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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

At Saturday's annual meeting of the Belleville Area Friends of the Library, members of the Citizens for a New Library were given an award for their work to get the millages passed in November to build a new library. From left are Library Director Mary Jo Suchy; library board members Joy Cichewicz, John Juriga, and Mary Jane Dawson; Elaine Gutierrez; Jeff Jahr; Van Buren Township Trustee Reggie Miller; and library board president Sharon Peters. Other members of the Citizens for a New Library group not present for the meeting were chairwoman Deb Green, Virginia Belinski, LaChelle Reed Caver, George Craven, Alma Hughes-Grubbs, James B. Lenze, Joe Monte, Michelle Montour, Claudette Serpetti, Tanya Stoudemire, and Ken Voigt.



Marti Wilson, right, accepted the Lifetime Achievement award for her and her late husband David from president of the Friends of the Belleville Area District Library Linda Priest at Saturday's annual meeting.



Katerina Tyner, at right, secretary of Friends of the Belleville Area District Library, was presented with the Volunteer of the Year award by Friends' president Linda Priest at Saturday's annual meeting of the group.

9th Annual Report to Taxpayers

Van Buren Township Public Safety Wages & Actual Cost to Twp. 1/1/16 - 12/31/16

Employee Name	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
Police				
Floro, Kenneth V	101,898.19	61,752.94	44,352.88	208,004.01
Keele, Louis J	92,483.37	35,559.23	40,552.44	168,595.04
McCormick, Ryan M	76,241.98	50,272.85	37,683.72	164,198.55
Champagne, David A	77,372.25	34,505.65	44,178.05	156,055.95
Bazzy, Charles E	97,886.87	—	46,177.35	144,064.22
Buckberry Jr, Mark D	103,687.78	—	40,109.50	143,797.28
Laurain, Gregory M	106,131.22	—	37,365.41	143,496.63
Raschke, Matthew A	99,474.20	—	38,674.41	138,148.61
Schulz, Alexander W	98,917.45	—	39,178.68	138,096.13
Papin, Michael W	93,550.94	—	38,044.03	131,594.97
Abdilla, Marc L	67,387.03	26,093.83	35,556.58	129,037.44
Buxton, Mark R	84,816.77	—	43,070.22	127,886.99
Stanton, Jeffrey L	82,409.14	—	42,705.65	125,114.79
DeVos, Bart W	95,638.92	—	27,317.10	122,956.02
Smith, Amy M	93,971.74	—	28,780.84	122,752.58
Toney, Kenneth W	83,903.68	—	35,614.80	119,518.48
Gueli, Jeffery D	95,431.40	—	22,828.22	118,259.62
Rini, Michael J	90,446.74	—	25,768.83	116,215.57
Wright, Jason J	75,816.11	—	39,979.24	115,795.35
King, Mark J	74,050.90	—	40,885.17	114,936.07
Byrd, Adam R	73,068.29	—	40,761.65	113,829.94
Perez, Derek S	78,431.39	—	34,539.49	112,970.88
Bidwell, Ryan A	71,822.65	—	40,643.97	112,466.62
Sweet, Frederick W	77,907.70	—	34,436.59	112,344.29
McCarthy, Donovan L	77,128.93	—	34,283.56	111,412.49
Griggs, Scott M	79,099.40	—	32,270.82	111,370.22
Harrison, Dale A	77,955.69	—	32,259.33	110,215.02
Barry, Ryan T	76,276.36	—	33,528.32	109,804.68
Valinski, Christopher M	75,686.67	—	34,000.16	109,686.83
Wehrman, Patrick J	75,371.69	—	33,938.26	109,309.95
Short, Jordan G	72,239.22	—	35,490.44	107,729.66
Fey, Christopher R	67,737.34	—	39,644.57	107,381.91
Hayes, Christopher J	70,510.04	—	33,110.04	103,620.08
Long, Michael D	79,170.57	—	23,553.06	102,723.63
Hillen, James E	63,514.85	—	35,942.12	99,456.97
Bettendorf, William J	63,468.77	—	31,668.14	95,136.91
Dougherty, Eric S	71,797.00	—	22,034.61	93,831.61
Tront, Jason L	68,843.69	—	16,861.80	85,705.49
Venier, Andrew G	62,869.00	—	22,028.35	84,897.35
Traster, Carrie A	52,809.12	—	30,327.43	83,136.55
Fleming, Pamela R	46,096.16	—	30,366.13	76,462.29
Veil, Tyler J	34,546.71	—	11,325.94	45,872.65
Brandel, Gabriel A.	5,848.62	—	1,403.95	7,252.57
Fire				
Besson, Daniel C	—	81,275.50	42,585.71	123,861.21
Smith, Ryan J	—	43,961.66	3,316.54	47,278.20
Cox, Dustin G	—	38,383.49	2,900.97	41,284.46
Walter, Daniel J	—	35,837.81	2,711.32	38,549.13

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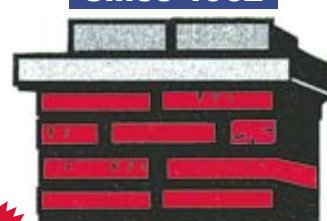
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Van Buren Township Public Safety Wages & Actual Cost to Twp. 1/1/16 - 12/31/16				
Employee Name	Police Wages	Fire Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
Campbell, Bronson L	_____	35,704.80	2,701.41	38,406.21
Folks, Ronald P	_____	34,859.70	2,638.45	37,498.15
Lunsford, Curtis D	_____	28,432.99	2,159.66	30,592.65
Doty, Douglas A	_____	25,381.46	1,932.32	27,313.78
Skotak, Ian M	_____	25,154.43	1,915.41	27,069.84
Spence-Everett, Rachel	_____	25,129.88	1,913.58	27,043.46
Bell, Shawn D	_____	23,362.71	1,787.25	25,149.96
Griffin, LaMar T	_____	22,291.35	1,702.11	23,993.46
Hayden, John T	_____	22,188.96	1,694.48	23,883.44
Martin, Jason M	_____	20,672.27	1,581.48	22,253.75
Bias, Cory R.	_____	19,566.14	1,499.08	21,065.22
Moening, Michael D	_____	19,476.66	1,492.41	20,969.07
Roy, Christopher R	_____	19,177.15	1,470.10	20,647.25
Rose, John L	_____	18,676.41	1,432.79	20,109.20
McCormick, Elizabeth L	_____	17,867.85	1,372.55	19,240.40
Hamill, Jr., Richard J	_____	17,364.77	1,335.08	18,699.85
DeWitt, Charles S	_____	17,186.45	1,321.79	18,508.24
Pierce, Christopher A	_____	17,183.32	1,321.56	18,504.88
Brouillette, David R	_____	16,949.20	1,286.87	18,236.07
Queen, Timothy W	_____	16,736.50	1,288.27	18,024.77
Ladach, Aaron S	_____	16,240.36	1,251.31	17,491.67
Landstrom, Kenneth J	_____	16,037.69	1,236.21	17,273.90
Laskaska, Patrick J	_____	14,698.37	1,136.43	15,834.80
Shores, Michael R	_____	14,317.75	1,108.07	15,425.82
Crain, Andrew W	_____	13,004.17	1,010.21	14,014.38
Ferris, James A	_____	10,261.85	805.91	11,067.76
Sorrell, Todd M	_____	10,247.65	804.85	11,052.50
Kowalski, Gregory M	_____	7,402.37	592.88	7,995.25
Worth, Joshua F	_____	6,847.60	541.20	7,388.80
Marcotte, Lacey J	_____	6,398.60	487.05	6,885.65
Henderson, John T	_____	4,549.55	376.89	4,926.44
Vlademar, Michael S	_____	3,873.75	316.19	4,189.94
Batties, Lonnie J.	_____	3,283.39	272.21	3,555.60
Gazdag, Kyle A	_____	2,271.11	196.80	2,467.91
Hayes, Angela L	_____	1,763.57	165.89	1,929.46
Eakes, Warren C	_____	1,555.54	129.69	1,685.23
Jovanelly, Matthew R	_____	1,510.95	122.92	1,633.87
Fondaw, Kyle A	_____	893.20	69.99	963.19
West, Levi A.	_____	815.45	88.35	903.80
Gudith, Bradley A	_____	376.13	34.92	411.05
Sutherby, Collin D.	_____	149.82	18.06	167.88
Dispatch				
Lucas, Gretchen E	61,490.71	_____	30,930.20	92,420.91
Martin, Robert B	57,466.73	_____	30,139.48	87,606.21
McInally II, David C	7,086.37	50,631.03	29,378.21	87,095.61
Jones, Julie C	60,512.30	_____	19,606.27	80,118.57
Brooks, Terri A	58,859.77	_____	19,452.42	78,312.19
Baker, Georgia J	60,113.71	_____	15,051.66	75,165.37
Rea, Teri L	54,726.01	_____	20,179.67	74,905.68
Smolinski, Whitney L	48,634.27	_____	18,912.32	67,546.59
Beguhn, Nicole R	46,438.56	_____	16,720.76	63,159.32
Blackmore, Marisa L	40,484.52	_____	10,249.88	50,734.40
Weisbecker, Vicki L	27,060.60	_____	11,245.13	38,305.73
Ordinance				
Schuler, David J	45,102.07	39,792.92	30,641.68	115,536.67
Queener, Robert W	38,904.82	_____	33,778.39	72,683.21
TOTAL				\$6,814,180.85

Van Buren Township Employee Wages and Actual Cost to Township 1/1/16 - 12/31/16			
Name	Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
Elected Officials			
Combs, Linda H	73,373.12	27,119.15	100,492.27
McNamara, Kevin M.	8,305.65	1,915.94	10,221.59
Wright, Leon	78,398.58	42,042.95	120,441.53
Budd, Sharry A	79,892.80	27,682.02	107,574.82
Trustees			
McClanahan, Brenda J	14,924.58	11,766.03	26,690.61
Jahr, Jeffrey L	14,924.58	11,595.15	26,519.73
Hart, Phillip C	17,124.58	5,664.75	22,789.33
Miller, Regina L	15,601.00	3,343.13	18,944.13
Frazier, Sherry A.	719.06	351.91	1,070.97
Martin, Kevin D.	719.06	351.91	1,070.97
White, Paul D.	469.06	82.78	551.84
Assessing			
Stevenson, Linda M	66,800.38	39,402.21	106,202.59
Guenther, William J	19,787.49	1,513.74	21,301.23
Dorazio, Gina M	18,428.33	1,409.77	19,838.10
Board of Review			
Nettro, Angela R	540.00	41.31	581.31
Roesch III, Harry R	540.00	41.31	581.31
Speaks, Loretta D	540.00	41.31	581.31
Jensen, Juanita M	420.00	32.13	452.13
Building Department			
Fields, Judy A	82,414.34	35,888.08	118,302.42
Akers, Ronald A	69,957.03	38,914.63	108,871.66
Best, Matthew R	62,674.61	30,328.30	93,002.91
Grishaber, Tina	45,701.70	18,335.30	64,037.00
Halstead, Anna N	37,235.64	17,066.08	54,301.72
DiSanto, Mark S	20,979.72	17,049.23	38,028.95
Building/Grounds			
Jenkins, Kirk A	63,695.39	37,105.41	100,800.80
Fondaw, Jeffrey K	65,443.80	30,812.12	96,255.92
Burgor, Michael L	54,282.10	26,825.14	81,107.24
Taylor, Gerald W	38,012.62	23,804.37	61,816.99
Turner, William T	42,842.16	22,622.54	65,464.70
Esch, Charles A	55,680.88	17,988.07	73,668.95
Drotar, Ryan T	49,272.08	17,496.89	66,768.97
Cochenour, Jonathon	40,768.87	16,592.09	57,360.96
Miller, Patty A	41,285.69	12,302.17	53,587.86
Cable			
McCracken, Alwena A	49,064.65	13,129.57	62,194.22
Carnacchi, Robert D	7,217.62	552.15	7,769.77
Bleifeld, Nicole L	4,405.64	337.03	4,742.67
Fuentes, Melina K	3,037.40	232.36	3,269.76
Clerk's Office			
Morse, Vernon B	66,466.75	32,030.62	98,497.37
Montgomery, Joanne	69,324.60	17,582.01	86,906.61
Towles, Carol E	55,635.80	15,263.74	70,899.54
Cline, Kathleen A	15,732.50	1,203.54	16,936.04
DDA			
Ireland, Susan D	76,477.69	24,423.20	100,900.89
Lothringer, Lisa M	47,843.74	16,891.63	64,735.37
IT			
Rankin, Steve L	70,564.77	23,495.18	94,059.95
Dandy, Kenneth R	60,841.06	30,856.92	91,697.98
Sabin, Joel S	52,565.77	18,906.04	71,471.81
Museum			
Dallos, Kathryn M	37,518.33	16,762.09	54,280.42
Parks			
Nicholson III, Earvin	14,679.28	1,122.96	15,802.24
Dybicki, Ryan J	10,361.22	792.63	11,153.85
Wall, Sydney R	10,019.45	766.49	10,785.94
Campbell, Freddie J	7,909.58	605.08	8,514.66

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Letters

Registration open for 2017 soccer season

To the Editor and Van Buren Soccer Community:

We are looking forward to our spring 2017 soccer season which will start in April. Registration is open for the spring 2017 season; please register at www.vanburenpride.com.

We are hopeful we can continue to grow our soccer club at a reasonable cost. Sponsors and volunteers help us do this. We thank you so much for all your support and dedication! We couldn't do it without the community's help. If you are interested in donating to our soccer club, please email us at vanburensoccerbelleville@yahoo.com

Programs we have available are:

- Pride Development - ages 2-5 (This is a development program for our little ones -- learn basic fundamentals of the game -- 1 hour every Saturday starting in April and ending in June)

- Recreational In-House -- ages 5-8 (This program is an in house program where teams will play teams within our community -- practices will be held weekly and games will be held once a week)

- Recreational Travel - ages 8-14 (This program is a recreational program where teams will play teams outside of our community -- practices will be held weekly and games will be held once a week)

- High School Off Spring -- high school level

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To the Editor:

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Mel and Chris Simecek
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Thank you for support for 'Dress for Success'

To the Editor:

The Belleville Area Women's Club (BAWC) wishes to say THANK YOU for the generous response and the support of the community, to the recent Dress for Success project. It was a huge success.

Sincerely,
 Sophia P. Zoller, secretary
 Belleville Area Women's Club

Thank you, St. Jude

To the Editor:

Re: St. Jude's Novena

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Jan. 27 – Elaine Stabnau
 Jan. 28 – Cindy King
 Jan. 29 – James Shrove
 Jan. 31 – Karen Mida

Feb. 1 – Kathie Steigerwald, Joy Cichewicz
 Feb. 2 – Denise Bukis

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Quilt show coming to museum in March

It is that time of year – Quilt Show time! In recognition of National Quilting Month in March, the Belleville Area Museum and Western Wayne County Quilting Guild will once again present a month-long quilt exhibit at the museum.

Quilters from around the area are welcome to share their creations during our 21st-annual Quilt Show. Our theme this year is “Quilts

around the World.”

The show will run during museum hours from March 1 through March 31, 2017, Tuesdays: 3-7 p.m. and Wednesday through Saturday, noon-4 p.m.

A Viewer's Choice winner will be announced at the end of the month and will be given a gift basket filled with assorted quilting supplies. Throughout the month we will feature “Bed Turnings,” quilting demonstrations, and a Girl Scout's Sewing Workshop.

If you are interested in taking part in our

quilt exhibit, please fill out a Registration Form indicating the number and approximate size of quilts you wish to loan, so that we may know how many pieces to expect and plan for. Please return your Registration Forms and quilts no later than Feb. 23 to the Belleville Area Museum.

We will be accepting quilts for display Feb. 7-11 and Feb. 14-17. If you cannot bring your pieces during those times, please call the museum at (734) 697-1944 and we will arrange a special time for you.

We are offering quilters the opportunity to sell their pieces during our exhibit. If the quilt is sold, we ask that you give 15% of the sale price as a donation to the museum.

This is always an exciting time of year for us and we hope you it will be for you, too! It's a wonderful treat to see the quality and variety of quilts displayed each year.

Sincerely,
Katie Dallos, Museum Director
Sherry Jones and Roxann Baker
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Obituaries



Betty Lambdin Neill

BETTY LAMBDIN NEILL

(March 16, 1932 - January 22, 2017)

Betty Lambdin Neill, age 84, died Sunday, January 22, 2017 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor.

Betty was the beloved wife of the late Richard (d.2004); loving mother of Susan (Gary) Lake of Taylor and Harvey (Beverly) Neill of Georgia; cherished sister of Mary Lou (Dr. John) Shaddock of Texas. Mrs. Neill is also survived by thirteen grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren with one on the way. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her children, Charlotte Neill (d.1984), Lee Neill (d.2011) and William (Helen) Neill (d. 2011).

Born on March 16, 1932 in Lyndhurst, Ohio to Ralph and Charlotte Lambdin, Betty and Richard raised their family in E. Farmington, Ohio. After Richard's death in 2004, Betty moved to the Belleville area to be closer to her children. She was very active in the September Days Senior Center and was also involved with the Dearborn Theater. Betty loved all sports, including the Detroit Tigers and Cleveland Indians baseball teams and was always open to trying new things. She will be missed.

In keeping with Betty's wishes, cremation rites have been accorded.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, January 26, at 3 p.m. in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. The Neill Family will greet friends from 2 p.m. until the time of the 3 p.m. service.

Another memorial service will be held in Claridon, Ohio, at a later date.

Memorial contributions in Betty's memory may be directed to the September Days Senior Center of Van Buren Township or the cardiac unit of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital of Ann Arbor.

ALESIA GRACE SEVERE

(November 21, 2016 - January 16, 2017)

Age one month and 26 days, passed away at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor. Survived by parents Valse and Karrie Severe; two sisters, grandparents. Service was Jan. 22 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Sumpter Township issues invitation for fire fighter applications

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Trustee Don LaPorte, who is also a fire fighter, issued a call for paid-per-call fire fighter applicants.

He said the township is accepting applications from those 18 years of age and over at the clerk's office. He said fire fighters are trained in medical skills, fighting structural fires, and hazmat under state law.



Lula Grace LaPensee

LULA GRACE LaPENSEE

(March 3, 1929 - January 21, 2017)

Lula G. LaPensee of Van Buren Township died early Saturday morning, January 21, 2017 at 87 years of age.

Lula was the beloved wife of Wilfred "Sonny" LaPensee for 57 wonderful years; the dear mother of Gary (Joyce) Foster of North Carolina and Connie (Terry) Sorrell, also of North Carolina; cherished grandmother of Sara (Shaun) Gilmore of North Carolina, Paul Dunn of Missouri, Brendon (Leia) LaPensee of Milan, and Derrick LaPensee of Belleville. Mrs. LaPensee is also survived by her three great-grandchildren, Jayden, Kennedy, and Piper. She was sadly preceded in death by her son, Rick (Claudia) LaPensee (d. 2007).

A long-time employee of Fisher Body, Lula had a love of gardening (she was known by friends as the "Tomato Lady"), ceramics and spending time with her family in the Irish Hills.

A funeral ceremony will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 26, in the main chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Interment will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

The LaPensee family greeted guests Wednesday evening from 4 until 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Van Buren Township Fireman's Fund.



Joanne Vargo

JOANNE VARGO

(September 26, 1943 - January 18, 2017)

Joanne Vargo, age 73, of Belleville, died suddenly on January 18, 2017.

Joanne is the beloved sister of Patrick Vargo of Grass Lake, James (Marlene) Vargo of Manchester and Kathleen Vargo of Belleville; cherished aunt of Carrie (Chad) Trinkle of Dexter, Christine (Phillip) Hilberer of Grass Lake and Michael (Cala) Vargo of Chelsea. Joanne is also survived by many loving great-nieces and nephews and extended family and friends. Born on September 26, 1943 in Detroit, Michigan to Louis and Mary Vargo, Joanne made Belleville home in 1960. She was a long-time employee with the University of Michigan in an administrative role with the parking system. She enjoyed making trips to the casino and enjoyed arts and crafts, especially quilting. She had a true love for her family. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, January 23 at 10:00 AM at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church, 4855 Parker, Dearborn Heights. Joanne did lie in state from 9:30 AM. Father Daniel Zaleski officiated her mass. Visiting hours were held Sunday, January 22, from 4 until 8 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville (734) 697-4500. The rosary was prayed at 7:30 p.m., Sunday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to EWTN Global Network or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Belleville Civil Service Commission selects seven cop candidates

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After a day-long series of interviews of 11 candidates for police positions, the Belleville Civil Service Commission selected seven it approved for hire.

The names were listed by the commission in no particular order of preference.

- Alan Benson – currently a Reserve Officer with Grosse Ile Police Department and new graduate from police academy at Schoolcraft. Bachelor's degree in hotel management and associate's degree in culinary arts.

- Tyler Bielecki – December graduate of Mott Community College Police Academy, third in class. Lives in Brownstown, unemployed. Earned four-year Criminal Justice degree in two years at University of Michigan. Had six-month internship with U.S. Marshalls in Detroit. Father is a police officer in Brownstown; mother is investigator for the Department of Justice. Was part of Wyandotte Explorer's Cadet Program ages 14-21. Earned three President's Volunteer Awards.

- Sarah Dzagulones – Lives in Southgate; unemployed. Bachelor's Degree in Communications/English; associate degree in Criminal Justice at Schoolcraft Community College in 2013. Worked for 14 months for Madison Heights PD and wasn't happy there; left in 2016.

- Stephen Koren – Belleville High School graduate, January 2003; lives in Van Buren Township; works part-time on Carleton Police Department since July. Employed as restoration tech in Willis, mostly working on old cars. Worked at Hamtramck PD, City of Ypsilanti PD. Marine veteran; Army reserves. Criminal Justice associate degree in 2012 at Washtenaw Community College; been through police academy.

- Ahmed Kassem – Graduated recently from police academy at Schoolcraft Community College and has an associate's in Criminal Justice; applied to 30 departments. Served in military; now in Army Reserves. Being a police officer is his dream. He said he has only 30 more credits to get his bachelor's degree and so he wants to work on that, get a house, a couple of kids, and a wife.

- Glenn Morrison – Lives in Belleville;

retired from Detroit PD, seeking part-time work. Thirty-nine years of police experience. Retired as Child Abuse Investigator after 25 years at Detroit PD then retired from Oakland Community College last year after 15 years. Worked at Chrysler for a little while years ago. Served as machinist in U.S. Navy, 1969-71. Would like to work three or four years part-time, if hired.

- Michael Randall – Background in

public safety, mostly fire. He was elected commissioner on Livingston County Board of Commissioner for two terms, served as Howell assistant fire chief, and Village of Pinckney Police Department Sergeant.

Other candidates interviewed were Barry Raetzl II, Brad Mezel, Ray Pomaville, and Kari Sweeney.

The list of those candidates judged as good fits for the Belleville Police Department was turned over to Police

Chief Hal Berriman and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer. They will proceed with hiring one full-time officer and two part-time officers. All three positions need to be filled as soon as possible since they were recently vacated.

Presiding at the Oral Boards was Civil Service Commission chairman Douglas Dalton. Also present was CSC member Monique Gary. The third member of the commission, Jacqueline Schank-Ulch, was absent.

Great Lakes Water Authority issues statement on water

The following is a Jan. 18, statement from Great Lakes Water Authority CEO Sue McCormick regarding the principle cause of taste and odor concerns in the water in several Downriver communities

"After a thorough review, GLWA has identified the principle cause of the taste and odor issue that several Downriver communities have been experiencing since Jan. 12. The Authority has also established protocols that will prevent the issue from occurring again.

"At no time were there any health or safety concerns.

"It should be noted that throughout the entire taste and odor situation, the GLWA Water Quality Team has been conducting not only standard bacteriological testing, but also additional testing for toxicity and volatile organic chemicals. All test results have met the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Act regulatory standards.

"The Authority's Southwest Water Treatment Facility (SW Facility) is the primary location from which Downriver communities are served, and therefore our investigation began at that facility.

"GLWA has concluded that the SW Facility experienced a temporary spike in turbidity levels (water with a significant amount of particulates) in the water at the beginning of the treatment process and associated with the normal cleaning of its settling basins.

"Once staff determined that the cleaning of the settling basins could be a contributing factor to the taste and odor issues, the cleaning of the basins was immediately stopped (approximately noon on Thursday, Jan. 12). However, some of the water treated during this timeframe left the plant and entered the distribution system with sulfurous tastes and odors.

"Facility staff then began feeding powdered activated carbon into the system to help mitigate the issue and begin to bring relief to our customer communities. Staff also instituted an enhanced schedule of water quality testing to ensure that there is not a reoccurrence of the taste and odor issue.

"These actions have resulted in a significant decrease in the number of complaints being received by GLWA.

"In order to assure complete mitigation of the

issue, on Monday, GLWA began implementation of a systematic flushing plan to clear the remainder of the water treated during the cleaning of the settling basins from its system. Staff will continue flushing until the situation is resolved.

"The Authority is also reaching out to affected customer communities to offer assistance in flushing out their local systems. GLWA will cover the cost of any volume increases associated with flushing activities in the impacted communities.

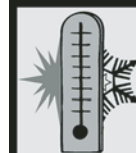
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Obituaries

LUKE CHARLES MORRIS
(January 21, 2017 - January 21, 2017)

Luke Charles Morris, cherished son of Jeffrey Eric & Tiffany Faith (McDonald) Morris, was born at 9:13 a.m. Saturday, January 21, 2017 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, and passed away at 7:40 p.m. Luke is survived by his parents of Milan, grandparents Michelle (Mark) Nicholai of Ann Arbor, great-grandmother Carolyn Schooler of Jackson, great-great-grandmother Jamie Tarpley of Alabama, sister Abigail Morris of Milan, brother Tyler Morris of South Lyon, aunt Shanelle (Branden) Henry of Monroe, uncles Calvin Nicholai of Ann Arbor and Jason (Beth) Morris of Chelsea,

cousins Easton Henry of Monroe and Kate Morris of Chelsea, also numerous extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Barbara & Charles Morris, great-grandfather Gene Schooler, and great-great-grandfather Hobert Tarpley.

Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 28, 2017 at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, Belleville, with Pastor Jonathan Fuson officiating. The family will greet guests from 10-11 a.m. Interment will be in Marble Park Cemetery, Milan. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Tiffany Morris and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book for his family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.

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- **Saturday, Jan. 28** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan invites constituents to have coffee with her at 10 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road. Tell her your concerns on state matters.
- **Saturday, Jan. 28** – From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Comfort Inn & Suites, 1000 Orleans Blvd. (exit 13 off I-69) in Coldwater, a sports card and collectibles show it set. Attendance is free; public is invited. Bring your items in for appraisal. For information contact Brian Mayne at 260-824-4867 or mescards@icloud.com or Facebook at mcs cards.
- **Saturday, Jan. 28** – St. Anthony Men's Club is holding its annual holiday dance to celebrate Merry Christmas and Happy New Year in the Father Folta Building behind St. Anthony Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave. Theme is '70s Disco, with a prize for the best '70s outfit. Cocktails begin at 6:30 p.m., dinner is at 7:30 p.m. and dancing is 8:30 p.m. until midnight. \$30 per person with tickets from any Men's Club member.
- **Sunday, Jan. 29** – To be announced: musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Monday, Jan. 30** – You are welcome to join the award-winning Belleville Community Chorus. Rehearsals for the spring concert season begin at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Belleville. Come a little early for voice

placement. Information: (734) 731-0829.

• **Sunday, Feb. 5** – Southern Echo musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Sunday, Feb. 5** – Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear "Taps" played.

• **Saturday, Feb. 11** – 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.

• **Sunday, Feb. 12** – 3 J's musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, February 13** – Michigan Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood will hold a coffee hour at noon at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Tell him all your concerns about the state.

• **Sunday, Feb. 19** – Southern Echo musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Wednesday, Feb. 22** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. Get to know your neighbors. Everyone welcomed. Info: (734) 697-9288

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Darlene Owens, director of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, presented an award for the city of Belleville to Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria at the Jan. 17 city council meeting. Owens explained that the authority sends out minors to buy cigarettes, with a police officer along to cite offending businesses. Those that did not sell to minors were praised, saying the authority wants to reward people who do the right thing. She said two stores that did not sell to minors were listed on the plaque presented as: Montrose Market, at the corner of Haggerty and Van Born, and Smokey's Outlet, 980 Sumpter Road. Both businesses are in Van Buren Township.

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Father shoots son in Willow Road altercation in Sumpter Township

On Sunday at about 9:10 p.m., Sumpter Township Police were at a residence in the 47000 block of Willow Road responding to a call for service.

While officers were outside speaking with that homeowner, a volley of gunfire erupted at the residence next door.

When they got to that location, officers found a 28-year-old male lying in the driveway next to a vehicle riddled with bullet holes. The male suffered a gunshot wound to the right thigh. The injured male was taken to a safe position, but was uncooperative with investigators before being transported by ambulance to a hospital.

The homeowner and victim's father, Tony Standifer, 58, admitted to firing the shots, but gave several conflicting stories as to why, said Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke.

Standifer was subsequently taken into custody and has since been charged by

the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and arraigned on two counts: Weapons -- Firearms -- Possession by Felon; and Weapons -- Felony Firearm. He was also given a habitual offender -- second offense notice.

Several firearms were recovered from the residence. Alcohol is believed to have played a part in the incident, Chief Luke said.

Sumpter Township Police was assisted on the scene by Huron Township Police, Van Buren Township Police, Huron-Clinton Metropark Police, and Michigan State Police.

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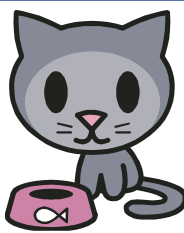
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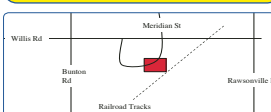


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It's a sheep



Photo courtesy of Tim Elden

On Jan. 5, Tim Elden took this photo of the wandering, white creature in the field on the west side of Sumpter Road between Bemis and Hull roads that has been drawing so much attention. Elden said his photo, taken with a long lens, shows the animal definitely is a sheep, although people had been guessing it to be an albino deer, goat, or calf. Vehicles have been tying up traffic by stopping in the Sumpter roadway so drivers can snap pictures of the white creature with their cell phones. Also, people have been trespassing on the farmer's property to try to feed the animal.

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2016 VBT Retiree Costs			
Name	Retiree Cost		
Brooks, Dennis	9,644.65	Gutowski, Delphine	11,441.81
Brooks, Kenneth	10,009.48	Hunter, Donna	6,200.91
Cline, Kathleen	25,773.91	Kauppila, Barbara	26,943.22
Foster, Helen	16,584.32	Kennedy, Sharon	20,564.07
Greene, Robert	23,332.80	Kurtz, Brenda	20,970.37
Guenther, Dale	20,071.58	Miller, James	24,981.61
		Moening, Michael	10,009.48
		Noye, George	12,401.97

Partridge, Denise	20,228.58	Soja, Stephanie	11,441.81
Schroeder, Roy	7,867.41	Thornsbury, Ernie	19,232.48
Sears, Robert	14,534.28	Wilson, Diane	10,679.64
Smith, Daniel	18,931.58	Yono, Frederick	9,974.29
Smyth, Keith	10,729.06	TOTAL	362,549.31

9th Annual Report to Taxpayers

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Van Buren Township

Employee Wages and Actual Cost to Township 1/1/16 - 12/31/16

Name	Wages	Benefits	Total Compensation
Simpson, Corenina M	3,901.53	298.47	4,200.00
Kosiba, James M	1,912.51	146.31	2,058.82
Adams, Krystal N.	1,115.63	85.35	1,200.98
Ancrile, Sky L	824.50	63.07	887.57
Recreation			
Wright, Jennifer A	62,681.67	31,450.95	94,132.62
Harman, Christina A	49,025.57	26,117.61	75,143.18
Zaenglein, Jennifer B	46,171.99	28,111.72	74,283.71
Price, Jennifer L	44,764.18	27,781.11	72,545.29
Villa, Samuel S	11,218.84	858.24	12,077.08
Fleming, Scott D	10,770.34	823.93	11,594.27
Zantop, Kendyl M	8,801.89	673.34	9,475.23
Testorelli, Scott A	6,460.02	494.19	6,954.21
Fleming, Cole R	4,839.29	370.21	5,209.50
Ralls, Stephanie R	3,744.86	286.48	4,031.34
Zantop, Karli M	3,563.43	272.60	3,836.03
Hawley, Marrisca D	3,130.32	239.47	3,369.79
Ralls, Mariah L	2,718.47	207.96	2,926.43
Jackson, Tess C	2,660.20	203.51	2,863.71
Priebe, Kayla M	2,589.01	198.06	2,787.07
Suvada, Laya M	2,041.01	156.14	2,197.15
Lapham-Hailes, Megh	1,059.34	81.04	1,140.38
Patterson, Tiffani K	971.11	74.29	1,045.40
Seniors			
Jordan, Lynette J	50,226.65	31,247.29	81,473.94
McBride, Patricia M	34,329.60	13,674.36	48,003.96
Schnettler, Mikayla V	14,311.52	1,094.83	15,406.35
Moore, Melvin L	11,130.00	851.45	11,981.45
Johnson, Henry	9,905.00	757.73	10,662.73
Callihan, David H	9,110.00	696.92	9,806.92
Porter, Beverly L	4,464.93	341.57	4,806.50
Supervisor's Office			
Sumpter, Nicole D	49,181.16	29,329.11	78,510.27
Clair, Lianne I	49,907.61	3,817.93	53,725.54
Belanger, Cynthia N	13,728.10	1,050.20	14,778.30
Selman, Daniel V.	5,480.85	1,417.39	6,898.24
Treasurer's Office			
Bellingham, Sean L	76,994.60	34,292.70	111,287.30
Adams, Kathy A	40,765.91	24,605.49	65,371.40
Shevrovich, Jessica M	37,520.15	22,391.83	59,911.98
Water			
Pinard, Mario L	76,217.17	35,120.16	111,337.33
Caincross Jr, Noah	71,869.42	33,466.53	105,335.95
Strickland, Joseph E	70,290.44	30,449.53	100,739.97
Hine, Bradley L	64,402.44	29,933.22	94,335.66
Taylor, James T	71,823.41	15,317.46	87,140.87
Osborne, Jeffrey W	49,851.75	36,057.78	85,909.53
Valinski, Jason A	66,431.97	19,039.09	85,471.06
Ladd, Martin E	57,458.85	27,172.57	84,631.42
McIntosh, Laurie A	45,494.88	35,113.01	80,607.89
Bovitz, Kristy M	44,721.20	30,057.17	74,778.37
Smith, Karen E	45,289.68	27,771.73	73,061.41
Patton, Brandon N.	36,781.78	25,753.84	62,535.62
McLeod, Jeremy M	38,644.70	16,465.02	55,109.72
TOTAL			4,661,481.27

Compiled by Diane Madigan.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Feb. 6 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 7 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Feb. 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 9 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission possible meeting at 7

p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 13 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons

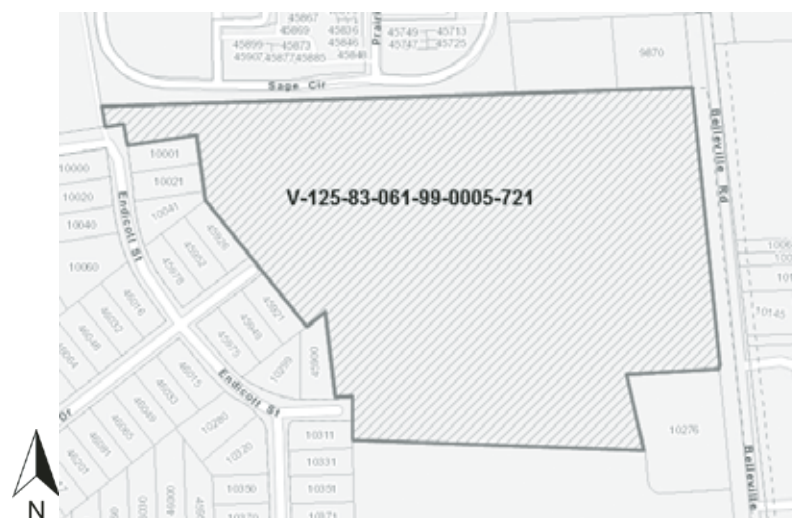
Tuesday, Feb. 14 – Van Buren Township Senior Center Endowment Committee at 11 a.m. Also, VBT Recreation Committee at 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Wednesday, February 22 at 7:30 p.m.** to consider a Special Land Use request on the following described property.

Parcel number V125-83-061-99-0005-721, which is currently vacant, is the subject of this hearing. The site is approximately 27.24 acres and is located in the C-2, Extensive Highway Business Zoning District. This site is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Tyler Road to the north and I-94 to the south:



The applicant, Menard, Inc., is requesting approval for the development of a retail building with outside storage of supplies. Outdoor storage of supplies is a Special Land Use in the C-2 District, and requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Section 13.03 (Permitted Uses With Special Approval) of the Zoning Ordinance.

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Planning & Economic Development until 4:00 p.m., on the hearing date.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting to request accommodations.

Posted: January 26, 2017

Published: January 26, 2017

More Letters

Concerned about new ordinance in Belleville

To the Editor:

You have to give Belleville City Council its due. Creating an ordinance that not only works, but is appealing to a majority has to be as daunting as anything they have to do.

First, there is the delicate balance between covering expenses taxpayers currently are burdened with vs. pricing events out of existence. Next is public safety vs. personal rights. Then there is the cancellation and whose authority due to the cost to event sponsors.

I think if the fire and police chiefs concur on a cancellation then the mayor should have some skin in the game. As the top elected official he/she (as this ordinance will surely be on the books a while) should be the authority to shut the event down.

We currently do not know about costs, but when you are paying for a license I think that license should be for an event that actually happens. I have not yet (and have asked) heard what will happen to that money should the event be called due to "a reasonable threat to public safety." Pretty much anything these days, if spoken properly, can become "a reasonable threat."

I think if the top elected official (who also has the same authority as a sheriff) makes the final decision, then they have some skin in the game, as well.

My hope is that people pay attention, watch out for yourself as well as your neighbor and we all end up doing better in Belleville.

Jeff Vernon
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Arts Council needs volunteers for Beer and Wine Taste fund raiser

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is planning a Beer and Wine Taste Fest

fund raiser from 5 to 8 p.m., March 4, at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville.

This event will help raise funds for the summer Music Lakeside series and the arts council is looking for volunteers to help out.

There will be an all-volunteer meeting, on Saturday, Feb. 25, from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club, to provide everyone with important information prior to the event.

Attendance is required for all volunteers

who will be handling money and pouring alcoholic products. They will go over State Liquor Control requirements, general rules and layout of the event, and specifics of volunteer roles. Pizza and drinks will be provided. Anyone interested is also encouraged to attend this session. This is the preferred date, but if an individual is unable to make it, come on Friday, March 3, at 6 p.m. That is the evening before the event when they will be setting up the room.

Respond to LoriDay205@gmail.com by Saturday, Feb. 11, with acceptance / confirmation and indicate the area of interest. Be sure to leave your name and contact phone number.

Those interested in volunteering at the event, but are not able to come to either training or have other questions, email or call Lori Day at (734) 660-0797.

Volunteer Descriptions

- Product/Alcohol Pourers -- Need at least 15 volunteers. Must attend training and come one-hour prior to start of event. Product vendors, by law, are not allowed to pour their own products for events such as this, so volunteers will become familiar with how to pour each product properly and understand some basic State requirements.

- Set-up/Decorations -- Need at least four to six people. Come the day before on March 3 at 6 p.m. One or two people may be needed to do some moderate lifting. They will put up long tables and high tables around the room and set up covers

and decorations.

- Check-In/Check-Out -- Need at least six people. Must attend training and come one-hour prior to start of event. Of these, two persons are needed to check ID, put on wristbands, and afterward, verify auction winners and direct them to a cashier. Four persons are needed to handle money for those purchasing tickets, and afterward, check-out auction winners paying for items. Volunteers will receive a procedure sheet prior to the event at the training session.

- Silent Auction -- Need at least three people. They will help put auction baskets together and display items the evening before the event on Friday, March 3, at 6 p.m. and arrive one to two hours before the start of the event. Help with auction items and bidders during the event. Identify auction winners and direct them to check out when auction is finished. Post winners on display board or projector. Volunteers will receive a procedure sheet prior to the event.

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Tickets are now on sale for the Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Beer and Wine Taste Fest, a fundraiser for Music Lakeside, set for Saturday, March 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the BYC. Tickets are \$35 if purchased in advance, \$40 at the door. Tickets include admission, 10 tasting tickets, entertainment and appetizers. The event will also feature a silent auction and live music by Village Strings. Crafted beer and wine will be provided by eight Michigan breweries, three local wineries, and two local distilleries. Tickets are available at the BYC, the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce on

Main Street, or from Geof Bush at (734) 776-7596. Twenty-one and over, only. Proceeds support the free concert series held each summer at Horizon Park.

Express Tire and Automotive Repair on Belleville Road will beat any written estimate on a set of new tires. Simply bring in your written estimate to Sales Manager Marty Clendening and get the details. Express Tire is also launching its own credit card financing program, minimum purchases of \$199 to get started. See store for details and visit its website at www.express-tiremi.com or call (734) 697-2424.

The Belleville Area Museum and Western Wayne County Quilt Guild are getting ready for their annual March Quilting Show and will be accepting quilts for loan Feb. 7-11 and Feb. 14-17, at the museum

during regular business hours. The theme this year is "Quilting Around the World ... and Beyond." Call (734) 699-1944.

The Yankee Air Museum's Historical Presentation Night on Feb. 1 will feature a free program by Dennis Norton on restoring the Willow Run bomber plant, a progress update and construction plans. For the first time, architectural plans will be revealed on the proposed new exterior design for the museum. The program will cover the progress, from fundraising to where they are in the transformation of the YAF's new home. Call (734) 483-4030.

Moving the Mitten Real Estate Group on Main Street is sponsoring a free shred day on Monday, Jan. 30, from noon until 3 p.m. at the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. The event is open to all community members. Call (734) 697-7151.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS USE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, and County of Wayne, Michigan, 48111 on **Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** and **Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The following projects are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018:

OBJECTIVES:

- To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low- to moderate-income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low- to moderate-income.
- To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG non-federally funded programs.
- To improve the quality of life for low- to moderate-income persons.
- To create affordable housing for low-income households.

ESTIMATED FUNDING

PROPOSED PROJECTS

\$76,581	Public Facilities
\$30,000	Demolition
\$21,315	Senior Services
\$ 7,105	Planning
\$ 7,105	Administration

(Combined total of Planning and Administration cannot exceed 10% of total allocation)

The following items are contingent upon the availability of funds and may vary depending upon:

- The repayment of prior Housing Rehabilitation loans and Demolitions through lien pay-offs.*

\$ 5,000	Program Income (Housing Rehabilitation)
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\$147,106 **Total Proposed Allocation (estimate)**

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 4:00 p.m., the hearing dates.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting to request accommodations.

Posted: January 26, 2017

Published: January 26, 2017

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.



City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes January 3, 2017

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.

- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE
- ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Marcotte	Present
Council Member Smith	Absent
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present
- PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of December 19, 2016 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Special Events Ordinance

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to open a public hearing at 7:46 p.m. to adopt Ordinance No. 17-001 that amends Chapter 6: Amusements and Entertainments in the City of Belleville Code of Ordinances (a/k/a: "special events.")

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Conley thanked all for their feedback, gave a recap of the changes that had been discussed, and stated that adoption would be tabled until the city manager made final changes to the draft ordinance and the City's fee schedule.

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to close the public hearing at 8:35 p.m. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Chamber of Commerce – Winterfest 2017

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve **Resolution No. 17-001** for the Chamber of Commerce's 2017 Winterfest with one change: end event at 9 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

B. Zoning Ordinance Amendment for B-2 Building Height

Motion by Fielder, second by Marcotte to approve **Ordinance No. 17-001** amending *B-2 Central Business District, Section 3.1.7-D.2: Building Height* by adding a new section with specifications for one-story structures as presented and send to the City Planner for incorporation into Clearzoning.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. GELC Wage Approval

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 17-002** to reopen the GELC 2015-2018 agreement and approve a pay increase of two percent (2%) effective January – December 2017 and one percent (1%) effective January – December 2018.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 17-003** for accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 totaling \$185,961.87.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Marcotte to adjourn meeting at 9:12 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: January 17, 2017

Published: January 26, 2017

Superintendent's Corner

By Pete Kudlak
Superintendent,
Van Buren Public Schools



This past week or so has truly made many people want to totally separate themselves from all their social media accounts. The rhetoric around various issues has been non-stop and the polarizing stances that people take can be very unappealing.

Social media has really allowed everyone to have a voice and a platform. It has never been so easy for the "common man" to share thoughts or ideology to the masses. It is a very powerful platform that can create movements and organize like-minded people.

In conversations with my two high school sons, a clear disconnect became apparent in

their understanding of social dissent. The question came up as to why people post all this kind of stuff on social media. They compared it to reading bumper stickers on a car (information about a person, but cannot do anything with it).

The more that I thought about it, I concluded that taking action means all sorts of things. Publically declaring your views is action. Some people keep the action at this level and others use this as a springboard to create a letter-writing campaign, a march, a sit-in, or various other protests.

I was thrilled by the huge turnout of all the Women's Marches throughout the country. It again showed a generation of young people what is possible and how to organize that next step. It seems like our society has been a little heavy on the sharing of views and a little light on the organized social dissent that truly raises awareness on issues and impacts policy.

It is easy to sit in our living room and construct some diatribe on Facebook. It is more difficult to thoughtfully create a campaign, garner support, suggest solutions, and activate your community on an issue that can make change.

Wouldn't an elective social studies course at Belleville High School that focused on learning about forms of protest, historical events, and then had the students activate the community in a rally be interesting? Our society is built upon a collective power and our next generation will need to understand how to maneuver within this system.

It isn't easy keeping our free society moving forward. We need to prepare our youth to be productive members in our republic. This upcoming generation has a lot to do.

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Rep. Bellino announces increased transparency for Michigan House

State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, has applauded a policy change that will provide easy access for the public to view the salaries of all state representatives and their staff.

"People are demanding more government accountability, and I've been listening," Rep. Bellino said. "The public deserves transparency, and offering people easy access to examine how their tax dollars are being spent is a step in the right direction."

An online database with information about salaries and benefits of House employees can be found at house.mi.gov/FinancialsEmployee.asp.

Bellino represents the 17th district, which includes Sumpter Township.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, February 14th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The public hearing relates to parcel tax ID number V-125-83-061-99-0005-721, which is vacant. The site is located on the west side of Belleville Road between Tyler Road to the north and I-94 to the south. The site is approximately 27.24 acres and is located in the C-2, Extensive Highway Business Zoning District. The applicant is Menard, Inc.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will review variance requests from the following sections of the Charter Township of Van Buren Zoning Ordinance, 06-02-92, as amended:

- **Article 13, Section 13.03(c)(5): All materials stored outdoors shall not be piled to a height of more than 6 feet.** The proposed height of the uncovered materials stored outdoors on the south side of the building is 14 feet.
- **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Total Signage): The total permitted area of outdoor signage is 339 square feet.** The proposed signage is 407.7 square feet.
- **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Building Wall Signage): The total permitted area of wall signage on a building is 200 sq. ft.** The proposed wall signage on the principal building is 317.7 sq. ft.
- **Article 4, Section 4.23 (Directional Signage): Directional signage is permitted, provided they do not exceed 6 sq. ft. in area of 4 feet in height.** 1 "IN" and 2 "OUT" signs are proposed to be 17.5 feet high, 1 lumber yard entrance sign and 1 thank you sign are proposed to be 24 sq. ft. and 19 feet high, and 16 cart corral signs are proposed to be 8 sq. ft. and 6.5 feet high.

Written comments will be accepted by the Planning and Economic Development Department until 4:00 p.m. on the date of the above referenced public hearing. You can contact the Planning and Economic Development Department at (734) 699-8913.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made available with advance notice.

Posted: January 26th, 2017
Published: January 26th, 2017

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



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.

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Publish: January 5, 2017; January 12, 2017; January 19, 2017; January 26, 2017

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 561 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Jan. 15:

0014 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.
0138 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94/rest area
0353 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
0357 – disorderly conduct, Belleville Rd.
0714 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.
0917 – agency assist, W. Columbia Ave.
1708 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1712 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
1736 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2043 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
2043 – property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler
2330 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Monday, Jan. 16:

0134 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Winding Pond
0619 – property damage accident, Belleville / McDonald's
0854 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1059 – agency assist, Sadie Ln.
1242 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville
1507 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
1634 – intimidation threat, Arthur St.
1637 – private property incident, Denton
1750 – noise complaint, Pine/Van Buren Estates
1818 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S I-94 Service Dr.
1846 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1933 – property damage accident, Marlowe Ave.
1937 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2025 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.

Tuesday, Jan. 17:

0037 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0152 – shots fired, Village Green Ln.
0350 – holdup alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0649 – property damage accident, Fret Rd.
1004 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1040 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1116 – code enforcement, Fairfield Dr.
1318 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.

1420 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
1440 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1539 – malicious destruction of property, DNR Boat Launch/Huron River Dr.
1720 – hospice, Truman
1926 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 18:

0050 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
0756 – abandoned auto, Van Born/Belleville
0824 – property damage, Harris/Sumpter
1225 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1325 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1345 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood

1413 – panic alarm, Greenbriar Dr.
2102 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.

2141 – larceny from auto, Arborview Ln.

Thursday, Jan. 19:

0132 – abandoned auto, Michigan/bypass
0353 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0417 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0427 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0432 – operating while intoxicated, Johnny's
0451 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
0553 – agency assist, America
1057 – malicious destruction of property, Assembly St.

1106 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / I-94

1122 – code enforcement, Amanda Dr.
1149 – vehicle repossession, Denton Rd.
1225 – missing person, Denton Rd.
1420 – malicious destruction of property, Milton
1425 – property damage accident, Ecorse / Belleville
1507 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1529 – larceny from auto, Empire Today

1602 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.

1723 – assault & battery, Pine Dr.

1743 – suspicious situation, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.

1824 – private property incident, Lighthouse Dr.

1845 – operating while intoxicated, Bemis Rd. / Sumpter Rd.

1852 – intimidation threat, Revere Dr.

1911 – private property incident, Michigan Ave.

2105 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.

2236 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2316 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.

2344 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Friday, Jan. 20:

0001 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.

0034 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0102 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

0721 – mental, Richmond Dr.

0805 – panic alarm, Anna Dr.

0859 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

0943 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.

1315 – fraud, Van Buren St.

1945 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2006 – agency assist, Revere Dr.

2216 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.

2230 – property damage, Belleville Rd.

2310 – family trouble, E. Sadie Ln.

Saturday, Jan. 21:

0046 – hospice, Ecorse Rd.

0830 – larceny from auto, Kahla Dr.

1044 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.

1103 – water leak found, Florence Ln.

1346 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

1414 – ordinance violation, Alden Dr.

1422 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1431 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1441 – mental, Ashbury

1625 – private property incident, Water Works

1718 – trespassing, Lake Crest Dr.

1835 – panic alarm, Reedgrass Ln.

1847 – disturbance, Stoneybrook Ct.

1849 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville

1940 – retail fraud, Belleville

2210 – juvenile complaint, Beckley Rd.

2339 – felony assault, Hamilton St.

2346 – family trouble, Rogers Ave.

Also on this week's log are 231 traffic stops, including 67 on the I-94 and I-275 freeways and bypasses, 13 at Lakewood shopping center, six at Woodstone, and five in the city of Belleville.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 15:

1338 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Menlo Park Dr.

1751 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

2252 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.

Monday, Jan. 16:

0647 – assist fire dept., N. Edgemont Ave.

1024 – assist citizen, W. Columbia/Harbour Pointe

1523 – abandoned auto, Henry St.

1625 – intrusion alarm, Fourth St.

Tuesday, Jan. 17:

1027 – suspicious situation, N. Liberty St./Second

1531 – motorist assist, High/Huron River Dr.

1534 – malicious destruction of property, DNR Boat Launch/Huron River Dr.

1546 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1856 – fraud, Main St.

1858 – intrusion alarm, N. Aberdeen Ct.

2157 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 18:

0820 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1135 – abandoned auto, Henry St.

1200 – parking complaint, Menlo Park Dr.

1244 – assist fire dept., Main St.

1249 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.

1416 – welfare check, Main St.

1746 – larceny, Estrada

1753 – assist fire dept., San Carlos St.

1812 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1851 – assist fire dept., Henry St.

Thursday, Jan. 19:

0357 – suspicious vehicle, N. Liberty St.

0502 – agency assist, Belle Villa Blvd.

0944 – parking complaint, Henry St.

1032 – warrant arrest, Main St.

1033 – warrant arrest, Main St.

1130 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.

1529 – prisoner transport, Rawsonville/I-94

1532 – civil matter, Harbour Pointe Dr.

2104 – suspicious person, Century 21

2148 – assist citizen, Main St.

Friday, Jan. 20:

0547 – property damage accident, South/5 Pts.

1117 – warrant arrest, Walmart/Canton

1235 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.

1337 – welfare check, E. Waterbury Ct.

1619 – fraud, Church St.

1721 – fraud, Menlo Park Dr.

1812 – narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.

1813 – property damage accident, Lunch Box

2217 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.

2337 – warrant arrest, Sadie

Saturday, Jan. 21:

0058 – parking complaint, Anaheim St.

0315 – agency assist, South St./W. Wabash Ave.

0953 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.

1022 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

1057 – traffic hazard, W. Columbia Ave.

1059 – assault & battery, Menlo Park Dr.

1129 – warrant arrest, Canton PD

1146 – narcotics crime, Menlo Park Dr.

1525 – ordinance violation, Main St.

1537 – vehicle lock out, Fourth St.

Also on this week's log are 45 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Jan. 15:

0700 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

0946 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1009 – 911 hang up, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1116 – down wires, Sherwood/Willow

1432 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1659 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

1750 – fire dept. assist, 36000 bl. S. Huron Rd.

1759 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1800 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1838 – malicious destruction of property, Rustic Ln.

Monday, Jan. 16:

0141 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

0306 – suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.

0919 – dumping complaint, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.

1210 – recovered stolen vehicle, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1902 – fire dept. assist, Third St.

1927 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1932 – suspicious vehicle, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1935 – suspicious person, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

2000 – violation park rules, 24000 bl. Sherwood

2004 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Claxton Dr.

2127 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.

Tuesday, Jan. 17:

0008 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

0028 – suspicious vehicle, 8200 bl. Rawsonville

0854 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville

1110 – suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Sherwood

1115 – civil dispute, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1138 – alarm, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

1418 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1441 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1537 – civil dispute, Virginia

1538 – subpoena service, Nevada

1549 – fire dept. assist, 36000 bl. S. Huron Rd.

1616 – subpoena service, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1931 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Sumpter

2039 – suspicious vehicle, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2111 – citizen assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2144 – suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2258 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2318 – juvenile complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.

Wednesday, Jan. 18:

0252 – prisoner check, 36000 bl. S. Huron Rd.

0826 – property damage accident, 45000 bl. Harris

1155 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

1529 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1650 – fire dept. assist, California

1735 – suspicious incident, 8600 bl. Rawsonville

1740 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.

Thursday, Jan. 19:

0716 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Kozma

1131 – suspicious incident, 20000 bl. Martinsville

1417 – assist other agency, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

1421 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.

1431 – animal complaint, Harris/Martinsville

1600 – malicious destruction of property, Paris Dr.

1748 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2306 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Friday, Jan. 20:

0010 – family trouble, California

0452 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

0541 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

0744 – disorderly person, 47000 bl. Bemis

0759 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0912 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

0944 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.

1109 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1301 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1346 – alarm, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1715 – neighbor dispute, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

2024 – assist other agency, Bemis/Sully

2058 – flee & elude, Judd/Sumpter

Saturday, Jan. 21:

0037 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

0514 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.

0828 – animal complaint, Sumpter/Willis

1033 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Willis

1117 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.

1154 – civil dispute, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1422 – suspicious vehicle, 8900 bl. Rawsonville

1428 – suspicious incident, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1430 – well-being check, 26000 bl. Martinsville

1542 – shots fired, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

1758 – property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter

1941 – suspicious person, Savage/Bemis

2008 – warrant arrest, 45000 bl. Bontekoe

2034 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Bemis

2208 – shots fired, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.

2327 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Haggerty

Also on this week's log are 13 follow-up investigations,

37 miscellaneous details, 113 patrol checks, and 25

traffic stops.

Nephew charged with two felonies after stabbing uncle in chest

Kial John-Glen Smith, a 19 year-old white male from Wayne, has been arrested on two felony warrants for allegedly stabbing his uncle.

Van Buren Township Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office approved warrants for Smith for one count of assault with

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Planning Commission

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the Sumpter Township Planning Commission will be held at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, on **Thursday, February 9th, 2017** at 7:05 p.m. for the following purpose:

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO SECTION 2.2 DEFINITIONS.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO SECTION 3.4 SITE PLAN REVIEW.

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 5.17 WASTE RECEPTACLES AND SCREENING.

The full amended sections may be examined at the Township Offices, 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111, during regular business hours, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Written comments will also be received at the above address during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.

Clerk

Sumpter Township

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Sumpter Township Public Notice

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to Federal guidelines, the Township of Sumpter is announcing its objections and possible uses for activities utilizing Community Development Block Grant Funding.

For the 2017/2018 Program Year it is estimated that Sumpter Township will receive \$73,403.00 in program funds and no program income.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income (LMI) Persons
- B. Benefitting Low and Moderate Income Limited Clientele (LMC) Persons
- C. Addressing Slums and Blight or Low and Moderate Income Housing Benefit
- D. Meeting a particularly urgent community development need

POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES:

Activity	Amount	Objective Met
Administration (21A)	\$ 7,340.30	A
Senior Services (grass/snow) (05)	\$11,010.45	A & B
ADA Improvements (03)	\$10,000.00	A & B
Demolition (04)	<u>\$45,052.25</u>	C
Total Anticipated Funds	\$73,403.00	

Notice is hereby given that the Township of Sumpter will hold a Public Hearing to receive comment on the possible activities or suggestions for other activities on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Township Board Meeting held at Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Interested persons are invited to comment on the possible activities listed above or suggest other activities. All projects must meet one of the objectives above.

The Public is invited to attend and comment during the Public Hearing or to make written comments on or before February 7, 2017. Persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services in using public facilities, services or program along with further information is available by contacting the Supervisor of the Township of Sumpter at 734-461-6201 ext. 2229.

Publish: January 26, 2017



They're reading the Independent everywhere

Steve and Jackie Darr of Ypsilanti Township read their *Independent* recently at the Magic Kingdom in Disney World, Florida. When they are home, they visit their mother each week at the Senior Co-Op in Belleville and read the *Independent* there to catch up on all the local news. Steve and Jackie run Open Door Ministry in Canton, which also serves Belleville, providing food for about 400 families every Thursday.

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42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS \$30,000 & \$40,000
26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES \$30,000
45885 BEMIS PAVED BUIDABLE LOT \$25,000
24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES \$30,000
20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC \$29,500
ELWELL ACROSS FRM 29300 10AS \$59,500

49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES \$180,000
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