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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

On Sept. 7, Christopher and Beth Murphy cut the ribbon for their Art Factory Creative Arts Studio at 369 Main St. in downtown Belleville and opened their new business the next day. There was a large crowd of well-wishers at the ribbon-cutting, including the couple's children Tannis and Isabella, Christopher's brothers Shon and Ryan, and their parents Dennis and Judy Murphy, at left. Steve Jones of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce welcomed the Murphys to the business community. Beth said the business has been a dream of hers since they moved in Belleville five years ago. She wanted something that would bring everyone together and the Art Factory invites people of all ages to drop by and see how they can provide classes and services to unleash creativity. Services include painting, DIY signs, beading, drawing, crafts, parties/events, classes and a Splatter Room. For information, call (734) 558-4208, email theartfactorycas@gmail.com or visit theartfactorycas.com.

First day of school at BHS features flaming gummy bear, fire alarm

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On the first day of school, Sept. 8, Belleville High School students were sent outside by a fire alarm during the second

hour of classes because there was a fire in a chemistry lab.

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Director of Curriculum and Instruction Jeff

Moore explained that on Sept. 6, the staff had professional development sessions in each school and on Sept. 7, there was a districtwide professional development session.

That meeting featured as speaker Thomas Murray, author of "Personal and Authentic," who spoke on the importance of the first day of school and how to make the students eager for the second day.

"If you're a science teacher, blow things

up," Director Moore quoted Murray as saying.

Teachers reported really liking the message relayed by Murray.

A parent reported it was a gummy bear that caught on fire during a chemistry experiment.

Moore said he called Murray and told him what happened and Murray replied, "I don't know whether to apologize or

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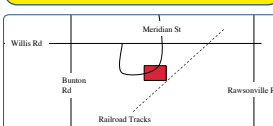
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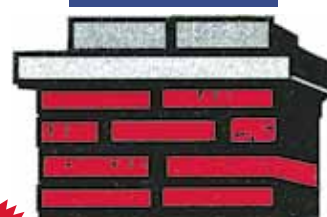
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT's Merriweather: Excels on gridiron, with video series

University of Iowa Press Release

IOWA CITY, IA -- As a veteran defensive player on the University of Iowa football team, Kaevon Merriweather has learned how to make an impact -- both on and off the field.

In addition to logging 42 tackles and an interception during the 2021 season, the fifth-year senior from Van Buren Township who plays safety for the Hawkeyes, earned Iowa's Coaches Appreciation Award, as well as the inaugural Duke Slater Golden Gavel Award.

The Duke Slater award is an honor bestowed by local media upon the Iowa football player who not only is most cooperative with media but also exhibits professional integrity.

Also, last season, Merriweather, a sport and recreation management major, pursued an idea he had to promote Black History Month: a video series highlighting the work of little-known black inventors.

"Black History Month is more than learning about Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and Muhammad Ali," Merriweather said. "We use things every single day that a black person invented. I thought these videos would present an opportunity to educate people throughout the month of February about black people who nobody really knows about but are very influential -- and to learn something myself."

One video, for example, features Lewis Howard Latimer, who improved upon the light bulb by creating a longer-lasting filament. Another highlights the work of

Garrett Morgan, who invented a three-position traffic signal, a safety hood device (an early gas mask), and improvements to the sewing machine.

To produce the series, Merriweather enlisted help from UI athletics department video staff and convinced several teammates to participate. The finished installments were pushed out through social media throughout February 2022.

The feedback he received was positive and empowering, Merriweather said, and he plans to expand on the series in 2023.

"Doing the videos gave me confidence to do more things like that," said Merriweather, who credits the video staff for bringing his vision to reality. "I got messages like: 'I learned so much from your videos' and 'Thank you for spreading knowledge on some of these people.' I even had a couple of teachers tell me that they showed the videos in their classrooms -- one sent me a picture of their class watching the videos and then discussing what they learned. That was a pretty cool moment."

Merriweather said he enjoys being in a position of influence and that his leadership skills have grown at Iowa. When he first visited campus as a relatively unknown football recruit -- basketball had been his primary sport in high school -- he marveled at the many images of Hawkeyes who had become NFL players featured on the office wall of UI defensive coordinator Phil Parker.

"Being able to take those diamond-in-the-rough men and turn them into future draft



Photo courtesy of University of Iowa

At the University of Iowa, Kaevon Merriweather has honed his skills on the gridiron, found a major that resonates with his career ambitions, and developed a project celebrating Black history.

picks was something that really attracted me, and it wasn't just football that got my attention. I quickly learned that Iowa offers a world-class education," Merriweather said.

"As a student-athlete here, I have the best of both worlds in the athletic program and in my education. You just can't pass that up -- and it was something that my mom was really excited about."

Though he started out studying business, Merriweather said he dreamed of having a career that involved sports. A discussion with his academic advisor convinced him

to switch his major to sport and recreation management.

"She thought it would offer a little bit more of what I was looking for in a degree, and I think it was the best decision," he said. "I've learned so much about all areas of sport management -- from managing the tech team and running a facility, to being an entrepreneur and starting your own program, to sports agency and coaching. There are so many different avenues that I could take. My major has given me a sprinkle of everything and helped me figure out what I want to do in sports."

School Board

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applaud."

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said outside the building a teacher said he usually stands with his students outside for fire alarms, but he didn't know who his students were yet, so he just stood out there with some students.

In other business at Monday's 35-minute meeting, the board:

- Discussed the board policy on public comment, with Supt. Kudlak saying it should be on the agenda each September as a reminder of what the rules are;

- Approved the retirement of teacher Antoinette Kurash of Savage Elementary School after 30 years of service as of Aug. 25;

- Approved the resignations of teachers Mahogany Tate of Tyler/Savage elementaries, Demeatrice Brooks of McBride Middle School, and Catlin Berner

of Owen Intermediate School;

- Approved hiring, as of Sept. 6, Conner Zelenic as a Belleville High School math teacher and Savannah Turner as a BHS teacher; Carrie Karbon as Early Childhood Center GSRP lead teacher; Jennifer Waugaman-Leonard as a second grade teacher at Edgemont Elementary; Kim Roberson as a third grade teacher and Jennifer Coleman as a Kindergarten teacher, both at Rawsonville Elementary; and Jessica Radcliff as an English teacher, Joshua Bechtel for student support, Jessica Crump as resource room teacher, and Kristie Patterson as math teacher, all at McBride;

- Approved the resignations of non-instructional staff members: Martha Hudelston, GSRP paraprofessional; Yvonne LaChance, Janine Alexander, and Kayla Fisher in the Transportation Department; and Marcia Borgdorff as a paraprofessional;

- Approved hiring non-instructional employees: Terrie Anderson and

Kim Richardson as EL Facilitators in Administration; Tiera Mayes and Patricia Gordillo as paraprofessionals at Edgemont Elementary; Crystal Humbarger as a paraprofessional at Owen Intermediate; and Annette Spitzley and Cheryl Shankle in Food Service at BHS;

- Heard Human Resources Director John Leroy report that only a couple more employees are needed, including another Kindergarten teacher at Tyler Elementary because they have more students than they expected. He said this district is positioned a lot better than other districts with staffing although there is a nationwide teacher shortage. He described a teacher training program and new laws to help with the shortage;

- Heard Director of Student Services Karen Johnston say on the first day of school she went to a class and a little girl came up to her and said, "I think I need a hug," and Johnston said, "OK." Then, she reported the girl said, "I miss my Mom ... Can we call her now?" And she said no.

She also announced the bus routes are changing because of students signing up for rides after the deadline, but the routes soon will be settled down. She also said she needs two more paraprofessionals and if anyone is looking for a job to come see her;

- Heard Kudlak report that the Distinguished Graduates display is being moved to the auditorium and it will be done in a month or two. He said being a Distinguished Graduate is a big honor and this will look more professional. It also will be online. Kudlak also said he is on a MASA statewide committee for state education reform and he attended his first meeting earlier that day; and

- Heard board members describe the previous Friday's football game on the newly redesigned football field as "awesome." Board members said they were proud to hear all the people around them at the game commenting on how beautiful the stadium is.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Public can't just speak up to board

There was just one discussion item on Monday's brief agenda for the meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education. School Supt. Pete Kudlak said that parents speaking up at board meetings had been discussed recently at meetings of both the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) and the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB). They agreed the public needed to be reminded there were rules, Kudlak said.

So, he reminded the board and the few members of the public present that the page and a half of official board policy, passed in 2020, allowed just three minutes for comments, unless the person leading the meeting allowed more.

Kudlak noted that since he'd been superintendent nobody has been cut off for speaking beyond three minutes. Everyone has been allowed to say what they wanted to say. And, although speakers are supposed to fill out cards with their names, addresses, etc., sometimes they don't and are allowed to speak anyway.

"We're laid back and just speaking," said board president Amy Pearce. "We should be following the rules." Board members supported people getting to speak out fully on their concerns. President Pearce said this discussion was kind of a reminder. Kudlak said it could be an every-September reminder.

The discussion was "chilling" and nobody asked to speak to the board.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Two 86-year-old Van Buren Township residents were scammed out of \$12,000 last week after they talked to a girl in trouble who they thought was their granddaughter in Atlanta. She told them she had a minor accident while talking on her cell phone and admitted that to the police. A "lawyer" got on the phone and said since it was Thursday, she'd spend the weekend in jail before she was freed, unless she could bond out.

"We bit hard. We were sure it was her," our caller said, explaining that both he and his wife talked to the "granddaughter" and the girl used the same words their granddaughter uses and it was her voice.

"We should have emailed her," he said, noting they found out later their granddaughter was at home and was not in trouble. "We were sure it was our granddaughter," he insisted, adding it was a big shock when they found out it wasn't her. His wife had had a stroke, so the whole thing was very upsetting.

The man said they knew everything about them and there were three people involved: the girl, the older-sounding "lawyer," and the young man who was the courier who came to their house to pick up the money in an envelope.

He said the courier had a hat and COVID mask on, so he couldn't identify him.

He called Van Buren police and they told him there are lots of different scams, and this one they have heard before. The VBT resident called us to share his embarrassing incident so other seniors would be alerted and not fall victim to the scam.

There used to be a very handy buzzer

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



to push when the bottle/can recycling machines were full at Meijer. You would push the button and someone would come out and empty all the machines so the recycling could continue and people could get their money back for their state-required deposits.

With all the upgrades under way at Meijer, the bottle return area was moved to the garden center area for a while and now it's back where it used to be – but the buzzer is gone. On Sunday morning a man who couldn't recycle because all the machines were full, just pulled out his phone and called up the store. Within minutes a young lady came out and emptied all the machines and recycling continued – buzzer or no.

The painting of parking spaces in the student area behind Belleville High School raised \$5,550 towards the senior party at the end of the year. Students pay \$50 to the district to have a designated parking space and then \$50 is added on top of that if they want to paint it with a design. That extra \$50 is for the Class of 2023's graduation party. There are about 300 parking spots in that parking area.

I'm told parents have to raise \$15,000 to get all the presents for the graduates each year.

The school's parking spots usually are painted black for the repainting each year, but this year the parking lot was resurfaced so that wasn't necessary. It was ready to go.

This has been the process for about three years now. On Sunday the Belleville Area Council for the Arts invited the public to come inspect the artwork in a special event and lots of people came to admire the artworks.

Mike Windiate of Pro Hardware in downtown Belleville is having heart surgery today. He told me, "I'll be back." Our prayers are with him today.

Belleville was abuzz with activity over the weekend with the annual yard sales that need no permits on Saturday and Sunday. Victory Park was filled with vendors, as usual. It's a great place in the heart of the city to set up a table.

This Saturday afternoon is the annual All School Alumni Reunion at Belleville High School. A graduate called me on Monday afternoon to ask if it's too late to get a ticket. I told her I have seen people just walk up and pay for a ticket on the day of the event. But, I checked with committee member Lois Mida Zilka and she said she would call the lady. She agreed: Don't miss the event because you don't have a ticket yet.



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Letters

Democratic Club sets Candidate Meet/Greet

Greetings, Voters:

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club, which proudly represents the communities of the City of Belleville, along with Huron, Sumpter and Van Buren townships, invites you to attend our Candidate Meet and Greet on Thursday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fair Grounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township.

Come on out and enjoy an opportunity to speak to the Democrats that are asking for your vote in the November election. Invited guests include: Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, State Senate Candidate Darrin Camilleri, State Representative Candidates Reggie Miller and Alex Garza, Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, Wayne County Sheriff Raphael Washington, Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous, Sheena Barnes, candidate for Sumpter Township Treasurer, and judicial candidates for the Michigan Supreme Court and the Wayne County Circuit Court. Light refreshments will be provided.

FYI: Our regular membership meetings are the fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fair Grounds. All are welcome.

Hope to see you there,

Debbie Chamberlain, Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club

Abortion amendment & parental involvement

To the editor:

Proposal 3, an Abortion Constitutional Amendment, will be on the ballot this November. For the following reasons, Michigan voters should reject this measure.

The proposed language indicates that “Every individual has a fundamental right to reproductive freedom, which entails the right to *make and effectuate decisions about all matters relating to pregnancy*, including but not limited to prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion care, miscarriage management, and infertility care. An individual’s right to reproductive freedom *shall not be denied, burdened, nor infringed upon...*”

“The state shall not discriminate in the protection or enforcement of this fundamental right...nor shall the state penalize, prosecute, or otherwise take adverse action against someone for aiding or assisting a pregnant individual in exercising their right to reproductive freedom...” (emphasis added)

Taken together, these phrases will be used to exclude parents from the decision-making process for their minor children for all matters related to reproduction, including sex education, contraception distribution, voluntary self-sterilization, and abortion.

The amendment specifically states that the government shall not discriminate when applying this standard. This means that even children will have the right to effectuate all decisions regarding reproduction. Parents would no longer have a presumed right to screen influences coming toward their children.

Furthermore, the state legislature would be prohibited from acting to protect parental involvement. The legislature could not restrict the influence of schools, counselors, clinics, abortionists, therapists, lawyers, politicians, pharmaceutical companies, even persuasive profiteers.

Influencing an individual who is ill-equipped to make an informed and mature decision is usually labeled exploitation. No matter how easily influenced a minor may be, parents would have no legal means to shield their children from such exploitation. In fact, it is very likely that should a parent try to intervene, that the State would recognize them as a “burden” to their child’s reproductive freedom. The consequences of burdening a person’s constitutional rights are not spelled out in the text. However, if other states are any indication, it would likely mean removal of the child from the parent’s household and possibly penalties for the parent.

The result will not only be an infringement on parental rights, but the child would be easy prey for those who would exploit her inexperience and lack of knowledge. She could be persuaded by those who would profit from her decisions, all while her parents are restrained by the government. In the end, she will be the one who is hurt in this arrangement. To make matters worse, the language prohibits the state from penalizing any entity for their role in exploiting the minor.

Providing ‘rights’ is usually seen as a positive thing. However, this proposal will remove rights from parents and will harm the young women they are charged with protecting.

For these reasons, I encourage my fellow Michiganders to oppose this proposal come November.

Wayde Hoppe, Van Buren Township

Election for VB Area Little League is Sept. 25

To the editor:

The yearly elections for the Van Buren Area Little League will be held Sunday Sept. 25, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Beck Road Fields on Beck Road in Van Buren Township. We will be electing a president, a vice president, secretary, and treasurer. We are also looking for player agent, chief umpire, field maintenance, and softball coordinator.

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Marc Littleton, Van Buren Township VBALL President

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The Belleville Area District Library will host an informational meeting with the Huron River Watershed Council on the subject of Belleville Lake on Tuesday, Sept. 20, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Learn about habitat conservation and the council's effort to restore clean water and reduce pollution. The event is sponsored by the library and the Rotary Club of Belleville.

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Dave's Treasure Trove at 668 East Huron River Drive has a nice selection of hunting gear and accessories for the upcoming fall season. Check out its inventory of guns, bow, knives, fishing poles and gear, tools, collectibles, and much more. The store is open Tuesday through Saturday, from noon to 5 p.m. Cash or local checks only. Call (734) 699-4438.

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Sept. 17 - Gayl Parr, Susan Sell
Sept. 19 - Gary Fulton, Mary Ban
Sept. 20 - Stephanie Priess

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BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Sept. 15:** Girls Varsity Golf vs. Livonia Stevenson @ Willow Metropark Golf Course, 3 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs. John Glenn, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Swim & Dive vs. Livonia Churchill, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Sept. 16:** Girls Varsity Tiger Invitational Diving, 5 p.m.; Varsity Football vs. Wayne Memorial, 7 p.m.

• **Saturday, Sept. 17:** Girls Varsity Swimming Tiger Invitational, 10 a.m.

• **Monday, Sept. 19:** Girls Varsity Golf vs. Dearborn @ Willow Metropark Golf Course, 3 p.m.; Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Allen Park, 4 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 20:** Boys Varsity Tennis vs. Fordson, 4 p.m.; Girls Varsity Swim & Dive vs. Flat Rock, 6 p.m.

Go, Tigers!

Diane Kiessel

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

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Obituaries



Betty Jean Ostrowski

BETTY JEAN OSTROWSKI

(February 28, 1940 – September 11, 2022)

Betty Jean Ostrowski, age 82, of Sumpter Township, MI, died peacefully at her home, early Sunday, September 11, 2022, morning, after a courageous battle with breast cancer. She was born on February 28, 1940 in Wayne County, MI, to Walter Stanley and Rose Irene (Smolen) Radisovich. Betty was a lifelong Belleville-area resident. She was an active parishioner of St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Belleville, MI, where she was in the choir, on the funeral luncheon team and in the women's guild. She enjoyed flowers and gardening. She also loved yard sales, collecting things, especially recipes, and was an avid reader. Most of all, Mrs. Ostrowski loved taking care of her family and spending time with them.

Betty is survived by her seven children: Anthony (Christine) Ostrowski of Brooklyn, MI, Anna (Donald) Silvenis of Pinckney, MI, Karen (Stanley) Alexander, Christopher (Connie) Ostrowski, Paul Ostrowski, Patrick (Lynette) Ostrowski, all of Belleville, MI, and Walter (Ginger) Ostrowski of New Boston, MI; grandchildren: Travis (Brittany) Ostrowski, Miranda Ostrowski, Matthew (Elyse) Silvenis, Jonathan Silvenis, Sarah (Matthew) Laginess, Emily (Drew) Brown, Jessica (Paul) White, Jamie Ostrowski, Jacob Ostrowski, Sheldie (Casey) Jewell, Raechel Ostrowski, Whitney Ostrowski, Levi Ostrowski, Keigan Brimmer, Jamie Berge, Elizabeth Ostrowski and Emma Ostrowski; great-grandchildren: Sophie, Finn, and Theo Laginess, Owen and Autumn Brown, Carmen, Rosalie, and Wyatt Silvenis, Rylee, Dyani and Tucker Jewell, and Ledger Ostrowski; sisters-in-law Loretta Radisovich and Rae Ostrowski, both of Belleville; brother-in-law David (Diane) Ostrowski of Ypsilanti, MI; her companion Pierre Laginess; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends, and her beloved dog Shadow. Betty was preceded in death by her parents, husband Paul John Ostrowski, granddaughter Addison Ostrowski, also her brother Walter Paul Radisovich.

Visitation was 1-8 p.m. Wednesday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500, with a 6:30 p.m. Rosary.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, September 15, 2022, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, with Father Bryan Shackett as Celebrant. The Ostrowski family will greet guests at the church one hour prior to Mass. A procession with interment prayers will follow at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to Arbor Hospice and Home Care and would be appreciated.

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Charles Robert Renton

CHARLES ROBERT RENTON

(June 24, 1934 – September 11, 2022)

Charles Robert Renton, age 88, lifelong Belleville area resident, passed away suddenly of a heart attack on Sunday, September 11, 2022, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born June 24, 1934, in Van Buren Township, MI, son of James Hulett & Eunice Lucille (Horn) Renton. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1952. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Charles married Arda Elizabeth Arrick on May 10, 1958. He retired from Wayne County Road Commission, the New Boston yard, after years of loyal service. He was an active member of the Huron Sportsman's Club. He enjoyed spending time with his friends at the club two or more times a month. He enjoyed taking care of his house and his 3 acres. Charles and Arda enjoyed traveling the United States in their fifth wheel following their retirement. They especially enjoyed going out west and northern Michigan. Mr. Renton is survived by two sons: Howard (Deborah) Renton of Hendersonville, Tennessee, and Christopher (Laura) Renton of Huron Township, MI; four grandchildren: Aaron (Micah) Renton, Alyssa (Mathew) Churchwell, Justin (Caitlin) Renton, and Jordan (Bridget) Renton; 6 great-grandchildren: Josephine, Rylee, Haylee, Lena, Max, and Cam; two brothers: James (Kathleen) Renton of Sun City, Arizona, and Donald (Donna) Renton of Belleville, MI; a sister Rose (James) Neibauer of Traverse City, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, cherished wife Arda on June 29, 2011, two sisters Margaret Kinney and Jean Orskey, also a grandson Patrick Renton.

A Memorial Celebration of Life will be Tuesday, September 20, 2022, at 6 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. The family will welcome friends from 5-6 p.m. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association and would be appreciated.

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City Council pays for van repair, to try to save senior transportation

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Jennifer Delano, who serves as dispatcher for Belleville's Wheels for Independence, told the Belleville City Council how the only van left for seniors has been in the repair shop for five weeks because they have no money for repairs for a "blown engine."

The cost is expected to be about \$4,000 and SMART (the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) has to be the one who fixes it because it's their van. After lengthy discussion at the council's regular meeting on Sept. 6, the item was put on the agenda and the council approved not to exceed \$5,000 for the repairs.

The story of senior transportation told by Delano and City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson was quite involved, including that when you give back the van to SMART at the end of its loan period, it has to be fixed first – except for rust – or they won't accept it.

Delano spoke at the citizens' comments part of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting. She explained that for the last 28 years, Wheels for Independence has been working in cooperation with the city of Belleville to bring transportation to seniors and the disabled.

She said no other service offers rides across the Washtenaw County line, where many seniors in the city go for their health care. They offer rides three days a week and hire a part-time driver. They transport from eight to ten riders a week, she said. At one point they had two buses and a van, she said.

There's 60,000 miles on the van, which is not enough for SMART to take it back and give them a new bus. SMART used to judge by the year, rather than the mile.

The senior transportation used to have Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to use for the

transportation, but the city's CDBG lately has been earmarked instead for the Veterans Memorial and tearing down the party store next to city hall.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said that Delano is a one-man show, running the program for seniors.

"We've never asked for a millage," Delano said. "We're looking into grant money."

She said there had been talk about merging the service with Van Buren Township, but she said the city's seniors "shouldn't take a back seat" and when the seats are filled by township seniors, the city seniors wouldn't get to ride.

Delano said just before the meeting a senior called her to say she just had been diagnosed with a heart problem and has to have all these tests and needs to get to the doctors. Delano said the woman was crying and she had no ride to offer.

She said she thought the Wheels for Independence board could meet with the city council and come up with a solution.

City Manager Robinson said they had a meeting with SMART and it is more complicated than just fixing the engine. He said the Belleville Council for Seniors is a nonprofit organization and the city partnered with it over the last 28 years, using the city's funds.

Robinson said it has to be legal with

contracts between the city and a nonprofit.

"I'm trying to do the research on that," he said, noting the city clerk should be interacting with SMART, not Delano. He said they average eight to ten riders a week and the driver should be a city employee.

"We need to be indemnified," he said. "I was under the assumption that it was a city organization, but it's a nonprofit. At some point SMART should have information."

"We could morph this into a city program," he said.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates said she sees a lot of red tape, but it services eight to ten citizens a week, which is very valuable. She said she would like the council to supply the \$5,000 or however much is needed.

Robinson said they have to take care of the legal details and, "The SMART lady was not real thrilled."

Delano said way back in the years, 28 years ago, city managers Jeff Przygocki and Steve Walters umbrellaed the program under the city.

"SMART has the vehicle in Inkster and it's titled to SMART," Robinson said.

John Juriga asked from the audience if they were still having the jam and jelly sales to help support the program and Delano said over the last three years they couldn't sell the jellies and jams because of the pandemic. And, the board couldn't meet at Columbia Court because of the

pandemic, but Shelly Brown provided a place for them to meet.

"I want you to be aware we're here," Delano said to the council.

Former mayor and councilman Tom Fielder said the city opted out of regional transportation so it could get a vehicle from SMART. Currently if you reach a certain number of miles, you could get a new vehicle.

Fielder said the city hired Delano for dispatch so she could receive calls and tell people when and where they could get a ride. The city could provide a driver, he said.

SMART could not provide services over the line to Washtenaw County, but over half of the people go the Washtenaw County

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for health services, Fielder said. That's the city's prime motivation for having its own vehicle, he said.

"Now it's years plus mileage," Delano said.

"That's how we got to this point," Fielder said.

Mayor Pro Tem Ken Voigt said he did some quick mathematics and it costs less than \$200 a week to service eight to ten people a week. "To me, the cost is negligible," he said.

"In order to bring this back, we have to do it right," Robinson said. "Now she's a 1099 employee," he said of Delano, noting

SMART won't provide the van back to the city until everything is straightened out.

Robinson said the city could pay for it because it has to pay for the repair, anyway.

"Put this off until the next meeting to find more facts," Mayor Pro Tem Voigt suggested.

"Authorize them to begin fixing the van," Mayor Conley said.

Delano said Jim Chudzinski said he could fix it cheaper because he can get parts.

"SMART always had to do it," DPW Director Rick Rutherford said of the repairs.

Voigt asked about Golden Homes, which furnishes transportation to those in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter. Mayor Conley asked if the city had a need, could

Golden Homes do it?

Delano said she doesn't know the details of the Golden transportation, but, "It's really hard to get transportation."

At the end of the agenda, the council voted unanimously to provide up to \$5,000 to get the repair done on the van. Robinson said he could not get the research done and a recommendation by the next meeting.

In other business at the one-hour-and-44-minute meeting, the council:

- Heard Juriga say that since Deputy City Manager Tim McLean has left his position, he would like to recommend Councilman Steve Jones for the position. He said Jones was chairman of the planning commission, he is very, very smart, and loves Belleville and lives in Belleville. Two others in the audience were in support of Jones for the position – Alvis Brigris and Dinara Strikis – with Brigris adding Jones could do 75% of the work for that position in his sleep. Mayor Conley said this not the usual way a position is filled;

- Was informed by Therese Antonelli that the Scarecrows happen in October and Rutherford said the frames are ready to go. Robinson said the entry forms will be available shortly [and they now are ready];

- Was introduced to an Amendment to the Juvenile Responsibility Ordinance and agreed to set a public hearing for Sept. 19, although there was some thought a public hearing wasn't needed since it is just aligning the local ordinance with the new state laws. Robinson said the new

legislation includes raising the age of legal use of alcohol from 18 to 21 years of age and raising the age of not having to go to school anymore from 16 to 18;

- Approved expanding the BORA/DORA (Belleville Outdoor Refreshment Area/ Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) area to include the Scott Jones development at the bridge because a bar now is open there. "I think BORA/DORA worked very well for the city," said Mayor Conley. Fielder asked if this includes Doane's Landing and he was told it doesn't, so more signs will be needed;

- Discussed at length the problems with the restrooms in the parks and other park maintenance. Councilwoman Bates asked the item be put on the agenda for discussion. She especially was critical of the restroom at Horizon Park where "anyone can walk in" while it is being used. Suggestions on locks will be researched. Voigt said the condition of the restroom at Horizon Park was much better this year for Music Lakeside;

- Approved the closure of City Hall during the week of Christmas Day/New Year's Day, as the city did last year. Clerk Brianna Hootman said employees would have to take a personal day. Mayor Conley said some people need to pay taxes on the last day of the year and like to do so in person. Clerk Hootman said if they are dropped in the slot they will be dated the last day of the year when the employees get back. Mayor Conley said if they want to do it in person, however, people will have to be there by Dec. 23;

- Approved accounts payable of \$696,008.09 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$5,528 for water main break repair near 88 Potter Dr., DPW; to Election Source, \$80 for public accuracy testing for the Nov. 2022 election, Clerk; to Lexipol, \$1,602 for fire dept. online training service, Fire Dept.; to Tri-County Water & Sewer, \$600 for repair of flow channel in city sewer main, DPW; and to Osborne Concrete, \$996 for re-pour of road after water main break on S. Biggs, and \$613 for concrete to replace road after water main break on S. Biggs;

- Heard Robinson report that after the

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deputy administrator resigned, he reached out to the Downtown Development Authority, that the deputy administered. He said all the duties have come to him and the clerk. The position currently is in a draft right now, he said;

- Heard Voigt announce that the applications for veteran banners are available on the website and the first 75 will be accepted. He also said the Arts Council is putting on a celebration of the painted parking spaces at the high school from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sept. 11 and a food truck will be there;

- Heard Councilwoman Amy Henry say she is excited about the new buildings in the city and that the Bait & Tackle bar will be open at the end of October;

- Heard Mayor Conley thank Scott Jones because people can see the end of the property next to the bridge and to Randy Brown who cut down the rest of the brush along the lake after the goats left. She said it was a long summer, but the school will be in session and the first home football game was Sept. 9;

- Heard Councilman Jones say that next summer will be short, since the schools are getting out late and going back before Labor Day;

- Heard Antonelli say that the lack of electricity in the Fourth Street Place is not set for success for the city and Rutherford reported on the progress in getting DTE to come out to put a drop to the cabinet installed in the greenbelt. He said an address was needed, so the city issued an address for the drop; and

- Heard Councilwoman Bates ask that the parks be put on the follow-up list. Robinson said the DDA does parks, but since McLean is gone, he does that now. He said locks on the doors of the restrooms will be done. Bates said the Parks and Recreation group needs to be formed again.

Court Watching:

Gun charges off again, on again, after witness fails to appear on case

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Tommy L. Robinson, 31, of Woodridge, ILL, was present by zoom from the Wayne County Jail for a probable cause conference

on Aug. 17 before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green. He was charged with possession of a weapon by a felon, carrying a concealed weapon, and weapons-felony firearm on Aug. 6 in Van Buren Township.

On Aug. 17, his defense attorney Hannah Baron said she needed digital discovery so the probable cause conference was adjourned until Aug. 24.

On Aug. 24, the attorney said she still was missing digital discovery and the prosecutor said she sent it over that morning. The live preliminary exam was then set for Oct. 5, but Baron said her client is not being extradited for another case until this case is complete. She wanted the exam set sooner so he wouldn't have to stay in jail so long. Judge Martin set the live exam for 12:30 p.m., Aug. 31.

On Aug. 31, Baron filed a motion to dismiss after she found the discovery sent to her was for the wrong case and that the police officer who was to testify was on furlough and was on the other side of the state.

Judge Lisa Martin struggled with the decision, saying the prosecutor did not willfully send the wrong discovery. She realized the court in Illinois is waiting for his extradition and Prosecutor Bryn Bailey is not going to drop the charges but refile them because of their seriousness.

However, she did grant the motion to dismiss without prejudice based on the prosecution not having the witness and for failure to supply digital discovery.

Prosecutor Bailey immediately refiled the charges on Aug. 31, and Robinson was arraigned on Sept. 6. Bond is \$5,000/10%. A probable cause conference was set for Sept. 14.

Zackary Lynn Middleton

Zackary Lynn Middleton, 28, of Sumpter Township was arraigned by Judge Brian A. Oakley on Monday while in custody at the Van Buren Police lockup on a felony charge of aggravated indecent exposure on Sept. 9 in Van Buren Township. Bond was set at \$5,000/10% and he was ordered not to return to the Belleville Walmart. The probable cause conference was set for Sept. 21.

A warrant for violation of probation is pending in the Wayne County Circuit Court on previous guilty pleas from an incident in Sumpter Township.

Erika Ashley Belinc

Erika Ashley Belinc, 35, of Belleville, was arraigned on a charge of possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on Nov. 24, 2019 in the City of Belleville. Her virtual probable cause conference was set for March 2. But her assigned attorney Blase Kearney said she was in an in-patient facility for 30 days for her heroin addiction.

On March 15 a bench warrant was entered

into LEIN for her failure to appear. On March 26 the warrant was canceled by the Belleville Police Department. Her arraignment/probable cause conference was set for May 4.

On May 4, Judge Oakley set her preliminary exam for June 15.

Judge Oakley reminded her that she had a pretrial on May 5 to face a charge of driving while license suspended – second time on Feb. 15, 2020 at Detroit Metro Airport. He cancelled her warrant for failure to appear on that charge.

On May 5, she pled guilty to a reduced charge of failure to display license and Judge Martin fined her \$490.

On June 15, she pled guilty to disorderly conduct and the drug charge was dismissed.



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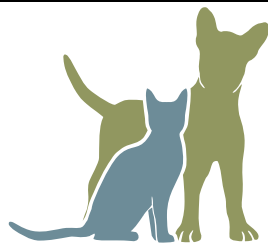
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Keystone board advised NHA plan to refinance is 'indefinitely suspended'

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A proposal by National Heritage Academies to refinance its agreements with its 100 schools has been "indefinitely suspended," NHA representative Andrew Roth told the Keystone Academy board of directors at its regular meeting Sept. 8.

NHA manages and runs the charter schools in its program, including Keystone.

Roth said that the refinancing is "dead" mainly because interest costs are up and there is too short a window to address concerns.

Roth said some schools are happy and some aren't happy with the news. He said some schools like Keystone would profit by \$100,000 or more through the refinancing.

In other business at the one-hour meeting on Sept. 8, the board:

- Approved the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty Resolution, guaranteeing that all the teaching staff is actively certified or on the way to certification and staff maintains appropriate certifications. This resolution is required by Bay Mills Community College, which charters Keystone, to fight notions that uncertified teachers are on its charter school staffs;

- Approved the Cardiac Emergency Response Plan as required by the state. The state used to require it every three years and now it's every year. Basically, it is to state where the AED (automated external defibrillator) is and the activation of a cardiac emergency response plan. Principal Jorvanna Drain said the AED is on the wall in the hallway across from the gym and they just installed a new battery;

- Approved the Reading Assessment System Selection Resolution. Roth said the state wants schools to state which system it uses to assess third-grade reading skills and NHA uses aimswebPlus. He said the NHA team decides this and the boards echo their decision. Principal Drain said two students qualified for retention, but their parents/guardians appealed the retentions as allowed by law and so they both were promoted. This was because they qualified and are in intervention programs for the next year as required by law;

- Approved allowing a blanket system for electronic signatures as proposed by NHA, based largely on trust, and used only on documents reviewed and approved by a quorum of the board at a public board meeting. Roth said during the shutdown NHA used electronic signatures and it was very efficient. He said they found FedEx and the U.S. Postal Service were not dependable and sometimes items go completely missing. He said information sent through FedEx on a student's disciplinary action never was delivered. Roth said another option would be allowing "wet signatures" to be taken and then scanned in for delivery. Or, he said, they could do nothing and continue as

they are;

- Discussed the fourth quarter financial statements and federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. ESSER I closed in September 2022 and next is ESSER II, which will close next September. Board president Vesta Losen said the ESSER funds, providing the grants to teachers, "... might be one of the reasons we have our teachers," referring to retention;

- Heard Roth say at the next meeting on Oct. 13, he will ask for a change of the date for the November meeting because he will not be available to attend and no other replacement would be available because of something scheduled through NHA;

- Heard Roth explain the 2021-22 Board Satisfaction Survey. He said satisfaction with academic performance remains stable at 74%, satisfaction with their school leader remains very high, satisfaction with the Moral Focus program remains exceptionally high at 94%, and respondents continue to express high levels of satisfaction with the board relations coordinators and representatives. But also there are calls for improvement, such as ESSER investments and financial reporting. He said NHA's top priority is addressing the "unfinished learning" resulting from pandemic-related school closures;

- Heard Losen announce that all the current board members either have or have had students at Keystone. She said this was the first time that has happened. Losen also asked staff members to come up with ideas for the Christmas Marketing project they have each year. This involves items with the Keystone logo on it that goes to all staff members and members of the board; and

- Heard Drain report that currently there are

628 students enrolled this school year, with five more students expected to start by Sept. 12. She said they had about 462 students attending the recent Family Fun Night and she thanked the board for its donation of \$1,500 which helped pay for the rock wall, face painting, laser tag, Kona Ice truck, and other games. She reported they hired a new 7/8 science teacher and a LTS (technology) teacher and still need a social worker and a special education paraprofessional.


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VBT board OKs 4-day work week as a permanent policy

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Sept. 6, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to approve the 10-hour, four-day work week for AFSCME employees.

The municipal building will be open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and will be closed on Fridays.

Deputy Supervisor Dan Selman said they had a three-month "autopilot" that expired on Sept. 2. He said a preliminary survey was done by staff and continued through traffic in the building.

He said the board had a closed session discussion on the contract. Deputy Selman said there was an increase in morale for employees over the last three months and new hires like the idea of a four-day work week.

From the SurveyMonkey responses from the public, 359 (80.49%) gave their full support, 29 (6.9%) did not support the change, and 58 (13%) had no opinion.

The survey response from staff was 40 (83.33%) loved it; six (12.5%) were "going with the flow" and "were good either way,"

and 2 (4.17%) wanted to "lose it" and wanted their Monday through Friday with a TGIF (Thank goodness it's Friday).

In other business at the one-hour-thirty-one-minute regular meeting on Sept. 6, the board:

- Held the second of two required public hearings to receive comments on the \$750,000 special assessment roll for the 176 properties in the Greenbriar Subdivision Special Assessment District and then approved the assessment roll, with Supervisor Kevin McNamara recusing himself and leaving the board table because he lives in the subdivision. Those not paying the \$4,400 total per residence up front will have the \$891 per year for five years (\$4,455 with interest of 1.5%) on each winter tax roll starting this year. There is a 30-day period for appeals to the State Tax Tribunal before the SAD roadwork can begin;

- Approved a variance from engineering standard of the VBT Engineering Standards manual to allow construction of a stormwater detention basin for the Kenworth site on the I-94 Service Drive that

has a permanent pool of stormwater that is less than four feet deep. Treasurer Sharry Budd was recused from the discussion and left the board table because her family now rents the property for the farm and will no longer use it. Supervisor McNamara said the board had just approved the same design for the community center;

- Approved a resolution approving the 2022 Sumpter Road Corridor Plan, an amendment to the VBT 2020 Master Plan, as recommended by the planning commission;

- Approved the selection of Stanwade metal Products, Inc., to purchase an 8,000-gallon split fuel tank for a cost of \$56,595.28 to be placed on the property where the water tower is. A road will have to be built back to the tank. The old tank will be decommissioned and sold;

- Selected Erie Construction LLC, low bidder of two bids at \$319,036, for the VBT Iron Belle Trail Section H Project, in addition to project engineering costs for a total project construction budget of \$367,440. This is the part of the trail from the Edgemont Street in the city of Belleville to Riggs Park at Martinsville Road along E. Huron River Drive. The DNR wanted a few benches and trash receptacles along the trail and they will be placed at Riggs Park, said Elizabeth Renaud, director of community services. A final review of the construction drawings by Wayne County may impact the cost, so 10% contingency is being held. Renaud said Section B of the trail, from Rawsonville Road into Van Buren Park has been bid and a groundbreaking is being set up for later this month;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara state that a few holdouts, less than five, didn't sign off on the property easements, but that will not stop the project along Huron River Drive. He said they will build it closer to the road in those cases, but "We are coming with a bulldozer." He said the Iron Belle Trail throughout the township will be maintained by VBT, but not on those parts in front of people who didn't sign. "When they see how beautiful it is, maybe they'll sign," he said;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance to create the Sumpter Road Mixed Use (SRMU) zoning district and Sumpter Road Overlay District (SROD) and related zoning ordinance amendments, as recommended by the planning commission. This ordinance implements the Sumpter Road Corridor Plan;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance regarding identifying gasoline service and filling stations as special land uses which will require public hearings and approval by both the planning commission and board of trustees for any new proposed gas station use and provides specific special land use standards for gas stations, as recommended by the planning commission. Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, said there are two active gas station sites now

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- Approved a contract modification with the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$58,989.70 for the Denton Road water main project due to an additional water main that was placed due to the actual location of the existing water main. This was change order #1 and now the adjusted contract amount is \$279,564.70;

- Approved amending the 2022 Amended Budget from \$36,993 to \$47,000 and approve the purchase of a Ford F-150 from

Atchinson Ford at a cost of \$46,819.44. Kevin Lawrence, director of water and sewer, said this vehicle was ordered in February of 2022, with a total cost estimated at \$38,000. However, due to Ford Motor Co. not allowing any A& Z, D, and X plan discounts as they have in the past, the cost is now \$46,819.44. This truck will be added to the Water and Sewer Department fleet. It will provide needed transportation for new employees;

- Approved, under the consent agenda, the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) Group Transit Asset Management Plan for SMART Sub-recipients for fiscal years 2022-26;

- Approved, under the consent agenda, a

resolution calling for the State of Michigan and County of Wayne to allocate American Rescue Act Funds in support of the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority; and

- Heard Supervisor McNamara announce that because of upcoming construction on the community center, Forgotten Harvest is moving to Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Roads as of Sept. 20. He said it will also be reduced to the first and third Tuesdays of every month, instead of every Tuesday. He said volunteers are needed for both Forgotten Harvest and for Meals on Wheels deliveries. "We're stretched," McNamara said.

Closed-door session

Before the regular meeting, the board held a one-hour-and-six-minute closed-door session to consider negotiations of the bargaining agreements of the Police Officers Labor Council (POLC) and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME). The attorney's recommendations were approved in the regular meeting under the consent agenda.

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— Yogi Berra

Skydiver Wigginton to participate in 7 jumps in 7 days to help raise \$7M

Jim Wigginton, a retired Marine and private equity executive who lives in Van Buren Township, is current world record holder of the "7 Continent Tandem Record" and will take part in an expedition that plans to break his record.

In January 2023, Legacy Expeditions, a veteran-owned, extreme expedition company, plans to raise awareness and inspire action to support the Folds of Honor Foundation through its upcoming global expedition.

The seven-day, record-breaking skydiving adventure includes seven skydives across seven continents to raise \$7 million for educational scholarships for military families.

Wigginton, 73, is a member of the Triple 7 project team. He grew up on a farm in Marion, KY, and was selected as a Crittenden County Distinguished Alumnus in 2021.

The expedition, supported by Complete Parachute Solutions, will begin at the bottom of the world at Union Glacier Camp, Antarctica. Then it travels to Punta Arenas, Chile; Cape Town, South Africa; Perth, Australia; the United Arab Emirates; and Barcelona, Spain; ending in Tampa, FL, home of the United States Special Operations Command.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 15, 2022 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

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 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Absent
Council Member Henry	Present
Council Member Jones	Arrived at 7:42 p.m.
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations

1) None

B. Council Follow Up List

1) Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

a) Would like to see the globe on the light pole in front of Hayward's Party Store replaced.

b) Inquired about the status of the Streetscape repairs.

C. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 1, 2022, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Henry, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, August 1, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A) None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) Special Event Application – Harvest Fest

MOTION: Motion by Henry, supported by Voigt approving the Special Event Application for Harvest Fest, to be held on October 8, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

A) Special Event Application – Monster Mutt Walk

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry approving the Special Event Application for the Monster Mutt Walk, to be held on October 15, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

B) Special Event Application – Halloween Downtown

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry approving the Special Event Application for Halloween Downtown, to be held on October 31, 2022, with the addition of the closure of Main Street for the duration of the event.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

D) Special Event Application – Photos With Santa

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry approving the Special Event Application for Photos

with Santa, to be held on December 10, 2022, and December 17, 2022.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

E) Resolution # 22-054 – DUWA ARPA Funding Allocation

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry approving **Resolution # 22-054** encouraging the State of Michigan and Wayne County to allocate a portion of their ARPA funds to support replacement of the ultraviolet disinfection system for DUWA.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

F) Resolution # 22-055 – Charter Amendment Ballot Language

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution # 22-055**, approving ballot proposal language to amend the City Charter, which shall be presented to the electors of the City of Belleville at the November 8, 2022 election.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to approve **Resolution #22-056** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Henry	Aye
Council Member Jones	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson stated that there will be a lot of events coming up this week/weekend, and that he is looking forward to them.

- Stated that he attended the Farmer's Market today, and it was great. He also stated that the Car Show had a very large turnout.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Henry

-- Stated she is looking forward to the events this week/weekend.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Voigt

-- Stated he is looking forward to the events this week/weekend.

-- Noted that Belleville High School will be receiving a giant football helmet to commemorate the football team's State Championship.

-- Mentioned that he received feedback from a resident stating that Hillside Cemetery is looking great.

- Council Member Jones

-- Stated that he is excited for the 5 days of events this week/weekend.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Noted that the first day of school for Van Buren Public Schools students is on September 8th.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Brad Traskos

-- Announced that there will be a tractor parade taking place during Harvest Fest, with lunch provided to the participants.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Jones, supported by Henry to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman / City Clerk

Approved: 9/6/22

Posted: 9/7/22

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 6, 2022

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:07 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 Miller and Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Executive Assistant Dohring, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Human Resources Director Sumpter and an audience of seventeen (17).

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:

Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Budget Review Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2022, Special Session Meeting Minutes of August 16, 2022, August 2, 2022 Election Inspector Payroll, Prepaid List of August 4, 2022, Prepaid List of August 18, 2022, Prepaid List of August 25, 2022, Prepaid List of September 1, 2022, Voucher List of September 6, 2022, Approval of attorney recommendations discussed in the September 6, 2022 Closed Session, Approval of the SMART (Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation) Group Transit Asset Management Plan for SMART Sub-recipient's FY 2022-2026 and Approval of Resolution 2022-16: Calling for the State of Michigan and County of Wayne to allocate American Rescue Act Funds in support of Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Budd moved, Frazier seconded to open the public hearing at 6:11 p.m. to receive comments on the assessment roll for the Greenbriar Subdivision Special Assessment District. Motion Carried.

Comments from the public were received on the assessment roll for the Greenbriar SAD.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to exit the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. Motion Carried.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:

Forgotten Harvest will be moving to Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road beginning on September 20, 2022. The mobile pantry will run every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month with car line up starting no earlier than 1:00 p.m. Forgotten Harvest and Meals on Wheels are in desperate need for volunteers, if you are able to volunteer please contact the Senior Center at 734.699.8918.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Miller moved, Frazier seconded to formally adopt the new Hours of Operation for the Municipal Building to 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday and make the necessary budget adjustments. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Miller moved, Boynton seconded to recuse Supervisor McNamara from

New Business Item #1 to consider approval of Resolution 2022-19: to approve the assessment roll for the Greenbriar Subdivision SAD due to a conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2022-19: to approve the assessment roll for the Greenbriar Subdivision SAD. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Boynton seconded to recuse Treasurer Budd from New Business Item #2 to consider approval of a variance from engineering standard VI.A.I.b of the Van Buren Township Engineering Standards Manual to allow construction of a stormwater detention basin that has a permanent pool of stormwater that is less than 4' deep due to a conflict of interest. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve a variance from engineering standard VI.A.I.b of the Van Buren Township Engineering Standards Manual to allow construction of a stormwater detention basin that has a permanent pool of stormwater that is less than 4' deep. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2022-20: to approve the Van Buren Township 2022 Sumpter Road Corridor Plan, which is an amendment to the Van Buren Township 2020 Master Plan. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve the selection of Stanwade Metal Products Inc. to purchase an 8,000-gallon split fuel tank for a cost of \$56,595.28 to be expensed from Building and Grounds Capital Outlay Account (101-265-970-000). Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the selection of Erie Construction LLC for the VBT Iron Belle Trail Section H Project, in addition to project engineering costs for a total project construction budget of \$367,440 and to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-06-22(1) to create the Sumpter Road Mixed Use (SRMU) zoning district and Sumpter Road Overlay District (SROD) and related zoning ordinance amendments. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Frazier seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-06-22(2) regarding identifying gasoline service and filling stations as special land uses. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve the contract modification with the Michigan Department of Transportation in the amount of \$58,989.70 from line item 592-536-970-001 for the Denton Road water main project. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve to amend the 2022 Amended Budget account number 592-536-970-000 from \$36,993 to \$47,000 and approve the purchase of a Ford F-150 from Atchinson Ford at a cost of \$46,819.44. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: The April 2022, May 2022 and June 2022 financial reports were accepted as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Wright moved; Martin seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Published: September 15, 2022

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Belleville City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

The purpose of the public hearing is for public input on an amendment to Ordinance # 00-002, which would prohibit the possession of tobacco products by persons under 21 years of age, and prohibit those under 18 years of age from repeatedly being absent from school.

The Public Hearing will take place at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

**Briana Hootman
City Clerk**

Publish: September 15, 2022



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Candidate Meet and Greet
Thursday, September 22, at 7 pm
Wayne County Fairgrounds
10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township

Invited guests include:
Congresswoman Debbie Dingell
State Senate Candidate Darrin Camilleri
State Representative Candidates
Reggie Miller and Alex Garza
Wayne County Exec. Warren Evans
Sheriff Raphael Washington
Wayne County Commissioner Al Haidous
Sumpter Township Treasurer candidate
Sheena Barnes
Michigan Supreme Court and Wayne
County Circuit Court candidates
Light refreshments will be provided.

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The Southwestern Wayne [County]
Democratic Club

Applications ready for annual Harvest Fest Scarecrow Contest

Applications are now available and must be filled out and received by Wednesday, Sept. 28, at Belleville City Hall in order for applicants to compete in the annual Scarecrow Contest, put on by Belleville Parks and Recreation.

Judging will take place during Harvest Fest on Oct. 8 and winners will be announced at the Belleville City Council meeting on Oct. 17. Categories for the judging are Families / Individuals, Youth Groups / Organizations, Adult Groups / Organizations, and Businesses.

To enter, fill out an application and get it to city hall by the deadline, with a \$50 deposit check for the scarecrow frame they will loan you. The check will be refunded upon return of the city frame.

Scarecrows must be delivered to city hall no later than Sept. 30 for display placement along Main Street by the Scarecrow Contest Committee. Scarecrows must remain on display until Nov. 1.

Applications are available at City Hall, the *Independent*, and at bellevilleonthelake.com/DDA.

City taking applications for veterans' banners for downtown display

Applications are now available to have a picture and name of your special military veteran put on a banner that will be hung from a lightpole in downtown Belleville, and fly there from Nov. 1 through Jan. 31.

Deadline to apply for the banners was Sept. 15, but that has been extended until Sept. 21.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt said

applications are on the city website (at Departments then click Clerk/Treasurer), on Facebook 48111, at City Hall, 6 Main St. and at the *Independent*.

Voigt said applicants should fill out the form and bring it in to City Hall with a high-resolution picture, and \$35. He said there are banners available for the first 75 applicants.

Positive COVID tests total 10,712 for residents in 48111 zip code

The Wayne County Health Department announced that as of Monday, Sept. 12, positive COVID test results have totaled 10,712 for the population in the 48111 zip code. That number had been 10,639 on Monday, Sept. 5.

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

On Monday, Sept. 12, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township,

7,413 positive cases and 91 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,157 positive cases and 14 deaths; and Sumpter Township 2,142 positive cases and 33 deaths.

Correction: Free flags are at 48 S. Biggs St.

In the editorial on page 4 of the Sept. 8 *Independent*, the address as the place to pick up free American flags was misstated. It should be 48 S. Biggs St. in the city of Belleville. We regret the error.

Rosemary Otzman, editor

WANTED

Documents/Emails or information, that will help attorneys suing **VISTEON** Corporation on behalf of Van Buren Twp, MI, which sold bonds to help Visteon Corp. build its corporate headquarters in the Township. Visteon declared bankruptcy and now refuses to help Van Buren Twp. pay off the bonds as promised. Who or what committee decided Visteon would not pay Van Buren Twp. as promised? Documents from 2008 to present are especially desired.

Information and/or documents showing Visteon originally intended to keep its promise to help Van Buren Twp. pay off the bonds; or other information related to Visteon's treatment of Van Buren Twp. is needed.

Mail documents to Attorney J. Douglas Peters PLLC at 418 Main St., Belleville, MI 48111 or Call Mr. Peters at 734-725-9056.

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 306 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 4:

0056 – mental subject, Belmont Dr.
0210 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0348 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0552 – domestic, Denton Rd.
0803 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0957 – property damage accident, Independence Ln. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1144 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1325 – suspicious person/vehicle, WB Michigan Ave./bypass
1331 – family trouble, Martz Rd.
1401 – malicious destruction of property, Martz
1406 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1445 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1604 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1831 – parking complaint, Tavistock Dr.
1950 – family trouble, Barnwell Dr.
2056 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2112 – property check, Belleville Rd.

Monday, Sept. 5:

0211 – found property/child, Huron River Dr.
0326 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0821 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0911 – traffic offense, Sadie Ln./Anna Dr.
0931 – 911 welfare check, Cedarhurst Dr.
1031 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1055 – 911 welfare check, Maurice Dr.
1156 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.
1201 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1243 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1449 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1611 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1648 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
1903 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2023 – fireworks, Cape Condos
2034 – 911 welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.
2110 – civil matter, Ash Dr.
2121 – neighbor trouble, Van Born
2127 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2127 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2324 – assist fire dept., Anna Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 6:

0033 – domestic, Hamilton St.
0036 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0511 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River
0612 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0753 – family trouble, Mott
0901 – traffic offense, Beacon Trl.
0926 – abandoned auto, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0945 – missing person, Jeremy Rd.
1032 – threat, Sadie Ln.
1050 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1122 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
1246 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1342 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr.
1432 – vehicle lockout, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1433 – kidnapping, Denton Rd.
1555 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1645 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1828 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94
1839 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
1849 – fraud, Martz Rd.
1949 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren St.
2005 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
2020 – 911 welfare check, Greenbriar Dr.
2101 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.
2157 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
2218 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2334 – 911 welfare check, Belmont Dr.
2353 – civil matter, Bak Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 6:

0120 – missing person, Ayres Ave.
0135 – breaking & entering, Martz Rd.
0141 – assist other dept., Lenmoore Ave.
0158 – 911 welfare check, Belmont Dr.
0420 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0622 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
0654 – private property/property damage accident,

Westlake Cir.

0729 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
0811 – warrant arrest, W. Huron River Dr.
0823 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0838 – civil matter, Bak Rd.
0949 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1009 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1156 – fraud, S. Sadie Ln.
1255 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1339 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1403 – retail fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1418 – fraud, Pebblebrook Dr.
1548 – assist citizen, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1616 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1631 – juvenile complaint, Andover Dr.
1633 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1714 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1803 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1816 – traffic offense, Bak Rd.
1845 – welfare check, Ayres Ave.
1906 – assist other dept., Redwood Dr.
1906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1941 – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Ct.
2017 – assault & battery, Tyler Rd.
2024 – warrant arrest, S. Ponderosa Trl./W. Cherry
2059 – 911 welfare check, Jeremy Rd.
2116 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.
2249 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94

Belleville ramp

2256 – neighbor trouble, Harmony Ln.
2325 – larceny from auto, McBride Ave.
2344 – assist citizen, Denton Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 8:

0036 – larceny from auto, Buchanan St.
0152 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
0244 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0344 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

0836 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
0906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
0929 – malicious destruction, Redwood Dr.
0944 – found property/child, Arthur St.
1008 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1024 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1037 – suspicious person/vehicle, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville Rd.
1100 – fraud, Stamford Rd.
1120 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1136 – animal complaint, Riggs Rd.
1207 – vehicle lockout, Tyler Rd.
1245 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1322 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.
1335 – disorderly, Oak Ln.
1429 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1457 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1637 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / E. I-94

1704 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1722 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1754 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1804 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1818 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1831 – found property/child, Buchanan St.
1843 – neighbor trouble, McBride Ave.
2003 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2026 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2141 – noise complaint, Mission Pointe
2318 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Friday, Sept. 9:

0146 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0512 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0605 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0713 – abandoned auto, Bemis Rd.
0741 – welfare check, Sawgrass Ct.
0912 – property damage accident, Harbour Pointe Ct.

1109 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1141 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Pointe Dr.
1223 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1233 – noise complaint, Crowley Ave.
1243 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1404 – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1405 – assist other dept., Ecorse/I-275
1423 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1506 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
1545 – neighbor trouble, Bentley Dr.
1626 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.
1631 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Venetian Ave.

1643 – property damage accident, McKinley St.
1705 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1759 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1916 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1921 – larceny, Truman
2035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
2232 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Purple Sage Ct. / Sage Cir.
2231 – family trouble, Winchester St.
2237 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2250 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
2316 – threat, Belleville Rd.
2335 – 911 welfare check, McKinley St.

Saturday, Sept. 10:

0003 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor
0005 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0051 – assist other dept., Senate St.
0100 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
0104 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
0208 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
0244 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
0309 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tallgrass Ct.
0901 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1026 – 911 welfare check, Renton Rd.

1126 – malicious destruction of property, Westlake Cir.
1127 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr. / Wildbrook Dr.

1226 – property damage accident, Tyler/Walden
1244 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arcadia
1303 – weapons violation, Parkwood Dr.
1313 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1316 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1402 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1529 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1606 – parking complaint, S. Timberview Dr.
1633 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
1702 – malicious destruction of property, Peachtree Ln.

1754 – disorderly, Bradley Dr.
1815 – malicious destruction, Belleville Rd.
1923 – traffic offense, Cross St.
1930 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1950 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
2141 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.
2159 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2154 – breaking & entering, W. Archwood Dr.
2251 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
2329 – assist other dept., Congress St.

Also on this week's log are 86 traffic stops, ten of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 4:

0232 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
1456 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bell Cove Ct.
1628 – fraud, Sumpter Rd.
1903 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
2100 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./S. Liberty
2120 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
2354 – fight, Main St.

Monday, Sept. 5:

0535 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
1226 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1519 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1735 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont

Tuesday, Sept. 6:

1113 – family trouble, W. Columbia Ave.
1218 – private property impound, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter Rd.
1441 – civil matter, Anaheim St.
1722 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1751 – private property impound, South St.
2214 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour Pointe Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 7:

0201 – assist other dept., Belmont Dr.
0718 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Carmell
1046 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
1937 – assist other dept., E. Columbia Ave.
2323 – 911 welfare check, Harbour Pointe Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 8:

0021 – family trouble, Bedell St.
0129 – family trouble, Bedell St.
1511 – larceny, Main St.
2028 – traffic stop, South St./Wabash Ave.

2214 – traffic stop, Main St./third St.

Friday, Sept. 9:

1037 – malicious destruction of property, Menlo Park Dr.
1545 – property check, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1713 – follow up by officer, Belle Villa Blvd.
1751 – traffic stop, Spencer St./Sumpter Rd.
1824 – welfare check, Robbe St.
2002 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 10:

0012 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0054 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Potter Dr.
0106 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
0715 – property check, High St.
0719 – property check, Denton Rd.
0801 – property check, Henry St.
1353 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.
1540 – misc. complaint, Main St.
1722 – traffic stop, South St.
1737 – traffic stop, South St./Sumpter Rd.
1758 – traffic stop, South St./E. Davis St.
2139 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park
There were 17 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 4:

1025 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1124 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire Rd.
1250 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.
1337 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1752 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2124 – animal bite, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2322 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Crandell Ct.

Monday, Sept. 5:

0239 – civil matter, Magnolia St.
0454 – noise complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
0610 – traffic complaint/hazard, Karr Rd./Wear
1116 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1143 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
1254 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1559 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1737 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1739 – animal bite, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2224 – suspicious circumstance, Stonecrest Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 6:

0021 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd
0732 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0732 – traffic complaint/hazard, 40000 bl. Wear
0852 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Judd
0938 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sherwood
0943 – lost/missing juvenile, Knollwood Dr.
1229 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1313 – citizen assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1332 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1537 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
2117 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2344 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Judd

Wednesday, Sept. 7:

0754 – fire dept. assist, Country Club Blvd.
0831 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0958 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1410 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1421 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1849 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2139 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2313 – suspicious circumstance, Delaware St.
2317 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
2338 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Fenster

Thursday, Sept. 8:

0252 – suspicious person, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1136 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1307 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Haggerty
1345 – suspicious circumstance, Elwell/Arkona
1638 – suspicious circumstance, Utah St.
1742 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1811 – warrant arrest, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1907 – 911 hang up, Birch Dr.
1911 – 911 hang up, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis
1948 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Friday, Sept. 9:

0053 – harassment complaint, Edgewood Dr.
0512 – warrant arrest, Huron Twp. PD
0730 – animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
0851 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1050 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.
1107 – public relation, Washington St.
1231 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Elwell Rd.

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NEW DATES:

1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month

Starting Tuesday, Sept. 20

(Pantry will take place on Sept. 6 & Sept. 13 at Township Hall)

Vehicle Line-Up will start at 1 PM

No early line-up or exiting of vehicles will be allowed.

Van Buren Senior Center **734-699-8918**



Photo courtesy of Richard Smith

Egan's Pub on Main Street in Belleville was removing siding recently and exposed the early history of their building. This photo was taken Aug. 29.

Belleville Rotary Club to work at clean-up of Fireworks Island on Sat.

Rotary Club members from District 6400, which spans from Wayne and Lenawee counties in Michigan to Windsor and Essex counties in Ontario, will participate in a Day of Service throughout the region this Saturday, Sept. 17.

Projects on Sept. 17 will include food banks and birthday boxes, clothing and book drives, garden and park cleanups, community picnics and events, and fundraising bike rides, runs, and golf tournaments.

The Belleville Rotary Club will be performing cleanup at Fireworks Island in Belleville Lake.

The 1,500 members in the district's 52 clubs have long supported their communities through a range of service projects. On the Day of Service, clubs will work on projects simultaneously to illustrate to themselves and to their communities their far-reaching impact.

"The clubs in our district do a terrific job of taking our motto of *Service Above Self* to heart," said District 6400 Governor Traci Sincok. "Sometimes we get so involved in our own projects, though, that we forget to see the big picture. By coordinating some of the projects to take place in one 24-hour period, we can step back and see just how big the impact of our entire district is."

Rotary members throughout the world take action to make communities better, she said. They contribute their time, energy, and passion to carry out meaningful and sustainable projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, help mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies.

Rotary's top priority is the global eradication of polio. Rotary launched its polio immunization program, PolioPlus, in 1985 and in 1988 became a leading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative.

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1250 – citizen assist, Hampshire Dr.
1432 – public relation, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1502 – public relations, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1509 – public relations, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1538 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1638 – suspicious circumstance, Martha's Ln. / Bemis Rd.
1736 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1738 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1849 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
2152 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.
2257 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 10:
0056 – fleeing & eluding police, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.

0146 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
0305 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0928 – mental health call, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1044 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1225 – follow-up investigation, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1301 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1329 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
1558 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1649 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1719 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1750 – traffic complaint/hazard, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1840 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1939 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
2130 – assist other agency, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
2236 – follow-up investigation, Sumpter Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
2343 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood Dr.

Also on this week's log are 128 patrol checks, 35 traffic stops, and 18 misc. details.

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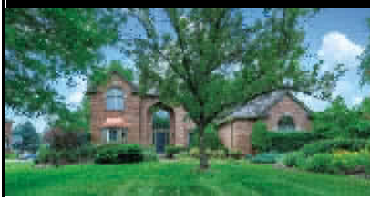
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