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School board hears complaints about students' safety

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

At Monday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, two parents and one grandparent addressed the board one by one on their students' being unsafe under the district's care.

David Shall said he takes his 10-year-old daughter to the bus stop at Belleville Road and Harmony Lane, which he said is very dangerous. He said his daughter almost got run over that morning.

He said a teacher from Bethany passed his truck and when she saw the bus was trying to turn in, backed up as his daughter was crossing the street to get to the bus. He said he jumped out of his truck and smacked the car to alert the driver or his daughter would have been run over.

"It's unsafe and we've been treated as though this is an inconvenience," he said, noting that officials from the transportation department said they will be there on Tuesday. "I'm going to be there on Tuesday because they will be there," he said. He said otherwise, he would be gone.

Kristine Hickman lives in West Willow and her 10-year-old son was chased home by seven kids after getting off the bus. She said he also has been bullied on the bus and she complained about it. Finally, the bus driver said her son could sit in the front seat, but then one day when he got on the bus to go home, the driver made him sit in the back of the bus next to one of the bullies and gave the front seat to the driver's daughter.

She said she believed it was because she is white, her son is black and the girl who got the seat is white. She said her son took a toy gun to school one day because he was afraid and got expelled and suspended. She said he was bullied on the bus for three straight years and called "nigger" and

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Chris Donley, center, of Van Buren Township was surprised on Monday in front of the library at the Farmer's Market when a group of Sewing Rosies presented him with a special quilt to mark his service to the community by organizing some 80 people who sewed cloth masks at the beginning of the pandemic. He carried thousands of masks to clinics and other facilities that needed them. Showing their Rosie the Riveter pose are, from left, Tracey Donley, Geof Bush, Cheryl Parent, City Councilwoman Amy Henry, Donley, Lori Day, unknown, and Janet Campbell. Holding his end of the quilt behind Campbell is Donley's son. The masks fulfilled a need and he was the facilitator, he said. In a letter to the editor in April 2020, Donley said, they could "get these valuable items to our fighting nurses, just like the Rosies did in WW2!"

VBT board approves revised consent judgment on subdivision

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved a revised consent judgment to allow revised architectural requirements for the Townsend Park Planned Residential

Development at the corner of Ecorse and Morton Taylor roads.

This was at its regular meeting on Sept. 20. Present for the agenda item were township attorney Dave Greco, Infinity Acquisitions representative Rino Soave, and Director of Planning and Economic Development Dan Power, who explained.

Director Power said initially in 2006, the PRD for Victoria Park was approved with 160 lots on 60 acres. It was to be completed in two phases and one phase of attached single-family housing units. In 2012 the PRD expired and Blue Victoria sued the

township and the 2014 consent judgment was approved by both sides without testimony so the development could restart construction.

In 2020 Infinity Homes became the successor to Blue Victoria as developer and became responsible for the construction of all 67 detached single-family home sites in the second phase of the project, now named Townsend Park.

Power said in lieu of requiring a minimum of 30% of the 160 detached single family homes in Townsend Park to have side or

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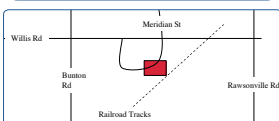
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Huron River Watershed Council discusses algae bloom on Belleville Lake

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the Sept. 20 presentation by the Huron River Watershed Council at the Belleville Area District Library, those present were asked what they cared about the most concerning the Huron River and its impoundment of Belleville Lake.

The meeting was jointly sponsored by the Belleville Rotary Club and the library. A second meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Oct. 18, at the library to discuss plastics pollution, which is considered an environmental catastrophe. Al Hodge of Hodge Plastics Group LLC will speak and the public is invited.

At the Sept. 20 meeting, a resident said he was most concerned about the water quality. He said the algae levels in Belleville and Ford lakes really limit the recreational use of the lakes. He also said the lotus plants in the shallow areas has increased tenfold this year in Belleville Lake and there is a lot in the shallow water which has limited numerous people from using the lake.

Ric Lawson of the Huron River Watershed Council said there have been algae blooms this summer.

The resident said the blooms come in August when it is hot and it looks like pea soup. A few days later, it is better.

Lawson said some are harmful algae blooms which release toxic levels. He said if you affect the phosphorus in the lake, you affect the algae blooms, but it is more complicated than that, he said.

He said in 2008, the HRWC looked at use of phosphorus along the river and started a program to educate people about phosphorus use on their yards. He said most soils in the watershed have enough phosphorus to grow without adding it.

He said they got statewide ban on residential fertilizer, but enforcement is non-existent. He said, however, it has had an impact.

Doug Peters of Van Buren Township said 30% of the people on Belleville Lake are tied up to septic systems. He said a lot of communities have sewer systems, but people don't tie in. He asked if there is money to cover helping people tie in and Lawson said there was.

"Van Buren Township could go out to them and offer to help," he said.

"It is a little complicated," Lawson said, adding the red tape is unusually burdensome in this state.

Peters said Belleville and Van Buren Township could do this and Lawson repeated, "There is money to pay for this."

Lawson said there is money to help pay for rain gardens specifically for the city of Belleville. He said when they came to the library for the meeting, he saw that the library had a rain garden and a bioswale and he was very pleased.

"Just having native plants instead of grass, trees even, with deep roots has an impact on the river," Lawson said, they have a goal of adding 1,200 rain gardens.

He said the new grant program will help with rain gardens. He said simply it is a

depression you create and water is captured in the depression and there is a process to follow. Water is filtered by the soil.

He said the watershed council is starting a Master Rain Gardener course on Feb. 23 and it runs five weeks. Some of it is virtual and some is visits to rain gardens to see them in person and there may be a site in Belleville. There is some grant funding available and, "We can come to your house to find the best place for one," he said.

A woman said Dexter and Chelsea passed laws on putting chemicals on the grass to protect the bee population.

Lawson said the HWRC has no position on that that he knows of.

He said they are in favor of replacing turf grass or letting it grow out. He said they worked with Scotts and lawn service people on cutting back on phosphorus and they felt they could make that transition. He said at the time the cost of phosphorus had doubled in price.

John Juriga of Belleville asked who owns the water in the lake. He said the city said the water is owned by the state and people can't use it, but he waters his grass with lake water and others do, too. Fire departments use the water on fires, too.

Lawson laughed and said this is true, but people can extract water for lawns and gardens because that use is so small. He said there are some extremes however.

"Be careful about using it in gardens or on pets because of PFAs," he said, referring to toxic per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.

Juriga asked about the presence of zebra mussels in the lake and Lawson said that was a cycle and he's not really sure of an answer. He said they are still all around Southeastern Michigan and probably won't ever be completely gone.

Peters said some fish go upstream to spawn and asked if dams impede this. Lawson replied that some dams do impede it and some fish jump the dam.

Keith Bruder of Willis said French Landing Dam used to have a fish ladder, but he's not sure if it is still in place.

"Homeowners buy too much fertilizer and have it left over and rather than store it they put it on ... thinking more is better," Bruder said, adding farmers don't do that because it is too costly.

Lawson said the HRWC gave an incentive to farmers with a program that used less fertilizer when fertilizer suppliers said you have to apply more.

"We proved it can be more profitable for the farmers," Lawson said, adding that was beside the \$35,000 each for two years from HRWC. And, he said, "We kept a ton of phosphorus out of Belleville and Ford lakes."

Joyce Rochowiak of Van Buren Township said most farmers are planting and not fertilizing to save money.

Lawson said most of the fertilizer is being used for corn, which is the highest-paying cash crop.

Lawson had talked about taking out the Mill Creek dam a few years ago, which was

the largest they removed. A resident asked if they were planning to take out any other dams. Lawson said the Ypsilanti City Council approved removing the paper mill dam in Ypsilanti so there are prospects for its removal.

Deb Green of Van Buren Township said there was a problem with a dam removal up north and people suffered because, "it has a lot of moving parts."

She referred to the three dams on the Boardman River that originates in Kalkaska and flows 28.2 miles through forests, meadows and towns before emptying into Grand Traverse Bay in Traverse City. The river's watershed drains 295 square miles, including 36 miles designed as "Blue Ribbon" trout habitat.

In 2004 hydropower generation on three of the dams – Brown Bridge, Boardman, and Sabin – was discontinued and after four years of negotiations Traverse City and Traverse County agreed to move forward to remove Brown Bridge Dam, Boardman Dam, and Sabin Dam and to modify Union Street Dam with a new fish ladder. They started with Brown Bridge and the river flooded many downstream residences.

Lawson said he fishes the Boardman River and, "They're recovering."

Earlier in the session Lawson spoke of stormwater control and protecting land around the river, which also protects species of wildlife.

He said the Huron has been a working river since very early in the state's history, with it being used for power or mills. He said a lot of industry was sited along rivers throughout the Midwest.

"That introduced a lot of things we don't really want," he said, adding some were dammed up like in Belleville Lake. He said the rivers would change color depending on the processes being used in the plants along its banks.

He called dams a major threat to the river's water. He said there are 98 dams along the Huron River, clarifying that 13 were on the main stream and the rest in tributaries.

Peters asked if they have a list of dams they'd like to "de-dam" and Lawson said they do have a list of priorities.

Peters asked if the dams on Ford and Belleville lakes are on the list and Lawson said they were not currently on the list. He said they are power-making dams and water used by recreation by the community. Also, he said the dams are in pretty-good shape.

"If we stopped making electricity, would that affect your plan?" Peters asked and Lawson said it could. Lawson said they show the municipalities both sides.

A resident asked if Peninsula Paper Mill Dam removal would affect Ford Lake dam and Lawson said now that dam is a "run of the river" dam and goes in and comes out the same.

Lawson also spoke about non-point and point-source pollution, such as from pipes.

He said Tribar Manufacturing has been a major source of PFAS and recently the

hexavalent chromium closed use of the river.

He said PFAS caused the fish consumption advisory all along the river with people warned not to eat the fish. A resident said hexavalent chromium causes cancer and Lawson said they are not able to detect the chemical in the river water and apparently it was caught by the filters and the wastewater treatment plant.

Peters asked if it would sink into the sediments and Lawson said it's metal so it sinks and it was found in sediment near the source.

Peters asked why Tribar did that and Lawson said the PFAS was when old storage got flushed and it was mistakenly released and it was the manufacturer's fault.

The hexavalent chromium was intentionally released by a disgruntled employee who went into the plant on the weekend when it was not running and criminal prosecution is under way.

Peters asked if MDEQ is a friend or foe and Lawson replied that the MDEQ is investigating, along with the FBI and city and local officials on how to prevent an employee from doing that in the future.

Lawson said they are blessed to have the Metroparks along the Huron River system, as well as local partners with good ordinances and rules to prohibit certain things from being used.

He said the late Dave Wilson of Van Buren Township is responsible for the coal tar ordinance and Van Buren Township was the first to have it, thanks to Dr. Wilson. He said now 19 communities in Michigan and 17 states also have the ordinance.

At the beginning of his presentation, Lawson explained that the HRWC was founded in 1965 and is the oldest watershed council in Michigan. It works to protect the watershed, which is all the land that drains into the Huron River. He said there is a staff of 15 professionals and more than 1,000 individuals and organizations that are members and more than 500 volunteers. There are 63 local governments and 653,000 people in the watershed.

He said Ford and Belleville lakes are the largest impoundments on the Huron River. He said they don't have any board representatives from the city of Belleville or Van Buren Township, although in the past they did.

He said they do bug hunts and winter stonefly count to judge the health of the water.

And, 125 miles are considered the Huron River Water Trail and now signs are being put up along the river system to announce where boaters can get out of the river. This is for canoes and kayaks. It got National Water Trail designation in 2016, he said.

He introduced HRWC Program Planner Andrea Paine who holds Bachelor and Master's degrees in environmental policy and planning from the University of Michigan.

Lawson is HRWC Watershed Planner and holds joint Masters' Degrees in Environmental Management and Public Policy at Duke University.

Lawson asked the public to contact them with any questions at: rlawson@hrwc.org or apaine@hrwc.org.

OPINIONS

Editorial

BHS' long hallway not safe for public

During the All-Class Alumni Reunion on Sept. 17, an elderly man dropped off two elderly women at the front door to Belleville High School. The women were both on walkers and they headed down the long hallway.

The man parked the car and then decided to use one of the wheelchairs that had been put at the entrance for those needing help. He said he didn't lock the wheels before trying to fit into the seat and it slid out from under him and he fell backward, hitting his head on the tile.

Linda Clayton told the school board on Monday that a member of the National Honor Society, Josh Rigor, had been posted in the hallway at the entrance and he alerted the reunion committee that someone had fallen and was bleeding. She said Josh took over calling 911 and talking to dispatch to get the ambulance to the right address and location at the high school. She praised his work.

The problem is that hallway that is so long to reach the Commons where public events take place, including Monday's school board meeting. Millie Baker, age 96, walked it on Monday and it wasn't easy. We recall the late Jane Kovach who regularly addressed the school board and used a cane to walk slowly to the board meeting down that long hall to tell them that Wayne County RESA was wasting too much money.

The side door, which is closer to the parking lot and kept locked should be opened and used for the board meetings and the public events, not that awful long hallway. It's dangerous.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

The Democratic Club had a meet and greet for candidates last week and advertised it as "Everybody welcome." They really didn't invite Republicans, but one came and asked questions at the end of the meeting that were unwelcome to some. He asked two candidates for judge what they were doing there because he thought judges were nonpartisan. They said they went to Republican meetings, too, but he said they could not name any locations. Kind of enlivened the meeting, I'm told.

I received an email message from someone who lives in the city of Belleville who is concerned about her absentee ballot: "Hi! How can we citizens/voters be certain that our Absentee Voters Ballots are actually counted as voted? Why am I concerned and suspicious of fraud? On two separate occasions within this last year my outgoing mail has been forwarded to Detroit -- rather than directly to the local addressee. WHY?"

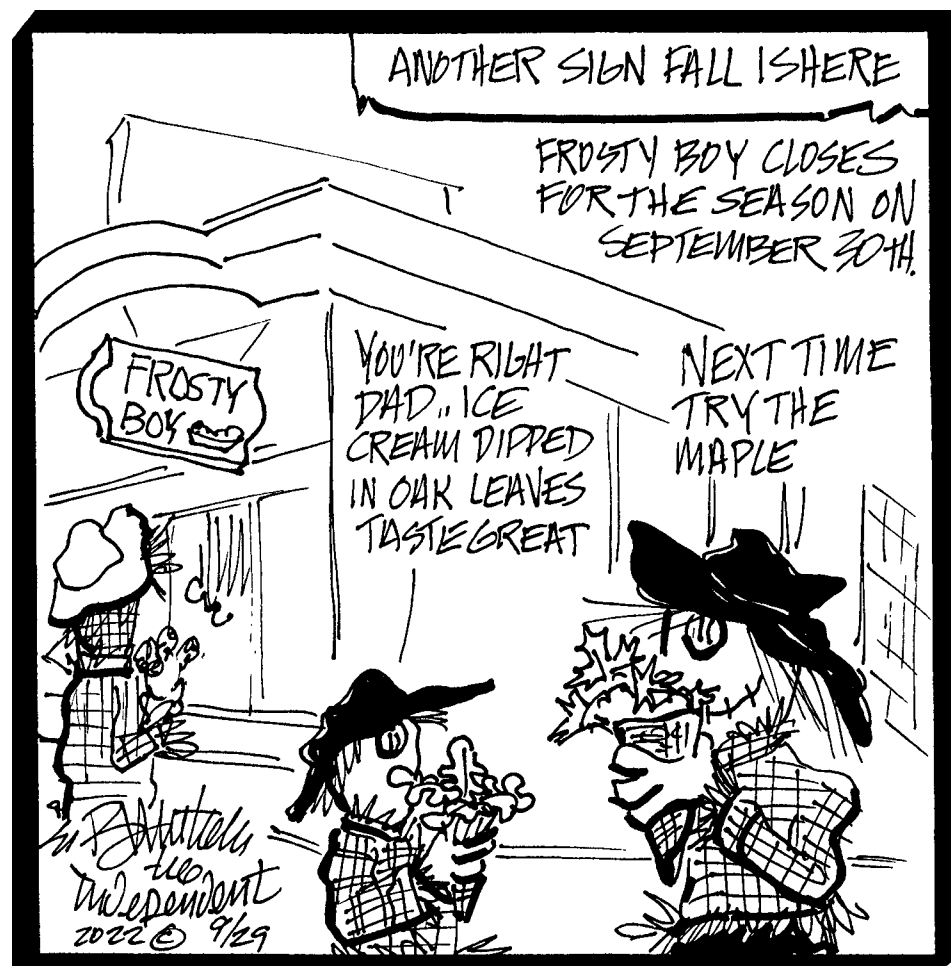
The writer, who is in her 90s, said she had to cancel/stop payment on a check she sent on Sept. 14 for \$60 addressed to Postmaster, Belleville, MI. She said she used the order form and pre-addressed envelope they sent her upon her request.

She said the post office finally admitted that her carrier must have wrongly sent the order to Detroit.

That's why she's so worried about her vote, which she must send by mail.

Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education president Amy Pearce at Monday's board meeting was saying how wonderful the Belleville High School Band

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Review was last week. There were seven bands besides BHS Marching Band, which has hundreds of members. She told about the Garden City marching band that had just 18 students in the band.

She said the Garden City band was cheered on by the crowd during their performance and after they got off the field they were under the bleachers hugging each other and crying in happiness. She said their director told her that they had never felt so accepted and celebrated.

After the school board had adjourned on Monday to go into closed-door session to consider reinstating a student who had been expelled, Reg Ion stood to speak out loudly to the board. He said he was voting no against their bond. He said what he heard that evening about the way students had been treated by the district emphasizes why he always votes no on what they want.

The quilters who were a part of the Sewing Rosies for the pandemic told me they sent seven quilts to the family of seven that was burned out of their 13170 Lenmoore Rd. home recently.

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dave McNally said Fire Prevention Week is a good time to talk about how important smoke detectors are. He said the father in the house was awakened at 1:30 a.m. about three weeks ago by a smoke detector and was able to get his wife, three children, and

two nephews out of the house in time.


Chief McNally said the fire was smoldering out of the attic for a long time in the garage/breezeway area, but the smoke didn't get inside the house where the smoke detector was until later. The family's surveillance cameras recorded the whole story and that was shown on Channel 4 News with father Tony Burge's detailed story of the fire. The insurance investigator has not been out to the house as yet to determine the cause, Chief McNally said.

The house was insured, but not the contents, but people in the community have donated clothes and have been very supportive, Chief McNally said.

Chief McNally said the smoke detector made all the difference and in his many years working in fire protection he has seen that over and over again. Of course, he urges everyone to make sure they have a working smoke detector.

The Van Buren Education Foundation Sunset Celebration is Casino Night on Saturday, Oct. 8, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale now at <https://bit.ly/ybpsefsunset22>. A single ticket is \$100. Dinner, drinks, dancing, and casino tables for entertainment only at The Garage at Angel Food, 44850 N. I-94 Service Dr.





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Letters

Transparency, long-term liability in Wayne Co.

To the editor:

The agenda for the Sept. 13 Sumpter Township board meeting had a topic for discussion of ARPA funds. ARPA funds or known as the "American Rescue Plan Act" were supposed to be used to help "rescue" small municipalities due to COVID-related cash flow issues. Most of the time these have been nothing more than elaborate ways for the local governments to pay back their buddies that helped get them into office.

These funds have been a financial drain on the United States because it's all printed money at this point due to our enormous deficit. One would think that these funds might cover infrastructure improvement. Well, that is not the case unfortunately. These funds are only being designated for recreational projects such as a park or a giant sidewalk.

Another interesting fact is that these ARPA funds have strings attached. These strings include that the township must match 50% of the total funds allotted for any project.

Meaning it will force Sumpter Township to spend money on something that is not infrastructure related, which will create a future liability for the township in terms of upkeep and risk (like the fairgrounds currently).

I think it is important to mention at this point that Wayne County is roughly 7.5 billion dollars in debt. Don't believe me? Go to page 100 of the budget on the Wayne County Commissioner's website and look at the net direct total overlapping debt as of Sept. 30, 2021.

Next time when you ask why the county doesn't do this or that, it is because they can't, we're flat broke thanks to the career politicians that have sat on the commission for years. While our local leaders are figuring out what bathroom stall to name after each other (thank you, Randall) our local Commissioner is coaching the Sumpter Board of Trustees to spend money on something recreational that will come with a fee, something that the public at large will have to pay to even use. This was one of the other key strings that was attached to the ARPA funds. Most of the projects that have gotten the ARPA grant money was something that charged the public a fee to utilize. Nothing like stealing your money from you through compulsory taxes then using that money to publicly build something, and finally charging you money to use said recreational area after it's created. This sounds like the Sumpter Jail bond we have been paying on for a jail that still hasn't been built yet, basically something that will be milked until the end of time.

Then after this recreational project has been created out of thin air, (which won't be any kind of infrastructure improvement, that would make too much sense) we'll get to the bidding process of selecting a

contractor for this project created out of thin air. That won't be mired in any type of controversy like the recent fence debacle at the fairgrounds. Where the Sumpter Township Board selected a contract where the fencing quality was lower (scheduled 20 compared to scheduled 40) and at a higher price. Also, just to be clear the higher price was not a couple of dollars it was just shy of thirty-thousand dollar higher when comparing on all the bids. This is a ridiculous amount of money which why we need more transparency in our local contract-bidding process. It makes no sense why this is the direction our local board of trustees have decided to take us.

Where I came from (Missouri) Republicans were known to be fiscally responsible, well I'm not seeing it out of these guys. I'm not saying this to put down any Democrats that maybe reading this, I'm trying to point out the stupidity of our current political system. If you go back to how the Republicans on this current board were elected, it was based on fiscal responsibility and "ending nepotism". I think what is going on here is just the opposite of that, in fact I'm running under the Republican name so that I counter the current lifelong politician occupying the district 11 commissioner seat.

Our local township and county representatives should be concerned with solving issues, such as the power going out every time there is a storm, Wayne County's debt problem, inflation, or supply chain issues. All these issues are made worse by this frivolously spending on projects dreamed up out of thin air. We deserve better.

Corey Blue, Sumpter Township resident and candidate for Wayne County District 11 Commissioner

The Golden Boy was my go-to restaurant

To the editor:

Regarding the photo on page 19 in the Sept. 15 issue: The Golden Boy was my go-to restaurant when I lived in Belleville. John and Thekla took good care of me. The restaurant closed in 1992.

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Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

To thank St. Jude.
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May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, keeper of the hopeless, pray for us.

My prayers were answered and I thank St. Jude.
C.P., Wayne, MI

Court Watching

Joseph Lawrence Broomfield

Joseph Lawrence Broomfield, 44, of Detroit, was charged with first-degree retail fraud for allegedly rolling a cart containing ten boxes of work boots out of the Meijer store in Van Buren Township on June 4. After a preliminary exam at 34th District Court, he was bound over to circuit court for a Sept. 21 arraignment on the information. A calendar conference has been set for Oct. 6.

Kevin Demarco Whitfield

Kevin Demarco Whitfield, 24, of Detroit was bound over to circuit court for a Sept. 21 arraignment on the information on charges of armed robbery and unlawful imprisonment on Sept. 14 at the Romulus Marriott Hotel. His arraignment on the information was rescheduled for Sept. 28.

Richard Louis Hollie

Richard Louis Hollie of Detroit had his probable cause conference Sept. 21 on a charge of retail fraud-first degree, a felony, on Sept. 4 in Van Buren Township. He posted bond of \$5,000/10%. His live preliminary exam was set for Oct. 12.

Tanee Shanell Collins

Tanee Shanell Collins of Van Buren Township was present for a remote pretrial on Sept. 21 on a charge of child abuse-fourth degree on July 4 in Van Buren Township. Her defense attorney Dan Bitar worked out a plea deal with the prosecutor where she would plead no contest to the charge and the charge would be deferred for nine months and if there were no further problems it would be dismissed. She is moving to Georgia and Judge Tina Brooks Green, who agreed to the plea, had no problem with her moving. A fine of \$500 was levied.

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Arlene Mae Bird

ARLENE MAE BIRD
(August 11, 1928 – September 22, 2022)
Arlene Mae Bird, Age 94, of Van Buren Township, MI passed away under hospice care at home on September 22, 2022, with her family by her side. She was born August 11, 1928, in Erie, Pennsylvania to Lloyd and Ruth (Lindholm) Titus. Arlene was a founding member of the First United Methodist Church in Belleville, MI. She worked as the Office Manager for 27 1/2 Years for the National School bus service for the Van Buren Public Schools. Arlene was a member of the Family Motor Coach Association and the Michigan Knights of the Highway, a motor coach group where she had many adventures traveling with her husband of 73 years. Arlene was very active, she loved working outside and gardening her flowers. She also loved watching Detroit Tiger baseball, Redwings Hockey, and U of M Football and cherished time spent with her family.

Arlene is survived by her children; Ray (Susanna) Bird of Chandler, AZ, Roger (Julie) Bird of Belleville, MI, Pamela (Michael) Fleming of Belleville, MI, Craig Bird of Ypsilanti, MI; grandchildren Kimberlee, Carey, Ryan, Kate, Angela, and Christopher. Also, numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and friends.

Arlene is preceded in death by her parents and her husband Ralph Alvin Bird on May 19, 2020. Visitation was 3 to 8 p.m. Sunday, September 25, 2022, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Funeral Service was at 11 a.m. Monday with a 10 a.m. visitation at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jim Walker officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice or the First United Methodist Church. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Cindy Irene Nicks

CINDY IRENE NICKS
(November 27, 1957 – September 21, 2022)
Cindy Irene Nicks, age 64, of Ypsilanti, MI passed away suddenly Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at her home, surrounded by family, following her husband's visitation. She was born November 27, 1957, in Wayne, MI, daughter of Edward Clayton & Gloria Ann (Clement) Dyal, Jr. She worked for General Motors for 28 years before she retired. She was a member of the U.A.W. Local #14. She enjoyed trips to the casinos, scratch-off lottery tickets, and playing Bingo. Cindy loved her family, her husband Kenneth, and spending time with her grandkids. Mrs. Nicks is survived by six children: Nicole Hoover of Colorado, Michael Hoover of Jackson, MI, Scott Hoover of Colorado, Casey (Erica) Nicks, and Brandon (Kelly) Nicks, both of Belleville, MI, and Shawn Nicks of Ypsilanti, MI; 18 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; a brother Dennis (Deborah) Dyal of Tennessee; a sister Connie Mowell of Texas; her cherished cats JoJo and Toby; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Dean Hoover, Jr., also a sister Linda Stanford-Ford, also her husband, Kenneth Ray Nicks three days before her on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

Visitation was Sunday, September 25, 2022, from 3-6 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500.
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Positive COVID tests total 10,867 for residents in 48111 zip code

The Wayne County Health Department announced that as of Monday, Sept. 26, positive COVID test results have totaled 10,867 for the population in the 48111 zip code. That number had been 10,796 on Monday, Sept. 19.

The number of deaths from COVID in the 48111 area grew to 142, up one since last week.

On Monday, Sept. 26, the separate case totals released by the Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 7,530 positive cases and 94 deaths; City of Belleville, 1,170 positive cases and 15 deaths; and Sumpter Township 2,167 positive cases and 33 deaths.

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Michael Scott Renaud

MICHAEL SCOTT RENAUD

(October 23, 1979 – September 21, 2022)

Michael Scott Renaud, age 42, resident of Canton, MI, and formerly of Westland, MI, passed away on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, after a long illness. Michael was born in Windsor, Ontario to Mike W. Renaud and Charlene M. (Soulliere) Renaud. He was a graduate of Lincoln High School, class of 1997. Michael was a lifeguard who taught water safety and was a fantastic swimming instructor. Michael also worked for Gaudior Academy as a fifth-grade paraprofessional. He later worked in the restaurant business. He loved drawing, and his favorite subjects to draw were cartoon superheroes. Michael was very proud of his Canadian heritage; this continued all his life. Michael became an American Citizen in 1997. He was well liked and made friends very easily. Michael was nicknamed "Orange" by his friends.

Michael is survived by his parents, Charlene and Mike Renaud of Belleville, MI; his grandmother Theresa Renaud of Canada; as well as many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews who all reside in Canada. He loved his adorable cat, Baby, who he also leaves behind. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, his beloved Pepe, Maurice Renaud and Mimi, Gladys Soulliere, grandfather Louis Soulliere, as well as his aunt, Cheryl (Baxter) Renaud. Dignified cremation rites have been accorded and the family will announce a celebration of life at a later date. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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• **Friday, Sept. 30** – Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, presents "The REAL Drag Queens of Bingo." Show starts at 7 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m. \$25 per ticket gets you six games of bingo and entertainment. A light meal and drinks can be purchased. Info at: (734) 941-3030. All proceeds benefit the Building Fund.

• **Sunday, Oct. 2** – Join the 35th-annual Life Chain event from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Main Street and Five Points in Belleville. The event is co-sponsored by LIFESPAN, Life Pointe Church (the former Belleville Church of God), and St. Anthony Catholic Church. Participants stand on the sidewalks with signs to support the protection of the preborn and their mothers.

• **Sunday, Oct. 2** – 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.

• **Monday, Oct. 3** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 5** – "State of the Community" from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at BYC, sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Hear local leaders say what's in store for the coming year. Register by Sept. 28. Tickets at <https://bit.ly/stateofcommunity2022>. Breakfast is by Angel Food Catering.

• **Saturday, Oct. 8** – Harvest Fest on Fourth Street Place in downtown Belleville from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A tractor parade will leave Willis Road at 11 a.m. and roll up Sumpter Road through Belleville turning on North Liberty Street at the bridge and heading east out Huron River Drive to

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• **Saturday, Oct. 8** – Van Buren Education Foundation is holding its annual Sunset Celebration at The Garage at Angel Food, 44850 N. I-94 Service Dr., Van Buren Township, to earn funds for grants to teachers and other education spending. The 2022 Casino Night features dinner, drinks, and dancing, beginning at 6 p.m. Casino tables are for entertainment only and are free and open to the public. Tickets for the evening, at \$100 each, are on sale at <https://bit.ly/vbpsefsunset22>.

• **Sunday, Oct. 9** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra performs at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti.

• **Monday, Oct. 10** – Belleville Farmer's Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 12** – Drive-through Carry-Out Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, from 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Cost is \$14 for carry-outs; cash or check only. Call ahead for faster service by 5 p.m., (734) 654-9020. Four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes, dinner-style biscuits & gravy, green beans, cole slaw, dinner roll, choice of pie.

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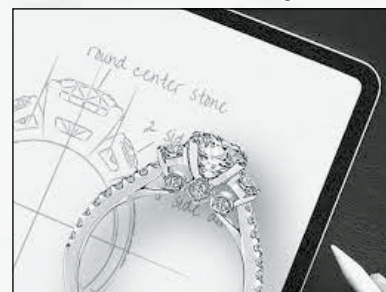
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• **Saturday, Oct. 1:** Varsity Volleyball hosting a tournament, 8 a.m.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 4:** Boys & Girls Cross Country vs. Livonia Franklin at Van Buren Park, 4 p.m.

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Court Watching

Amanda Lynn Barton

Amanda Lynn Barton of Monroe was due to be at 34th District Court on Sept. 21 for a probable cause conference, but she failed to appear, so a warrant was signed for her arrest by Judge Tina Brooks Green. Barton is charged with controlled substance – second or subsequent offense notice – double penalty, a felony, on Sept. 6, 2019 in Sumpter Township.

Andrew Enrique Tuomi-Galindez

Andrew Enrique Tuomi-Galindez, 25, of Canton, is charged with four counts of uttering & publishing on Nov. 18, 2020 in Sumpter Township. Charges were entered on May 24, 2022. His preliminary exam was set for Sept. 21 and he waived his exam. Judge Green bound him over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information on Oct. 5. He is free on \$5,000 personal bond and bond was continued.

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General Development Company, the general contractor, said it will begin construction in September with completion scheduled for September 2023.

"We are happy to be expanding our operations within the Detroit market," said Bill Kozek, CEO, CSM Companies.

"Not only will this allow us to service our existing customers with an additional location in the Detroit area, but this also provides others who may not have worked with us before a chance to try out our exceptional customer service and capabilities."

The expansion is part of CSM's mission to provide support to its valued customers with easily accessible facilities located nationwide for new and used truck sales, all-make parts sales, and world-class repair and maintenance service, the company said.

CSM Companies has five other locations throughout Michigan, including Clinton Township, Dearborn, Gaylord, Grand Rapids, and Saginaw.

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Companies' Kenworth dealerships to 23 total nationwide. CSM said the modern Detroit-area Kenworth dealership will feature more than 17,000 square feet of warehouse for parts inventory, 26 service bays, an additional three bays dedicated to Express Lane Triage, and a dedicated wash bay.

The property also will have more than 11 acres of parking area that allows ample parking for new and used truck sales, along with dedicated space for trailer parking. In addition, the facility will be fitted with infrastructure to support a number of green initiatives, such as EV charging stations, solar and thermal power, CSM said.

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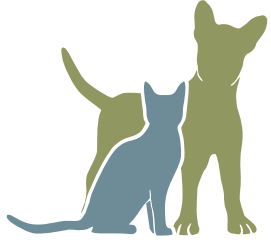
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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 3 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 4 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- Monday, Oct. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons.
- Tuesday, Oct. 11 – Sumpter Township board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 13 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 17 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 5 p.m. workshop, 6 p.m. regular meeting
- Wednesday, Oct. 19 – Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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Bayou Grill on Main Street has announced its entertainment lineup for October, starting with The Rick Hix Music Mix on Oct. 8 at 7 p.m., Friday Karaoke on Oct. 14 at 8 p.m., and The Smokey Grey Band on Oct. 22, beginning at 7 p.m. Be sure to see their ad in today's paper for daily specials and hours. Bring the ad in and save 10% off your bill.

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"A Pictorial History of Willow Run Airport" is the titled program at the Yankee Air Museum's Historic Presentation Night on Wednesday, Oct. 5 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Tom Livesey who will talk about how the airport served passengers and automotive cargo over the years. The cost is \$10 per person for non-members and free for museum members. Call (734) 483-4030.

The Belleville Tigers football team improved to 5-0 this season with a 56-7 victory over Dearborn Fordson on Sept. 23 at BHS. This week, the Tigers travel to Westland John Glenn on Friday, Sept. 30, beginning at 7 p.m. Go, Tigers!

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heard things said about his mother.

Hickman said she has removed her son from the school district and now he rides an hour and a half to get to school on a bus and two hours to get home.

"I live in West Willow, a rough neighborhood," she said, adding marijuana is plentiful there. She said her child was told by school officials to lay in a ball until an adult comes to rescue him. She said her children are terrified to go to school.

She said she was told to go deal with the parent and when she did a gun was pulled on her.

The next speaker on student safety was Reg Ion, whose grandson attends Belleville High School. School Board president Amy Pearson was insistent he fill out a card before he could speak and he did. She said it is the school board policy.

Ion said his heart hurt when he heard Hickman's story. He said his younger son went through some bullying at the high school, as well. But this is about his grandson, who is a freshman and got on the freshman football team.

Ion said last Friday his grandson came out of the gym and was putting a dollar in the pop machine to get a soda when another football player grabbed the dollar and handed it off to a third person who stuck it in his pocket. The student then grabbed at another dollar his grandson was ready to put in the machine and tore it in half. Then he tried to take his grandson's wallet and his grandson punched him.

Ion said his grandson got eight days suspension for defending his wallet. The other student, who was stealing the money, got eight days and the one who put the money in his pocket got nothing.

Ion said this is strong-arm robbery, a felony,

and students need to learn they are not above the law. The school should call the police, he said. He said he didn't know if the school resource officer was available. Someone needed to talk to the boys, he said, so they would learn that you can't take someone's wallet because if they aren't taught that they could try taking someone else's wallet and end up having a Go Fund Me page.

Ion said that's why the school needs metal detectors. He said when he and his wife were at the Farmer's Market last week, a kid who had just come from the school dropped a knife on the cement. He said the district isn't supposed to hide crimes.

Ion said he was head custodian of the old BHS for 28 years and the pop machine shouldn't be turned on between classes. He said last week only two custodians were available to clean the high school. He said the machine should be off when school is in session because they don't have custodians to clean up the spills that always occur. Then they couldn't have strong-armed robberies at the pop machine, he said.

"I talked to Mr. Ion about this today and I will talk with him intimately," said School Supt. Pete Kudlak.

Also at Monday's meeting, the board:

- Approved the resignations of teachers Erica Johnson of Owen after five years of service as of Sept. 29 and Kareen Dillard-Biggs of Belleville High School after one year of service as of Sept. 16;

- Approved the employment of Taylor Baugh as a GSFP teacher at the Early Childhood Center as of Sept. 12 and Kelsey Frederick as a GSFP teacher at the ECC as of Sept. 19; Brooklyn Isbell as a social worker at Owen Intermediate as of Sept. 13 and David Jablinsky as a fifth-grade teacher at Owen as of Oct. 3;

- Approved the resignations of Amy Loggie of the Transportation Department as of Sept. 8; Shaton Campbell of Transportation as of Sept. 14, Charles Johnson of Building and Grounds as of Sept. 26. All had less than one year of service; and

- Held a closed-door session at the end of the meeting to consider student discipline and then went into regular session to approve the student's reinstatement with conditions. He had been expelled during the 2021-22 school year and was labeled Student 21-22-034. He will be reinstated for the 2022-23 school year.



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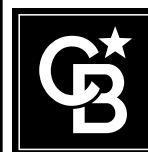
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rear-entry garages, Infinity has offered to ensure 37 units (23.1%) of the units will be built with side or rear-entry garages and 11 units (6.9%) will have front-entry garages and additional architectural enhancements beyond the required minimum architectural requirement of the project's 2006 PRD agreement, such as additional brick or recessed garages.

Power said the Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development department recognized that a diminished inventory of wide lots was available to ensure 30% of the project's lots wider than 50 feet were improved with, or available for, homes with side or rear-entry garage doors, as required by the project's 2006 PRD agreement and the 2014 consent judgment.

In order to feasibly complete project

construction while continuing to meet architectural goals, staff supported a revision to the consent judgment to allow alternative architectural treatments for some units, Power said.

Now a revised consent judgment is being sought by Infinity and once the township board agreed, the judgment would be submitted back to the court for approval, Power said.

Attorney Greco, who drafted the revised consent judgment, told the board once they get the language correct and both sides agree, the circuit court judge will stamp it. Greco was present for the board's earlier closed-door board session to discuss labor bargaining agreements with the POLC (Police Officers Labor Council) and AFSCME (American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees).

In other business at the 50-minute meeting on Sept. 20, the board:

- Heard Trustee Reggie Miller read a proclamation declaring September as National Recovery Month in Van Buren Township. She said she brought a similar proclamation to the board in 2019. She urged that mental and substance abuse matters not be social stigmas and people should turn to services available for help. She said her daughter's friend died from an overdose that week. She said people can get help by calling 1- (800) 662-4357. Supervisor McNamara said he and Tom Fielder of Belleville belong to a group that is working for ways to get fentanyl test

strips out to the residents. "It's getting out of control," Supervisor McNamara said of fentanyl use;

- Approved Supervisor McNamara's reappointments of Bernard Grant and Callie Barr to the planning commission with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2025;

- Heard Recreation Director Jennifer Zaenglein explain the colors, font, and logo for the new Style Guide for the Van Buren Community Center which will appear on current and future communications to make them stand out and make people stop scrolling through social media. It was developed by the Communications Department;

- Approved Special Land Use to Chahal Trucking, 6100 Schooner Dr., for truck repair and maintenance on six acres that has been split off. Special Land Use approval is required for this use under the zoning ordinance;

- Approved Amendment #5 of the Great Lakes Water Authority Water Service Contract. This is a renewal for the township to purchase water from GLWA and there are no changes in the contract limits. There is no estimated increase of commodity rates or flat-rate monthly charges. Water and Sewer Director Kevin Lawrence said the township has avoided any penalties for the past three years with the use of its water tower to manage peaks. He said after concluding the by-pass valve project, it is the expectation of the negotiating team that in 2023, the township will sit down with GLWA and is confident that lower contract limits can be established with a potential reduction in annual charges paid by the township. Supervisor McNamara noted that Van Buren Township has the third-lowest water rates and had zero percent raise last year and zero percent this year;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of the Sumpter Road Mixed Use zoning district, the Sumpter Road Overlay District and related zoning amendments;

- Approved the second reading and adoption of an ordinance that identifies gas stations and filling stations as special land uses;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara announce that Fire Chief Dave McNally earned his Professional Emergency Manager certification;

- Heard State Rep. Darrin Camilleri

introduce himself as a candidate for State Senator in this district. Supervisor McNamara said the MEDC has \$4.5 million for construction of the township community center and the township could really use it. Rep. Camilleri said he would look into it;

- Heard Supervisor McNamara read a letter from a township resident thanking the township for the cleanup of her yard this summer by the REAL crew of youth workers. The REAL program was run by Zaenglein this year. Also, he reported a resident called to compliment the professionalism of Police Officers Griggs and McGregor and Police Sgt. Rini on their ability to calm a heated domestic incident at the grateful resident's home; and

- Heard Clerk Leon Wright note that Sept. 20 is National Voter Registration Day. "You can't complain if you don't vote," Trustee Sherry Frazier said. "And, you can't vote if you're not registered," Clerk Wright agreed. He invited residents to call the clerk's office for information on registering to vote.

Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra to open season at Lincoln HS

Maestro Adam Riccinto and the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra announce that gifted young conductor Harris Andersen will join the orchestra as Assistant Conductor for the 2022-23 season. The orchestra is proud of this initiative to support emerging talent as it marks 24 years as Ypsilanti's community orchestra this year.

"The Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra is so looking forward to welcoming Harris Andersen to the podium this season," said Music Director Adam C. Riccinto.

Andersen will lead the orchestra in selected works during the 2022-23 season, beginning with Richard Wagner's *Kaisermarsch* at the opening concert on Oct. 9. The season opener will also include Maestro Riccinto conducting William Grant Still's Second Symphony and Tchaikovsky's Violin Concerto, with special guest artist Eliot Heaton as soloist.

The orchestra will perform on Sunday, Oct. 9 at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School's Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti, MI, 48197. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students/seniors/children, and \$30/ per family, and can be purchased at the door or online at [A2Tix.com](https://www.A2Tix.com).

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Belleville DDA ‘a work in progress’ after resignation of director

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

“This is a work in progress,” Alicia McGovern, chairwoman of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority near the end of the Sept. 21 regular meeting of the DDA.

“We all want this to work out,” said Mayor Kerreen Conley who sits on the DDA.

Their comments were after a long discussion about the current DDA situation.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said the DDA director has resigned. He referred to Tim McLean who was the deputy city manager and also served as DDA director.

“I’m in the process of redefining that position,” City Manager Robinson said and hopefully will put out a call for that position soon.

“I am taking the DDA over – another hat,” he said, adding the DDA to the police chief and city manager responsibilities.

“I may keep that position and I would direct a person to make sure things are done right until the training wheels can come off ... I may have some questions along the way,” he said.

Chairwoman McGovern said the DDA does have a contract with the city and will pay for a director. She suggested somebody from the DDA could sit on a committee to interview the person.

Robinson said most certainly he will include somebody from the DDA, the way he did when McLean was hired.

“I was with Carol (Thompson) for ten years and I would like to be on the committee,” said DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams, referring to a previous DDA coordinator.

“I’m OK with Sabrina sitting on that board,” McGovern said.

Treasurer Richardson-Williams said the DDA agreed to pay 40% for a coordinator and some for clerical. She said a lot of money is going out and she wondered if there was a breach of contract. She said the person they thought was covering the job isn’t covering it.

“We have an obligation to provide those services,” said Mayor Conley, referring to the city.

“The chief has stepped in ... the administration, minutes are being done. Checks written,” Conley said.

Richardson-Williams asked about public relations and overseeing who’s doing the maintenance.

“How long do we go as a minor job?” she asked. “He has several jobs,” she said of the chief.

“We’re entering into a big-ticket item,” McGovern said of the DDA director. But, she mentioned how one side of Main Street looks good, but the south side of the street has weeds. She said there is no oversight and the DDA is supposed to have a monthly report on what’s going on. She said the maintenance was not done and that’s where the frustration came in.

Robinson said they have been working on it. They are working on the light poles. And, the masonry stuff, with masons hard to find now. They had two seasonal employees and six young folks. Weeds grow and there are so many things to be done. He said he knows that next year they will be in teams of two, not just one group. He said this is the first year the city had two DDA people and six youth and it wasn’t for a lack of trying.

He said with football and band and other things starting, they tend to peter away in August. He said the program should start in April or May, but they couldn’t this year.

Robinson said anytime anyone from the city called, the crew responded. He said they were in Victoria Commons a lot. Weeds pop up all the time, he said. The contracted service did a good job and responded whenever he called.

“I understand weeds do grow, but 12 inches is quite a long weed,” McGovern continued.

“That was part of the reason he resigned,” he said of Tim McClean, the former deputy city manager and DDA director.

“In all fairness to you, I want to make sure you’re not spread too thin,” McGovern said.

“I’m not going to have somebody step in,” Robinson said. “They’ll have to prove to me they can do it ... When you go a whole summer without a meeting and not one board member

called to complain ... When you manage a large amount of money, you have to meet regularly.”

DDA member Kelly McWilliams said, “That’s why we shouldn’t share with the city ... It’s taxpayers’ money ... I thought maybe we should ask him why he left ... I appreciate you. You do a great job. We need somebody just to do the DDA job.”

Robinson said that would be the DDA board’s decision. There is a contract with the city, but they could reopen the contract, he said.

“Eighty percent of the time I allowed him was for DDA stuff,” Robinson said. “I didn’t have help handling the city. We had questions about satisfaction of performance. So many things are entwined with the city.”

He said Richardson-Williams was at the city council meeting the previous Monday and it was the first time he saw a DDA member at a meeting. He said the DDA has to be able to enmesh with the city and it was beneficial to have a DDA member there.

“I was not happy with the rate of accomplishment ... I’m just filling in as director,” he said, adding that being on the DDA board is more than just showing up at meetings.

“The person we hired was not able to do what we wanted,” said Mayor Conley. “At the end of

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

NOTICE OF ADOPTION CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN ORDINANCE NO. 09-06-22(1)

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022, at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendment to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) was approved and is hereby adopted:

- Ordinance 09-06-22(1):** An Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2), as amended, of the Charter Township of Van Buren, which includes amendments and additions to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance to add the Sumpter Road Mixed Use (SRMU) Zoning District and Sumpter Road Overlay District (SROD). The amendments and additions are summarized below:
 - Amendments to Article 2, Section 2.102. Definitions, Specific Terms.
 - Amendments to Article 3, Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses: Section 3.104 (Permitted Uses by District), Section 3.105 (Footnotes to the Table of Permitted Uses and Special Land Uses by District), Section 3.119 (Belleville Road Mixed Use District) and the addition of Section 3.121 (Sumpter Road Mixed Use District).
 - Amendments to Article 4, Section 4.102. Schedule of Regulations.
 - Addition of Article 6, Chapter 4. Supplemental zoning district standards, Sumpter Road Overlay District.

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

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Ordinance 09-06-22(2): An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2), as amended, of The Charter Township of Van Buren, to modify the requirements for Gasoline Service Stations and Gasoline Filling Stations. The following sections of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance shall be amended in accordance with the below text upon the effective date of this Amendment:

- Section 3.111. C-1, General Business District, sub-section (B) Permitted Uses; move gasoline filling stations to sub-section (C) Special Land Uses.
- Section 3.112. C-2, Extensive Highway Business District, making change to C-1 district will automatically move gasoline filling stations from sub-section (B) Permitted Uses to sub-section (C) Special Land Uses.
- Section 3.113. FS, Freeway Service District, sub-section (B) Permitted Uses; move gasoline filling stations and gasoline service stations to sub-section (C) Special Land Uses.
- Create new Section 5.144. Gasoline or Automobile Filling Stations under Article 5. Development Standards for Specific Uses.

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Belleville DDA

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the day, there's a lot of work to be done. Was the structure wrong? I don't know. There's a lot to be learned."

Robinson-Williams said, "Time will tell. We're in a standstill right now." She said 40% of the budget is involved.

"You don't automatically get charged for someone right now," Mayor Conley said. "Just for the work done."

Robinson-Williams said next month when the accountant runs the accounts payable, it should be less.

"Last week, 90% of my time was on DDA matters," Robinson said.

McGovern said, "City manager, police chief and 90% of time on the DDA. Oh, boy."

Robinson said his police sergeants and City Clerk Brianna Hootman fill in to help. He said he had to dig through McLean's computer for information, which was Carol Thompson's before him.

"He's been gone almost two weeks and 90% of my time was spent searching, fact-finding. Where are we with light poles? When is the dock being pulled out?"

McGovern said she asked McLean to put together a checklist and there should be one Robinson can find. She said if the DDA has concerns about having their own person, they could discuss that.

Robinson said the position he's hiring will be a city position – a project manager. A lot will be for the DDA, but Robinson will have oversight.

He said his hope is that he will manage that person and tell the person what to do. It could be a five-minute meeting. Robinson would assign those projects and if they're doing great they could go from there.

DDA secretary Denise Baker said that Richardson-Williams would be on the committee for hiring and she would tell the DDA what she thought.

"I agree with Denise," McGovern said. "Have her tell us what she thinks of the candidate."

"We have a contract and whatever I have to do, I will do," Robinson said, urging DDA

members to communicate with him. He said every one has the ability to call him. He said he doesn't know how the communication was between the DDA and McLean.

McGovern said they talked often on the phone and every Friday at 10:30 a.m. they met.

Robinson said over the last 13 weeks that meeting was scheduled, they met three times. He said it took a lot for him to prepare for the present meeting. There were no meetings for two months and there are a lot of things that need actual approval by the board. He said it was a lot to dig back into previous minutes to get information.

"Tim had to dig through Carol's stuff, in his defense," McWilliams said.

"He isn't here to defend himself," McGovern said.

"All I ask is your patience and persistence," Robinson said. He said having the new person as a grant manager is on the list. He said he goes to city and DDA meetings to get information. He said most of the time there are city council members at the DDA meeting.

McGovern asked Mayor Conley if she didn't go to the city council meetings and the mayor said she did.

"This is a work in progress," McGovern said.

During comments at the end of the meeting, Richardson-Williams said she looked forward to working this out. She said the city council approved the DIA outdoor art program, which she was enthused about.

Mayor Conley agreed that everyone wanted this to work out. She said Sabrina was on the committee and that is good.

McGovern said they are in transition and will get back on track. She said there are two seats available on the DDA, since Jim Chudzinski resigned before that night's meeting. Anyone interested should contact the city.

Baker said, "We'll see how it goes."

McWilliams thanked Robinson for jumping in and handling DDA affairs.

Members of the audience then had a chance to speak.

Therese Antonelli representing the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce said, "Chief Robinson is a huge asset to our community... Last thing we want is to lose him. He is literally doing three jobs. I did not agree with the last DDA directors." She said a lot of DDAs do marketing, advertising, and promoting. She said the Chamber hasn't received its two \$2,000 checks from the DDA for Lake Fest and Winter Fest. She noted the chamber in Romulus is putting on Pumpkin Fest.

Antonelli said she was so disappointed that a festival wasn't held in Belleville that could have brought thousands of people to the community. It makes her sick, she said.

She also asked about the DDA putting lights on the trees on Main Street. She said she could get a quote from "my guy" and McGovern agreed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Ken Voigt spoke from the audience, as well. "I agree with Theresa, 100%. A lot of other DDAs put on events. In our community it's not done that way."

He said whether the Chamber has a 501c3 or not for the Winter Fest, "What the heck. Why split hairs? An organization capable of putting on two phenomenal events? Why screw with it?" Voigt said.

He said a lot of communities leave the lights up on the trees all year long and with LED lights, it's not expensive.

"Our DDA district and TIF district capture an inordinate amount of tax revenue. I'm willing to bet between 80-85% of the community. The tax district takes in an entire subdivision --

Victoria Commons -- and the senior highrise.

"We have not had an increase from the TIF district since 1985," Voigt said, adding the extra taxes from Scott Jones' project is going to the DDA.

He said the council normally would be getting more, but when the contract with the DDA was reduced, the city had to have a part-time police chief and only half of the DPW. Voigt said he was glad Chief Robinson renegotiated the maintenance agreement.

Voigt said he has been involved with the DDA since Day #2 and the best DDA operation was when the city manager served as DDA director -- not two fiefdoms.

"I want you to keep in mind ... that just 'cause the last person didn't do a good job, not to throw the baby out with the bath water," Voigt said. "We struggle as a council to come up with money for services."

He said they placed a responsibility, a heavy responsibility, on the chief.

Whitney Beaubien said she is part of the Chamber and it would be beneficial for the DDA, the Chamber, and the CBC to sit down together to help bridge the gap for scheduling events. She said every person who works for the Chamber makes no profit and pays their own expenses.

McGovern said for the first Lake Fest the Chamber didn't have money and everybody came together.

Julie Kissel said she lived 18 years in Sumpter Township and three years on Charles Street in the city. She said her 19-year-old son is an EMT fire fighter and makes \$15.50 an hour. She said she didn't know about all of the things she heard at this meeting, although she reads the *Independent*.

McGovern said the DDA does have transparency and open meetings. "This is the first time I've seen our audience this vocal."

Former mayor and former councilman Tom Fielder said there are two openings on the DDA now: one at-large for someone living anywhere in the city and one for someone living in the DDA district.

Someone mentioned that a Chamber representative is on the board and it was noted a Chamber representative is not a requirement to be a part of the board.

"I live in the DDA district," Fielder said. He said the council approves everything the DDA does and DDA members are appointed and not elected. He said having a presence in city hall definitely is a benefit.

Fielder said when there is an opening to be filled, the name shouldn't be put out in public, which puts undue pressure on the person named.

"They shouldn't have done that," Fielder said. "It's not good government."

He referred to an incident at the last city council meeting where a member of the audience, supported by two others in the audience, named a councilman he thought should be the new deputy city manager.

It was announced that the State of the Community will be sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce at 9 a.m., Oct. 5, at the BYC. Chief Robinson will be speaker for Belleville since the mayor was unavailable. McGovern was asked if she could speak briefly on the DDA and she said she would check her schedule.

Councilman Steve Jones announced that the theme for the Dec. 3 Winter Fest parade this year will be "Christmas Candyland."

Chief Robinson announced later in the week that the next DDA meeting will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 26.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 20, 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, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Recreation Zaenglein, Fire Chief McNally, DDA Director Ireland and an audience of seven (7).

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022, Board Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2022, Prepaid List of September 8, 2022, Prepaid List of September 15, 2022, Voucher List of September 20, 2022 and Approval of the reappointment of Bernard Grant and Callie Barr to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2025. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Candidate for Michigan State Senate Darrin Camilleri spoke; a resident sent a card to thank the REAL program for cleaning up her yard this summer; Fire Chief McNally earned his Professional Emergency Manager Certification; a resident called to compliment Officer Griggs, Officer McGregor and Sgt. Rini on their ability to calm a heated incident at the grateful resident's home; a proclamation was read declaring September National Recovery Month

in Van Buren Township; Tuesday, September 20, 2022 is National Voter Registration Day and anyone that wishes to register to vote can contact the Clerk's Office.

Director of Parks Zaenglein presented the Van Buren Community Center style guide.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved, Boynton seconded to approve the granting of Special Land Use for Chahal Trucking located at 6100 Schooner Drive. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Miller seconded to approve Resolution 2022-21: to consider a revised Consent Judgement to allow revised architectural requirements for the Townsend Park Planned Residential Development. Motion Carried.

Miller moved, Frazier seconded to approve Amendment #5 of the GLWA Water Service Contract and authorize the Supervisor and Clerk to execute the agreement. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Miller seconded to approve the second 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. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Miller, Frazier, Boynton and Martin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 09-06-22(2) regarding identifying gasoline service and filling stations as special land uses. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Miller, Frazier, Boynton and Martin. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor McNamara thanked Representative Darrin Camilleri for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved; Boynton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 303 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 18:

0045 – suicidal person, E. Archwood Dr.
0253 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0328 – unattended death, Victoria St.
0536 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0536 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0833 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Haggerty
1010 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
1024 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1119 – civil matter, Ash Dr.
1243 – threat, Sadie Ln.
1334 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1358 – private property/property damage accident, Westlake Cir.
1517 – domestic, Milton Dr.
1650 – mental subject, Celestine Dr.
1702 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Van Born Rd./Briarwood Dr.
1824 – harassment call, Berkdale Dr.
1845 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1851 – threat, Riggs Rd.
1900 – property check, Belleville Rd.
1909 – assault & battery, Winchester St.
1934 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty
2015 – private property impound, Kirkridge
2017 – assist other dept., E. Sadie Ln.
2053 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2154 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.

Monday, Sept. 19:

0020 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0126 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
0249 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake
0449 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0637 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
0717 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
0928 – intrusion alarm, Chandler Dr.
0957 – civil matter, Richmond Dr.
1026 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake
1125 – found property/child, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1154 – follow-up by officer, gun range
1203 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1336 – property damage accident, Andover Dr.
1514 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
1532 – assist fire dept., Victoria St.
1545 – trespassing, McKinley St.
1602 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
1609 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1658 – trespassing, Locust Dr.
1723 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1743 – property damage accident, Sheldon Rd. / Van Born Rd.
1815 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bradley Dr.
1815 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1957 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

2103 – welfare check, Oak Ln.

2113 – family trouble, McKinley St.

2127 – PPO violation, N. Ponderosa Trl.

Tuesday, Sept. 20:

0001 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd.
0019 – family trouble, McKinley St.
0026 – warrant arrest, Mobil gas station
0230 – intrusion alarm, Farm Rd.
0450 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0506 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
0647 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
0721 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0850 – vehicle lockout, Ironwood Dr.
0855 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0948 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
0946 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
0957 – disorderly, Michigan Ave.
1028 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1115 – follow up by officer, Belleville Rd.
1138 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.
1153 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1206 – civil matter, Huron River Dr.
1316 – larceny, Anna Dr.
1355 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
1409 – civil matter, Holly Ln.
1420 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1418 – civil matter, Daisy Blvd.

1424 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.

1457 – fraud, Sadie Ln.

1518 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.

1531 – animal complaint, Hull Rd.

1602 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1618 – traffic offense, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.

1630 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

1639 – civil matter, Holly Ln.

1701 – domestic, Milton Dr.

1738 – missing person, Morton Taylor Rd.

1747 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.

2010 – neighbor trouble, Winchester St.

2032 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.

2042 – 911 welfare check, Florence Ln.

2157 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.

2302 – missing person, peninsular Dr.

2320 – missing person, McKinley St.

Wednesday, Sept. 21:

0051 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd.
0146 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0357 – private property impound, Belleville Manor
0646 – missing person, Quirk Rd.
0803 – trespassing, Village Center Dr.
0813 – civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0906 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0927 – family trouble, Reene Dr.
0957 – animal complaint, Bradley Dr.
1023 – ordinance violation, Zachary Ct.
1221 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1433 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1450 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1540 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1722 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood Dr.
1834 – property damage accident, Denton/Ecorse
1911 – disorderly, Belleville
1941 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1957 – property check, Belleville Rd.
2126 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2205 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.

Thursday, Sept. 22:

0052 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Woodbury Dr. / Woodbury Dr.
0131 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0616 – missing person, Denton Rd.
0811 – welfare check, Sugarbush Ln.
0850 – juvenile complaint, McBride
0919 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1027 – fraud, Haggerty Rd.
1038 – assist other dept., Maple Dr.
1052 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1055 – civil matter, Meadows of Van Buren
1129 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1136 – hospice death, Bemis Rd.
1226 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1317 – juvenile complaint, McBride
1434 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1527 – mental subject, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1548 – property check, Jackson St./Hamilton St.

1625 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.

1826 – fraud, Arthur St.

1936 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.

2028 – animal complaint, Edison Lk.

2159 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.

2202 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Sept. 23:

0806 – intrusion alarm, Belle Pointe Dr.
0835 – parking complaint, Rawsonville Rd.
0904 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dalton Dr. / Dorchester Dr.
0946 – private property/property damage accident, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0951 – breaking & entering, Riggs Rd.
1126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1130 – harassment call, Ross Pl.
1230 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1232 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1234 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
1251 – misc. complaint, N. Cumberland Dr.
1251 – property damage accident, Hannan/Ecorse
1259 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
1309 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.
1321 – domestic, Meadows Cir.
1330 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1348 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1351 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
1442 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1454 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.

1504 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Hannan Rd.

1532 – intrusion alarm, Lake Point Pass

1555 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.

1557 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1605 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1647 – assist fire dept., Chandler Dr.

1651 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

1823 – civil matter, Oak Ln.

1850 – domestic, Rose Blvd.

1857 – lake emergency, Harbour Club

1905 – threat, Lake Villa Dr.

1920 – harassment call, Westlake Cir.

1936 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.

1959 – suspicious person/vehicle, Renton Rd.

2006 – noise complaint, S. Timberview Dr.

2128 – assist other dept., E. Main St.

2155 – welfare check, Maple Dr.

2312 – intrusion alarm, Ayres Ave.

Saturday, Sept. 24:

0028 – trespassing, Oak Ln.
0043 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0101 – intrusion alarm, Huron River Dr.
0144 – civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.
0151 – noise complaint, Milton Dr.
0313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
0829 – neighbor trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0921 – suicidal person, Denton Rd.
0953 – suspicious person/vehicle, Barkley St.
1006 – fraud, Assembly St.
1051 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1104 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1243 – animal complaint, Van Born/Haggerty
1245 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
1306 – domestic, Denton Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1317 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1410 – unauthorized driving away of auto, E. Huron River Dr.
1436 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1530 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1627 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1652 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1659 – property damage accident, Lancaster Dr.
1702 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ayres/Quirk
1724 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.
1910 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
2116 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.
2118 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck/Ecorse
2238 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
2304 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2356 – family trouble, Lauren Ct.

Also on this week's log are 79 traffic stops, with nine of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 18:

0013 – parking complaint, Fifth St./N. Liberty
0123 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0147 – traffic stop, South St.
0152 – road hazard, W. Columbia Ave./South
0355 – traffic stop, Denton Rd./Belleville Rd.
1247 – threat, Carmell St.
2348 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.

Monday, Sept. 19:

0101 – welfare check, Main St.
0708 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
0906 – animal complaint, Henry St.
1031 – road hazard, W. Columbia Ave.
1259 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1422 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1607 – misc. complaint, Edgemont/E. Huron River
1731 – assist fire dept., E. Thornhill Ct.
1958 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.
2133 – traffic stop, Fifth/Liberty

Tuesday, Sept. 20:

0056 – assist other dept., Tyler
0430 – assist other dept., Tyler
0603 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
0837 – traffic stop, N. Biggs/E. Huron River
0923 – traffic stop, Roys St./Charles St.
1239 – traffic stop, South St.
1318 – weapons violation, W. Columbia Ave.
1327 – animal complaint, Henry St.
1408 – traffic stop, Church St./Second St.
1423 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.

2204 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia

2239 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Sept. 21:

0910 – fraud, San Carlos St.
1538 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1751 – property damage accident, High St./Edison
1812 – neighbor trouble, Carmell St.

Thursday, Sept. 22:

0644 – property damage accident, Main St./High
0706 – property damage accident, Main St./High
1304 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.
1945 – threat, Fourth St.
2031 – family trouble, Belle Villa Blvd.

Friday, Sept. 23:

0912 – property damage accident, South St.
0932 – follow up by officer, Main St.
1054 – misc. complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1630 – fraud, Anaheim
1646 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.
1651 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
1727 – threat, Fourth St.
1920 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
2056 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2121 – personal injury accident, Main St.

Saturday, Sept. 24:

1348 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1457 – traffic stop, Main St.
1519 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
1735 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd.

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

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 18:

0656 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0816 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
0819 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/Sumpter
1032 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1037 – civil matter, Country Club Blvd.
1147 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1250 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville
1513 – assault, Carriage Ln.
1917 – prisoner incident, Huron Twp. PD
1959 – civil matter, New Mexico St.
2347 – noise complaint, Martinsville/Judd
2349 – assault, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2358 – assault, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Monday, Sept. 19:

0236 – follow-up investigation, Willis Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0402 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
0538 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0549 – civil matter, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
0551 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1127 – citizen assist, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1227 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1446 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1455 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
1457 – suspicious circumstance, Brookview Dr.
1517 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis
1534 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1547 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1740 – suspicious circumstance, Arizona St.
1815 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2151 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2243 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

2243 – follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis

Tuesday, Sept. 20:

0535 – public relations, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0536 – public relations, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0606 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Ln.
0733 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1051 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Timber Creek Dr.
1125 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1131 – welfare check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1249 – citizen assist, Arizona St.
1257 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
1406 – lost/missing juvenile, New Mexico St.
1417 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter
1547 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.

1621 – suspicious circumstance, Haggerty Rd.

1823 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.

1845 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1858 – 911 hang up, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1935 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.

2118 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.

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

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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Wednesday, Sept. 21:

0009 – follow-up investigation, New Mexico St.
0142 – obstruct police, New Mexico St.
0315 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
0512 – 911 hang up, Arizona St.
0745 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
0832 – fire dept. assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0954 – suspicious circumstance, 8100 bl. Rawsonville rd.

1140 – mental health call, New Mexico St.
1651 – larceny, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1653 – fire dept. assist, Montana St.
1724 – found property, Sumpter Rd./Willis Rd.
1801 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1821 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
1940 – shots fired, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1954 – 911 hang up, Oregon St.
2243 – noise complaint, Timberlane Dr.
2305 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville/Willis

Thursday, Sept. 22:

0937 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Bemis
1251 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.

1606 – suspicious person, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1734 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1836 – follow-up investigation, Montana St.
1911 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1957 – 911 hang up, Alaska St.
2146 – civil matter, New Mexico St.

Friday, Sept. 23:

0246 – family trouble, Greenmeadow Dr.
0622 – civil matter, Birch DR.
1120 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
1137 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1152 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1317 – unauthorized driving away of an auto, Sumpter Rd./Victoria Ave.

1329 – animal complaint, Judd Rd./Martinsville
1356 – larceny, 22000 bl. Prince Rd.
1540 – follow-up investigation, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1603 – property damage accident, Karr Rd./Willow
1717 – family trouble, Utah St.
1750 – citizen assist, Texas St.
1934 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2031 – alarm, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
2218 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
2239 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2351 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 24:

0814 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0941 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1143 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1352 – animal complaint, California St./Texas St.
1636 – ORV complaint, Wear Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1703 – family trouble, Montana St.
1728 – family trouble, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1839 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1902 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Willis
1936 – personal injury accident, Sherwood/Arkona
2025 – welfare check, Carriage Ln.
2027 – suspicious circumstance, Second St.
2043 – ORV complaint, 42000 bl. Wear Rd.
2111 – follow-up investigation, Utah St.
2152 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.

Also on this week's log are 126 patrol checks, 38 traffic stops, and 16 misc. details.

35th-annual Life Chain set for Sunday, Oct. 2 at Five Points in Belleville

The 35th-annual Life Chain is set for 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Main Street and Five Points in the city of Belleville.

The event is sponsored by Right to Life -- LIFESPAN and co-sponsored locally by Life Pointe Church (formerly Belleville Church of God) and St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville.

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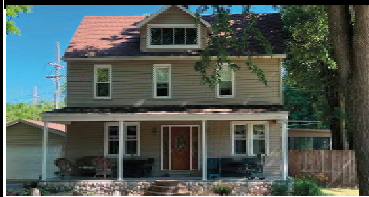
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