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## VBT board votes to join Waste Management in wetlands lawsuit

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
 Independent Editor

After a 45-minute closed-door session June 21, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously in open session to join Waste Management of Michigan in a civil lawsuit against the Wayne County Conservation District concerning wetlands. Trustee Sherry Frazier was absent and excused.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said it couldn't be discussed publicly because it was a legal subject, but later said the *Independent's* linking this to the wet-mesic flatwoods – a rare forested wetlands -- was correct.

In statements broadcast by Channel 7 News last October, Wayne County Conservation District Executive Director Dr. Constance M. Boris said she is furious that the state of Michigan is allowing one of the seven rare wetlands known to be left in Michigan to be destroyed. The largest such wetland is on Belle Isle.

One of the wet-mesic flatwoods is on property owned by Waste Management in Van Buren Township near I-275, she said.

In 2019, Waste Management asked Michigan's Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to allow it to expand its Woodland Meadows landfill. Waste Management told the state it needed more room at the landfill, but expanding its capacity meant filling in at least 44 acres of wetlands, including about 12 acres of rare wet-mesic flatwoods.

In October of 2020, EGLE approved its permit. The Wayne County Conservation District tried to challenge that decision in court but lost. An administrative law judge said the Conservation District did not have standing in the case.

EGLE did require Waste Management to create and restore 70 acres of new wetlands and to preserve 22 acres of existing forested wetlands in exchange for the landfill

Dr. Boris said the wet-mesic flatwoods is a super sponge with big trees, some over 200 years old, that have roots taking up all the water. She said she feared losing the rare wetland in Van Buren Township could make the flooding in Wayne County worse than it already is.

expansion. The landfill mitigation will be miles away in a different watershed.

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Even though the construction was already approved at Woodland Meadows, the Wayne County Conservation District appealed EGLE's decision to the state's Environmental Permit Review Commission, which has higher standing. In December the commission reversed the administrative law judge's order dismissing the matter for lack of standing. The panel determined that the Wayne County Conservation District was an "aggrieved" person and able to petition for a contested case hearing regarding the permit. So, this went back to the administrative law judge to hear the merits of the case and determine whether Waste Management's permit was properly issued.

Boris and her attorney Gerard Mantese also took Waste Management to Wayne County Circuit Court and got a court order and Waste Management agreed to pause the construction at the wetland site in the northwest quarter of the property for six months to give the circuit court case time to be resolved. After several court sessions this year on that case, the settlement conference was adjourned to Sept. 22 and a case evaluation set for Nov. 10.



Photo courtesy of Khalil Muhammad

The Belleville Lake Water Ski Club entertained the crowd at noon at Horizon Park during Saturday's Lake Fest activities. Carrying the American flags are Cathy Kerrigan, Adam Haase, and Gary Neville. They were pulled by ski club member John Haase.



Photo courtesy of Darlene Gerick  
 Marina Gerick, a Belleville High School student, served as the Lake Fest mermaid last week end, inviting people to have their pictures taken with her. Here are Max Loyer and Charlotte Loyer. Marina fell recently and badly bruised her arm and was wearing a cast, so she twined "seaweed" around it so it wouldn't ruin the photos. Her booth was part of the busy area for children on Fourth Street Place sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community.

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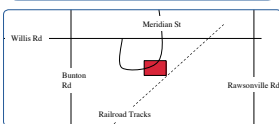
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## Deputy Clerk Burdick set to become Sumpter Township administrator

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Anthony Burdick, who has served as deputy clerk for Sumpter Township for three and a half years, was the subject of a special meeting of the township's Hiring Committee at 6 p.m. Monday.

The Hiring Committee meeting was scheduled after the following item was put on Tuesday's regular township board meeting agenda last week:

"Consider hiring Anthony Burdick as of 07/01/2022 for the position of Township Manager at an annual salary of \$90,000 and benefit package equal to the current Deputy Clerk position. Contract to be drafted by the Township Attorney consistent with the standard Sumpter Township contract terms and will include language specifying



Burdick

that on a temporary basis Mr. Burdick will continue to act as the Deputy Clerk until a new Deputy is appointed being compensated during this period at the Township Manager's Salary and benefits."

On Monday, the Hiring Committee met for ten minutes to hear a brief presentation from Burdick and vote unanimously to recommend him for the position.

Trustee Tim Rush, who has been serving as deputy supervisor, said Burdick could make his comments short and sweet because everybody knows him and everybody had a chance to look at his resume.

Burdick said he did not prepare a presentation, but the observations he's made over the past three and a half years at Sumpter is that there is a need of support for people, staff, and issues. He said he did this for five years before Sumpter Township where he dealt with the Director Holtzes and Chief Lukes of the world. He said someone needs to make it happen after the board says, "motion carried."

"I would love to say I'm the one to do that," Burdick said, adding there will be a learning curve and he has a fairly creative mind to create a strategy to pave the way up the mountain to success.

He said he is excited about the challenge and the first year and a half should be exciting, with him focusing on people, development, and tools.

"It's amazing what you can get done when you have the right people at the helm," Burdick said.

"Since Ms. Cole left us, he's been doing this job and doing it quite well," Trustee Rush said, referring to Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole's resignation as of Nov. 29.

Rush was appointed deputy supervisor after that and the Hiring Committee started a search for a township administrator. It reduced the candidates to three, who were interviewed and one selected for the post. He was recommended to the board. At the April 12 board meeting finalist Darwin McClary was unexpectedly turned down by

the board with a unanimous vote.

At Monday's meeting Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said in support, "I've worked with Tony. He's a professional. He's top-notch."

After the unanimous vote was taken, Burdick, who was the secretary for the meeting said: "Thank you. For better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, motion carried."

Rush asked if the Hiring Committee could be dissolved now that its goal had been accomplished and township attorney Rob Young said if the township board approves their recommendation at its meeting the next day (June 28) the board could dissolve it in the absence of a reason to exist.

The Hiring Committee had Treasurer Vincent Warren as chairman and members of Supervisor Tim Bowman, Director Luke, Finance Director Scott Holtz, and Trustee Rush, who was sitting in for appointed committee member Clerk Esther Hurst, who was absent and excused.

## Sumpter board discusses Nelson Po's project without telling his name

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

A special meeting with one item on the agenda June 23 was expected to take just a few minutes for the item to be approved and then the meeting to adjourn, but at the beginning of the meeting Trustee Matt Oddy asked to make a statement under "Public Comment" and asked for the three-minute rule to be waived.

A medical marijuana project in an industrial zoning was discussed for almost 20 minutes without giving the name of the developer.

Township attorney Rob Young sat at the board table at what the audience expected to be a five-minute special meeting.

Under Michigan Compiled Laws, Act 3359 of 1947, Section 42.7(4) Business shall not be transacted at a special meeting of the township board unless the business has been stated in the notice of the meeting. However, if all the members of the board are present at a special meeting, then business that might lawfully come before a regular meeting of the board may be transacted at the special meeting.

Trustee Don LaPorte and Clerk Esther Hurst were absent from the meeting.

Trustee Oddy was allowed to continue speaking and then Young and Trustees Peggy Morgan and Tim Rush also joined in the discussion.

Oddy began his remarks by saying he recommended the developers come to the township for the work/study session on June 28 to bring the information forward on a proposed industrial complex. He said this is the second meeting since

a year ago there was a meeting on the subject of a medical marijuana facility. He said Rush and Supervisor Tim Bowman couldn't make this meeting. Oddy said the township has not entered into the MMFLA (Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act) and this project is contingent upon getting the medical marijuana facility. He said the township has turned this down twice.

He said the developer was looking for support from Oddy and Rush on the project and Oddy said that they couldn't give support without board action.

"There was nothing to talk about because we hadn't opted in," Oddy said. He said they talked about several large businesses that would be welcome in Sumpter. Oddy said he asked why they couldn't proceed on those without the medical marijuana facility and he was told the project doesn't work without it.

Oddy said this wasn't on the board's regular meeting agenda, but they should bring information to get on the agenda and they haven't.

"I compliment you for getting this information out," Young said to Oddy, noting the rumor mill works strongly in Sumpter Township.

"I didn't go to the first meeting a year ago," Young continued. "This was an effort to put a pretty face on MMFLA or medical marijuana to try to entice us" with bringing in the project, he said.

He said they spoke of \$250,000 from just the assessments for police and fire.

"I was disappointed ... a waste of time," Young said.

He said they told the developers the township had voted not to opt in to MMFLA and not participate in medical marijuana growing. Young said the township board members could be asked to reconsider their votes, but they didn't seem interested in bringing it to the board.

"I compliment you for bringing this up," Young repeated to Oddy.

Oddy said they came with their attorney, contractor, and person who writes ordinances for the township and it was a premature meeting. He said it can't move forward without medical marijuana.

Trustee Morgan pointed out this special meeting was for one agenda item only and discussion of this topic is inappropriate.

"The people of this township want to opt in and it won't be the first or last business to ask us to opt in," Morgan said, adding other cities are getting into medical marijuana and she doesn't want to have Sumpter sitting there saying, "Oh Van Buren Township did it, Belleville did it, Romulus did it."

"I'd hate to miss out when all of these places are getting in," she said. "If they were here a year ago and they're back, they must be pretty serious." She said a vote for medical marijuana in the state was 68%.

"We invited them to come on June 28 and they didn't bring the information" to be on the agenda, Oddy repeated. He told Morgan that the 68% who voted for it didn't vote to have it in their back yards.

"I invited them to come down on the 28<sup>th</sup> to the work/study," Rush said. He accused them of trying "to hoodwink us and lie to the residents."

"What harm is there to reach out to them?" Morgan said, asking for the man's number so she could call him. "Maybe they felt the door was slammed shut in their face."

Young said something of interest should be fully explored and debated to determine what is the best thing for the community.

"This is not the right way to try to schedule a meeting," Young said of the developers, accusing them of using a carrot to get what they want.

"I haven't shared all my discussions with them and I won't because I can't have candid conversations," Young said. "Any item can be brought to this board. You do it here, not in the back room."

Morgan suggested the township send out a survey to ask residents if they want it. Maybe they would say no, she said.

"We do it here, right here," Young repeated, slapping the board table.

Rush said everyone needs to bear in mind that after an ordinance is written it takes a year or two to get going.

"I meant this to be a statement," Oddy said. "I specifically sent an email that I didn't want to talk about opting in ... and they brought an attorney, builder, ordinance writer..."

As Oddy's discussion in the Public Comment period ended, resident Eric Partridge asked to address the board on the fence project at the fairgrounds and the supervisor denied him approval to speak. Deputy Clerk Anthony Burdick said he would discuss the bid specifications with him after the meeting.

The only business item on the agenda  
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# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Letter writer thanks everyone for local upgrades

Our reader who wrote to thank everyone for all the upgrades in the City of Belleville where he lives, didn't realize that there's a lot going on in Van Buren Township, just over the bridge, as well.

He's right about Belleville, for sure. The city also has new summer workers in orange T-shirts who are cleaning up the city and the DPW yard has been tidied up. The city manager/police chief affirmed at a recent meeting that he'd like to build the new city hall on the city-owned property on Savage Road next to the DPW yard – and adjoining the approved marijuana business.

Those who have traveled around the area have seen the spiffy, new park signs at the parks around Van Buren Township. And, some of the roadwork has been completed by the county on the South I-94 Service Drive and is working its way from Rawsonville to Belleville roads. The roadwork on Haggerty, between Tyler and the North I-94 Service Drive is finally done. It was in its second year. It's great.

Sumpter announces that the county has hired a crew to cut the roadside vegetation along the roads in the township and everyone is delighted. The crew started on Sumpter Road and it looks great. They're heading for the side roads next. This vegetation made intersections dangerous.

Every municipality in the tri-community is trying to make their areas look and function better. Be sure to know the public appreciates the efforts.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Mike Kole, CEO of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, was unable to work much on the Lake Fest this year because of "family obligations and health issues." He wasn't able to even come to Lake Fest and his wife sent pictures of them on vacation following his surgery.

In a June 20 special thank you to the Lake Fest Committee on the chamber's online twice-weekly report, he gave credit to four people for putting on the three days of fun for our community.

He asked members of the public to thank the four when they see them. Thank you's go to Steve Jones, Therese Antonelli, Whitney Beaubien, and Dinara Strikis.

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Marina Gerick, who was the mermaid at Lake Fest over the weekend, is currently on her third tail, according to her mother, school board secretary Darlene Gerick. When I told Darlene I heard once she's in the tail she can't walk, Darlene said that was true, but she can swim great in it. She said Marina can sit for two hours at a time without a problem, but the three hours she did on Sunday was too much. It will have to be kept at two hours, she said.

Darlene said the tail Marina has is professional grade and is better than her two previous tails. I asked her to tell me the story of why she wanted to wear a tail and Darlene said, "After all, her name is Marina."

She said the photographer for the pictures with Santa and the Easter Bunny got chilly when the weather was cold for those events, which it often is. She said they were talking and suggested there should be pictures with something when the weather was warm, for summer festivals. The mermaid was born.



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Monday night when I was coming home from the school board meeting at about 8 o'clock, I stopped for the traffic light at Five Points and noticed two men on the sidewalk in front of the rubble that once was the Huron River Market, next to the police station.

It seemed that they had been on an evening walk and stopped to look at the scenery. There is a lot to see there, since the demolition has been delayed and the basement is still open. Last we heard they were waiting for special equipment to find out where the gas line they didn't know was there is capped.

Before long this rubble will be a memory and the parcel will be vacant and smooth – with grass on top.

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A man came into our office this week and commented that he'd been reading the *Independent* for 20 years. A clerk at one of the gas stations where I deliver has stated in the past that she's been reading the *Independent* her whole life. We're half-way into our 28<sup>th</sup> year of publication. What fun we've had over the years with our faithful readers.

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At Monday's school board meeting, Jim Williams reported that the replacement of the football field turf is going well. Most of the turf was delivered Monday and 40 yards was down. Most of the carpet will be down by Wednesday, followed by details such as

the markings and logos, he said.

When the football field is done, the resurfacing of the track is scheduled, with an early August finish.

The work on the tennis courts is set to begin July 1 and the nets are due to be removed that day, which is Friday. It will take two to three weeks to complete the upgrades. They will power wash the courts, repair the surface, and repaint, Williams said.

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Last week I heard a call on the emergency scanner from 111 South St. where a child had two fingers stuck in a toy and needed help from the fire department. The child's fingers were turning red and purple. Didn't hear the end of the story, but I'm sure the child was freed. A different kind of call.

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The donuts in the Donut Eating Contest last Saturday were in boxes in front of each contestant. When a police officer who wasn't at the contest asked if they were all glazed donuts, I replied they weren't. Some were chocolate covered, some were filled, some were glazed.

That officer said they all should have been glazed to make them easier to eat. I told him the prize winner Sgt. Mark Abdilla put the donuts in threes – sandwiches – which was the secret weapon for his win.



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## Letters

### Pete, Marcy announce retirement from FMAR

To the editor:

Pete and I would like to send out a heartfelt thank you to all of the wonderful supporters and volunteers of Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR). With your help Pete and I were able to build what we believe was a wonderful shelter for dogs and cats to stay until they found their new forever homes; even if that home turned out to be FMAR.

After devoting twenty years of our lives to FMAR, we have decided to retire and let the next generation build on our legacy.

We will continue to volunteer a few days a week, but we will also take time to enjoy our children, grandkids and great grandkids.

We hope you will continue to support FMAR as you have over the years. We appreciate you all more than our words will ever be able to express.

Blessings to all.

Pete and Marcy LaFramboise  
Sumpter Township

### Resident appreciates upgrades in city

To the editor:

What a nice impression coming into Belleville from the north. With each final touch the new projects look better each day. The same is true for our newly improved museum. It has enhanced the whole Fourth Street area to include our library and the museum itself. Then last, but not the least, is the great improvement at High Street and Columbia. To me it beautified the whole entrance to Belleville and improved the flow of traffic.

So, I say thanks to the promoters, builders, city and township officials, and to all workers who are making these improvements happen. Thank you to all.

Jim Graham  
Belleville

### Masons thank the Community of Belleville

To the editor:

Thank you to the Community of Belleville! Thank you for coming out and Supporting Lake Fest and Myrtle Lodge 89.

Our Gun Raffle and 50/50 Raffle were a huge success. A special thank you to Police Chief Dave Robinson for drawing the winning tickets as well as to the Police Department and the Reserve Department for making everyone feel safe.

I would also like to say thank you to Dave, from Johnny's on the Lake, for their donation to the lodge and to Meijer for their support and donation that made our Strawberry Shortcakes possible.

THANK YOU BELLEVILLE and we will see you next year!

From The Brothers of Myrtle Lodge 89

### Thanks to Meijer, Deda Nucullaj for donations

To the editor:

We would like to express our appreciation to Meijer for their generosity in assisting the Belleville Masons with Lake Fest, also to Deda (Dave) Nucullaj of Johnny's on the Lake for his generous donation.

The Masons of Belleville

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

• **Thursday, June 30** – Free concert at 7 p.m. for Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville. Playing is Tequila Mockingbirds with contemporary hits.

• **Saturday, July 2** – Watch the fireworks in the middle of Belleville Lake at the Belleville Yacht Club. Rain date is Sunday, July 3.

• **Sunday, July 3** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.

• **Thursday, July 7** – Music in the Park at Horizon Park in Belleville brings a free concert at 7 p.m. with the Dave Hamilton Band bringing rock and soul.

• **Friday, July 8** – Canton Community Band performs a free concert at 7 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The band has about 50 members, including local musicians.

• **Friday, July 8, and Saturday, July 9** – Elvis Festival, 4 p.m.–midnight on Friday and 11 a.m.–midnight on Saturday at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township

• **Monday, July 11** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.

• **Wednesday, July 13** – Free concert at Quirk Park in Van Buren Township. "Toppermost" Beatles' tribute begins at 7 p.m. FREE Hotdog meal to the first 100 attendees provided by Dana's Dawgs.

• **Thursday, July 14** – Brown Bag Talk: "Flight of the B-52" at the Belleville Area District Library from noon to 1 p.m. Author Barry Levine will present on the aviation history and significance of the Boeing B-52 Stratofortress. Learn how the Yankee Air Museum obtained a 1957 example and set to work preserving the aircraft for future generations of aviation enthusiasts. The Stratofortress is current on display at the Yankee Air Museum.

# Obituaries



Carol Nastrom-Nelson

## CAROL (SALA) NASTROM-NELSON

(November 5, 1939 – June 19, 2022)

Carol Nastrom-Nelson, nee Sala, of Exeter, CA, passed away surrounded by her family on Sunday, June 19, at the age of 82. She was born November 5, 1939 to Peter and Rose Sala in Belleville, MI. She was a graduate of Belleville High School class of 1957.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Sylvia, and her husband of 58 years Burke Nelson. She is survived by one brother Dr. Raymond Sala (ret.) of Fort Myers, FL; her son Richard (Karen) Nastrom of Exeter, CA; one grandson Dalton Remy and his fiancée Jessica of Exeter, CA; three nieces, Dana Sala of Belleville, MI, Jami Lapointe of Cape Coral, FL, Amber Nickens (Sala) of Cape Coral, FL, and one nephew, Tim Sala of Freeland, MI.

A Celebration of Carol's life will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 1, at Smith Family Chapel in Exeter, CA. She will be laid to rest at the Bakersfield National Cemetery with her husband.

## Correction:

On page 15 in the June 23 issue of the *Belleville-Area Independent*, one of the prices listed for a property being sold by Sumpter Township was incorrect. The price for the 1.52 acres of Parcel ID 81-114-99-0014-012 should be \$125,000 instead of \$32,000, as we listed. We regret the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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## COVID-19 percentages announced for Wayne County communities

The Wayne County Health Department announced the percentage of people in each municipality who have positive tests for COVID-19 as of June 27. No numbers were announced for the deaths as of June 27. Deaths were announced as 133 as of June 20 in the 48111 area.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111

rose to 9,881 on Monday, June 27, up from 9,841 on Monday, June 20.

On Monday, June 27, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 6,837 positive cases in a total population of 46,609, making 14.7%; City of Belleville, 1,072 positive cases in a total

population of 3,898, making 27.5%; and Sumpter Township 1,972 positive cases in a population of 13,354, making 14.7%.

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## Obituaries



Kenneth Clayton Askew

### KENNETH CLAYTON ASKEW

(October 23, 1930 – June 9, 2022)

Kenneth Clayton Askew, age 91 passed away peacefully in his sleep on June 9, 2022 in Phoenix, AZ. He was born in Detroit, MI on October 23, 1930, son of Clayton and Vera Askew.

Ken is survived by his two daughters, Ann (Brian) Cools of Haslett, MI and Suzan (Philip) Burns of Phoenix, AZ; two grandsons, David (Erin) Burns and Alexander (Lauren) Whitmer; great-grandson Brandon Burns and great-granddaughter Madeline Whitmer. He was preceded in death by his loving wife of 54 years, Sandra (Rady) Askew and his brother Robert and his parents.

Ken graduated from Southwest High School in Detroit where he was involved in junior ROTC and swam competitively. His swimming career continued at North Central College in Illinois where he earned a B.A. and a Master's in divinity. He completed graduate work at Michigan State University and Eastern Michigan University. He shared his love of learning by teaching high school English and driver's education for over 40 years at Belleville High School. He taught many generations of local students how to drive and would often run into folks who would comment "you taught not only me but my kids and grandkids how to drive." He spent many fall Friday nights in the announcer's booth for the Belleville Tigers varsity football games. His passions ran the gamut from racing sailboats in the Great Lakes to racing cars. He was a member of the Sports Car Club of America and raced with them in the 1950s and '60s. He was an avid member of the Alfa Romeo Owners Club for over 60 years and served in many capacities in the organization, including National President.

A lover of art and poetry, he was a major contributor in the development of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts and the formation of its art scholarship program. He was involved in environmental activism building his own solar panels and windmills before they were mainstream. He loved animals and had many non-traditional pets including a monkey, raccoon, and a lamb. He served many local organizations and clubs. In the last few years of his life, he found the love of karaoke with his friends at Palm Lakes Village. His loves were his home on the lake, fast sport cars, poetry and the love of his life, Sandy. A memorial service will not be held. Memorial contributions may be made to your local humane society or the post-secondary educational institution of your choice.

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Karlene Ann Warden

### KARLENE ANN WARDEN

(August 21, 1952 – June 19, 2022)

Karlene Ann Warden, age 69, longtime resident of Belleville, MI, passed away early Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, MI. She was born August 21, 1952, in Corning, New York, daughter of John & Joyce (Munson) Shelley. She graduated high school and married Harlow Christopher Warden II in December of 1971. She was a member of Metro Baptist Church, Belleville, MI, where she supported the Bus Ministry and the Children's Ministry. She enjoyed working with the kids in the nursery. She was an avid reader who was awesome with remembering dates and loved sending cards. Most of all, she loved taking care of and spending time with her family.

Karlene is survived by her husband of 50 years, H. Chris Warden; six children: Kristina Alexander of Belleville, MI, Rebecca (Moises) Rodriguez of Monroe, MI, Katie Pfeiffer of Milan, MI, Harlow Christopher (Johnnie) Warden III of Orlando, Florida, Matthew Paul Warden of Belleville, MI, and Jonathan David (Lindsay) Warden of Lake Elsinore, California; 10 grandchildren: Nichole Rodriguez, Dakota Alexander, Moises Rodriguez, Dustin Alexander, Donovan Alexander, Jon William, Kaitlyn & Jadon Pfeiffer, and Connor & Aiden Warden; four siblings: Sue Auvil of Florida, John "Jackie" (Dawn) Shelley of North Carolina, Tracy (Jim) Gagel, and Kelly (J.R.) of Kentucky; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her step dad Lynnwood Fleming, son-in-law Jon Pfeiffer, also brother-in-law Dave Auvil. Visitation was 5-8 PM Thursday, and 10-11 AM Friday, June 24, 2022, with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734)697-4500. Assistant Pastor Jim Humble officiated. Interment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Metro Baptist Church Bus Ministry or Children's Ministry and would be appreciated. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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## School Board approves budgets for 2022-23, plus final amendments

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools annual budget has to be approved by July 1 and at Monday's school board meeting, with a bare quorum, the 2022-23 budgets were approved, as well as the budget amendments for the 2021-22 budget and the millage rate for taxing.

Board vice-president Susan Featheringill chaired the meeting in the absence of the president. Others present were secretary Darlene Gerick, treasurer Simone Pinter, and trustee Kelly Owen. Absent were president Amy Pearce and trustees Calvin Hawkins and Dionne Falconer.

Finance Director Sara Cortese went over the budgets in detail and stated the tax levy will be 18 mills for non-homestead property within the district, 2.98 mills for debt retirement, and .4786 mills for building site sinking fund purposes.

The total available to appropriate for the general fund is \$74,266,369 and the projected fund balance on June 30, 2023 will be \$3,612,727.

She said the state paid \$8,700 per student this year and she expects a \$400 increase, and maybe more, in the next school year. But, she said, the student count continues to drop, with a total of 4,333 this year and a projected loss of 120 next year. Staffing went from 550 to 562, she said.

Director Cortese said revenues are up and expenses are up. She said salaries have been raised to keep employees. She said one teacher recently ordered the same supplies as last year and reported double the cost.

She said this year they had free lunches for all, paid for by the federal government, but they are not assured that will happen next year. If it doesn't, they may have to increase lunch costs. She said negotiations with lunch workers is under way and she expects they will have to pay \$15 per hour, since otherwise the school couldn't compete with a job at McDonald's.

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

- Approved the termination of Heba Ghanem, a teacher at Belleville High School, as of June 10, after one year of service; and the resignations of Matthew Wilson from the Administration Building on June 10 after one year of service and Shandra Pettway, a teacher at Rawsonville Elementary, as of June 30, after eight years of service;

- Approved the retirement of Carolina Scipione, a paraprofessional at Owen Intermediate School, as of Aug. 31, after six years of service. Also approved was the termination of Kyle Price of the Building and Grounds/Maintenance department as of June 10, after less than a year of service, and the resignation of Opal Gunter of the Administration Building as of July 8 after two years of service;

- Approved a one-year agreement to send transition-age students (aged 18 to 26) to the Livonia Public Schools for its Transition Program to provide a post-secondary certificate of completion for special education students without diplomas, giving them the opportunity to learn job skills and attend classes on a community college campus. The cost is \$8,000 per student and three students are participating;

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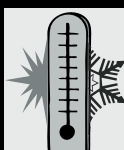
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## Sumpter Twp.

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was then quickly approved and the meeting adjourned. The board voted unanimously to exercise the \$227,097.94 certificate of deposit at the Public Service Credit Union that matures June 26 and put the money in a separate account until the treasurer and financial director decide what to recommend for its use and bring it back to the board for approval.

Financial Director Scott Holtz had reported at the last meeting that a previous director had specified the funds for the township's unfunded pension liability, but some board members wanted to see it used for other things. They all agreed they should not let the CD be automatically reinvested for another four years.

After the meeting, Morgan talked with several people in the audience and then announced angrily, "I am *pissed* and you can print that."

She said she asked Oddy and Young for the developer's name and number to call him to bring information to the board and then she found out the developer is resident Nelson Po.

Morgan followed attorney Young and Supervisor Bowman out of the meeting room door as they left the building.

"That's why you wouldn't give him the time of day," she said, adding that was discrimination because he grew up in the Philippines. "I just found out and I'm

irate. You're only supposed to speak about what's on the agenda at a special meeting."

Bowman told Morgan as he walked by her: "Run your mouth. It's doing you no good."

Morgan also walked out in the parking lot to stop Rush's pickup from driving off and he spoke briefly to her and left.

"We already knew it was Mr. Po and Mr. Day," said Sheena Barnes in the parking lot, referring to attorney John Day.

Also, Partridge who is interested in bidding for the township's replacement of fencing, said he was confused about the specifications for the fences in the bidding documents. He said Mrs. Hoffman's fence that had been torn down by the township was originally industrial-grade and they are planning to replace it with a residential-grade fence, which he thought wasn't right. Also, he said, the township is specifying residential-grade fencing for the fairgrounds.

## Court Watching:

### Belleville man bound over to circuit court after fight on Carmell

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Drew Andrew Gilbert, II, 40, of Belleville was bound over to circuit court for a June 8 arraignment on the information on one count of assault with intent to murder and two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

On June 8, his final conference on the charges was set for July 27 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

The live preliminary exam before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green was held May 25 and the only witness was Anthony Martin.

Martin testified that on March 8 he and his dog were walking and saw the bonfire at Gilbert's home on Carmell Street in the City of Belleville. He stopped and hung out with a group of people for five to six hours and drank six to eight beers during that time.

He said his dog and Gilbert's dog weren't getting along, so he decided to leave and

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## School Board

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• Listened to Rob Kakoczki of Plante Moran Cresa explain the proposed HVAC project for Tyler Elementary School this summer. The project will be voted on at the July 11 meeting. Kakoczki said the district went out for bids for two HVAC programs for Tyler and Savage schools, but stopped the project when the bids were higher than expected. But, Tyler had an emergency and now two units, rather than one, have to be replaced. This now is a separate project for Tyler, so the roof will have to be replaced just once, instead of twice. Bids for this went out June 2 and were received June 21 and reviewed June 24. Mechanical System Services and Douglas Electric are being recommended, paid for by \$350,000 from federal government ESSER funds. The project will start soon after approval and is planned to be done before students return to classes this fall;

• Heard Owen Principal Jason Salhaney give a presentation on the WIN – What I Need -- program in his school that is aimed at bringing students together after the pandemic upsets in learning. They needed to build a community as well as educate, he said. He said tests show decline in fifth-grade reading and math, but in sixth grade math is improving. He said among the several programs instituted was a Field Day and 15 ROTC cadets came from the high school to help with that; and

• Held a closed-door session at the end of the meeting to consider reinstatement of Student 21-22-004 for the 2022-23 school year. The student was expelled during the 2021-22 school year. After the closed session, the board met in open session to vote publicly to reinstate the student with conditions.

A special meeting was held at 6 p.m. before the regular 7 p.m. board meeting in order to hold another closed-door session on student reinstatement. This was for Student 21-22-020 for the 2022-23 school year. This student was expelled during the 2021-22 school year. The board came into regular session and voted to reinstate the student with conditions and then ended the special session.

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## Court watching

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at the end of the driveway he said Gilbert asked if he was mad because his dog beat Martin's dog up. Martin testified that Gilbert came charging at him and swung at him and missed. He described how the two tussled on the ground and at one point Gilbert was on top of him and started to strangle him.

Martin testified that Gilbert asked him, "Did you ever think this is how you'd go?" He said he realized Gilbert was going to kill him, so his adrenalin kicked in and he was able to roll over, get up, and run.

"I called the police," Martin said. "I thought I was going to die."

Defense attorney Brandy Robinson objected to the bind over, saying the first charge of murder was "a gross overstatement." She said the two had been drinking for hours and they had a swing and a miss. They were rolling around on the ground and it was a classic brawl, she said.

Robinson said in jury directions, they could only charge manslaughter if he died.

Judge Green bound Gilbert over on counts two and three and agreed that count one was probably an overcharge, but it is an issue of fact for the higher court to decide if Gilbert said that.

He was bound over on all three charges. He had posted \$50,000 surety bond through a bail bondsman and that bond was continued.

Gilbert also had been charged with three other counts in a different incident and the preliminary exam also was scheduled for May 25.

He was charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault), assault or assault and battery, and malicious destruction of personal property, less than \$200, on Nov. 20 in the City of Belleville. He is free on \$5,000 personal bond. He is also set for a final conference on those charges on July 27 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

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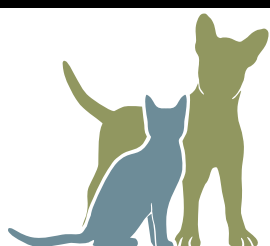
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Van Buren Township Police Sgt. Mark Abdilla won Saturday's Donut Eating Contest at Lake Fest by eating nine donuts in three minutes. VBT Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte holds up the special trophy shaped like a donut. Sumpter Township Police Officer Bart Devos, Jr. and VBT Police Officer Andrew Fedel tied for second place after consuming six donuts each. Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham ate five donuts. Abdilla had competed in the 2009 World Cop Donut Eating Championship at a conference in Chicago and came in second. His picture was published in the *Independent* at that time accompanied by now-Lt. Charles Bazy, who took part but did not place in that contest.



Participants in Saturday's Donut Eating Contest were, from left, Van Buren Township Police Officer Andrew Fedel, who ate six donuts in three minutes; Sumpter Township Police Officer Bart Devos, Jr., who ate six; VBT Sgt. Mark Abdilla, who ate nine to win the contest; and Belleville Police Officer Jeff Wickham, who ate five.

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## Court Watching:

# Johnson charged with ten counts surrounding Meijer safe breaking

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Justin Cleeve Johnson, 20, of Ypsilanti, was

arraigned June 14 in 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on ten charges surrounding the June 11 safe breaking and break in at the Meijer store office in Van Buren Township.

Van Buren Township Police Detective Michael Long said Johnson broke into Meijer through the Garden Center and was able to gain entry into the main store through a door that was accidentally left unsecured. He went back three separate times and was caught on the third trip.

Johnson's probable cause conference was set for June 22 and then adjourned to June 29. He was released on bond of \$5,000/10% with an order that he cannot return to any Meijer location.

Johnson is charged with:

- Two counts of safe breaking;
- Two counts of possession of burglar's tools;
- Two counts of breaking and entering a building with intent;
- One count of receiving and concealing stolen property worth between \$1,000 and \$20,000;
- Two counts of larceny in a building;
- One count of escape while awaiting trial for a felony; and
- One count of false report of a medical or other emergency.

### Steven Anthony Spry

Steven Anthony Spry, 30, of Chandler, TX, who was in Van Buren Police custody, was arraigned by video by Judge Oakley on Nov. 30 and a probable cause conference set for Dec. 8.

On that date he was in the Wayne County Jail

being held for extradition to Texas and he said he won't be extradited until the charges are cleared up here. He told Judge Green that he was anxious to get things taken care of here so he could get back to his "business on the street" in Texas. Judge Green adjourned his probable cause conference until Dec. 15 on the request of his attorney William Glenn. Then he waived his preliminary examination and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on Dec. 22, which was adjourned until Feb. 4. A disposition conference was set for Feb. 23 and then adjourned to March 9 and then to March 11.

Spry was charged with receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle, forgery of plates/license documents, identity theft, and driving while license suspended on Nov. 28 in Van Buren Township.

On March 11 he pled guilty to forgery of plates/license documents and driving while license suspended and the other two charges were dismissed. This reduced the charges to misdemeanors. Sentencing was set for March 23, adjourned to April 21, and then adjourned to June 9 and then June 14. On June 14 he was sentenced to one year of probation and a fee of \$1,528.

### Andre Maurice Smith, Jr.

Andre Maurice Smith, Jr., 23, of Detroit, was before Judge Green on Dec. 1 for his probable cause conference on charges of fleeing from a police vehicle and operating without a license on person on Dec. 5, 2020 in Van Buren Township. He had just hired attorney Randall Upshaw so his probable cause conference was adjourned to Jan. 5, so his attorney could get the discovery.

On Jan. 5, Judge Oakley set Smith's preliminary exam for 1 p.m., Feb. 16. At that time, Smith waived his preliminary exam and he was bound over to circuit court on an arraignment on the information on March 2. A disposition conference was set for March 24 and then a calendar conference for April 6. A final conference was set for May 26.

On May 26, he pled guilty to the first charge and the second charge was dismissed. Sentencing is set for July 21.

On Dec. 16, Smith also was scheduled to be at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court by zoom for an arraignment and pretrial for a charge of interfering with a police officer and misuse of 911 on Nov. 14 in VBT. Judge Oakley reminded him he had a pretrial set on those cases for Jan. 6 and then it was set for a live bench trial on Feb. 17.

On Feb. 17, Smith pled guilty to interfering with a police officer and the 911 charge was dismissed. He was ordered to pay \$500.



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## Jason Bies, Dustin Cox, Ricael Rodriguez win guns in Masonic raffle

Jason Bies won first place in the Myrtle Lodge 89 F&AM gun raffle. On Saturday at 6 p.m., Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson pulled the winning tickets out of a bucket filled with 300 tickets that was held by Belleville Officer Bart Devos.

Bies won a Colt M4 Rifle.

Dustin Cox won a Mossberg 500 Combo and Ricael Rodriguez won a Kimber Micro 9.

The winners were to pick up their prizes at Supermatch G&A LLC gun shop in Newport, MI.

The Masons also served strawberry shortcakes and pizza rolls at the lodge during Lake Fest activities in downtown Belleville on Saturday and Sunday.

## Matyson Vlademar of VBT named to spring Deans' List at Nebraska

LINCOLN, NE -- Matyson Claire Vlademar of Van Buren Township has been named to the Deans' List at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year.

Vlademar, a senior majoring in nutrition and health sciences, was named to the Dean's List for the College of Education and Human Sciences. More than 6,200 students at Nebraska were named to the Deans' List for the spring semester.

Qualification for the Deans' List varies among the eight undergraduate colleges and the Explore Center. Based on a 4.0 scale and a minimum number of graded semester hours, the College of Education and Human Sciences has a minimum 3.75 GPA to qualify for the Dean's List.

### PUBLISHER'S NOTICE:

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free at 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.



## Upcoming Meetings

- Tuesday, July 5 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 11 – Van Buren Public

Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

- Tuesday, July 12 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 13 – Van Buren

Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Thursday, July 14 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m.

- Monday, July 18 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, July 19 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin and Trustee Miller. Absent/Excused: Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Downtown Development Authority Director Ireland, Building and Grounds Superintendent Cardenas, Human Resources Director Sumpter, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Public Services Luckett, Assessor Stamper, Police Chief Wright, Deputy Police Chief Monte, Fire Chief McNally and an audience of twenty five (25).

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the amended agenda adding New Business item #11 to approve of joining Waste Management of Michigan in a civil lawsuit against Wayne County Conservation District. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2022, Prepaid List of May 19, 2022, Prepaid List of May 26, 2022, Prepaid List of June 2, 2022, Prepaid List of June 9, 2022, Prepaid List of June 16, 2022, Voucher List of June 7, 2022, Voucher List of June 21, 2022, Approval of Resolution 2022-09: FY 2021-2022 IGA with Wayne County for French Landing Park Improvements for an amount not to exceed \$34,984 and Approval of Resolution 2022-11: Tax Rate Request. Motion Carried

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Budd moved, Miller seconded to go into public hearing at 6:06 pm. Motion Carried. Members of the public voiced opinions on the Van Buren Estates (Haggerty) subdivision sidewalk program. Budd moved, Miller seconded to close the public hearing at 6:48 pm. Motion Carried.

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** On Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> the following employees were the first recipients of the new employee years of service recognition awards: Lt. Mark Buckberry with 30 years, Carol Towles with 25 years, Officer Patrick Wehrman with 20 years, Officer Scott Griggs with 20 years, Officer Ryan Bidwell with 20 years, Georgia Baker with 10 years, Beverly Porter with 10 years, Officer Kurtis Mowbray with 5 years, Officer Keith Daniels 5 years; Officer Mark Buxton officially signed off on June 3<sup>rd</sup> after 30 years of service to the Township; Lynette Jordan will be following on July 6<sup>th</sup> giving the Township 16 years of dedication to the Township and the Senior Department; Movie in the Park is back with Mitchells vs the Machines showing at 8:00 pm on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> in Van Buren

Park; on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at dusk there will be a fireworks show at Beck Ball Fields; Denton Road from Michigan to Mott will experience a temporary power outage on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Kirkridge Street will also experience a power outage on June 26<sup>th</sup> for DTE upgrades and Absentee Ballots will be available for pickup starting Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve of the 2021 Annual Audit of all Township Funds. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to amend the motion to approve New Business Items #2 and 3: the Personal Service Agreement for Kevin Lawrence and the Personal Service Agreement for Joseph Ketchum and authorize Supervisor McNamara and Clerk Wright to execute the agreements. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to amend the motion to approve New Business Items #4-7: the first reading of Ordinance 06-07-22(1) to discuss an approval of the amendment of Chapter 90 (Waterways), Article I (In General) to amend Sec. 90-18, the first reading of Ordinance 06-07-22 (2) to discuss an approval of the amendment of Chapter 90 (Waterways) Article II (Boat and Water Safety) Division 3 (Operating Requirements) to amend Sec. 90-67 and 90-69, the first reading of Ordinance 06-21-22(1) to rezone 30.88 acres of property from R-1B – Single Family Residential to M-1 Light Industrial and the first reading of Ordinance 06-21-22(2) to discuss an approval of the amendment of Article II (Fire Prevention Code) of Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to amend Sec. 46-31. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve of the selection of Guidepost for the Community Center Project Technology & Security Designer Consultant for an amount of \$69,970. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve of the selection of DRC Cleaning Solutions for 2022-2023 Janitorial Services - Haggerty School for \$2,605.00 per month to be paid out of account 101-692-935-000. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve of Resolution 2022-10: Resolution to accept jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility for the Iron Belle Trail Section B project. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Boynton seconded to approve of joining Waste Management of Michigan in a civil lawsuit against Wayne County Conservation District. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** The board accepted the January 2022, February 2022 and March 2022 Financial reports.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved, Miller seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
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## Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

### Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library Board Candidates who wish to seek office at the November General Election must file with the Wayne County Clerk (2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 502, Detroit, MI) before July 21, 2022 at 4pm.

Nonpartisan nominating petitions can be obtained from the Wayne County Clerk or from local municipal clerks on a general form, accepted by Wayne County. Signatures from each community (Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren) must be on separate petitions. The total number of signatures on the petition(s) shall be no less than 40 nor more than 100. In lieu of filing a nominating petition, a candidate may file a \$100 non-refundable fee, to have their name placed on the ballot. In addition to the fee or petition, the candidate must file an affidavit of identity.

**DUE TO COVID-19 & CDC SOCIAL DISTANCING STANDARDS, THE WAYNE COUNTY ELECTION DIVISION IS OPEN BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. SERVICES CAN ALSO BE OBTAINED ONLINE OR BY MAIL.**

Contact 313-224-5525 or ClerkHelp@waynecounty.com for more information.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



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

**VAN BUREN**  
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Charter Township of Van Buren, will receive sealed bids for the construction project, French Landing Park Phase II at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, MI 48111 until Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., local time. No Bids will be received after that time.

Bid documents will be available on Bid Net Direct (MITN) and at the Office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be accepted only on provided forms. Bids must be sealed in an envelope marked "FRENCH LANDING PARK PHASE II" and submitted to the office of the Township Clerk. Bids will be publicly opened on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., local time.

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not required to accept the low bid. Bidders should direct questions and correspondence to Russell Design, Inc. 114 Rayson Street, Suite 2A Northville, Michigan 48167. (248) 374-3222.

Published: 6-30-22

**Minding  
Your Business**  
with Bob Mytych



The Canton Community Band will be performing a free concert at 7 p.m., Friday, July 8, at First United Methodist Church on Charles Street in Belleville. The music will feature Espionage and intrigue, rock, Broadway, and the soulful '60s.

The *Independent* welcomes realtor Angela Lee of New Boston, the co-founder of the Lee Team with her husband Daric

to our advertising pages. First up, a listing that is, the former Family Fridge ice cream shop that's for sale at the corner of Gentz at Huron roads in New Boston. Be sure to check out all the details in the ad and visit their website at [www.AngelaLeeYourRealtor.com](http://www.AngelaLeeYourRealtor.com). Call (313) 214-2419.

If there's anyone that would have a picture of two giraffes necking on their wedding announcement page on social media it's Mark Rosenthal. Congratulations are in order to Mark and Misty Rosenthal of Animal Magic, who were married last weekend and celebrated with family and friends, and invited the entire country

to their reception with free admission to Indian Creek Zoo in Lambertville, MI. Go figure. The newlyweds said their "I do's" under an arbor of flowers with a huge grey barn in the background. Next to a big tent was a temporary wooden dance floor and scattered around on tables were tarantulas under glass among other live animals. I haven't heard if the best man or maid of honor had two legs or four. If you know Mark, probably the latter. I've seen Misty perform, too, with Animal Magic and she's just as passionate about animal education as he is. I'll bet if they tested their DNA, findings would say they're made for each another. All the best to them.

With August primaries around the corner, and other items on the ballot this Fall, we welcome Hima Kolanagireddy, who's running for U.S. Congress in Michigan's 6<sup>th</sup> District to our advertising pages. Visit [www.HimaForCongress.com](http://www.HimaForCongress.com). If you're interested in getting your message out, running locally or simply supporting a candidate, and would like to advertise in this newspaper, give me a call at (734) 699-9020 or email me at [sportzriter@aol.com](mailto:sportzriter@aol.com) and I'll send you our ad rate cards.

Mission Cruise - Making Waves for Jesus, a vacation bible school is coming July 11-16, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Belleville Seventh Day Adventist Church at 89 South Edgemont St. in Belleville. To register, visit [www.BellevilleSDA.com](http://www.BellevilleSDA.com) and click on the banner. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper.

While we wait until July 16-17 to catch the Blue Angels at Thunder Over Michigan, air show buffs can get their jet fuel fix at this weekend's Field of Flight Air Show and Balloon Festival in Battle Creek, June 30-July 4, where the line-up features the Air Force Thunderbirds, Air Force F-35A Demo, Navy F-35 Demo, Navy F-18 Rhino Demo, civil air performers, hot air balloon launches, carnival, live music, and more. Visit [www.fieldofflight.com](http://www.fieldofflight.com) to learn more. Also, this weekend, the Blue Angels will be performing up in Traverse City at the annual Cherry Festival, July 2-3. Visit [www.cherryfestival.org](http://www.cherryfestival.org). Coming up July 9-10, the Selfridge Open House, returns to the Air National Guard base in Mt. Clemens for free air shows both days. The list of performers includes the F-22 Demo Team, Canadian CF-18 Demo Team, Air Force C-17 Demo Team, A-10 C Thunderbolt, parachute teams, helicopters, and much more. Visit [www.teamselfridge.com](http://www.teamselfridge.com) for details and restrictions as the venue is an active military base. On July 30-31, the Dayton Air Show will feature the Blue Angels, Air Force F-16 Demo Team, Golden Knights parachute team and more, Visit [www.daytonairshow.com](http://www.daytonairshow.com). For info and to purchase tickets to Thunder Over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport, visit [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org).

*Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at 734-699-9020.*

“You don’t have to burn books to destroy a culture. Just get people to stop reading them.”

– Ray Bradbury

“There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there has always been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that ‘my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.’”

– Isaac Asimov

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2022 IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN 48111

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified electors of the Charter Township of Van Buren in the State of Michigan who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State agency. Registration forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the Township Clerk.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is Monday, July 18, 2022.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 68.492) at the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's Office at the following place, day and times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday July 30, 2023 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday August 2, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Qualifications for Registration:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- Resident with the Charter Township of Van Buren for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Citizen of the United States

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

**GOVERNOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 6<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT, STATE SENATOR 4<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT, REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 31<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT, COUNTY EXECUTIVE, COUNTY SHERIFF PARTIAL TERM ENDING 12/31/2024, COUNTY COMMISSIONER, DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION**

**WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSITION J- TO RENEW THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2012, SHALL WAYNE COUNTY BE AUTHORIZED TO CONTINUE TO LEVY THIS MILLAGE AT THE 2021 ROLLBACK RATE OF 9.358 MILS (ABOUT 94 CENTS PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR TEN MORE YEARS (2022 THROUGH 2031)**

**DISTRICT LIBRARY OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL- THIS PROPOSAL WILL ALLOW THE DISTRICT LIBRARY TO LEVY ADDITIONAL MILLAGE IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, AND TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER FOR LIBRARY OPERATING PURPOSES. SHALL THE LIMITATION ON THE AMOUNT OF TAXES WHICH MAY BE ASSESSED AGAINST ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF THE BELLEVILLE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN BE INCREASED BY \$0.6864 ON EACH \$1000 OF TAXABLE VALUATION) FOR A PERIOD OF 15 YEARS, 2022 TO 2036.**

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting the Township website at [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) where a sample of the ballot may be viewed.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office

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# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 267 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

- Sunday, June 19:**  
0135 – noise complaint, Borgman Ave.  
0556 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0905 – intrusion alarm, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1030 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1116 – civil matter, Brandi  
1129 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Quirk Rd.  
1214 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1234 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
1308 – overdose, Rogers Ave.  
1500 – personal injury accident, Meadows Cir.  
1501 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.  
1544 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1544 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.  
1604 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.  
1619 – missing person, Barkley St.  
1623 – mental subject, Woodgrove Dr.  
1723 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1728 – property damage accident, E. Huron River  
1816 – neighbor trouble, Winchester St.  
1821 – welfare check, Fairbanks St.  
1831 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1859 – intrusion alarm, Country Walk Blvd.  
2013 – property damage accident, Hamilton St.  
2035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briarcliff Dr.  
2135 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.  
2155 – noise complaint, Country Walk Ct.  
2252 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.

- Monday, June 20:**  
0102 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.  
0103 – domestic, Sylvia Dr.  
0253 – warrant arrest, Michigan  
0934 – malicious destruction of property, S. Timberview Dr.  
0942 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
0947 – unattended death, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1044 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.  
1123 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

- 1124 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.  
1216 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.  
1239 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River  
1243 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sylvia Dr.  
1623 – intrusion alarm, Springwood Blvd.  
1655 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.  
1719 – welfare check, Greenwood Ct.  
1742 – neighbor trouble, S. Prairiegrass Ct.  
1820 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.  
1853 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1855 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1916 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
1918 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Hannan Rd.  
1926 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1928 – neighbor trouble, Savage Rd.  
1957 – welfare check, Alden Ave.  
2015 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.  
2111 – parking complaint, W. Huron River Dr.  
2120 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.  
2121 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2139 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2158 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
2204 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.  
2217 – threat, Beckley Rd.  
2232 – traffic offense, Western St./Cedar St.  
2242 – missing person, Jackson Ln.  
2251 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2312 – private property impound, Denton Rd.

- Tuesday, June 21:**  
0211 – civil matter, Van Buren St.  
0630 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd.  
0632 – parking complaint, Haggerty Rd.  
0758 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.  
0811 – animal complaint, Madison Dr.  
0841 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
0900 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
0926 – property check, Rawsonville Rd.  
1040 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1121 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
1155 – intrusion alarm, Springwood Blvd.  
1228 – animal complaint, Van Allen Ave. / McBride Ave.  
1254 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave./Holmes  
1624 – intrusion alarm, Springwood Blvd.  
1639 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

- 1709 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck  
1735 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
2018 – disorderly, Edison Lake  
2042 – larceny, Rebecca Ct.

- Wednesday, June 22:**  
0059 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.  
0131 – family trouble, Holly Ln.  
0334 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0643 – malicious destruction of property, Faye Dr.  
0934 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.  
1045 – welfare check, Woodbury Dr.  
1058 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1108 – neighbor trouble, Fillmore  
1157 – civil matter, Faye Dr.  
1203 – civil matter, Ecorse Rd.  
1229 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.  
1335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
1422 – neighbor trouble, Rose Blvd.  
1450 – operating while intoxicated, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.  
1516 – harassment call, Van Buren St.  
1525 – domestic, Ash Dr.  
1538 – assist other dept., Hamlin St.  
1549 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1600 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1601 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1611 – parking complaint, S. I94 Service Dr.  
1621 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1621 – civil matter, Ash Dr.  
1722 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1731 – assist fire dept., Outer Dr.  
1754 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.  
1816 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / U.S. 12

- 1858 – assist other dept., Oak Ln.  
1921 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1924 – overdose, Ecorse Rd.  
2019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2051 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr. / Elwell Rd.  
2101 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Villa Dr.  
2223 – assist fire dept., S. I-275/Ecorse  
2228 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
2239 – suspicious person/vehicle, Crowley Ave.  
2315 – warrant arrest, Ford  
2325 – threat, Bayshore Dr.  
2354 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.

- Thursday, June 23:**  
0157 – malicious destruction of property, Belmont  
0221 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0656 – welfare check, Brandi  
0904 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.  
0906 – animal complaint, Landmark  
0934 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
0955 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1000 – 911 welfare check, Van Born  
1001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1028 – abandoned auto, Van Born Rd.  
1029 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born Rd.  
1100 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
1125 – assist other dept., Belmont Dr.  
1301 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1346 – 911 welfare check, Savage Rd.  
1402 – animal complaint, Madison Dr.  
1420 – assist citizen, Jeremy Rd./Patty Ln.  
1422 – noise complaint, Hamilton St.  
1448 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

- 1527 – suspicious person/vehicle, DNR boat launch  
**Rawsonville**  
1533 – assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.  
1641 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1721 – civil matter, Cambridge Ct.  
1825 – suspicious person/vehicle, Chandler Dr. / Castell Blvd.  
1846 – civil matter, Michigan Ave.  
1856 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1851 – civil matter, Redwood  
1933 – intrusion alarm, Vista Dr.  
1953 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2030 – civil matter, Redwood  
2045 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
2104 – PPO violation, Van Buren St.  
2117 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Sage Cir. / Tyler Rd.  
2157 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2200 – disorderly, Denton Rd.  
2212 – threat, Denton Rd.

- Friday, June 24:**  
0040 – suspicious person/vehicle, Patty Ln.  
0044 – larceny, Belleville Rd.

- 0237 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
0828 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0934 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1013 – property damage accident, Lake Villa Dr.  
1042 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1217 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
1328 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1433 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
1506 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
1511 – 911 welfare check, Colonial Rd.  
1731 – animal complaint, Hannan Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1804 – intrusion alarm, Vista Dr.  
1805 – neighbor trouble, Lake Villa Dr.  
1831 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.  
1900 – welfare check, Monroe Ct.  
1911 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.  
1956 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
2204 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2258 – suicidal person, Winding Pond Dr.  
2319 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe  
2348 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

- Saturday, June 25:**  
0019 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0343 – welfare check, Richard Run Dr.  
0352 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.  
0909 – vehicle lockout, Bemis Rd.  
1051 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. W. I-94 Haggerty ramp  
1117 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1128 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.  
1227 – ordinance violation, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
1236 – vehicle lockout, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
1239 – harassment call, Outer Dr.  
1520 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.  
1532 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wheatgrass Ln.  
1813 – traffic offense, Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.  
1834 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1844 – lake emergencies, Quirk Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1848 – harassment call, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1942 – domestic, Arthur St.  
2002 – lake complaint, Ormond Dr./W. Huron River Dr.  
2015 – property damage accident, Ecorse I-275 ramp S.  
2016 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.  
2146 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2158 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd. / Haggerty Rd.  
2224 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
2258 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Beck  
Also on this week’s log are 52 traffic stops, 12 of which were on the I-94 freeway.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

- Sunday, June 19:**  
0213 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.  
1226 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.  
2315 – noise complaint, W. Wabash Ave.

- Monday, June 20:**  
0113 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
1036 – threat, Menlo Park Dr.  
2031 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
2145 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon  
2352 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
**Tuesday, June 21:**  
0527 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
1115 – suicidal person, Menlo Park Dr.  
1437 – parking complaint, Fifth St./Main St.  
1541 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Main St. / Fifth St.  
1558 – abandoned auto, Victorian Ln.  
1656 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.  
1820 – traffic stop, South St./Industrial Park Dr.  
1833 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
1952 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
2053 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Main St.  
2312 – noise complaint, Carmell St.  
**Wednesday, June 22:**  
0031 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Montague Ave.  
1625 – larceny, San Carlos St.  
1740 – intrusion alarm, Estrada  
1754 – animal complaint, Carmell St.  
**Thursday, June 23:**  
0732 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.

- 1020 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Industrial Pk.  
1353 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1459 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1539 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
1615 – intrusion alarm, S. Liberty St.  
1624 – vehicle lockout, Fourth St.  
1930 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.  
1945 – traffic stop, Main St.

- Friday, June 24:**  
0027 – traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia Ave.  
0945 – parking complaint, Edgemont/Potter  
1003 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
1333 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
1349 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
1405 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
1435 – suicidal person, Third St.  
1704 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.  
1728 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
2054 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
**Saturday, June 25:**  
0049 – traffic stop, South St.  
0234 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.  
0245 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park  
0806 – parking complaint, Main St.  
0902 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.  
1139 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1703 – civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2130 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / N. Edgemont Ave.  
2311 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.  
There were 23 traffic stops on this week’s log.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

- Sunday, June 19:**  
0153 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.  
0326 – fire dept. assist, Tulip Dr.  
1023 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Willow  
1256 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1341 – assist other agency, 24000 bl Carleton West  
1353 – 911 hang up, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1504 – suspicious circumstance, Clark Ln./Judd  
1745 – family trouble, Virginia St.  
1944 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2154 – noise complaint, Stonecrest Dr.  
2210 – follow-up investigation, Virginia St.  
**Monday, June 20:**  
0152 – missing person, Rustic Ln.  
0229 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.  
0409 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.  
0714 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
0919 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.  
0932 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0952 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
1017 – neighbor dispute, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1056 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.  
1156 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

- 1227 – follow-up investigation, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1603 – animal complaint, 30000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1711 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1816 – civil matter, Sherwood Rd./Arkona Rd.  
1818 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.  
1911 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1951 – fire dept. assist, Harris Rd./Martinsville Rd.  
2003 – suspicious vehicle, 7800 bl. Oakville Waltz  
2020 – found property, Harris Rd./Martinsville Rd.  
2029 – ORV complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2049 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
2110 – family trouble, 24000 bl Sherwood Rd.  
2337 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
**Tuesday, June 21:**  
0201 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0734 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis  
0939 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.  
1251 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1815 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
1821 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.  
1833 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2341 – mental health call, Edgewood Dr.

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# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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## Wednesday, June 22:

0406 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0707 – welfare check, Edgewood Dr.  
0923 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0940 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.  
1050 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1614 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1640 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
2-13 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2015 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.  
2114 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.

## Thursday, June 23:

0004 – disorderly person, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0142 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.  
1121 – larceny, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1214 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1342 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.

1630 – suspicious circumstance, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1652 – family trouble, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1811 – welfare check, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2046 – animal complaint, Second St.  
2047 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2117 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd.

## Friday, June 24:

0124 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.  
0153 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
0222 – civil matter, Wayside Dr.  
0732 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1211 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.  
1736 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.  
1809 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
1948 – mental health call, Texas St.  
2012 – recovered runaway, Willis/Martinsville  
2038 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2144 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

## Saturday, June 25:

1101 – suspicious person, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis  
1214 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.  
1517 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1628 – prisoner incident, Huron Twp. PD  
1652 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1809 – prisoner incident, Huron Twp. PD  
2002 – alarm, Texas St.  
2107 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Also on this week's log are 173 patrol checks, 43 traffic stops, and 19 misc. details.

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# VBT Board honors employees for years of service, retirements

On June 8, the following Van Buren Township employees were honored for their years of service:

- Police Lt. Mark Buckberry, 30 years;
- Carol Towles, 25 years;
- Police Officer Patrick Wehrman, 20 years;
- Police Officer Scott Griggs, 20 years;
- Police Officer Ryan Bidwell, 20 years;
- Georgia Baker, 10 years;
- Beverly Porter, 10 years;
- Police Officer Kurtis Mowbray, 5 years;
- Officer Keith Daniels, 5 years.

Police Officer Mark Buxton officially retired on June 3 after 30 years of service and Senior Director Lynette Jordan will retire on July 6 after 16 years of service to the township.

These milestones were announced at the June 21 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees.



- June 23 – Jessica Smith
- June 27 – twins Roderick Soja and Terry Brooks
- June 28 – Mason Smith
- June 30 – Brandon Hamilton, Kathy Dwornik
- July 1 – Angela Netro
- July 2 – Rebecca Roberts, Caleb Howard, Linda A. Mitchell
- July 4 – Sharon Kennedy
- July 5 – Donna Meyer, Anthony Richendollar, Don Johnson, Joe Sixbey
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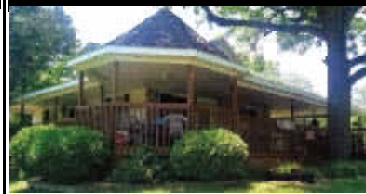
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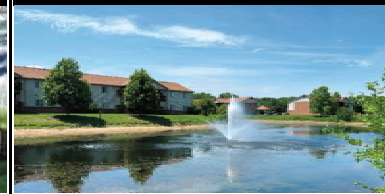
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