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## Sumpter man at Burn Center after home explosion

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
 Independent Editor

A Sumpter Township man is in the University of Michigan Burn Center after his home at 29170 Martinsville Rd. blew up at about 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The home is completely destroyed.

Fire Chief Rick Brown said the homeowner has burns over 40% of his body including his arms, face, and chest.

He said he was informed by police that the man said he went into the house and it exploded. One television report said he had been thrown into the crawl space by the blast. Fire fighters were unable to interview the man because he was being loaded into the ambulance just as the fire department arrived to fight the fire.

He said the windows were blown out to the road, so the fire definitely started inside the house, but there is nothing to go by as far as what started it.

Chief Brown said the foundation had been blown away from the home. He said no natural gas is available in the area and firefighters found the propane turned off. Later, Chief Brown said he learned that the homeowner told a fire fighter in the ambulance that he got up and turned off the propane tank after the explosion.

A neighbor told Channel 2 that the man had lit a cigarette before going into his house.

Michigan Consolidated and DTE came out and couldn't see anything, Chief Brown said.

Chief Brown said it was an LP [propane gas] explosion, but the source is unknown. It probably started in the kitchen, he said citing evidence at the scene. He said he didn't know if there is insurance on the home, but if there is they will be sure to investigate and that will take some digging in the remains of the building.

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Independent photo by Robert Mytych

This Friday, Aug. 26, Belleville Pro Hardware store on Main Street will be celebrating its 36th year in business. Mike Windiate, Sr. stands near the front register with his youngest employee, who also is his grandson, bearing the same name, Mike Windiate. Over the decades, Mike Sr. expanded the family business to include three hardware locations – in Milan, Romulus, and Belleville -- but today he owns and operates only in Belleville. This is where he lives and raised his family and wants the community to know that the Windiate name isn't going anywhere anytime soon. He said he looks forward to many more years to come. The store is also an authorized U-Haul truck/van leasing center and continues to rank among the top-100 performing dealers out of 20,000 plus locations in all of North America and Canada. Windiate works nearly every day alongside a family member or two as well as Pat Grieve. Mike thanks the community for its support over the years and for buying local. Belleville Pro is open seven days: Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Sunday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., (734) 697-9595.

## Goat Day moved to Saturday because of threatening storms

Goat Day in Belleville had been scheduled for last Sunday, but because of threatening storms, it was rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27, from 2 to 5 p.m. at Horizon Park.

Sponsored by the City of Belleville, Goat Day will feature 4-H members who will bring their goats to the park on leashes and people will be able to pet the goats and take pictures with them. They also will give information on goats and answer questions.

Belleville Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt, who put the free event together, said they still plan to have a band and food trucks, and to sell t-shirts with a new goat image, which will raise money for the Belleville Food Closet.

Mayor Pro Tem Voigt said the goat that was found dead in a foot of lake water

on Monday morning died of old age and did not drown, as initially believed by the women who found it.

Voigt said the owner of the goats said this one was one of the older goats and he never had a goat die on the job.

Voigt suggested the goat had been dead for several days because it was bloated. He said it probably died on land and rolled down the hill. He said goats can swim and it could easily have gotten out of the water and up the hill.

## Sheriff's Deputy spots smoke at cemetery

Wayne County Sheriff's Deputy Brent Mytych was on patrol on Belleville Lake during Friday's boat parade. He reported that at 7:50 p.m., he observed thick, black smoke coming from Hillside Cemetery on Denton Road and called it in to Van Buren dispatch.

He reported he was unable to determine what was causing the smoke without making landfall. He secured his boat and climbed up the south side of the seawall and observed a golf cart fully engulfed in flames.

He said a 77-year-old male and a 60-year-old female from Van Buren Township were

standing near the golf cart with two small dogs. He cautioned them to move back from the golf cart and they complied.

He said the Belleville Fire Department arrived and extinguished the fire.

Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson said no one was injured and the fire was due to an electrical issue.

A Belleville Police report stated the golf cart, which was completely destroyed, was a 1993 Yamaha and the couple said they were driving around the cemetery for a sunset cruise, when the golf cart started to smoke from under the seat.

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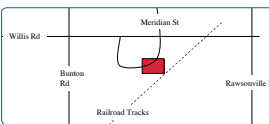
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## VBT Environmental Commission meets for first time in 11 months

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Norm DeBuck was reelected as chairman and Benjamin Ross as vice chairman at the Aug. 17 meeting of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission. This was the first meeting of the commission since Sept. 15, 2021.

DeBuck informed the commission, which had full attendance that he usually is gone for the winter and travels in an RV to conventions throughout the country so he won't be able to have the best attendance record.

He said there were a lot of things overlooked, he said of the commission's lack of monthly meetings.

The commission decided to have a vice chairman and elected Ross.

Board members didn't know Director of Public Service Larry Luckett, so he introduced himself, saying he holds the position on the commission of staff liaison held by Matt Best at their last meeting.

Director Luckett said he has lived in the township for 12 years, has been married for 33 years and his wife works for Fish & Wildlife, so they have an environmental family. He retired from the City of Detroit where he worked to help get it through bankruptcy.

Others went around the table introducing themselves, as well.

Trustee Donald Boynton said he has lived in the township for 17 years and been involved in township politics for 15 years. He is liaison to the township board.

Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power introduced himself briefly.

Chairman DeBuck said he is a sod farmer and longtime member of the commission.

Commissioner Ronald Merritt said he has lived in Country Pond subdivision for 17 years and retired from Ford and then renegotiated his job and went back. He said the late Dave Wilson's work on the commission influenced him to join the Huron River Watershed Council and get involved with the commission.

Commissioner Peter Creal said he was involved with the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) meeting at the Belleville Yacht Club (BYC) concerning the phosphorus in Belleville Lake from the Huron River and then joined the commission. He has been in VBT for 15 years.

Vice Chairman Ross said he is a retired special education teacher and he and his wife have lived in VBT for ten years.

Commissioner Anthony Gibson is retired from General Motors and has lived in the township since 1970. He said he has been on the commission longer than he can



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Van Buren Township Environmental Commission met on Aug. 17 for the first time since last September and everybody was present. Back to camera is Director of Public Service Larry Luckett, and from left are Chairman Norm DeBuck, Commissioner Ronald Merritt, board liaison to the commission Trustee Donald Boynton, and Commissioner Peter Creal, vice-chairman Benjamin Ross, and Commissioner Anthony Gibson. At far left is recording secretary Kendyl Zantop.

determine.

In other business at the one-hour-and-12-minute meeting, the commission:

- Noted there is one vacancy on the commission that needs to be filled. Members asked each other to find friends or neighbors interested in the environment and ask them to go to township hall to apply for an appointment, which is made by the township supervisor with the support of the township board;

- Heard Director Power give an update on Wayne Disposal toxic landfill. Power presented an email he had requested from Alex Hurley of US Ecology with updates. Hurley said they are working on the modifications to the liner, as discussed by the commission a year ago, and US Ecology, which owned Wayne Disposal, presented a request to EGLE last November to increase the height of a portion of the existing landfill footprint. That request was presented with its WDI license-renewal application to EGLE and EGLE is reviewing it all. Director Luckett said he plans to take a tour of the landfill to see what it's all about, but there have been no complaints lately. The commission had toured the landfill a year ago. Power said, "This landfill flies under the radar";

- Learned Republic Services became the parent company of US Ecology, including Wayne Disposal as of May 2;

- Heard Commissioner Gibson ask about landfill cells near the asphalt plant had dumpsters sealed with tarp on their property in April-May. Power said he will ask them about it;

- Discussed the situation at Woodland Meadows landfill, owned by Waste Management, where there is EGLE-approved expansion taking place, but

the Wayne County Conservation District has taken legal action because of a rare wetland on the northwest corner of the site that it wants to preserve. Power said there was a six-month pause, but that has expired and there has been no update. Trustee Boynton was asked about the township board approving legal action in partnership with Waste Management on the matter. Boynton said he will be having a meeting on this soon and he will let the Environmental Commission know about it as soon as he can, possibly at the November meeting. Power said he was told it would be the beginning of the year. Boynton said progressions have been made by Waste Management and another company with Waste Management on the wetlands issue;

- Discussed the loss of free trash and recycling pickup in the township in 2025, which was part of a township deal with Waste Management. Gibson said township residents have been spoiled by the curbside pickup of recycling and it will be an issue down the road. Luckett said there should be discussions on how this will be handled. He said there will be a cost associated with it and the township has to try to get the best possible deal because it will be a culture shock. He said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara is working on this;

- Discussed the French Landing Park upgrades for Phase II which have just been contracted to Davenport Brothers for repaving, landscaping, and docks. The boardwalk will be in Phase III;

- Heard Power explain that the BYC dock expansion is still an open issue. He said the BYC removed some of the piers that were beyond the setback for the neighbors. He said an application is in process for design of the docks with a possible change to the

zoning ordinance on the size. Power said the township has a 40' limit on the length of docks for nonresidential. "Docks are still an open issue," Power said;

- Learned the Iron Belle Trail is progressing, the Lakewood Shopping Center has no plans for that site yet, there is nothing planned to stop the milfoil growth on the west side of Belleville Lake, and VBT has no plans for a lawsuit on the Wixom plant that polluted the Huron River upstream;

- Heard Chairman DeBuck say there was an offer to buy or lease his family's sod farm to put in a solar farm. He said he was concerned about the contents of solar panels and didn't want to pollute the land for his neighbors. He said the offer wasn't enough money, anyway. Power said the VBT zoning only allows utility grade solar farms in airport and industrial zoning, not places owned by residents;

- Heard the *Independent* report that John Enos, principal of Giffels Webster planning consultants, had told the Sumpter Township Planning Commission at a recent meeting that investors wishing to set up large solar farms target valuable farmland that is already cleared, thus removing farms from production. He said when they pull out, they leave cement and metal rods in the property making the site good for nothing but sheep, not even goats. He suggested the township revisit its ordinance on the subject, the *Independent* reported; and

- Heard Barbara Miller introduce herself as representing the League of Women Voters to sit in on the meeting and then report to the group on its activities. She complimented DeBuck in how he operated the meeting.



# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Owen School is behind schedule

At Monday's school board meeting, School Supt. Pete Kudlak announced that the construction work at Owen Intermediate School is behind by three days because DTE had a delay in the electrical hook up. The school was due to get increased electrical power it needed for new technology installed.

He said teachers were supposed to be allowed into the school on Aug. 29, but it will be three days later, on Sept. 1. He said the office staff has been working out of the high school because they couldn't get into Owen.

Kudlak said the flowers and bushes were put out earlier Monday.

He said as of now, this is not affecting teachers. If there is any change in when the students begin, he will communicate it immediately to the families. He said families need to make sure the school district has their proper contact information.

Board vice president Susan Featheringill, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of the president, reminded families that anyone who needs to ride a bus should register for buses. The district will provide transportation, but you have to let it know who you are.

Before the Aug. 8 school board meeting, the board members and the press toured the Owen work site and were assured that with the 70 or so workers present there the building would be ready for classes to start three weeks later.

But, then there was the DTE hold up.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A golf cart was on fire at Hillside Cemetery during Friday night's lighted boat parade on Belleville Lake and was called into Van Buren Township dispatch, and the Belleville Fire Department put out the fire.

Belleville Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt, a retired Belleville police officer, said although Hillside Cemetery is owned by the city, it is actually located in Van Buren Township.

He said he remembers, years ago, when Belleville police officers were sworn in by Van Buren Township as cemetery police officers.

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The skies opened up and poured and continued to pour last Thursday, so the annual Belleville Bridge Walk was cancelled. Belleville Councilman Steve Jones was with those waiting at Hayward's under umbrellas for the bridge walk to start. He had the microphone ready for city representatives to invite people onto the bridge.

That didn't happen, but when he got back to Horizon Park to run the public address system for the Taste of Belleville, Rotary Duck Race, and Music Lakeside, he found his laptop and other equipment, which had been left out without cover, full of water and ruined. Lots of water that day and strong winds.

But the heavy rain stopped around 7 p.m. and the crowd at the Taste was the biggest ever and some of the vendors ran out of food to sell. Applebee's, however, had to leave when its food was ruined by the rain.

The Rotary Club decided to have a raffle instead of a duck race in the lake because of



the storm and the winners were announced, but without the PA system it was hard to hear.

All of Jones' sound equipment was ruined and the other equipment for the Music Lakeside concert got too wet and it would have been 8 p.m. before they could dry everything out and get set up at the church. Ken Voigt said this is the only time in 13 years of Music Lakeside that they canceled a concert. He said they ended up paying the band and sending them home.

This was the last Music Lakeside concert of the season.

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City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said he would discuss with city council members whether they wanted to reschedule the Belleville Bridge Walk this year.

He reported there were no issues over the busy weekend, except the weather.

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At the Aug. 16 meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, resident Reg Ion told the story of a set of twin fawns that those at township hall were familiar with since they often could be seen in the Tyler Road/Beck Road area.

Ion said on primary election day he was driving his wife's car on Beck Road where he saw on the roadside a dead fawn, young enough to still have the spots on it. He also saw the dead fawn's sister looking on from a distance, obviously wanting to join his

location. They were always together.

He said when a dead fawn's sibling is looking to join him, she is in danger of also being killed by a car, and the mother is not far away, so she too would be in danger. Ion said he picked up the 50-pound fawn, put it in his wife's car, and took it to the VBT police department. He said they came out and looked at it, but nobody would touch it. Ion said they told him it wasn't in their duties and he had to get rid of it himself.

He said he had been thinking of carrying it inside the police department and dumping it on their floor, but he didn't.

Ion said they finally allowed him to put the fawn into the dumpster behind the police station. He said he had to struggle to get it in there, but he did it alone.


Ion suffered from polio as a child and he has mobility issues, but he didn't back down from what he thought was the right thing to do for the deer.

He suggested the police should reach out and do things beyond their guidelines when something needs to be done.

It was suggested at the township meeting that maybe they should put deer-crossing signs up, since there are so many deer in that area.

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## Letters

### Here we go again! Join supporters Aug. 25

To the editor:

I'd like to thank all my supporters in the primary election for coming out and voting for me. THANK YOU. After my campaign letters to the paper, it has caused controversy and strife and anger with the Intelligent Supervisor Tim Bowman.

It's like a taboo. Here we go again! Shut down Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones because she talked too much, speaking up for the residents of Sumpter Township.

Peter Gregory, go shut her down now! This didn't surprise me that this would happen when I wrote the letters. You see, I know I am a servant for the people and I am not afraid to speak out! I am only afraid of not pleasing GOD. So! Here we go again in 2022 after 20 years. Sumpter residents, we can do better than this.

I am the owner of Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones, an operator of this small business in Sumpter Township for over 35 years. Licensed by the State of Michigan with a STFU Special Transit Food Unit for over 20 years in Sumpter Township.

In the year of 2002, Sumpter Township Supervisor Elmer Parraghi had a problem with my food concession business after he used my popularity to get elected for supervisor in 2000. In 2002, my business was shut down and was never issued a ticket or an ordinance violation instead.

The township's attorney Robert Young took my roadside business straight to Circuit Court in front of Wayne County Honorable Judge James J. Rashid, who asked why was she in my court and not the 34th District Court? However, the Honorable Judge later dismissed the case because there are many types of roadsides businesses in Sumpter Township.

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Later on, in the months later it sparked a recall and successfully eliminated Supervisor Elmer Parraghi from his 2002 office. And, my business made the newspapers all over Michigan and Channel 7 and *The Detroit News*, etc. I received a letter from the office of the Wayne County

Clerk on the recall Oct. 31, 2002, since I was the petitioner for the people of Sumpter Township, that a meeting would be held to determine the clarity of the language against the Sumpter Township Supervisor ... MCL 168.952 as amended.

Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones still serves the residents and surrounding communities today in 2022, location 28321 Sumpter Rd. Inspections site inspection by Peter Gregory, Sumpter Township Ordinance Enforcement Officer, and State of Michigan Environmental Health Department, DNR, Department of Natural Resources in 2018, and was approved by Sumpter Township.

Later in the same year a board member passed, Clarence Hoffman, township clerk. At that time, I was asked by the board of Sumpter Township would I accept being appointed to a trustee position and I, of course, said yes and served one year. I, of course, ran the following year to keep my position. I won the primary but lost the general election. I was still doing my concession business at my property at 28321 Sumpter Rd., while serving on the township board.

My roadside business has been in the same location for nine years and has had yearly State Health Inspections and Current Licensing up until pandemic delays. Now, I've won the primary election for treasurer, beating out the board-appointed Vincent Warren who also had to run to keep his seat.

During my campaign on July 14, 2022, I wrote a heated campaign letter to the community paper, the *Belleville-Area Independent*, speaking about the Sumpter Township administration and their unhinged tactics and nepotism, and spending money and giving big raises, etc. It's sparking anger. I felt that I had been used again for my popularity. I supported candidate Tim Bowman at my Democratic campaign party and endorsed him as a Republican at my place of business with the residents and my customers on Oct. 24, 2020.

The supervisor, on Friday, July 29, 2022, sent Ordinance Enforcement Officer Peter Gregory, to shut down my business without a cause, just verbal shut down. And the officer told him we could not, that he needed to find a reason and he went through the clerk's office. Peter Gregory handed me a letter at 3:40 p.m. Letter stated to whom it may concern: Sheena Barnes BBQ is not in compliance with Sumpter Township because of Section 7-3. License Required. (No person may commence or continue a business within the township without having first obtained a township license therefore as hereafter provided and without

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## BHS football fundraiser

A fund raiser for the Belleville High School football team, the 2021 State Champs, is launched in partnership with ADRENALINE/RISE365 and it needs the community's help. You can use this QR code to donate or you can drop off pop bottles/cans to return for a deposit along the black gate at the football field! Let's go, Tigers!

**Belleville High School Football Drive**





# Obituaries



Bruce Allen Barrett

## BRUCE ALLEN BARRETT

(January 29, 1958 – August 20, 2022)

Bruce Allen Barrett, age 64, passed away on Saturday, August 20, 2022, at Beaumont Trenton Hospital, Trenton, MI, surrounded by family. He was born on January 29, 1958, in Wyandotte, MI, the son of Henry (Bud) Barrett and Darlene (Goodrow) Barrett.

He worked at L & W Engineering for 27 years before retiring. He loved playing golf and played on a league for many years.

He is survived by his mother Darlene Barrett, sister Linda Barrett, sister Christine (Dennis) Ochs, ex-wife Sharyl Barrett, and his beloved dog Sheba. He leaves behind his Aunt G., Aunt Julia, Aunt Joyce, and Uncle Gib, also many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Henry Barrett and three beloved dogs, Grunt, T-Bone, and Jake.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2022, from 4-7 p.m. with a 7 p.m. service officiated by John Losen at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 697-4500. Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Cemetery at a later date.

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The Wayne County Health Department announced that as of Sunday, Aug. 21, positive COVID test results have totaled 10,482 for the population in the 48111 zip code. That number had been 10,412 on Monday, Aug. 15.

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

On Sunday, Aug. 21, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 7,257 positive cases and 91 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,139 positive cases and 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 2,086 positive cases and 33 deaths.

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## Obituaries



Berneda Fay Powers

### BERNEDA FAY POWERS

(February 8, 1938 – August 15, 2022)  
Berneda Fay Powers, age 84, of Belleville, MI passed away August 15, 2022, at home with her family by her side. Born in Mealy, KY, on February 8, 1938, to Estill and Frances Lucille (Walters) Ward. Berneda moved to Michigan in 1953 with her husband David where they proudly started a family. Berneda started working at the Ypsilanti Ford Plant in 1960 where she retired from in 1990. After retirement Berneda and her family loved traveling the United States and camping. In her younger years, she enjoyed crocheting and doing puzzles. Berneda was a devoted member of the United Baptist Church in Buffalo, KY, where she enjoyed singing her songs of faith and gospel music. What she cherished most was being with family, especially cooking for their gatherings.

Mrs. Powers is survived by her husband of 69 years, David Powers of Belleville; daughter Deborah (James) Charles of Ypsilanti, MI; grandchildren: David Charles of Belleville, Lisa (David) Lessnau of Belleville, Stephanie (Mike) Schineman of Saline, Michael Powers of Saline, and Stacey (Eric) Newton of Saline; great-grandchildren: Aubrey, Jack, Kyler, Ashlynn, Addison, Aiden, Abigail, Joshua and Emerson; siblings: Donald Ward of Tecumseh, James Ward of Bentonville, Arkansas, and Wanda (Robert) Mollett of Williamsport, KY. Berneda was preceded in death by her sister Loris Preston and her son Danny Powers in 2022.

Visitation was Friday, August 19, 2022, from 3-8 p.m. and 10-11 a.m. Saturday with an 11 a.m. Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Brother Danny Adams officiated. Interment was in Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, MI.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Ypsilanti Old Regular Baptist Church. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Barbara Jean  
Richardson-Savage

### BARBARA J. RICHARDSON-SAVAGE

(July 25, 1940 – August 15, 2022)

Barbara Jean Richardson-Savage, age 82, life-long Belleville resident, passed away Monday, August 15, 2022 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born July 25, 1940 in Belleville, MI, daughter of Walter Peter and Helen Martha (Kubiak) Mientkiewicz. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1958, and she loved getting together with her high school friends. She was a member of the Betty Ford Group. She was also a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. She was an avid reader who enjoyed playing cards and gardening. She loved to rescue dogs, cats, and loved all her children, whether she gave birth to them or not. She put her family first and loved having gatherings on the holidays.

Barb is survived by six children: Robert (Margaret) Richardson of Wayne, MI, Stephen (Dawn) Richardson of Morton, IL, Jonathan (Sharlene) Savage of Kansas City, MO, Kenneth Savage of Rossford, OH, Debra Kennedy of Ypsilanti, MI, and Cheryl Fierek of Whitmore Lake, MI; her sister Carol (Don) Vojtkofsky of Belleville, MI; 23 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, 28 cousins and extended family and friends.

Barb was preceded in death by her father Walter Mientkiewicz, mother Helen Reiman, step-father William Reiman, first husband Phillip A. Richardson, second husband Richard "Nick" Savage, son Michael A. Richardson, daughter Cynthia Sue Savage, brother Walter J. (Catherine) Mientkiewicz, daughter-in-law Sheila Savage, and granddaughter Lorelei Moon.

Visitation was from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. with a 1 PM Funeral Mass on Saturday, August 20, 2022 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI 48111. Father Bryan Shackett served as Celebrant. Private burial services were in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated.  
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### JOE CECIL HEMPHILL, JR.

(June 19, 1969 – August 18, 2022)

Age 53, life-long Belleville resident, BHS Class of 1987. Survived by father Joe Hemphill, Sr., sister Erica (Matthew) Rose. Burial will be in Sizemore Cemetery, Bimble, KY. Local arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

### KRISTA ELEENA GRESS

(August 28, 1966 – August 16, 2022)

Age 55, of Dearborn Heights. Survived by husband Donald Anthony Hill; 2 daughters Ariel Hill-Gress, Alannah Hill-Gress; 4 grandsons; her parents; sister; brother. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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# Obituaries



Donna Mae Sienko

## DONNA MAE SIENKO

(March 24, 1932 – August 17, 2022)

Donna Mae Sienko, age 90, long-time Belleville area resident, passed away Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at Arbor Hospice-The Residence, Saline, MI. She was born March 24, 1932, in Ypsilanti, MI, the daughter of Donald Dwight & Edna Mae (Briggs) Peebles. She graduated from Ypsilanti High School, class of 1950. Donna moved to Belleville in 1955 after marrying Edward Sienko, buying a home on Edgemont Street where she would live for the next 63 years. She was a member for many years of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville. Her early years were spent enjoying the raising of her three children, loving watching them all flourish through the years. Later in life she enjoyed keeping in touch with family and friends through daily phone calls and her Facebook page. She was as comfortable chatting with strangers at her local Meijer as she was on her front porch with her mailman or neighbors.

She is survived by her children: Terri Ann (David) Benedict of Brighton, MI, Mark Edward (Pamela) Sienko of Ypsilanti, MI, and Sandra Lee (Jack) Lennox of Bloomfield Village, MI; her grandchildren: Lindsey, Cassidy, Michelle, Ashley, Colin, and Madison; and her lifelong friend Joan Sayre. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Edward Sienko, a brother D. Terry Peebles, her grandson Ian, aunt Marian Peebles, aunt Helen Hale, and her closest friends, Greta Thompson, Dorothy Humphrey and Betty Vincent.

Visitation will be Friday, August 26, 2022, 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, August 27, 2022, 10-11 a.m. with an 11 a.m. Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. The Celebration of her life will continue at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, from 2-5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church of Belleville or Huron Valley Humane Society.

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## Man robbed at gunpoint at Red Oak Inn in Van Buren Township

A man called Van Buren Township emergency dispatch at 2:20 a.m., Aug. 16, to report he had just been robbed at gunpoint.

Van Buren Township Deputy Chief Joshua Monte said the reported robbery occurred at the Red Oak Inn (former Red Roof Inn) on the North I-94 Service Drive.

He said a male caller reported that he had visited a female friend in an unknown room at the hotel. As he was walking back to his room at the hotel, an unidentified male subject produced a handgun and instructed him to empty his pockets. The male victim said he was robbed of cash and a phone.

Deputy Chief Monte said detectives are following up with the hotel and reviewing any available video.

## Rotary holds raffle instead of Duck Race due to rainstorm

Due to the inclement weather on Thursday, Aug. 18, the Belleville Rotary Club held a Rubber Duck Raffle that evening at the Taste of Belleville instead of the Duck Race.

Lucky winners are:

- 1st place: Arley Keppen, # 686, (\$1,000)
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Photo courtesy of Sumpter Fire Department

Fire engulfed the home Martinsville Road, just north of Oakville Waltz Road after Saturday's explosion.

## Fire

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Chief Brown said the man's wife came home an hour after the explosion. She was informed that her husband had been taken to the hospital and left at once. Their two sons were not home.

Chief Brown said there was cosmetic damage on the house next door. The man's mother had told Channel 7 News that her son had hooked up the newly filled propane tanks at both her house next door and his house to get ready for winter. That reportedly was a couple of days before the explosion.

His cousin Jamie Craig told Channel 2 News, "We are very, very fortunate. The only way we can explain it is he truly had an angel. God was walking with him because there's no way he could have made it out of this house."

The man's mother, Vanessa Barrett, told Channel 7 News, "He said that it blew his shoes off him and the only reason the rest of his body wasn't burned was because his clothes were fire retardant. He had just come home from work and he still had his uniform on."

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# Obituaries



George W. Gors

## GEORGE W. GORS

(October 28, 1934 – August 20, 2022)

George W. Gors passed away August 20, 2022, in Belleville, MI, surrounded in love by his family. He was born in Buffalo, New York, on October 28, 1934, to George and Mary Gors. He is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia, the light and love of his life; son Tom and wife Janet, son James and wife Sharon; daughter Laura and husband Mike; his five grandchildren, Annalee, Maye, Autumn, Andy and Holly. His faith and family were the center of his life and he showed his love and commitment by his actions and his always present welcoming smile. George graced all he met by that smile.

He served in the Air Force in the Korean War from 1953 to 1957 and he was proud to serve the country he cherished. After returning from Korea, he worked at Ford Motor Company for 30 years as an engineer. He loved boating and hot rods and spent many happy years building his blue '34 Chevy coupe, which he proudly drove to many car shows and cruise nights.

He especially enjoyed his summer trips with family and friends to Beaver Island, MI, where he spent peaceful hours on his Adirondack chair watching the boats come into St. James harbor and go back out onto the beautiful waters of Lake Michigan.

He was a member for many years at Grace Baptist Church and found purpose and strength in the community of faith, fellowship and deep friendships. His lasting testimony is his belief in the love and salvation of Jesus Christ.

Visitation took place at Grace Baptist Church, Tuesday, August 23, from 1 to 8 p.m. and the funeral service was Wednesday, August 24 at 11 a.m. with a family hour at 10 a.m. Interment was at 3 p.m. in Cadillac Memorial Gardens, Westland, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Baptist Church.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Linda Ilene Schulz

## LINDA ILENE SCHULZ

(December 3, 1954 – August 22, 2022)

Linda Ilene Schulz, age 67, of Canton, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Monday, August 22, 2022, at her home, surrounded by her family, after a long battle with various health issues. She was born December 3, 1954, in Romulus, MI, daughter of Billy Gene & Marilyn Sue (Grimm) Hood. She graduated Belleville high school, class of 1972 and went onto take classes from Cleary university. She worked for Van Buren Public Schools as a Paraprofessional for over ten years. She loved working with kids. Linda was a very active member of Faith Lutheran Church, Ypsilanti, where she was the head of Sunday School, and was involved in almost every committee there. She enjoyed crocheting and flower gardening.

Mrs. Schulz is survived by her devoted husband Randy Duane Schulz; two sons Matthew (Katelyn Anderson) Schulz of Wayne, MI, and Aaron (Daron Keeler) Schulz of Westland, MI; one grandson Wyatt Schulz of Wayne, MI; her father Billie (Nellie) Hood of Tennessee; a sister Nancy (Rick) Scheffler of Tennessee; a brother David Hood of Massachusetts; also numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, her mother, also a niece, Jennifer Scheffler.

Visitation is being planned and will be announced soon. Arrangements are by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral service will be at Faith Lutheran Church, 1255 E. Forest Ave., Ypsilanti, MI 48198 with Rev. Dr. James Waddell officiating. Entombment will be in Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to Faith Lutheran Church and would be appreciated.



Linda Andrea Gossett

## LINDA ANDREA GOSSETT

(June 4, 1948 – August 17, 2022)

Linda Andrea Gossett, age 74, passed away at Beaumont Hospital in Trenton, MI, with her family by her side on August 17, 2022. She was born June 4, 1948, in Garden City, MI to Lawrence and Juanita (Amerson) Girard. Linda was a hairdresser and owned a Salon in the Regency Nursing Home in Taylor, MI, for many years. She was a member of the Fairlane Eagles Club in Dearborn, MI, and in her earlier years she loved traveling and camping with her husband. Linda enjoyed crafts, gardening, decorating, and most of all, she loved cooking; especially for and with her family.

Linda is survived by her grandchildren: Angelina (Alvin Merza) Somerset of Woodhaven, MI and Jamie (Jennifer) Geierman of Monroe, MI; great-grandchildren: Addison, Mattison, Elijah, Oliver, Jayce, Jackson, and Miles; sister Diana Girard of Traverse City, MI; sister-in-law Josie Girard of Canton, MI; also many nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Linda was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Paul E. Gossett, in 2020, her daughter Angela Michelle Costea-Geierman in 2011, her brother Robert Girard, also two sisters Cheryl Favot and Pamela Girard.

To honor her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. Interment of cremated remains will be in Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI, with her husband. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

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The emergency work on the rest rooms inside and the septic field outside the Sumpter Township Hall was under way at about 7:15 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 18, as the *Independent* newspapers were delivered to township hall. The township hall was closed for two days during the project and reopened Tuesday, Aug. 16, with part of the work area closed off to the public.

## Correction: Name is spelled Rika Regentin

In the story about the Belleville Area District Library meeting on page 15 in the Aug. 18 edition, the name of Rika Regentin was misspelled. We regret the error.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

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- Thursday, Aug. 25 – Sumpter Township Zoning Board of Appeals, 7 p.m. To consider variance to allow materials/soils to be removed from project site at 51150 Arkona Rd.
- Thursday, Aug. 25 – Wayne County Conservation District meets at 5 p.m. at Grosse Pointe Public Library – Ewald Branch, 15175 E. Jefferson Ave., Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230. Open to the public. This is the group fighting to preserve the rare wetlands in the northwest corner of the expansion of Woodland Meadows Landfill in Van Buren Township. Information: (313) 418-0700.
- Tuesday, Sept. 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 8 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.

- Tuesday, Sept. 13 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Informational meeting per Public Act 57. Also, Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, Sept. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

- Thursday, Sept. 15 – Van Buren Township's Downtown Development Authority will hold an informational meeting as required by law at 10 a.m. at the DDA office at 10151 Belleville Rd. People also may attend by zoom. Contact [www.vanburendda.com](http://www.vanburendda.com) for information on how to attend by zoom or call (734) 699-8941.

- Monday, Sept. 19 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.



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The folks over at China King on the South I-94 Service Drive have told us that they will be re-opening the restaurant to indoor

dining on Oct. 1 and will be offering 10% off their buffet price from Oct. 1-15, no coupon needed. Due to COVID they closed down the restaurant in mid-March of 2020 and reopened the drive-through pick-up only on June 1 of that year. Now, they're working on completing their waitstaff so they can offer the best customer service possible. Watch for their official reopening announcement in an ad on Sept. 1.

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The Taste of Belleville wasn't a complete washout last Thursday but came really close to one. First, I'd like to apologize as I wasn't prepared for providing temporary tattoos in the rain. I didn't bring my tent. It wasn't supposed to rain. I will try and make it up to everyone at the Belleville Harvest Fest in October as I'll be there with tats, paints, chalk, and a tent, rain or shine. I was also sorry to hear that Steve Jones lost a lot of his DJ equipment, including a laptop and mixing board, as the rain came heavy, even

blowing sideways at times. Everyone that had a reason to endure the elements, like vendors and workers, all got wet to some degree. My cell acted up some and my camera stopped functioning but was fine by the weekend. My hat goes off to the food vendors and the volunteers that toughed it out. Especially Warren Crockett of C&C BBQ, who had to deal with rushing water along the curb and a slow storm drain where he was located on the street. Warren won best trooper award (if there was one), putting on a raincoat, pants, and tall boots as he kept his trailered grill burning and constantly tending to the smoking woodchips. Not to mention slicing his plate offerings in deep standing water. Once the rain stopped the community arrived and the ticket lines grew half-way down the street. The Belleville Central Business Community worked the ticket sales and couldn't keep up with demand. Just like the bridge walk, the Rubber Ducky race was nixed so it turned into a raffle. Without a speaker system usually provided by Steve Jones, announcements had to be shouted out despite the quietness from BACA stage nearby as the Music Lakeside concert also was canceled. I did get to sample a Smashburger from Belleville Bait Shop and a slice of dill pickled pizza from Hungry Howie's. It was yummy. I'd say this was the largest crowd for a Taste of Belleville in a long, long time. I will see you in October.

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The public is invited to the official ribbon cutting event this Thursday, Aug. 25, at 5 p.m. at Optimum Natural Distributors in Belleville, located in the Davenport Plaza behind Family Dollar. The Belleville Chamber of Commerce will preside over the ceremony. OND is a retailer and wholesaler of health products including Alkaline Water, specialty supplements, sage and incense, and much more. Call (800) 680-2429.

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"The History of Jet Blue" is the program title at the Yankee Air Museum's Historic Presentation Night on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7:30 p.m. at the museum at Willow Run Airport. The cost is \$10 for non-museum members and free to members. The speaker will be Dr. Mike Barger, a University of Michigan Business School Professor, co-founder of Jet Blue Airways, former FA-18 Carrier pilot, and a flight instructor and chief flight instructor at Top Gun. Dr. Barger will share stories and experiences. Visit [www.yankeearmuseum.org](http://www.yankeearmuseum.org) and call (734) 483-4030.

## More Letters

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maintaining such license in current effect during any business operation or activity.)

On Sunday, July 31, Supervisor Tim Bowman put up an angry post on my Facebook page, on a Sunday prayer post, slandering my name, telling people that I was a sheep in wolf's clothing, a cursing sailor and I had used the F----- word and I was a demon, etc.

Aug. 19, 2022, I had a visit from a Wayne County Environmental Health Department Inspector. Samantha Winters paid a visit to my business to set up an appointment for Thursday, Aug. 25, for another site evaluation. After the meeting, she stated that maybe I might need a letter from the township saying that I can cook in my concession on my property after nine years! I asked her where this comes from? Her supervisor? She hesitated and stated that her supervisor stated this new ruling.

This is politics! Because of my letters to the local paper and winning the treasurer primary election in Sumpter Township. The health department should stay with the rules and stay out of politics.]

I am not comfortable and I feel like I am being punished and threatened and harassed, intimidated. On Sunday, July 31, township supervisor wrote a post slandering me in public and I feel that he is trying to demolish my business and economically put me in hardship, not able to pay my property taxes and live. And most of all, not able to serve my community and customers. I have lived in Sumpter for the last 63 years. I am asking for all of my customers and township residents to come and support me at 11 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 25, 2022.

Come one, come all and see what's up. I have reached out and talked to Channel 7 News to cover my stories and support my small roadside business. Please join me Thursday, Aug. 25, at 11 a.m. during the Sumpter Township and the Environmental Health Department Site Plan Review for Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL FOR GREENBRIAR SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, the owners of land within the **GREENBRIAR SUBDIVISION SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT** and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor, Assessing Officer, and Department of Public Services of the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the Office of the Township Clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all affected properties within the **GREENBRIAR SUBDIVISION (MAP ATTACHED)** that are benefited by the proposed rehabilitation and improvement of Greenbriar Drive, Woodwall Court, Woodside Court, Greenwood Court, Greenwood Drive, Thornwood Drive, Briarcliff Drive, Briarwood Court, Bramblewood Court, and Greenbriar Court based upon the recommendation and cost estimates of the Asphalt Specialists, Incorporated ("General Contractor"). Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of the rehabilitation and improvement of Greenbriar Drive, Woodwall Court, Woodside Court, Greenwood Court, Greenwood Drive, Thornwood Drive, Briarcliff Drive, Briarwood Court, Bramblewood Court, and Greenbriar Court per recommendation and cost estimates of the General Contractor and costs incidental thereto within the special assessment district as detailed on the plans of the General Contractor on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan. **The proposed total assessment for each tax parcel is \$ 4,455. which may be paid by property owners in up to five (5) annual installments of \$891 each, which includes 1.5% interest.**

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is one equal share per parcel of the whole sum levied against all parcels in said district. The assessment represents the 100% contribution of project costs by the owners of real property within the Greenbriar Subdivision.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment roll, hearing any objections thereto from the public, and approving the roll. Said roll may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during business hours of regular business days until the time of the public hearing and may be examined at said hearing.

Any owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance or protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

**[The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at this hearing may file a written appeal of this special assessment with the state tax tribunal within 30 days after the confirmation of the special assessment roll.]**



Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Charter Township of Van Buren

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Publish: August 25, 2022;  
September 1, 2022

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## More Letters

### We need to get the facts and vote wisely Nov. 8

Dear neighbors, tax-payers, citizens and voters:

I am very much concerned with today's "curriculum" implemented by our elected officials and boldly indoctrinated within our public schools.

It is the parent's duty as well as moral and most importantly, Biblical/Divine authority and responsibility to advise, guide, instruct and direct them in their decision-making, enabling them to make wise decisions in later years.

We parents and tax-payers must lawfully and civilly take back control of our public schools. We must attend our local school board meetings fully prepared

to closely EXAMINE, QUESTION, and INSPECT every detail of today's curriculum on behalf of our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Be prepared to vote wisely on Nov. 8.

Also, of great importance is the SAFETY of our children while in school. Recently, I became aware of remarks publicly made by Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Kudlak in support of board member Dionne Falconer regarding SAFETY measures/apparatus within our schools, referring to "metal detectors." Both voiced their objection to the use of metal detectors saying they view metal detectors as being racist!

I personally consider their views / opinions as a distraction from fact. It is obvious now that all of our elected government "officials" including our own local "officials" have become subservient\* to union control -- the powerful, controlling teacher's unions, the NEA / MEA.

As parents, voters, and tax-payers, we have every legal right and moral duty to know WHO is teaching WHAT?

It's time now, to vote IN educators who will teach the basics -- Reading, Writing, Math, English, Science, History and Government.

Vote OUT any educator who professes, teaches/indoctrinates our children with any words, either written or spoken, of racism, sexism, or gender i.d. We must go to the polls on Nov. 8 and vote wisely.

Our United States of America is

a Democracy, "In God We Trust," NOT Communism or Socialism whose ultimate goal is divide and conquer.

As tax-payers and voters, we need to remind all of our elected officials they CAN be voted OUT!

\* Subservient: "Useful as a means, or an instrument, serving to promote an end."

Reference: The American Heritage Dictionary - Fifth Edition.

GOD BLESS AMERICA  
(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker  
Belleville

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### JOB POSTING



## VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### Community Services - Director of Parks

**Classification:** Regular, Full-time FLSA

**Status:** Non-exempt

**Salary:** \$63,000

#### **Benefits Package:**

Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid

Blue Cross Blue Shield/

Blue Care Network

Vision

Short/Long Term Disability Insurance

Life Insurance \$50,000 PTO

Education Tuition Assistant Plan

#### **Retirement Package**

Defined Contribution with a 12% Township Contribution  
HCSP of \$2500 annually after a full year of employment

#### **Application Deadlines: Open Until Filled**

You are invited to apply for these positions by sending a current resume to [nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org)

For Full Details Visit our Site:

[https://www.vanburen-mi.org/how\\_do\\_i/apply\\_for\\_a\\_township\\_job.php](https://www.vanburen-mi.org/how_do_i/apply_for_a_township_job.php)

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### JOB POSTING



## VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

### Community Services - Parks Maintenance

**Classification:** Part Time

**Hourly Wage:** \$18.00

#### **Application Deadlines: Open Until Filled**

You are invited to apply for these positions by sending a current resume to [nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org)

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Michigan is seeking part-time year-round maintenance.

For Full Details Visit Our Site below:

[https://www.vanburen-mi.org/how\\_do\\_i/apply\\_for\\_a\\_township\\_job.php](https://www.vanburen-mi.org/how_do_i/apply_for_a_township_job.php)

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# Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **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.

- **Saturday, Aug. 27** – Michigan Motor Fest, 6 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township
- **Saturday, Aug. 27** – Goat Day was postponed from last Sunday because of threatening rain. It's planned for 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.

- **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.

- **Saturday, Sept. 10, and Sunday, Sept. 11** – Annual yard sales throughout the City

of Belleville. No permits needed.

- **Monday, Sept. 12** – 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.

• **Saturday, Sept. 17** – All-school reunion at Belleville High School Commons. Activities with registration: 2:30-4:45 p.m., social gathering, school tour, and shopping in the school store. Dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$25 per person and must be received by Aug. 27. Cost is \$35 per person after that date.

- **Monday, Sept. 19** – 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.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111/ Members of the public may additionally participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The BZA will meet to consider the following variance request:

1. **Case # 22-044-** A request by David Brewer of Vanston/O'Brien, Inc. on behalf of owner Night Hawk Properties, LLC, for 11650 Belleville Road (parcel ID number 83 081 99 0004 709), Zoned C-2, Extensive Highway Business District, also located in the Belleville Road Overlay District (BROD) for a variance from Section 6.309.C.3.c of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance (Belleville Road Overlay District - Architectural and Site Design Standards – Facades, Windows and Doors):
  - Required: Nonresidential buildings shall have a minimum of fifty (50%) glass at the ground floor level facing a street, with other exterior wall surfaces at upper stories not exceeding fifty (50%) glass.
  - Proposed (east / primary front façade): 45.1% glass
  - Variance requested: 4.9% glass deficiency

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) by **September 12, 2022**. On the meeting website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting. On the agenda for the meeting**, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments or questions about the meeting via e-mail to [dpower@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:dpower@vanburen-mi.org).

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 16, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, IT Director Rankin, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, DDA Director Ireland, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Fire Chief McNally, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence and an audience of sixteen (16).

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

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

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: special Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2022, prepaid List of August 11, 2022, voucher List of August 16, 2022, approval of the appointment of Bernard Grant to the Planning Commission with a term to expire on October 1, 2022, approval of the appointment of Superintendent Pete Kudlak to the LDFA with a term to expire August 12, 2026 and approval of the Re-appointment of Sara Cortese to the LDFA with a term to expire on August 12, 2026. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Martin moved, Boynton seconded to open the public hearing to receive comments on the establishment of the Greenbriar Special Assessment District at 6:06 p.m. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Budd seconded to close the public hearing at 6:14 p.m. Motion Carried.

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** A resident emailed Police Chief Wright to compliment Sgt. Alex Schulz for his outstanding community service and dedication, in working with residents and attending community events.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New**

**Business):** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2022-18: For Van Buren Township to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for reconstruction of, and water main work adjacent to, Haggerty Road north of Ecorse Road. Motion Carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Miller Moved, Frazier seconded to recuse Supervisor McNamara from New Business Item #1 due to a conflict of interest. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Wright, Budd, Martin, Boynton, Frazier and Miller. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2022-15: to establish the Greenbriar Subdivision SAD and to schedule a Public Hearing on the assessment roll for the Greenbriar Subdivision SAD. Motion Carried. Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve Brad Barbaza's Personal Service Agreement for the Network System Administrator in Information Technology. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2022-14: the agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and the City of Romulus for the provision of water services. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2022-17: an agreement between the Charter Township of Van Buren and Wayne County Airport east side infrastructure project to construct potable water and sanitary sewer to support their facilities. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve of a Management Consultant Professional Services Agreement with Jim Taylor and authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA**

**ITEMS:** A resident commented on potential deer crossing signs in front of the Township Administrative Building, air quality due to dust near the Willow Run Airport and flags at polling locations; another resident voiced opinions on paying sewage fees for watering a subdivision island.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA**

**ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Miller moved; Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Published: August 25, 2022



# Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 278 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

**Sunday, Aug. 14:**  
0054 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.  
0114 – private property/property damage accident, Florence Ln.  
0118 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.  
0156 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.  
0228 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0234 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
0248 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.  
0339 – domestic, Westlake Cir.  
0711 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0846 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.  
0948 – traffic offense, Andover Sub.  
0953 – misc. complaint, Berkdale/Lancaster  
1005 – family trouble, Woodgrove Dr.  
1022 – property check, E. Huron River Dr. / Martinsville Rd.  
1043 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler/I-275  
1051 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1120 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1143 – larceny from auto, Lighthouse Dr.  
1204 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.  
1232 – parking complaint, Harmony Ln.  
1258 – mental subject, Lake Point Blvd.  
1320 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1345 – breaking & entering, Hamilton St.  
1415 – family trouble, America  
1419 – shooting, Denton Rd./Cross St.  
1425 – neighbor trouble, Cedar St.  
1427 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1435 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1455 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1506 – traffic offense, Arthur St./Pierce St.  
1526 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1704 – assist fire dept., Rogers Ave.  
1737 – fraud, Milton Dr.  
1957 – domestic, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
2013 – noise complaint, Jeremy Rd./Patty Ln.  
2050 – mental subject, Filmore St.  
2126 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
2146 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2151 – trespassing, Westlake Cir.  
2330 – civil matter, N. Bellridge Dr.

**Monday, Aug. 15:**  
0009 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville  
0104 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0253 – domestic, Oak Blvd.  
0326 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0453 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.  
0804 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.  
0819 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
0920 – family trouble, Outer Dr.  
0949 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1049 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.  
1145 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty  
1233 – lost property/child, Tyler Rd.  
1238 – civil matter, Oak Blvd.  
1257 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.  
1314 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
1352 – neighbor trouble, Buchanan St.  
1356 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Cumberland  
1359 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1543 – family trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1544 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr. / Lindsey Dr.  
1556 – private property/property damage accident, Samuel Barton Dr.  
1701 – threat, Outer Dr.  
1740 – 911 welfare check, Jackson St.  
1833 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1834 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.  
1933 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
2033 – welfare check, Jeremy Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
2116 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
2143 – family trouble, Marlowe Ave.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16:**  
0254 – robbery, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0534 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe  
0734 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
0759 – malicious destruction of property, Bemis  
1045 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1101 – suspicious person/vehicle, Linda Vista Ct.  
1248 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1356 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.  
1437 – larceny, Paloma Dr.  
1451 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.  
1629 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.  
1644 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.  
1715 – malicious destruction of property, S. Adams  
1732 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1803 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.  
1808 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.  
1821 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.  
1835 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.  
1858 – parking complaint, Tyler Rd./Sage Cir.  
1915 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2116 – intrusion alarm, Robson Rd.  
2245 – welfare check, Outer Dr.

**Wednesday, Aug. 17:**  
0255 – harassment call, Denton Rd.  
0407 – larceny, Richard Run Dr.  
0500 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.  
0551 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.  
0740 – overdose, McKinley St.  
0838 – animal complaint, McBride Ave.  
1026 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1055 – larceny from auto, Parkwood Dr.  
1208 – intrusion alarm, Lake Pointe Pass  
1216 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.  
1218 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1251 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ventura Dr.  
1304 – animal complaint, Van Buren St.  
1357 – assist fire dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1531 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
1559 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1632 – animal complaint, Renton Rd.  
1859 – harassment call, Martinsville Rd.  
1920 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Rd.  
2035 – misc. complaint, Brandi Dr.  
2108 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
2109 – found property/child, Huron River Dr.  
2143 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.  
2246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beckley Rd.  
2307 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.

**Thursday, Aug. 18:**  
0143 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Bemis  
0201 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.  
0330 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
0405 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0639 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0923 – misc. complaint, Savage Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
0930 – assist other dept., Rolan Meadows Dr.  
0942 – neighbor trouble, Bemis Rd.  
1139 – vehicle lock out, Harmony Ln.  
1347 – suspicious person/vehicle, Park Estates Dr.  
1405 – hospice death, Mott Rd.  
1426 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.  
1652 – neighbor trouble, Mansfield Ct.  
1725 – assist fire dept., Ayres Ave.  
1906 – civil matter, Richard Run Dr.  
2100 – assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr./Lake Point Blvd.  
2314 – suspicious person/vehicle, Fret Rd.  
2357 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service

**Friday, Aug. 19:**  
0021 – overdose, Ash Dr.  
0102 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Belleville Rd.  
0206 – assault & battery, E. Archwood Dr. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0235 – misc. complaint, E. Schooner Dr.  
0515 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Coca-Cola Dr.  
1009 – assist other dept., Martz Rd.  
1146 – intrusion alarm, Sadie Ln.  
1149 – welfare check, Martz Rd.  
1151 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1152 – property damage accident, S. Belleridge Dr.  
1153 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
1209 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.  
1226 – larceny, Paloma Dr.  
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr. / Lindsey Dr.  
1518 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
1609 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.  
1709 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1727 – domestic, Beckley Rd.  
1802 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.  
1828 – fight, Belleville Rd./E. I-94  
1912 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1926 – assault & battery, S. Bellridge Dr.

1958 – intrusion alarm, Alba Ct.  
2000 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood  
2012 – animal complaint, Edison Lake  
2120 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2145 – noise complaint, Coolidge St.  
2305 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
2324 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

**Saturday, Aug. 20:**  
0008 – intrusion alarm, Maude Ct.  
0213 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0228 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster Dr.  
0332 – noise complaint, Madison Dr.  
0504 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.  
0505 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.  
0700 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.  
0754 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
0900 – missing person, Walden Blvd.  
0900 – trespassing, Maude Ct.  
0941 – vehicle lockout, Westlake Cir.  
1007 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1048 – road hazard, Rebecca Ct.  
1108 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.  
1204 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1258 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1302 – 911 welfare check, McKinley St.  
1442 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1548 – traffic offense, Jeremy Rd.  
1730 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.  
1805 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr./DeWitt Rd.  
1852 – property check, Belleville Rd.  
1908 – welfare check, Farm Rd.  
1910 – juvenile complaint, Harmony Ln.  
1944 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
1949 – hospice death, Marlowe Ave.  
2021 – noise complaint, Greenbriar Dr.  
2042 – sexual assault, Basswood Cir.  
2131 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
2327 – intrusion alarm, Belmont Dr.  
2328 – intrusion alarm, Amanda Dr.

Also on this week’s log are 64 traffic stops, with five of those on the I-94 freeway.

# Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Aug. 14:**  
0241 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
0305 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
0641 – traffic stop, 300 Sumpter Rd.  
0815 – intrusion alarm, 265 Sumpter Rd.  
0859 – intrusion alarm, 879 Sumpter Rd.  
2048 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park  
2144 – suspicious person/vehicle, 10 Carmell St.

**Monday, Aug. 15:**  
0001 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
0036 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.  
1143 – property damage accident, 328 N. Liberty  
1913 – fight, 45 E. Columbia Ave.  
2039 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
2115 – traffic stop, 35 South St.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16:**  
0205 – misc. complaint, 6 Main St.  
1211 – suspicious person/vehicle, 465 Main St.  
1953 – welfare check, 275 W. Columbia Ave.  
2119 – suspicious person/vehicle, 12 Menlo Park

**Wednesday, Aug. 17:**  
0227 – suspicious person/vehicle, 388 E. Huron River Dr.  
1645 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
1735 – assist other dept., 162 Belle Villa Blvd.  
1841 – property check, 220 High St.

**Thursday, Aug. 18:**  
0845 – misc. complaint, 35 South St.  
0919 – assist citizen, 53 Carmell St.  
0920 – assist fire dept., 430 Robbe St.  
1132 – assist fire dept., 12 Menlo Park Dr.  
1304 – welfare check, 454 W. Waterbury Ct.  
1419 – fraud, 312 Oxford  
1458 – intrusion alarm, 67 Main St.  
1637 – traffic stop, 35 Main St.  
1659 – fraud, 525 Victorian Ln.  
2111 – assist other dept., 500 N. Liberty St.  
2122 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.  
2257 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

**Friday, Aug. 19:**  
0159 – suspicious person/vehicle, 501 W. Columbia Ave.  
1150 – property damage accident, Main/Fifth St.  
1422 – domestic, 454 W. Waterbury Ct.  
1704 – assist other dept., 25 Second St.

1947 – assist fire dept., 801 Denton Rd.  
1954 – assist citizen, 501 W. Columbia Ave.

**Saturday, Aug. 20:**  
0439 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.  
0839 – intrusion alarm, 250 Henry St.  
0848 – larceny, 250 N. Liberty St.  
2043 – suspicious person/vehicle, 1073 Sumpter

There were 13 traffic stops on this week’s log.

# Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Aug. 14:**  
0330 – family trouble, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.  
1034 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1123 – 911 hang up, New Mexico St.  
1345 – assist motorist, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
1355 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Savage  
1357 – property damage accident, Edgewood Dr.  
1424 – assist citizen, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1654 – ORV complaint, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1709 – suspicious circumstance, Delaware St.  
1733 – neighbor dispute, 21000 bl. Clark Ln.  
1749 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1944 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2001 – family trouble, Texas St.  
2013 – neighbor dispute, 29000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2127 – animal complaint, Willis/Martinsville Rd.  
2152 – family trouble, Birch Ct.

**Monday, Aug. 15:**  
0147 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0807 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz  
0923 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0944 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.  
1029 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1122 – harassment complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1420 – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd./Willis Rd.  
1616 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1724 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Willow  
1755 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1908 – ORV complaint, Elwell Rd./Willis Rd.  
1918 – neighbor dispute, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
2009 – neighbor dispute, Edgewood Dr.  
2115 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

**Tuesday, Aug. 16:**  
0909 – follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD  
1006 – follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD  
1031 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.  
1216 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
1600 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1638 – larceny, Wayside Dr.  
2043 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd. / Sumpter Rd.  
2204 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2250 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.

**Wednesday, Aug. 17:**  
0008 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
0155 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.  
0159 – follow-up investigation, Huron Twp. PD  
0555 – 911 hang up, Arbor Ln.  
1006 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1058 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1147 – suspicious circumstance, Timberlane Dr.  
1223 – assist other agency, Hampshire Dr.  
1723 – suspicious person, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.  
1756 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Harris  
1812 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Lohr  
1904 – suspicious person, Greenmeadow Dr. / Country Club  
2031 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.  
2133 – suspicious person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

**Thursday, Aug. 18:**  
0150 – property damage accident, Bemis/Sumpter  
0850 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1040 – suspicious person, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1054 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1442 – family trouble, New Mexico St.  
1824 – mental health call, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1913 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
1931 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.  
1936 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2149 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Sumpter Rd.  
2223 – assist motorist, Rawsonville Rd./Willow  
2253 – alarm, Creekside Dr.

**Friday, Aug. 19:**  
0452 – suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Willis  
0528 – suspicious vehicle, Rawsonville/Willow

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Pete and Marcy LaFramboise were honored Saturday at Graham Park in Sumpter Township by the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue at a casual afternoon event. The couple started FMAR 19 years ago and then worked tirelessly without pay over the years to save dogs and cats and find them forever homes. They have retired. Some of those at Saturday's event stop for a photo. From left is Connie Swinney, original FMAR treasurer, who served until 2008 and now lives in El Paso, TX; Marcy and Pete; and John Blackstone, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434 in Van Buren Township.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1411 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis  
1642 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1809 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1820 – larceny, 51000 bl. Willow Rd.  
**Saturday, Aug. 20:**  
0026 – alarm, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
0104 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0343 – welfare check, Mulberry Dr.  
1153 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1631 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1646 – property damage accident, Bemis/Elwell  
1654 – assist citizen, Birch Ct.  
1740 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willow/Haggerty  
1821 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Ray Ln.  
2005 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
2331 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 87 patrol checks, 38 traffic stops, and 11 misc. details.



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