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## Council OKs med. marijuana question for ballot

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
 Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council on Monday voted unanimously to place a medical marijuana question on the Nov. 8 ballot and sent the wording to the Wayne County Clerk's office the next day.

City Manager/Police Chief David Robinson said the ballot language has to be less than 100 words and so they worked with legal counsel to get it prepared.

This is in response to petitions that were circulated in the city and presented which require the question to be put on the ballot. Chief Robinson explained that should this pass, what it does is take the ordinance out of the charter that was put into the charter in 2020 after a similar election.

"I don't think an ordinance should be part of the charter ... and this amendment takes out 11 pages of ordinance," he explained.

He said the petition asked that the city allow medical marijuana sales at two of those facilities and also reduces the number of licenses.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said this would allow medical marijuana sales only within that district already outlined. It converts two retailer licenses to go to medical marijuana. She said it most likely would be the same individual, but it will have an application process.

"Are we writing this for an individual?" Mayor Conley asked and Chief Robinson replied that you already have to be a retail license holder to apply.

"Nobody knew what was being put on the ballot [in 2020]," said Mayor Conley. "Nobody knew anything about it."

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt said the city will lose \$62,000 in fees when this passes.

Councilman Steve Jones estimated \$22,000. Jones, former chairman of the planning commission, said it will be in the

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Members of the Keystone Academy board of directors each hold one of the five Eagle Awards Keystone won from the National Heritage Academies, the most awards one school won among the 100 NHA schools. From left are board vice president Steve Harsant, new director Kimberly Kowalski, board president Vesta Losen, new director Christine Mihaly, and board secretary/treasurer Charlene Derrick.

## Keystone Academy swears in Mihaly, Kowalski as directors

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
 Independent Editor

Christine Mihaly and Kimberly Kowalski were sworn in for three-year terms to the Keystone Academy Board of Directors at the board's regular meeting Aug. 11.

The two had been recommended for the positions by the board at its April 14 meeting after public interviews. Then the recommendation was sent on to Bay Mills Community College, which granted the Keystone charter and must approve the choices.

Bay Mills recently approved the candidates and they joined the board Aug. 11.

The two candidates have two daughters each that attended Keystone Academy

through eighth grade. Only one parent is allowed on the board at a time and Charlene Derrick currently holds that position.

Kowalski's daughters are both in college now and Mihaly had one daughter at Belleville High School and one in college.

During her interview, Kowalski of New Boston said she works for Huntington Bank in Ann Arbor from home at the time but was moving soon to a new position as a bank officer in downtown Detroit. She earned a master's degree in business administration from Wayne State University in 2007 and before that earned a bachelor's degree from Liberty University.

She said her 22-year-old daughter is graduating from WSU and hopes to be in medical school this fall. Her 21-year-old daughter is a student at Central Michigan University.

Kowalski spent eight years as a volleyball coach when her daughters were at Keystone.

Mihaly, who lives on Elwell Road in Van Buren Township, is Associate

Vice President of Human Relations at Washtenaw Community College. She said she had worked in the corporate side of retail before coming to WCC, where she has been for 19 years, progressing upward with her work.

She also has a bachelor's degree and a master's degree. Her daughter Chelsea is in college and Meagan was a junior at BHS. They live close enough that her daughters could walk to school at BHS, where they attended after Keystone.

Mihaly stressed that you have to use the foundation for students in elementary school and her daughters got that foundation at Keystone. She especially liked the moral focus.

The two board members replace Patricia Kirkpatrick, who resigned, and Darren Hickonbottom who did not wish to be reappointed.

During the Aug. 11 meeting, Principal Jorvonna Drain announced the five Eagle awards presented to Keystone by National

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## City Council

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same zoning district as before. He said the city opted out of medical marijuana and it had to make a zoning distinction.

Mayor Pro Tem Voigt asked if the zoning ordinance will need to be updated after the vote and Jones said it was updated two years ago and he doesn't know about whether another update is needed.

Voigt said the council will have to look into this.

"I like getting the ordinance out of the charter," he said. "I don't think the charter is a place for ordinances ... Nobody knew it could be done." He said the change would restrict competition, which might be a good thing for the city.

Jones said he didn't know what control the city had over the ballot question and Robinson said it had zero control.

Voigt asked if the city would lose \$62,000 with the changes and Robinson questioned that since there is high sales tax over the two medical marijuana licenses.

Voigt said under the current ordinance the city could have four consumption facilities, which is a like a marijuana bar, and if attached to a dispensary can be open to 2 a.m.

Robinson said now the city will be able to construct its own ordinances and will have power over the ordinances which it didn't before.

"We have no choice but to approve this," Voigt said of the ballot language and made the motion to approve, which was seconded by Councilwoman Amy Henry and passed unanimously. Councilwoman Kelly Bates was absent.

In other business in Monday's 33-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the special event application for Harvest Fest, including a tractor parade, as sponsored by the Belleville Area District Library and the Central Business Community from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Oct. 8 at the library and Fourth Street Place. The event will include crafts and activities, including butter churning, soap carving, corn shelling, nickel dig, sidewalk chalk drawing, pumpkin painting, along with harvest market and food vendor;

- Approved a special event application for Monster Mutt Walk from noon to 2 p.m., Oct. 15, on the Fourth Street Place. This is a Booville event with costume judging and a short dog parade on the sidewalks;

- Approved a special event application for Halloween Downtown sponsored by the CBC at the Fourth Street Square and Fourth Street Place, with Main Street closed for the event at the recommendation of Chief Robinson. It will be on Halloween, Monday, Oct. 31, from 5 to 7 p.m. with costume contest with prizes and food trucks. From 1,000 to 2,000 people

are expected for the downtown trick or treating;

- Approved a special event application for free Photos with Santa from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 18 at the Belleville Area District Library. Sponsored by the CBC with the photographer and Girl Scouts compensated for goods and services.

- Approved a resolution supporting a request for American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funding for \$8 million in upgrades to Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority upgrades. DUWA handles all the city's sewage, along with 12 other communities, and each community is expected to make an individual request for ARPA funding for DUWA. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said with the \$8 million replacement of the nearly 25-year-old ultraviolet disinfection system, DUWA also has a final payment due to Wayne County of \$3.5 million in 2023 which will put pressure on sewer rate charges; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$243,420.66 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$9,241.50 for a water main break on South Biggs, DPW; to ESO, \$2,502.40, for software for Fire, EMS, and state reporting, Fire Dept.; to Osborne Concrete, \$764 for replacement of roadway after water main break, DPW; and to TNT Tree Service, \$1,100 for removal of three dead trees in roadway and \$1,425 for cutting of dead tree near roadway, DPW;

### Proposed Amendment to the Charter of the City of Belleville by adding Section 19.16 and repealing Sections 19.3-19.5 regarding marihuana

The proposed amendment would, among other things:

- Add a section 19.16 allowing for up to two (2) marihuana retailers, one (1) marihuana processor, five (5) class C marihuana growers, two (2) medical marihuana provisioning centers and two (2) designated consumption marihuana establishments in the City;

- Repeal sections 19.3-19.5 of the Charter and authorize the city to enact related police power and zoning regulations, except those that are unduly burdensome or unreasonably impracticable or that conflict with the Charter; and

- Repeal any city ordinances or regulations that conflict with this Charter.

Shall the City Charter be so amended?

Yes ☐

No ☐

## Court Watching:

### Westland man arraigned for torturing woman at Parkwood Apartments

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Dekenta Reshard Parchman, 30, of Westland was arraigned on Aug. 9 by 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley on five felony charges.



Parchman

He allegedly tortured his ex-girlfriend for more than three hours in her Parkwood Apartments home in Van Buren Township on July 23 before driving off in her vehicle after she escaped and called police.

Police said he came to her apartment drunk and punched her in the face and smashed more than one ashtray into her head and sexually assaulted her with a plugged-in hair straightener. He also beat her with an electrical cord.

U.S. Marshals tracked him to Taylor and found him in a car and he had seven untreated gunshot wounds from a shootout in Inkster two days earlier. He was treated for his injuries and then video-arraigned from the Van Buren Township police lockup for the Van Buren charges.

During his arraignment, Parchman told the judge: "I got shot seven times. I got bullet fragments in me. I need surgery. My leg is broken. They shot out my knee."

Judge Oakley set bond at \$250,000 cash or surety and scheduled Parchman's probable cause conference for Aug. 17. He is being held in the Andrew C. Baird Detention Facility in Detroit and is not to be released without a GPS tether.

Parchman was charged with the following felonies:

- Torture;
- Criminal sexual conduct – 1<sup>st</sup> degree (personal injury);
- Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder;
- Unlawful driving away of an auto; and
- Assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault).

He also was charged with aggravated domestic violence, a misdemeanor.

The victim reportedly spent several days in the hospital and is still recovering.

While they had him in custody, Judge Oakley also canceled three other warrants and held three bench warrant arraignments on him for charges of driving while license suspended and interfering with police on Oct. 10, 2020 in Van Buren Township. Another was a charge of threats in Romulus on July 6, 2020.

There will be remote pretrials on those

charges on Aug. 18. He was given personal bond on those three charges.

On Aug. 11, he was also due for arraignment on four additional felony charges at 23<sup>rd</sup> District Court in Taylor. He is charged with:

- Habitual offender – fourth offense notice;
- Felony firearm;
- Carrying a concealed weapon; and
- Possession of firearm by felon.

He is scheduled for his probable cause conference at 11 a.m., Aug. 29 before Judge Victoria Shackelford.

#### Kenneth Ray Barrett

Kenneth Ray Barrett, 61, of Willis was before Judge Green for his probable cause conference on Aug. 10 on felony charges of driving while license suspended resulting in death and failure to stop at an accident when at fault resulting in death on July 27 in Van Buren Township.

His bond was \$50,000/10% and his girlfriend called the court on Aug. 1 and said his bond had been paid July 28 and he was still in custody. Part of his bond stipulates he not be released without an alcohol tether and it could take several days for that to be installed.

An officer from the tether unit said the defendant already has alcohol tether and a GPS tether with Third Circuit Court probation. The court was assured it would receive any violation updates and this was acceptable.

His probable cause conference was adjourned until Aug. 24.

#### David Allen Delaney

David Allen Delaney, 61, of Newport was arraigned on the information at circuit court on Aug. 10 on charges of larceny in a building and larceny between \$1,000 and \$20,000 on Jan. 12 in Van Buren Township. A motion hearing was set for Oct. 17.

#### Ariyah Kela Bennett

Ariyah Kela Bennett, 26, of Ypsilanti was arraigned at circuit court on Aug. 8 on six charges following an April 26 incident at the gas station at the corner of Belleville Road and the South I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. A calendar conference was set for Aug. 18.

## Correction/Retraction

The Belleville-Area Independent does not take the position, and is not of the opinion, that Sumpter Township Supervisor Tim Bowman has used or has considered matters of race or national origin with regard to actions taken by Supervisor Bowman.



# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### City of Belleville to welcome new event: Tractor Parade

On Monday, Brad Traskos of Sumpter Township explained to the Belleville City Council how his Belleville Harvest Tractor Parade would work on Oct. 8. Traskos, retired Van Buren Township fire chief, has been doing tractor parades for years, including the tractor parade over the Mackinac Bridge the weekend after Labor Day.

As part of Belleville's annual Harvest Fest, Traskos plans to bring from 30 to 40 tractors of every kind the first year to see if there's a draw for it. He said it could rise to 60 tractors next year. He said last Saturday he was part of a tractor parade that had 205 tractors and raised \$11,900 for a van to transport disabled veterans to the Ann Arbor VA.

He said he talked to Police Chief Luke in Sumpter and he plans to have officers at Sumpter and Willis roads and Sumpter and Bemis roads at the lights to help the parade move north starting at 10:30 a.m. from the staging area for the tractors at his place on Willis Road.

It will roll north and get to Belleville at around 11 a.m. The tractors will roll north on Main Street and turn south on North Liberty to begin the route home, which will be by way of Huron River Drive and Haggerty to Harris and back to Willis for lunch. Traskos said they put raincoats on and "a lot are old like me and crazy." Sounds like a great addition to the Harvest Fest celebration in Belleville on Oct. 8.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

A Nixle alert from Sumpter Township police on Sunday announced "the fatal shooting reports are false."

It said: "We're aware of numerous reports on social media of a shooting, some reporting as fatal in Sumpter Township yesterday. These reports are completely FALSE."

"Please don't believe Facebook 'reporters.' When incidents occur which should be relayed to our residents, rest assured we will release information as soon as practical."

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Brad Traskos, retired Van Buren Township fire chief, explained his Harvest Tractor Parade planned for Oct. 8 through the City of Belleville at about 11 a.m.

He said when a tractor parade goes over the Mackinac Bridge they have to be antiques, from the 1960s or so, but his Belleville parade will welcome any tractor owners who want to participate. It's the first year, so he doesn't know how many participants he will have.

For those wishing to join in, your tractor has to be in the staging area at 44077 Willis Rd. in Sumpter Township by 9 a.m. The tractors will leave at 10:30 a.m., parade through Belleville and then return for lunch hosted by Brad and Bradley Traskos.

He told the Belleville City Council that anyone interested in taking part can contact Belleville Police Chief Robinson, who knows how to get ahold of him.

"I've known Davy for about 40 years," he said of Chief Robinson.

He said after the event, he'll come to a council meeting and talk so they can go over what happened and see what needed changing.

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



He gave information to the *Independent* that people interested can text (734) 294-8900 if they will be attending or call Brad with questions at (734) 732-6431.

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At Monday's council meeting, it was pointed out that the car show then under way on Main Street in Belleville was the biggest one this year. Cars shows are being held all summer on Mondays on Main, except for when rain is expected. They don't want to get their spiffy vehicles wet after getting them ready to show off so on rainy days shows are canceled.

The Farmer's Market also was full and busy, although it was confusing because the tape with booth numbers for vendors that CBC coordinator Janet Millard had carefully put in place earlier that day had been power-scrubbed off by someone, presumably the people working on the museum next door.

Chief Robinson reported that the goats got to Horizon Park at about 9 a.m. Monday and he went over to check on them. A council member suggested they were hard at work and Chief Robinson said two of them were lying around.

"I'm really looking forward to Goat Day," said Ken Voigt, noting that he just loves those goats. Ken was the one who pushed for them last year and then again this year. In fact, he made the motion to have a Goat Day at the last council meeting.

Ken said that there's a new design for the goat t-shirts this year with all money going

to the Belleville Food Closet.

Ken also reported that a long-time Belleville resident told him he is so impressed with the condition of Hillside Cemetery, which is looking the best it's looked in years. Ken said the person told him this as he was out changing banners along Main Street on Saturday.

The new banners are artworks by artists from the 48111 zip code. Ken said he especially likes the ones done by children.

Councilwoman Amy Henry said she was really looking forward to all the activity this weekend in the city.

Councilman Steve Jones pointed out it starts with the Bridgewalk, Taste of Belleville, and Music Lakeside on Thursday, the lighted boat parade on Friday, Margaritas in the 'Ville on Saturday, and Goat Day on Sunday. Then, he said the next day is another Monday that features the Farmer's Market and Car Show. That's five days in a row of activities in Belleville, he said.

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Chief Robinson said he was at the vehicle rollover on North Liberty Street on Monday and stayed until after the tow truck flipped the car back over. He thought that was really neat to see.

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## Letters

### Thank you to River of Life for its generosity

To the editor:

Something wonderful happened on Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Speedway gas station on Belleville Road. Teenagers from River of Life Church, located on Sumpter Road, were offering customers \$50 free gas and we happened to be lucky recipients.

My husband and I typically gas our vehicles together every weekend. We pull into the pump on opposite sides and he uses one nozzle. As I pulled up, I saw two teens approach my husband. My initial thought was they were seeking a donation for an organization.

As two angels, Lydia and Karmen, walked toward me I explained that the gentleman on the other side of the gas pump was my husband – thinking his donation would cover both of us. As Karmen began to speak, my husband announced that we were being offered \$50 free gas. Karmen and Lydia politely asked my permission to pump \$50 free gas into my tank. I was surprised and overwhelmed by this extremely generous offer and felt undeserving of both of us receiving free gas.

Tears welled up and I was speechless. I've seen stories on the news of people getting free gas, but I was totally caught by surprise that it was happening to us in our community.

It warms my heart to witness young Christians doing good deeds for others. I am truly grateful for the free gas. Thank you to all the parishioners from River of Life Church for their generosity and giving spirit.

Van Buren Township resident

### The Abortion Amendment: Yes or No?

To the editor:

It is likely that on Nov. 8, 2022, citizens of Michigan will see a proposal on the ballot for an Abortion Amendment to our state constitution. Would this amendment serve the people of Michigan well? For the following reasons, Michigan voters should reject this measure.

The proposed language states that a person's right to an abortion "shall not be ... infringed upon unless justified by a compelling state interest." The amendment

later explains:

"A state interest is 'compelling' only if it is ... consistent with accepted clinical standards of practice and evidence-based medicine..." (emphasis added)

If approved, the legislature would be prohibited from regulating the abortion industry unless such regulations were consistent with "medical standards." This may seem like a good idea. However, this statement is troubling. It awards greater value to the opinion of experts than the views of your legislator. If a legislator, who is representing you, wishes to regulate the abortion industry, he will need to check first with the "experts" to make sure it is consistent with their view. If it isn't then he must yield to them. This is a bad idea for several reasons.

First, the medical industry has a financial interest in less regulation. Do we really want to give them the authority to essentially regulate themselves? Would we do this with any other industry?

Second, "accepted clinical standards" may not always be in the best interest of the public. Like all industries, the medical community is comprised of fallen people who sometimes do the wrong thing. Our medical system is considered the best in the world, but none of us should want researchers to be making laws.

Third, science and "evidence-based medicine" are not the only reasons we make laws. We make laws to restrain evil. And evil is an inherently moral issue. Science may tell us what will happen in the physical world under certain circumstances, but it can never tell us why we should permit or not permit a type of behavior. We must discuss an issue and convince each other that something is good or bad. That process is known as democracy and it is essential to our freedom. This amendment would circumvent that process.

Finally, a fundamental pillar of our freedom is "consent of the governed." This concept is manifest in our legislature. Our elected officials represent our voices. We should never want our voices subjugated to the authority of unelected experts. That will never serve us well.

Whether you are in favor of abortion or opposed to it, you should have serious doubts about such language. For these reasons, I encourage my fellow Michiganders to oppose this proposal come November.

Wayde Hoppe  
Van Buren Township

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Heritage Academies at its July 18 21<sup>st</sup> annual awards ceremony. She said of the 100 NHA schools, Keystone received the highest number of awards.

Principal Drain said this is the second year in a row that Keystone won an Eagle award for Safety.

"We had over 90% of our families respond they are *highly satisfied/satisfied* that 'I am confident that the protocols and practices my school has implemented keep my child safe,'" she said.

"And, 99% of our staff marked *highly satisfied* that 'I feel physically safe at my location,'" she said.

Keystone also won Eagle awards for Parent Satisfaction, Employee Engagement, Student Attendance, and Student Enrollment.

In other business at the Aug. 11 meeting, the board:

- Discussed the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds, with ESSER I used to purchase equipment to transition to online learning. These funds have been expended and expire in September. ESSER II and III are to catch kids up after the COVID upheaval and can be spent on air conditioning, holding on to teachers and hiring supplemental people, as well as recurring costs for Chromebooks, among other things. ESSER II runs out in 2023 and ESSER III in 2024. "If we don't use it, it goes away," said Mihaly.
- Board vice president Steve Harsant wanted to see a more detailed report on what's being done with the money and NHA representative Andrew Roth said he can get that information to Harsant immediately;
- Heard Drain say, "I'm super-proud of our scores," referring to the NWEA spring

test scores compared to last fall's scores. All were above the national average of 50% of the students proficient and growing. Roth said all of the NHA schools took math hits the most;

- Approved the 2023 Children's Internet Protection Act form;

- Tabled the request to approve the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty resolution to wait until next month until the final two teachers are hired so they can make sure they all are certified. Roth said NHA doesn't hire unless a person is already certified or on track to be certified;

- Adopted the Continuous School Improvement Plan with three-year goals. It was noted that studies show if Keystone can educate a student for three or more years, that student will show high academic results for the rest of the student's education;

- Approved setting aside \$500 in the

budget so all board members can attend the 2022 NHA Board Symposium on Oct. 24 and 25 at The Henry in Dearborn. Cost is \$100 each and formal reservations will be taken later. They also discussed Bay Mills' events Oct. 4 and 19;

- Informally discussed the new 5 p.m. meeting schedule and agreed it was a good time. Drain said this allows teachers to attend the meetings without having a big gap between the end of school and the beginning of the meeting. She said it also gives her time to get home in time to read to and tuck her daughters into bed;

- Heard Principal Drain report that the summer learning checkpoint #1 was a huge success and it was great to see students celebrate their hard work in a fun way at Sky Zone. She thanked the board for sponsoring this. She said final checkpoint #2 was that evening at Zap Zone;

- Heard Drain report there were 63 at the recent Kindergarten event, Barnyard Bash.

All Young 5s and Kinder families were invited to spend an evening meeting their child's teacher while enjoying a petting zoo and pony rides; and

- Was advised Keystone has 694 students registered and re-enrolled for the 2022-23 school year, with 37 more students in acceptance status. Drain said the 37 have yet to turn in paperwork. She said they want to have at least 700 students.

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Aug. 22 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

- Tuesday, Aug. 23 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m.

- Wednesday, Aug. 24 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

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# Obituaries



Kevin Robert Polzin, Jr.

**KEVIN ROBERT POLZIN, JR.**  
(December 31, 2017 – August 11, 2022)  
Kevin Robert Polzin Jr. passed away on August 11, 2022, at the age of 4. Kevin was born in Ann Arbor, Michigan, to Kevin R. Polzin, Sr. and Claudia Perez on December 31, 2017.

Kevin was a shining star who touched the lives of everyone he knew. Kevin loved singing and dancing and making Tik Tok Videos. He was very inquisitive and active always building things, wanting to know how things worked or tried to fix them, as well as learning and watching things grow. He called himself a “hard worker.” Kevin also enjoyed sports like snowboarding, rollerblading, and learning to swim. Kevin’s favorite character was Sonic the Hedgehog and he enjoyed dinosaurs and monster trucks. His favorite treat that he loved was frozen hot chocolate. He loved and cherished his cat, Cocoa.

Kevin is survived by his parents Kevin R. Polzin, Sr. and Claudia Perez; sister Cambree Miller; grandparents Ricardo Perez, Susan Hopkins, Kevin Polzin, Joanne Polzin; great-grandparents, Raymond Raymond, Joyce Polzin; aunts and uncles Luis Gonzalez, Jennifer Gonzalez, Melissa Hopkins, Steven Adams, Susan Renee Thompson, Thomas Gray, Christina Gray, Cheryl Raymond, and many great-aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Visitation was from 12-8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. service on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Pastor Bob Lafferty officiated at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

A dinner in Kevin’s honor will be at The Belleville Lighthouse Church, 870 Savage Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 on Thursday, August 18, at 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the family to defray funeral expenses.

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Roger Dale Kendrick

**ROGER DALE KENDRICK**  
(August 28, 1958 – August 3, 2022)  
Roger Dale Kendrick, 63, was born in Detroit to William Joseph and Sarah Kathleen Kendrick and grew up in Taylor. He moved to Sumpter Township in 1996.

He worked as a welding supplies salesman. He coached Little League baseball and football and played golf and bowling. He loved living in the country, tending his garden, and working at his church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years Cynthia (Terlikowski) Kendrick; three sons, Roger (Lisa) Kendrick Jr., Christopher (Tabatha) Kendrick, and Randy Kendrick; daughter Rebecca (Raymond) Byrd; nine grandchildren, Justin, Jason, Krystal, Isabella, Gemma, Elijah, Emerald, Cole Byrd and Jack Byrd. Also, survived by two sisters Regina Trisli and Tracy Kelley; and two brothers Howard Kendrick and Casey Kendrick. Also, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life service at River of Life Church, 16650 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI, at 11 a.m., September 24.



Marianne Terese Cipkowski

**MARIANNE TERESE CIPKOWSKI**  
(August 12, 2022)

Marianne was born in Detroit and lived there for two years until her parents moved to Romulus. Marianne was the oldest of two. She and her younger sister Therese Barbara Zona shared a love for plants, antiques and animals - especially cats. Marianne had 9 talented nieces, Carolyn, Sheryl, Deanna, Jill, Pamela, Kristyn, Cary, Jenny, and Whitney. Lifelong fond memories with brothers-in-law, Jerry Cipkowski, Jim Cipkowski, and Norman Zona. And warm conversations with sisters-in-laws Barbara Cipkowski, Betty Friedel, longtime family friend Mary Mauterer.

She was married to Joseph Cipkowski for over 36 years, and they raised their daughters Abigail and Belinda in the countryside of Sumpter Township. She was a lifelong parishioner of St. Stephen’s Catholic Church since she lived in Belleville ... a long-time friend of Fr. Alex Wytrwal and Fr. John Hedges. And truly appreciated the blessings from Bishop Robert Fisher, Fr. Roman and Fr. James Livingston.

Visitation for Marianne was Tuesday, August 16, 2022 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.

A Funeral Mass for Marianne was Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 12 Noon at St. Stephen’s Catholic Church in New Boston, MI.

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Last week's *Independent* featured an insert for the upcoming 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Saline Community Fair on Aug. 31-Sept. 4 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds on Ann

## Positive COVID tests total 10,412 for residents in 48111 zip code

The Wayne County Health Department announced that as of Monday positive COVID test results have totaled 10,263 for the population in the 48111 zip code. That number had been 10,263 on Monday, Aug. 1.

The number of deaths from COVID in the 48111 area remains at 138, where it was on Aug. 1.

On Monday, Aug. 15, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 7,203 positive cases which is 15.2% of the population, and 91 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,137 positive cases, which is 28.1% of the population, and 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 2,072 positive cases which is 15.4% of the population, and 33 deaths.

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The Taste of Belleville is this Thursday, Aug. 18, at Horizon Park and High Street and will feature samples from local restaurants and organizations, music from Unlimited DJ, the Belleville Rotary's Rubber Ducky Race on the lake in front of Johnny's, and The Groove Council band as the final Music Lakeside Concert of the summer. The activities begin at 5:30 p.m. with the 26<sup>th</sup>-annual Belleville Bridge Walk and official photo at the welcome sign. I'll be taking that picture before heading to High Street where I'll be doing temporary tattoos on behalf of the Belleville Central Business Community. Stop by and say hi. Participating restaurants and organizations include Lefty's Cheesesteak, Confections Factory, Belleville Kiwanis, Benito's

Pizza, Jet's Pizza, Belleville Bait Shop Bar, Hungry Howie's Pizza, Patton's Plates, Angel Food Catering, Applebee's, Belleville Community Chorus, Johnny's on the Lake, Kona Ice, C & C Seven Star BBQ, Firebird Foods, Van Buren Public Schools, Van Buren Schools Foundation, and Bayou Grill. Be sure to have your picture taken with Belleville's very own Mermaid with cash donations going to Benches for Belleville. Food tickets are \$1 each. The Rotary's Ducky Race will get underway at 6:30 p.m. with a 50/50 drawing during the event. Be sure to check out the menu offerings and other details in the CBC's ad in today's paper. The event runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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The public is invited to attend a special thank-you this Saturday, Aug. 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Graham Park in Sumpter Township to honor the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue founders Pete and Marcy

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This Sunday, Aug. 21, is official Goat Day in Belleville at Horizon Park, from 2 to 5 p.m. as the goats are in town on business to eat up the vegetation along the shoreline. The Wayne County 4-H Club will be bringing some of their goats for photos and petting and members will answer questions. There will also be a band, food trucks, and goat t-shirts for sale with the proceeds benefitting the local food closet

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### Birthdays

Aug. 18 – Jaide Bandy, Elizabeth Losen, James Brasington

Aug. 19 – Peggy Voigt, Sheena Barnes, Sarah Warring, Jennifer Brasington

Aug. 20 – Martha Hanoian, Gary Dwornik, Kacie Ebernez

Aug. 21 – Maria Torres

Aug. 24 – Margaret Rochon



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*Independent photos by James Otzman*  
Ten goats arrived at 9 a.m. on Monday to begin their two-week job of clearing the bank of Horizon Park on Belleville Lake. They are from Twin Willow Ranch, a family farm in Milan, and Randy Brown has arranged for their service through the City of Belleville. The city voted to pay \$3,600 for the goats and Brown is donating his services this year.



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## Busy weekend in downtown Belleville starting Thursday

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The goats arrived on Monday to start munching away at the vegetation blocking sight of Belleville Lake at Horizon Park, just in time to clear the way for a weekend of activities in and around the park.

On Thursday, Aug. 18, the annual Belleville Bridgwalk begins at 5:30 p.m. Walkers, with their certificates in hand, pause for a group picture after the brief walk and then head over to High Street and Horizon Park for the annual Taste of Belleville starting at 6 p.m. Then, the 7 p.m. Music Lakeside concert begins at the park.

The rest of the weekend goes like this:

- On Friday the Neon Boat Parade will be judged for decorations by judges at the Horizon Park docks and then cruise west at about 9 p.m. Food and drinks at Johnny's

on the Lake.

- On Saturday, it's Margaritas in the 'Ville based at the Fourth Street Square at Egan's Pub and the Bayou Grill. A Jimmy Buffet tribute band will perform on the stage, along with other artists. There is a tropical luau costume contest with prizes. Special food at Egan's, Bayou, and Johnny's.

- Sunday is Goat Day, sponsored by

the City of Belleville, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Horizon Park. There will be 4-H members with goats on leads to add to the goats already on the park's shoreline trimming the shoreline. There will be a band and one or two food trucks.

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- **Friday, Aug. 19** – Belleville Lake Neon Luau Boat Parade starts cruising at 9 p.m. Good viewing from Horizon Park in Belleville. The boats will be decorated and lighted and vying for cash prizes and trophies. DJ and pig roast at Johnny's on the Lake.
- **Saturday, Aug. 20** – Margaritas in the 'Ville all day, along with special cheeseburgers at Egan's, Johnny's, and Bayou Grill, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band at 6 p.m. on the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, and a costume contest with prizes to the Luau King and Queen.
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- **Saturday, Aug. 20** – Kids' Fun Day at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, 1-4 p.m. Games, fire truck, and more. Open to the public.
- **Sunday, Aug. 21** – Goat Day, 2-5 p.m., at Horizon Park in Belleville. Goats leased by the city will be working on the shoreline vegetation. 4-H members will bring goats on leads so they can be petted and pictures taken with them. The youth will answer goat questions. There will be a band, food trucks, and goat t-shirts for sale to benefit the food closet.
- **Sunday, Aug. 21** – Finder's Keepers at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township.
- **Monday, Aug. 22** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.
- **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, Aug. 26-28** – Sumpter Township township-wide garage sales. No permits needed.
- **Saturday, Aug. 27** – Willow Methodist Church Car Show, Noon – 4 p.m., 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. Refreshments available for purchase. No charge or pre-registration for cars. Grass parking/easy access.
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- **Monday, Aug. 29** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Main Street Car Show, 6-8 p.m., between Third and Fifth streets in downtown Belleville.
- **Sunday, Sept. 4** – Bugles Across America begins at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans' Memorial in Horizon Park on High Street in the City of Belleville. On the first Sunday of each month there is a brief ceremony to honor those who serve in the military. There is the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and Taps. All are welcome.
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# Sumpter Twp. board funds restroom, septic field emergency

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

During a report to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at its Aug. 9 workshop, Township Manager Anthony Burdick explained the restrooms at township hall have been an ongoing problem and at the moment both are shut down.

He said employees are using a portable restroom with a cleaning setup so they can wash their hands at a cost of \$1,600 a week.

Supervisor Tim Bowman said this is an emergency and they had a recommendation from Wayne County. He said the entire floor is coming out at township hall and they are putting in everything new, starting all over. The entire septic field will be replaced.

In the regular meeting, the board voted unanimously to spend not to exceed \$144,341.30 plus a 5% contingency for the work to be done immediately. Trustee Peggy Morgan was absent and excused from the meeting.

Later in the week it was announced township hall was closed on Friday, Aug. 12, and Monday, Aug. 15, to make way for the work. On Monday, it was announced the township hall would open on Tuesday and it would be a "cautionary area" as renovations continue.

Burdick also announced he was setting up a standing review committee to help him go over policies. He pointed out the township doesn't have an employee manual approved by the township board.

He also said there will be an adjustment in the way paid time off is allotted. The policy is that an employee has to be on the job one year to get it and this will be adjusted to using the first day of hire to calculate the time. This will be instead of all PPO being added for all employees on Jan. 1. The employee's first day of work will be recorded as the day of hire.

Also, at the workshop session, there was a presentation on a proposal for Reclamation of Banotai Park, starting with clearing of the 80 acres, enlarging the pond by five acres, dredging the entire pond, having a full-time parks director and two park attendants with guard shack to control traffic and contraband, four parking areas, a pedestrian path, horse trails, hiking trails, berms on Sherwood and Wear roads for sound barriers, a maintenance building for park equipment, one or two new brick and mortar bathrooms with outdoor showers, three new pavilions, solar aerators for the pond, electrical power to the pavilions and bathrooms and LED lights, three new docks, a new beach for pet owners, and other amenities. It was pointed out this is just conceptual at this point.

Trustee Don LaPorte said the pedestrian bike path lost steam at the county level and they will see if the county can help fund the \$2.1 million suggested by County Commissioner Al Haidous.

Trustee Matt Oddy said Van Buren Township got \$4.5 million for its senior center and Sumpter should ask for \$20 million for this. He referred to the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds being allocated by the county.

Burdick said they are working with Commissioner Haidous to get funds for this project.

Burdick also said the newsletter committee wants to publish at the end of September instead of the end of August, since everybody's been so busy.

In other business at the Aug. 9 regular meeting, the board:

- Approved, with regrets, the resignation of police officer Jeffrey Benedict effective July 14. His resignation letter said he wanted to be at home more with his family and to help with his son's special needs

therapies. Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said he expects to have Benedict's replacement to bring to the board at its next meeting;

- Approved the first quarter budget amendments as recommended by Finance Director Scott Holtz. He said there is \$156,000 more projected revenue minus \$137,000 added for the fairgrounds project, so it would be \$18,400 added to the budget;

- Heard Ronald Barrington Robinson state that he is not anti-law enforcement as stated by some. He reported on his degree in political science from Mott College and 23-year career in the correctional system. He also wanted those who are against "trailer parks" to know that doctors and nurses and teachers and other professionals live there;

- Heard Sharon Pokerwinski tell Treasurer Vincent Warren she is sorry he lost the primary election and, "I wish you the best";

- Heard Mary Ban say she repeats what Pokerwinski said about Warren, noting he had saved \$232,000 in water bills. She also said Commissioner Haidous needs to look at the overgrown weeds along the roads that are dangerous everywhere. She reported a transformer went down on Lohr Road the previous Saturday night and was out until Sunday. This also happened in June, she said. She said DTE needs to realize that large, large homes are being built and they require more electricity and are burning up the transformers. She asked board members to read the *Newsmax* article on marijuana she had the deputy clerk put in their packets and to again note there is no opening date for the museum;

- Heard Supervisor Bowman report the Forgotten Harvest food giveaway hit a record in Sumpter with 145 households recorded. Also, he said the most responsible, reasonable bid for the fairgrounds fencing was received from Davenport Brothers; and

- Heard Public Safety Director/Police Chief Luke thank the residents for their overwhelming support for the police millages. He also said siren 9 is down after they believe it was struck by lightning. Also, Ray Bailey, who was charged with four murders in Sumpter, was found dead in his cell.



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# Library board grateful for positive millage vote for operating funds

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Aug. 9, Belleville Area District Library Board president Sharon Peters thanked the community for the positive vote in the August primary election that approved its operating funds millage.

She said now the library is on solid

ground with its operating funds and that is a great relief.

President Peters especially wanted to thank the committee that worked to get out the votes. She said James Lenze was chairman of the committee and Rika Regentine was active along with Michelle Montour who shaped the messages and made them look good. She thanked the Belleville Beat for its July issue with an explanation of the election and the Independent for its editorial. She said John and Debbie Juriga hosted the committee meetings.

"The size of the support from the community makes me very grateful," she said.

Peters thanked Barbara Miller for starting off the celebration of the positive millage vote by mentioning it first during the Public Comments part of the meeting. Miller said there is strong support from the community because people get such wonderful service from the library.

Miller also praised the work of the Friends of the Library who were out canvassing the community.

Vice president Mary Jane Dawson said the signs were in high demand and they didn't have many. She said John Juriga put one at the corner of Madelon and Robbe and another in front of her house on E. Columbia Ave. Then, he came back and took one of them back for another location.

Board secretary Alma Hughes-Grubbs saying she appreciated the community coming out and supporting the library.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy wholeheartedly thanked everyone who helped with the passage of the library's operating millage restoration. She especially thanked the voters for their support.

"The staff and I look forward to continuing to serve our community for many years to come," Suchy said, adding they are awaiting the final results from Wayne County, but the ballot measure passed with 4,846 yes votes (59%) and 3,385 no votes (41%).

When it was pointed out from the audience that Sumpter Township turned down the library millage in its vote tally, Peters replied, "We're making progress in Sumpter," and that the number of no votes was not as bad as it was before.

Suchy said now that she knows the millage has passed, she and the department heads can push forward with plans for expanded hours. She said later that they will be formulating the plans in September and probably wouldn't open on Sundays until October.

At the end of the meeting, Peters said this is the first time the board didn't have heavy, heavy lifting to do, referring to the planning and construction and financing of the new library, moving into it and dealing with construction issues, and then the grand openings. Now they can concentrate on services, she said.

"All I can be is happy, happy, happy," Peters said.

In other business at the Aug. 9 meeting, the board:

- Heard Library Director Suchy report on the building committee meeting. She said they are getting an estimate on a French drain for the door that has drainage problems and the HVAC people came and found the temperature wasn't set for the humidification system and that caused the flooding. They took care of that, she said. The local history room had a problem and they are taking care of that. She said there will be a big meeting in the fall with three different contractors who will go through everything. They concurred the library will not give the final payments until everything is done. She said there is no permanent damage from the water. Suchy said if they had been open on Sunday they would have found the leak a day earlier. She said the "I" in the blue library sign had the backing come off and that will be repaired and the furniture people came out and fixed the fraying chairs. She said they talked about the bollards and were told they have rebar inside and they are structurally sound and there is no need to seal them, as suggested;

- Heard Dawson report that Harper Mathis, the teenager who is undergoing alternative treatment for brain cancer at Sloan Kettering in New York City, had to stay completely still for two hours for an MRI and the family is hoping for good news. Dawson also gave kudos to Van Buren Township for landscaping the museum, but she would like to know when it will open again; and

- Heard Suchy announce that a "real, live mermaid" will be in the library for a visit with "her treasure chest of goodies" at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 23. Mermaid Molly will do book reading and meet and greet. Suchy also reported that there is a Michigan Public Library BOGO available at the Belleville Library where with the purchase of one general admission ticket to the Detroit Zoo, a ticket is redeemable for one child ages 2-18 for free. Tickets good through the end of the year.

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# VBT planners approve special land use, preliminary site plan

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After a one-minute public hearing, on Aug. 10, during which no public had a comment, and a brief discussion by the commission, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of special land use for Chahal Semi Truck Repair facility with a truck well and land improvements.

This recommendation will be sent on to the township board for the final decision on land use.

Joe Davenport of Davenport Brothers Construction, on behalf of owner Sukhdev Singh, applied to construct the 8,320 square foot building at 6100 Schooner Drive, south of Michigan Avenue, extending between Schooner Drive (west) and Schooner Drive (east).

The property is zoned M-2 – General Industrial District. Truck repair as a principal use requires special land use approval under the zoning ordinance and a public hearing is required.

Dan Power, planning and economic development director, said the 6-acre parcel was recently split.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Associates, said the building is suitable in an industrial park. They are working on a storm water detention issue and that is expected to be resolved by the final site plan approval.

She said the west site of the site is wooded and this is the east side. She recommended approval to the board of trustees for special land use.

The commission also approved the preliminary site plan for the project.

Krishnan said they have a 36-foot entry because mostly trucks will be entering. Twenty-four feet is required. They will put in a new sidewalk to the east and west, also on the north, and partially on the east. The parking spaces are 12'x80' along the northwest area.

She said the tree survey is still needed, but not for the south area which is left wooded for now. She said regulated trees

of 5 inches need to be listed. She said the building has metal siding and block. It is functional and looks good, she said. There is an awning over the office door. She recommended approval of the preliminary site plan with stipulations.

Dave Potter, engineering consultant from Fishbeck, also recommended preliminary

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# VBT Plan

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site plan approval, but noted a Wayne County Road Permit and SCSD permit are needed.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr, who was chairing the meeting, said they need a bit more investigation into the existing storm sewer.

In other business at the one-hour-and-32-minute meeting on Aug. 10, the commission:

- Removed from the agenda and postponed the final site plan consideration for a truck sales and repair facility for Kenworth/CSM Companies, Inc. Applicant is General Development Company, LLC, on behalf of owner Belleville North Marsh Ventures, LLC and Livonia Property, LLC. The request is for construction of a 62,750-square-foot building with related site improvements for outdoor vehicle

sales and vehicle showroom uses with accessory vehicle repair and service. The site is a 20-acre parcel at 44660 N. I-94 Service Dr. between Dewitt and Morton Taylor roads. On Nov. 2, 2021, the township board approved special land use, but since then minor building changes have been proposed;

- Held a 52-minute discussion on building separation standards and side-entry garages, which currently are required in the PRD ordinances for single-family detached dwellings in the township. Krishnan said there have been many changes in housing needs since these requirements were put in place decades ago. The issue has come up in recent discussions with prospective developers regarding completion of long-incomplete residential PRDs and new proposals. A study of ordinances in Canton, Ypsilanti, Lyon, Plymouth, and Pittsfield townships and the City of Novi show side-entry garages as desirable options, but not

mandated. Director Power said smaller lots may make affordable housing. Krishan offered to get pictures of subdivisions with options for side-entry garages and smaller building separations so the commission could see what they look like. The discussion will continue; and

- Discussed briefly the proposed design of the expanded Van Buren Township stormwater detention basin, located on township hall property, that is being updated as part of the Community Center construction. Power presented an Aug. 3 letter from Spalding DeDecker engineers on how a dry pond would work. The commission's engineering consultant, Paul Kammer of Fishbeck, was not present and so the commission will discuss this after Kammer gets back. Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said she talked to the township board about her concerns that children can crawl or climb over a fence at a detention pond. Power said the issue will go back to the township board for a final decision.

## Brew, Brats, & Bands at the Barn to benefit Canton Historical Society

Preparations are under way for Canton's annual Brew, Brats, & Bands at the Barn fundraising event that will held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10, in Preservation Park, 500 N. Ridge Rd., despite no longer having a barn at its location. Proceeds from this beer-tasting event will once again support the Canton Historical Society.

Admission includes seven drink tickets each good for a four-ounce beer-tasting sample. Tickets are \$40 if purchased online before Sept. 9, and \$45 at the door (cash only). Get tickets online at <https://events.beerfests.com>. Designated Driver tickets are available for \$10. Additional beer-tasting tickets are available for purchase; receive four additional tickets for \$5.

## City of Belleville Public Notice

### CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 1, 2022 - 7:30 pm

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:39 p.m.

#### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

#### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Present (arrived 7:39 p.m.)
Council Member Bates	Absent
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present (arrived 7:53 p.m.)
Mayor Conley	Present

#### 3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

##### A. Presentations

##### 1) None

##### B. Council Follow Up List

1) Council Member Jones inquired about the broken chain on Denton Road.

##### C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Item

1) Becky Hasen: Inquired about the Community Sign and minutes for DDA/Planning Commission Meetings.

2) Mike Renaud: Requested that City Council post pictures of themselves on the City website.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve the agenda as presented.

#### VOICE VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 18, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, July 18, 2022.

#### VOICE VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

#### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

##### A. None

#### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

##### A. None

#### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A. Resolution 22-052 – Victory Park Grant Agreement

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve the proposed grant agreement between Wayne County and the City of Belleville for improvements to Victory Park.

#### VOICE VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

#### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-053** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

#### ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### Motion Carried.

#### 10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson commented that he is excited about the Victory Park Grant. He also commented that the charter petition for medical marihuana has been submitted. Signatures are being validated and legal counsel is reviewing the language. He also commented about the Young Professionals Conference for the Youth Workers.

#### 11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Jones

--- Informed Council of a ribbon cutting at Paddle Belleville for 8/3/22 at 5 p.m.

--- Commented that there will be music Lakeside on Thursday.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

--- Asked City Council to approve street closures for an event for the Goats at Horizon Park on August 21 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry to approve street closures for August 21.**

#### VOICE VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

#### 12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- N/A

#### 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Becky Hasen

--- Thanked City Manager Robinson and Deputy City Manager McLean for participating in last week's Young Professionals Conference in Detroit.

- Rosemary Oztzman

--- Inquired about the Bridge Walk 2022.

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

#### 15. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION:** Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

No objections were noted.

#### Motion Carried.

Timothy McLean/Deputy City Manager

Approved: 8/15/22

Posted: 8/16/22

Published: 8/18/22



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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 273 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, Aug. 7:

0051 – neighbor trouble, W. Archwood Dr.  
0119 – domestic, Stamford Rd.  
0451 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0728 – family trouble, Victoria St.  
0741 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
0823 – welfare check, Savage Rd.  
0833 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0843 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0951 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1031 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
1040 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1042 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Walden Dr.  
1205 – animal complaint, Cobblestone Creek Dr.  
1234 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1241 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.  
1339 – suspicious person/vehicle, Southport Apts.  
1413 – ordinance violation, Belleville Lake / Harmony Ln.  
1513 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1608 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1634 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daisy Blvd.  
1706 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1842 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1915 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
2006 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler  
2013 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.  
2045 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
2055 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.  
2115 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2210 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood

### Monday, Aug. 8:

0002 – property damage accident, Old Rawsonville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0727 – PPO violation, Richard Run Dr.  
0851 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0912 – larceny from auto, Haggerty Rd.  
0916 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
1002 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1007 – larceny, Oak Ln.  
1017 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1032 – larceny from auto, W. Huron River Dr.  
1205 – private property impound, Lighthouse Dr.  
1212 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Born Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1311 – civil matter, Bak Rd.  
1428 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1439 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1451 – property damage accident, Belleville Manor  
1509 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.  
1526 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1544 – lost property/child, Lake Villa Dr.  
1620 – civil matter, Stamford Rd.  
1623 – welfare check, Republic Dr./Bog Rd.  
1853 – threat, Denton Rd.  
1859 – fraud, Lake Villa Dr.  
1951 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1956 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2012 – assist other dept., Carmell St.  
2123 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.  
2213 – property check, Belleridge Apts.  
2217 – juvenile complaint, Mission Pointe  
2218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.  
2222 – property check, Lighthouse Dr.  
2228 – property check, Southport Apts.  
2251 – threat, Hayes St.  
2311 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
2319 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.  
2342 – property check, Belleville Rd.

### Tuesday, Aug. 9:

0042 – property check, Waverly Apts.  
0052 – animal complaint, Pond Bluff Dr.  
0242 – property check, Country Pond Estates  
0502 – suspicious person/vehicle, Truman  
0722 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
0742 – property damage accident, Haggerty  
0809 – civil matter, Peninsular Dr.  
0902 – misc. complaint, Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.  
0923 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr.  
0940 – animal complaint, Cross St./Denton Rd.  
0953 – misc. complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
1109 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1142 – fraud, W. Walden Dr.  
1213 – traffic offense, Tyler Rd./Andover Dr.  
1233 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1305 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1334 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Renton Rd.  
1426 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1552 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1618 – misc. complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.  
1629 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.  
1628 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd./Hannan Rd.  
1656 – 911 welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1818 – malicious destruction of property, Martinsville Rd.  
1823 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.  
1910 – larceny from auto, Amanda Dr.  
2015 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.  
2018 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr. / Hardwood Dr.  
2049 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.  
2056 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.  
2138 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2207 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.  
2252 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton/Hayes

### Wednesday, Aug. 10:

0017 – assist fire dept., McKinley St.  
0216 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
0250 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
0311 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd.  
0409 – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.  
0535 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0720 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0853 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
0949 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service  
1110 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1117 – neighbor trouble, Brandi Dr.  
1149 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1209 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1247 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.  
1404 – animal complaint, Gilmore St.  
1706 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1839 – neighbor trouble, Filmore St.  
1843 – traffic offense, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.  
1929 – civil matter, Outer Dr.  
2048 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.  
2115 – harassment call, Oak In.

### Thursday, Aug. 11:

0014 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
0030 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.  
0214 – domestic, Oak In.  
0329 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0656 – private property/property damage accident, Coca-Cola Dr.  
0707 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0711 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.  
0940 – trespassing, Rawsonville Rd.  
1030 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake Cir.  
1202 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd.  
1239 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1331 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maple Dr.  
1338 – suspicious person/vehicle, Walden Blvd. / Tyler Rd.  
1444 – threat, Ecorse Rd.  
1524 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.  
1546 – intrusion alarm, Colonial Rd.  
1548 – vehicle lockout, E. Huron River Dr.  
1606 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.  
1622 – family trouble, Holly Ln.  
1624 – welfare check, Robbe Rd.  
1639 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk  
1651 – misc. complaint, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
1702 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1749 – suspicious person/vehicle, Paloma Dr.  
1832 – civil matter, Beckley Rd.  
1850 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1907 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2100 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave.  
2101 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hickory Woods  
2118 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
2215 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2236 – welfare check, Outer Dr.  
2243 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2316 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River

### Friday, Aug. 12:

0051 – assist fire dept., Rawsonville Rd.  
0147 – suspicious person/vehicle, Amanda Dr.  
0219 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty rd.  
0400 – animal complaint, Savage Rd.  
0712 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0831 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.  
0850 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.  
1028 – neighbor trouble, Brandi Dr.  
1052 – assist fire dept., Parkwood Dr.  
1135 – missing person, Greenbriar Dr. / Briarwood Dr.  
1137 – family trouble, America  
1210 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / McBride Ave.  
1223 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1316 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.  
1358 – missing person, Quirk Rd.  
1500 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1514 – fraud, Lenmoore Rd.  
1625 – welfare check, Holly Ln.  
1641 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1734 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
2046 – neighbor trouble, Filmore St.  
2106 – domestic, Sugarbush  
2125 – misc. complaint, Ecorse Rd.  
2204 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.  
2205 – domestic, Oak Blvd.  
2330 – misc. complaint, Richard Run dr.

### Saturday, Aug. 13:

0011 – malicious destruction of property, Martz  
0012 – vehicle lockout, Oak Ln.  
0039 – assist other dept., Packard Rd.  
0155 – 911 welfare check, Tallgrass Ct.  
0345 – sexual assault, Denton Rd.  
0350 – civil matter, Meadows Cir.  
0439 – 911 welfare check, America  
1026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.  
1058 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.  
1111 – welfare check, Oak Blvd.  
1138 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.  
1322 – assist fire dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1422 – shooting, Tyler Rd.  
1451 – neighbor trouble, Van Buren St.  
1540 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1552 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fairbanks St.  
1740 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
1741 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
1741 – disorderly, Oak Ln.  
1829 – suspicious person/vehicle, Holly Ln.  
2000 – assist other dept., Van Born  
2136 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
2238 – noise complaint, Cobblestone  
2309 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2340 – noise complaint, Rickman Dr.

There were 48 traffic stops on this week's log with no stops on the I-94 or I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Aug. 7:

2209 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.  
2307 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
2342 – threat, Carmell St.

### Monday, Aug. 8:

0125 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
0954 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.  
1153 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Industrial Park Dr.  
1316 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1545 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia  
1605 – traffic stop, South St.  
2010 – domestic, Carmell St.  
2349 – civil matter, Henry St.

### Tuesday, Aug. 9:

0052 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
0634 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.  
0919 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
0935 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia/High  
1016 – suicidal person, N. Liberty St.  
1427 – traffic stop, High St.  
1457 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1517 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1702 – fraud, Bedell St.  
2020 – family trouble, Carmell St.  
2108 – neighbor trouble, Carmell St.  
2108 – fireworks, Sumpter Rd.  
2114 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr. / Madelon

### Wednesday, Aug. 10:

0019 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.  
0208 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.  
0409 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

1251 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.  
1322 – property damage accident, Main St. / E. Huron River Dr.  
1745 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.  
2140 – family trouble, N. Liberty St.

### Thursday, Aug. 11:

2054 – property check, Owen St.  
**Friday, Aug. 12:**  
1204 – juvenile complaint, Loza Ln.  
1405 – assist other dept., Belleville/Quirk  
1542 – harassment call, Breakwater Dr.  
1634 – intrusion alarm, Victorian Ln.  
2349 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Davis St.  
**Saturday, Aug. 13:**  
0154 – noise complaint, Carmell St.  
0427 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.  
1004 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.  
1051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wexford Ave. / Potter Dr.  
1110 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
1341 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
1419 – juvenile complaint, High St.  
2109 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty  
2121 – suspicious person/vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.

There were 15 traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Aug. 7:

0546 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
0942 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1848 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.  
1914 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.  
2107 – family trouble, Washington St.  
2129 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
2225 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

### Monday, Aug. 8:

0607 – civil matter, Arizona St.  
1507 – assist citizen, Rustic Ln.  
1714 – suspicious circumstance, 43000 bl. Judd  
2032 – follow-up investigation, Sumpter/Willis  
2049 – breaking & entering report, Wayside Dr.

### Tuesday, Aug. 9:

0701 – assist citizen, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1017 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1050 – assist citizen, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1057 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.  
1256 – civil matter, Hampshire Dr.  
1343 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.  
1417 – suspicious circumstance, 40000 bl Bemis  
1538 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Dr.  
2100 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.

### Wednesday, Aug. 10:

0320 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
0453 – welfare check, Montana St.  
0508 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
0553 – property damage accident, Judd/Sumpter  
0819 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Wear  
1021 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St.  
1328 – suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Karr  
1355 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1506 – family trouble, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1545 – traffic complaint/hazard, Karr Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.

1730 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1759 – prisoner check, Huron Twp. PD  
1833 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Bemis  
2142 – suspicious circumstance, Sumpter/Bemis

### Thursday, Aug. 11:

0231 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.  
0637 – suspicious circumstance, Elwell/Pecan  
0640 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0928 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.  
0935 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1022 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1241 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1415 – suspicious person, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1500 – death investigation, New Mexico St.  
2032 – assist citizen, Willow Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
2103 – neighbor dispute, Oregon St./Florida St.  
2212 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2243 – animal complaint, New Mexico St.

### Friday, Aug. 12:

0238 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis  
0430 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd Rd./Sumpter  
0846 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0907 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0952 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1050 – assist other agency, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1126 – civil matter, Georgia St.  
1610 – 911 hang up, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1740 – 911 hang up, Birch Ct./Butternut Dr.  
1918 – noise complaint, Birch Dr.  
1939 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2010 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2154 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St.  
2215 – assist motorist, Willis Rd./Lohr Rd.  
2308 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
2354 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln. / Hampshire Dr.

**Saturday, Aug. 13:**

0112 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0219 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0918 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1521 – larceny, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1522 – fire dept. assist, Arizona St.  
1651 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1806 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2136 – noise complaint, Elwell Rd./Willis Rd.  
2337 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

Also on this week's log are 112 patrol checks, 47 traffic stops, and 15 misc. details.

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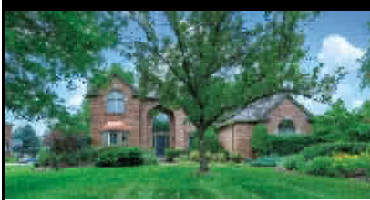
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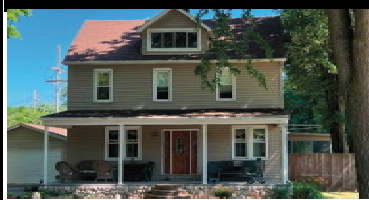
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