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# VBT to clear trees from from former Ford property

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on Aug. 1 voted unanimously to spend \$59,800 to clear some trees from its property at the northwest corner of Belleville and Tyler roads. This is the site formerly owned by Ford Land.

Treasurer Sharry Budd was absent and excused from the meeting. Her youngest grandson was showing animals at the Wayne County 4-H Fair that evening.

At the regular meeting of the board on Aug. 1, Supervisor Kevin McNamara said, "We normally don't take trees out. There are 50 acres set aside to sell and it could be up to \$100,000 more on this contract."

He said the clearing will work to improve positive drainage on this site.

There will be additional costs for soil erosion control measures, land balancing, and restoration once plans have been (continued on page 18)



The Belleville Area Museum has been closed by Van Buren Township for 1,256 days as of today. Set for reopening in Dec.

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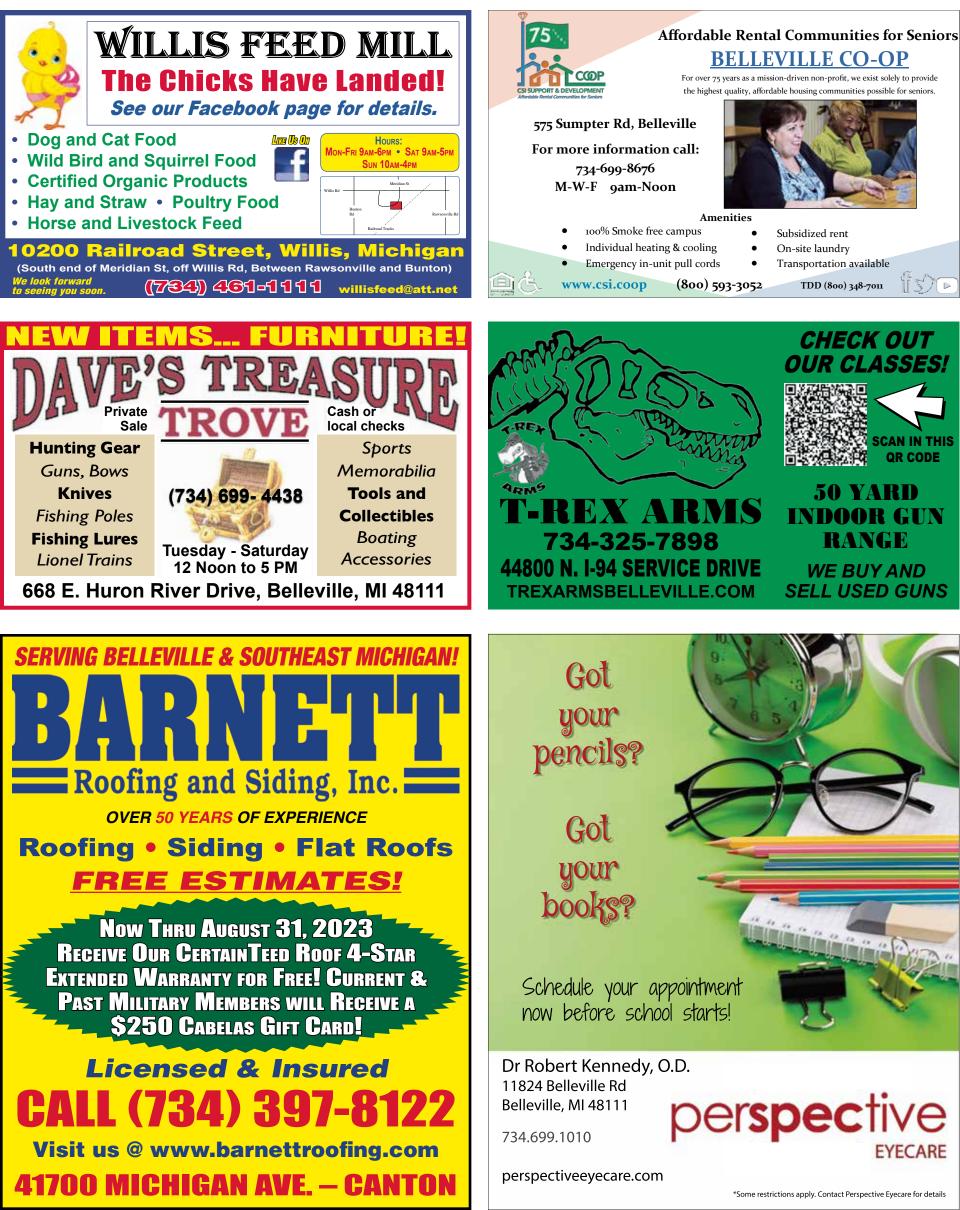


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# Thunder Over Michigan Air Show this weekend

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# Page 3 **SECOND FRONT PAGE**

# VBT Police arrest suspect in fatal, non-fatal shooting incidents

Officers and detectives with the Van Buren Township Police Department worked throughout the weekend inside Van Buren Estates mobile home park, actively investigating the fatal shooting that occurred on the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 4.

The park is located on Lohr Road between Martz and Bemis roads.

In a news release Sunday, Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Joshua Monte said at about 12:15 p.m. Sunday, emergency dispatch received multiple calls of shots being fired inside Van Buren Estates. Since uniformed officers were already at the scene of the fatal shooting, they responded within seconds and were able to quickly identify the residence the shooter fled into.

The suspect refused to come out of the residence and officers and detectives were able to surround the location.

The Western Wayne Special Operations including negotiators, were Team. activated for the barricaded situation. After about two hours of negotiations, the suspect exited the residence and was taken into custody without further incident. He was lodged at the Van Buren Police lockup pending the authorization of charges by the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Police had advised residents by Nixel to shelter in place at 12:46 p.m. Sunday and after the arrest police sent out a Nixel alert that said it was now safe to resume normal activity, but asked people to avoid Birch

Street until the investigation is completed. Police said they believed the subject

arrested Sunday was also responsible for Friday's fatal shooting. The victim from Sunday's shooting was

hospitalized and listed in stable condition. The victim's dog appeared to be grazed by a bullet and was in stable condition at the **Romulus Animal Shelter** 

Deputy Chief Monte said the Van Buren Department extends its heartfelt condolences to the victim's family and loved ones during this difficult time.

The department also thanks the community for its invaluable support in providing crucial information relating to the ongoing investigations.

the police departments who are members of the Western Wayne County Special Operations Consortium, along with the Belleville and Sumpter Township police departments for their quick response.

Channel 7 news interviewed neighbor Corey Dubisky who lives across the street from the man now in police custody. He said, "We were just in our house having lunch at the time and heard, 'bang bang bang,' right away, 15 shots or something, a full magazine dump."

"We don't even hear about break-ins or anything, so to have a murder and an attempted murder within the same weekend, that's unbelievable around here," Dubisky told Channel 7.

The Van Buren department also thanks

# 25th-annual Thunder Over Michigan Air Show this weekend

By Bob Mytych

Belleville-Area Independent The 25th-anniversary-edition of the Thunder Over Michigan Air Show returns to Willow Run Airport this week end with two drive-in and park shows on Saturday, Aug. 12, and two on Sunday, Aug. 13.

Vehicle passes start at \$129 each for all shows. Both morning shows start at 10 a.m. with the gates opening at 8 a.m.

The airshow line up will include the KC-135R Stratotanker Demo, P-51 Mustang Demo, Training Heritage Flight, CT-133 Silver Star Demo, Mini 357th Fighter Group Salute, CF-118-B Hornet Demo, F-22 Raptor Demo, and F-22 Raptor Heritage Flight.

The morning show will end at noon and the gates open at 1 p.m. for the afternoon show, which starts at 3 p.m.

That afternoon lineup of airshow performers include the B-29 Superfortress and B-24 Liberator Demo, CT-133 Silver Star Demo, Army P-51 Mustang versus Navy FG-1D Corsair, FG-1D Demo, Lim-5 Demo, Mig-23 Demo, and 357th Fighter Wing Mustangs.

The afternoon show ends at 5 p.m. with the gates closing at 6 p.m. The growing list of static display aircraft includes F-16's, F-35 Lightning II's, along with the museum's fleet of historic planes.

As of Tuesday, tickets were still available on their website at www.yankeeairmuseum. org. Parking is first-come-first-served along the air show line. Visit their website for information on premier seating, vendors, airplane rides, and entry restrictions.

# **Belleville City Council gives nod to police wage hike, accepts FD grant**

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At Monday's 35-minute regular meeting, a bare quorum of the Belleville City Council gave a nod to a pay increase to lure new experienced police officers and gratefully welcomed a \$18,500 grant from the Belleville Rotary Club for the fire department.

Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilman Tom Fielder were absent and excused, so the meeting was before a council of three: Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt and Council Members Kelly Bates and Jeremiah Beebe.

Acting Police Chief Kris Faull presented a proposal for lateral pay for new hires in order to encourage candidates to apply for positions in Belleville and get higher pay for their years of experience than the probationary pay offered.

She said the department has been advertising for an officer for several months and there was only one applicant and that one didn't have a good work record.

Chief Faull said Van Buren, Sumpter, and Huron townships all offer lateral pay to encourage officers to apply and, "We have to start lateral pay." She said she contacted the townships and they said it was an agreement between the townships and the unions.

She said she talked to the local union and it agrees this is a good idea.

"We're hoping we can get people to put in applications," Faull said, adding even those with just three or four years of experience know how things operate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt, a retired police officer, said he was in favor of the proposal and directed Faull to run it by the city's labor attorney to get it in the proper wording.

The council unanimously approved a motion to accept the proposal in concept, with the labor attorney putting it into the proper shape. Councilman Beebe asked that it also be run by the budget consultant.

Voigt said if an experienced officer leaves and is replaced by a new experienced officer with lateral pay it would be a wash to the budget.

Faull's letter of understanding presented to the council for consideration said new hires with 12-24 months of police experience at another department would start at the two-year rate of \$26.07 an hour. Those with 36 months or more would start at the 48-month rate of pay of \$30.14. She said after eight years they become corporals and get a bump in pay.

Faull said they were still down one officer and in late May officer Bart Devos would be retiring after 10 years here, so they would be two down.

### **Rotary Club grant**

In other discussion, the fire department told the council of its \$18,500 grant from the Belleville Rotary Club's Cozadd Foundation.

Deputy Chief Chris Zweng said Lt. Richard Landskroener and Fire Fighter Garrett Kissel together worked on a grant application which would improve the quality of dispatch for their runs.

Zweng said when the FCC changed its procedures their communications became poor. He said a lot of departments use the 800 megahertz system and pagers aren't cheap.

Belleville Fire Department currently is dispatched by Van Buren Township and VBT Fire Chief Dave McInally said if Belleville changed its system then VBT would have to, too, said Fire Chief Brian Loranger.

He said Sumpter Township has this system now. He said although the units to carry are larger than what they have now, transmission is clear and can be heard much farther.

The grant covers 20 pagers and some of the money it takes for putting up the department's own channel. VBT would dispatch the Belleville department out on its own channel and then it would go on the regular channel, said Lt. Landskroener.

"It's a good step for our fire department," Kissell said.

Councilwoman Bates said the council will put together a resolution to thank the Rotary Club for the grant.

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

· Reviewed the reports Chief Faull had produced at the request of the council: a 5-Year Snapshot of the Crime Statistics and the July 2023 Crime Statistics. She said over the last five years COVID brought crime stats dramatically down but there should be close to 5,000 by the end of this year. The law changed on arrestable offenses, she said, so while there were 413 arrests in 2018, year to date 2023 they are down to 35. The year-to-date calls for service are 2,205 in 2023 up from 1,977 in 2022 and 1,872 in 2021. Voigt said the figures show the police department is doing a good job;

· Approved accounts payable in the

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# Editorial

# Tractor parade in October plans to stop for pictures

Brad Traskos of Sumpter Township, who is a retired Van Buren Township fire chief, came to Monday's Belleville City Council meeting to enthusiastically tell council members about his plans for this year's tractor parade.

Last year was his first and it was a resounding success, except for the horrible traffic on Haggerty Road where vehicles tried to pass the parade and cut into the line of slow-moving tractors. This year he said he will take another route from and back to Sumpter and will ask Van Buren Township police for help.

The tractor parade is a part of Belleville's Harvest Fest, which is set for Oct. 14. He said he was advised that those putting Harvest Fest together will ask to close Main Street from Third Street to Roys Street, or so. He would like to line up his tractors on the street and park them so parents can take pictures of their children on the tractors and adults can get up close to inspect the tractors.

He'd also like to get some food for the drivers from one of the restaurants downtown and to get a sponsor to pay for it. Maybe a hamburger or hot dog, chips, and pop for each driver. He'd also like to add a few military vehicles to the parade.

They told him Harvest Fest would be on the Aug. 21 agenda and he should come back then. He wants as many tractors as possible to join in, so he wants to pass the word around. There were 40 last year.

# **EXTRA THINGS I KNOW**

Belleville Pro Hardware in downtown Belleville is closing Sept. 1. The fixtures will begin being sold in the middle of this month. Be sure to stop by and tell Mike Windiate goodbye.

He said this is the third Mike that Main Street has lost, referring to Mike Foley at Frosty Boy and Mike Kouza at Hayward's, who both died over the last few years. Mike Windiate pointed out that he, however, is still alive.

After his recent heart surgery, Mike said he decided to retire and enjoy his life.

This will leave another big unoccupied building on Main Street, following the recent closings of CVS (that was Andrew's Pharmacy) and Douglas Carpet.

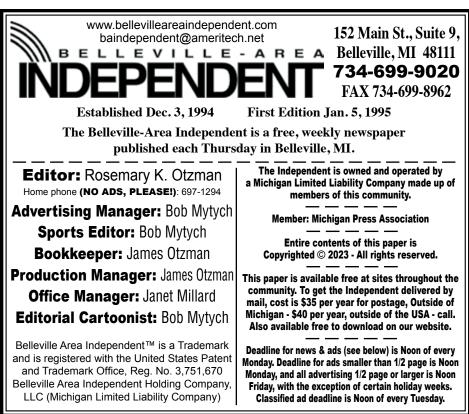
Hope they all fill up soon.

City Clerk Brianna Hootman said that there are five candidates running for five openings on the city council in the Nov. 7 general election. Anyone who wants to run as a writein candidate has until Friday, Oct. 27, to file, she said.

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On Saturday I saw that Sam's Place in Belleville had a new menu - with beer, wine, and mixed drinks on it. Our wait person told us they got the liquor license last month. If Sam's applied for a DORA license, that could mean outside drinking in downtown Belleville from the bridge to Five Points.

On Sunday at the Bugles Across America event at the Veterans Memorial there was a very big lake IN FRONT of the monument. I know, Belleville Lake is behind the monument, but this lake was in front on High Street and into the city sidewalk and parking lot. I always park along the street and I had to walk down the middle of High Street to get





to the memorial because I couldn't see any other way.

A storm sewer was blocked, apparently, and so the water wasn't moving. So much water!

Before the ceremony retired Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor and I walked up behind the monument to get a look at the docks Scott Jones had donated to the city. Then we looked at the deteriorating cement and bricks of the monument. One crack had been patched, but the crack opened back up again.

I'd hate to see the monument topple. The city has been trying to get grant money to help repair the infrastructure, but has been unsuccessful, so far. \*\*\*

A reader from Van Buren Township said she is very upset over the news that the IRS is auditing her tax return. Her tax consultant (not one from our building) told her not to worry and that she would attend the meeting with the IRS to represent her, but still she worries

She said her tax consultant told her she shouldn't put the several Republican organizations she donates to on the list of donations. But she did so. Are all those new IRS agents targeting Republicans?

At the funeral and visitation for retired Sumpter Police Chief James Pierce last week people told stories about what he had done for them that his loved ones never knew. He was a regular customer at Marty's Gift Shop where he bought presents for his wife, family members, and employees without telling anyone else. He came home from work wet one day and didn't tell his wife he had volunteered to take part in a dump of ice water on himself to raise money for Parkinson's research. The stories kept coming and people learned he was more loving and kind than they ever suspected. We are all going to miss him very much.

At Monday's meeting of the city council, someone from the Belleville Rotary Club

was expected to be there to present the \$18,500 grant from its Cozadd Foundation for the fire department's communication new equipment. But, for some reason, no Rotarians were there, but the city accepted the grant nonetheless.



Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of the mayor, said, "The Rotary Club is a very positive part of our community." He spoke of the gazebo at Victory Park that the Rotary has adopted. The club got the roof fixed and did other repairs. It also plants the flowers around the gazebo each spring. Then, at Christmas time, the Rotary strings lights on the gazebo.

I know Keith Bruder checks the lights regularly and if they are malfunctioning he gets over there and makes sure the Christmas lights are working right. The club has done a lot more. Thank you, Rotarians, for all you do for our community.

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# **Pastor Seth challenges** us to pray, give in secret

### To the editor:

I heard a sermon online and I think it deserves repeating. Bethany Bible Church now has a Pastor (Seth Westmoreland) who preaches the true, Scriptural Word of God.

Today, we are being bombarded by the media, saturated with "misinformation," distortions, and outright lies. To hear and see the truth is indeed rewarding and most fulfilling.

And this I know: Pastor Seth's Bible preaching is the TRUTH.\* Also, truly appreciated was Pastor Seth's altar call invitation when many responded.

Hallelujah! In Acts 2:21 - NIV, Jesus is saying, "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Additionally, we Bethany Bible Church attendees (young and old) are given homework/challenges?

This past week, Pastor Seth "challenged" our congregation to "Pray for God to give you a heart like Jesus." Imagine how our Tri-Community and our country will beautifully change -- from "gloom and doom" to brotherly love -- fruitful and beautiful!

The second "challenge/homework" given to us by Pastor Seth is: "Watch for opportunities to give in secret -- to someone/something in need." A neighbor, relative, homeless? So many in need!

If each of us will comply with Pastor Seth's "assignment," we will see miracles, not only in our tri-communities, but universally; yes, even worldwide!

Bethany Bible Church is experiencing God's miraculous, joyful healing and we know Jesus is keeping His promise: "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you or forsake you."

Deuteronomy 31:6 - N.I.V.

\*Truth: "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32 ESV

GOD BLESS AMERICA

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker Belleville

# Thanks to all who put on **VB Senior Cookout**

To the editor:

Thanks to everyone who helped put on the Van Buren Senior Center Summer Cookout on Aug. 2. Thanks again from all of us.

Gary and Patricia Marshall Van Buren Township

**President finally doing** something about archers To the editor:

I'm glad to see that Smokey Joe, our esteemed president, is finally doing something about those crazed archers who are threating our life and limb. He is withholding money from schools who teach gun safety and safe practices for shooting archery. It's about time someone took responsibility for the threat archers are to our country. Why just the other day coming down I-94 someone cut me off. I tooted my horn to let him know I was upset -- and he threatened to shoot me with an arrow.

I know soon we'll be reading where someone left a bow loaded in a home and a child found it and shot some poor person.

And don't even ask me about the many armed robberies that are happening -- with people having a bow and arrow.

You put your foot down, Joe, and while you're at it figure out where to put the other foot. Again, I have a suggestion. You all be safe out there.

Vic Franzoi Van Buren Township

# 'Stuff a Truck' is this Saturday at Sumpter PD

To the editor:

SEE TOUCH EXPLORE

Join Sumpter Township Public Safety on Saturday, Aug. 12, from noon to 4 p.m. behind the police station for a fun event for the kiddos (and maybe even the adults!) we're calling "Stuff-A-Truck."

The goal of this event is to "stuff the trucks" with new school supplies and all donations are welcome. We'll then get them out to local schoolchildren to help them start the school year on the right foot. Please consider donating what you can.

- We'll have many vehicles to check out: - Police Vehicles
- Fire Trucks
- Ambulance
- Garbage Truck
- Car Hauler
- Tow Truck
- MSP Bomb Squad
- DNR Truck & Four-Wheeler
- Heavy Machinery
- 18-Wheeler
- Cement Truck
- and many more!

The Lion's Club will also be here with their vision screening trailer to provide free vision screening for children. We're also expecting food for the purchase.

The police department is located at: 23501 Sumpter Rd., Belleville MI 48111. For more information, contact Sergeant Beth Egerer at <u>begerer@sumpterpd.org</u>.

Sgt. Beth Egerer Sumpter Township Police Department

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Minding **Your Business** with Bob Mytych

Get The Scoop Ice Cream Shop at 644 East Huron River Drive in Belleville is hosting free Movie Nights on weekends in August. This Friday, Aug. 11, the featured film is "Super Mario Brothers" and this Saturday's movie is "Hidden Strike-Jackie Chan." Start time is 9:30 p.m. each night. See their ad in today's paper.

Atchinson Ford in Belleville will be holding its Summer Block Party, Thursday, Aug. 10, from 1 to 7 p.m. at the dealership on Belleville Road. It's an opportunity to check out the all-new lineup of Ford vehicles and to speak with Ford technicians on Ford technology and careers. King of Ribs Detroit food truck will also be on hand. Call (734) 697-9161 and visit www. atchinson.net for more info.

Today's paper includes an insert from the folks at the Saline Community Fair, which is coming up Aug. 30-Sept. 3 at the Saline Community Fairgrounds at 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Rd. If your newspaper didn't have the insert stop by our office at 152 Main St., Suite 9 and pick one up during regular business hours.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside concert series at Horizon Park continues Thursday, Aug. 10, at 7 p.m. with "Temperance Tonic." The free concerts are held rain or shine and will move into the Belleville First United Methodist Church across the street in case of bad weather. Next week, "Laura Rain & The Caesars" will be performing at the final Music Lakeside Concert of the season during the Taste of Belleville / Bridgewalk events on Aug. 17. Next week's Independent will feature the Taste



of Belleville menu.

This Saturday, Aug. 12, Belleville High School's annual Orange & Black football game will take place at the stadium beginning at 4 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited. The Tigers open up the season against River Rouge at Wayne State University on Aug. 25.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' is looking for entries for its 14thannual Community Art Show coming up Oct. 13-15 at the BYC on East Huron River Drive. Cash prizes range from \$25-\$200 in six categories: 3D/Fiber Art, 2-D, Upcycled, Photography, Children Ages 6-12, and Teens Ages 13-17. Entry forms are available at www.bacaart.org and available for pick up at the Belleville Library and the Sumpter Township Media Center on Sumpter Road. For more info email bellartson@gmail.com and see their

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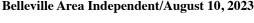
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ad in today's paper. 3-D/Fiber Art is a new submission category this year.

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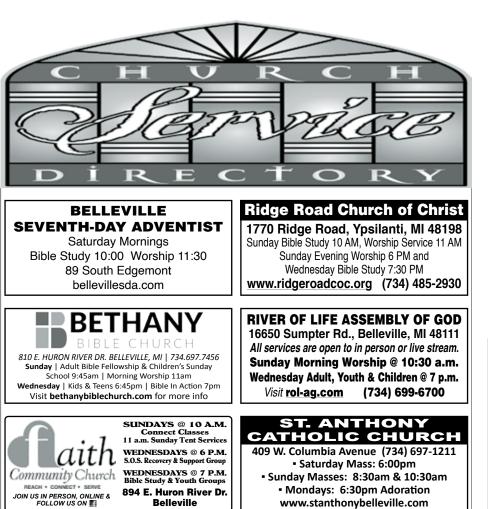
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James Edward Crandall

# JAMES EDWARD CRANDALL

(February 20, 1936 – July 30, 2023) James Edward Crandall, age 87, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2023, at his home. He was born February 20, 1936, in Royal Oak, MI, the son of Robert Earl & Josephine Barbara (Janicky) Crandall.

Jim graduated from high school and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam. He was a paratrooper, worked in food service, and was even an escort to bring comrades home. He proudly served for 20+ years earning numerous medals and distinctions. He was a member of AUSA (Association of the United States Army). He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and time with family and he loved cats. Jim is survived by nieces: Tina Galloway of South Lyon, MI, Allison Covell of Ada, MI, Debra Napier of Waterford, MI, Amanda (Grant) Longo, and Rosemary Walls. nephews: Steven Grant, Timothy Gullet Jr., Matthew Gullet, Michael Crandall and Robert Crandall Jr., Duane (Edie) Galloway of Winnsboro, Texas, and Brian Crandall of Ada, MI; greatniece Janet (Kelly "KC" Schultz) Galloway of Wayne, MI; great-nephew Derrick Galloway of Brownstown, MI; great-great nephew Sammy Hernandez-Galloway of Belleville, MI; Dear Friend Greg Longo; also extended family and friends

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Barbara Crandall; four brothers Robert, Frederick, Alfred, and Bruce Crandall; and niece Wendy Lynn Galloway.

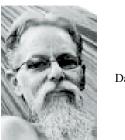
Dignified cremation rites were accorded to honor his wishes. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Inurnment will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI, and will be announced once it is planned. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Huron Valley Humane Society and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

### ANNETTE C. BAGCHI

(June 18, 1953 – August 1, 2023)

Age 70. Survived by daughter Megan Uhlinger of CT; grandchildren Brooklyn and George; sister Michele; brother Cullan; nieces, nephews, cousins. A memorial service will be held at a later date. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Daniel Lance Higgs

### DANIEL LANCE HIGGS

(August 10, 1962 - July 31, 2023) Daniel Higgs, age 60, a resident of New Boston for many years, passed away on July 31, 2023 at Beaumont Hospital in Trenton, MI, surrounded by his family. He was born on August 10, 1962 in Wayne, MI to David Higgs, Sr. and Karen Ann (Wolcott) Higgs. Daniel graduated from high school then served our country in the United States Army. He went on to work and have a career as a truck driver with KAG. Daniel Harley-Davidson enioved motorcycles, cooking, playing euchre, and loved being outdoors. He especially enjoyed camping with his grandchildren and sitting around the fire pit. Most of all, he loved his family.

Daniel is survived by his loving wife of 41 years Diana Higgs of New Boston, MI; his father David Higgs of Westland, MI; his children Jennifer (Issac) Bolin of Blissfield, MI, Jon (Sharon) Higgs of Monroe, MI, Jason (Tiffany) Higgs of Dundee, MI; his ten amazing grandchildren Caden, Karen, Michael, Ayden, Bently, Lilly, Kaylee, Riley, Steven, and Gavin; his siblings Deanna Johnson of Riverview, MI, Dennis Higgs of TN, David (Niki) Higgs of AL, Darren Higgs of GA, and Dawn (Jeremy) Wallace of GA; as well as many nieces and nephews, aunts and uncles, special friends, and his trucking family.

He was preceded in death by his mother and his grandparents.

A visitation took place on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111 from 10 AM until the time of service at noon. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

# **Upcoming Meetings**

• Thursday, Aug. 10 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission quarterly meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 14, - Van Buren Township budget review meeting starts at 8 a.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

• Tuesday, Aug. 15 - Van Buren Township work/study at 5 p.m. and board meeting at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 21 - Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, August 22 - Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 23 - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• Monday, Aug. 28 - Belleville City Council special meeting at 6 p.m. to make final selection of city manager. Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building.

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

• Monday, Sept. 11 - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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# **Obituaries**

James Albert Jacobs



# JAMES ALBERT JACOBS

(December 7, 1944 – August 2, 2023) James Albert Jacobs age 78, resident of Belleville and Florida for many years, passed away on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at home surrounded by family. He was born on December 7, 1944, in Detroit, MI, to James Clark Jacobs and Marcellene (Madeline Goddard) Jacobs.

He graduated from Schafer High School in Southgate and then attended Autobody Trade School. James spent many years in Taylor and eventually moved to Belleville where he would raise his children and work on his passion, cars. He was an exquisite auto body repair man and painter, and his work was of the highest quality. He was featured in many car shows and even the Detroit Auto Show. James did custom painting for many people, and he took great pride in his work. He was a very hard worker and it really showed in the quality of what he produced. James adored his family, especially his daughters and granddaughters whom he thought the world of. Most of all, he loved his familv.

James is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Crystal Jacobs of Belleville MI; his daughters, Jimilyn Marie (Kenneth) Koren of Belleville, MI, Brandy Cristine (Joe) Dunn, of Somerville AL; his sister, Sandra Lee (Michael) Peer of Gibraltar, MI; his granddaughters Jordyn Marie (Zachary) Thomas of Westland, MI, Ashlyn Paige (Chad) Thomas of Livonia, MI; as well as many other friends, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, his mother, brother during childbirth, and his aunt and uncle George and Irene Laware of Chazy, NY.

According to his wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. A celebration of his life will be planned in the future. Donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital in his memory would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Alan John Hall

# ALAN JOHN HALL (January 31, 1960 – July 23, 2023)

Alan John Hall known as Al, passed away July 23, 2023. He was born in Lincoln Park on January 31, 1960. His parents were the late William and Helen Hall.

He was the funniest man who could make anyone laugh. He didn't always say much but when he did everyone listened and respected him. He was kind, caring, and would do anything for the ones he loved. In his spare time he enjoyed his BMW motorcycle and collecting vintage stereo equipment, which reminded him of his beloved brother who passed, Gerry.

He left behind many who loved and cherished him like his partner Beatrice Herring, his daughters Carly Hall and Chelsea Hall, his siblings and their partners Patty Slomsky (Rex Slomsky), Bill Hall (Eileen Hall), and Angela Sakulidis (Jim Sakulidis). Al has many friends and family who he loved dearly. He's now with his brother Gerry probably causing trouble in heaven. We will all miss him so dearly.



# Wade Douglas McKenzie

Wade Douglas McKenzie, 55, of Ypsilanti, is charged with operating while intoxicated-third and driving while license suspended on March 27, 2017 in Van Buren Township. He was video-arraigned while in custody of Van Buren police on July 17 and present for his probable cause conference on July 26. His preliminary exam was set for Sept. 6 in 34th District Court.

# **Carmichael Julian Chavis**

At his preliminary exam on Aug. 2, Carmichael Julian Chavis, 24, of Van Buren Township had a charge of breaking

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prosecution and he pled guilty to assault & battery and malicious destruction of a building from 200 to #1,000.

He was fined \$795 for the assault & battery charge and \$545 for the malicious destruction of a building charge. All the charges were from an incident on Feb. 25 in Van Buren Township.

Chavis currently is in the Saginaw Correctional Facility on an alleged parole violation. He was on parole from his sentence from armed robbery, conspiracy for armed robbery and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder on Aug. 26, 2014.





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**Court Watching** 

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amount of \$164,027.80 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to B&R Janitorial, \$675.06 for DDA maintenance cleaning supplies; to Blue Ribbon, \$9,629 for pouring road back from water main break; to Hennessey Engineers, \$4,769 for road engineering; to Huron River Watershed Council, \$937.50 for membership dues; to Metro Environmental Service, \$1,966.25 for sewer backup by 385 E. Huron River Dr.; to Printing Systems Inc., \$704.63 for AV ballot return envelopes for election with state permit for paid postage, and \$782.63 for AV ballot outer envelopes for elections; and to Puro Clean, \$2,854.20 for remediation of basement backup of city sewer;

· Heard Acting City Manager Jones report on taking the summer youth workers to the Detroit Wayne Integrative Health Network meeting at RenCen on Aug. 3. He described the program, classes, and motivational speaker. The group pays for the summer workers and seven out of the ten were able to go, he said. The youth workers program runs through September;

• Heard Bates announce a 3-7 p.m. meeting on Aug. 15 at Belleville High School to discuss the self-driving lane on I-94 that is being installed from Belleville Road to Rawsonville Road. Zweng said it was from Haggerty Road and it's a pilot

program for self-driving vehicles. It will be in the right-hand lane and have a wireless charger; and

• Heard Zweng say that he lives near the mobile home park on Lohr Road and it was a rough weekend. He thanked the Belleville police department for going out so quickly to help Van Buren Township police with the shootings. He said all the surrounding departments helped out.

# **Court Watching**

### Jeremy Douglas Branham

Jeremy Douglas Branham, 41, of Sumpter Township, is charged with assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and domestic violence-third offense notice on July 13 in Sumpter Township. He was present by zoom for his probable cause conference on July 26 at 34th District Court and his attorney asked to adjourn the case for discovery. Judge Martin reset the probable cause conference to Aug. 2. At that time, the preliminary exam was set for Oct. 25. Judge Martin gave him permission to go to North Carolina for his work, but the prosecutor must be given the address and the dates. There is a no-contact order, but there may be contact to provide for their child. Personal bond is \$5,000.

# **Robert Jefferson Blossom**

Robert Jefferson Blossom, 58, of Whittaker, is charged with operating while intoxicated-third, blood alcohol content of .17 or more, driving with open intoxicants, and driving while license suspended on June 8, 2021 in Sumpter Township. Defense attorney James Murray said this is a 2021 case that was authorized in April 2023. He said he talked to Det. John Toth about the case when it was filed, but Toth has now retired. The defendant was present for the arraignment/probable cause conference by zoom on July 26 and his warrant was recalled. A probable cause conference was set for Aug. 30. Personal bond is \$10,000.



# Things to do in the

**Belleville area...** 

• Thursday, Aug. 10 – Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, Belleville. Entertainment by "Temperance Tonic." In case of rain concerts are held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

• Saturday, Aug. 12 – Sumpter Police Department presents "Stuff a Truck" behind the police station on the festival grounds from noon to 4 p.m. Kids can come touch the trucks that will be parked there and the public is asked to bring school supplies to stuff into a township vehicle.

• Saturday, Aug. 12 – Shawnee Lawson of Van Buren Township is holding "Ellie's School Send-Off" from 3 to 6 p.m. at Heritage Park Amphitheater in Canton. This is in memory of her daughter Elliana Oygarden and to benefit The SUDC (Sudden Unexplained Death in Childhood) Foundation. Guests can make a \$15 donation at bit.ly/ElliesSchoolSendoff or donate \$18 at the door. Face painting, Kona Ice, Animal Magic Show, bounce house, raffles

• Monday, Aug. 14 – Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

• Monday, Aug. 14 – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

• Wednesday, Aug. 16 – Wayne County Community College, Ted Scott Environmental Terrace, 9555 Haggerty Rd., 7 p.m., free concert. Performing are Aisha Ellis Trio and Deblon Jackson, who are from Detroit. The trio will play jazz and will be joined by flautist Jackson.

• Thursday, Aug. 17 – Bridge Walk, Taste of Belleville. Then Music Lakeside, 7-9 p.m., Horizon Park, Belleville. Entertainment by "Laura Rain & the Caesars." In case of rain concerts are held at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St.

• Monday, Aug. 21– Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and

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• Monday, Aug. 21 – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets

• Friday, Aug. 25 - Taco Margarita Night at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. 5-7 p.m. or until they run out. (734) 941-3030

• Saturday, Aug. 26 - "Super Mario Bros." movie will be shown at 7:30 p.m. at Lower Huron Metropark Woods Creek. Parking and kids crafts open at 6 p.m. Arrive early to pick your viewing spot. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs. The movie will be shown on an LED screen and start before dark. The movie is free, but a daily or annual Metropark pass is required to enter the park.

• Saturday, Aug. 26 - Post Picnic, Dish to Pass at the James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus. 3 p.m. to ?. Sign ups in the clubroom. Open to the public. (734) 941-

• Monday, Aug. 28 – Belleville Farmers Market at the Fourth Street Place and Square. Fresh produce, vendors, and crafters, 4-7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Belleville Central Business Community.

• Monday, Aug. 28 – Egan's Pub Main Street Car Show, Mondays (weather permitting), June - September. 5-8 p.m. Main Street between Third and Fifth streets













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# BHS grad Alan Maki stars in movie: 'Fly Old Bird: Escape to the Ark'

Alan Maki, a 1968 graduate of Belleville High School and 2000 inductee in the BHS Distinguished Graduate Hall of Fame, stars in his third feature-length movie titled "Fly Old Bird: Escape to the Ark" which was filmed primarily in Tecumseh, Adrian and Onsted, MI.

Alan and his son, Shaun, own Sun and Paw Films, and they even secured exclusive permission for three days of filming at the Ark Encounter, which is a 510-foot-long replica of Noah's Ark in Williamstown, KY and central to the movie's plot.

"Fly Old Bird: Escape to the Ark," a 2-hour-20-minute faith-based film, also stars residents of Tecumseh, Adrian, Onsted, Dundee, and Tipton, as well as Wayne and Washtenaw County actors.

The film's story involves a feisty widower with pre-dementia symptoms who teams up with a weak-hearted and endearing neighbor to flee from nursing home prospects and take an evasive backroad trip to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky, trading cars and license plates to outwit pursuers along the way.

The movie, directed by Shaun Maki with screenplay written by Alan Maki, has already won Best Script at the CARE Awards Film Festival in West Virginia. The movie is positioned for top nominations and awards at upcoming fall and winter film festivals in Wisconsin, Toronto, and Nashville, and has been signed for worldwide distribution by Bridgestone Multimedia Group Global.

The Dove Foundation reviewers stated in their review: "This is a wonderful movie... You can count on it not being your usual travel adventure... This unlikely friendship becomes a treasure... This inspiring film is solidly acted, features a well-crafted plot, and shiningly shows that God places people in our lives to bring out the best in us."

The Festival for Drama Film and Writing states, "This is a wonderful, heartfelt story."

Alan, who has written two nonfiction books for Random House Publishers in New York and two novels for B&H



Shaun and Alan Maki

Publishing in Nashville, said, "Getting to work with my son Shaun and my brotherin-law Dennis McComas was a tremendous experience. Without Shaun's expertise and superb talents, this movie would've never been completed, let alone begun. And Dennis turned in an award-winning acting performance."

The production company's first two films, "Sidewalk Singer" and "Mr. What," were distributed by Vision Video and Bridgestone Multimedia Group, having been viewed by millions of people in numerous countries. Both of those films' World Premieres took place at the Tecumseh Center for the Arts. The filmmakers' website is www. flyoldbird.com.

"Fly Old Bird: Escape to the Ark" will be showing just 40 minutes from Belleville at the Tecumseh Center for the Arts in Tecumseh, MI with a double Worldwide Premiere screening of the film at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9. Ticket prices are \$12 for Adults and \$10 for seniors and students.

Several actors, the director, producers and screenwriter will be in attendance for introductions at both showings. Tickets with reserved seats may be purchased inperson at the TCA Box Office, by calling 423-6617, or online at <u>www.thetca.org</u>.



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# Van Buren Twp. Fire Dept. puts out two structure fires with help

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On Saturday, July 29, at 8:34 a.m. a fire was reported at 14712 Haggerty Rd.

Van Buren Township Deputy Fire Chief Fire Marshal Andrew Lenaghan said the fire started on the back porch deck of the house and extended into the home. It appears to be accidental.

Deputy Chief Lenaghan said there were no injuries but there was extensive damage to the exterior back of the home, damage to a portion of the interior, and smoke damage throughout.

He said due to the amount of damage and the possibility of a couple of different heat sources the actual cause is undetermined.

Van Buren Fire Department was assisted by Belleville, Romulus, and Metro Airport fire departments.

# Southport fire

On Monday, July 31, fire fighters got a call at 9:18 a.m. to 11150 Oak Ln., Southport Apartments. Lenaghan said the fire started in the laundry room in the apartment. One occupant was home at the time of the fire. There were no injuries, but extensive damage to the apartment.

The cause was accidental. The fire started in the dryer, quite possibly from a buildup of lint, Lenaghan said.

Van Buren was assisted by Romulus, Metro Airport, Ypsilanti Township, and Belleville fire departments.

# **Birthdays**

June 16 - Arianna Mitchell July 22 -- David Mitchell Aug. 2 – Tina Pyzik Aug. 10 – Melissa Crova

Aug. 11 - Claudia Roullier, Charlie Hvlton

Aug. 12 - Ashton Cardenas

Aug. 14 - Alicia Taylor, Lianne Clair, Nick Dearing

Aug. 15 – Nicholas Mitchell, Cathe Frisch Aug. 16 - Phil Miller, Darlene Gerick, Angelina Johnson

Aug. 17 - Sue Pennington, Pam Delisle

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Dogs came from everywhere to be petted by Mickey Widner to celebrate his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday in the front yard of Photography by Shannon studio on Main Street in Belleville. Family explained Widner didn't want anything for his birthday, but he loved to pet dogs. So the family invited dogs and had treats ready for them. From left are Kevin Hoffman with his Irish Wolfhound Faolan, Ameera Hoffman with her Borzoi Rocky and Raphael Finkelstein with his Borzois Legend and Bashart Caraln. This group came from Sumpter Township. Widner is a longtime resident of Van Buren Township.







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# **Comic Book Fest**

Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman On Saturday, the Belleville Area District Library held it first Comic Book Festival inside and outside the library and they plan to make it an annual event. There were classes, demonstrations, workshops, an Artists' Alley, Dueling Artists, Super Hero Training, costumes, games, prizes, food, ice cream, and an Escape Room trailer.

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# **Applicants sought for positions** on Wayne County Youth Council

The applications process is now open for positions on the Wayne County Youth Council during the 2023-24 school year.

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As many as 30 members will be appointed to the youth council, with up to two from each Wayne County Commission district.

"The youth council is designed to bring together young people from diverse backgrounds to work on issues important to young people," said Wayne County Commissioner Monique Baker McCormick, D-Detroit, who created the youth council and serves as the liaison between the council and county commission.

Membership is open to students in grades 10-12 who attend high school classes within the county. The youth council meets once a month throughout the school year.

To apply, students must submit a form including:

• An essay detailing an issue that is important to them.

• A recommendation from either a teacher, counselor, civic leader or community member.

Students' grade point averages and history of community involvement, as well as a personal interview, may also be taken into consideration.

In previous years, youth council members have worked on resolutions calling for greater mental health programs in schools and gun safety measures to keep students safe.

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Youth council members have also traveled to Lansing to meet with state Legislators.

Members can also receive summer internships, community service credits and invitations to participate in other social events.

Those interested must email their application by 5 p.m., Friday, Sept. 15, bakermccormickstaff@waynecounty. to com Those with questions about the youth council or the application process, may call Commissioner Baker McCormick's office at (313) 224-0884.

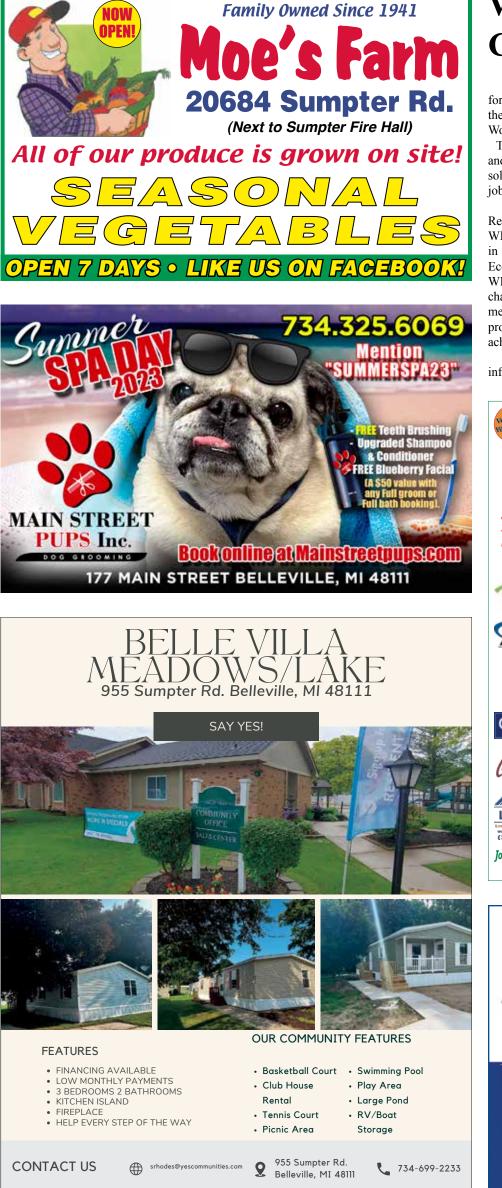
Those selected will be notified by their county commissioner.







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# WIN offers Michigan Workforce **Career, Resource Guide online**

The Workforce Intelligence Network for Southeast Michigan (WIN) announces the release of a comprehensive Michigan Workforce Career and Resource Guide.

This tool is designed to enable individuals and workforce providers with employment solutions to support career development for job seekers through 2028.

"The Michigan Workforce Career and Resource Guide reflects the commitment WIN has made to support individuals in their career search," said Michele Economou Ureste, executive director at WIN. "Navigating the job market can be challenging, and WIN along with its board members aim to provide job seekers and professionals with the necessary resources to achieve career goals."

The guide, created by WIN, offers information and resources to help job seekers



and professionals navigate today's dynamic and competitive job market.

Available online at winintelligence.org, this no-cost guide serves as a one-stop destination for career counselors and job seekers to access a wide range of career-related materials such as wage scales, career pathways in midand high-demand occupations, and contact information for training providers and supportive services.

"The WIN Michigan Workforce Career and Resource Guide provides a valuable resource for government officials and other stakeholders to understand the current demand for workers, opportunities for education and training, and the partnerships that are helping to develop creative solutions to the region's pressing workforce challenges," said Amy O'Leary, executive director, SEMCOG.

The guide offers direct point-of-contact information to more than 40 State of Michigan organizations and educational institutions supporting professional development such as skill-based training, resume building, and networking opportunities, helping to ensure residents are provided with the knowledge and tools needed to succeed in a current field or choose an in-demand career

"As a WIN board member, I am excited to share the Workforce Career and Resource Guide with our residents and the community," said Jennifer Llewellyn, director of Oakland County Michigan Works. "We are fortunate to have so many great education and workforce partners across Southeast Michigan."

The user-friendly digital publication is accessible to a wide range of users, including entry-level job seekers or seasoned professionals looking to advance in a career.

"I am proud of the Workforce Career and Resource Guide and the resources it will showcase to our Michigan communities," said Carrie Rosingana, CEO of Capital Area Michigan Works! and WIN board member. "This guide will help individuals navigate the workforce ecosystem in the tri-county region, where our agency serves, as well as the larger southeast Michigan workforce ecosystem that we're connected to and a part of through WIN."

To learn more about the WIN training reimbursement initiatives visit winintelligence.org/initiatives/.

-- Alysha Albrecht



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# **City of Belleville Public Notice**

### **CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING** MINUTES

Monday, July 24, 2023 - 7:30 pm The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access

through ZOOM. The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m. 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF

### SILENCE 2 ROLL CALL

2. KULL CALL		
Council Member Bates	Present	
Council Member Beebe	Present	
Council Member Fielder	Present	
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present	
Mayor Conley	Present	
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### 3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS A. Presentations

· Foster Swift Virtual Presentation - Charter Revision Process and Guidance

-- Leslie Abdoo, from Foster Swift, provided the Council with an explanation of the Charter revision process, as well as guidance as to when and how to proceed.

B. Council Follow Up List

• Council Member Bates asked if there had been any update regarding installation of a possible left turn light at Main St. and Denton Rd.

· Council Member Beebe asked for an update on both water/sewer related road repairs, and non-water/ sewer related road repairs.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

· Garrett Kissel stated that the Fire Department would be holding a blood drive at Life Pointe Church on Friday, July 28th

• Traci Hill presented the following concerns to the Council:

-- People are frequently driving at high rates of speed on S. Liberty St.

-- Noted that there is a storm drain on S. Liberty St. that is not draining properly.

-- Stated that she has been waiting for several months for the Zoning Board of Appeals to meet in regards to approving a variance for her fence application.

 John Juriga stated that he appreciates the new blinds that have been installed in the Council Chambers.

• Randy Priest asked for updates in regards to the Senior Transportation program, and also stated that he would like to see the sidewalks in the City addressed, especially at the intersection of Roland and Angola streets

### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve the agenda as presented, with the addition of Item E: Network Evaluation, Item F: City Manager Interviews, Item G: Extension of Interview to Internal Applicant for City Manager Position and Item H: Establishment of Road Finance Study Committee. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 10, 2023, Special Meeting of the City Council B. July 10, 2023, Closed Session Meeting of the City Council

C. July 10, 2023, Regular Meeting of the City Council MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder approving the minutes of the Special City Council Meeting, Closed Session City Council Meeting, and the Regular City Council Meeting, held on Monday, July 10, 2023.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS	
Motion Carried.	
Mayor Conley	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
ROLL CALL VOTE:	

A. None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES A. None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Discussion - Electric Vehicle Charging Stations MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to approve City Administration to move forward in conversations with Charge EV regarding installation of electric vehicle charging stations in the City parks, parking lots, and at the Belleville Area District Library

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ROLL CALL VOTE:	
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye
Motion Carried.	

B. Discussion - Retiree Incentives

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to defer discussion and possible decision on retiree incentives to the next regularly scheduled meeting following more precise language of the incentive being presented

being presented.	
ROLL CALL VOTE:	
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

C. Discussion - Proposed Smoke-Free Ordinance · Discussion took place regarding a proposed Ordinance which would create smoke-free areas throughout the City, as presented by Council Member Bates.

D. Discussion - Acting City Manager and Acting Chief of Police Compensation

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe to compensate Acting City Manager Jones and Acting Police Chief Faull for their duties in the amount of \$250 per pay-period, each, retroactive to the time in which they assumed the roles, and until the positions are officially filled.

ROLL CALL VOTE:	
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye
Motion Carried.	-

E. Network Evaluation

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Voigt approving City Administration to proceed with having an evaluation of the City's network completed. ROLL CALL VOTE

ROLL CALL VOIL.		
Council Member Bates	Aye	
Council Member Beebe	Aye	
Council Member Fielder	Aye	
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye	
Mayor Conley	Aye	

Motion Carried.

F. City Manager Interviews G. Extension of Interview to Internal Candidate for City Manager Position

H. Establishment of Road Finance Study Committee MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Beebe approving Special Meetings to be held on Wednesday, July 26th, at 5:30 p.m., for the purpose of a presentation on road funding options by PFM and an initial interview of a City Manager candidate, and on Monday, July 31st at 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of an initial interview of an internal candidate and a second interview of a candidate for the City Manager nosition

position.	
ROLL CALL VOTE:	
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

### Motion Carried. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt

to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Council Member Bates
Council Member Beebe
Council Member Fielder
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
Mayor Conley
Motion Carried.

### 10. ACTING CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

· Acting City Manager Jones stated that Scoops Ice Cream is planning to hold a free movie night at the shop

• Noted that staff at the City is working hard to get back to normal following failures of the City's servers.

· Thanked DPS staff for installation of new blinds in the City Council Chambers, and thanked Council Member Voigt for purchasing a new clock for the Chambers.

### **11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS** Council Member Bates

- -- No comments
- · Council Member Beebe
- -- No comments
- Council Member Fielder

-- Noted that he and Council Member Voigt had a conversation with Pastor White from Grace Baptist Church regarding an issue that the church has been having with their sewer system.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt
- -- No comments
- **12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

### No comments **13. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

· Pastor White from Grace Baptist Church thanked the City Council for holding the meeting, and thanked DPS Supervisor Rutherford for addressing the plumbing/sewer system issue at the church.

· Julie Kissel thanked Council Member Bates for being brave in presenting the proposed Smoke-Free Ordinance.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

· Council would like to have a continued discussion regarding the Charter revision process. 15.



Aye

Aye

Ave

Ave

Aye

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prepared, according to Ron Akers, municipal services director.

Supervisor McNamara said land was worth \$275,000 an acre at the Speedway site across Belleville Road.

Low bidder of eight was Kilansi Excavating and Land Clearing, LLC of Van Buren Township. On his proposal, partner Walt Kilanski said the alternate work of pulling, splitting and grinding of stumps and removal of grindings would be an additional \$8,000.

Director Akers explained that in 2021 the township hired an engineering firm to review a few acres of the "Ford Land property" to evaluate the soil conditions to determine if the reviewed wet areas were regulated wetlands under state and federal law.

Akers said in September of 2021 the township received a letter from Michigan EGLE which indicated that those areas were not regulated wetlands. This letter has an expiration date of Sept. 30, 2023 and if the township fails to take steps to improve surface drainage on the property, the state may revoke their decision, he said.

"In order to begin the implementation of this, township staff put out to bid services to 'clear and grub' specified areas of the site which involves the removal of trees and vegetation, grinding of the stumps, and raking of the ground," Akers said.

"The proposed clearing would leave an approximate 25' buffer area of trees along the corner of Belleville and Tyler roads," he said. "We also have our engineers preparing a land balancing and soil erosion sedimentation control plan that we are planning on sumitting to the county for permitting.

"After this plan is created there are going to be some added items that are outside of the scope of services of this bid," he said. "These include installing soil erosion control measurers (silt fencing), completing land balancing, completing restoration of the site, and potentially adding a drain tile. These added services will be an additional cost and will be treated as an addendum in accordance with our purchasing policy."

In other business at the 25-minute Aug. 1 meeting, the board:

• Approved purchase of a 2023 Ford Transit Connect ILT Van from Atchinson Ford for a total cost of \$38,372.16 for the Meals on Wheels program. Larry Luckett, director of public services, said this is the first time a new vehicle was purchased outright for this program, which runs 3-4 routes a day, 4 days a week with the 5<sup>th</sup> day starting in September and delivers to 116 households. The Meals on Wheels program currently has three retired police Explorers that are 10 years old and a 20-year-old parks van. He said generally as the police department buys new vehicles, the retired vehicle was given to Meals on Wheels. He said there haven't been any usable vehicles to pass down in quite a few years;

• Approved the second reading and

adoption of an ordinance rezoning 24 acres of Van Born Road property from M-1 Light Industrial to M-2 General Industrial;

• Approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance rezoning 16355 Haggerty Rd. from R-1B Single Family Residential to AG-Agricultural and Estates;

• Approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance to increase the maximum allowable height for detached single family dwellings to 2.5 stories or 35 feet in height. McNamara said this is to match the communities around Van Buren;

• Approved a memorandum of understanding with Homestead

Subdivision Homeowners Association regarding the road improvements being made in accordance with the subdivision's special assessment district;

• Approved entering into an agreement with the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and to accept the award of \$40,000 for the Planning Assistance Program for the Belleville Road Corridor Safety and Complete Streets Plan. The grant was applied for by the township DDA. As described in the agreement, the township will conduct a corridor safety study and supplemental complete street plan along Belleville Road with three

components: Belleville Road Corridor and Operational Safety Study, Truck Route Study, and Pedestrian Traffic Study, and analysis and recommendation of the overall sidewalk connectively and the need

for crosswalks along Belleville Road; • Heard McNamara read a letter from a woman who thanked the township because the REAL team helped maintain her home with yardwork. She said she also has farm animals on her property. McNamara said senior citizens have a difficult time with property maintenance if they wish to stay on their property and he has received other

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# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDINANCE RZ 07-18-23(1)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWHSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 05-2-17(2) AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

# SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

The Zoning Map in connection with the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended as follows:

### Ordinance No. RZ 07-18-23(1)

An ordinance to amend the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17(2), as amended, to amend the zoning map by rezoning the following parcel from M-1 – Light Industrial District to M-2 – General Industrial District: Parcel ID Number V-125-83 009 99 0002 000. The subject parcel is east of Sheldon Road on the north side of Van Born Road.

### **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY**

In the event any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or word of this ordinance is deemed invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion deemed severable and shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

### **SECTION 3. REPEALER.**

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give this ordinance full force and effect.

# SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby ordered to take effect seven (7) days after publication of the notice of adoption in a newspaper of general circulation within the Township. This Ordinance shall be immediately recorded by the Township Clerk in the Township Ordinance Book as soon as it is adopted, which record shall be authenticated by the signatures of the Supervisor and Clerk and shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Township within fifteen (15) days of passage. A copy of this Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 during normal business hours.

This Ordinance is hereby declared to have been adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, called and held on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2023.

YEAS: McNamara, Wright, Martin, Boynton, Kelley and Frazier. NAYS: None. ABSENT: Budd. ABSTAINED: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance,

# Leon Wright, Clerk

Adopted:	August 1, 2023
Published:	August 10, 2023
Effective:	August 17, 2023

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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# Sumpter board tables decision on Sherwood Pond swimming ban

### By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

After a lively discussion at its regular meeting on July 25, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees tabled a decision on whether or not to ban swimming at Sherwood Pond.

Trustee Matthew Oddy reported that the planning commission was scheduled to hold a public hearing on Aug. 10 on a ordinance on personal ponds dug on private property. The board agreed to discuss Sherwood Pond at its Aug. 22 meeting, after the planning commission pond discussion.

Trustee Oddy said the private ponds had nothing to do with Sherwood Pond, but Trustee Don LaPorte said if enough people find out about the public hearing on ponds they might get interested and come to the Aug. 22 meeting so more than the seven people on the township board will make a decision on Sherwood Pond.

The discussion on the Sherwood Pond

at Banotai Park agenda item began when Treasurer Bart Patterson said he was at Family Fun Day and saw people having fun in the water. He said he was in favor of individual liberties and freedoms. He said if they banned swimming, they would have to enforce the rule with police citations.

Treasurer Patterson said there are signs that the water is not tested and signs there are no lifeguards. He said the swimming buoys and sand beach encourage swimming and should be removed if there is a ban. Trustee Oddy said he suggested the ban because of the drownings in Monroe County, Camp Dearborn and other places. He said Sherwood Pond is not engineered.

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Oddy said they could not enforce the ban, but not condone swimming. He said working through the DNR is a long process and he doesn't know what the slopes are on the pond.

"It would be a tragedy not to allow swimming in Sherwood Pond," said Trustee Peggy Morgan. "We should be able to pay to have it tested. What had happened in those others places ... I don't think it's fair. They want access to it. We get enough money to get it tested," she said.

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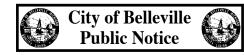
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letters thanking the township for the REAL team work;

• Also heard McNamara report that Channel 4 did a story on the police's Flock cameras;

• Heard Trustee Donald Boynton say he saw that the Mobil station building at the northwest corner of Haggerty Road and the I-94 North Service Drive was demolished. He asked if the township is going to make them take down the big sign on the pole. Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said preliminary site plan approval requires that big sign to come down.



### CITY OF BELLEVILLE SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023 – 5:30 pm A Special Meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL	
Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present
8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION	
A. Road Repair Financing by PFM	

• PFM presented suggestions to the Council regarding financing of road repairs throughout the City, one of which being obtaining a bond in the amount of 3 million to 4 million dollars. They also offered alternate options.

• PFM further stated that they plan to come back with actual costs for the repairs at a later date. B. City Manager Candidate Interview

 The following City Manager candidate was interviewed: i. James Krizan

15. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 7:22 p.m.
No objections were noted.
Motion Carried.
Submitted by Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer
Approved: 8/7/23

Posted: 8/8/23

Published: 8/10/23

# CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

**Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice** 

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CHARTER TOWHSHIP OF VAN BUREN ZONING ORDINANCE 05-2-17(2) AS AMENDED, BY AMENDING THE ZONING MAP IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

**ORDINANCE RZ 07-18-23(2)** 

The Charter Township of Van Buren Ordains:

# SECTION 1. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

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# Ordinance No. RZ 07-18-23(2)

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Leon Wright, Clerk

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Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Trustee LaPorte said it looks safe but during his 17 years on the fire department he and other fire fighters have dealt with little kids and young adults near drowning. He said he drove an ambulance to the hospital with a child in the back.

He said there have been serious, serious accidents which weren't on the news.

"I'd like to use ARPA funds to build a splash park at Graham Park," said LaPorte, noting kids could have fun in the water without being in danger of drowning.

"I can guarantee you, we have had problems," LaPorte said. "I'm torn."

"We should stop the people who might take a chance," LaPorte said, and if they go ahead anyway, it wouldn't be on his conscience, he said.

Trustee Rush said his concern with testing is to get it from a reliable source and on a regular frequency. He said it is \$150 per test, but if something happens with the water after the test? There could be stomach ailments possible. He said they should have at least more signs, bigger signs.

LaPorte said it's always worse when it's a child.

Trustee Rush said he worries about the liability to the township.

Morgan said the township could test the water and if it's dangerous close the pond. Then reopen it when it's safe.

"Why go to the extreme?" she asked. People who bring their children are the ones responsible for them, she said.

"It's \$150 per test and we could do it weekly, monthly. We've put signs up," she said.

Oddy said in the area there just were three people who drowned in the KOA campground, Heath Beach, and Camp Dearborn. He said the township allows alcohol in the park and until it is better supervised it shouldn't allow swimming.

LaPorte said it cost \$1.4 million to build Van Buren Township's splash park and it's always loaded with people. He said he called VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara to get the cost. LaPorte said the cost of the Huron Clinton Metropark new water park was \$2.7 million.

"We need to start committing ARPA funds," he said, noting he is trying to get volunteers to serve on a committee and got just one on Wear Road.

Patterson said he teaches first aid and is a rescue diver. He said there should be more warning signs.

He said we all take risks and he is for individual liberties and freedom.

In other business at the two-hour-and-24minute workshop and regular meetings on July 25 the board:

• Approved naming Township Manager Anthony Burdick, Finance Director Scott Holtz, Deputy Clerk Karen Armatis, and Jared Bellingham to the Martinsville Cemetery Committee;

• Approved budget amendments for the first quarter of the 2023-24 budget; and

• Approved discussing in open session

the AFSCME grievance on behalf of Acheenia Hall, a clerk in the treasurer's office who was given 30 days off without pay by Township Manager Burdick. After a lengthy discussion, the board voted 6-1 against Morgan's motion to give Hall the pay she lost and make her whole. Then a motion to deny the grievance was made and a vote of 6-1 approved that motion, with Morgan voting no.

> "Trust, but verify." – Ronald Reagan

# <u>Court Watching</u> Jury trial set for April 8, 2024 in VBT murder

Mark Anthony Shaw, 39, of Missouri City, TX, was arraigned on the information on July 31 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on charges of first-degree murder and felony firearm.

He is charged with the shooting death

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of Stafford Segree, 47, of Van Nuys, CA, on June 28 in a Van Buren Township alley. Both the defendant and the victim were long-distance truckers.

Circuit Court Judge Shannon N. Walker signed an order for production of the transcript of the 34<sup>th</sup> District Court's preliminary exam and set a final conference of Sept. 18.

Judge Walker set a jury trial for April 8, 2024. Shaw is being held without bond in the Wayne County Jail.

**Charter Township of Van Buren Downtown Development Authority Public Notice** 

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MICHIGAN OPEN MEETINGS ACT (OMA) 1976 PA 237, MCL 15.261 ES SEQ.

# NOTICE OF REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE TIME CHANGE

The Regular Scheduled Meetings of the Van Buren Charter Township Downtown Development Authority Will be held as follows

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 3:00 PM Tuesday, September 26, 2023 at 3:00 PM Tuesday, October 24, 2023 at 3:00 PM Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 3:00 PM Tuesday, December 26, 2023 No Meeting

> Meetings to be held at: **The DDA Building** Board Room 10151 Belleville Road Van Buren Township, MI 48111

In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice by calling 734-699-8941

Posted on Website: July 27, 2023 To be published in Newspaper: August 10, 2023

# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

# NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 07-18-23(3)

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendment to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) was approved and is hereby adopted:

**Ordinance 07-18-23(3):** An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2), as amended, of the Charter Township of Van Buren, including amendments that will increase the maximum allowable height for detached single family dwellings to allow all detached single-family dwellings from 2.0 stories or 30 feet in height to 2.5 stories in height or 35 feet in height. The amendments will include updates to Sections 3.106 (R-1A, R-2A, R-1B, and R-1C, Single Family Residential Districts), 3.107 (RM, Multiple Dwelling Residential District), 3.109 (AG, Agricultural and Estate District), and 4.102 (Schedule of Regulations).

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan during recent business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

Adopted:August 1, 2023Published:August 10, 2023Effective:August 17, 2023



# JOB POSTING

City of Belleville POLICE RECORDS CLERK



The City of Belleville is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Police Records Clerk in the Police Department. Successful candidate will have working knowledge of police processes, secured record maintenance and retention, excellent customer service skills, experience with general office work including proficiency in Microsoft Office and the ability to communicate effectively, verbally and in writing. CLEMIS or other law enforcement record management system experience is a plus.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid Michigan Driver's License.

Salary and benefits as per Union contract which is available on our website at www.belleville.mi.us.

A background investigation may be required as a condition of employment.

Please apply in person or submit resume with application to the Acting Police Chief at <u>kfaull@belleville.mi.us</u> or 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. The City of Belleville is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Kristin Faull Acting Police Chief Posted: July 20, 2023

Published: July 20, 2023, July 27, 2023, August 3, 2023, August 10, 2023, August 17, 2023, August 24, 2023

# Court Watching

### John Edward Delaney

John Edward Delaney, 62, of Van Buren Township, was arraigned in person by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian Oakley on Aug. 3 on a charge of assault and battery on June 30 in Van Buren Township. The proceedings were adjourned for an arraignment / pretrial on Sept. 21 before Judge Oakley.

### Alexander Joseph Forsythe

Alexander Joseph Forsythe, 30, of Livonia and formerly of Van Buren Township, had his preliminary exam on Aug. 1 on a remand order on domestic violence-3<sup>rd</sup> on Nov. 13 and was bound back over to circuit court for an Aug. 8 arraignment on the information, reset by the court to Aug. 4.

On May 22, he had been referred back from circuit court for an exam. He remains in the Wayne County Jail.

### **Timothy James Eddins**

Timothy James Eddins, 55, of Willis Village, was arraigned on Aug. 4 by Judge Oakley on a charge of larceny under \$200 on June 20 in Van Buren Township. His arraignment/pretrial was adjourned for discovery until Aug. 17.

# **Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice**

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- AUGUST 1, 2023

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Absent/ Excused: Treasurer Budd. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Director of Parks Locke, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, DDA Director Coburn and an audience of three (3).

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

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

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of July 18, 2023, Prepaid List of July 20, 2023, Prepaid List of July 28, 2023, Voucher List of August 1, 2023, Approval of a memorandum of understanding between the Charter Township of Van Buren and the Homestead Subdivision Homeowners Association regarding the road improvements being made in accordance with the Homestead Subdivision Special Assessment District and Approval of entering into an agreement between Van Buren Township and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), and to accept the award of \$40,000 for the Planning Assistance Program for the Belleville Road Corridor Safety and Complete Streets Plan. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE/ **ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** A resident wrote a letter thanking the REAL program for assisting in cleaning up her farm and caring for her animals; the Senior Cookout will be held Wednesday, August 2nd from 12:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. at Haggerty School Senior Center with Trustee Boynton acting as Chef; Shred Day will be held for Van Buren Township residents at Township Hall on Saturday, August 5th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.; Andover Farms Subdivision wide garage sale will take place Saturday, August 5th and Sunday, August 6th and Greenbriar Subdivision will have a block party for subdivision residents on Saturday, August 5th beginning at 2:00 p.m. in front of Supervisor McNamara's house.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve awarding a bid to Kilanski Excavating and Land Clearing LLC for the clearing of trees on Township owned property at the northwest corner of Belleville and Tyler Roads. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Transit Connect XLT Van from Atchinson Ford. This vehicle will be utilized as a Fleet Vehicle assigned to Community Services for a total vehicle cost of \$38,372.16. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Frazier seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 07-18-23 (1): Rezoning of Van Born Road property (parcel ID number 83-009-99-0002-000) from M-1 Light Industrial to M-2- General Industrial. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Frazier, Kelley, Boynton and Martin. Nays: None. Absent/ Excused: Budd. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Boynton seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 07-18-23 (2): Rezoning of 16355 Haggerty Road (parcel ID number 83-142-99-0001-000 from R-1B Single Family Residential to AG- Agricultural and Estates. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Frazier, Kelley, Boynton and Martin. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Budd. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Kelley seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 07-18-23 (3): to increase the maximum allowable height for detached single family dwellings to 2.5 stories or 35 feet in height. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Wright, Frazier, Kelley, Boynton and Martin. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Budd. Motion Carried. **REPORTS:** None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Supervisor McNamara reported that WDIV Channel Four news ran a story recently on the success the Van Buren Police Department has had with the Flock Safety Camera System in solving crimes by reading license plates and Trustee Boynton inquired as to when the large Mobil Station sign, that was demolished, is going to be removed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Kevin McNamara, Supervisor Published: August 10, 2023

# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 343 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following. Sunday, July 30: 0130 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave. 0132 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. -94 Service Dr. accident, Liberty Ln. 0417 - suicidal person, Michigan Ave. 1330 - family trouble, Andover Dr. 1332 - domestic, Richard Run Dr. 1335 - assist fire dept., Belleville Rd. 1336 - intrusion alarm, N. Cumberland Dr. 1337 - 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd. 1340 - suicidal person, Louisa Dr. 1342 - private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. Hannan Rd. 1344 -- vehicle lockout, Woodbury Dr. 1347 - assist other dept. Wildbrook Dr. 1348 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir. 1441 - animal complaint, Jackson Ct. 1521 - 911 welfare check, Togowtee Pass 1529 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Wednesday, Aug 2: Jeremy Rd. 1547 - civil matter, Denton Rd. 1608 - misc. complaint, Denton Road Bridge 1708 - intrusion alarm, Briarcliff Dr. Rawsonville Rd. 1743 - fraud, Belleville Rd. 1909 - intrusion alarm, Samule Barton Dr. 1921 - assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr. I-94 Service Dr. 1935 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hoeft Rd. 1935 - mental subject, Marlowe Ave. Ecorse Rd. 2005 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr. N. I-94 Service Dr. 2034 -- unattended death, Locust Dr. 2037 - intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd. 2038 - property damage accident, E. Walden Dr. 2056 - intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr. 2125 - juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr. 2210 - assist other dept., N. Timberview Dr. 2214 - property damage accident, Morton Taylor Monday, July 31: 0022 - intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd. 0044 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. 0555 - assist fire dept., E. Sadie Ln. 0903 - malicious destruction of property, Country Walk Ct. 0919 - assist fire dept., Oak Ln. 1036 - welfare check, Bayshore Dr. Dr. 1037 - domestic, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd. 1107 - welfare check, Bayshore Dr. 1139 - private property/property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. 1200 - personal injury accident, Belleville/Yost Belleville Rd. 1254 - larceny from auto, Old Rawsonville 1256 - civil matter, Lankmark 1321 - fraud, Van Buren Ln. Denton Rd. 1507 - property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Sheldon Rd. Ecorse Rd. 1523 – welfare check, Hull Rd. 1527 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, codes, Borgman Ave. Chandler Dr. 1532 - suicidal person, Jackson St. 1532 - vehicle lock out, Oak Blvd. 1654 - private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd. Ecorse Rd. 1659 - civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl. 1702 - welfare check, Denton Rd. 1706 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. 1714 - misc. complaint, Westlake Cir. 1729 - larceny, Denton Rd. 1734 - property damage accident, Ecorse Service B Dr. / Beck Rd. 1757 - repossession, Rose Blvd. 1757 - animal complaint, Buchanan St. 1801 - assist citizen, Van Born Rd. 1928 - family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr. 2153 - PPO violation, Colony Ln. Thursday, Aug. 3: 2159 – assault & battery, Anna Dr. Tuesday, Aug. 1: 0007 - intrusion alarm, Chandler Dr. 0038 - juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd. 0149 - civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr. Rd. 0222 - intrusion alarm, Hull Rd. 0427 – repossession, Oak Ln. 0728 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, 0742 – 911 welfare check, rest area Beck Rd./McBride Ave. 0751 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, 0825 - motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.

Rawsonville Rd. 0838 - unattended death, Anna Dr. 0843 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, 0754 - animal complaint, Hull Rd. Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr. 0759 - intrusion alarm, Huron River Dr. 0918 - assist fire dept., Belleville Rd. 0831 - civil matter, Haggerty Rd. 0846 - traffic offense, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 0935 - domestic, Denton Rd. 0941 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. Service Dr. 0930 - civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl. 1217 - parking complaint, Arlene Ln./Savage Rd. 1239 - vehicle lock out, Ecorse Rd. 0938 - animal complaint, Sylvia Dr. 1240 - welfare check, Denton Rd. 0959 - private property impound, Industrial 1252 - domestic, pond Bluff Dr. 1000 - suicidal person, S. Bellridge Dr. 1404 - civil matter, S. Schooner Dr. 1006 - intrusion alarm, Kirkridge Park Dr. 1552 - leaving the scene of a property damage 1028 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd. 1042 - vehicle impound, Tyler Rd. 1714 - welfare check. Lincoln St. 1130 - holdup alarm, Belleville Rd. 1755 - domestic, Belleville Rd. 1224 - intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln. 1804 - disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr. 1812 - suicidal person, Parkwood Dr. 1835 - civil matter, Daisy Blvd. 1840 - harassment call, Marina Dr. 1902 - larceny from auto, Westlake Cir. 1920 - private property/property damage accident, 1940 - disorderly, Belleville Rd. 1948 – neighbor trouble, Sheldon Rd. I-94 Service Dr. 1954 - property check, Belleville Rd. 2027 - civil matter, Haggerty Rd. 2027 - juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave. 2320 - welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln. Dr. 0012 - noise complaint, Chandler Dr./Castell Blvd. 0241 - civil matter, Tyler Rd. 0325 - welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. / 0617 - fraud, Belleville Rd. 0728 - property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / S. 0745 - civil matter, Sunset Pond Cir. Friday, Aug. 4: 0823 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, 0826 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Sawgrass Ct. 0939 - assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr. 0945 - suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1036 - animal complaint, Lincoln St. 1059 - hospice death, Elwell Rd. I-94 Service Dr. 1105 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd./Michigan Ave. 1222 - threat, Jeremy Rd. 1328 - welfare check, Country Walk Blvd. 1329 - welfare check, Park Estates Dr. 1345 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Dr. 1354 - welfare check, E. Huron River Dr. 1405 - property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck 1408 - animal complaint, Ecorse Rd. 1437 - mental subject, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River Southport Apartments. 1443 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. 1446 - assist other dept., Prairie Ct. 1448 - repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr. Saturday, Aug. 5: 1451 - property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / 1457 - motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ouirk Rd. Woodbury Dr. 1505 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, 1538 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / 1541 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICRR Ln. 1603 - trespassing, Rawsonville Rd. Mott / Denton 1701 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd. 1728 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rd. 1735 - fraud, Daisy Blvd. 1827 - family trouble, Bemis Rd. 1827 - misc. complaint, Belleville Rd. 1834 - warrant arrest, N. Telegraph 1836 - traffic offense, Lauren Ct. 1848 - juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd. 1938 - welfare check, Victoria St. 2016 - property check, Quirk Rd. 2043 - trespassing, Belleville Rd. 2100 - warrant arrest, Kind Rd./Vining Rd. 2110 - fraud, Riggs Rd. 2232 - juvenile complaint, Denton Rd. 0011 - parking complaint, Lake Villa Dr. Park Estates 0104 - mental subject, Ecorse Rd. 0134 - motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./ S. Grove 0306 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville

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1241 – civil matter, N. Woodbury Dr. 1250 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1334 - harassment call, Ironwood Dr. 1345 - threat, Belleville Rd. 1358 - traffic offense, Belleville Rd. 1440 - welfare check, Haggerty Rd. 1454 - traffic offense, Denton Rd./Beck Rd. 1501 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Monday, July 31: 0724 - warrant arrest, Main St. 1505 - animal complaint, Edgedale Dr. 1507 - property damage accident, Shelley Dr. Main St. 1507 - operating while intoxicated, W. Huron River 1840 - assist fire dept., N. Liberty St. 1544 - assault & battery, Sumpter Rd. 1545 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct. 2102 - traffic stop, Five Points 1744 - assist fire dept., Belleville Rd. 2234 - traffic offense, Main St. 1830 - welfare check, Amanda Dr. Tuesday, Aug. 1: 2004 - assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd. 1005 - welfare check, First St. 2031 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. 1137 - civil matter, N. Edgemont Ave. 2312 - disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr. 1818 - property check, Bedell St. 1855 - intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave. 0204 - welfare check, Jeremy Rd. 2248 - traffic stop, Church St./Roys St. 0217 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. Wednesday, Aug. 2: 0620 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, 0734 - property check, Bedell St. 1245 - leaving the scene of a property damage 1202 - family trouble, Daniel Dr. accident, Main St. 1346 - fraud, Bayshore Dr. 1311 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance 1408 - larceny, Van Born Rd. Sumpter Rd. 1630 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. 1323 - warrant arrest, Main St. 1440 - mental subject, Carmell St. 1634 - intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr. 1638 - traffic stop, Savage Rd./Arlene Ln. 1644 - civil matter, Bayshore Dr. 1648 - traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty 1701 - vehicle lockout, Kirkridge Park Dr. 1707 - traffic offense, High St./Church St. 1703 - civil matter, Landmark 1725 - misc. complaint, Second St. 1714 - unattended death, Maple Dr. 1736 - traffic stop, Church St. 1752 - Walmart property check, Belleville Rd. 1804 - civil matter, Main St. 1927 - juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd. 1807 - noise complaint, Bedell St. 1943 - disorderly, Belleville Rd. 1826 - warrant arrest, Main St. 2000 - civil matter, Belleville Rd. 1840 - intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave. 2138 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, 2028 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln. 2151 - leaving the scene of a property damage 2224 - larceny from auto, E. Huron River Dr. accident, Main St. 2312 - domestic, Quirk Rd. 2156 - trespassing, E. Columbia Ave. Thursday, Aug. 3: 0000 - family trouble, McBride Ave. 0835 - juvenile complaint, Carmell St. 0045 - road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd. 0848 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Church 0058 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. 1221 - traffic offense, Main St. 1258 - noise complaint, Potter Dr. 0145 - property check, Ironwood Dr. 1804 - threat, E. Huron River Dr. 0444 - intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr. 1852 - traffic stop, Madelon St./E. Columbia Ave. 0637 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak 1946 - traffic stop, South St./E. Columbia Ave. 2000 - traffic stop, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd. 0700 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Friday, Aug. 4: 0622 - intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave. 0911 - assist other dept., Ecorse Rd. 1538 - property damage accident, Main St./High 0943 - parking complaint, Belleville Rd./Robson 1652 - fraud, W. Columbia Ave. 2006 - assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd. 1031 - domestic, Van Buren St. Saturday, Aug. 5: 1143 - 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr. 0130 - intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave. 1211 - civil matter, Sumpter Rd. 0509 - intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd. 1216 - threat, Rawsonville Rd. 1043 - traffic offense, Main St./Denton Rd. 1222 - welfare check, Oak Ln. 1307 - private property/property damage accident, 1316 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. N. Liberty St. 1427 - assist other dept., Delaware St./Maine St. 1313 - welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave. 1559 - vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd. 1445 - welfare check, High St. 1608 - parking complaint, Chandler 1455 - neighbor trouble, N. Edgemont Ave. 1853 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1722 - fraud, W. Columbia Ave. 2025 - animal complaint, Jackson St. 2001 - traffic stop, Main St./First St. 2106 - civil matter, Westlake Cir. 2102 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd. 2132 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, 2111 - property damage accident, Main St. 2139 - traffic stop, First St./N. Liberty St. 2139 - property check, Samuel Barton Dr. 2202 - traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St. 2151 - shooting, Renton Rd./Riggs Rd. There were 22 traffic stops on this week's log. 2258 - intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd. 2305 - motorist assist, E. Huron River/Haggerty 2314 - motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Savage Rd.

Also on this week's log are 113 traffic stops, 22 of

which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

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6:30 pm

6 pm-8 pm

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# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 30: 0229 - fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd. 0402 - fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd. 1322 - civil matter, Magnolia Dr. 1324 - assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd 1337 - animal complaint, Sherwood Rd./Wear 1347 - civil matter, Creekside Dr. 1925 - breaking & entering report, Rustic Ln. 2104 - alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 2118 - flee & elude police, Sumpter Rd./Clay 2208 - suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr. 2213 - family trouble, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd. 2227 - welfare check, Rustic Ln. Monday, July 31: 0149 - suspicious person, Hampshire Dr. 1140 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1337 - larceny, E. Arizona St. 1441 - fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd. 1522 - welfare check, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd. 1810 - 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd. 1837 - civil matter, Carriage Ln. 2038 - suspicious person, 19000 bl. Crandell 2149 - assist other agency, Clark Rd./S. Huron 2354 - mental health call, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. Tuesday, Aug. 1: 0753 - welfare check, Willis Rd./California St. 0802 - animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 0817 - malicious destruction of property, Texas St. 0901 - welfare check, Rawsonville/Bemis 1104 - family trouble, 22000 bl. Karr Rd. 1427 - fire dept. assist, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd. 1548 - fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd. 2042 - suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln. 2116 - family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd. 2116 - 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd. 2235 - citizen assist, Sumpter Rd./Dunn Rd. 2236 - fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd. Wednesday, Aug. 2: 0128 - family trouble, Carriage Ln. 0437 - civil matter, Birch Dr. 0833 - fire dept. assist, Greenmeadow Dr. 0859 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1225 - property damage accident, Savage/Bemis 1248 - suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr. 1305 - suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville 1347 - suspicious person, 20000 bl. Martinsville 1444 - suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St. 1446 - civil matter, Delaware St. 1607 - family trouble, 45000 bl. Judd Rd. 1653 - civil matter, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd. 1723 - assist other agency, 43000 bl. Wear Rd. 1800 - follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln. 1907 - fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 2010 - follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter 2039 - family trouble, Timberlane Dr. 2040 - civil matter, 44000 bl. Willow Rd 2219 - animal complaint, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 3:

0220 – suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 0949 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

1009 - fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.

1129 - follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Willow

1313 – 911 hang up, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.

1812 - traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Talladav Rd. 1851 - trespassing complaint, 44000 bl. Willis Rd. 1901 - animal complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville 2021 - fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln. 2107 - follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr. 2348 - traffic complaint/hazard, 49000 bl. Willis Friday, Aug. 4: 0303 - disorderly person, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd. 0406 - noise complaint, Brookview Dr. 1021 - animal complaint, 50000 bl. Judd Rd. 1103 - follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Judd Rd. 1144 - fraud complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd. 1354 - civil matter, Hampshire Dr. 1732 - fraud complaint, Carriage Ln. 1755 - fire dept. assist, Magnolia Dr. 1811 - fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr. 1941 - citizen assist, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1946 - mental health call, Washington St. 2006 - alarm, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd. 2117 - suspicious vehicle, 17i000 bl. Lohr Rd. 2127 - fire dept. assist, Wyoming St. 2205 - fire dept. assist, Kansas St. Saturday, Aug. 5: 0906 - 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd. 1029 - family trouble, Colorado St. 1423 - recovered stolen vehicle, Delaware/Maine 1448 - civil matter, Timberlane Dr. 1535 - 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Wear Rd. 1626 - assist other agency, Washington St. 1703 - suspicious person, California/Virginia 1707 - follow-up investigation, Washington St. 1719 - unauthorized driving away of auto, Nevada 1843 - assist other agency, 44000 bl. Judd Rd. 1909 - suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Willis 1949 - follow-up investigation, Virginia St. 2001 - welfare check, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd. 2059 - civil matter, Rustic Ln. 2137 - property damage accident, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd. 2338 - civil matter, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1553 - fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1658 – fire dept. assist, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd 1712 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.

Also on this week's log are 113 patrol check, 57 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.

# **Court Watching**

Armeka Devonta-Marquis Thomas

Armeka Devonta-Marquis Thomas, 30, of Ypsilanti was before Judge Martin by zoom on Aug. 2 from the Wayne County Jail for his probable cause conference on 16 charges from an incident on July 19 on Rawsonville Road near Grove Road in Van Buren Township that involved drugs, weapons, and assaulting a police officer.

His preliminary exam was set for Sept. 14. His bond was set at \$50,000 cash and his attorney Carolyn Chapman asked for a bond review and also noted that she needs discovery.







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