



# BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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F R E E

## VBT Fire Chief Dan Besson resigns for new job

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Fire Chief Daniel Besson has resigned from his position to take a new job as fire chief of Leland Township in Leelanau County.



He will fill the position left by Fire Chief Rick Royston, who is retiring. Chief Besson, who has been VBT chief for 4 ½ years, plans to leave his position in VBT at the end of February.

Besson said his wife Jennifer has been full time at a job in Grayling since the beginning of December. He said their cabin is in that area.

Besson said this will be a new adventure for him since he was born and raised in Belleville. He served on the Belleville Fire Department in 1992-94 and has been in the VBT fire department since 1994, making it his 25<sup>th</sup> year as a fire fighter in this community.

### Court Watching:

## Final conference in marijuana charge against Po adjourned

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

On Jan. 6, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Ulysses Boykin adjourned the final conference set for that day to Feb. 3 after the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office came up with 600 pages more of evidence against Nelson Po of Sumpter Township.

The extra time will give defense lawyers, Ronald and Scott Ruark, time to study the

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Keith Johnston was elected president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education at its organizational meeting on Monday. Seated, from left, are Secretary Kevin English, President Johnston, Vice President Alison Bennett, and Treasurer Kelly Owen. Standing, from left, are Trustees Sarah Featheringill, Sherry Frazier, and Simone Pinter.

## School Board names Keith Johnston president on 4-3 vote

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

In Monday's organizational meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education there were four officers to elect and all votes were on secret, 4-3 votes.

School Supt. Peter Kudlak asked board members to nominate candidates for office and then he passed out pieces of paper for each to write down a choice. He then collected the ballots, tallied the votes, and announced the winners.

Trustee Sherry Frazier voiced opposition to the procedure, saying votes have always been open in the past, with board members voicing their preferences openly. But Supt. Kudlak continued.

For president, Bennett nominated Johnston and Pinter nominated Featheringill. Kudlak announced four votes for Johnston and three for Featheringill.

For vice president, Pinter nominated Featheringill and English nominated Bennett. The tally was 4-3 for Bennett.

For secretary, Frazier nominated Featheringill and Owen nominated English. The tally was 4-3 for English.

For treasurer, Bennett nominated Owen and Pinter again nominated Featheringill. The vote was 4-3 for Bennett.

The board then approved Kudlak's recommendation for two regular meetings a month on the second and fourth Mondays at 7 p.m., at the BHS Commons or Administration Building, with work/study sessions set on an as-needed basis. The May 3 meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. at the Administration Building for exit reviews from an accreditation team.

The board also approved the unchanged depository for school funds and authorized investments for school funds for the 2016-17 school year.

The regular meeting followed the organizational meeting and the board:

- Approved hiring Joelle Laginess as a BHS Spanish teacher, starting Dec. 19, and Zachery Murray as a BHS chemistry teacher as of Jan. 9. Laginess was salutatorian of the BHS class of 2012;

- Approved terminations of two teachers with less than one year service: Nicole Karabouyas left her MMS position for other employment on Nov. 23 and Charles

Nabring, left BHS, as of Dec. 23 for relocation;

- Approved hiring Andrea Hayre as a custodian as of Dec. 12;

- Volunteered for standing committees being appointed by Kudlak. On the Policy committee are Featheringill, Bennett, and English. On the Health Advisory committee are Frazier and Johnston. On the School Improvement committee are Owen and Pinter;

- Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun read in full a Family Rights to Privacy and Freedom of Information Act statement. Any parent/guardian wishing to deny the release of directory information concerning their child should contact the superintendent's office for the proper forms required; and

- Heard new Trustee Featheringill say she had questions on check payments and had sent her questions to the superintendent, who got the answers for her. Trustee Frazier said in the spirit of transparency Featheringill should share the information. Featheringill then launched into a lengthy report on more than 15 checks, including two to individuals whose vehicles were hit by school buses.

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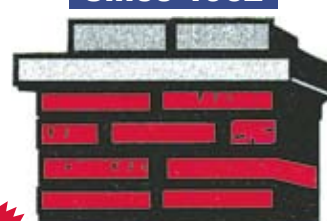
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## City OKs building new single-story buildings downtown

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Belleville City Council approved new wording in an amendment to the zoning ordinance that will allow developers to build single-story buildings in the B-2 district downtown.

The vote to approve the wording and send it to the planning consultant to put it in final format was passed unanimously by the council at its Jan. 3 meeting.

The amended ordinance is expected to return to the council agenda on Jan. 17 for the final approval.

Rick Rutherford, director of the city's department of public services, presented a memo to the council that noted the planning commission held a public hearing on the proposed amendment on Dec. 8 and then voted unanimously to send it to the city council for action.

The changes will revise Section 3.1.7-D.2: Building Height along Primary/Secondary Roads by adding an additional category for one-story structures to include the following specifications: 18-foot minimum height, with a 14-foot clear interior ceiling height proceeding at least 15 feet back from the main entrance.

This means a 14-foot interior would have a parapet of at least 4 feet required in the front to make it look taller than it really is.

Planning Commission chairman Steve Jones explained how the ordinance change came to be, following the request of Davenport Brothers to build a one-story office/retail building on the vacant lot at 3337 Main Street. Then, the council directed the commission to review the two-story height requirement. The commission set up a three-person subcommittee to look into the requirement and the subcommittee recommended the amendment.

Phil Miller asked from the audience about the retail component of the zoning ordinance that required 50% retail per block. This, too, was a problem for the Davenport building.

Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilman Tom Fielder said the five-year review of the city's Master Plan is coming up and they decided to make review of the retail requirement a part of the Master Plan.

Miller said he is interested because of his mother's law office at 321 Main Street. He said that if a vacancy occurs there, she would be required to put in retail and it is not possible with the layout of her building.

He said since it would be noncompliant under the new ordinance, "A member of the planning commission said we should just knock it down. I can identify the person, if you want. I'm just telling you to be careful who you appoint [to the planning

commission]."

Miller said the requirement of a 14' ceiling for 15' back into the building is not efficient and developers would have to build a lot of empty space to heat.

"You are mandating inefficiency in the building design," Miller said.

Mayor Conley said the amendment would "keep the look and feel you want in downtown ... We chose to do it now and it's not just for one person ... Multiple persons have asked."

Councilman Fielder then spoke about the person hired to appraise city hall who said the value to the building is as a one-story structure.

"It's not a single issue," Fielder said. "It's a 10-year evaluation and maybe we need to do something different."

He said earlier that if the amended zoning ordinance was approved it would enhance the sale-ability of this property and the city could find out if any business wants to build there.

"We've been putting money in a building not useable by anyone but us," Fielder said of city hall.

Jeff Vernon said from the audience that every December for the past three years, Fielder mentions selling this building.

"Do you have a place to move?" Vernon asked and Mayor Conley replied, "We own property," without further comment.

In other business at the Jan. 3 meeting, the council:

- Approved the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce request to hold Winter Fest from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 1, and from noon to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2017 in downtown Belleville. Requested street closings on Saturday were Main Street from Roys to Third from noon to 8 p.m. and the parade route beginning at 6 p.m. at the high school, opening up the road after the parade passes, to 9 p.m. downtown. They also approved a tent on or near the Fourth Street Square, performances of Animal Magic at 6 p.m. Friday and noon Saturday, and carriage rides at Main and Roys. Also planned is ice skating on the vacant lot at Third and Main and a yet-to-be-determined musical guest on Friday. In addition for Saturday there is a Kids Fun Zone with bouncy house at Third and Main and at the Chamber office, a Soup Crawl from 2 to 4 p.m., and fireworks at 8 p.m. When asked why the chamber was seeking approval almost a year in advance, Paul Henning said, "We want to get ahead of the ball instead of be behind it." Mayor Conley asked if there was a theme yet for the parade, so they could start planning the city float. Henning said there wasn't;

- Approved a pay increase of 2% effective January-December 2017 and a pay increase

of 1% effective January-December 2018 to city employees in the Governmental Employees Labor Council. This was a wage reopener in the 2015-18 GELC agreement. Fielder said they have been without raises for 8-10 years and this is long overdue;

- Heard Miller ask why yard sale permits are so high during Strawberry Festival and Mayor Conley replied, "We don't want them. We have free citywide garage sales." Miller said he worked in a city that had free yard sales every month and Mayor Conley replied, "Aargh!" Miller said the price of a permit is supposed to reflect the cost of the service and Conley said during Strawberry Festival officials are all busy and so the cost would be high for permits. She said the high-priced permits for Strawberry Festival came "long before I got here." Fielder said heavy traffic during festival makes yard sales difficult. Miller said, "But, people need the money";

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria say that during the holidays the offices of other municipalities were closed and, "When other places are closed, we're open." He said residents can always find someone to talk to at city hall;

- Heard Police Chief Hal Berriman announce that Mary Talaga, who was sitting next to him in the audience, was going in for heart surgery the next day and would be off her crossing guard job for a month. Also, Officer Tim Trombley's father was rushed to University of Michigan Hospital, the chief said;

- Heard Chief Berriman say that two police officers have left for other jobs and a Civil Service Commission meeting is set for Jan. 18 to interview candidates. He said police officers now are hard to find;

- Heard Miller complain about Van Buren Township police officers making traffic stops in the city of Belleville, with VB getting the traffic fines instead of the city. Most of the tickets were written around Hayward's where drivers illegally cut over from the right lane to the left coming into the city. He said the township officers are writing tickets on their township ordinance for impeding traffic. Chief Berriman said when Columbia Avenue was being fixed he gave permission to VBT to help out with traffic because the city didn't have enough officers. "I thanked the chief for setting that up," said Fielder. "We do not have the manpower to enforce," the chief said. Mayor Conley said the council is leaving the decision up to the police chief "as long as tickets are legitimately written..."; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$185,961.87 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contractor, for sewer repair on Potter Drive, \$3,898, and for sewer repair on Second Street, \$3,754.50, both from the sewer budget; and to Morton Salt, \$1,697.75, salt for winter maintenance from the street budget.

## SE Michigan Pug-n-Play set for Sunday at Wayne County Fairgrounds

The Southeast Michigan Pug-n-Play, an off-leash playtime among friendly pugs and pug owners, will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15, in the Abbott Building at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road. [www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs](http://www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs)



## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### Sumpter Township's 2017 Recreation Master Plan

Sumpter Township is seeking public input regarding the Township's 2017 Recreation Master Plan. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources requires a minimum 30-day public review process as part of the master planning process. A formal public hearing regarding the plan will be held at the Township Board of Trustees meeting on February 14, 2017, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

The draft master plan is available for review at the following locations:

- Sumpter Township Offices, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville
- Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville
- Belleville Public Library, 167 4th Street, Belleville

The draft plan is also available online on the Township's website at [www.sumptertwp.com](http://www.sumptertwp.com).

Please address questions and comments to Chris Nordstrom at [cnordstrom@cwaplan.com](mailto:cnordstrom@cwaplan.com) or by phone at (734) 662-2200.



# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Peggy Morgan is new treasurer of Sumpter Township

There were a lot of tears at Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees. Treasurer Alan Bates died suddenly on Christmas Eve and the board had just 45 days to replace him.

Supervisor John Morgan submitted the name of Trustee Peggy Morgan (no relative) to replace Bates and this was approved unanimously by the board.

She was immediately sworn in by Clerk Clarence Hoffman, Jr. and seated as treasurer.

New Treasurer Morgan asked Karen Armatis to remain as deputy treasurer and she agreed. Actually, Armatis is also deputy supervisor, as well.

Since the trustee position became vacant, Supervisor Morgan appointed former longtime deputy clerk Esther Hurst to the position. The vote was 5-1, with Clerk Hoffman voting no.

Hurst had been Hoffman's deputy for many years and then retired. After that, she ran against Hoffman for the clerk's position, which wounded Hoffman.

Deputy Clerk Janet Hoffman swore in Hurst to her new position and she took her seat at the board table.

Tim Rush, a previous Republican trustee and a candidate who received more than 2,000 votes in last November's election, said the board could have healed a lot of wounds in the township if it would have appointed him trustee. Other candidates showed their dismay at the appointments. The turmoil continues.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I talked to Elaine at Wayne County and she confirmed the county crew will be back to finish its work on the E. Huron River Drive bridge over the Huron River. And, they will close the bridge again.

She said the project won't continue until the weather breaks in the spring. She said the county will alert Van Buren Township when it's time to close the bridge again.

And, we assume the township will alert us so we can alert you. Last time a date was set and then unset. Then they just closed the bridge for a couple of weeks, including the time of the 10" snowfall.

The cement sides of the bridge are still all broken up with the rebar showing and some of the cement on the roadway is crumbling already. Yes, there is still work to be done.

This bridge project was in mid December. It made everyone crazy because of the detours. Downtown Belleville became a big traffic jam, especially with the big semis trying to make turns at Five Points. And, people complained a lot about the Lower Huron Clinton Metropark charging cars without park permits a \$10 fee just to drive through from E. Huron River Drive / Haggerty to Bemis/Haggerty.

Can hardly wait until it's closed again.

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On our Van Buren Township dispatch log last week there was an armed robbery listed at Wendy's at about 6:43 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 28.

VBT Police Lt. Charles Bazzy said Wendy's was not robbed. An individual walking down the North I-94 Service Drive claimed to have been robbed at gun point by four individuals in a car. The victim is a transient that was walking though Van

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Buren Township on his way to Chicago. The victim was not injured, but he was transported to the hospital for evaluation and treatment at his request.

Another armed robbery listed on the log at 3:03 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, on Haggerty Road, was unfounded, Lt. Bazzy said.

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On Tuesday morning just before 8 there was an accident on West Huron River Drive between Hoeft and Farm roads in Van Buren Township. Fire Chief Dan Besson was on the scene. I'm told part of the road was blocked off, so those hurrying to work in the city of Belleville had to turn around and take the South I-94 Service Drive in. I understand two vehicles were towed and no one was taken to the hospital.

We had snow overnight, so there were several vehicle accidents that morning.

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After the snow on Tuesday, came the rain and the wind. At the regular meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board that night, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy reported that it appears the mystery roof leak over the public computers has been solved. She and another person went on the roof a few weeks ago and filled some places they thought might be suspicious.

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At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Police Chief Eric Luke announced that Sumpter had one homicide during the month of December.

He said that the 81-year-old male that allegedly was attacked by his grandson on Dec 2 fought for his life for three weeks and died Dec. 23. The grandson will have his aggravated assault charge changed to homicide.

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Also at Sumpter's meeting, township attorney Rob Young said he was talking with the Huron Township attorney who told him at its meeting the Huron Township board took a moment to remember Alan Bates, the Sumpter Treasurer who died on Christmas Eve. Bates had many friends in Huron and many business dealings with Huron residents.

At its meeting later Tuesday, the Belleville Area District Library Board also spoke of Bates and how he was a huge library supporter who fought for the best library they could afford – especially for Sumpter.

Library Board vice chairwoman Mary Jane Dawson said her husband came back from an early library committee meeting and said Bates wanted "more than a closet with a Commodore 64 in it for Sumpter." She said both Bates and late Trustee Bill Hamm were advocates for the library.

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## Letters

### Dr. Raymond Sayegh retires from dentistry

To my dental patients and dear friends:

At the beginning of this summer, I sustained an accident that dislocated my hip replacement. It shattered my femur bone. After extensive surgery I was confined to a wheel chair. It took 45 days in the hospital and physical therapy so that I could walk again, but with a walker. At that point, I had all the intentions to come back and practice dentistry. Unfortunately, the progress of my treatment did not occur as anticipated.

After consulting with my orthopedic surgeon and with mixed emotions, I was advised to retire. My leg cannot sustain the pressure of working again.

Luckily I share my office with two dedicated dentists: Dr. Mark Fogarty and Dr. Laila Carr. They will take care of all your dental needs with the friendly manner that you have always had. The new office phone number is as follows: (734) 697-9200.

Thank you, Belleville, for my 45 years of practicing dentistry. I am indebted to each and every one of you. I greatly value our relationship and for your loyalty, trust, and friendship over these many years. I will cherish all the memories. And, I will miss you all.

Warmest regards,  
 Raymond Sayegh, DDS  
 256 Third St., Belleville

### Ms. Toth should focus on new community

To the Editor:

I find it very interesting that Ms. Toth felt the need to write about the potential conflict of interest with Ms. Frazier being on both the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and the Van Buren Township Board now, after all elections have been completed. Not to mention, that was a very lengthy letter to write, especially when it turns out there is no conflict of interest with Ms. Frazier being on both boards.

Why would a lady who has moved quite some distance away feel the need to raise this non-issue at this time? Could it be because the former board members did not anticipate two completely new board members being elected -- and one former board member who wants change? I don't think there will be the six versus one mentality we have suffered through for so long -- now there is an even playing field. Or, could it be sour grapes since Ms. Frazier was the only person not mentioned

in the lawsuit filed by the Savage Four? We hear depositions are underway now in that lawsuit.

Either way, Ms. Toth, we hope you enjoy your new community and focus on them now. We have some things to clean up here but we have hope that things will continue to improve with our new Superintendent and new Board of Education.

Andrea VanDenBergh  
 Van Buren Township

### Thank you for support for my candidacy

To the Editor:

The first meeting of the newly elected Van Buren School Board was Monday, 9 January. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank everyone who supported my own run for the board, both financially as well as at the polls.

I would also like to congratulate every candidate that ran for school board. Win or lose, it was a good race and I can honestly say, as my first time running, it was made all the more enjoyable by the support I received.

I ran with three candidates with whom I had never before met, but who embody the very reason someone should run for public office. It is to the betterment of our township that Susan Featheringill and Simone Pinter both were triumphant. Both have the honesty and integrity our community needs to move our township forward. They will serve our community well, I am sure of it.

Please give these two women and the rest of the newly elected board your full support as they navigate through the educational waters and take our township to a higher level.

Victor Delibera  
 Van Buren Township

### Here's my wish to you for the new year

To the Editor:

My wish for the new year: Peace on Earth, Good Will to Man, especially in Syria, Chicago, and Washington, D.C.

Mickey Widener  
 Van Buren Township

## Birthdays

Jan. 13 – Doug Dalton

Jan. 14 – Sharon Barrera

Jan. 17 – Leon Wright, Kim Tindall, Toni Bennett

Jan. 20 – Ernest Guzman

Jan. 21 – Lisa Posegay

Jan. 22 – Jose Lopez

Jan. 28 – Wendy Combs, Debra Stevens-Crawford, Henry Daroci

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— Yoda

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## It's time to register for baseball, softball

To the Editor:

Believe it or not with the holidays past us it's time for baseball and softball registration to begin for the 2017 spring season of the Van Buren Area Little League.



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On-line registration opened last Friday Jan. 6, and will close on Sunday Feb. 26. Go to [www.vanburenarealittleleague.org](http://www.vanburenarealittleleague.org), create an account, select the division for your child or children, and complete registration. You will not be permitted to submit registration until full payment is made.

The Van Buren Area Little League also has some walk-in registration dates scheduled.

These dates are listed below and will be held at the Wayne County Community College on Haggerty Road. If your child or children have never played for VBALL then a copy of their birth certificate is required.

Walk-in Dates – January:

- Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 25, 6-8 p.m.
- Saturday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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## Obituaries



Neal Allen VanAken

### NEAL A. VANAKEN

(August 24, 1953 - January 9, 2017)

Neal Allen VanAken, age 63, of Sumpter Township, MI, passed away Monday, January 9, 2017 at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI.

He was born August 24, 1953 in Detroit, MI, son of Franklin Roger & Marjorie Jane (Valliere) VanAken. He worked for the City of Detroit Water Department for many years.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors on his farm. He was an avid golfer who also enjoyed a game of Cribbage. He was a simple man who cherished time spent with his girls.

Neal is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Janis Marie (Perry) VanAken; two daughters Michelle (Travis) Juriga of Livonia, MI and Rachel (Maurice Scott) VanAken of Richmond, Virginia; grandson Lucas Juriga of Livonia; his parents Franklin R. & Marjorie VanAken of Bayonet Point, Florida; father-in-law Thomas Perry of Jackson, MI; brother Jimmy VanAken of Napoleon, MI; sister-in-law Zenaida VanAken from Hudson, Florida; also numerous other extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his brother Robert VanAken in March 2016, mother-in-law Dolores Perry, also sister-in-law Kathy VanAken.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Friday and Noon until 1 p.m. Saturday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. A Celebration of Life Service will be 1 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to Huron Valley Conservation Association and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com).



### ROGER WATSON HAYSLIP

(August 5, 1945 - January 6, 2017)

Age 71, longtime resident of Sumpter Township, died in Florida. Survived by brothers Ralph and David; daughter Kathy Kirchner, son Roger Jr., four grandchildren. Service planned at Brown Funeral Home.

### PETER B. KLEIN

(April 14, 1952 - January 06, 2017)

Age 64 of Van Buren Township. Survived by wife April; children Scott, Jeff, Joseph, Rachel; three siblings; four grandchildren. Celebration of Life, 11 a.m. Jan. 14 at New Life Bible Baptist Church, Ypsilanti. Arrangements by Janowiak Funeral Home.

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### DARRELL WAYNE SIZEMORE

(February 15, 1959 - January 8, 2017)

Darrell Wayne "Big D" Sizemore, age 57, of Van Buren Township, died peacefully at his home on Sunday morning, January 8, 2017. Darrell is the loving father of Eric (Kristen) Sizemore of Ypsilanti; cherished son of Wiley Sizemore of Belleville; dear brother of Deborah (Ronald) Duncan of Romulus, Wiley Sizemore Jr. of Belleville and Teresa Sizemore, also of Belleville; proud grandpa of Katelyn and Shawn. Darrell is also survived by several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Sadly, his is preceded in death by his son, Shawn Sizemore.

Born on February 15, 1959 in Ypsilanti, Darrell was a mechanic with both Horste Manufacturing and Ford Motor Company. He enjoyed following and playing sports. He played basketball in high school and enjoyed watching football with his father. Hunting and fishing with both his father and son were memorable times, and attending bluegrass music concerts will be remembered. He was a faithful member of the Church of God and was known for being a social person. His sense of humor and smile were well-known, and he enjoyed making people laugh. He will be truly missed. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, January 12, 2017 in the main chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500. Pastor Jonathan Fuson will officiate. A procession will follow to Hillside Cemetery for the interment prayers.

Visiting hours have been arranged for Wednesday from 4 until 8 p.m., and one hour prior to the service on Thursday. Memorial donations in Darrell's honor may be made to the Belleville V.F.W.



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# Nelson Po

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additional evidence.

The jury trial requested by Po is now set for Feb. 23 and 24.

Po is charged with one felony count of delivering / manufacturing 5-45 kilograms of marijuana on Aug. 16 at his home at 45025 Harris Road.

If found guilty of the charge, Po could be imprisoned for 7 years and/or pay a fine of \$500,000.

Defense attorney Scott Ruark drafted a motion that was to be presented Jan. 6 to dismiss the charge against Nelson Po based upon entrapment. He will now present and argue his motion to dismiss on Feb. 3.

Ruark will argue that the Deferred Prosecution Agreement, signed by Sumpter Township and Po on Nov. 3, 2015, is an illegal drug deal – 200 pounds of marijuana for \$40,000 – and that Sumpter Township used it to entrap Nelson Po into breaking the law.

Sumpter Township Police already have confiscated about \$1 million worth of possessions owned by Po and his wife Clarita.

Clarita Po is suing Sumpter Township

Police Detective John Toth in a civil case before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Robert J. Colombo.

She sued the township, its supervisor, and Det. Toth following the raid in August on her home and her husband's marijuana grow house. She was jailed and then released without any charges filed against her.

Sumpter Township and Supervisor John Morgan were withdrawn from the case due

to governmental immunity. Det. Toth is the only defendant left in that case. Discovery in that case runs until April 14.

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# Vehicle pursuit on I-275 and I-94 ends in arrest of suspect by VBT PD

On Tuesday morning Van Buren Township Director of Public Safety Gregory Laurain sent the following news release.

At about 8:11 a.m. Saturday, Van Buren Township Police received information that a larceny of a utility trailer was in progress.

Employees from a storage lot at Haggerty and Van Born roads alerted police that a white male subject was in the process of

stealing their work trailer and they were chasing the suspect in his vehicle as he was driving off in his red pickup truck with the trailer.

The employees followed the suspect's vehicle and trailer in tow down Haggerty to Ecorse Road eastbound, at which time the suspect crashed into a guardrail disconnecting the trailer from the truck at the entrance ramp onto southbound I-275.

The suspect's vehicle continued southbound on I-275 at a high rate of speed and then onto eastbound I-94 where a Van Buren Police cruiser attempted to effect a traffic stop.

The suspect vehicle which was reported as stolen, was failing to stop for police and continued at a high rate of speed traveling eastbound on I-94.

In the area of I-94 and Merriman, the

suspect vehicle left the eastbound lane of I-94, crossed the median and drove eastbound in the westbound lanes of I-94 in an attempt to elude police. The suspect then continued across all lanes of westbound I-94 and exited the vehicle while in motion, running on foot.

The suspect vehicle continued to roll several hundred feet before making impact with a cement freeway wall.

Officers observed the suspect running into a wooded area and there Van Buren Police apprehended him shortly thereafter.

The suspect, identified as Timothy Komendera, 50-year-old male from Detroit, has been arraigned by the presiding 34th District Court Judge on two counts of Larceny (over \$20,000) and one count of 3rd-Degree Flee & Eluding. His bond is set at \$50,000/10%. His probable cause hearing is set for Jan. 18 at 9 a.m. at 34th District Court and a preliminary exam is to be held on Jan. 25.

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## MSP School Bus Inspection Report

The Michigan State Police School Bus Inspection Report for School Year 2015/2016 for the Van Buren Public Schools showed: 57 pass, 4 yellow, 6 red for a total of 67 buses inspected.

For the 2014/2015 school year, the inspections showed: 39 pass, 16 yellow, 4 red, for a total of 59 buses inspected.

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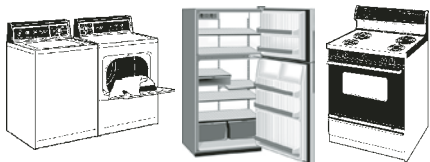
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Doug Dalton Auctioneer will be holding his monthly Estate Antique Auction Friday, Jan. 13, at 4 and 5 p.m. at the Romulus Progressive Hall on Ozga Road. Items include more than 1,000 jazz albums sold in groups, over 1,000 toy trains sold in groups, antique furniture, lamps, crystal, glassware and more. Visit his website for lots of photos at [www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com](http://www.dougdaltonauctioneer.com).

Tickets are available for the upcoming Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Awards Dinner, Holiday Party, and Silent Auction on Saturday, Jan. 21, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the BYC in Belleville on Huron River Drive. Tickets are \$50 each, which includes beer and wine, and dinner, beginning at 7 p.m. Dueling pianos will provide the entertainment. Awards recipients include Therese Antonelli (Ted Kuckelman Award), Marlene Mills (Leona Van Buhler Award), and Martin & Son (Business of the Year Award). Congratulations! For tickets or to reserve a seat, call the chamber at (734) 697-7151.

Belleville Attorney Amy Eversole will be holding her Peace & Harmony Through Estate Planning free seminar on Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Community Center on Tyler Road. Participants will receive a \$100 discount on basic real estate planning packages. For info, call Amy at (734) 718-8574.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter Township will be holding their Tractor Supply pet adoption clinic this Saturday, Jan. 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 111 Sage Court in Saline and next Saturday, Jan. 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Petco Pet Store on West Warren Avenue across from Westland Mall. Call (734) 461-9458.

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Bethany Bible Church still has openings for its Belleville Basketball at Bethany League (K through sixth grade) starting this week and running through March 18. Cost is \$45 per participant. For registration forms, times and other info, visit [www.bethanybiblechurch.com](http://www.bethanybiblechurch.com) or call (734) 697-7456.

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• **Saturday, Jan. 14** – You are invited to visit the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild on the second Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the Otisville Room at Van Buren Township Hall. All levels of sewers are welcome and there are lots of different projects.

• **Saturday, Jan. 14** – Roast Beef Dinner at Community United Methodist Church, 11160 Olive at Bibbins, in Romulus, from 5 to 7 p.m., \$10/adults, \$4/children 6-12. For carry out call (734) 941-0736 after 5 p.m. that day.

**Upcoming Meetings**

• **Thursday, Jan. 12** – Keystone Academy school board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Jan. 17** – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Jan. 18** – Belleville Civil Service Commission, 9 a.m., to interview police officer candidates. Also, Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

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# City of Belleville Public Notice

## City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes December 19, 2016

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

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

### 2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

### 3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

#### Presentations

#### Holiday Decorating Contest Winners

Council members took turns presenting plaques to the following winners of the annual holiday decorating contest:

- **Business:** Friends Flooring, 164 Main St.
- **Mobile Home Parks:** The Morin Family
- **Harbour Pointe:** Richard & Wendy Rytman, Jr., 723 Harbour Pointe Court
- **Victoria Commons:** 336 Victorian Lane
- **Balance of Belleville:** Harold & Elizabeth Kelsey, 237 Robbe

Citizen Comments	None
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### 4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of December 5, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None
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### 7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

#### Zoning Ordinance Amendment: B-2 Building Height

Planning Commission Chair Steve Jones stated that its subcommittee had met twice for discussion and is recommending that Council approve a zoning ordinance amendment that would add an additional category to address one-story structures.

The Planning Commission held a public hearing on this subject at is December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Conley stated that the City Council will make a decision at a future meeting.

### 8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Chamber of Commerce – Strawberry Festival Rides & Games

Chamber of Commerce President Mike Dotson distributed maps to council members that illustrated possible locations for additional rides for the 2017 Strawberry Festival. After a great deal of discussion, Mr. Dotson stated that he and Chamber members would redraw the plan and present to Council in the future.

B. 2018 SMART Operating Assistance Grant

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve

Resolution No. 16-126 to approve the 2018 SMART Operating Assistance Grant. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### C. Special Events Ordinance

Mayor Conley stated a public hearing will be required and asked for a motion.

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 16-127 to hold a public hearing during the January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 meeting to seek public input on the Special Events Ordinance.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

### 9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Marcotte, second by Fielder to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500 as presented.

Motion to amend the original motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 16-128 for accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 totaling \$129,062.90 with one exception: allowance made to repair the Fire Department's existing water tank, unless non-Fund Balance source becomes available to purchase a new 500-gallon water tank. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 10. EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to consult with the City Attorney regarding strategy for pending litigation, on the basis that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial impact on the City's position in the litigation.

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 16-129 to recess regular meeting and enter Executive Session to consult with the City Attorney regarding strategy for pending litigation. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 16-130 accepting the recommendation of the attorney representing the City to settle the Walczak vs. Belleville pending "trip and fall" litigation for \$75,000. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(c) to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations.

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 16-131 to recess regular meeting and enter Executive Session to discuss the status and strategy of pending union negotiations. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

### 11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 9:30 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: January 3, 2017

Published: January 12, 2017

## Court Watching:

## Prosecutor has the missing evidence, now suspect is a no-show

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Bernardo Keith Frye, 54, did not show up for his preliminary exam on Jan. 4, so 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley signed a bench warrant for his arrest.

Frye is charged with operating while intoxicated-3<sup>rd</sup> and failure to stop at a property damage accident with an attended vehicle on April 14, 2007 in Van Buren Township.

He was free on a \$10,000 personal recognizance bond, but that bond is now cancelled. His court-appointed attorney is Luther Glenn.

VBT Sgt. Marc Abdilla is the officer in charge of the case.

Frye's preliminary exam had been set for Dec. 21, but at that time Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Nadine Hammoud said the People could not proceed on the case because Sgt. Abdilla was on vacation and wouldn't be back until January and they can't find the file on the case, but will find it soon.

Judge Tina Brooks Green said this was a drunk driving charge from 2007 and she was not inclined to dismiss the charge.

Judge Green questioned VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy about the whereabouts of the file and he said they would have to go into the archives to find it.

Hammoud said Frye had three prior drunk driving convictions and he was unable to post his \$5,000/10% bond. She said he had been in the Jackson County Jail since Sept. 5 on another charge and then was brought over to Wayne County Jail where he'd been since Dec. 5 on these charges.

Frye's court-appointed attorney Glenn made a motion to dismiss the charge and have the warrant reissued when the officer is back and the file is found.

Prosecutor Hammoud said she would have no opposition to a personal bond with an electronic tether. Judge Green put him on personal bond which included alcohol testing and reset his preliminary exam for Jan. 4 before Judge Oakley.

But, on Jan. 4, Frye failed to appear.

### Matthew Christopher Farrow

Matthew Christopher Farrow, 21, had his probable cause conference reset for Jan. 11, instead of the scheduled Jan. 4 date, on charges of breaking and entering of a building with intent; malicious destruction of personal property more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000; and malicious destruction of personal property worth more than \$200, but less than \$1,000. This is alleged to have happened on Dec. 24 in Van Buren Township. He is free after posting \$3,500/10% bond. VBT Sgt. Jeff Gueli is the officer in charge of the case.

### Anthony Smith

Anthony Smith, 47, waived his upcoming preliminary exam and Judge Oakley bound him over to circuit court for a Jan. 11 arraignment on the information. He is charged with a felony count of retail fraud first-degree in VBT on Dec. 21.

He was lodged in Wayne County Jail Division III on bond of \$10,000/10% and was brought to the court lockup to be present for his probable cause conference.

The Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor said he objected to personal bond for Smith, as requested by his court-appointed attorney, since Smith had a number of prior convictions. Judge Oakley reduced Smith's bond to \$1,000/10% and told Smith he cannot return to Walmart as part of his bond.

Officer in charge of the case is Detective Donovan McCarthy.

### Michael Edwin Way

A bench warrant was issued for Michael Edwin Way, 39, when he did not show up for his probable cause conference before Judge Oakley on a felony count of domestic violence in Sumpter Township which is alleged to have happened on Dec. 22.



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*Out of the 568 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, Jan. 1:**  
0003 – fireworks, Quirk Rd  
0008 – fireworks, Barnwell Dr.  
0155 – fireworks, Park Estates Dr./Michigan Ave.  
0235 – noise complaint, Cherry  
0349 – agency assist, Haggerty/I-94  
0523 – malicious destruction of property, Sandalwood Dr.  
0716 – property damage accident, Marlowe Ave.  
1002 – disturbance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1141 – agency assist, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1314 – hospice, Mida Dr.  
1407 – breaking & entering, Martz Rd.  
1500 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1527 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1623 – fraud, Rawsonville  
2206 – property damage accident, North Service Dr./Cracker Barrel  
2324 – assault & battery, Lacy Dr.  
2337 – breaking & entering motor vehicle, Denton  
2352 – suspicious person, Denton Rd.

**Monday, Jan. 2:**  
0031 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0103 – shots fired, Denton Rd.  
0126 – breaking & entering, E. Archwood Dr.  
0420 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.  
0436 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.  
0437 – malicious destruction of property, McBride Ave./Pierce St.  
0438 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.  
0458 – missing person, Denton Rd.  
0646 – private property accident, Oak Ln.  
0750 – larceny from auto, Cedarhurst Dr.  
0935 – larceny from auto, Fay Dr.  
1010 – larceny from auto, Cedarhurst Dr.  
1019 – intrusion alarm, Lindsey Dr.  
1040 – vehicle repossession, Haggerty Rd.  
1203 – larceny, Hull Rd.  
1614 – agency assist, Carmell  
1714 – malicious destruction of property, Crowley  
1813 – water leak found, W. Huron River Dr.  
1834 – mental, Ecorse Rd.  
1847 – agency assist, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.  
2055 – suicide or attempt, S. Woodbury Dr.

**Tuesday, Jan. 3:**  
0114 – suspicious person, Pond Ridge Dr. / Winding Pond Dr.  
0216 – harassment call, Denton Rd.  
0723 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
0952 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.  
1116 – assault & battery, The Trilogy  
1158 – larceny from auto, County Walk Blvd.  
1316 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
1321 – fraud, Hoeft Rd.  
1323 – ordinance violation, Martz Rd.  
1657 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1812 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1959 – hospice, Martz Rd.  
2152 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4:**  
0027 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0046 – juvenile complaint, Buchanan St.  
0143 – assault & battery, Jackson St.  
0616 – vehicle repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0821 – traffic hazard, Hannan/North Service Dr.  
1028 – fraud, Prairie Ct.  
1035 – dumping complaint, Togowtee Pass  
1306 – disturbance, Village Green Ln.  
1435 – larceny, Denton Rd.  
1533 – larceny, Westlake Circle  
1658 – trespassing, Lake Point Blvd.  
1744 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1850 – missing person, Denton Rd.  
1917 – missing person, Denton Rd.  
2054 – suicide or attempt, Alva Dr.  
2252 – suspicious person, Rose  
2338 – vehicle repossession, Westlake  
2340 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2346 – disorderly conduct, Rose Blvd.

**Thursday, Jan. 5:**  
0008 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0201 – suspicious situation, Denton Rd.  
0204 – vehicle repossession, Denton Rd.  
0227 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1105 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.  
1128 – civil matter, Village Green Ln.  
1232 – assault & battery, Michigan Service Dr. / Gilmore St.  
1449 – traffic hazard, NB I-275/Tyler  
1528 – parking complaint, Arthur St.  
1815 – fraud, Belleville Rd  
1840 – suspicious person, Bemis Rd.  
1935 – intimidation threat, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1942 – assault & battery, Village Green Ln.  
2007 – water leak found, Oak Ln.  
2216 – agency assist, Belleville Rd / Tyler Rd.  
2356 – vehicle repossession, Briarwood Dr.

**Friday, Jan. 6:**  
0328 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville Rd.  
0847 – agency assist, Country Ln.  
0945 – malicious destruction of property, Laguna Dr.  
0950 – intimidation threat, Rogers Ave.  
1458 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.  
1627 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1804 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.  
1833 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Haggerty Rd.  
2122 – assault & battery, Alva Dr.  
2125 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd

**Saturday, Jan. 7:**  
0104 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0811 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1157 – sexual assault, Lighthouse Dr.  
1402 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1659 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1717 – disturbance, Arlene Ln.  
1731 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1800 – assault & battery, Westlake  
1906 – suspicious situation, Bog Rd.  
1925 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
2003 – property damage accident, Bradley Dr.  
2154 – private property accident, Fay Dr. / Stephanie Dr.  
2206 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr.  
2306 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
2344 – ATV/ORV complaint, Jackson/Lincoln  
Also on this week's log are 246 traffic stops, 64 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways, 17 at Lakewood Shopping Center, and four in the city of Belleville.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Jan. 1:**  
0019 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
0117 – parking complaint, Santa Clara St.  
0129 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0139 – parking complaint, Carmell St.  
0148 – parking complaint, Dos Rios St.  
0153 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.  
0158 – parking complaint, Anaheim  
0835 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1001 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.  
1047 – suspicious situation, E. Columbia Ave.  
1155 – miscellaneous complaint, Menlo Park Dr.  
1432 – fraud, Main St.  
2158 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

**Monday, Jan. 2:**  
0017 – disturbance, W. Columbia Ave.  
0851 – vehicle lockout, Santa Clara St.  
1420 – agency assist, Main St.  
1610 – domestic assault, Carmell St.  
2101 – miscellaneous complaint, Loza Ln. / N. Edgemont Ave.  
2237 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

**Tuesday, Jan. 3:**  
0120 – vehicle repossession, Edison Ave.  
2045 – noise complaint, Carmell St.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4:**  
0507 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.  
0541 – intrusion alarm, Carmell St.

0939 – property damage accident, Chase  
1015 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.  
1018 – suspicious situation, N. Edgemont Ave.

**Thursday, Jan. 5:**  
1302 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail  
2212 – assist fire dept., Main St.  
2250 – background investigation, Main St.  
2318 – traffic complaint, Anaheim St.

**Friday, Jan. 6:**  
0403 – assist fire dept., Henry St.  
0719 – animal complaint, Victorian Ln.  
1016 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Wabash  
1257 – assist fire dept., Secretary of State  
1458 – miscellaneous complaint, E. Columbia Ave.  
1634 – agency assist, Main St./First St.

**Saturday, Jan. 7:**  
0156 – motorist assist, Savage/RR tracks  
1518 – private property accident, 5 Points Mini Mart  
1646 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1754 – P.B.T. alcohol, Main St.

Also on this week's log are 39 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, Jan. 1:**  
0017 – family trouble, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
0039 – family trouble, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0220 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0315 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1033 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd  
1321 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1758 – property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter

**Monday, Jan. 2:**  
0725 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0917 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1203 – fire dept. assist, Birch  
1246 – suspicious vehicle, 22000 bl. Haggerty  
1321 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1429 – alarm, Alaska  
1438 – well-being check, Hampshire  
1559 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1559 – civil dispute, Montana  
1706 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1837 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville / Rustic Ln.  
2252 – disorderly person, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

**Tuesday, Jan. 3:**  
0213 – larceny, New Mexico  
0510 – alarm, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0621 – citizen assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1037 – malicious destruction of property, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1231 – suspicious incident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1236 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1319 – ordinance violation, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1326 – well-being check, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1410 – well-being check, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2158 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Willis  
2228 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.

**Wednesday, Jan. 4:**  
0137 – assist other agency, Birch

0602 – alarm, 27000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1004 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1027 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1153 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Bemis  
1157 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1220 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1310 – down wires, Elwell/Harris  
1657 – property damage accident, Wyoming  
1709 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1752 – well-being check, Montana  
2019 – 911 hang up, Second St.  
2238 – civil dispute, Timberlane Dr.

**Thursday, Jan. 5:**  
0111 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0357 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0902 – threats complaint, Oregon  
1057 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1319 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1321 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1337 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1552 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1727 – suspicious incident, Creekside Dr.  
2019 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2131 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
2137 – alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Friday, Jan. 6:**  
0255 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
0301 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0905 – juvenile complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
0944 – larceny, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1018 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1120 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1238 – alarm, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1342 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
1400 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Saturday, Jan. 7:**  
0938 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1504 – larceny, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1516 – animal complaint, Harris/Martinsville  
1614 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1710 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.  
1818 – animal complaint, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1908 – civil dispute, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2353 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.

Also on this week's log are 23 follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 159 patrol checks, and 16 traffic stops.

## Republicans move Trump swear-in party to Crystal Gardens

The Wayne-12th Congressional District Republican Committee party to watch the swearing in of Donald Trump as President on inauguration day Jan. 20 has been moved from the announced Epicurean House Banquet Center in Wyandotte to Crystal Gardens in Southgate.

For more information on the event, see <http://InaugurationCelebration2017.eventbrite.com> or call Joe Lenard at (734) 282-0643.



## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program is scheduled for January 24, 2017 at Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter road, Belleville 48111 at 6pm for the purpose of:

Receiving comments and suggestions regarding the 2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant program. These suggestions must identify and benefit community development or housing needs of low and moderate income residents.

The estimated allocation for 2016-2017 funds is \$73,000.00

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

**Position Title:** Account Clerk

**Department:** Clerk's Office

**Classification:** Regular, Full-time

**FLSA Status:** Non-exempt

**Union Affiliation:** AFSCME

**Opening Date:** December 21, 2016

**Closing Date:** Open Until Filled

**Starting Hourly Wage:** \$16.12

**91 Day Hourly Wage:** \$17.14

**18 Month Hourly Wage:** \$18.15

#### General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for an Account Clerk in Elections.

#### Position Summary

Under the general supervision of the Township Clerk or their designee, the employee will be responsible for a variety of general office and clerical functions including those tasks relative to the voter registration and electoral process as defined by law. Preparing and maintaining records, files, purchasing duties, verbal communication and written correspondence within the Department and may assist the accounting staff in accomplishing accounting functions of the Township.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

[www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted](http://www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted)

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