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More than 50 people took part in the ribbon-cutting ceremony held by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and Gloria Jean Café & Bakery of Belleville on May 25. Owners Jim and Dawn Majewski and their employees Amanda Marek, Cameryn Fallon, Emma Mitchell, Sarah Drain, Maura Henderson, Doris Goodson, Zoe Maynard-Smith, and Katie Mitchell welcomed representatives from the tri-community, including the city of Belleville, Chamber, Belleville Yacht Club, and many others. More than 100 people in attendance got to try some baked goods, and other foods and drink. The new business is located at 529 Main St. across the parking lot from The Butcher Shop. Business hours are Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Woman killed, another hurt by driver leaving Sumpter Twp. party

On Sunday, May 28, at approximately 8:24 pm, Sumpter Township police and fire were dispatched to the 26000 block of Sumpter Road on the report of a vehicle striking two pedestrians.

According to a report on the Sumpter Township Police Facebook Page, upon arrival, one pedestrian was found to have sustained fatal injuries. The other was transported to a nearby hospital in critical condition. The driver fled on foot before police arrived.

The investigation found that all involved were leaving a large gathering at a residence in the area. The two females crossed the

roadway and were walking north along the east shoulder when the vehicle, driven by a 43-year-old male from Detroit, exited the driveway northbound in a reckless manner.

The vehicle lost control and ran off the roadway, striking one of the females and running over the other before striking a tree.

A 49-year-old Rockford, Illinois, woman was pinned beneath the vehicle, sustaining fatal injuries, and a 39-year-old Plainfield, New Jersey woman sustained severe injuries.

About three hours after the crash, a drone unit from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office equipped with infrared technology

located the suspect driver hiding in the woods north of the scene and directed the searching officers to his location. He was taken into custody without further incident.

The driver will be identified after he's arraigned following case review and charge determination by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke thanked the following departments for their assistance on the scene and in other areas of the investigation:

Huron Township Police, Van Buren Township Police, Monroe County Sheriff Department Patrol and Drone Units, Michigan State Police Accident Reconstruction and K-9 units, Michigan DNR, Monroe City Police, and U.S. Customs and Border Patrol.

Reporter Kimberly Craig of Channel 7 News spoke to the organizer of the party who said he operates the events as a business under the name "El Rancho Campesino" and obtains permits from the township to hold his events that include horse racing. He said people bring their own food and alcohol and that there were over 400 people at Sunday's party, which he described as family oriented.

Some neighbors told Channel 7 they want the township to take action to make sure he

isn't able to hold another large event again.

Sumpter Township Police Chief Eric Luke told Channel 7 the only issue they've had with the parties is vehicles parked on the shoulder of the road.

Chief Luke said this appears to have been the biggest event so far at the location and they will be working to ensure no other events of this magnitude take place again.

VBT DDA votes 5-1 to allocate \$95,000 over three years for FUSUS

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, at its regular May

23 meeting, voted 5-1 to allocate \$95,000 over three years to help the township pay

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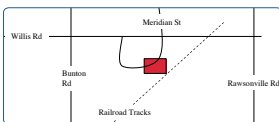
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Officer Gino Criscenti is Sumpter Township's Officer of the Year

Officer Gino Criscenti is the 2022 Officer of the Year for the Sumpter Township Police Department.

At the regular township board meeting on May 23, Public Safety Director/Police Chief announced the awards for 2022, saving the Officer of the Year for last.

He said the Officer of the Year selection is based on the member's significant contribution to the mission of the Sumpter Township Police Department.

The award is recognized with a certificate, a citation bar to be worn on the officer's uniform shirt, the officer's name on the "Officer of the Year" perpetual plaque in the police department lobby, and a desktop award.

Officer Criscenti's performance in 2022 embodies what is expected from officers of the Sumpter Township Police Department, Chief Luke said. Every day he comes to work to further this department's mission and goals. He is highly motivated, always putting in a solid day's work.

His quality of work is excellent, and often complimented by prosecuting attorneys. He led the department in arrests for the year, with cases ranging from traffic offenses, drunk and drugged drivers, domestic assaults, a stabbing, and weapons offenses, including recovering a stolen gun during a traffic stop and arresting a felon possessing a handgun.



In addition to the traditional police work, Officer Criscenti showed his commitment to the community as part of the Community Outreach program and events such as Shop With a Hero. In his first full year with this Department, he has already proven himself a valuable asset to Sumpter Township, Luke said.

Life Saving Award

This award is given to department members credited with actively saving a human life. The award is recognized with a citation bar to be worn on the officer's uniform.

• Officer Sean Hudson – On Jan. 10, 2022, Officer Hudson responded to a 31-year-old female who was unresponsive due to a possible drug overdose. Upon arrival, Officer Hudson found the female not breathing and performed life-saving measures until the fire department and Huron Valley Ambulance arrived. The female was resuscitated and transported for further care.

• Sgt. Brian Steffani and Officer Jesiah Rodriguez – On Jan. 30, 2022, Sergeant Steffani and Officer Rodriguez responded to a 51-year-old male who had suffered a medical emergency in his sleep and had stopped breathing. Upon arrival, officers found the male unresponsive, not breathing, with no pulse. Sgt. Steffani and Officer Rodriguez performed CPR until HVA units arrived. Officers continued to assist the HVA medics. A pulse was eventually regained, and the male was transported for further care.

• Officer (now Sgt.) Bart Devos – On April

12, 2022, Officer Devos responded to a local business for a 23-year-old male who had possibly overdosed. Officer Devos located the male unresponsive and not breathing and performed life-saving measures until FD and HVA arrived. Subsequent doses of Narcan were administered, and the male was resuscitated and transported for further care.

Academic Achievement

This award is presented to a department member who advances his or her educational level. The award is recognized with a citation bar to be worn on the officer's uniform.

• Sgt. Beth Egerer – In 2022, Sgt. Egerer completed her degree program, earning her bachelor's degree from Siena Heights University.

Patrol Productivity

Awarded in recognition of the most productive road patrol member for the given year. This award is recognized with a citation bar to be worn on the officer's uniform.

• Ofc Gino Criscenti -- During 2022, Officer Criscenti outperformed his peers in just about every measurable category, including leading the department in the number of traffic stops conducted, reports written, and arrests made. Additionally, his arrests were of high quality for various misdemeanor and felony offenses.

Chief's Recognition

The Chief of Police may present this award to a member of the police department for any reason deemed worthy of recognition. The award is recognized with a certificate.

• Officers Gino Criscenti and Jesiah Rodriguez – During a traffic stop on Aug. 9, 2022, officers determined the driver was suspended. When officers approached to effect the arrest for the traffic offense, the driver briefly hesitated before complying. After the driver was secured, it was discovered that a handgun was illegally carried in the vehicle's center console and that the driver was a felon prohibited from possessing a firearm.

• Sgt. Brian Steffani – On Sept. 23, 2022, officers were investigating a domestic assault that had just occurred, during which the suspect fled while possibly armed with a handgun. Sgt. Steffani searched the area, and upon contacting the suspect and observing indicators that he was armed, Sgt. Steffani confronted him and placed him under arrest. Despite the suspect not complying, Sgt. Steffani was able to arrest without injury to the suspect and recovered the handgun.

• Officer Gino Criscenti – During a traffic stop on Dec. 22, 2022, Officer Criscenti took the driver into custody for a traffic arrest. During further investigation, Officer Criscenti located a loaded handgun under the driver's seat, which had been reported stolen in 2014.

Chief Luke concluded with, "We thank the above award recipients, along with each and every other department member, for a job well done in 2022. Thank you for your continued dedication and service to the community!"

VBT planners allow 8-foot fence at Our Next Energy site

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After an hour of discussion at its May 24 meeting, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission, meeting with a bare quorum, approved amended preliminary and final site plans for phase one of a lithium-ion phosphate battery manufacturing facility for battery cells and energy storage applications.

This included permission for an eight-foot fence around the a new outside storage area for one large permanent chiller, two smaller temporary chillers, and one solid recovery system. The maximum height for a fence under ordinance is six feet unless the planners extend that to eight feet.

The applicant was Kirco Manix Construction LLC for a site on the Ashley Crossroads North Distribution Center at 42060 Ecorse Rd. just west of Haggerty Road, which is leasing its building to Our Next Energy (ONE).

Phase one of the project includes

construction of a 37,800-square-foot office facility, a 29,240-square-foot manufacturing space and a 11,830-square-foot shipping and receiving area within an existing 659,546-square-foot building, along with related accessory outdoor industrial storage, landscaping and access alterations on the east end of the building.

Planning consultant Vidya Krishnan of McKenna Associates said since 2019 acceleration and deceleration lanes have been added on Ecorse for the Ashley Crossroads project. She said it was planned for a warehouse, but now as a manufacturing facility there will be fewer trucks. She said a new traffic impact study is coming for future phases but won't be needed for phase one.

She explained the changes that have been made to the plans to accommodate the new use, including seven EV parking spaces. They will add one handicapped space for EV charging. Krishnan said the EV units are eight feet tall, 1.5 foot wide, and are

"sleek."

She said the MNP storage tank is 14.82 feet high and they asked for a 14-foot fence to protect the residents from seeing what's inside. The new outside enclosure is designed to look like part of the building.

Shazad Butt, COO of Our Next Energy (ONE) said in manufacturing their EV batteries, they will be using materials not from overseas. He said they are the only independent battery facility in North America today. He said the prototype they will be manufacturing in the building will drive the industry.

Commissioner Jackson Pahle, the newest member of the planning commission, asked about his general timeline for phase one.

Butt said they plan to complete phase one this year, another line up by the end of next year and yet another line by the end of 2024. Between now and 2026 they will be fully built up, he said.

Commission Pahle asked if there is another use for these batteries besides

automotive.

Butt replied, "Oh, yes!" He said they are planning a 20-foot container with 420 megawatt hours for a project in West Virginia, where they will serve an entire community.

"We're ahead of everyone else in North America," he said. "Many other projects are presenting themselves."

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said the commission can grant the exception up to eight feet on the fence, but for anything higher they will have to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

"Whatever you require, that's what we would do," Butt said.

It was pointed out that the tops of the tanks would be visible with a fence shorter than 14 feet.

Jahr said this is a prototype facility and what he is interested in is the future plans for the north side. "It's really big," he said of the plan for the outside storage area

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Keep public notices where the public notices: In print

For the past few years, the Michigan legislature has been considering amendments to or a new Michigan Public Notices Act to allow municipalities to post their public notices only on their own websites.

The act currently requires publication in a paper newspaper in the same county as the municipality. A change approved last year requires publications also to post the notices online on a state website, which we do.

We, along with others, believe the legal notices should be printed on paper because then they cannot be changed. They are permanent. They also are available to people who don't have computer access.

An important premise found in federal, state, and local governments is that information about government activities must be publicized for people to make well-informed decisions. Public notices provide this sort of transparency and accessibility to citizens who want to know more about government actions. Providing public notice provides the opportunity for the public to influence governing bodies and allows the public to be an active participant in a democratic society.

Van Buren Township and the city of Belleville use the *Independent* as their newspaper of record and all their many public notices are in this free paper.

If you agree public notices should remain in printed newspapers, let your elected representatives in Lansing know.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A friend of mine told me a story he wanted to share with others. He didn't want his name shared.

He is a senior citizen and for the past two years he has been going to doctors and different specialists to try to find out why his balance was so bad. He has had test after test. Nothing was found.

Last week, he went to a neurologist and he mentioned he hadn't had a MRI of his head yet and so the doctor complied. He showed me the pictures on his cell phone.

First he showed a picture of a normal brain. Then, he showed a picture of his brain. There was spinal fluid in the brain. It was a lot and the picture was dramatic.

The doctor had a few cc's of spinal fluid removed and then he laid on his back for two hours. When he got up, the difference was wonderful, he said. His balance was pretty much back.

He said the doctor plans to put a stent in his head to continually drain the fluid. He said they called it "water on the brain."

Others who are having trouble with balance might like to mention it to their doctors, he said.

I didn't have another meeting last Thursday evening so I was able to go to the meeting of volunteers that were seeking to get the museum reopened in the city of Belleville. The meeting was scheduled at the last meeting, two weeks earlier, for 6 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Van Buren Township Hall.

We published Barbara Miller's report of the previous meeting in the May 25 issue as well as the next meeting date and a notice it was open to the public.



But there was no meeting. I was in the VBT parking lot just before 6 p.m. and no one else was there. Then, Mary Ban showed up after driving all the way from her Sumpter Township home. She unloaded her handicapped equipment and came over to the front walk. She sat on it and we talked for a while. A police car was driving by and she waved it down. The two black officers said they didn't know anything about the meeting and were on their way to a run. I didn't know the township had two black officers. I wish the township would introduce new officers to the residents at a meeting that is videotaped so everyone could meet them. For a long time Adam Byrd was our only black officer.

As to the non-meeting, Mary and I went home. She tried to call Karen Mickens on her cell phone from the township hall, but there was no answer. Karen has studied the Underground Railroad in this area and even took a tour of the route into Canada and wanted that kind of information to be available to the museum and its patrons. She planned to come to the meeting.

Mary called me later to say she found the meeting had been cancelled the afternoon of May 24 with an email notice that she hadn't seen. Also, she said, Karen arrived at the VBT Hall after we left and, since nobody was there, she drove over to the museum in Belleville to see if the meeting had been moved there – and then to the library to see if it was there. She then drove back to Sumpter Township and called Mary.

The museum has been closed for 1,186 days as of today. That's 3.25 years.

For your information: Keystone Academy charter school's last day of school is a half day on June 9. The Van Buren Public School's last day of school is June 21, for a half day. Both will have 180 days of school, as required.

In the spring 2016 issue of "Ypsilanti Gleanings" published by the Ypsilanti Historical Society, it tells of how the Huron River was named.

It is said to be named by the French who thought that the Wyandotte (Wendat) Indian hair style of shaved sides and stiff hair in the middle reminded them of the spine of a wild boar – which they called "huare" and which was eventually angelized as "Huron." This is according to Charles Chapman's History of Washtenaw County, Michigan published in 1881.

We received a call Tuesday morning from a resident of Monroe who told me my story was wrong about Dave Robinson. He does not live in an historic home in Monroe, he said. Robinson's last day at Belleville City Hall was May 31 and now the people in Monroe have him. Sounds like this man isn't a fan.



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Letters

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• **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.

• **Monday, June 12** – 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 14** – Mid-Week Music in Harris Park, 10151 Belleville Road, from 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by Van Buren Township DDA.

• **Wednesday, June 14** – Summer concert at Wayne County Community College's Ted Scott Campus at 9555 Haggerty Rd.

• **Thursday, June 15** – Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, Belleville. Entertainment by "Detroit Made." In case of rain concerts are held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

• **Sunday, June 18** – Cinnamon's 22nd Father's Day Car Show at Victory Park in Belleville, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

• **Monday, June 19** – 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.

• **Monday, June 19** – 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 21** – Mid-Week Music in Harris Park, 10151 Belleville Road, from 7 to 9 p.m. Sponsored by Van Buren Township DDA.

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there.
“I like process piping and manufacturing and an eight-foot fence is good for me. It does not need to be 14 feet,” Jahr said.
Commissioner Bernie Grant asked about the vertical size of the north side equipment and he was told it is 30 feet.

“I appreciate you giving thought to Van Buren Township aesthetics,” said Commissioner Grant. “It will be seen from Haggerty Road. It’s an easy one for the ZBA to attack. I’m in favor of 14 feet.”

Consultant Krishnan said it is 600 to 650 feet to Haggerty Road and 500 feet to the residents there. She said the spruce trees on the berms grow together and go 30 to 40 feet high. They were eight feet high at planting.

Grant asked about the solvent in the container.

Butt said the EPA oversees that and it doesn’t kill fish, but they don’t want it in the ground water. The NMP is mixed in with slurry when they cast their electrodes. The hazardous waste is collected by a contractor for disposal.

Dave Andersen, EH&S manager for plant operations, said this is stormwater preventative by the rules. A spill there is not going anywhere. There are regulations for storm water and air, he said.

Grant suggested a big rain might come and Andersen said it would have to be a 1,000-year storm. Grant said Haggerty is in a major state of disrepair.

Dan Power, the township’s director of planning and economic development, said Wayne County have let bids on the road project and the township is sifting through them. He said it’s an imminent project that hopefully will begin this year.

Juriga said as far as the wall, it can go eight feet or they can seek a variance from the BZA.

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Obituaries



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 tating.

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.

www.davidcbrownfh.com**RUSSELL 'RUSTY' BEARANCE**

(September 23, 1961 – May 17, 2023)

Rusty, 61, passed away at his home in Ann Arbor of laryngeal cancer and COPD. Rusty loved to swim and water ski and his heart was always Belleville. Rusty is survived by his sister Karee Bearance. There will be no services.

DORIS JEAN ADAMS

(April 1, 1945 – May 25, 2023)

Age 78, of Ypsilanti. Survived by her son Stephen (Andrea) Adams of Ypsilanti; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother Charles Pope. Cremation through David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

www.davidcbrownfh.com**MICKEY NORMAN EICHSTADT**

(December 17, 1948 – May 27, 2023)

Age 74, of Belleville. Survived by daughters, Tina, Mickie, Leah, Kari; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two sisters. Service is Saturday, June 3, at 1 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

www.davidcbrownfh.com**CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL JACKSON**

(April 1, 1945 – May 25, 2023)

Age 48, of Belleville. Survived by his mother, Daphne Jackson; sons, Ryan Jackson and Jacob Ross; brother, Tom. Cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Marilyn Joyce Lucille Prill

MARILYN JOYCE LUCILLE PRILL

(June 24, 1932 – May 21, 2023)

Marilyn Joyce Lucille Prill, age 90, of Chelsea, MI, formerly of Sun City, Arizona and Belleville, MI, passed away Sunday, May 21, 2023, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Chelsea, MI. She was born June 24, 1932, in York Township, MI, daughter of Melvin Frederick Blausey, Sr. and Florence Lucille (Bower) Blausey.

She graduated from Belleville high school in 1950. She married Melvin Prill on February 24, 1951. She worked for the Henry R. Deering, Insurance Agency for many years. In 1983, they moved to Sun City, Arizona and enjoyed many happy years there. She was a very devout and active member of the Baptist faith. Most of her long-time and close friends she met at church activities through the years.

Mrs. Prill is survived by three children: Jan Sumner of Willis, MI, Dan L. Prill of Phoenix, Arizona, and Lori Sumner of Belleville, MI; sister-in-law Jean Prill of Arizona; and two close friends: Avelae Arndt of Wayne, MI, and Carol Santure of Florida. Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Melvin L. Prill, also two brothers: Melvin F. Blausey, Jr. and Gerald Blausey.

A Committal service was Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 1:00 PM at Michigan Memorial Park, 32163 Huron River Dr., Flat Rock, MI 48134. Rev. Robert J. White officiated. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial contribution may be made to the organization of the donor's choice and would be appreciated.

www.davidcbrownfh.com**JEFFREY EUGENE RYCKMAN**

(August 18, 1960 – May 26, 2023)

Age 62, resident of Belleville since birth. Survived by his children Alicia, Angela, Amanda, and Aaron; his brother Curt; five grandchildren. Memorial service is 1 p.m., June 4, at David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Upcoming Meetings

- 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/school at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, June 8 – Van Buren Township with planning consultants McKenna Associates, 5-7 p.m., Redevelopment Ready Communities workshop to launch the completion of the township's Economic Development Strategy and Marketing Plan. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, June 9 – Council of Western Wayne board meeting at 9:30 a.m. at the Sumpter Township Hall
- Monday, June 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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for a FUSUS security program for the public safety department.

The total township cost over three years is \$225,000.

Mark Laginess, a member of the DDA's finance committee, cast the only nay vote, explaining he has concerns about whether the program justifies the expense. He said the police department's Flock program that takes pictures of license plates from the rear of cars, has done a good job and has had results.

He said there was only one quote presented for this new program and he would love to see competing systems, but he was told this is a sole-source technology and there are none competing.

Laginess said he supports the police, but he reluctantly must vote no.

Victor Delibera could not be present, but sent a letter voicing his concerns and asking for the program to be reassessed in a year. He asked that his letter be read aloud in his absence, but that was not done because the two-page letter was considered too long.

Delibera ended his letter with: "There is no disputing the fact that this system is an extra layer of surveillance. I believe there are some positive things for which this system could be used and I am not against this system in general. This is a new technology and a new system and I believe caution is the correct way in which to proceed with this decision."

"I am for allowing time to pass to understand better how this system could be utilized without interfering with any potential issues [as he had outlined in his letter]. I don't believe we want our little town to become a dystopian surveillance state. I'm for readdressing this in a year to be conservative in our approach," Delibera concluded.

The DDA's May 23 meeting could not start for almost half an hour, as members waited for one more person to arrive to make a quorum for the 11-member board.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright and Deputy Chief Joshua Monte were present to answer any questions on the use of FUSUS as they asked for a financial partnership for the FUSUSCONNECT program.

They asked the DDA for \$35,000 for the first year and an additional \$25,000 for year two and \$25,000 for year three.

The total cost of the project is \$75,000

per year, they said.

In addition to the cost of the software, the DDA was asked to consider covering the first year of the cost of the first 20 devices at \$350 each that would be offered to businesses within the DDA district and their first year's subscription of \$150 each for a total of \$10,000.

On May 2, a joint work-study meeting had been held for members of the Van Buren Township Board and the DDA and the details were described for almost an hour.

At the DDA meeting, Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said Van Buren residents look for security, as a No. 1 issue and good schools as #2. He said they have an accredited police department which is paid well and well taken care of.

He said other communities are looking at Van Buren Township for information on their department. He said the township is a freeway town, with exits and entrances, and this will tie the community into surveillance.

Supervisor McNamara said the FUSUS people came to the township and the \$130,000 a year price was a bit much, so the township said no and they came back to the township with a better price. He said they came to Van Buren because is one of the few police departments that embraces technology.

McNamara said the program is not intrusive and only uses people who let the police use their cameras.

Chief Wright said FUSUS provides a dashboard software that integrates other people's cameras, if the people allow it. He said police won't be buying cameras.

He said it is a sole-source technology. It's a box and businesses plug in whatever cameras they want police to have access to. He said they don't want to control cameras. If something happens at that business, you can go back and get that and could draw that out as evidence.

He said if police put it in its file, it's able to be accessed through the Freedom of Information Act.

There is the live link part of the program that allows a dispatcher to ask for access to a cell phone and the dispatcher can send that to squad cars en route to an incident. It's recorded and can be put in a file, he said.

The panic button part of the program could be used in local schools, where a teacher could hit a panic button on a phone and the first three cameras closest to the phone turn on.

Chief Wright said also, if anything

happens at a business, the police would have a floorplan if the business had allowed the police to have it on file in advance.

He also said the camera registry part of the program allows people to register their Ring cameras and if police need to find out who has cameras around a certain incident, they can send out emails or call those who have registered to get permission to access the cameras. Or, a person could check his camera himself and report there is nothing on the camera.

"I equate it with the Flock cameras," Chief Wright said, noting those cameras collect data all day long and nobody looks at it. He said if a victim reports a crime with a red Mustang involved, for example, they can follow up and find the car.

He stressed that there will be strict rules for use of the program and no officers will be checking on their old girlfriends. He said when they use the law enforcement information network (LEIN), every stroke

is tracked and the state could deny them access to LEIN if rules are violated. He said when they go into Flock, everything in its use is recorded: who, when, the reason. He said there are mechanisms to control use.

Dep. Chief Monte asked where is it needed and answered that by saying 22% of the crimes are between Tyler Road and the Belleville Bridge on Belleville Road. He said between Jan. 1 and May 1 there were over a thousand cases.

He said a business on the North I-94 Service Drive recently was broken into and police couldn't review the surveillance cameras until the next day. He said the Wayne County Prosecutor wants departments to use video as much as possible in cases, since it's better than an eyewitness.

He said there will be no command center

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and the images from cameras will be displayed on the screens in dispatch.

Chief Wright said FUSUS gave them 17 free boxes they could give to businesses outside the DDA dispatch area to use.

He said Van Buren would be the second place in the state to have FUSUS if it is approved. Kalamzoo is the only one in Michigan that's close to being on. There are many throughout the South.

Supervisor McNamara said he talked to the leaders of the NAACP and they see no problem with the program as far as racial profiling goes. He said London is considering the program because it wants to get away from its camera system.

The motion to approve was made by Joyce Rochowiak and seconded by Joe Baskin, passing 5-1. Also voting yes were board vice-chairperson Carol Bird who led the meeting, Velon Willis and Supervisor McNamara. Laginess was the no vote and he asked if the DDA could get out of the agreement if it chose to in the future and that was added to the wording of the motion with everyone's approval.

"If the DDA wants out and Van Buren Township is in, the township will refund your money," McNamara said.

Absent from the meeting were Delibera, Jim Chudzinski, Dawn Chappell, Chris Brown and chairman Craig Atchinson.

Mobil station, Camping World get approvals to move forward

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Mobil gas station and the Camping World site in Van Buren Township are finally able to move forward with their long-delayed developments.

But in order to move forward, the Mobil gas station at the northwest corner of Haggerty Road and the North I-94 Service Drive will have to take down its pylon sign that has been up there for 30 years.

That was the requirement by the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at its April 12 regular meeting in order to grant preliminary site plan approval for the redevelopment of the current station.

They plan a new, 3,600-square-foot convenience store with a drive-through window and five gas pumps.

The project was approved in 2020 and 2021, but has changed slightly, so the reappraisal was necessary.

Planning consultant Vidya Krishnan of McKenna Associates said while the sign is called a billboard on the plans, it is a pylon sign that is not in compliance with the ordinance and needs to be removed.

The applicant, Jim Safiedine, said he has owned the 1.06-acre parcel for 20 years and it will be a 24-hour site. He said they would like to keep the sign there for the visibility. He said the sign has been there for 30 years and he can't see what benefit to the community its removal would be.

Krishnan said it is non-conforming and must be eliminated. She said it is an illegal, non-conforming sign, however the planning commission could allow it.

The applicant asked if they didn't redesign and rebuild the building as planned, then they wouldn't have to remove the sign and Krishnan said that was so.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said the past approvals were conditional on removing the sign and now if it changes, they can't have the special use already approved and would have to start over. He said when it was approved, the applicant said it would come down.

Safiedine said he never had agreed to remove the sign but wasn't able to be at that past meeting and his representative said things he shouldn't and, "That's why he's not here."

Commission chairman Brian Cullin said if this was reopened they would have to follow the new gas station requirements.

"New gas stations don't have pylon signs because the communities don't want them," Krishnan said. She said the Michigan Department of Transportation Wayfinding signs are more effective.

"Our goal is to get this thing started tomorrow," said Safiedine, noting the county has standards and the underground water retention is costly, and Van Buren Township has standards. He said they will have to pay the cost to remove the sign and then not have the sign.

He said there have been many delays.

Chairman Cullin said Safiedine would have to begin over and Krishnan said that is a decision he would have to make.

Safiedine said he had a contractor ready to break ground on April 1 and, "I don't have much of a choice." He asked if he could ask for a variance and was told that wouldn't work.

Jahr made the motion to grant the amended preliminary site plan request for the redevelopment and drive-thru, with removal of the pylon sign, which was seconded by Commissioner Bernie Grant and approved unanimously by the commission.

Camping World

The planning commission unanimously

granted an amended preliminary and final site plan for Camping World to demolish the east wing of their existing building at 43646 North I-94 Service Dr. and create new R.V. parking and storage on the site.

No one was present from the applicant and Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said he told them they didn't have to come because it was a minor change and had already been approved.

Director Power said Camping World was granted site plan approval in December 2020 and then changed the plans to include an addition in August and September 2022, now they are going back to the original plan.

Krishnan said the township did not delay the Camping World project and the township has been trying to get in touch with Camping World. She said it took them a year to decide to go back to the original plan. She said the proposed painting booth was a problem for the township.

Residential Zoning Text

The commission also directed Krishnan to come up with a residential zoning text amendment for it to consider. The issue came up when a couple wanted to build a 2.5 story home approximately 29.6 feet tall on the lake on Ormond Drive and found it did not meet the ordinance.

The couple applied for a variance through the Board of Zoning Appeals on April 11 and were granted a variance. The BZA asked the planning commission to consider changing height restrictions and raising the overall height from 2.0 stories to 2.5 stories, and from 30 feet to 35 feet.

Krishnan said houses having attics with living spaces are non-conforming.

She said they will draft an ordinance to bring back for their consideration. She said it should be for single family dwellings in all zonings.

Commissioner Jahr said he read the McKenna directive and conclusions on the issue in the planning commission packet for the April 12 meeting into the BZA record at the April 11 meeting.

"I'd like to see a draft ordinance," Jahr said.

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Those awarded scholarships, from left, are Ethan Delaney, Hope Copeland, Sean Tinsley, Samantha Pause, Krishna Sharma and Luke Budd.

Belleville Rotary Scholarship awards presented at BHS

On May 23, the Rotary Club of Belleville held its 78th-annual Scholarship Program.

In a gathering, at Belleville High School, which included school administrators, parents, family and the Belleville Rotarians, six \$5,000 scholarships were awarded to Belleville-area-resident graduates.

The four Academic Scholarships went to Hope Copeland, Samantha Pause, Krishna Sharma and Sean Tinsley. The Charles B. Cozadd Community Service Award for service to school and other students was received by Luke Budd and the Donald Juchartz Award for community service was presented to Ethan Delaney.

During the meeting, Belleville Rotary Club President Mary Jo Suchy offered a welcome, including an explanation of what Rotary is and a summary of club activities helping individual citizens, communities and other charities in carrying on their work.

Each of the awardees thanked Rotary and spoke about his or her plans going forward and how the scholarships will assist in

reaching academic goals.

The meeting included an encouraging talk by Van Buren Township Clerk Leon Wright who gave some words of inspiration to the awardees and further discussed the importance of civic engagement as they move forward in their lives and careers.

"The Rotary is happy to celebrate these amazing young individuals, who have all contributed so well to their communities, their school and their families," president Suchy said.

After the presentations, Suchy, who is also Scholarship Committee chairperson, thanked all the attendees, the scholarship committee, and any others whose work made the evening possible.

Since its inception, Rotary Club of Belleville has awarded \$642,500 to Belleville High School students in the club's scholarship program. This year, as in recent years, the primary funding source for the program has been the Charles B. Cozadd Rotary Foundation which assists the club in the funding many of its projects.

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Court Watching

Lawson bound over to circuit court on charges in Parkwood shooting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Samantha Ann Lawson of Taylor was bound over to circuit court for a May 31 arraignment on the information on charges surrounding a shooting into a residence in Parkwood Apartments in Van Buren Township on April 19.

Lawson was before 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley on May 24 for a live preliminary exam on charges of 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 May 24, the prosecutor dismissed the assault with intent to murder charge and one weapons charge and proceeded on the other four charges.

Lawson had been in the Wayne County Jail since her arrest on April 26, unable to raise \$75,000 cash bond.

Her defense attorney asked for a reduction of bond, saying she is 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.

Judge Oakley reduced the bond to \$75,000 personal and she was to have no contact with the victim or the site of the incident. She also was to wear a location tether so police would know where she was.

Judge Oakley also urged her to take care of her unpaid civil infraction on the court record.

Van Buren Township police were called to the 9100 block of Parkwood Dr. at about 2 a.m. on April 19, responding to multiple calls of gunshots in the area.

The female victim told officers that Lawson came to her residence to confront her verbally outside the residence concerning Lawson's former boyfriend. Then Lawson reportedly went to her vehicle, retrieved a handgun, and fired at least one shot at the victim's residence.

Police said there were multiple people

inside the residence, including two children, but there were no reported injuries.

Moose Poker Run is 'To Hell and Back for the Kids' on June 25

The Ypsilanti Moose 782 is hosting a Poker Run – "To Hell and Back for the Kids" – open to the public on Sunday, June 25.

Registration is 10 a.m. and cost in advance is \$30 person and \$45 on the day of the event. This includes a T-shirt and lunch at the Hell Saloon in Hell, MI. Start time is 11 a.m. and award time is 4 p.m.

The event will start at Moose Lodge 782, 5506 Stoney Creek Rd., Ypsilanti 48197.

Those wishing to register early are invited to come to the Moose Lodge from 4 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 6, through Thursday, June 8. For more information, contact ypsimoose782@gmail.com.



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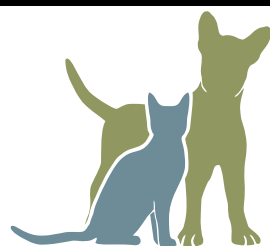


VFW Commander John Blackstone told the crowd at Monday's Memorial Day service in Belleville that they almost didn't hold the event because of the physical illnesses of many of their members and their spouses. They put it together as best they could because so many wanted it, but it was brief – just a half hour this year. The VFW/PLAV Post report three new members, so it hopes for renewed strength with the younger members.

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Graduating senior Jue' Peoples never missed a day of school

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She attends Canton Preparatory High School and had attended Achieve Charter Academy (K-8).

She is a member of National High Society and Yearbook Club. She also participated in Key Club, varsity volleyball, varsity cross country, and varsity track, in addition to being a Girl Scout (first through 12th grades). Through her community service efforts with Girl Scouts, she was also awarded a State of Michigan Special Tribute.

Jue' will be graduating on Saturday, June 3, with her high school diploma as well as her associate degree from Wayne County Community College District, with a grade point average of 4.1. Jue' will be attending Eastern Michigan University in the fall on a full tuition-based scholarship.

Her parents are Christopher and Alexis



Jue Peoples

Peoples and she has a younger brother Jordan Peoples, all residing in Van Buren Township.

Clean up to garden path reveals names from past in Sumpter Township

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A volunteer at the Sumpter Senior Center noticed the path in the garden behind the center had grown over. When he started cleaning back the grass from the stone path, he found dozens of names engraved on the stones.

He cleaned the grass from the stones and the names of Viann and Marvin Banotai, Just Bad Foods, Barbara Rogalle Miller, John and Bea Morgan, Barb Dudek, Lee and Judy Jordan, Eddie and May Womack,

Louie and Mary Herring, Adam Johnson, and more.

Senior Coordinator Maryann Watson said before she was there, she believes in the early 1990s, people donated \$5 each to put their names on a stone in the path to benefit the Sumpter seniors.

She said the raised garden beds next to the paths were later put in place by Township Trustee Bill Hamm and the volunteer, who does not wish to be named, got them ready for planting again this season and the seniors put their plants in place.

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The 4th Annual Splurge Day to honor the Jeremy Stovall Memorial Foundation is coming up this Saturday, June 3, from noon to 4 p.m. at Crafted Gift Shop & Beanery on Main Street in Belleville. Enjoy concession trucks, carnival games,

giveaways, silent auction, face painting, arts and crafts and a bounce house.

The Belleville Farmer's Market is set to return for another summer, starting Monday, June 5, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at Fourth Street Place in front of the library and across the street at Fourth Street Square. Expect both venues to be filled with vendors and crafters selling everything from flowers and vegetables to baked goods and candles and other crafts. The event coincides with the Monday Night Main Street Cruise Classic Car Show. See the Belleville Central Business Community's ad in today's paper for the names of the presenting sponsors. Visit them on Facebook at Belleville Farmers Market. For vendor info, call Janet Millard at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

It was a beautiful day for the ribbon cutting official grand opening of Gloria Jean Café and Bakery on Main Street on May 25. I've been to many grand opening events with the Belleville Chamber of Commerce and this one was one of the largest attended I've ever been to, so many that we had to line up in front of the first row of parked cars for the official photo. It was impossible to get all the names of everyone, but I did manage to get a list from the business owners, Jim and Dawn Majewski, from Belleville and their employees, so that was great. Attending were fellow business owners, chamber members, local government officials, and community residents from everywhere. Be sure to see the picture in today's paper. What a great turnout. I love my small town.

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VBT approves first step in special assessment district for Homestead

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its brief regular meeting on May 16, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved the first step in setting up a special assessment district for road improvements to Homestead Condominiums.

Homestead has about 100.62 acres of property and is located east of Morton Taylor Road and north of Ecorse Road.

The public hearing on the SAD is expected to be set for June 6. Officers of the homeowners association and contractor Allied Construction were present at the meeting. They said 58% of the homeowners signed the petition in favor of putting their share of the upgrades on their taxes over five years.

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the township loans the money to the township's own HOAs to upgrade their roads and keep them in good shape.

He said the Haggerty subdivision and Greenbriar projects are complete.

In other business at the 18-minute meeting, the township board:

- Approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance that authorizes a single solid waste hauler, establishes guidelines, and authorizes a user fee for service. This is in preparation for township residents having to pay for their trash collection;

- Approved a revised memo of understanding with the Wayne County Land Bank Authority, as requested by the authority, for about \$5,583.33 in funding to support demolition of a structure on the 4.25 acres of township property located at 39600 Tyler Rd., the former dog pound. An estimated cost of demolition is \$8,000-\$9,600, based on preliminary bids;

- Approved the resolution passed by the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) to amend its bylaws to have its regular meetings on a quarterly basis at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Denise Partridge to the Water & Sewer Commission with a term to expire June 1, 2025;

- Held a moment of silence in memory of Denise Willoughby who died suddenly on May 13. She was a Kindergarten teacher for 42 years, serving at Haggerty, Tyler, and Edgemont schools; served with Boy Scout Troop 231 for 16 years; and was a member of the township's Recreation Committee. Supervisor McNamara said, "She was a wonderful volunteer";

- Heard Supervisor McNamara put out a call of volunteers who are badly needed to deliver Meals on Wheels and work the food pantry. He said this need for volunteers is a county-wide problem; and

- Heard Treasurer Sharry Budd announce the township hall will be closed from 1 to 5 p.m. on May 17 for active shooter training.

Clerk Leon Wright and Trustee Kevin Martin were absent and excused from the May 16 meeting.

Zachary Porcaro of BHS awarded \$1,400 MEA Scholarship for 2023

The Michigan Education Association announced Friday the recipients of the 2023 MEA Scholarships, honoring exemplary public school students from across the state who will be attending a Michigan public university this fall.

Among the 422 applications submitted for scholarship awards this year, the MEA Scholarship Fund Trustees chose 23 new award recipients who will each receive \$1,400, including Zachary Porcaro from Belleville High School.

In addition, 19 repeat winners who are already enrolled in college will receive \$700 each.

Since 1997, the MEA Scholarship Fund has awarded over 800 scholarships totaling \$912,890 to graduates of Michigan public high schools.

To be eligible for the MEA Scholarship, applicants must be a dependent of an MEA member or an MEA-retired member in good standing. The general criteria for awarding the scholarships include

academic achievement, extra-curricular activities, and school and community service.

The MEA Scholarship Fund is financed through voluntary contributions of members, staff and friends of the Michigan Education Association.

Crane Engineering acquires VBT's Professional Pump, Inc.

Crane Engineering, one of the Midwest's providers of fluid technology solutions, announces it has acquired Professional Pump, Inc., 41300 Coca-Cola Dr., Van Buren Township, a distributor of pumps and fluid process equipment.

The acquisition of Professional Pump, Inc. expands Crane Engineering's service locations to include its headquarters and OptiFlow Design Center in Kimberly, Wisconsin, service centers in Burnsville and Grand Rapids, Minnesota and now its new location in Van Buren Township.

Founded in 1985 by Mike O'Donohue and headquartered in Van Buren Township, Professional Pump serves industrial, sanitary, and municipal customers throughout Michigan and Northwest Ohio. Professional Pump offers full application engineering capability and comprehensive repair and service solutions for rotating equipment.

"Professional Pump has an outstanding team of high-caliber people who align well with our values and culture," said Lance Crane, CEO of Crane Engineering. "We can learn from one another to enhance our customer experience, deliver more value to our customers, and elevate Crane Engineering's leadership position in the Midwest."

Mike O'Donohue and his existing management team will remain with the company.

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No one comes to object to ban of wells in RACER Trust area

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Nobody came to a public information session on May 18 to object to a proposed Van Buren Township ordinance that would ban water wells around RACER Trust property in the northwestern part of the township at Ecorse Road and Michigan Avenue.

Those from RACER, which stands for Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response Trust, thought it was a good sign that nobody objected. They had knocked on doors to present flyers announcing the meeting at the mobile home park area adjoining the RACER property and sent notices by mail to General Motors and Ford Motor Company which own adjoining sites.

They said nobody was home in the mobile home park and they were probably at work. Only a small area of the park is involved in the proposed ban.

While waiting for someone to show up at the public session, Thomas E. Peters, consultant from the Mannik Smith Group, spoke on behalf of the project and showed his power point presentation giving details. He said the 68-acre site was an agricultural

site in the 1940s and in the late 1960s a landfill was started there for the city of Detroit. He said car parts were dumped there along with other waste. Later GM got involved and in 2011 it became a part of the RACER project.

It has been vacant since then with vegetation.

Peters said the auto parts brought iron to the site and that iron in the water can bring gastric distress, if ingested. He said there is not a great deal of concern for human health exposure. The biggest concern is the ecology of the site.

He said there was an initial site assessment in 2002-3 and additional soil and groundwater assessments in 2011-17.

Peters said the site has 10-15' of sand, 70-80' of thick clay, a 10' layer, and then shale bedrock.

He said more than 30 test wells have been on the site since 2015 and the testing will continue for the foreseeable future.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency oversees the site and there is a restrictive covenant that it will be maintained as non-residential and if soil leaves the site it will have proper disposal. The soil cover and vegetation will be

maintained or replaced.

They did an ecological solution for the 6.5 acre portion in the middle of the site where soil was added. He said the site is 68 acres total and 40 acres of that was disturbed.

The groundwater remedy is for the restrictive covenant to keep wells off the site and restrict wells from the surrounding area.

Peters said there are six or eight different property owners adjoining the RACER site, from Denton to the Washtenaw county line, including a few homes in the mobile home park, with all units hooked up to township water. There is another RACER site it adjoins.

There are no water wells at all in the targeted area, Peters said.

RACER has asked the township to enact an ordinance to ban drinking water wells from that area, as approved by the EPA, and it is expected to be on the June 20 township board meeting agenda for the first reading.

Ron Akers, Van Buren Township director of municipal services, said that night's meeting was set up for anyone who had any questions.

Besides Peters and Director Akers, also present at the meeting that brought no one to ask questions were Dan Power, director of building and economic development, Steven Black and Patricia Spitzley from RACER, and the *Independent*.

Sumpter Twp. Board approves six new Tasers for police department

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on May 23, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees approved purchase of six new Taser X26P units for the police department at a cost of

Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said the current units were purchased in 2016 and one was recently sent in for repair and subsequently deemed unrepairable due to its age.

"I expect other to follow in short order," he wrote into a memo to the board.


In other business, the board:

- Approved the updated Township Manager position description;
- Approved the Wayne County Parks Grant 2022-23 expenditures of up to \$13,000 lighting along the road throughout all of Banotai Park. The cost includes \$4,800 DTE cost for an electrical service drop at the Wear Road entrance, \$4,100 DPW site preparation for fotters and lighting install, and \$3,100 for lighting fixtures. The lights are mainly for public safety teams;
- Heard that Martinsville Cemetery is being cleaned up for Memorial Day. It was noted the words "perpetual care" is on the paperwork for every lot they sell and they haven't done a lot in that regard. Workers from the 34th District Court were there recently and picked up a ton of leaves and a bunch of branches and a local tree service ground them up as a service;
- Was reminded that the Council of Western Wayne will be meeting at the


Sumpter Township Hall on June 9;


- Heard Jo Gardner thank Eric Partridge for the many hours he spent leveling the ground for the shed provided by the DPW for their Butterfly Garden in Banotai Park. She asked when the dock was going to be installed because she doesn't like to fish from the shore. Township Manager Anthony Burdick said it wouldn't be this year, but perhaps next spring or early summer. She asked if they are going to stock fish again and if they check the quality of the water for swimmers. She pointed out the poor attendance for the two work days set to clean the parks and said they need a parks person who knows what is needed. She said three years ago, Home Depot was going to send a crew to help at the park, but the date was changed at the last minute which was a problem. She said since she's been working at the park, there are double the amount of autumn olives, an invasive species; and
- Heard resident Mary Ban compliment the township for the beautiful flowers in planters around township hall. She also said she is one of the volunteers who have been meeting at Van Buren Township to help set a direction for the museum that has been closed for more than three years. She also spoke of her support of paving Judd Road to Rawsonville and said everyone is welcome to the Bible Study group which meets on Tuesday mornings at the community center.

Supervisor Tim Bowman was absent and Trustee Tim Rush chaired the meeting.



City of Belleville Public Notice





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-
Public Improvement Fund	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
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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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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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

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June 1, 2023

Commissioners advised: Do not eat the fish from Belleville Lake

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Members of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission talked about the fish in Belleville Lake during their May 17 regular meeting.

Commissioner Jill Yob reported seeing people carrying fish from the lake and hoped they weren't going to eat the fish.

Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said the current advisory on the Huron River is not to eat the fish.

"Last I heard, you can eat some fish in moderation," said Larry Lockett, director of public services.

Director Akers read from the advisory he had pulled up on his laptop: "The do not eat advisory includes Belleville Lake." He said some fish can be eaten from the Huron River after it passes under I-275 to the east and then to Lake Erie, where the advisory is lifted.

Commissioners shared stories of seeing people fishing and taking the fish home.

Commissioner Benjamin Ross said a couple of meetings ago, the commission talked about putting up signs with the fish warning, but he hasn't seen any up.

Akers said he would follow up with the Huron River Watershed Council which can tell him where to buy the signs.

Akers turned his laptop towards each member of the commission in turn so they could read the Do Not Eat Advisory for Belleville Lake.

Smell in the air brings concern

Commissioner Ross said that a smell had been in the air that his wife and others had smelled coming from the area of the toxic landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive.

Akers said when he was advised, he went out to the area and did not notice any odor. If there are strong odors emanating from a facility in the township, he advised commissioners to call the Department of Community Services at (734) 699-8926 during business hours or the Department of Public Safety at (734) 699-8930 outside of business hours. He said township staff will forward that information to the MDEQ or another agency for follow up.

He said sometimes the asphalt plant next

door to the landfill has odors.

"Next time, send out a woman," said chairman Norm DeBuck, adding he is convinced women can see cobwebs better and have a better sense of smell.

Seeking erosion sites

Akers said that the upcoming watershed management plan will have an erosion unit and the Huron River Watershed Council is looking for erosion sites to put in the plan. They need the locations to support their grant applications, he said.

Akers said he knows of the eroded site on Quirk Road west of Belleville Road.

Commissioner Tony Gibson said another location is at Van Buren Park on the west slope of the beach.

Akers asked commissioners to let them know about other locations, so he can pass them on to the HRWC.

Discussion on seawalls

Chairman DeBuck said he had a question about the specifications for seawalls. He said he had to put in a steel seawall and while he wanted it straight, he had to go along the shape of the shore.

DeBuck said he believes that the baskets with stones inside do a better job of absorbing the energy of the waves. Akers said the state used to encourage the use of rocks and now they don't and he doesn't know why.

DeBuck said steel seawalls echo the energy back out into the lake with waves. He said he has investigated this while boating and can see the action on both kinds of seawalls.

Akers said you can break up the energy of waves with big rocks. He said he will reach out to the state to see what their recommendation is now.

Township Trustee Donald Boynton, board liaison to the commission, asked what the speed was on the lake and Ross said it was 40 mph. Trustee Boynton suggested lowering the speed limit.

DeBuck said the faster a boat goes, the less wave there is.

Boynton asked if a house boat would create more waves and Ross said pontoon boats float on top of the water and have less displacement.

Ross said bassboats go 70 mph on the lake and there is no enforcement.

Hazardous Waste Forum

Akers said he was glad some of the commissioners were able to attend the May 4 Hazardous Waste Forum at Wayne County Community College hosted by U.S. Representatives Debbie Dingell, Rasida Tlaib, and Shri Thanedar, along with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans.

Representatives were there from the EPA, EGLE, Norfolk Southern railroad, and Republic Services, which now owns the hazardous waste landfill in Van Buren Township.

DeBuck, who attended the forum, said he was concerned about the tipping fees to Michigan landfills which was said to be much cheaper than those fees in surrounding states and Canada.

Trustee Boynton said the tipping fees were discussed by Rep. Dingell and she said other places the tipping fees are from \$11 to \$13 a ton and in Michigan it is 39 cents a ton and that needs to be changed. Dingell said she and others were working on that.

Paying for trash pickup

Akers reported that Van Buren Township is making the transition to having a solid waste contractor and township officials had a meeting that morning with Waste Management, who was chosen as the contractor.

He said they are finalizing the contract, which will be coming back to the township board for action. The trash pickup, which will be paid by residents instead of being free as in the past, will begin July 1.

Commissioners asked about the details and Akers said the charges for residents would be less than \$14 a month and would be put on the property tax bill in two parts, half on the summer tax and half on the winter tax.

There would be one bulk item per month

and residents would have to call and schedule that pickup.

Denton Road Bridge

The commissioners asked for an update on the Denton Road Bridge construction and Akers said the township board approved a contract with Fishbeck Engineers to design the bridge. He said the kickoff meeting was to be on May 18.

Proposed elimination of wells

Akers said on May 18 the township was hosting a public meeting to discuss RACER Trust's proposal to eliminate wells in a certain area in the northwest corner of the township. RACER's site is near the corner of Ecorse Road and Michigan Avenue. The proposal is for the township to pass an ordinance banning wells in this area to address site-related contaminated groundwater there.


There are no wells in that area and everyone is on the township water system, Akers said. He said the EPA wants the site to be brought up to development status.

Denton/Mott roads fixed


Commissioner Ronald Merritt said he had asked the township about the bad road conditions in the Denton/Mott road area and it is now fixed up. He said the potholes are filled, it's graded, and sprayed for dust. "It looks great," he said. He thanked Akers and Lockett who talked to those at Wayne County Roads to get it attended to. They had to make a lot of calls, they agreed.

Camping World

Commissioner Yob said her family uses Camping World a lot and she wanted to know if the Van Buren Township site would ever reopen. Akers said Camping World finally decided the original design with all the approvals would be built and the newer layout was abandoned.



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 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.

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Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer

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VBT DDA to host four Wednesday concerts in June at Harris Park

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

There are going to be a lot of free outdoor concerts in the area this summer. The Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority announced it will host four summer concerts from 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays in June in Harris Park.

DDA Executive Director Merrie Coburn told the DDA at its regular meeting April 25 that she has arranged at least one food truck for each concert in the series, which is called "Mid-Week Music in Harris Park."

They are: The Tequila Mockingbirds on June 7, the Scott Martin Band on June 14, Sinjon Smith on June 21, and Mob Opera on June 28.

She said they will not be needing a stage since these are small musical groups and they will be under a cover.

Also on Wednesdays June 14 and 28 there will be free outdoor concerts at Wayne County Community College at 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township.

In addition, Coburn said the township's Recreation Department will be hosting 7 p.m. concerts at Quirk Park on a stage for the last three Wednesdays in July: July 12, Motor City Soul; July 19, The Rhythm Kings; and July 26, Toppermost. A Frios Gourmet Popsicle Food Truck will be present at all three concerts.

On Thursdays, starting June 15 and going on throughout the summer, there will be 7

p.m. Music Lakeside concerts at Horizon Park in the city of Belleville. There are ten concerts this year, with the first one being during the time the goats are on the shoreline eating the brush.

Coburn reported she is continuing to work with the Western Wayne Food Truck Consortium to obtain a list of approved food trucks to visit Harris Park.

She also announced that Midwest Sculptures will be taking out its current artworks and installing its new outdoor sculptures in the township and the city of Belleville on May 18. The Van Buren Township and city of Belleville DDAs are paying for the yearly leases of the sculptures.

In other business at the 38-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Approved the submission of an application for a SEMCOG Planning Assistance Grant for \$43,200 and agreed to its 20% match of \$10,800 for a total of \$54,000. She listed three township studies now under way, including the Belleville Road Corridor Operational and Safety Study, a Truck Route Study on Belleville Road, and a Pedestrian Traffic Study, precursor to the Tyler Road sidewalk and the I-94 South Service Drive sidewalk and the update of the Belleville Road Streetscape. Coburn said the township will score higher on the grant application since it already has studies started;

- Approved a motion to direct Coburn to start discussions with Clover Communities and Wayne County about the 402.41-linear-foot, 27-foot-wide Belleville Road right-of-way that the DDA bought from Clover in the past for future road widening and sidewalks. The value of that portion of the DDA purchase at 8470 Belleville Rd. is \$25,326. Clover has found that it needs this right-of-way back to comply with county rules for construction of the deceleration lane for its 128-unit senior apartment complex. DDA members suggested the DDA might be able to just deed the property directly to the county, since that is who would own it after the township widens Belleville Road and installs sidewalks;

- Approved spending \$1,400 to replace, stake, and mulch two or three trees in the streetscape in front of Trinity Episcopal Church on Belleville Road. "It's the front door to our community," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara of the location. "They might have been mowed down by a car anyway," said DDA chairman Craig Atchinson;

- Directed Coburn to get the estimated costs for replacing just half of the winter banners on the lightpoles, putting them on every other pole. There are 72 lightpoles and replacing all the 10-year-old winter banners with the needed banner arms is costly. The winter banners get the worst wear and tear and need to be replaced, Atchinson said. C2A Enterprises did an inventory on the banner arms and determined 62 needed to be replaced at

an estimated cost of \$62,849.40. They are getting estimates from three companies to find the best price for different options;

- Heard Coburn announce that Congresswoman Debbie Dingell notified the township that she has included VBT's request for \$6 million as part of her FY 2024 congressional budget for allocations for the Belleville Road Road Widening project. This is the first step and the budget has yet to be passed. There are 14 needed parcels for right-of-way needed for the widening and sidewalks. Letters have been sent out to property owners by OR Colan. Each property will have a land appraisal and landscape appraisal and will have a title search to ensure there are no liens;

- Learned also that U.S. Senator Peters has included in his FY 2024 allocations the DDA's request for \$60,000 for the VBT Small Businesses Get on the MAP (Master, Advance and Prosper) Program. This is just the first step as the budget has to be approved. Coburn said this funding will support instruction for small businesses regarding business planning, micro-lending, access to capital and workforce development. Supervisor McNamara said the DDA district doesn't have small businesses and most are chains. Coburn said e-commerce is having a big impact on small businesses and some business need help. She said this is to keep the businesses that are here now and now have vacancies like in Monroe. She said this will help certify that VBT is a small-business-ready community.

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.

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Briana Hootman
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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

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 324 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, May 21:

0003 – assist other dept., Savage Rd./Martinsville
0015 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0132 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0221 – shooting, Michigan Ave.
0232 – traffic offense, NB I-275/Ecorse
0359 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0511 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1009 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
1140 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1259 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1351 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse/Kirkridge Park
1504 – assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.
1530 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.
1831 – larceny, Nautica Dr.
2020 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
2022 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fairfield Dr./Lancaster Dr.
2208 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2312 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2343 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lindsey Dr.

Monday, May 22:

0033 – suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0246 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville Rd.
0433 – property damage accident, Hannan/Wabash
0637 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0826 – juvenile complaint, Ash Dr.
0901 – assist citizen, Western St.
0925 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1053 – assist other dept., Main/Huron River
1243 – assist other dept., Monroe County Jail
1333 – property damage accident, Dellor St.
1451 – 911 welfare check, Edgedale Dr.
1535 – fraud, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1541 – follow up by officer, W. Huron River Dr.
1604 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1658 – motorist assist, Belleville/S. I-94 Service
1727 – vehicle lock out, Belleville Rd.
1752 – assist other dept., Tyler Rd.
1800 – civil matter, Lake Crest Dr.
2052 – neighbor trouble, Lindsey Dr.
2211 – repossession, Belleville Rd.
2211 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2234 – 911 welfare check, Bog Rd.
2354 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.
2359 – juvenile complaint, Andover Dr.

Tuesday, May 23:

0132 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lacy Dr.
0202 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd.
0311 – suicidal person, Sondra Dr.
0639 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0641 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Ecorse
0713 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0801 – disorderly, Ecorse Rd.
0809 – juvenile complaint, Savage/Country Walk
0850 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1155 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Van Buren St.
1234 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
1236 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1305 – civil matter, Kent Ln.
1319 – warrant arrest, W. Michigan
1359 – property damage accident, Belleville/Quirk
1412 – road hazard, Parkwood Dr.
1559 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1625 – issue gun permit, Tyler Rd.
1649 – suicidal person, Elwell Rd.
1658 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1718 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1825 – domestic, Alden Ave.
1943 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1943 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2036 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2058 – welfare check, Bellridge
2102 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

2103 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2232 – juvenile complaint, Andover Dr.
Wednesday, May 24:
0129 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake
0142 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0148 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0316 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0550 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0602 – welfare check, Truman
0717 – animal complaint, Huron River Dr.
1037 – mental subject, Maude Ct.
1059 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1157 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
1210 – sexual assault, Village Green Ln.
1221 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service/Belleville
1228 – overdose, Maurice Dr.
1356 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1419 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Landmark/Patriot Ln.
1454 – intrusion alarm, Briarwood Ct.
1531 – misc. complaint, Park Estates Dr.
1558 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1647 – threat, Hamilton St.
1911 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1912 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
1921 – traffic offense, Wildbrook
2050 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2100 – assault & battery, Parkside Dr.
2102 – neighbor trouble, Shelley Dr.

Thursday, May 25:

0042 – assist fire dept., Bemis/Haggerty
0135 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
0310 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0418 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0749 – civil matter, E. Schooner Dr.
0757 – motorist assist, Denton Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0902 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd.
0918 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
0952 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1107 – follow up by officer, Rose Blvd.
1206 – juvenile complaint, Tyler Rd.
1237 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, N. Cumberland Dr.
1301 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1359 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Tyler Rd./Quirk Rd.
1539 – larceny, Country Ln.
1552 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake
1653 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood Dr.

1733 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1735 – property damage accident, Belleville/Yost
1742 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1744 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1815 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1910 – vehicle lockout, Beck Rd.
1936 – disorderly, Andover Dr.
2020 – road hazard, Belleville/I-94 N. Service
2214 – warrant arrest, Michigan/Sheldon
2306 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2359 – family trouble, Haggerty Rd.

Friday, May 26:

0124 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0548 – abandoned auto, Van Born/S. Lilley
0755 – parking complaint, Solitude Ln.
0951 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1028 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1227 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1255 – fraud, Colonial Rd.
1336 – civil matter, Riggs Rd.
1353 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wildbrook Dr.
1400 – assist fire dept., Robson Rd.
1424 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1450 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1504 – suicidal person, Tyler Rd.
1521 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1545 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
1556 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
1615 – assist other dept., Outer Dr.
1632 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1642 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.

1900 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1903 – road hazard, N. I-275/Ecorse
1909 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1910 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1920 – parking complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1921 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1958 – assist fire dept., Savage Rd.
2006 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2027 – animal complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
2119 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
2138 – welfare check, Mott/Denton
2202 – welfare check, Capitol Dr.
2229 – neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.
2315 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Andover Dr.
Saturday, May 27:
0036 – assist fire dept., Martz Rd.
0101 – welfare check, Harmony Ln.
0230 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0238 – property damage accident, Bradley Dr.
0242 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service

Dr.
0452 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
0535 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
0647 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.
0900 – misc. complaint, Ayres Ave.
0909 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0928 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1058 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1059 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1119 – missing person, Denton Rd.
1125 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1201 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1214 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1312 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / I-94 Service Dr.
1332 – assist other dept., Van Born Rd.
1405 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Huron River Dr./Hoeft Rd.
1454 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1524 – noise complaint, Dewitt Rd.
1545 – traffic offense, Belleville/Main
1721 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bog Rd.
1902 – disorderly, DNR Boat Launch/Rawsonville
1907 – lake complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2121 – juvenile complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2135 – domestic, Sawgrass Ct.
2230 – parking complaint, N. Cumberland Dr. / Haverhill Rd.

Also on this week's log are 134 traffic stops, 25 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 21:

0210 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash St.
0222 – traffic stop, E. Wabash/South St.
0241 – welfare check, Henry St.
0340 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
0405 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1410 – traffic stop, W. Wabash Ave./South St.
1426 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1619 – traffic stop, South St.
1653 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1722 – traffic stop, Church St./High St.
1743 – juvenile complaint, Denton bridge
1751 – traffic stop, Main St.
1956 – traffic stop, W. Columbia/Edison St.
2014 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Madelon
2029 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
2106 – traffic stop, Arlene Arbors
2134 – traffic stop, Bay Pointe Dr./W. Huron River
2150 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
2210 – motorist assist, N. Liberty St./Third St.
2331 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd.

Monday, May 22:

0003 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0054 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
0252 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0302 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0504 – warrant arrest, Ecorse
0551 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0612 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

0953 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Estrada
1052 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
1056 – road hazard, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.
1140 – civil matter, Anaheim St.
1853 – domestic, Belle Villa Blvd.
2231 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence
Tuesday, May 23:
0256 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0559 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
0632 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0908 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
1003 – assist other dept., N. Liberty St.
1022 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1512 – noise complaint, Bedell St.
1610 – sexual assault, W. Columbia Ave.
1610 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Henry St.
2011 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2056 – traffic stop, Third St./N. Liberty St.
2118 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs

Wednesday, May 24:

0031 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln. / E. Thornhill Ct.
0211 – traffic stop, Tuscan Manor
0611 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0841 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
0845 – parking complaint, alley of Main and First
0910 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
0920 – fraud, Main St.
1013 – juvenile complaint, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1112 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1233 – traffic stop, South St.
1241 – traffic stop, Second St.
1254 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
1314 – assist citizen, N. Biggs Ave.
1409 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1413 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1459 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty St.
1630 – traffic stop, Harbour Pointe Dr./W. Huron River Dr.
1657 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.
1756 – noise complaint, Potter Dr.
1934 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./South St.
1954 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2024 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell St.
2300 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.
Thursday, May 25:
0021 – traffic stop, Huron River Dr./W. Columbia
0226 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0457 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1144 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1227 – suspicious person, vehicle, circumstance, Carmell/Belle Villa Blvd.
1410 – private property impound, South St.
1721 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1849 – misc. complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1907 – vehicle lockout, Beck Rd.
1945 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola St.
1958 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./High St.
2105 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2204 – warrant arrest, Huron River Dr.

Friday, May 26:

0951 – 911 welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.
1711 – larceny from auto, Fourth St.
1812 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1950 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
1959 – assist fire dept., Savage Rd.
2007 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.
2107 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
2158 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2205 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2216 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2226 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2259 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
2301 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon

Saturday, May 27:

0115 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Angola
0122 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
0318 – assist other dept., Lake Villa Dr.
1417 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
1531 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.
1544 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Main St.
1641 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1955 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola
2028 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Bedell
2044 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./S. Liberty
2128 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2202 – juvenile complaint, Main St.
2237 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Aberdeen Ct.
2320 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
There are 55 traffic stops on this week's log.



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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, May 21:

0346 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
0441 – 911 hang up, Utah Ct.
0734 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0835 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0934 – 911 hangup, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1034 – lost property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1214 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
1242 – welfare check, 5100 bl. Judd Rd.
1525 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1541 – shots fired, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1706 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1742 – family trouble, Utah St.
1748 – welfare check, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1812 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
2049 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2053 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Creekside Dr.

2055 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow Rd. / Sumpter Rd.

2305 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
2315 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2348 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.

Monday, May 22:

0249 – follow up investigation, Creekside Dr.
0401 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0459 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
0736 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1117 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1420 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1440 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1537 – animal complaint, Oregon St.
1932 – ORV complaint, Wear Rd./Clark Rd.
1954 – traffic complaint/hazard, California
2023 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.
2220 – noise complaint, Magnolia Dr.
2247 – noise complaint, Maine St.

Tuesday, May 23:

0320 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.
1231 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1323 – 911 hang up, Bemis/Savage
1642 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.
1719 – citizen assist, Virginia St.
1734 – unauthorized driving away of vehicle, Brookview Dr.
1816 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1904 – property damage accident, Wear/Sumpter
1932 – juvenile matter, Creekside Dr.
1934 – family trouble, Colorado St.

1957 – property damage accident, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

2023 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2032 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.
2043 – neighbor dispute, Delaware St.
2337 – shots fired, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

Wednesday, May 24:

0445 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
0528 – citizen assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0801 – mental health call, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0817 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0921 – animal complaint, Willow/Rawsonville
1017 – citizen assist, Martinsville/Clay
1024 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1101 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1213 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1236 – citizen assist, 25000 bl. sumpter Rd.
1345 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1400 – follow up investigation, 21000 bl. Elwell
1436 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1508 – traffic complaint/hazard, 47000 bl. Lohr
1508 – traffic complaint/hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis
1536 – fraud complaint, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1742 – alarm, 4900 bl. Oakville Waltz
1832 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis
1955 – suspicious person, California/Iowa
2002 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2148 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.

Thursday, May 25:

0036 – personal injury accident, Bemis/Savage
0150 – family trouble, Maine St.
0157 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0414 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0738 – animal complaint, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1120 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1208 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1223 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1343 – property damage accident, Delaware St.
1420 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1458 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1542 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1603 – animal complaint, Birch Dr.
1620 – juvenile matter, Wayside Dr.
1658 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1733 – death investigation, 21000 bl. Martinsville
1738 – fraud complaint, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1846 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1915 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2054 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2110 – noise complaint, Delaware St.
2315 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2329 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Friday, May 26:

0913 – 911 hang up, Magnolia/Birch
0922 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1129 – death investigation, 19000 bl. Sherwood
1211 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd
1235 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1256 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.
1412 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1422 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1639 – fire dept. assist, Alaska St.
1705 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1721 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
1735 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.
1817 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis
1821 – neighbor dispute, Texas St.
1911 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Haggerty
1954 – mental health call, Nevada St.
2113 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.

2136 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.

2343 – suspicious circumstance, Martinsville Rd. / Willis Rd.

Saturday, May 27:

1007 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1155 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1641 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1644 – disorderly person, Maine St.
1820 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1840 – traffic complaint/hazard, Carleton West Rd. / Willow Rd.

1942 – felony warrant arrest, Texas St.

1943 – reckless driver complaint, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
2029 – malicious destruction of property, 18000 bl. Martinsville

2057 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
2212 – civil matter, Utah Ct.
2306 – follow-up investigation, Utah Ct.

Also on this week's log are 76 patrol checks, 22 traffic stops, and seven misc. details.

Birthdays

June 1 – Nathan Millard

June 2 – Carla Bragenzer

June 3 – Issaic Dabney, Shawnee Lawson

June 4 – Mark Rosenthal, John Juriga

June 5 – Stacy VanAssche, William Millard

June 6 – Annie Winnie, Lois Bachman, Debra Green

June 7 – Leonard Armstrong, Tony Tomaino, Janice Wright, David Papin, Denise Korotney

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Anniversaries

June 4 – Roger and Diane Ferguson, 63 years

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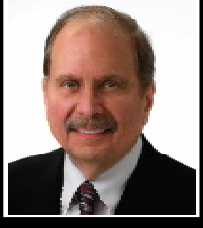
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