pray now, (consistently) for healing, \* \* communism/socialism will thrive! If that occurs, we can kiss our freedoms good-

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## More Letters

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bye! TOO LATE!

Look at our unprecedented border crisis: Millions of illegal immigrants have invaded our nation bringing criminals, deadly drugs, disease, sex-trafficking, etc., etc. -- thousands daily (+ "get-aways") Our politicians give them free food, housing, cell phones, driver licenses/I.D.s, voting rights/privileges, etc., etc. All are political "gifts" in exchange for their votes. All at our expense -- We, Legal American Citizens!

I would like to ask and question our local elected officials: Are we now known as "Sanctuary" Tri-Communities: Mayor City of Belleville, Township Supervisors of Van Buren and Sumpter?

I believe any "Anti-American" political movement/action is divisive and perhaps, even traitorous. \*\*\* Corrupt politicians must be held accountable. Our Constitution is in jeopardy and, yes, even now, our Bible-preaching Christian churches and synagogues are being criminally assaulted! \* John 8:32 - "And you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." Ref: The Holy Bible, English Standard version \*\*\* 2 Chronicles 7:14 - "If my people who are called by My name, will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will forgive their sin and heal their land." Ref: The Holy Bible; E.S.V.

\*\*\* "Having the character of a traitor, disloyal, faithless." Ref: The American Heritage Dictionary, Fifth Edition

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If you say this prayer nine times a day, by the eighth day your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised when you receive what you've been asking for.

St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

### New St. Jude prayer for you

You say it 7 days in a row and be specific in what miracles you're asking him for:

Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and martyr, great in virtue -- rich in miracles, near kinsman to Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor to those who invoke your prayer. To you I have come from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power, to come to my urgent and needed petition.

Say 3 Our Fathers, say 3 Hail Marys, say 3 Glory B's.

At this point, ask St. Jude for your needed miracle.

Now promise him that you will make his name known and cause him to intercede by putting his prayer in print. It can be on the internet, newspaper, post card in the store, etc.

This prayer has come through for myself, family, and friends. I hope you try it and it comes through for you, too!

Van Buren Township resident

## Belleville Firefighters Fill the Boot for Autism

To the editor:

On Monday, the 3rd of April, Belleville Firefighters Association held their 10<sup>th</sup>-annual Fill the Boot for Autism on the corner of Main and High. Despite the up and down weather, and having to take an hour-long break to put a car fire out they were still able to raise \$1,470 for Autism Alliance of Michigan.

A special thanks to Logan Kuclio, Jackie Zweng, Alyssa Kuclio, Justin Reed, and William Frazier for all their help and a huge thank you to our Tri-Community for all of your support.

Chief 2 Christopher Zweng  
City of Belleville Fire Department

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, April 11 – Sumpter Township Board of trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, April 17 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 18 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 19 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.
- Monday, April 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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## Obituaries



Michael Alexander Yost

**MICHAEL ALEXANDER YOST**  
 (May 21, 1968 – March 30, 2023)  
 Michael Alexander Yost, age, 54, a resident of Belleville for many years, passed away unexpectedly on March 30, 2023. He was born on May 21, 1968, in Mt. Clemens, MI, to Richard Yost and Ruth (Zeugner) Yost. He graduated from high school and went on to enjoy many fields of work. Michael owned and operated a construction company called, "Country Squire Builders," with his father, Richard, and was a family company. He then went on to work at Ford Motor Company as a mechanic. But this was not all, he was also a passionate and hard-working farmer at home. He was known to be a "Jack of All Trades." Michael would help anyone with anything they needed help with including building many things for many people. He was adored by his co-workers and family and friends. Michael also loved to cook and was really great at it. He was truly a father figure to many and was proud of that. Michael was known for his fun sense of humor as well. He shared a deep bond with his wife Georgia and his daughter Alexyia. Most of all he had a very big heart and loved his family. Michael is survived by his loving wife of 23 years, Georgia Yost of Belleville, MI; his cherished daughter Alexyia Yost of Belleville, MI; his mother Ruth Yost of Belleville, MI; sisters, Blythe (Brian) Barber of Westland, MI, Deborah (James) Atwood of Westland, MI; as well as many nieces and nephews, cousins, special friends, and neighbors. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and his father Richard Yost in 2004. According to his wishes, dignified cremation has been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. The family will be planning a Celebration of Life Event in the near future. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the family to honor Michael's life and defray the funeral expenses. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

**SANDRA K. ENGEL**  
 (April 22, 1947 – March 28, 2023)  
 Age 75, of Ann Arbor. Survived by daughters Rebecca Gucwa and Terri Peterson; six grandchildren; sister Carol Shuryan. Service held at Trinity Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

**JASON STUART SCHWERIN**  
 (October 30, 1991 – March 13, 2023)  
 Age 31, airline pilot, of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife Shuang "Maria" Chen Schwerin; son Lucas; parents; grandmother. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **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.
- **Monday, April 17** – "Oddities and Rarities in Michigan" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library by Michigan travel author Ron Rademacher. Learn about the enigmatic Keweenaw Wall, the ancient artifact in Nahma, the Tomb of the Cow, the Sanilac Petroglyphs, and more.
- **Thursday, April 20** – "Microsoft Excel 101" is set for 10 a.m. at the Sumpter Media Center at 23465 Sumpter Rd. This introductory course will teach you the basics of Microsoft Excel. You will learn how to create an excel spreadsheet and how to use simple formulas. Participants must be comfortable using a mouse and keyboard. Registration required.
- **Friday, April 21** – Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate public induction ceremony at 7 p.m. at the BHS auditorium, preceded by private dinner for graduates at the Belleville Yacht Club. The BHS National Honor Society also will be inducted during the 7 p.m. ceremony.
- **Saturday, April 22** – It's Earth Day. Help clean up Banotai Park at 24300 Sherwood Road in Sumpter Township from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring a rake and shovel, if you can, and enjoy refreshments. Bring a plant, take a plant.
- **Thursday, April 27** – "Hometown Heritage" runs from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Learn how Belleville came to be as you explore its landscape and people. This is not a typical history lecture, but a fun way to discover some hometown heritage.
- **Sunday, May 7** – 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.
- **Sunday, June 4** – 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.
- **Monday, June 5** – Belleville Farmers Market opens for the season at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.



# Belleville DDA

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handling, for the Site Furnishing Proposal.

Jones said he did research on the science of placing items along the streets and how to keep the walkability as items are added in the future. He reported that some things will be rearranged.

"It will almost look like Disney World this summer," said treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams.

The items ordered include black steel receptacles, rain bonnet lids, steel benches, steel picnic tables, dog waste stations, and steel barricades for traffic control.

In other business at the hour-and-a-half meeting, the DDA:

- Heard Kelly Howey of Plante Moran give a report on the DDA part of the annual city audit by Allen Young & Associates. Of the 60-page audit, just three pages pertained to the DDA. She said as of June 30, 2022, there is a very healthy \$662,000 fund balance (86%) because the DDA didn't do a lot of big projects last year. She said one of the district library millages (\$20,000) no longer can be collected and the library reduced one of its debt services by .2 mill, so that will result in a total of \$32,000 less in capture this year. Just over \$2.33 million is owed on the streetscape bonds and that was reduced by \$133,606 because of the refunding and reissuance of new bonds;

- Discussed the membership and work to be done by the different committees: Marketing (Ankwatsa, Kelly-Bonner, Mayor Conley), Culture & Arts (Richardson-Williams, McWilliams, Tom Fielder), Community Engagement (Kelly-Bonner, Mayor Conley), Economic Development (McGovern, Baker, McWilliams), and Budget/Finance (Baker, Richardson-Williams);

- Heard Jones report that because of the \$3,000 ad it bought in the Detroit Tigers Yearbook the DDA has six Tiger tickets for May 12 and four tickets for May 13 and will have to set up a promotion to give away these tickets. He said there will be other tickets for June-August and the tickets could be for other sports, such as hockey or football. He said some of the tickets were earned by the DDA with

a previous advertisement and never were used. Now they are being honored;

- Was informed that Jones had updated a previous year's flyer for the robotics competition at Belleville High School March 17-18, showing places in the city to eat and shop. They will be distributed to the 39 teams, their families, and other participants coming into the city for the robotics event. Ivan Ankwatsa suggested next time they could put each business on a QR code and people could see it right on their phones;

- Heard City Manager/Police Chief/DDA Director Dave Robinson say he was seeking to put together a city business registry where businesses register annually naming the current owner, security company, emergency contacts, email contacts, and other vital information for law enforcement. He said he could ask for other less-sensitive information, as well, that could be shared with other organizations.

He said he doesn't want a fee for this or an ordinance, unless necessary, and it may be put together by city employees walking door to door, shaking hands, and handing out the forms to be picked up. He said he has yet to create the forms; and

- Was informed by Chief Robinson that he has submitted applications for two Community Development Block Grants, with the first one for \$90,000 to convert

the former ice rink slab at Village Park into three Pickle Ball Courts. The second request is for \$20,000 (\$46,975 total cost) to convert the current small basketball court at Victory Park into a combination Pickle Ball Court and one-hoop basketball court. Robinson said CDBG has specific areas of low-income and there is no guarantee they will award these grants to the city.



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**Bob Mytych**

An egg hunt and photos with Flop E. Bunny with the Belleville Central Business Community is this Saturday, April 8, beginning at 12:15 p.m. at Victory Park at Five Points. Free framed pictures with Flop will be offered from noon to 2 p.m., courtesy of April Warner Photography, however donations will be accepted. Also available will be pizza and drinks, Kona Ice, Girls Scout Cookies and activities including Music by DJ Unlimited and a used book sale with Belleville Kiwanis. I always wondered what the "E" stands for in Flop E. Bunny's name? Probably something like Eugene or Elliot. LOL. Be sure to check out the CBC's ad in today's paper.

Also on Saturday, Belleville Faith Community Church on East Huron River Drive is having an egg hunt beginning at 10 a.m. for Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children. The event is free and will include face painting, games, crafts, Bible stories, candy, and prizes. Pastors Doug and Connie Valentine also invite the public to their Easter Service on Sunday, starting with free breakfast at 10 a.m. and service at 11 a.m. The church is also planning a Blessing of the Bikes event on May 20, from 11 a.m. to noon. Call (734) 697-6704 for details and follow them on Facebook for updates on all their activities. See both ads in today's paper.

LifePoint Church (former Belleville Church of God) on Hull Road just east of Sumpter Road in Van Buren Township is holding a Kids Egg Hunt this Saturday, April 8, beginning at 11 a.m. for children Pre-K thru 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. The event is free. Follow them on Facebook for updates.

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Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter Township is gearing up for their annual Spaygetti & No Balls Dinner fundraiser on April 20, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. The cost is \$12 for adults and \$10 for children 12 years and younger. There will also be a cash bar available and a bake sale. Tickets will be available at the door, and also can be purchased online at [www.friendsofmichigan.org](http://www.friendsofmichigan.org). Call (734) 461-9458.

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Photo courtesy Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce

A ribbon-cutting celebration was held March 21 to welcome the opening of a new Belleville business, Room 11:11 LLC. Kristen Baker is joined by her three children -- Isabella, Max and KJ -- her friends, the team from Team Designs Salon, and members of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Kristen Baker is a licensed esthetician with 10 years of experience, including four years at a medical spa working for a dermatologist. She said she opened her microblading and beauty services to provide her clients with treatments that give immediate results. Services include DAVINCI Teeth Whitening, microblading, lash lifts and tints, eyebrow services, and results-oriented facials. The business is located inside Team Designs Salon, 530 W. Columbia Ave., owned by Kelly McWilliams. During the ribbon cutting, Baker announced that her business also is making Grounded Permanent Jewelry available through pop-up shops, private parties, events, and vendor shows. For appointments, call (734) 218-2170.



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# Assembly Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses returns to full operation

By Tom Maroulitsas  
Public Information Representative  
Jehovah's Witnesses

The Belleville Assembly Hall of Witnesses at 43777 Ecorse Rd. in Van Buren Township has returned to full operation in 2023.

From 1,800 to 2,000 a day will be attending the first in-person religious conferences held there in nearly three years, driving an economic boost to the community.

"Due to the opening of the hall and having assemblies every weekend, it will increase our sales dramatically," said Burger King management at 41360 Ecorse Rd.

By how much? "Without Jehovah's Witnesses, we lost around \$1,000 a day in sales on Saturday and Sunday every weekend for three years," he said.

With one to two events a weekend throughout 2023, that's an estimated economic impact of \$60,000 plus for just one business.

Having a full roster of programs planned for the remainder of the calendar year, the total economic impact of the assembly hall's activities will be significant, as visiting attendees stay at local hotels, shop in stores, and dine at restaurants when they convene for their conferences.

"We plan to hold events almost every weekend of 2023 at our two Michigan assembly hall sites," said Justin Glaza, local spokesperson for Jehovah's Witnesses. "In total, we anticipate upwards of 63,000 visitors who will attend more than 50 events ranging in length between one and three days."

"Making a proactive nationwide decision to close our houses of worship to in-person events protected both our congregants and our communities," said Robert Hendriks, U.S. spokesperson for Jehovah's Witnesses.

"However, our in-person assemblies and conventions are a highlight of our annual calendar and an important part of our worship. We are excited to be back," Hendriks said.

Local Jehovah's Witnesses are also eager to return to assemblies in Belleville.

"I feel excited to resume in-person assemblies and conventions again to be among friends and family to worship together," said Belleville resident Gerald Lechel, who has not only attended events for years but also met his wife, Kim, during

the 3,000-seat facility building project completed in 1988.

Thinking back to the build and how it positively affected his life after graduating high school, Gerald Lechel commented, "I was able to be exposed to and educated on a number of different trades from experienced tradesmen. And I had a good place to use my energy. The memories are more about the people than the building."

Kim Lechel agreed about the people and added, "It's going to be really nice to hear that many voices singing, to see all the little children enjoying the new pictures and display.

"To actually have the cars coming in and out, the Belleville area hasn't had that for years because of COVID. So, it's going to be a really nice impact on the area," Kim Lechel said. She also highlighted some interior improvements others have yet to see, such as video walls installed in 2019.

The Christian denomination now operates 45 assembly halls across the United States, including two in Michigan. While many of these assembly halls are also used for annual three-day conventions during the summer months, the Witnesses sometimes contract with private and public arenas and convention centers like the Seagate

Convention Center in Toledo or Ford Field in Detroit for international conventions to accommodate more attendees from a wider geographic region.

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# VBT DDA

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was just at a meeting about them. They are July 12, 19, and 26, as well as concerts at Wayne County Community College in June. McNamara asked where the township concerts would be because of the construction at township hall and Coburn said they will be at Quirk Park.

DDA chairman Craig Atchinson said he would like a match of funds and whatever the Belleville DDA does, the VBT DDA would do.

The motion passed unanimously to authorize up to \$3,000, but give whatever the Belleville DDA gives.

When asked if this was legal since the DDA is supposed to spend money only in its district, McNamara responded, "This is advertising. We can advertise wherever we want."

In other business at the 44-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Reelected the same current officers for the year by acclamation: chairman Craig Atchinson, vice-chairperson Carol Bird, and secretary Chris Brown;

- Approved an agreement with O.R. Colan Associates to assist the DDA in the acquisition of the remaining 14 rights of way needed along Belleville Road between Ecorse and Tyler roads for an amount not to exceed \$114,227.50. McNamara said they won't have to spend that much money to buy the property, but the process for obtaining the properties is complicated. Atchinson said he understands that during reconstruction of Belleville Road, it will only be open to southbound traffic. Coburn said that is correct and one lane south will be open with a cut through north for fire department emergency runs. Atchinson said the detour could be Robson Road to Morton Taylor to Ecorse;

- Heard Coburn report on the design and concept of the Belleville Road project outlined in a one-page project sheet from Wade Trim engineers. It is a three-lane, concrete road, with right-hand turn lanes at the fire station/school, the mobile home community and the Clover development, as well as sidewalks on both sides of the road, improvements to the traffic lights at the fire station to include a hawk signal for a pedestrian crosswalk, and upgrades to the underground utilities. The widening project of Belleville Road between Tyler and Ecorse has been funded by the county for an amount of \$2.1 million for the 2025 funding year and additional funding is being sought;

- Approved awarding the Belleville Road Streetscape Maintenance to low-bidder Pioneer Landscaping in the amount of \$8,410. It was noted that is the firm presently in use;

- Approved the Harris Park Grounds Maintenance to low-bidder Grounds Control, LLC at a cost of \$9,063. Matthew Barnett was present and explained that his firm, Grounds Control, had just formed and they are setting up another office in Traverse City. Barnett said he is a Belleville High School graduate and grew up in the Belleville area;

- Approved awarding the Belleville/Ecorse Road Intersection Grounds Maintenance contract to low-bidder Randy Brown Landscape in the amount of \$18,280, conditional upon receipt of references and insurance. McNamara asked if picking up litter is part of the service and Coburn said it was;

- Heard McNamara comment on how bad the litter is throughout the township, especially along I-94 and across Tyler Road

from Meijer. He said it's a problem across America. He said a temporary agency was hired and got some areas cleaned up. The *Independent* added that the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court is working on reinstating the work crews, that were discontinued during COVID, because the communities are in such need of cleanups;

- In a related matter, heard McNamara say that State Rep. Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, called him to find out his thoughts on allowing plastic bags to be banned in the state, which is something being considered by the legislature. Coburn said she drafted letters to businesses along the business corridor to urge them to clean up the litter. Atchinson said it is his understanding that the Belleville Yacht Club has two lake cleanups planned, one in April and the other before Lakefest in June;

- Heard Coburn say the DDA is working with the fire department to approve food trucks in advance. McNamara said the Wayne County Fairgrounds, which is not in the DDA district, brings in food trucks without approval from the fire department, as required. "Half way through the fair we have to shut them down," McNamara said, noting it is a great inconvenience. Coburn said they are working on a consortium with other fire departments so the food trucks are all approved in advance; and

- Learned there will be a DDA board workshop set up sometime in May to get information on a project the police department wants funding for. The item was on the January agenda and then removed for more information. The request was for \$85,000 over three years to fund "FUSUSCONNECT" for the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department.



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The Distinguished Graduate Committee will host a recognition dinner prior to the 7 p.m. ceremonies. It will be held from 5 to 6:15 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 East Huron River Dr. Distinguished Graduates, their families and any other interested individuals are invited to attend.

The committee needs to know how many are coming to the dinner by Friday, April 14. Guests will RSVP and pay for their dinners at the BYC. Distinguished Graduate Inductees are not charged.

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# Sumpter Twp.

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be modified and ready for the March 28 meeting. Sumpter's fiscal year ends March 31.

The 5% raise then was added to the March 28 agenda by Supervisor Bowman and the expense reviewed by Financial Director Scott Holtz who on the paperwork indicated it was not in the new budget for 2023-24 that was to be approved that evening. The unbudgeted status of the raises was not mentioned at the meeting.

In other business at the 38-minute, March 28 meeting where all board members were present, the board:

- Approved the 2022-23 fourth-quarter budget amendments;
- Approved the 2023/24 budget, with Township Manager Tony Burdick noting public copies of the budget were on the table at the back of the room. He said the updated budget reflects the integrity of the general fund and sets up a capital project fund that allows the township to respond to emergencies and strategically plan;
- Approved the purchase agreement for the sale of parcel #81-102-99-0006-000 on Martinsville Road, without discussion. The sale of 69.36 acres to the Alan and Diane Laing Family Trust of Phoenix, AZ was approved for \$270,000;
- Approved the annual contract for Par Plan liability insurance with Burnham & Flower Insurance Group effective April 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024 in the amount of \$130,820.88;

- Approved the Axon Enterprise 75-month services quote and agreement in the amount of \$99,993.60 to be paid from the police forfeiture fund. This is for new body cameras and supporting equipment. Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said the new cameras have better resolution and the agreement features license plate recognition units in all six patrol cars. He said when the patrol cars drive through the trailer parks they can read every license they pass. He said in court "they won't even touch" cases without videos. He said the new equipment is expected to arrive in a year;

- Approved reinvesting the water/sewer Certificate of Deposit maturing on April 6. The \$400,000 invested on April 6, 2009 at .26% interest, now is worth \$455,097.64. It will automatically renew for 12 months at .26% interest if not reinvested. Finance Director Holtz said he got CD rates from three local banks and the best CD rate is from Flagstar for 270-364 days for 4.65%. The board followed his advice to reinvest the \$455,097.64 for 270 days. This would give the township flexibility to use those funds in the 2023-24 fiscal year and give it the best interest rate in the current market;

- Approved the contract with Bureau Veritas of Maryland for facilities assessments on eight township buildings for the amount of \$25,350, with Trustee Morgan voting no;

- Approved putting a new item on the agenda as requested by Township Attorney Rob Young. He said a blight ordinance change needs to be approved by the board.

He said the final ordinance change is not ready, but he'd have it to board members the next day and wanted them to approve it now. During the rest of the meeting he rewrote what he wanted changed and then read it aloud and the board approved it. It has to do with seeking injunctive, equitable relief from district court for blighted buildings that need to be torn down and the owners resist. He said the ordinance change is needed before the police department can proceed with this most recent change in handling blight problems;

- Heard Manager Burdick report that the Parks and Recreation Committee's Easter Egg Hunt is at noon, April 1 [later postponed to April 2 because of a forecast of bad weather]; an April 22 Earth Day cleanup of Banotai Park; and a cleanup of Graham Park on an unspecified date in May;

- After a three-minute report by Burdick during the workshop agenda, went into regular session. Resident Ban asked if they aren't having workshops any more and Supervisor Tim Bowman said they weren't. Trustee Oddy explained that there has been no decision by the board and no action taken, but there were no reports this time and so there was no workshop;

- Heard Ban also ask if the new confidentially agreement passed for employees is in conflict with the Open Meeting Act. She asked if employees don't have the opportunity to question things. Attorney Young said there are things you are not entitled to have under the Freedom of Information Act, like a social security number, banking information, and health matters. He said the agreement doesn't deal with policy. He said he has to define the confidential information better and he has been asked about it by those at the board table. "It doesn't come under FOIA and it just deals with employees with sensitive information," Young said. Ban agreed that the wording does need clarification. "I did not draft that," Young said of the the agreement. Later Trustee Morgan asked if all the employees had signed it since it was enacted at the last meeting and Young said two have signed it and they both deal with sensitive information;

- Heard resident LeRoy Paige thank Sumpter Township officials for taking

part in the tribute to Vietnam Veterans on March 24 at Belleville High School. He thanked Trustee Tim Rush and Manager Burdick for participating. He said it will probably happen next year and invited everyone to come and honor the veterans. He said it celebrates Vietnam Veterans Day on March 29. Trustee Morgan agreed that the Vietnam Veterans "really were treated awful" when they returned home from war; and

- Approved receiving and filing the following reports without hearing the reports: Water & Sewer, Treasurer, Planning & Zoning, and Seniors.

## Romulus Library digitizes all Romulus High School yearbooks from 1946 on

Jake Rynicki, head of Adult Services & Outreach at the Romulus Public Library announces the yearbook digitization project he began is now online.

In an email, he announced that over the past two months library assistants have scanned the yearbooks and Rynicki uploaded them to library archives and uploaded all the Romulus High School Yearbooks from 1946 to 2018 to the library website.

He said they will post yearbooks older than five years years, out of respect for the minors in the yearbooks. This allows them to post the yearbooks when all inside the yearbook are no longer minors.

He thanked Councilwoman Kathleen Abdo for helping the library locate lost yearbooks to scan and the Romulus Community Schools for providing yearbooks they were missing. He also thanked the Historical Society in Romulus for providing them with a yearbook they needed.

He also thanked Kathy Smith and her National Honor Society students for scanning some yearbooks.

"I would lastly like to thank the hard-working library assistants here at the library (Jasmine, Breana, Maia, and Brad) for all focusing on scanning the yearbooks before the scanner had to be returned, as well as their supervisor Jessica in assisting in scheduling them time to scan," Rynicki said. "I hope you all check it out!"



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Veteran and Homeless Ministries	Catechism Program

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# District Library

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by the library attorney, who approved it. A minor word addition was suggested by Julie Kissel who was in the audience. Juriga had asked her for input because of her teaching position at Eastern Michigan University;

- Learned there will be a one-day mini-quilt show by the Western Wayne County Quilting Guild in the Cozadd Room from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 25. It was determined the quilts couldn't be hung throughout the library because there was no way to keep them safe. Quilters will be on hand to discuss their quilts. Also, Lisa Ludwinski, founder of Sister Pie Bakery in Detroit, will be a guest speaker at the library at 6:30 p.m., April 5, and the classic movie series continues at 6:30 p.m., April 13, with "Paper Moon";

- Heard Suchy report that staff volunteers will receive Red Cross CPR / AED training in April. The library is buying automated external defibrillators from the Red Cross and the training is required for the purchase.

Due to the chip shortage, lead time for the AEDs is six to nine months;

- Learned the partnership with the Ypsilanti District Library to present Family Read, a community-wide "read together" is the library's first try at doing something like this. There is a featured book and programs for all ages taking place between March 11 and April 15; and

- Heard Suchy reply to Juriga's question of how many employees the library has. She said the staff is about 40 to 52, with 75% of those part time;

- Heard Barbara Miller invite them all to a Belleville Area Council for the Arts bus trip to the Detroit Institute of Arts on April 8 to have a tour of the DIA and see the movie "The Conformist," which DIA film curator Elliot Wilhelm will preview for the group. He called it "a movie for our time," Miller said. She said it has won all kinds of awards. Miller said she has to sell 30 tickets as a minimum for the trip and she has sold 15. Cost is \$20; and

- Heard Kissel announce that she is a member of the Belleville Fire Auxiliary and she has dropped off scholarship applications at the library to be distributed.



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Wednesday, April 12th, 2023 at 11:30 am**, at Great Lakes Towing, 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

**2004 Chevrolet, Trailblazer, VIN: 1GNDDT13S842355527**

**DATE: April 3, 2023**

**BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
6 MAIN STREET  
BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111**

**PUBLISH: April 6, 2023**

**BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,  
CITY CLERK**

*To build a better world,  
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### CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, March 20, 2023 - 7:30 pm**

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

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

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

#### 2. ROLL CALL

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

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations  
Chief Loranger introduced the following Fire Department Promotions

i. Chris Zweng – promoted from Captain to Chief II  
ii. Aaron Zehel – promoted from Lieutenant to Captain (C1)

iii. Richard Landskroener – promoted from Fire Fighter to Lieutenant (L1)

B. Council Follow Up List

- Council Member Bates asked about update of baby swing at Victory Park.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- No comments.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to approve the agenda with additional item D. Additional Lakeside Concert.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### Motion Carried.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. March 6, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, March 6, 2023.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### Motion Carried.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

- None.

#### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- General Marijuana Ordinance
- Marijuana Zoning Ordinance

Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe to set Public Hearing for General Marijuana Ordinance April 3, 2023.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### Motion Carried.

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Special Event Application – Cub Scout Pack 793 Flower Sales

Boy Scout representatives spoke on behalf of Pack 793 on what fundraiser supports. Selling at Fourth Street Square and Moving the Mitten.

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the Special Event Application for the Cub Scout Pack 793 Flower Sales to be held on April 2, 2023.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### Motion Carried.

B. Special Event Application – Fill the Boot for Autism

Captain Chris Zweng spoke on behalf of Fire Fighters Association, explained all proceeds go to Autism Alliance of Michigan. Goal is to raise \$4300.

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve the Special Event Application for the Fill the Boot for Autism to be held on April 3 – 4, 2023.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### Motion Carried.

C. Date selection – Budget Meetings

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Beebe to approve the following Budget Meeting dates.

April 27, 2023 6:00 PM

May 22, 2023 6:00 PM

May 25, 2023 6:00 PM

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### Motion Carried.

D. Additional Music Lakeside concert

Motion by Bates, second by Beebe to add Music by Lakeside concert on June 15, 2023 to coordinate with arrival of goats. Concert time/road closures to follow all other concert rules.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution #23-010** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

#### Motion Carried.

#### 10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Busy with grant writing, currently working on two CDBG grants; one to include 3 pickleball courts at Village Park and the other combo basketball/pickleball court at Victory Park.

- Submitted this week application for Wayne County Youth Program grant, plan to hire 8 workers this year.

- DDA is currently taking applications for seasonal work. This will be separated from youth workers/different work.

- DDA approved over \$35,000 for site furnishings, picnic tables, benches and trash cans.

#### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates

-- Thank you to all attending.

-- Thank you to Veg Michigan, and Rosemary for advertising. Good turnout.

-- Congratulations to Fire Department promotions.

-- Happy first day of spring.

- Council Member Beebe

-- Congratulations to the Tae Kwon Do gold medalist, encouraged Allen Foulkes to discuss.

-- Has the City heard from Peoples Express on their service.

-- Inquired about left turn signal.

-- Encouraged Pack 793 leaders to return and let Council know how flower sale went.

- Council Member Fielder

-- Compliments to Steve Jones for presentation at DDA meeting.

-- Attended monthly board meeting at Growth Works.

Topic of discussion opening residential juvenile centers to those in Western Wayne County so they do not have to be moved to further destinations.

-- Discussed the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network meeting.

- Mayor Pro-Tem's Comments

-- Appreciate audience.

-- Happy first day of spring.

-- Congratulations to Fire Department employee promotions.

-- Congratulations to BHS Basketball.

-- Congratulations to Allen Foulkes medals earned at Tae Kwon Do.

#### 12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Robotics competition was this past weekend at BHS. Steve Jones a great help as always. Went very well, kids are amazing and thank you local sponsors and to all who made it happen. Great event.

- Missed the last DDA meeting due to invitation to strategic planning at Van Buren Public Schools. Appreciate being asked and being involved.

- Congratulations to Fire Department promotions.

- Tom Fielder gave praise to Mayor Conley for throwing out the first bolt at Robotics competition and gave opening speech. Steve Jones added the mayor engaged the crowd and got everyone excited for event. Received many compliments on her opening speech.

#### 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Resident Allen Foulkes informed the hours of training and competition his children are involved in Tae Kwon Do.

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

- None

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Voigt to adjourn at 8:28 PM.

No objections were noted.

#### Motion Carried.

Submitted by Michelle Bellingham

Approved: 4/3/23

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# VBT planners table action on Chips All Gone tent in Belleville Square

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its March 22 regular meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission discussed for more than an hour the temporary land use request of Chips All Gone before tabling action to an upcoming meeting.

Township Treasurer Sharpy Budd, who sits on the commission as board liaison, was the only one voting not to table. She said she was against the proposed tent in Belleville Square and tabling the item was a waste of the applicant's time.

Treasurer Budd said the Downtown Development Authority worked to get a Belleville Road Overlay District to keep that area looking good. She said she didn't think the DDA would look kindly on having a tent set up at the entrance to the shopping center.

"The DDA ought to be notified," Budd said. "They are awful funny about things like this."

The applicant, Peter Burgard, was asked to determine the minimum amount of time he could be at the site and make it worth his while. He had asked for nine months and the township staff had recommended six months.

The motion by Jeff Jahr, seconded by Medina Atchinson, also stated that the staff should alert the DDA and obtain feedback. This can be discussed when the request is brought back.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said he will discuss a more suitable location with the DDA director and the applicant and get feedback from the DDA.

There had been discussion on temporary land use or if special land use should be

used in a case like this. Chuck Friese, who was present for a request for TNT fireworks to have a tent in the Walmart parking lot, got up to ask about the discussion on the temporary vs. special land use. He said he is on the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals in his community and wanted to understand.

Vidya Krishnan, the township's planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said the request is too long for temporary land use and the request should be special land use. She said this will be precedent-setting and, "If later on you have regrets, there is no taking that back."

Burgard would like to run his business from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. from March until the end of November. He said he would have a tent to operate out of and would use a resin adhesive to repair chips on windshields. He said it takes five to 15 minutes and this guarantees the window would not break.

Mark Canvasser, owner of the shopping center, joined in by Zoom to say he doesn't let other tents or food trucks use the property. He said there are a few vacancies in the shopping center and he wants to generate more traffic there and this is a good business.

Commissioner Bernie Grant asked why they don't have tents and Canvasser said fireworks are dangerous and they don't allow food trucks because they use power and generate trash. He said chips are less than a quarter in size.

When Budd criticized having a tent, Burgard said the tent is optional and he could put the few supplies in his pocket

and do the work.

Budd said he would be walking around with pockets full of resin, a chair to sit, trash can.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson asked how he would advertise and asked if there is a known need for this in the township.

He replied he would advertise on Facebook and flyers, but he wouldn't put the flyers on cars.

He said he's been doing this all over the country for 14 years, but he was down a couple of years. He said they do it this way in Ann Arbor and Adrian. He said he could carry supplies on his belt.

Commissioner Atchinson said she has seen the tent at Arborland in Ann Arbor, but this is the first time here. "Is there a need here?" she asked.

Krishnan said fireworks are just for the Fourth of July and six months is a long time to have something up. She asked what if they want three months for the next thing? She said most municipalities limit temporary use to 10 days or two weeks.

"I've found temporary land use holds its own water ... for the approval process," Director Power said.

When asked what procedure he uses, he said he wipes the glass with a clean rag, applies the resin and then at the end he cleans it with Windex. It keeps people from throwing away windshields which can't be recycled.

He said he leaves the tent up and has no security guards. He said they've never had a problem. All he leaves inside is a table and the cart.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing and Storage**, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2006	HONDA	SW	5FNRL38856B114516	23-885
2007	FORD	4D	3FAHP07Z47R273686	22-13291
2005	NISSAN	SW	5N1BV28U75N118338	23-1790
2017	FORD	SW	1FM5K8DH1HGA57661	23-1902
1988	LOADRITE	TR	1PHBJ2U29J2000091	22-11180
2006	SATURN	2D	1G8AW15B46Z190905	23-2502
2002	PONTIAC	SW	3G7DB03E02S568357	23-2708B
2001	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WX15K819147978	23-2708B
2013	DODGE	4D	1C3CDFBH7DD225185	23-2708
2001	MAZDA	4D	JM1BJ225310408231	23-2708BA

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

2021	CHRYSLER	SW	2C4RC1BG9MR600767	23-2887
1999	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNNT13W4X2217734	22-7643A
2009	PONTIAC	4D	1G2ZG57B794171264	18-16713
2008	DODGE	4D	2B3KA53H38H185626	23-1296
2010	FORD	4D	3FAHP0HAXAR323412	23-1923
2013	DODGE	SW	3C4PDCAB4DT509148	22-1729
2008	DODGE	SW	1B3HB28B08D560590	23-1732
2011	BUICK	4D	W04GT5GC4B1002067	23-1696A
2014	DODGE	4D	1C3CDFBB7ED902491	23-1939
2014	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1125S3XEU113871	23-1651
2007	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3LC56K67N680532	23-1656
2009	DODGE	4D	2B3LA33V39H545154	23-1653

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

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,  
Published: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



**VAN BUREN**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BID INSTRUCTIONS FOR FRENCH LANDING PARK PHASE II KAYAK LAUNCH

The Charter Township of Van Buren will receive sealed bids for construction of the French Landing Park Phase II Kayak Launch at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., local time. No bids will be received after that time. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Denton Room at Township Hall.

The project site is located West of Haggerty Road and South of I-94 at 12090 Haggerty Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111.

Bid documents will be available online on MITN (<https://www.bidnetdirect.com>) and also the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Elizabeth Renaud, Director of Community Services, at [erenaud@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:erenaud@vanburen-mi.org).

Published: 4-6-23



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 265 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

**Sunday, March 26:**  
0000 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Mobil  
0046 – assist other dept., Third/Main  
0352 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.  
0403 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse  
0434 – domestic, Westlake Cir.  
0459 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
0508 – disorderly, Hull Rd.  
0644 – suicidal person, Hull Rd.  
1055 – neighbor trouble, Quirk Rd.  
1237 -- vehicle lockout, Sumpter Rd.  
1341 – domestic, Ecorse Rd.  
1505 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1507 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1709 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1850 – misc. complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
1923 – fraud, S. Bellridge Dr.  
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.  
2135 – disorderly, Colony Ln.  
2146 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
2315 – assault & battery, Brookview Dr.  
2343 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

**Monday, March 27:**  
0136 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
0149 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.  
0209 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stratford Dr.  
0447 – welfare check, Revere Dr.  
0608 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0626 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0813 – abandoned auto, Ecorse/I-27i5  
1323 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.  
1426 – civil matter, Lake Crest Dr.  
1458 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1533 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1613 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1631 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pinewood Ln. / Chinkapin Dr.  
1631 – civil matter, Van Born  
1656 – family trouble, Richard Run Dr.  
1700 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1800 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.  
1820 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter  
1830 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1905 – mental subject, Hull Rd.  
1929 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
1929 – family trouble, Castell Blvd.  
2022 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2055 – assist other dept., Paloma Dr.

**Tuesday, March 28:**  
0755 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
0909 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1017 – harassment call, W. Adams  
1042 – civil matter, Independence Ln.  
1134 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1219 – domestic, Oak Ln.  
1354 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service  
1356 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1409 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd.  
1419 – domestic, Briarwood Dr.  
1422 – neighbor trouble, Sylvia Dr.  
1458 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.  
1603 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.  
1655 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.  
1801 – animal complaint, Farm Rd.  
2047 – assist fire dept., Outer Dr.  
2227 – traffic offense, Holly Ln./Ivy Dr.  
2244 – welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2251 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

**Wednesday, March 29:**  
0207 – assist other dept., E. Main St.  
0644 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck  
0758 – animal complaint, Town & Country  
0816 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.  
0919 – animal complaint, Park Estates Dr.  
0940 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
0943 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
0951 – animal complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1004 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1103 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1204 – traffic offense, N. I-94 Service/Belleville  
1217 – traffic offense, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.  
1247 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Riggs  
1309 – malicious destruction of property, Sondra  
1330 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.

1329 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1448 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
1502 – breaking & entering, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1543 – intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
1548 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1550 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1601 – mental subject, Lohr Rd.  
1615 – larceny, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1737 – domestic, Belleville Rd.  
1835 – warrant arrest, Inkster PD  
2024 – family trouble, Jefferson  
2039 – harassment call, Fret Rd.  
2049 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
2129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Western St.

**Thursday, March 30:**  
0138 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury  
0139 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0630 – family trouble, McBride Ave.  
0746 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0838 – warrant arrest, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0904 – personal injury accident, Van Born/Hannan  
0909 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0928 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1118 – welfare check, Harbour Pointe Ct.  
1155 – vehicle lockout, Holly Ln.  
1241 – intrusion alarm, Pond Ridge Dr.  
1407 – intrusion alarm, Pond Ridge Dr.  
1408 – neighbor trouble, Edison Lake Rd.  
1505 – assault & battery, Daisy Blvd.  
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Independence  
1511 – hospice death, Jefferson  
1635 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.  
1737 – vehicle lockout, Denton Rd.  
1740 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1806 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
1822 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.  
1913 – juvenile complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1942 – threat, Belleville Rd.  
1954 – 911 welfare check, Sondra Dr.  
2045 – mental subject, Denton Rd.  
2118 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Hannan Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

**Friday, March 31:**  
0329 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Coca-Cola  
0406 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0538 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0544 – domestic, Westlake Cir.  
1105 – fraud, Western St.  
1130 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1146 – threat, Richard Run Dr.  
1315 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1317 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
1329 – property check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1422 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1448 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1700 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
1716 – domestic, Ash Dr.  
1853 – mental subject, Hannan Rd./Van Born  
1935 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.  
2042 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse  
2233 – threat, Lake Crest Dr.  
2236 – private property/property damage accident, Sawgrass Ct.  
2243 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2353 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.

**Saturday, April 1:**  
0038 – traffic offense, Laguna Dr./Vista Dr.  
0043 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
0121 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0136 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0743 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0754 – intrusion alarm, Elwell Rd.  
0812 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.  
1051 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1110 – noise complaint, Maple Dr.  
1313 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1420 – property damage accident, Village Green  
1809 – felony assault, Winchester St.  
1918 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2142 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
2152 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2239 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
2313 – domestic, Wildbrook Dr.  
2355 – neighbor trouble, Lindsey DR.

Also on this week’s log are 92 traffic stops, 19 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, March 26:**  
0023 – traffic stop, Third St./Main St.  
0452 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.  
0947 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1010 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.  
1045 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1053 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
1152 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
1210 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
1218 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.  
1226 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1236 – traffic stop, W. Huron River/Edgedale  
1349 – traffic stop, S. Liberty/E. Columbia  
1404 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1410 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1416 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1542 – traffic stop, Fifth St./Main St.  
1551 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.  
1603 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
1611 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.  
1647 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/Madelon  
1710 – traffic stop, E. Wabash Ave./South St.  
1720 – traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave.  
1725 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St.  
1741 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1749 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1804 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.  
1829 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd./Main  
1935 – traffic stop, Church St./W. Columbia Ave.  
2014 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.  
2303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St. / E. Columbia Ave.

**Monday, March 27:**  
0723 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
0835 – welfare check, South St.  
1340 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia  
1741 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1958 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.  
2052 – noise complaint, Church St.

**Tuesday, March 28:**  
0021 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./South St.  
0354 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0601 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0721 – noise complaint, Bedell St./Robbe St.  
2021 – noise complaint, Church St.  
2148 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2216 – traffic stop, Water Works  
1116 – malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.

2129 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
2357 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.

**Thursday, March 30:**  
0036 – traffic stop, South St./W. Columbia Ave.  
0507 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.  
0545 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty  
1010 – misc. complaint, Loza Ln.  
1058 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.  
1515 – welfare check, High St./Main St.  
1543 – warrant arrest, Denton Rd./Main St.  
1554 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1716 – traffic offense, Savage/Arlene  
1936 – traffic stop, South St./Main St.  
1944 – property damage accident, Water Works  
2033 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
2125 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.  
2133 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence  
2149 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/S. Liberty St.  
2321 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Main St.

**Friday, March 31:**  
0140 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.  
0154 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St./First  
0200 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./South St.  
0628 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.  
1248 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Savage Rd.  
1249 – 911 welfare check, Greylock St.  
1631 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
2127 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
2146 – assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.

**Saturday, April 1:**  
0518 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Biggs

2046 – traffic stop, South St.  
There are 49 traffic stops on this week’s log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, March 26:**  
0019 – noise complaint, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0523 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter  
0840 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
0845 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1044 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1222 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1230 – suspicious circumstance, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

1241 – property damage accident, Georgia St.  
1451 – damage to property, 29000 bl. Martinsville  
1539 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.  
1748 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.  
1903 – damage to property, Rustic Ln.  
2210 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
2310 – damage to property, Utah St.  
**Monday, March 27:**  
0142 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1047 – fire dept. assist, E. Arizona St.  
1146 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1412 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.  
1502 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1713 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Willis  
1958 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

**Tuesday, March 28:**  
0103 – noise complaint, Mulberry Dr.  
0208 – suspicious vehicle, Colorado St.  
0753 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Kozma  
0905 – fire dept. assist, California St.  
1000 – larceny, Rustic Ln.  
1036 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1253 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1316 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1324 – felony warrant arrest, Carriage Ln.  
1351 – breaking & entering report, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1440 – ordinance complaint, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1728 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1859 – assist other agency, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville  
Waltz Rd.  
1925 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1939 – mental health call, Reed St./Bohn Rd.  
2045 – traffic complaint/hazard, Mulberry Dr.

**Wednesday, March 29:**  
0050 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0838 – citizen assist, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0856 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
0930 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.  
1028 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1039 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1134 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1321 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1326 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1353 – suspicious circumstance, Tulip Dr.  
1537 – property damage accident, Carriage Ln.  
1543 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Wear  
1547 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1551 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1636 – traffic complaint/hazard, Edgewood Dr.  
1840 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1941 – animal complaint, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2141 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2321 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow Rd. / Clark Rd.

**Thursday, March 30:**  
0249 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
0255 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.  
1003 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1251 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1348 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1552 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1706 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1718 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1804 – follow-up investigation, Sumpter/Willis  
2030 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2115 – civil matter, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
**Friday, March 31:**  
0555 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.  
0727 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0803 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0918 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.  
0925 – neighbor dispute, Magnolia Dr.  
1119 – citizen assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

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1222 – welfare check, Alaska St.  
1529 – fraud complaint, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz  
1951 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Elwell  
2055 – juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2232 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2258 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2346 – malicious destruction of property, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.

**Saturday, April 1:**  
0022 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0037 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Rd.  
0132 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0152 – accidental property damage, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.

1327 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.  
1603 – alarm, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1824 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd./Willow  
1934 – trespassing complaint, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.  
2048 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.  
2144 – fire dept. assist, Arbor Ln.

Also on this week's log are 136 patrol checks, 81 traffic stops, and 10 misc. details.

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- **Thursday, April 6** – Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Garden City HS, 4 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Churchill HS, 5:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, April 8** – Varsity Softball vs. Pioneer HS, 10 a.m., DH; JV Baseball vs. Ann Arbor Huron HS, 11 a.m., DH
- **Monday, April 10** – JV Baseball vs. John Glenn HS, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Softball vs. Salem HS, 4:30 p.m.
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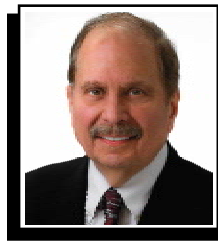
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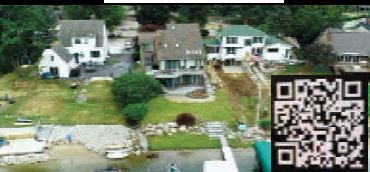
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