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## 34<sup>th</sup> District Court jury finds Sheena Barnes not guilty

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After less than an hour of deliberation on Monday, a six-person jury at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court brought in a unanimous verdict of not guilty for Sheena Barnes, who had been charged by Sumpter Township for the ordinance violation of malicious use of a telephone.

After a jury of seven was chosen and sworn in at 10:05 a.m., Judge Brian A. Oakley explained that the prosecuting attorney had to prove three points for them to find Barnes guilty: she used a device with a service provider, she threatened physical harm, and she meant to terrorize or intimidate the victim.

The prosecuting attorney was Angela Mannarino, who is the Van Buren Township prosecutor and was filling in for Sumpter prosecutor Rob Young due to a conflict of interest.

Mannarino said on Aug. 19, 2022, Barnes called Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman and made threats to Bowman and his wife. Mannarino said he took his complaint to Sumpter police.

According to the 29-page police report, police considered a warrant through the Wayne County Prosecutor's office, but decided to make it a local ordinance violation to keep control.

Defense attorney Rita F. Young said Barnes ran for the position of treasurer in 2022 and Bowman supported someone else. She said Barnes sent private messages to Bowman and she used coarse words. She said criticism is part of the political process and curse words are not against the law. She said such words are in rap music.

She said coarse jokes and messages were not sent with the intent to frighten or hurt them. She called it "coarse joking."

Mannarino called 64-year-old Bowman

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The Belleville High School Girls Soccer team won the Kensington Lakes Activities Association East Division Championship for the first time since joining the conference. The team then lost to Northville High School, 3-0, on Monday for the KLAA Conference Championship and became the conference runner-up.

### Court Watching

## Preliminary exam set June 9 on 2021 murder in VBT

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

John Green-Johnson's preliminary exam has been set for Friday, June 9, at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on murder charges from Van Buren Township and an aggravated assault charge from Romulus.

Green-Johnson, 32, of Detroit was present via video from the Wayne County Jail on May 3 for a probable cause conference and a pretrial. He is being held without bond.

He is charged with homicide/open murder and one count of weapons/felony firearm on May 9, 2021 in Van Buren Township.

He is also charged with domestic violence/aggravated assault on Feb. 8, 2020 in Romulus. He is not to contact either victims' family. He failed to appear for a court date in 2021 and a Romulus warrant was issued.

That warrant was allowed to be cancelled to be superceded by the murder warrant from Van Buren Township. He was extradited from a federal prison in West Virginia.

Defense attorney on both cases is Kim Michon, who said she still needed the medical examiner's report for the homicide charge. The preliminary exam on that charge, which will begin at 10 a.m. on June 9, is expected to be three hours long.

The assault case will begin at 9 a.m. and Michon said she hopes to get that dismissed.

The defendant told her the victim sent a signed affidavit to the court recanting the charge. She

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## VBt planners require sidewalk for VBt accessory gas station

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Although Van Buren Township's plans for construction of an accessory gasoline filling station next to the water tower did not include a sidewalk along Tyler Road, at its May 10 regular meeting the planners voted unanimously to require the sidewalk within five years.

With the construction of the new community center, the space for the loop around the present gas pumps is being taken up, so they are moving the township filling station. This is to fuel vehicles from the police, fire, public works, and community center departments.

Ron Akers, municipal services director, presented the request for the preliminary and final site plan approvals.

The 41.58-acre parcel is at the southeast corner of Tyler and Quirk roads. The proposal includes adding an accessory above-ground fuel tank, pump station, improvements to the traffic circulation and parking, as well as lighting and landscaping. The plan is to mill down the present drive and reconstruct it at 25' in width at the street, down to 24', and then up to 30' for the turn for large vehicles.

Akers said the future use of the rest of the site is still in question and there is no specific plan, so they are putting off sidewalks on Tyler until the final use is determined. No staff works on the site, although workers come in from time to time to get things that are stored in the water tower building, he said.

There will be an irrigation system for the landscape, he said. The project is not

subject to water retention through Wayne County because of the limited scope, Akers said. A non-decorative chain link fence, not visible from the roads, will be around the filling station area.

Commissioner Bernie Grant, an architect, questioned deferring the sidewalks.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr, who was chairing the meeting, said whenever projects come in with deferred sidewalks, the answer is no. But this is an accessory structure, and doesn't need sidewalks yet because of future development.

"It's a public utility," Akers said.

Commissioner Grant asked if they are planning a DPW building at the site and Akers said that's a possibility but there is no timeline.

Jahr said it was basically warehousing with an essential services use.

Township Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, agreed with having no sidewalk at this time.

McKenna planning consultant Vidya Krishnan said nobody is on that site at all. People come in, fuel up, and leave, she said.

Grant said sidewalks are not for the site but to link public spaces.

Wayde Hoppe, an architect for another project on the agenda, spoke on this issue.

"Sidewalks are put in for pedestrian connectivity. It's for the public, never for the building." He said if this project doesn't have to have sidewalks it will look like the commission is treating public projects different than other projects.

"They should have put in sidewalks when they built the water tower," Hoppe said.

Grant asked if they could require the

sidewalks in the next five years.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said this would be a link to a future development and it's up to the planning commission.

Akers said the township is adding sidewalks along Tyler from Haggerty and is seeking the opportunity to provide sidewalks in the community.

Jahr asked Akers if the motion comes up with sidewalks required, what would he do?

"We would take it back, get costs, and be compliant with the code," Akers said.

Budd said if the planning commission wants sidewalks, she wouldn't object and Commissioner Jackson Pahle said he agreed with requiring sidewalks.

Commission chairman Brian Cullin and Commissioner Medina Atchinson were absent from the meeting.

Grant made the motion to approve the preliminary and final site plans with the stipulation that sidewalks had to be placed within five years on Tyler and Beck. The motion passed unanimously.

Later in the meeting, Director Power said that he had misspoken and the township's property does not go all the way to Beck, so there will be no sidewalks on Beck.

### French Landing Park Boardwalk

Another township project was on the agenda: the preliminary and final site plan approvals for French Landing Park Boardwalk and Dock Improvements, which were approved unanimously.

The township will remove an existing elevated boardwalk and dock structure. The new structure will be about 202 feet

in length, will extend about 23.5' from the shore, and will have a total combined area of about 2,691 square feet.

French Landing Park is located at 12090-12100 Haggerty Rd.

Director Power said the dock will extend 23.5' into the lake and 40' is allowed by ordinance. He said no exceptions are required. He said 400 cubic yard of rip-rap will be used for stabilization. Inset, solar-powered, dock lights will be used.

A Michigan EGLE (Energy, Great Lakes, and Environment) permit has been issued and the township is working with the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) dam operator Eagle Creek.

Elizabeth Renaud, director of community services, said since the 2019 Master Plan was done, they have been working on the park. She said the dock is the last piece of the puzzle.

Architect Hoppe explained the fence that will be installed that is very resilient. He said part of the problem with the old fence was vandalism.

### Residential Zoning Amendment

Commissioners also approved setting a public hearing for either June 14 or 28 on a Residential Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment. The amendment was prompted by an application from a couple for a taller home than allowed. That couple received a variance from the Board of Zoning Appeals and the commission looked into a text amendment. The amendment would change the approved height to 35', from the current limit of 30', and allow 2.5 stories, up from the present limit of 2 stories.

## Sumpter board discusses charging mobile home parks for services

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At the May 9 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke gave his monthly police report and pointed out there was an 82% increase in call volume between 2020 and now.

He said the fire department also had an increase.

Director Luke said the township needs to take steps now to provide for this because the volume will continue to climb.

He said with the sharp increase in mobile homes in the community, he thought they might get more people who are interested in serving in the police or fire departments, but that hasn't been the case.

Luke said every police department in the state is hiring right now.

He said he and township attorney Rob Young met with the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court, which is restarting community service

sentences.

"We will get a group, with no supervisor, to work here," he said, adding they told the court they want a standing order every week. He said they would try that for a while. Luke said just Sumpter and Van Buren Township are using this right now. He said the first day was supposed to be May 10.

Supervisor Tim Bowman asked if the township police patrol the mobile home parks and he was told they do. He asked if the residents of the mobile home parks are residents and he was told they are.

Supervisor Bowman said the township is spending money to go in to patrol there when the services could be supplied elsewhere in the township.

"Our tax money patrols their business. Is that right?" he asked. "Doesn't seem right. Privately owned communities." He asked if police wrote speeding tickets and Luke said yes, they did and the state law is 15

mph in a mobile home park.

Bowman said some mobile home communities have their own security to protect their private property. He said he was against using tax money to protect these private businesses.

Luke said the mobile home parks are like apartment complexes spread out. He said five to seven years ago the units in the parks were privately owned, but now they can be leased out.

"We have to continue to patrol," Luke said. "It's no different than apartment complexes." He said that private security can't get involved with civil matters and domestic violence.

Bowman asked if police patrolled the private drives all over the township and Luke said they don't cruise them, but they go down there.

Bowman said it seems like private security should be used and then the township wouldn't have to patrol as much.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said they have security at Rawsonville Woods, where she lives, but they are only allowed to do so much. They are not police.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said a lot of areas are going to camera systems. He said mobile home residents make up 20% of the population of the Sumpter community, and only support it 3%. He said everyone should be paying the same amount for having first responders dealing with heart attacks.

"That cost should not be the burden of single-family home owners," Trustee Oddy said. He said with mobile home parks paying just 3% of the costs, that means others pay 97%.

Trustee Don LaPorte said he put the costs in a spreadsheet for the township manager to use for union contract negotiations for the fire department. He determined how much millage they get and the number of

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# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Jury trial at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court was a real treat

We haven't been to a jury trial at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court since before the pandemic and before the court moved into its new building. It was a real treat.

We've been watching court via zoom or YouTube since then and hadn't seen a jury trial in person for a long time.

On Monday morning, there were real people crowded into a real courtroom. One young man had a baby in tow in a carrier. He said he didn't have a sitter. Actually, he was one of the ones that was chosen to sit on the jury. The baby cried a little during testimony, but at the end was sitting up in the jury box and smiling.

One man was excused because he had a health problem, was in pain which caused him to have to lie down from time to time.

Another elderly man described his friend of 20 years who was dying and he wanted to be at his bedside.

These were real people with real lives and it was so nice to be among them instead of in front of a computer screen.

The jury listened attentively to the testimony, had lunch, got instructions from the judge, and then went into the jury room to deliberate. They were out in less than an hour's time with their not-guilty verdict. And, that was it.

A Sumpter Township resident was given a jury of her peers and they listened to all the evidence presented and did what they were supposed to do. Gave their verdict.

It was great to see a jury in action again.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

At the regular meeting of the Belleville City Council on May 15, Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt said he wanted to point something out to the public. He said the former superintendent of the Van Buren Public Schools accused six of the recently announced top-ten BHS students of cheating. He held up their pictures.

That's when they were in Savage Elementary School. Now they are graduating.

"It was a total lie," Voigt said, noting the teachers, who were also accused of cheating, were exonerated in court and the school district paid out money to them.

"These kids are our best and brightest," Voigt said. "Put that under your hat."

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Voigt also announced that the second round of the BHS graduates banners were put up by volunteers over the previous weekend. He said Mike Musser, the BHS yearbook teacher, helped and Mariah Curry and Janae Richardson originated the designs for the banners and sent him the files and all he had to do is order them.

He also thanked the Belleville Yacht Club for cleaning up around the lake, with numbers varying from 60 participants to 80, and that included the mayor as one of the volunteers.

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Also, at the May 15 meeting, he said that he went to the fire department open house on May 6 and got to see the new wall that was put up to accommodate the new fire truck. He said those who missed out on the open house missed something very special.

He said a week ago Sunday, on May 7, the fire department came to his house and his wife "was carted off to the hospital and she is still there."

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*The Wall Street Journal* announced last

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Wednesday that as of that issue it would stop using honorifics in its news stories, such as Ms., Mrs., Mr., etc. Honorifics such as Dr. for medical doctor and Sen. and Gen. will still be used on first reference.

It said the editorial page would make up its own mind about honorifics and I see they are still using them on that page.

I've been reading the WSJ since my brother gave me a subscription for my birthday and quite often I'd be reading along and then stop flat, when a Mr. or Mr. would come up before a name. I couldn't imagine why, in these days, they were using those honorifics. Now they are not.

The editor said they had used the honorifics to maintain a polite tone, but now are convinced it holds back the flow of reading and enjoyment of their stories.

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Outgoing Belleville City Manager / Police Chief Dave Robinson told Jennifer Delano at the May 15 city meeting that the question of whether Van Buren Township could provide transportation for seniors and disabled in the city was in the hands of Elizabeth Renaud, VBT director of community services. Robinson said Renaud will review the information with her team and then get back to the city's Clerk/Treasurer Briana Hootman, since Robinson would be gone.

Delano, an RN who has watched over transportation for seniors in the city for decades, asked if the board members of Wheels for Independence could be included in the meeting so they don't feel pushed

aside. Robinson was reluctant to get them involved. "We would like to be included," Delano insisted.

It's kind of scary that Director Renaud is the one in charge, since she has so much work to do at the township where she is in charge of the museum, the senior center, building the community center, the Iron Belle Trail, the park renovations, and other responsibilities. Hope the transportation problem doesn't get pushed to the back of everything else. We continue to get letters from seniors asking for help with getting to the grocery store and doctors' offices.

The museum has been closed for 1,179 days as of today.

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My brother Tony was visiting Michigan from his home in Fort Pierce, FL, and so a bunch of cousins got together on Monday at Sam's Place on Main Street. Cousins who were included at lunch, besides Tony and I, were Glenn Silvenis, Leonard Silvenis, Donna (Silvenis) and Chris Lochrie, Constance Genevieve Riggs, and Richard Riggs.

We had a great time remembering the old days and bringing each other up to date on the new days. After an hour, I had to get back to work, so who knows how long the rest of them stayed.

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## Letters

### FUSUS program could lead to abuses of power

To the editor and the community of VBT:

I am a senior at Belleville High School and I am a resident of Van Buren Township. I came across a *Belleville-Area Independent* newspaper from May 11, 2023 with an article entitled "VBT Board, DDA consider \$225,000 FUSUS program."

This FUSUS program was explained to be a way for the police to access cameras and monitor crimes in real time. The presenters of the program claim that the owners of the cameras would retain control. However, the article also claimed that the police would be able to view information on individuals registered with the program and share their Ring doorbell cameras.

Also, Supervisor McNamara claimed that they would use any camera they can access, while Rick Butsko was even able to show a live feed of a location in Minneapolis during the meeting.

While this may not sound like a problem on the surface, I believe this FUSUS could lead to abuses of power in the future. If the police or the government can watch the streets in live time, they could monitor the actions and movements of anyone or everyone.

I understand that there is no guarantee of privacy in public, but I believe it is taking it too far when the police could potentially watch every street and corner at all times.

Chief Wright said, "It's not like Big Brother watching you," but I believe it could become that in the future. If we allow the police access to so many cameras, our entire lives could be watched and evaluated by the government. Once we give the government the liberty to watch us, we will never get it back.

Kayla Flange  
Van Buren Township

### Reminder: Memorial Day is Monday, May 29

To the editor and all Belleville residents:

Belleville VFW Post 4434 wants to send a reminder! Memorial Day, an American holiday observed on the last Monday of May, (May 29) honors men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

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### Vicious pit bulls on the loose in Sumpter Twp.

To the editor:

On Monday May 22, 2023 I looked out my window at 2:15 p.m. and saw 2 large dark grey pit bulls chasing my cats around my back yard.

They came from the woods heading west from Martinsville Road toward Sumpter Road. Sadly, one our cats was mauled to death before I was able to frighten them away. It happened so quickly I was in shock.

They went under and then over the electric fence and ran through our barn.

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To the editor:

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

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

• **Monday, May 29** – Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Horizon Park in Belleville, put on by the VFW and PLAV.

• **Thursday, June 1** – “Fabulous Freeze Drying,” free event from 6-8 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, Cozadd Room. Techniques for longer shelf life, enhanced flavor, and retained nutritional value offered by Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church.

• **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 Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

• **Monday, June 5** – Egan’s Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

• **Wednesday, June 7** – Mid-Week Music in Harris Park, 10151 Belleville Road, 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by Van Buren Township DDA.

• **Thursday, June 8** – This is the day 20 goats are due to be delivered from their Milan farm for their two-week stay at Horizon Park in Belleville. They are scheduled to clear the lake bank so everyone will have an unobstructed view for Lakefest activities on the lake.

• **Monday, June 12** – Belleville Farmers Market at Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

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## Obituaries



Denise Ann Willoughby

### DENISE ANN WILLOUGHBY

(September 26, 1958 – May 13, 2023)

Denise Ann Willoughby, age 65, a lifelong Belleville-area resident, passed away suddenly at her home on Saturday, May 13, 2023. She was born September 26, 1958, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Robert Harold & Rose Ann (Nealy) Welt.

Mrs. Willoughby graduated from Belleville high school, class of 1976 and enjoyed being a Rainbow Girl and member of Eastern Star throughout her life. She earned her bachelor's degree and her master's degree in education from Eastern Michigan University. She taught for 38 years, in Van Buren Public Schools. She was at South Middle School, Haggerty, Tyler, and most recently, at Edgemont Elementary. She loved her students and her colleagues. She enjoyed helping with her son's Boy Scout Troop and the Belleville High School Marching Tigers, as well as her hobbies of knitting, beadwork, camping, and collecting miniature houses and accessories.

Denise is survived by her husband of over 37 years, Timothy David Willoughby, son Cordell Willoughby, both of Belleville, MI; brother Dean (Dawn) Welt of Saline, MI; a sister Bobbie Welt-Dorwadt of Chelsea, AL, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and her dog Hunter.

A Celebration of life service was Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 4:00 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500 with Rev. Chip Dischinger officiating. The family welcomed guests from 3 - 4 PM.

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Sandra R. Jones

### SANDRA R. JONES

Sandra R. Jones, of Belleville, age 74, passed away peacefully on May 13, 2023.

Beloved wife of the late Herman Jones. Loving mother of Donald L. Jones. Dearest friend of Kimberly Warfield. Dear sister of Chester Herman Hill.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please share a memory of Sandy on her Tribute wall.

Cremation Society of Michigan.

### HENRIETTA RUTH KEON COLE

(November 16, 1934 – May 19, 2023)

Age 88, a long-time resident of Belleville. Survived by four children Gerald, Shelly, Terry, Caren; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren and three on the way. Service was May 23 at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Jean Vera Burrell

### JEAN VERA BURRELL

(November 9, 1923 – May 17, 2023)

Jean Vera Burrell, age 99, a long-time Belleville resident, passed away peacefully under Hospice care. She was born to Harry Jay and Syble Marie (Newton) Burrell on November 9, 1923, in Ypsilanti, MI.

Jean graduated from Belleville High School and attended Cleary College. Jean worked as a secretary for the Ford Wayne Assembly Plant for 44 Years. She enjoyed crocheting and tatting.

Jean was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Charlie and Lee James Burrell.

According to Jean's wishes a cremation has been arranged and an inurnment will be at Denton Cemetery in Van Buren Township in the future. Memorial Donations may be made to St. Joseph Hospital, Lieutenant Colonel Charles S. Kettles VA Medical Center also Leader Dogs for the Blind in Jean's name.

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Joseph Michael Dawson

### JOSEPH MICHAEL DAWSON

(February 9, 1964 – March 30, 2023)

Joseph Michael Dawson, 59, of Wayne died March 30, 2023 at home.

He was born February 9, 1964 in Belleville to Vincent Harold Dawson and Shirley Werstein. He attended the Belleville schools and worked at an auto parts shop.

He is survived by a daughter, Heather Dawson of Southfield; his mother Shirley Werstein of Van Buren Township; a sister Suzette Eggleston of McFarland, MI; three brothers, Scott Dawson of Rogers City, MI, Thomas Werstein of Watertown, WI, and Daniel Dawson of Romulus; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by a son Joseph Michael Kent Dawson, his father, and the father who raised him Ronald Werstein.

He was cremated. A Celebration of Life for his mother is planned and he will be included in it.

## BHS at-home games

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It's Free Fishing Weekend here in Michigan coming up June 10-11 where fishing licenses aren't required around the state and its inland lakes, Great Lakes, rivers, and streams, however state fishing rules and regulations still apply. To learn more about lawful fishing methods, what species are in season, fish size, and possession limits, visit [www.michigan.gov/dnr](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr).

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### City of Belleville NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2022-23 PROPOSED CITY BUDGET



Notice is hereby given that the Belleville City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

The proposed General Fund budget is \$3,175,906 based on estimated sources of revenue, including a proposed 2022-23 City property tax levy of 15.9353 mills for general operating purposes.

The City Council has authority to establish the proposed total millage rate of 18.1 mills, the current maximum allowable millage rate permitted by State Statute and the City Charter.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The budget includes proposed appropriations for the following funds:

FUND	REVENUES	EXPENDITURES
General Fund	\$2,779,300	\$3,175,906
Major Street Fund	\$ 325,000	\$ 372,000
Local Street Fund	\$ 267,500	\$ 180,000
Cemetery Fund	\$ 126,650	\$ 131,000
Sanitation Fund	\$ 252,000	\$ 270,000
Perpetual Care Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Building Dept. Fund	\$ 65,000	\$ 80,000
Budget Stabilization Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
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Capital Equipment Fund	\$ 751,666	\$ 813,600
DDA Operating Fund	\$ 545,470	\$ 545,470
DDA Debt Service Funds	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000

A complete copy of the proposed 2023-24 City Budget is available for public inspection during regular business hours at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Public comments on the proposed budget may be submitted in writing prior to the public hearing, and in writing or in person at the hearing.

Briana Hootman  
City Clerk

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## Court watching

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said she will reach out to find the document.

It was noted that a lot of family is interested in the homicide case and extra provisions are being made for safety in the courtroom.

On Sunday, May 9, 2021 at about 4 p.m., the Van Buren Township Police Department began receiving information regarding a potential homicide that occurred within the township. VBT Police Chief Jason Wright said after many steps and much investigation, the body of 29-year-old Amber Nicole King was found in a storage unit in the City of Westland.

Chief Wright said police determined that a suspect had shot a female in an apartment at the Westlake Apartments. The female victim's identity was unknown initially and her body had been moved. However, officers had a suspect's name.

Chief Wright said officers were able to locate the scene of the homicide at Westlake. A search warrant was obtained and VBT Police requested the assistance of the Michigan State Police Forensic Unit to process the apartment.

Further investigation led VBT Police to Monroe County where the Monroe County Sheriff's Department located and arrested a male suspect, who was a VBT resident. Acting on information, Van Buren detectives subsequently executed a search warrant on a storage unit in the City of Westland where the female victim was found.

The victim was a 2011 graduate of Belleville High School. She was survived by a son and many relatives in the Belleville area.

### Samantha Ann Lawson

Samantha Ann Lawson of Taylor was present by zoom on May 3 from the Wayne County Jail for a probable cause conference. She is charged with assault with intent to murder, discharging a weapon in or at a building, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious

assault) and three counts of felony firearm on April 19 in Van Buren Township.

Her defense attorney Kenrick Riggins, appearing for attorney of record Michael Woodyard, said they needed discovery so the probable cause conference was adjourned until May 17. On that date the live preliminary exam was set for June 28 and then reset for a sooner date of 11 a.m. May 24, with the defense attorney and prosecutor agreeing.

Her bond was set at \$75,000 cash and Riggins asked for a reduction, saying she was a single mother and has three children, one of whom is disabled, and they are with her sister. He said she was not a danger to the community because the incident involved one person.

Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Rima Yahfoufi disagreed, saying shots were fired in an outside area which made it a danger to the community.

Judge Martin denied bond modification on May 3 but did call for a review of her bond by circuit court.

Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte gave the background to the case. He said at about 2 a.m. on April 19, his department responded to a residence in the 9100 block of Parkwood Drive in response to multiple calls of gunshots in the area.

Officers were able to locate the female victim, who informed officers that Samantha Lawson, a resident of the city of Taylor, came to her residence to confront her. The two females engaged in a verbal altercation outside the residence, reportedly over Lawson's former boyfriend. Lawson reportedly went to her vehicle, retrieved a handgun, and fired at least one shot at the victim's residence, according to reports.

There were multiple people inside the residence, including two children, Deputy Chief Monte said. There were no reported injuries.



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# Sumpter Twp.

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mobile home communities.

"We need to find a level playing field," Trustee LaPorte said.

Luke said over the past five years they have been replacing police officers, not increasing the force.

"I'm not bashing mobile homes," he said. "I don't know how the legislature allows this. Sumpter Township must be one with the highest amount of mobile homes."

There are five mobile home parks in Sumpter and Rawsonville Woods, Holiday West and Holiday Woods have been greatly increasing the number of units over the past few years.

Resident Mary Ban said they should ask the state to accommodate the communities.

In other business, the board:

- Removed from the agenda a proposed contract with Lawrence M. Clarke, Inc. for \$3,750 to repair line areas at the Sumpter/Willis pump station; removed recommended changes to the water/sewer shut-off and payment plan policies; and removed the proposal continuing the listing relationship with Moving the Mitten real estate under the original listing terms which expired in December;

- Approved extending the seasonal part-time DPW position to June 1;

- Adopted a proclamation designating May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day for Sumpter Township;

- Unanimously turned down an offer

from G. Brown to purchase two acres on Willow Road owned by the township for \$20,000. The property was originally listed for \$31,500;

- Heard Township Administrator Anthony Burdick give updates on township business during the workshop; and

- Went into executive session to discuss contract negotiations with the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters, with Trustee LaPorte, a fire fighter, recused from the session.

## Gov. appoints Tyrone Hamilton of Belleville to Housing Authority

On May 18, Governor Gretchen Whitmer announced several appointments to state boards and commissions.

That included the appointment of Tyrone Hamilton of Belleville to the Michigan State Housing Development Authority Board.

Hamilton is a musician and owner of Hamilton Productions. He attended O.W. Holmes School in Detroit. Hamilton is reappointed as the resident member for a term commencing May 19, 2023 and expiring March 10, 2026.

The Michigan State Housing Development Authority, established in 1966, was created to provide financial and technical assistance through public and private partnerships to create and preserve safe and decent affordable housing, engage in community economic development activities, develop vibrant cities, towns and villages, and address homeless issues.

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# Volunteers gather to discuss services of Belleville Area Museum

A meeting of volunteers was held at the Van Buren Township hall on May 11 to discuss the services of the long-closed Belleville Area Museum. The next meeting is set for 6 p.m., Thursday, May 25 and is open to the public.

Elizabeth Renaud, Van Buren Township director of community services, served as chairperson of the May 11 meeting. Consultant John Metcalf was scheduled to attend but was held up in traffic and not able to be present.

Residents attending were Donald Martin, Doug Peters, Tom Fielder, Marie Krause, David Booher, John Juriga, Mary Ban, and Barbara Rogalle Miller, for the *Independent*.

The meeting held for those interested in the development and management of the Belleville Historical Museum, serving the communities of Belleville, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township.

There was considerable discussion among those present of the many elements of the community: importance of Indian tribes, Rawsonville settlement, French Landing for its portage accessibility, Sumpter and the importance of the PNA Hall which hosted ethnic festivities, development of the school system, presence of the Underground Railroad, and residents involved in the Civil War, World War I and World War II.

To research the effective development of a local historical museum, the participants generally agreed to the importance of touring other historical museums, especially the Ypsilanti Historical Museum, a museum highly recommended by participant Donald Martin. Martin also recommended meeting with Ypsilanti historian James Mann.

The group emphasized the importance of the history of French Landing Dam and Belleville Lake, Willow Run, the school system (with the museum arranging to videotape citizens who know the history of the school system), the Haggerty Road era of Polish settlement, the transition from rural farming community to industrial development, and other topics to be added. They agreed the museum should catalog and store historical items.

As to the management of the museum, the general, strongly held consensus was that the museum must be managed professionally. It was the consensus of those gathered that the museum clearly needs a director.

Suggestions were made that interns from local universities could help a director manage the museum at a reasonable cost and that the Michigan Historical Society should be contacted to get suggestions for direction.

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# Sumpter Township Board approves proclamation of support

The following proclamation was approved by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its May 9 meeting. It was read aloud by Trustee Don LaPorte who said a framed copy would be presented to Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke, "so the officers will know we support them."

## Proclamation Designating May 15, 2023 as Peace Officers Memorial Day

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed a proclamation that designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. This date falls within National Police Week, May 14-20, 2023, and recognizes our law enforcement officers and remembers those Peace Officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Sumpter supports and recognizes the vital role law enforcement officers have within our communities and county. These servants and their families make enormous personal sacrifices but have answered their community's call to serve; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 1985 Patrolman Roy Graham was killed when his patrol car was struck by a drunk driver on Sumpter Road. The loss of any innocent life is one too many and the loss of a law enforcement officer should cause all citizens to be sickened. They are our protectors and represent what is good within society. They go to a destination, knowing there is danger, but they go on our behalf and for this, they are extraordinary servants ... for many of us would never tread where they must go; and

WHEREAS, being a law enforcement officer is a noble and honorable profession. It is a profession that many cannot do or will never attempt due to the rigors of the profession. Law enforcement officers must be highly trained and appropriately resourced to meet the challenges of today; and

WHEREAS, as we state our support for our law enforcement officers, they know, and it is expected they daily build

relationships and trust with the residents they serve, they must do so with honor and integrity. Daily protecting the innocent, aiding those in need with dignity and compassion, and performing their duties in a fair and impartial manner. They must perform their duties in keeping with the highest law enforcement standards and remain faithful to their solemn oath;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees remember and honor those Peace Officers who have fallen in the line of duty and recognize our support for our Sumpter Township Police Department and Officers.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

## Court Watching

Micah James Buchin  
Sarah Lynn Woolf

Micah James Buchin, 42, of Garden City and Sarah Lynn Woolf of Novi were arraigned as co-defendants on May 19 by Magistrate Al Hindman. They were both arraigned in custody by video from the Van Buren Township Police Department and charged with trespassing on May 18. Personal bond was set at \$3,000 each and their remote pretrials are June 1. As part of their bond they are not to return to 10604 Quirk Rd. in Van Buren Township.

Buchin had two warrants out for his arrest for parole violations after pleading guilty to home invasions in 2015 and 2018.

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# Jury trial

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to the witness stand as her first witness.

She asked his occupation and he said he was a general contractor and has been supervisor of Sumpter Township for over two years. He said on Aug. 19, 2022, he received a message on his phone. He was on the porch with his wife, scrolling through his phone and he found the message.

His testimony was interrupted several times by Bowman asking for the question to be repeated and he said he was hard of hearing. The attorneys upped their voice volumes and continued.

He said he recognized the voice on the phone as Sheena Barnes, who he identified in the courtroom next to her attorney.

Mannarino played part of the message to the jury, including that they were going to recall Bowman and: "...I'm gonna stick my stick up your ass and when I get done, Tim, you can find it coming out your wife..."

"There was more," Bowman said, and Mannarino said that was all she was going to play. She asked him if the reference to the stick was what offended him.

Bowman testified he found that very offensive and the part that "come out of my wife," he found offensive and threatening.

Defense attorney Young cross-examined Bowman and he denied being against Barnes running for township treasurer.

Attorney Young said on July 14, 2022 an article Barnes wrote was published that mentioned Bowman's name, talking about overspending by the township and large raises. She said he clearly didn't like her campaign agenda.

"I wouldn't say I didn't like it," he said, adding what she said wasn't true.

Young said Barnes had influence in the community and Bowman asked what kind of influence and then said he doesn't communicate with Mrs. Barnes.

"You attended a political rally at her house," Young said and Mannarino

objected to such issues being brought in. Young said it was connected to the message she left him and it all happened in 2022.

"Don't go too far," Judge Oakley warned Young and then asked Bowman about the rally, "Did you?" and Bowman replied he did.

Young asked if a picture of that rally was posted in the newspaper and he said it wasn't.

"I don't read that newspaper regularly," Bowman said, referring to the *Independent* where his business is advertised.

Young asked about the Facebook Messenger where you can text back and forth. She said Bowman sent texts to Barnes. She said it is a texting app for one-on-one communication, privately.

"I'm not into Facebook Messenger," Bowman said.

Young said Bowman had written and posted on Barnes' public Facebook page and Bowman said he had, but he rarely uses it.

Young said Barnes publicly posted daily prayers on her Facebook page. She said she had a copy of the prayer posted and a copy of the written response from Bowman calling her a devil in sheep's clothing and saying she had demons.

Judge Oakley called a break and the witness and his wife and the jury left the courtroom. Judge Oakley questioned the relevance of talking about self defense to an assault. He said there is no self defense to a telephone threat.

Young said there was communication between the two of them and whether it's a threat is up to the jury.

Judge Oakley said you can say these two had said nasty things to each other for years. And it's OK she threatened him because he threatened her?

Judge Oakley said there is no defense and anything that happened prior to the call should be omitted.

Young asked to allow her to express the use of Messenger and other things and there was no physical threat.

"There is no defense to this charge," Judge Oakley stated.

"They have a right to know why she did it," Young said of the jury. She showed the prayer to the judge and what Bowman posted, three weeks before Barnes' call.

She said there was name-calling by Bowman and intimidation because he posted it publicly.

"I'll allow this and that's all," Judge Oakley said. "Nothing before." He allowed three pages of evidence to be entered, with part of page three redacted. "Nothing more about what led up to this."

Young said Bowman created signs and put an internet address on them after he uploaded the message for people to hear.

"It doesn't explain what she did earlier," Judge Oakley insisted. "How is everything he did after the 19th relevant?"

Young asked if the judge means he wouldn't allow the signs to be brought as evidence and the judge said he doesn't feel it's relevant because it was after Aug. 19. Young said she objected and Judge Oakley said she can appeal.

The jury was called back into the courtroom and Bowman retook the witness stand.

Young presented the photocopies of the

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## Jury trial

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prayer and his posted comments that were to be entered into evidence and said, "You said she was a devil in sheep's clothing."

Bowman said he didn't say that. He said he called her a wolf in sheep's clothing, not a devil.

The comment said "beware of the devil" and referred to her as having demons and Bowman admitted that was true.

Young then asked about the police report he filed against Barnes. Bowman said it wasn't with officers, but with two

detectives.

"You told police you never called her a name," Young said to Bowman, referring to the lengthy police report, and Mannarino objected as this not being relevant.

Young said she was talking about police interactions only. She continued, "You told the police department you weren't concerned about the messages, only the one that she referred to 'my wife.'"

"I wasn't concerned," Bowman said, adding but he was when it referred to his wife.

Young read the message again and said it was a coarse joke.

"A joke? A coarse joke?" Bowman said. "I consider that a threat."

Young said, according to the police report he called somebody a "dumbass" and he accuses her of doing something he does. When the relevance was questioned again, Young said this is so the jury can evaluate this.

Judge Oakley excused the jury and the witness again so he could explain something.

When the courtroom was cleared of them, Judge Oakley said it's OK to use coarse language with officers and how could that be relevant?

Young said he uses coarse jokes and he believes a coarse joke is a threat?

Mannarino said it's because it refers to his wife and she's not in politics.

"It's a threat or intimidation?" Judge

Oakley said. "He made it pretty clear it was about his wife."

When the jury and witness came back, the testimony continued with Young reporting that Bowman said to the police officers that, "She's f---ing crazy" and Bowman was laughing at the time.

"I was trying to find the humor," Bowman replied.

"You sent her a thumbs up Aug. 18," Young said.

"I accidentally sent her a thumbs up," he replied.

"You called her yesterday," Young said.

Bowman said that was an accident and he hung up immediately.

The next prosecution witness was Detective George Salajan who said he was involved in investigating the complaint and took statements from people. He said he spoke with Barnes and she said she sent the voice message.

"She's quite a jokester," Young said and Det. Salajan agreed. Young said Barnes blew a kiss to his body camera and he said that was so. Young said Barnes referred to her food truck, calling it a sardine can she uses to pay her taxes to pay his paycheck, and he agreed she said that.

Young said Barnes' intent is the issue and

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# Jury trial

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she was never known to be violent.

Mannarino said she threatened Bowman's life.

Young said it is relevant because of the coarse joking and this officer has interacted with her.

"I have no personal knowledge of her being a violent person," Det. Salajan stated.

Young said it was in the police report and she would show him the report to refresh his memory.

After looking at the report, Salajan said Det./Lt. John Toth stated that he did not think she was violent. (Det./Lt. Toth who wrote the report has since retired.)

Mannarino objected and Judge Oakley said that was heresy.

Young quoted the hearsay rule MRE 803.1. She said this goes to her reputation in the community and Salajan was there when Toth talked to her.

Judge Oakley sustained the objection and then asked Young to move on.

"I think I'm done," Young said.

Mannarino said, "The people rest."

After a break, Young called Peggy Morgan as a defense witness. Morgan said she is a Sumpter Township trustee, elected in 2004. She said she had been in office for 20 years. She said she met Bowman when he ran, three years ago.

She said she knew Barnes for 20 years. She described Barnes as having a great reputation in the community, having a fantastic personality, and she is caring, loving, religious and Morgan couldn't ask for a better person.

Young asked if Morgan wrote articles in the *Independent* against Bowman's reputation and the judge called out, "Not relevant!"

Morgan stepped down from the witness stand.

Young called Sheena Barnes to testify on her own behalf. Barnes said she has lived in Sumpter for 63 years and she is 63 years old. She said she has never been convicted of a crime and for the last four years every day she has posted prayers.

She said Bowman and her used to rent from the same landlord, he with his tree business and she had her food truck. She said she was appointed Sumpter Township trustee and served two and a half years. Young asked Barnes if there was a lot of campaign bantering between her and Bowman and if he went to the rally at her house before the primary, but before she could answer, Mannarino objected and the judge sustained the objection.

Young asked if Barnes sent a personal, private message for his ears only and Barnes said she did. Barnes said it wasn't a threat to him and, "I was being facetious." She said it's quite obvious she can't put a stick up one rear and have it come out somewhere else. She said this was directly, privately to Bowman.

Mannarino objected, saying it was not relevant how the message was sent.

"I think it was relevant because it was

supposed to be private," Young said, if she's in front of a home with a gun that would be a threat.

Judge Oakley said if it was sent privately, there's no difference. She told Young to move on or he'll hold her in contempt.

Young asked Barnes what was her intent and she replied: "I didn't mean any harm. If I was threatening, I would go to his home and threaten to harm... How could it come out someone else? He was going back and forth with me. He offended me three or four times, and I let it go. He called me yesterday and called me day before yesterday. He's a bully, in my book."

After closing arguments, the jury went to lunch and came back for jury instructions.

The jury of five women and two men was reduced to six before deliberations. It was in deliberations from 12:30 to 1:18 p.m. when the not-guilty verdict was read and the jury polled to make sure it was unanimous.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold public hearings on **June 14, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission will consider the following items:

**Case 23-021: Donyeal Sizemore – Group Day Care Home – Special Land Use Review.** A request by Donyeal Sizemore to change an existing Day Care, Family Home to a Day Care, Group Home as defined in Section 2.102(A)(60)(b) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance. The parcel is zoned R-1A – Single Family Residential. Day Care, Group Home is a Special Land Use in the R-1A (Single Family Residential) District, and the proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 (Special Land Use Review) of the Zoning Ordinance. The site is located at 42127 Salem Court (parcel ID # 83 101 04 0071 000), on Salem Court between Camden Road and Milton Drive.

**Case 22-058: Cameron Smyth –16355 Haggerty Road – Rezoning Request.** A request by owner Cameron Smyth to rezone 16355 Haggerty Road (described as Parcel ID# 83-142-99-0001-000), from R-1B – Single Family Residential District to AG – Agricultural and Estates. The parcel is located on the east side of Haggerty Road between Riggs Road and Savage Road.

**Case 23-021: Robert Sloan Van Born Road – Rezoning Request.** A request by Mark Drane on behalf of owner Robert Sloan to rezone the parcel described as Parcel ID # V-125-83-009-99-0002-000 from M-1 – Light Industrial to M-2 – General Industrial. The parcel is 24.48 acres in area. The parcel is located on the north side of Van Born Road east of Sheldon Road.

**Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments – Detached Single Family Residential Dwelling Height Regulations.** Proposed amendments that will modify the maximum allowable height for detached single family dwellings to allow all detached single-family dwellings to be 2.5 stories in height or 35 feet in height. The amendments will include updates to Sections 3.106 (R-1A, R-2A, R-1B, and R-1C, Single Family Residential Districts), 3.107 (RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District), 3.109 (AG, Agricultural and Estate District), and 4.102 (Schedule of Regulations).

Materials for this meeting will be posted to [www.vanburen-mi.org/Government/Agendas & Minutes/Planning Commission](http://www.vanburen-mi.org/Government/Agendas%20&%20Minutes/Planning%20Commission) by no later than **June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023**. On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. A complete procedure for public comment by electronic means is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to [dpower@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:dpower@vanburen-mi.org). To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900, extension 9205.

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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## PA 188 of 1954 Proceedings NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of Petitions of property owners within the Township signed by more than 50% of the record owners of land within the hereinafter described Special Assessment District, the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren proposes to rehabilitate and improve the streets of **Sadie Lane, Anna Drive, Sophie Road, Maude Court, Rebecca Court, and Florence Lane**, and to create a special assessment for construction and administrative costs by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the District within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be constructed and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described in the map and includes parcels:

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board has received plans showing the improvements and locations thereof together with an estimate of the total costs of such construction in the approximate total construction amount of **\$1,686,710** and has placed the same on file with the Township Clerk, and has passed a Resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District to supply 100% funding for the total project and has further tentatively found the petitions for the improvement to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that said plans, Special Assessment District information and Petitions may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk from the date of this notice until and including 4 PM on the date of the public hearing hereon and may further be examined at such public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a public hearing upon such Petitions, Plans, District and Estimate of Cost will be held at the Van Buren Township Hall at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, within the Township commencing at **6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, 2023.**

At such hearing, the Township Board will consider any written objections to any of the foregoing matters which might be filed with said Board at or prior to the time of said hearing as well as any revisions, corrections, amendments, or changes to said plans, estimates and costs or to said Special Assessment District.

All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place and to submit comments concerning any of the foregoing.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Van Buren  
46425 Tyler Road  
Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111

Publish: May 25, 2023  
June 1, 2023



# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, May 14:**

0046 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.  
1103 – family trouble, Maine St.  
1233 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1240 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1442 – suspicious circumstance, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1512 – suspicious person, Arizona St.  
1642 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1645 – suspicious circumstance, 5500 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1651 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1659 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Elwell  
1903 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1954 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2035 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2047 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2233 – death investigation, Edgewood Dr.  
2248 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.  
2250 – property damage accident, Sherwood/Wear  
2327 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood

**Monday, May 15:**

0339 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
0731 – follow up investigation, Sherwood/Wear  
0927 – disorderly person, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0953 – civil matter, Arizona St.  
1047 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1129 – property damage accident, Mulberry Dr.  
1337 – neighbor dispute, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1509 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.  
1517 – suspicious circumstance, 28000 bl. Elwell  
1518 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1712 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1715 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1933 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1945 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2026 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood  
2118 – welfare check, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

2135 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
**Tuesday, May 16:**  
0124 – flee & elude police, California St./Willis  
0230 – larceny, New Mexico St.  
0332 – suspicious circumstance, Virginia St.  
0800 – civil matter, Birch Dr.  
0938 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.  
0944 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.  
1059 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.  
1348 – citizen assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1406 – animal complaint, Magnolia Dr.  
1537 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1554 – suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Judd  
1745 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1923 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.  
2055 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.  
2100 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2307 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
2331 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.

**Wednesday, May 17:**

0846 – animal complaint, Oregon St.  
0952 – animal complaint, Birch Dr.  
1343 – assist other agency, Mulberry Dr.  
1414 – family trouble, Washington St.  
1702 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln. A  
1810 – animal complaint, 21000 bl Elwell Rd.  
1840 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.  
1919 – 911 hang up, Birch Ct.  
1958 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
2059 – fire dept. assist, Hickory Dr.  
2139 – suspicious person, 8200 bl. Rawsonville  
2140 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.  
2159 – mental health call, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Thursday, May 18:**

0016 – welfare check, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0458 – malicious destruction of property, Texas  
0815 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0922 – traffic complaint/hazard, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0929 – animal complaint, Iowa St.  
1016 – property damage accident, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1202 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1304 – assist other agency, Birch Ct.  
1314 – welfare check, Hampshire Dr.

1345 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1359 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1535 – welfare check, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1752 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1753 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1755 – assist other agency, 25000 bl. Martinsville  
1825 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1857 – suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr.  
1952 – 911 hang up, Haggerty Rd./Willis Rd.  
2205 – suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.  
2207 – noise complaint, Edgewood Dr.  
2249 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2306 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.

**Friday, May 19:**

0005 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.  
0031 – family trouble, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0558 – breaking & entering report, Carraige Ln.  
0811 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0813 – mental health call, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0825 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell/Oakville Waltz  
1115 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1120 – citizen assist, 11000 Rawsonville  
1131 – fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr.  
1158 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Clay  
1230 – mental health call, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1446 – assist other agency, Sumpter Rd./Oakville Waltz Rd.  
1553 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1609 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1631 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1858 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.  
2159 – neighbor dispute, Knollwood Dr.

**Saturday, May 20:**

0009 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0144 – property damage accident, Carleton West Rd./Oakville Waltz Rd.  
0854 – suspicious person, Washington St.  
0915 – suspicious person, Harris Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
0919 – found property, Sumpter Rd./Oakville Waltz

Rd.  
1028 – dumping complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood  
1054 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.  
1139 – breaking & entering report, Washington St.  
1212 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.  
1227 – follow-up investigation, Colorado St.  
1318 – larceny, Magnolia Dr.  
1407 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1531 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Willow  
1638 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1859 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2328 – breaking & entering report, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
Also on this week’s log are 86 patrol checks, 38 traffic stops and six misc. details.

## Birthdays

May 22 – Karen Kubit  
May 25 – Kevin Hicks  
May 27 – Kelly Boelter  
May 28 – Jodi Mills  
May 29 – Tina Steger, Scott Martin,  
Jordon Lee, Jo Gardner  
May 30 – Wendy Marecle

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.

## Anniversaries

May 21 -- Linda and Tom Mitchell, 47 years

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES MAY 16, 2023

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright and Trustee Martin. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Director of Municipal Services Akers and an audience of six (6).

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

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

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2023, Prepaid List of May 4, 2023, Prepaid List of May 11, 2023, Voucher List of May 16, 2023, Approval of Resolution 2023-08: Revised MOU with Wayne County Land Bank Authority (WCLBA) for approximately \$5,583.33 in funding to support demolition of a structure on Township property located at 39600 Tyler Road, Approval of Resolution 2023-10: to Amend the LDFA by-laws Article III- Section 2 Regular Schedule to meet on a quarterly basis, Approval of the re-

appointment of Denise Partridge to the Water & Sewer Commission with a term to expire on June 1, 2025. Motion Carried.  
**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.  
**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** Township Hall will be closing at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 for an employee active shooter training; the Community Center and Senior Services need volunteers for Meals on Wheels and Forgotten Harvest Mobile Food Pantry and a moment of silence was held in honor of Recreation Committee Member and Van Buren Public School Kindergarten teacher, Denise Willoughby, who recently passed away.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.  
**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.  
**NEW BUSINESS:**

Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2023-09: A resolution to tentatively designate a Special Assessment District (SAD) and schedule a public hearing on the establishment of the SAD for the Homestead Condominiums. Motion Carried.  
Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 05-02-23 which updates the Township’s Code of Ordinances to authorize a single solid waste hauler, establish guidelines, and authorize a user fee for service. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Frazier, Kelley and Boynton. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Wright and Martin. Motion Carried.  
**REPORTS:** None.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.  
**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.  
**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 p.m.  
Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Published: May 25, 2023

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

### NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION AND POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to Section 8 of the Michigan Charter Township Act (MCL 42.8) PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following ordinance was adopted by the Township Board of Trustees on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 2023:

- Ordinance 05-02-23: AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE BY A TOWNSHIP CONTRACTED SINGLE HAULER.** An ordinance to amend sections 66-26 to 66-36 of the Township’s General Code of Ordinances to do the following:
  - Establish the authority for the Township to enter into a contract for the collection of residential solid waste and establish guidelines for how this occurs, how the contract is enforced, and to establish certain requirements.
  - Authorizes the Township to charge a “solid waste fee” and place it on the property tax bills.
  - Establishes responsibilities of the contracted solid waste hauler regarding the collection and disposal of solid waste.
  - Establishes certain regulations regarding the hours of collection, the storage of solid waste, and when the cart can be placed at curb.
  - Prohibits certain unauthorized methods of disposal of solid waste.
  - Establishes requirements for solid waste collection vehicles.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinances may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, during regular business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These ordinances will go into effect upon publication.

Date of Publication: May 25, 2023  
Effective: May 25, 2023

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON Wednesday, May 31st, 2023 at 10 am, at J&T Towing, 287 Industrial Park Drive, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle(s) will be held:

2008 Dodge, Avenger, VIN: 1B3LC56K98N268216

DATE: May 22, 2023 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
6 MAIN STREET  
PUBLISH: May 25, 2023 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111  
BY BRIANA HOOTMAN,  
CITY CLERK

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Belleville is taking bids to replace 4243 square feet of roadway.

For bid packet please contact Rick Rutherford, Director of Public Services, 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111. 734-697-9323 ext. 7026

Seal bids shall be submitted to the City Clerk by Wednesday, June 14, 2023.

Submitted by Rick Rutherford, Director of Public Services  
May 16, 2023

Publish: May 25, 2023; June 1, 2023

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## Seeking Applicants City of Belleville City Manager



The City of Belleville is accepting applications for City Manager.

A Bachelor's Degree in Public or Business Administration or similar field of study and five or more years of progressively more responsible municipal management experience as a City Manager, department head, or equivalent experience are required. A Master of Public Administration (MPA) or Master of Business Administration (MBA) is preferred.

Salary range: \$84,000 - \$94,000 annually

Must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. Citizen. Applications will be accepted beginning Tuesday, May 16, 2023, and will continue to be accepted until position is filled. The full job description and application process can be found at [www.bellevilleonthelake.com](http://www.bellevilleonthelake.com).

The City of Belleville is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Briana Hootman  
City Clerk/Treasurer

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, May 30 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Thursday, June 1 – Keystone Academy

School Board, 5 p.m.

- Monday, June 5 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, June 6 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## Seeking Applicants City of Belleville Summer Youth Employment Program



The City of Belleville is accepting applications for the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 24. Individuals younger than 16 years of age must provide a Work Permit/Age Certificate (CA-6) form. Individuals that are 16 and 17 years of age must provide a Work Permit/Age Certificate (CA-7) form. These forms may be obtained through the Belleville High School front office or online through the State of Michigan.

The applications for Temporary Summer Help are available at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville or online at [www.bellevilleonthelake.com](http://www.bellevilleonthelake.com).

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Briana Hootman  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: May 25, and June 1, 8, and 15, 2023

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## City of Belleville Chief of Police



The Belleville Police Department is accepting applications for Chief of Police.

Possession of a valid Michigan driver's license, active certification as a Police Officer by MCOLES, a minimum of 10 years of experience in law enforcement with a minimum of 5 years of supervisor/command officer level experience with a law enforcement agency, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, Police Science, Public Administration, Police Administration, or a related field from an accredited college or university are required. Graduation from Northwestern University or EMU School of Police Staff and Command, or the FBI National Academy is preferred.

Salary range: \$72,500 - \$80,000 annually

Must be at least 18 years of age and a U.S. Citizen. Applications will be accepted beginning Tuesday, May 16, 2023, and will continue to be accepted until position is filled. The full job description and application process can be found at [www.bellevilleonthelake.com](http://www.bellevilleonthelake.com).

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 293 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

**Sunday, May 14:**

0245 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0415 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ironwood Dr./Hardwood Dr.  
0730 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.  
0733 – private property impound, E. Huron River  
0750 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0908 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.  
0914 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.  
0956 – intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr.  
1006 – assist other dept., El Paso  
1109 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1136 – mental subject, Riggs Rd.  
1228 – repossession, Parkwood Dr.  
1252 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1402 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1411 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
1424 – civil matter, N. Bellridge Dr.  
1430 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1512 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1557 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1703 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ryznar Dr./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1729 – disorderly, Holly Ln.  
1734 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.  
1740 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hayes St./Hamilton St.

1746 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1818 – noise complaint, S. Timberview Dr.  
1819 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.  
1833 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.  
1848 – traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr./Hoefl  
1849 – traffic offense, Vista Dr./Laguna Dr.  
2003 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2048 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
2057 – domestic, Edison Lake  
2100 – vehicle lockout, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2106 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd.  
2142 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2215 – mental subject, Woodbury Dr./Haggerty  
2310 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.  
2329 – civil matter, Alden Dr.

**Monday, May 15:**

0132 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St./Sumpter Rd.  
0703 – property damage accident, Haggerty/N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0839 – vehicle lockout, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0926 – assist citizen, W. Adams  
1032 – fraud, Borgman Ave.  
1153 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
1157 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service  
1201 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
1204 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.  
1223 – breaking & entering, Alden Ave.  
1300 – domestic, Rose Blvd.  
1306 – larceny, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1308 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr./ Lake Point Pass  
1315 – private property/property damage accident, Tyler Rd.  
1338 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1400 – neighbor trouble, Quirk Rd.  
1416 – abandoned auto, Denton Rd.  
1708 – missing person, Colony Ln.  
1730 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1801 – intrusion alarm, Timberview Ct.  
1814 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1823 – private property/property damage accident, Beacon Trl.  
1902 – intrusion alarm, Beacon Trl.  
1903 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.  
1929 – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2032 – neighbor trouble, Birch Dr.  
2216 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.  
2221 – mental subject, Beck Rd.  
2221 – misc. complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
2244 – noise complaint, Patty Ln.  
2310 – welfare check, McBride Ave./Jackson St.

**Tuesday, May 16:**

0004 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Rawsonville Rd.  
0350 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
0833 – intrusion alarm, Chandler Dr.  
0906 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park  
1021 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.  
1040 – fraud, Savage Rd.  
1057 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd.  
1100 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd.  
1144 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.  
1147 – assist other dept., E. Columbia Ave.  
1157 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1208 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1216 – assist fire dept., Ayres Ave.  
1431 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1441 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1531 – fraud, Victoria St.  
1554 – animal complaint, Rickman Dr.  
1605 – property check, Haggerty Rd.  
1716 – trespassing, Dellor St.  
1847 – mental subject, Birch Dr.  
1926 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2041 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
2202 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./West Lake Cir.  
2242 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2247 – animal complaint, Maple  
2249 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.  
2347 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Nautica Dr.

**Wednesday, May 17:**

0126 – noise complaint, Arthur St./W. Huron River Dr.  
0159 – assist other dept., Pinewood Ln.  
0216 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
0752 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Nautica Dr./Sonrisa St.  
0835 – property check, Haggerty Rd.  
0856 – suicidal person, Walden Blvd.  
0904 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0907 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1108 – private property/property damage accident, Westlake Cir.  
1216 – fraud, Country Walk Ct.  
1234 – juvenile complaint, Country Walk Blvd.  
1235 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1330 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1545 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1602 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr.  
1815 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.  
1834 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1935 – juvenile complaint, N. Prairiegrass Ct.  
2008 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.  
2109 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.  
2135 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Haggerty Rd.

**Thursday, May 18:**

0005 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.  
0011 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd./Chaney Ave.  
0015 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.  
0222 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0309 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
0604 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Condos  
0631 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor  
0703 – intrusion alarm, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0815 – parking complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0901 – intrusion alarm, Thornwood Dr.  
0949 – family trouble, Meadows Cir.  
1050 – breaking & entering, Anna Dr.  
1100 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.  
1140 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1153 – repossession, Westlake  
1157 – breaking & entering, Kirkridge Pk. Dr.  
1337 – assist other dept., Oak Blvd.  
1431 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
1522 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Marlowe Ave.  
1542 – welfare check, Hannan Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1609 – misc. complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1625 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty  
1641 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1806 -- welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1833 – welfare check, Bayshore Dr.  
1841 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.

1905 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
1925 – harassment call, Sylvia Dr.  
2123 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
2223 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr.  
**Friday, May 19:**  
0038 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, North Shore Dr./Stanley Rd.  
0121 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Archwood Dr.  
0855 – hospice death, Robson Rd.  
0956 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.  
0958 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1046 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1058 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr.  
1132 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1135 – fraud, Timberview Ct.  
1304 – assist fire dept., Hannan Rd.  
1404 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1409 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1449 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.  
1453 – family trouble, Park Estates Dr.  
1456 – harassment call, Maurice Dr.  
1528 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1608 – juvenile complaint, Berkdale Dr.  
1637 – animal complaint, Maple Dr.  
1652 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.  
1830 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.  
1904 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1905 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance  
2033 – parking complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2035 – welfare check, Rogers Ave.  
2104 – malicious destruction of property, E. Huron River Dr.  
2159 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2242 – domestic, Denton Rd.

**Saturday, May 20:**

0001 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0025 – misc. complaints, Rawsonville Rd.  
0414 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ayres Ave.  
0625 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
0806 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0847 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Independence Ln.  
1145 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1208 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1301 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1329 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Ryznar  
1358 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1424 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1720 – family trouble, Denton Rd.  
1748 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.  
1824 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
1850 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1854 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.  
1926 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2119 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.  
2137 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.  
2243 – assist other dept., Pinewood Ln.  
2254 – warrant arrest, Ambassador Bridge  
2352 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.  
Also on this week's log are 92 traffic stops, 17 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, May 14:**

0109 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fourth St.  
1126 – personal protection order violation, E. Waterbury Ct.  
1209 – mental subject, Main St.  
1358 – misc. complaint, Hillside Cemetery  
1840 – family trouble, Menlo Park Dr.  
2123 – traffic stop, South St.

**Monday, May 15:**

0133 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St./Sumpter Rd.  
1207 – civil matter, Potter Dr.  
1309 – animal complaint, N. Liberty St.  
1352 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1804 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
1821 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

1857 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.  
1954 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2005 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
2018 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2019 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2116 – domestic, Henry St.  
**Tuesday, May 16:**  
0637 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk. Dr.  
0822 – traffic stop, South St./tracks  
0831 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.  
0845 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.  
0936 – repossession, Estrada Dr.  
1048 – civil matter, Charles Ct.  
1051 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1137 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
1143 – welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.  
1515 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.  
1714 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
1721 – misc. complaint, Madelon  
1846 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk. Dr.  
1915 – weapons violation, W. Columbia Ave.  
1947 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Roland St.  
2024 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.  
2211 – assist other dept., Santa Clara St.  
**Wednesday, May 17:**  
0623 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
1112 – road hazard, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.  
1221 – trespassing, Fourth St.  
1257 – property damage accident, Carmell St.  
1344 – misc. complaint, Loza Ln.  
1627 – missing person, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
2031 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon  
2051 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty  
2119 – assist fire dept., Church St.  
2135 – domestic, Carmell St.  
**Thursday, May 18:**  
0826 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Light Tower Ct.  
0835 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.  
0850 – larceny, Loza Ln.  
1117 – noise complaint, Bedell St.  
1512 – assist fire dept., Estrada  
1926 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.  
2031 – traffic stop, Edison Ave.  
2058 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.  
2240 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.  
2258 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.  
2303 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
**Friday, May 19:**  
0110 – misc. complaint, N. Liberty St.  
0641 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.  
0705 – intrusion alarm, Potter Dr.  
0751 – trespassing, Loza Lane Mobile Home Park  
1429 – property damage accident, W. Columbia  
1446 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.  
1517 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr./S. Biggs Ave.  
1610 – civil matter, E. Wabash Ave.  
1714 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
1805 – disorderly, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
2231 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Thornill Ct.  
**Saturday, May 20:**  
0124 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty  
0416 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.  
0859 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Henry  
1327 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
1605 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.  
1745 – intrusion alarm, Third St.  
1818 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1924 – misc. complaint, Third St.  
1935 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.  
1955 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
2013 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2039 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./South St.  
2044 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
2051 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
2221 – traffic stop, Angola St./E. Huron River Dr.  
2307 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon  
2328 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell  
2355 – traffic offense, E. Huron River/Loza Ln.  
There were 35 traffic stops on this week's log.

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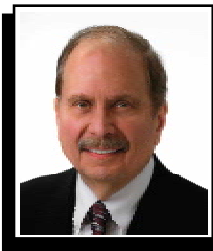
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