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## U.S. Army may help clean up streets in Harbour Pointe

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

Tony Melendez, an Army recruiter, was in the audience of Monday's regular Belleville City Council meeting and at the end of the meeting he introduced himself and offered to have the U.S. Army help the city with one of its problems.

The council had discussed at length the terrible conditions of the streets in Harbour Pointe subdivision, the worst in the city.

"That place is a nightmare," Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said when the council started discussing Harbour Pointe. "I'm surprised we don't have people with pitchforks and torches in here" complaining about the conditions to the council.

"It's May 1 and we have not cleaned that up," Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt said. "It's a major failure on our part."

He said he did not blame Building Official/DPW Director Rick Rutherford because Rutherford has few workers and little money to address that project.

"We've accomplished very little and in my opinion a lot of things are let go," Voigt continued. "All the streets in the city are fair to horrible. It will take \$6 million for Harbour Pointe and we can't afford to bond for that much money."

He said he would like the city to concentrate on the "U" streets that go in, through, and out, since they are the worst.

"World War II. It looks like the Russians were shelling us," Voigt said.

Rutherford had presented a list of road repairs needed in the city and asked the council to prioritize them.

After much discussion, Mayor Kerreen Conley summed up what they were going to do now. She wanted them each to have copies of the engineer's report on the street from about seven years ago, when a special assessment district had been proposed,

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## Top-10 Belleville High School Graduates



Sean Tinsley, #1,  
Valedictorian



Daria Igonin, #2,  
Salutatorian



Krishna Sharma, #3



Aadi Samineni, #4



Rachel Riley, #5



Kayla Flange, #6



Zachary Porcaro, #7



Zachary Sykes, #8



Samantha Pause, #9



Sarah Ureche, #10

## VBT planners give preliminary approval for Taiwan company

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

There was some concern on the already problematic intersection of Belleville and Van Born roads and what the influx of new employees would bring there, but on April 26 the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously gave preliminary site plan approval for TYC America's Michigan Mobility Center.

The company is owned by a firm based in Taiwan with 2,800 employees worldwide and this is its first building outside of Asia to combine engineering, design, and manufacturing of automotive equipment for new and used vehicles.

It will be built in three phases on about 15

acres on the north side of Van Born Road, just east of Sheldon Road. The engineering research and design office area, with lots of windows, is about 15,766 square feet in size and the manufacturing area 40,157 square feet in phase one. There will be associated parking and underground utility / stormwater infrastructure and future expansion including about 78,845 square feet more of manufacturing.

At the full finish of the project in 2025, they estimate 134 employees on the day shift and 109 on the evening shift.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said the developers provided a preliminary traffic study by Stonefield Engineering that showed traffic would not significantly be impacted at that intersection and the issue at Van Born and Belleville roads was already existing. He said this will have to go to Wayne County for review.

"There will have to be a final traffic study to be reviewed by the planning commission

and the township," Director Power said.

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## City Council

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knowing all the streets will be worse now.

Also, council members who want to go out to look at the streets can do so, making sure they don't go as more than two at a time to comply with the Open Meetings Act.

Rutherford was directed to get a proposal from a company who would do all the work that was from sewer or water breaks and so the Water and Sewer fund money could be used for those because the fund is very healthy. Rutherford will bring the proposal to the council.

Rutherford said he was seeking direction from the council and that's what he got. Voigt and Beebe agreed to sit on a subcommittee to consider the street situation with Rutherford.

While discussing the Harbour Pointe street situation, Rutherford had said that the street sweeper is still not fixed because they are waiting for a part.

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe said that it would be a waste to fix the street sweeper and then take it in to that subdivision and get it broken again. He suggested having a Clean Harbour Pointe Day and invite Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, clubs, convicts, and others to bring their brooms, shovels, and a dump truck.

Rutherford had explained the concrete was laid during the time concrete throughout the area was being made in a substandard way and it is now crumbling. He said every time he patches a hole in Harbour Pointe, the sides crumble away.

When recruiter Melendez spoke, he explained that he has an office in Southgate and he was present, with his young son also named Tony, to learn what his unit can do to help the community.

"We've got soldiers who can take care of that," Melendez said of cleaning up the Harbour Pointe streets, adding he will talk to the city officials after the meeting to set up something.

He said he comes to Belleville High School regularly to discuss the Army life and took part in the school's recent Job Fair.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the annual Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m., May 29, at the Veterans Memorial, to be put on by Veterans of Foreign Wars 4434 and Polish Legion of American Veterans 167;
- Accepted the Downtown Development Authority budget for 2023-24 as approved by the DDA at its April 19 meeting. It is part of the city budget that is being prepared;
- Approved accounts payable of \$29,538.27 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$1,940 for repair of a

broken curb stop at 83 N. Edgemont, and \$4,516 for repair of broken sewer in road at 328 Church St.; to Hennessey Engineering, \$2,678 for a portion of the Water Reliability Study; and to HeyGov!, \$4,000 for the city's HeyGov! Website module;

• Heard Fire Chief II Chris Zweng invite everyone to an open house at the fire hall from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 6. He

said they will show off the improvements at the fire hall, spray water for the kids, and have other activities;

• Heard City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson announce that the County Assessor Michael Dittmar will be in the city from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Mondays (not Wednesdays) and will be assessing Huron Township, Sumpter Township, and

## Belleville DDA matches \$3,000 grant to BACA by VBT DDA

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Although its written policy calls for a \$2,000 cap on marketing grants to community organizations, the Belleville Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to give a \$3,000 grant to the Music Lakeside concert series sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

This was at the April 19 regular meeting of the Belleville DDA that was 20 minutes late in starting because it didn't have a quorum. After DDA member Jennifer Winter got out of her sick bed and drove to the meeting, the DDA was able to begin the meeting.

Vice-chairperson Kelly McWilliams led the meeting in the absence of chairperson Alicia McGovern. Valterie Kelley-Bonner was also absent and Mayor Kerreen Conley was present by zoom.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said Music Lakeside is asking for \$3,000 this year. He said the Van Buren Township DDA recently voted to match what the Belleville DDA gives them, up to \$3,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt said the Belleville DDA used to give Music Lakeside \$3,000 in the past and then reduced it to \$2,000.

Voigt said for the past 14 years they have been working to get money to put on this beloved community event and it is nice that Van Buren Township now is cooperating with the city on this.

He said they have an average of 400 to 700 in the audience at its concerts including as many as 40 boats in the waters of Belleville Lake.

Voigt said this year they are having 10 concerts starting June 15 so concert-goers can see the goats at work trimming the shoreline. The concerts are on Thursdays, June 15 until Aug. 17 at Horizon Park and High Street.

Steve Jones, the city's project administrator who also works on DDA projects, was on the DDA application for the grant for Music Lakeside. He said additional sponsorship funds allows them to bring out quality acts, including the extra one added for the goats.

Voigt said they never return an act one year to the next. He said that was one of the problems with the original Music in the Park in Victory Park. They had the same groups for 20 years and attendance was

down to 60.

"After Lakeside started we didn't have the same group for seven years," Voigt said. "We keep a nice variety with different genres," he said, adding they have put on 130 shows altogether.

"With live music, you never know what you're going to have," said Jones. He said one time they hired a band and just one musician showed up to play, explaining he fired the rest of the band.

Voigt said last year they had a dud and at intermission half of the crowd left.

"It took us five years to build up a good audience," Voigt said, noting they added food trucks and about 30% of the crowd was in the water on boats.

When asked what the Music Lakeside budget is, Voigt said it was \$13,600, meaning they had other sponsors totalling \$10,600 besides the Belleville DDA.

"Our application says \$2,000 and we're going to match Van Buren Township?" asked DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson, who also is DDA Director, said the application form currently is under review. He said it all depends on what the event is and whether it runs once or many times.

Robinson said the mayor is working on the application to bring it in front of the DDA board. He said while the current form says \$2,000, we upped the amount to the Central Business Community.

He said the offer from the neighboring jurisdiction should be accepted and the Belleville DDA shouldn't limit its amount.

"I agree we should support them," Richardson-Williams said, "but we have an application form. We should note we gave more because we're changing the policy."

In other business at the 55-minute meeting on April 19 the DDA:

• Unanimously approved without discussion the new 2023-24 budget of \$935,470 as prepared by the DDA Budget Committee and the accountant from Plante Moran. This is up from the 2022-23 amended budget of \$520,877. The budget now goes to the city council to be included in the city financial budgets;

• Received updates on the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside Out project that will be installing reproductions of artworks in

Belleville; and

• Was informed the Inside/Out artworks from the Detroit Institute of Arts were set to be installed on May 2. Also, the placing of flags on veterans graves will be at 8:30 a.m., May 20, at Hillside Cemetery. Volunteers are asked to call the clerk to sign up.

the middle of May at various locations in the DDA district, including a free-standing artwork on vacant property at Third and Main Streets and those affixed to buildings at city hall, Brown Funeral Home, the Professional Building, hardware store, Butcher Shop, and library. The DIA has offered assistance for tours including docents who would come out and discuss the art. Richardson-Williams suggested a DIA bus tour stopping at the library for an ice cream social. Jones said the tour could include the leased sculptures which will be put up in May, as well;

• Heard DDA member Ivan Ankwaatsa give a report from the Marketing Committee. He suggested using Constant Comment and QR codes with information on businesses to make a data base of people who shop locally. He was asked to bring information on this to the May meeting;

• Discussed how to distribute the free Tiger baseball game tickets they have to give away – four for May 12 and six for May 13. Ankwaatsa suggested having people sign up with their phones at businesses, but since the time is short, they may just do a regular, old-fashioned drawing;

• Heard Robinson say that committee members need to make an effort, when there were no reports on two topics. He said maybe they need to election committee chairpersons to make sure they have meetings. He said he would get with DDA chairperson Alicia McGovern, who was not at the meeting;

• Heard Richardson-Williams say she would like the follow-up list to be on the agenda each month so they can discuss it. She said there are a lot of broken branches in Village Park and a spindle on the bridge needs repairs. Robinson said she didn't need to wait for a meeting to inform him of work that needed to be done. He said if people just call him, he will send out the DPW. Jones said it could be sent in on 311 on the updated website; and

• Heard Richardson-Williams, who is DDA treasurer, say she doesn't like paying the \$15 late fee to AT&T. She was told the billing doesn't coincide with the meetings where approval is made for payments. Clerk Briana Hootman said she will call and ask AT&T if they can adjust the due date to the end of the month.



# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Belleville is being filled with artworks

The Detroit Institute of Arts was due to install reproductions of fine art in downtown Belleville on Tuesday.

The art is going up in the Downtown Development Authority district, including a free-standing artwork on vacant property at Third and Main Streets.

The other artworks will be affixed to buildings at City Hall, Brown Funeral Home, the Professional Building (where the *Independent* is located), the Hardware Store, Butcher Shop, and District Library.

The DIA has offered assistance for possible tours, including docents who would come out and discuss the art. The DDA is considering a DIA bus tour to be set up to view all the artworks, including the ten new leased outdoor artworks that will be put up this month in Belleville and Van Buren Township.

Some would like to see such a bus trip stopping at the library for an ice cream social.

The city has some permanent art, such as all the brightly colored fish, with one just over the bridge in Van Buren Township. There are several permanent statutes in Horizon Park and the annual display of wooden fish is in the making and will be put up in time for the Lakeside Music concerts.

There are indoor art shows going on at the district library and the art shows are planned well into 2025 there.

The Beautiful Belleville on the Lake slogan is becoming a reality right before our eyes as summer outdoor activities start bringing visitors out to enjoy it all.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Belleville High School has a new head football coach. I emailed Debbie McWilliams in the superintendent's office to inquire.

She said she didn't have a lot of information, but the district has hired Calvin Norman. "He is one of our football assistant coaches and he has been with us for a while," she said.

When I Googled him, I found he has been coaching for 32 years and for 18 of those years he's been a head coach for a high school.

Norman came to BHS as an assistant coach in 2019 after being Detroit Cody's head coach from 2008-18. He was good friends with former BHS head coach Jermain Crowell and came to work with him. Crowell was suspended from coaching last fall.

At BHS Norman takes over as head coach DeJuan Rogers who left the program in March to become the defensive backs coach at Tiffin University. Rogers was hired as BHS head coach in January and never coached a game in that position.

In spite of all the turmoil, BHS football won back-to-back state championships for the last two seasons.

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For your information, TIME Chief Executive Officer Jessica Sibley has announced that TIME's digital journalism, as well its archives from the last 100 years, will be accessible on Time.com for readers around the world for free beginning on June 1.

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At about 6:30 a.m. there was a dispatch about a brake fire on a semi carrying fireworks on U.S.-23 in Milan Township. Emergency crews shut northbound access to

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the highway at Dundee and southbound at Cone Rd. and called for a tank truck to fight the fire.

Later, I saw a report on Channel 2 showing fireworks exploding. Apparently, they got it under control quickly because traffic opened up not long after.

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Subway was scheduled to open May 1 at the pharmacy/market/gas station at the corner of Sumpter and Willis roads in Sumpter Township. This was announced by Trustee Peggy Morgan at a recent township meeting.

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They tell me at the Sunoco at Sumpter and Bemis roads that they will have a restaurant in their gas station when the reconstruction work is complete. I'm told they'll be working out of the trailer now on the property while they tear out the old building and build the new. It will give them more storage space, as well.

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Andy at the party store at Haggerty and Huron River Drive showed me how he feeds his male Canada Goose. I was delivering papers at his store one morning, a little earlier than usual, and a goose was standing across the parking lot in the grass looking at the store. When I went in, I joked with Andy, saying a goose wants to come into his store.

"Oh, is he here? Where is he?" he replied and I showed him and he said, "I have to feed him." He got some bread and went out into the parking lot and the goose was already

walking to him on the asphalt. Andy fed him and said he's been doing that for five years. He said the female goose usually comes with him, but she must be sitting on the nest.

The goose eats and then leaves.

He later told me the goose comes from two to three times a day. First for breakfast, then for lunch, and sometimes later in the day, as well. He said his sister works at a bakery and they give employees unsold bread at the end of the day. They put it in the store's freezer and then feed that bread to the geese.

We expect construction to start on the gas pumps and parking lot soon. Hope it doesn't scare off the geese.

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We received an email from Leticia Maly that said: "Can an article be written and published about the repair project?" The track roadway is terrible. I believe it is only a temporary patch, but a status report and projections of completion would be appreciated."

We're told Norfolk Southern will be back in June to put the tracks that were dropped off in place and to fix up the crossings. You are absolutely right. Crossing the tracks in our area is a bad experience, with big holes to avoid. Others have complained to us, as well.

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## Letters

### You're invited to May 4 National Day of Prayer

To the editor:

Open Arms Lutheran Church and Daycare invites you to our noontime National Day of Prayer celebration at the Van Buren Township Fire Station #2 flagpole. There will be a brief program with prayer and music dedicating this day locally to our first responders.

The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. It was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. Each year our president is required to sign a proclamation encouraging all Americans to pray on this day.

In recognition to the 71<sup>st</sup> National Prayer, Congressman Doug Lamborn, co-chair for the House Values Action Team (VAT) Caucus, released the following statement:

"As our nation faces many unprecedented challenges, millions of Americans will join together and turn to God as one voice to ask for guidance and protection, healing, peace, and prosperity. Today's National Day of Prayer allows our nation and its diverse communities to stand still, reflect, and be mindful of our spiritual obligations as believers.

As a lawmaker and a person of faith, I understand the redeeming power of prayer. It is through this process I remember my spiritual obligations. Join me in praying for wisdom and humility for our nation's leaders, the protection of the unborn, the border security crisis and fentanyl epidemic we are facing, and the preservation of our God-given liberties that this country was founded upon."

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Tom Griffin  
Van Buren Township

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Columbia Court, Belleville

To the editor:

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Oscar Pettigrew, Jr.  
Apt. 118, Columbia Court, Belleville

To the editor:

I need transportation.

Margie C.  
Apt. 307, Columbia Court, Belleville

To the editor:

I need transportation to the store.

Robert Watkins  
Apt. 510, Columbia Court, Belleville

To the editor:

I need transportation from Columbia Court.

Penny Mills  
#218, Columbia Court, Belleville

### Prayer to the Holy Spirit

To the editor:

Please print the following.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads so that I can achieve my goal. You who give me a divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me and that in all my life are with me. I want this short prayer to thank you for all things you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you, even in spite of all material illusions. I wish to be with you in eternal joy and thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

The person must say this prayer for 3 consecutive days. After 3 days the favor requested will be granted even if it seems difficult. The prayer must be published immediately after the favor is granted without mention of the favor, only your initials should appear at the bottom.

A.M.

### BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, May 4** – Boys Varsity Golf vs. Franklin HS, 3 p.m. at Willow Metropark GC; Girls Varsity Tennis vs. New Boston Huron HS, 4 p.m.; Girls JV Tennis vs. New Boston HS, 5 p.m.; Girls JV Soccer vs. Stevenson HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Stevenson HS, 7 p.m.

• **Friday, May 5** – Varsity Baseball vs. Garden City HS, 4:30 p.m.

• **Monday, May 8** – Boys Varsity Golf vs. Crestwood HS, 2:30 p.m. at Willow Metropark GC; Varsity Softball vs. Franklin HS, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. Franklin HS, 4:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, May 9** – Boys Varsity Golf vs. Churchill HS at Willow Metropark GC, 3 p.m.; Girls JV Tennis vs. KLAA HS, 4 p.m.; Girls JV Soccer vs. Fordson HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Fordson, 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, May 10** – Varsity Baseball vs. Franklin HS, 4:30 p.m.; Boys Varsity Lacrosse vs. Stevenson HS, 5:30 p.m.

Go, Tigers!

Diane Kiessel

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary



## Rawsonville Elem. on lockdown for 15 min. after gun nearby

Rawsonville Elementary School was called by Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department around 9:15 a.m. Monday to alert school officials that there was gunfire in the vicinity of the school and they should go on lockdown.

Van Buren Public Schools Supt. Pete Kudlak said the incident was not on the school property, but the school went on lockdown for about 15 minutes and then was able to go back into regular classes.

He said the staff followed lockdown protocols as they have practiced many times.

According to reports, on Monday morning deputies were called to the area of Grove Road and McGregor Avenue in Ypsilanti Township because a man wearing a ski mask was allegedly armed near a school. When police arrived, they saw the 20-year-old suspect and another person, who both fled.

When one of the suspects began pulling out a gun, he shot himself in the abdomen, authorities said. Investigators believe the shooting was accidental. He was taken to a hospital where he was taken into surgery. The second person was also taken into custody.

Supt. Kudlak and the principal sent emails to school parents to explain the incident.

"We appreciate the fantastic communication that we have with our law enforcement partners and the quick action that happened so we can get on learning for the day," he said.

## Man who died at library was Kyle Taylor of VBT

Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson announced on Monday that through investigative efforts his department was able to make notification to next-of-kin in death investigation 23-1074 that occurred on April 21, 2023.

The deceased is Kyle Matthew Taylor, a 42-year-old man who was a resident of Van Buren Township.

Chief Robinson said they are still waiting on the Medical Examiner's report and once it is received, he will release more information.

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Don Charles McGee

### DONALD CHARLES MCGEE

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Edward Follar

### EDWARD FOLLAR

(April 13, 1958 – April 29, 2023)

Edward Follar, age 65, of Van Buren Township, passed away Saturday, April 29, 2023, in Troy, MI. He was born April 13, 1958, in Queens, New York, son of Edward & Gloria R. (Campanale) Follar, Sr. He worked for Delta Airlines for many years as a ramp agent at Detroit Metro Airport. He enjoyed shopping for and cooking good food. It was his passion. He also loved classic cars and going to car shows and his 1968 Chevy Nova SS.

Mr. Follar is survived by his wife of nearly 20 years, Judy Flores-Follar of Belleville, MI; son Justin (Sameena) Flores of Queens, New York; two grandsons Jacob & Elias Flores; a sister Karen (Ron) Gomez of Long Island, New York; also extended family, neighbors, friends, and colleagues. He was preceded in death by his parents Ed & Gloria Follar.

Visitation was noon until 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, 2023, with 3 p.m. Prayers at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of his family.

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Timothy Raymond Jager

### TIMOTHY RAYMOND JAGER

(September 20, 1978 – April 23, 2023)

Timothy Raymond Jager, age 44, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away in his sleep, early Sunday morning, April 23, 2023. He was born September 20, 1978, in Ann Arbor, MI, son of Donald and Sheila (Martell) Jager. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1996, where he played baseball. He went to Eastern Michigan University and earned his Bachelor's Degree. He received his Master's Degree from Emporia State University, Kansas. He taught physical education for Romulus Public Schools for 15 years and was most recently teaching P.E. in River Rouge School District. During his time at Romulus, he also coached basketball and baseball. Tim was a huge sports fan, especially Michigan Football, who loved to golf and listen to music. He was a kind-hearted, funny guy who enjoyed making everyone laugh. Tim had a way of making anyone feel like they were the most important in the room. He never judged, always welcomed. Tim was a stylish guy who collected hats and shoes. Most of all, he loved his girls, his wife, and his family. He will be missed by all who knew him.

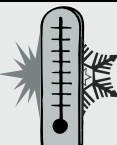
Mr. Jager is survived by his wife of almost 20 years, Rachel (Teall) Jager, two daughters Alivia, 16, and Annabella, 11, of Belleville, MI; his mother Sheila Jager of Brighton, MI; sister Jennifer (Rick) Duncan of Brighton, MI; nephew Noah Duncan of Chicago, Illinois; nieces Chloe Duncan of California, and Taylor (Mike) VanDeVelde of Farmington Hills, MI; mother-in-law Ella Mae Teall of Ypsilanti, MI; two sisters-in-law Cheryl (Scott) Dunn of Ypsilanti, MI, and Kim (Scott) Straight of Milledgeville, Georgia. He was preceded in death by his dad Donald Jager, father-in-law Robert Teall, and his grandparents.

Visitation was Friday, April 28, 2023 from 1-5 PM with a 5 PM Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500. Mr. Rick Duncan officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to his daughters' education fund would be appreciated. Donations can be made at the funeral home, mailed, or through the funeral home website (click the payment button in the upper right corner and use the Key: DavidCBrownPay4500 and label Jager education fund).

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Thomas Bates of Belleville found two rare Junonia shells on Sanibel Island, FL, as he and his wife, Belleville City Councilwoman Kelly Bates, did their regular shell-hunting excursion. The local paper published his picture to mark the find.

## Thomas, Kelly Bates find two rare conch shells in Florida search

While shelling in Sanibel Island, FL, recently, Belleville City Councilwoman Kelly Bates and her husband Thomas finally found "the one!" Well, it actually was "the two!"

While shelling near Lighthouse Beach, Thomas found a Junonia and just two days later found another with Kelly by his side. The two have been shelling for more than 10 years and this was the first time they had found the holy grail of shells. Up until then, Kelly had treasured the five broken pieces of Junonia she had.

The Islanders they shared their excitement with were floored that they found two within four days. Some of them commented that they have been shelling for over 30 years and have still not found one!

"Finding Junonias is like searching for Morel mushrooms. Once you find them, you hold onto the secret spot of your find," Kelly said.

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Nikki Pickeral, an assistant in the circulation department of the Belleville Area District Library, presented a "Hometown Heritage" program April 27 where she encouraged those present to learn local history by playing a game of Jeopardy and to call out local facts as answers. Pickeral has a master's degree in historical preservation and was a museum director until the pandemic. Then she worked at the Inkster library and now works full time at the Belleville library. "History is my most favorite thing," she said. She said she is especially interested in daily life and how people lived. "I like dusty old stuff," she said of items from the past. She asked for those interested in history programs to come talk to her at the library to tell her what they'd like to see or to fill out the survey on local history that she distributed. She said she has lived in the community for eight years and has just begun to scratch the surface of its history.

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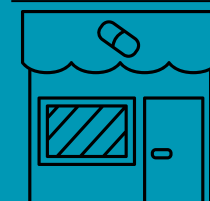
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## VBT Plan (continued from page 1)

"This is a nod to the elephant in the room: the situation at that corner. Improvements may be required and I don't know what the recommended changes would be."

The applicant said they plan to operate 24 hours a day for five days a week.

There will be sidewalks on both Van Born and Sheldon roads, loading docks on the north side, and EV charging stations in the parking lot. They are considering to offer the EV charging as a service for employees, but will assess how to use them. They will wire the site for the stations and set them up, as determined by use. "The world is changing," an applicant said.

The company will consult with Wayne County to work out details of a storm water retention or detention pond. There will be no outside storage of hazardous materials, Power said.

The 30' lightpoles they proposed will be approved, although they are higher than the ordinance allows, and the developer agreed to reduce the illumination proposed.

Van Buren Township's engineer from Fishbeck said the left turn lane on Van Born Road is causing a lot of stacking and delays as it is.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr asked about the spiked security fence being approved and he was told the spikes were curved and were "not the pretty impaling ones," in the words of planning consultant Vidya Krishnan.

The applicant is Steve Graham of S.E. Graham Associates, Inc. of St. Clair Shores on behalf of prospective owner William Newman and W&W Real Property, a California Corporation.

Also at the one hour and 25-minute meeting, the commission approved a temporary land use permit for Phantom Fireworks to set up a tent in the Menards parking lot at 10010 Belleville Rd. to sell fireworks from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. from June 22 to July 4. This is the third year Phantom Fireworks has been at this site.

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# Sumpter Township Board hears expert on cyber security

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

David Behen of SensCy addressed the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its April 25 workshop for 30 minutes, urging them to set up an educational program in cyber security for employees.

Trustee Tim Rush said he had heard Behen give a presentation to the Council of Western Wayne at its April 14 meeting in Belleville which “created quite a stir.” He said he invited Behen to address the Sumpter board.

Behen said he, former governor Rick Snyder, and retired Michigan State Police expert Dave Kelly put together SensCy (Sensible Cyber) nine months ago and they currently have 35 clients, with one in Wayne County.

Behen said he has been deep into cyber since 2011. He said he started out as Mattawan, MI, city manager and then held positions in Washtenaw County and the State of Michigan in Gov. Snyder’s administration, before becoming Global Chief Information Officer for La-Z-Boy.

He said cyber is like a chronic disease: “It’s always there.”

He said organizations are being hit by cyber a lot, including the University of Michigan Hospital and the Jackson County Intermediate School district.

He gave a list of “threat actors” with nation states at the top of the list. He said China, Russia, Iran, and North Korea are working 24/7

to try to destruct the U.S. quality of life. He also listed organized crime, thrill seekers, and hackers.

He told tales of ransomware attacks, with an attack every 39 seconds around the world. When you click on a fishing email that looks legitimate it can lock up your network, he said. He said then they call and politely ask for cryptocurrency. If you don’t pay, they’ll steal all your data and sell it on the dark web and you are liable for this.

He urged Sumpter to provide repetitive education for employees so they can learn what fishing is and how to recognize it. He said Sumpter should also have an incident response plan and policies. He also recommended Cyber Security 101, a slide show that he teaches that shows how he protects his family.

Behen also said many people use the same password, but passwords should never be reused. He said passwords should be 9-14 characters long and complex with numbers and symbols and capitals and lower case letters. The critical passwords should be changed every 90 days. For those who say they can’t remember a lot of passwords, he said “Password Key” is easy to use.

He said the board members should talk to their community to demystify cyber and talk to their IT team. He said SensCy will provide a no-obligation scoring that highlights gaps they may have in their systems.

“It’s not real complicated,” he said. “We walk you through it. Evangelize. Be the model for Wayne County.” Trustee Rush said he would call him the next day.

In other business at the April 25 meeting, the board:

- Removed from the agenda the proposed description of the township manager position as written by Manager Anthony Burdick. Trustee Matthew Oddy said they are working on changing some of the words and they want it to be the best it can be and it’s not ready yet;

- Approved the resignation of fire fighter James Beaumont with regrets;

- Approved the hiring of Christopher Rose, 41, of Livonia as a full-time police officer, contingent upon him passing the required physical, psychological, and drug tests. Rose has been a sworn police officer since June 2022 with the Huron Clinton Metropolitan Authority. He earned his Associate in Criminal Justice from Schoolcraft College in November 2021. Rose has a PhD in Music Arts from Arizona State University, but was drawn to a career in law enforcement;

- Approved raising the deputy clerk and deputy treasurer’s pay, as approved, to coincide with the AFSCME union employees, retroactive, as recommended by Clerk Esthur Hurst;

- Heard resident Mary Ban ask how many voters are registered in Sumpter. Clerk Hurst said more than 9,000. Ban said she has the law

on public notices and the Sumpter notices are not printed in a paper newspaper as required. She said residents said they cannot see legal notices. *The Eagle* publishes only on line and that is where the Sumpter notices are. She said the public is very upset with the board for not publishing the notices in the *Independent* where they can see them. Ban said this is disenfranchising the voters. Trustees Don LaPorte, Oddy, and Rush and Clerk Hurst spoke at length about how bad the *Independent* is and how the editor doesn’t tell the truth. Attorney Rob Young said the law on legals was changed, but didn’t explain further;

- Heard Deputy Clerk Karen Armatis report that a group of four people is working to beautify the township. They are putting in planters with special flowers. She said the memorial area at township hall has fallen into shambles and they are adding deceased township employees to the marker, trees will be relocated to Banotai Park, and they will sandblast the benches; and

- Heard Trustee LaPorte say he saw cones along Sumpter Road so he called the county to ask about it and got no reply to his question of what was going on. [Two days later the intersection of Sumpter and Willis roads was repaved.] Trustee LaPorte also said it’s time to renew Fire Chief Brown’s contract because he has had no raise for two years. He said he will work out something with attorney Young and bring it back to the board.

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- Monday, May 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, May 9 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 11 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, May 15 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16 – Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.



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### CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 17, 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 Pro-Tem Voigt 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	Absent

#### 3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

- Fire Chief Loranger introduced two newly hired, fully trained Fire Fighters Mike Wisniewski and Robert Gay.

B. Council Follow Up List

• None

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- Jennifer Delano following up on senior transportation. City Manager Robinson responded SMART cannot repair the bus because parts are not available for repair. Robinson also stated he sent over statistical information to Van Buren Township for possible collaborative effort with senior transportation. Further discussion between Delano and Robinson on Delano's 501c3 and the city will be going forward doing everything properly.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Motion Carried.**

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. April 3, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council

**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, April 3, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Motion Carried.**

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

#### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Redemption Church Clean-Up of Horizon Park  
 Jim, leader from Redemption Church, spoke on interest of adopting Horizon Park from approximately 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM on June 3, 2023 to clean up Horizon Park in portions where the goats will not be.  
**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve Redemption Church clean up Horizon Park on June 3, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Motion Carried.**

B. Special Event Application – Boy Scouts Mother's Day Flower Sale

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve the Special Event Application for the Boy Scouts Mother's Day Flower Sale to be held May 13, 2023.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Motion Carried.**

#### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to approve 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

**Motion Carried.**

#### 10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- Read letter received by Van Buren Township Supervisor McNamara on appreciation of help from Belleville Fire Department while battling large fire in the Township. Chief Loranger commented they were out a good part of the day. Assistant Chief Zweng commented we do not abandon the city when assisting another community, we sent personnel to the fire and assisted Van Buren Township with calls while still covering the City's needs.

- Waiting on engineer to put out RFPs on paving of cemetery and drawing plan of Victory Station/Victory Park

- Voigt asked status of street repairs

#### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates
- Thanked City Manager Robinson and Jennifer Delano addressing senior transportation issues. Confident we will come to resolution.

- The Fire Department raised \$1,470 with Boot Fundraiser.

- Flop-E-Bunny was a success.

- Happy to see two baby swings.

- Sad to see CVS leave community and hopes to see it filled.

- Congrats to newly hired Fire Fighters.

- Meeting with Mayor Conley and Fire Dept, a lot of sense of pride with Fire Department, beautiful in fire hall.

- Missed last council meeting, shared rare shells found on trip.

- Council Member Beebe

- Asked what is next step on marijuana ordinance.

- Thank you and congratulations to new Fire Fighter's, appreciates the letter from Van Buren Township, can this be published in the Independent

- Thanked Jennifer Delano for attending and her passion for the seniors.

- Thanked Jim from Redemption Church for coming in. Church is celebrating their first year.

- Council Member Fielder

- Thank DPS Director, Fire and Police Dept. for Flop-E-Bunny success, biggest crowd ever.

- Thank you, Steve Jones and City Manager Robinson gave a great presentation at CWW Meeting hosted by the City of Belleville April 14, 2023

- Distinguished graduate program April 21, 2023, Belleville Three musical group being inducted.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

- Thanked attendees for coming to the meeting.

- Happy to see new fire fighters, welcome and council recognizes public safety is primary responsibility.

- Excited about road projects starting and outside contractors coming in to help

- Excited to see events for downtown and Lakefest appears to be bigger than ever with boat races as one additional activity this year.

- New Thai restaurant opening. Believes with all the great restaurants, the city will become a destination.

- Great to see our downtown transforming in front of our eyes.

#### 12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Absent

#### 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Fire Chief Brian Loranger commented it was nice to host meeting with Kelly Bates and Mayor Conley at the Fire Station.

- Assistant Fire Chief Chris Zweng said tentatively the Fire Station will be hosting an open house on May 6, 2023.

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

- List of road repairs to be provided by Building Official Rutherford.

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to adjourn at 8:16 PM.

No objections were noted.

**Motion Carried.**

Submitted by Michelle Bellingham

Approved: May 1, 2023

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Get the Scoop Ice Cream Shop at 664 E. Huron River Drive in Belleville is opening this week under new ownership and management. In addition to their delicious hard ice cream treats, they've added food items such as hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos,

and much more. They're open every day from noon to 10 p.m. Their Facebook page is under construction and should be up soon.

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

• **Thursday, May 4** – Join the National Day of Prayer observance at noon at the flagpole at the Van Buren Township Fire Hall #2 on Belleville Road to pray for the country and to honor all first responders. Sponsored by Open Arms Lutheran Church and Daycare.

• **Thursday, May 4** – U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell hosts a hazardous waste public forum at 7 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township. Representatives of the EPA, EGLE, Norfolk & Southern Railroad, and Republic Services are expected to be present, along with other elected officials. They will provide information and answer questions about the transportation and storage of hazardous waste in local communities.

• **Friday, May 5** – Community Day at the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court, at 11129 Wayne Rd. in

Romulus, runs from noon to 6 p.m. Tour the new building, talk with the judges and staff, see the car show, buy from the food trucks, watch demonstrations, and more. Everyone welcome.

• **Saturday, May 6** – BHS Bands Spring Craft & Vendor Show, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Belleville High School. Over 70 vendors. Bring the whole family. Kids craft area, bounce houses, food trucks.

• **Saturday, May 6** – The Belleville Area District Library is a busy place with the Perennial Plant Swap outside the library from noon to 1 p.m., kick-off of the Friends of the Library three-day used book sale, and celebration of National Comic Book Day inside all day, where kids can choose a free comic book to take home.

• **Saturday, May 6** – Trinity Episcopal Church rummage sale, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., at 11575 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Township. Metal office cabinets, banquet tables/chairs, carnival games/prizes, bookshelves, kitchen items, toys, etc.

• **Saturday, May 6** – Sumpter Township volunteers are cleaning up Graham Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call township clerk's office at (734) 461-6201 to register.

• **Saturday, Sunday, Monday, May 6, 7, 8** – The Friends of the Library Used Book Sale at the Belleville Area District Library runs from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, and 3-7 p.m. on Monday. A pre-sale takes place for Friends' members on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon. You can join the Friends at the site.

• **Sunday, May 7** – Join the Belleville Community Chorus for its 16th-annual spring concert at 5 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. The performance is "Life's Musical Sound Stage: Melodies, Meanderings, Memories." Free, but donations accepted.

• **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.

• **Friday, May 12** – Red Cup Party at 7 p.m. at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Free admission; open to the public. Red Cup Game and prizes; over 200 prizes. Plinko Game and prizes. Raffle baskets. DJ music by DJ Betty. Mini beers, \$3; Jellow shots, 6/\$5, Premium Jello Shots, \$1 each.

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May 7 – Terri Morioka, Krista Sykes

May 9 – Joyce Rochowiak, Marilyn Locke, Joe Watkins

May 10 – Whitney Beaubien

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.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



# VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

**Notice of change of location for the  
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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 241 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, April 23:

0025 – disorderly, N. Timberview Dr.  
0335 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
0341 – intrusion alarm, Paloma Dr.  
0409 – suspicious person/vehicle, birch Dr.  
0633 – property damage accident, Lighthouse Dr.  
0711 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.  
0907 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1055 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.  
1142 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1204 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr./Beckley Rd.  
1239 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1312 – missing person, Oak Blvd.  
1334 – mental subject, Sheldon Rd.  
1324 – assault & battery, Michigan Ave.  
1453 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.  
1531 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1703 – 911 welfare check, Walden Ct.  
1659 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/S. Grove  
2020 – private property impound, Outer Dr.  
2010 – welfare check, Sheldon Rd./Van Born Rd.  
2059 – abandoned auto, N. I-275/Ecorse I-275 ramp  
2225 – assist other dept., N. I-275/I-94  
2240 – welfare check, Park Estates Dr.  
2331 – fleeing & eluding, Belleville Rd.

### Monday, April 24:

0043 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.  
0535 – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Ct.  
0736 – welfare check, Truman  
0824 – larceny from auto, Kahla Dr.  
1246 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1422 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1458 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.  
1521 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1711 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1712 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1713 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1713 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1713 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1714 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1715 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1716 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1845 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1949 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1950 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.

### Tuesday, April 25:

0831 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
0901 – warrant arrest, I-94/Merriman  
0923 – intrusion alarm, Brookview Dr.  
1315 – larceny, McBride  
1315 – sexual assault, Ayres Ave.  
1558 – malicious destruction of property, Huron River Dr.  
1644 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1808 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd.  
1821 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1821 – civil matter, Ayres Ave.  
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1947 – neighbor trouble, Woodgrove Dr.  
1953 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
2011 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2058 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2309 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.

### Wednesday, April 26:

0122 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr./Haggerty  
0129 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0255 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.  
0636 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
0636 – repossession, Denton Rd.  
1027 – threats, Owen St.  
1142 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1241 – assist fire dept., Locust Dr.  
1421 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1446 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1452 – 911 welfare check, E. Sadie Ln.  
1520 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1542 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.

1632 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1632 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1730 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.  
1908 – neighbor trouble, Bemis Rd.  
1738 – fraud, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1738 – hold-up alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1738 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1852 – civil matter, Martinsville Rd.  
1900 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1909 – abandoned auto, Van Born/S. Lilley Rd.  
1926 – domestic, Barnwell Dr.  
2059 – malicious destruction of property, Renton  
2114 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Hannan Rd.  
2157 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.  
2351 – welfare check, Truman  
2301 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.

### Thursday, April 27:

0017 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hardwood Dr.  
0042 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
0315 – assault & battery, Jefferson  
0746 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd.  
0801 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0818 – animal complaint, S. Poderosa Trl.  
0859 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.  
0926 – civil matter, Kennedy St.  
0926 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1022 – larceny from auto, Barnwell Dr.  
1059 – neighbor trouble, Bemis Rd.  
1115 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.  
1115 – ordinance violation all 7300 MICR codes, Berkdale Dr.  
1837 – fight, Briarwood Dr.  
1248 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.  
1318 – 911 welfare check, Wildbrook Dr.  
1304 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd.  
1318 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.  
1349 – vehicle lock out, Michigan Ave.  
1349 – vehicle lock out, Haggerty Rd.  
1500 – intrusion alarm, Hampton Dr.  
1404 – threat, Sheldon Rd.  
1404 – repossession, Meadows Ln.  
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Sadie Ln.  
1709 – abandoned auto, Jackson St.  
1716 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1720 – welfare check, Lincoln St.  
1740 – noise complaint, Mida Dr.  
1740 – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1938 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Arthur St.  
2022 – disorderly, Capitol Dr.  
2100 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2203 – welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.  
2224 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jeremy Rd./Patty Ln.  
2302 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.

### Friday, April 28:

0223 – neighbor trouble, Marlowe Ave.  
0347 – 911 welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.  
0420 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0835 – property damage accident, Quirk/McBride  
1124 – welfare check, Martz Rd.  
1153 – property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse  
1232 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.  
1252 – fraud, Westlake Cir.  
1327 – domestic, Oak Blvd.  
1402 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1417 – civil matter, Barnwell Dr.  
1447 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
1700 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1726 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1817 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1826 – welfare check, Yost/Belleville  
1838 – traffic offense, Belleville/N. I-94 Service  
1935 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
2002 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.  
2103 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave.  
2151 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.  
2218 – civil matter, Oak Ln.  
2243 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.  
**Saturday, April 29:**  
0213 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
0442 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0859 – assist other dept. Sumpter Rd.

1004 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.  
1114 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
1021 – harassment call, Fay Dr.  
1403 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1705 – assist other dept., Belle Villa  
1737 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Borgman Ave.  
1818 – mental subject, Fay Dr.  
1923 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1944 – family trouble, Stratford Dr.  
2111 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2124 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.  
2157 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
2222 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2321 – 911 welfare check, Faye Dr.  
Also on this week's log are 75 traffic stops, six of which were on the I-94 freeway.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, April 23:

0930 – assist fire dept., Light Tower Ct.  
1235 – larceny from auto, W. Columbia Ave.  
1402 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1513 – neighbor trouble, Loza Ln.  
1616 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd.  
1623 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.  
1641 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1711 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd.  
1739 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell

### Monday, April 24:

0741 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia  
1058 – found property/child, Carmell St.  
1300 – fraud, Menlo Park Dr.  
1340 – family trouble, Menlo Park Dr.  
1448 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1658 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Edgemont  
1658 – animal complaint, W. Wabash Ave.  
2041 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
2208 – traffic stop, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.

### Tuesday, April 25:

0115 – parking complaint, Estrada/Estrada  
0911 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.  
1016 – assist fire dept., W. Thornhill Ct.  
1542 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.  
1703 – threat, S. Edgemont Ave.  
2053 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2124 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.  
2253 – sexual assault, N. Liberty St.

### Wednesday, April 26:

0119 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.  
0209 – traffic stop, Water Works  
0838 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
0839 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
0912 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main  
1449 – welfare check, Fourth St.  
1715 – fraud, Main St.  
1950 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
2014 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon  
2234 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.

### Thursday, April 27:

0014 – traffic stop, Belleville/Harmony Ln.  
0330 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd.  
0711 – misc. complaint, Village Park  
0901 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
0907 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.  
0914 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
0921 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd.  
0945 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.  
0956 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
1009 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
1025 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.  
1053 – civil matter, Victorian St.  
1121 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/S. Liberty St.  
1134 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1308 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1323 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1413 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Oxford Ct.  
1422 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Oxford Ct.  
1513 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St.  
1522 – traffic stop, Second St./Main St.  
1538 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1555 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1608 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1613 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1619 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.

1636 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia  
1728 – traffic offense, Davis/South  
1758 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.  
1806 – traffic offense, South St./Wabash W.  
1812 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
1818 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd.  
1828 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1833 – traffic offense, Belleville/N. Liberty St.  
1844 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
1957 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.  
2047 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
2129 – traffic stop, Belleville/Harmony Ln.  
2151 – traffic stop, Main St./Denton Rd.  
2230 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Madelon  
2248 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.  
2337 – hospice death, Belle Villa Blvd.

### Friday, April 28:

0019 – breaking & entering, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0204 – traffic stop, South St.  
0602 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0927 – misc. complaint, Main St.  
1409 – juvenile complaint, Loza Ln.  
1528 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.  
1907 – family trouble, Loza Ln.

### Saturday, April 29:

1541 – intrusion alarm, Main St.  
1703 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1852 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.  
1935 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
2010 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
2033 – traffic stop, South St./Industrial Dr.  
2227 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/S. Liberty St.  
There were 48 traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, April 23:

0702 – citizen assist, New Mexico St.  
0731 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1006 – disorderly person, Mulberry Dr.  
1234 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.  
1310 – animal complaint, Greenmeadow Dr.  
1552 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Arkona  
1553 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1630 – harassment complaint, 5700 bl. Oakville  
Waltz Rd.  
1733 – animal complaint, Walnut St.  
1919 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2050 – citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis Rd.  
2113 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2327 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.

### Monday, April 24:

0859 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis  
0945 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1156 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd./Willow  
1239 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.  
1417 – harassment complaint, New Mexico St.  
1509 – animal complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville  
1705 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1740 – family trouble, Delaware St.  
2036 – family trouble, Arizona St.  
2112 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2131 – civil matter, 5700 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
2148 – welfare check, Magnolia Dr.

### Tuesday, April 25:

0033 – assist other agency, Greenmeadow Dr.  
0203 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0412 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0801 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0934 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0943 – mental health call, New Mexico St.  
1136 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis  
1613 – civil matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1653 – property damage accident, Willis/Lohr  
1940 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.  
2127 – family trouble, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
2312 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2324 – suspicious circumstance, Harris/Haggerty

### Wednesday, April 26:

0038 – mental health call, 22000 bl. Martinsville  
0126 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0949 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.  
1026 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1208 – family trouble, Second St.  
1612 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Dunn

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1828 – 911 hang up, Alaska St.  
2002 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2203 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.  
2303 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
**Thursday, April 27:**  
0338 – 911 hang up, Magnolia Dr.  
0410 – fire dept. assist, W. Arizona St.  
0640 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0846 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0939 – animal complaint, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1021 – fraud complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1113 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.  
1212 – welfare check, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1222 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1306 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1342 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1416 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
1429 – 911 hang up, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1506 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.  
1536 – civil matter, New Mexico St.  
1542 – civil matter, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1551 – alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1654 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1735 – civil matter, Colorado St.  
1745 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1818 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1905 – juvenile matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1912 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Wear Rd.  
1959 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.  
2121 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.  
2131 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry Dr.  
2150 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.  
2232 – welfare check, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Friday, April 28:**

0044 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.  
0905 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1031 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1238 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1332 – citizen assist, Wyoming St.  
1337 – animal complaint, Arkona Rd./Elwell Rd.  
1421 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.  
1441 – citizen assist, Delaware St.  
1459 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.  
1610 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1649 – 911 hang up, California St.  
1656 – civil matter, Mulberry Dr.  
1714 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.

**Saturday, April 29:**

0236 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.  
0634 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0822 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Carleton West  
0951 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.  
1031 – civil matter, Utah Ct.  
1335 – assist other agency, Georgia St.  
1338 – assist other agency, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1339 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1509 – animal complaint 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1519 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1556 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1559 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1721 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1752 – 911 hang up, Magnolia Dr.  
1800 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1838 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1959 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2041 – assist other agency, out of township  
2235 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.

2328 – assist other agency, Judd Rd./Martinsville  
2348 – follow-up investigation, Judd/Martinsville

**Sunday, April 30:**

0112 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.  
0511 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
0924 – assist other agency, Georgia St.  
1109 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.  
1210 – assist other agency, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1345 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1801 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1950 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.  
2056 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
2259 – mental health call, Timberlane Dr.

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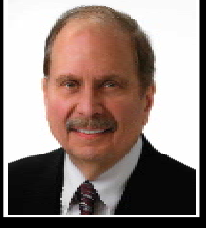
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