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Photo courtesy of Dreama Arnett, BACA Ariel Williams won the People's Choice Award for her painting, "NBA Supports Autism." Visitors to the 16th-annual Community Art Show voted for their favorite artwork over the three-day exhibit.



The new Autism Our World category was described by AnnaNaiya Parker, and her mother, Renae Turner. Winners Sheena Barnes, first place; and Sophia (Milo) Rabaa, second place were not present. Renae Turner received third place.



In the 3-D Fiber Art category, winners were, from left, Loel Gnadt, first place; and Janet Pomann, third place. Second-place winner Steven Paulsen was not present to receive his award.



Winners in the Teens Ages 13-17 category were, from left, Katherine Gregory, first; and Nicholas Sarkesian, third. Second-place winner Elyse McClaran was attending the BHS Homecoming football game and was not present to pick up her ribbon.



2-D Art first-place winner was Janice Anschuetz, who was not present to receive her ribbon. Second-place winner, at left, was Dale Compton; and third-place winner, Asher Tabatowski-Bush, at right.



Winners in the Photography category were, from left, Genevieve Gregory, first; Gary Washington, second; and Jennifer Gunderson, third.



Winners in the Children Ages 6-12 category were, from left, Alan Lietz, first; Amelia Herring, second; and Cyril Gregory, third.

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Community Art Show highlights Autism Awareness

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts held its 16th-annual Community Art Show Oct. 10-12. At the Opening reception on Friday, BACA president Rhonda Dutton greeted the crowd of artists and their families and dedicated this year's art show to Autism Awareness.

Dutton introduced AnnaNaiya Parker, who was diagnosed with autism when she was young. AnnaNaiya explained that autism isn't something to fix – it's something to understand and celebrate. "When you take the time to see beyond the label, you might just discover a universe of creativity and emotion waiting to be discovered," she explained. She finished by thanking the audience for being open to seeing the world through her kind of color.

President Dutton then announced the art show winners as follows:

2-Dimension: 1st – Janice Anschuetz, 2nd – Dale Compton, 3rd – Asher Tabatowski-Bush.

3D/Fiber Art: 1st – Loel Gnadt, 2nd –

Steven Paulsen, 3rd – Janet Pomann.

Autism Awareness: 1st - Sheena Barnes, 2nd – Sophia (Milo) Rabaa, 3rd – Renee Turner.

Photography: 1st – Genevieve Gregory, 2nd – Gary Washington, 3rd – Jennifer Gunderson.

Children (Ages 6-12): 1st – Alan Lietz, 2nd – Amelia Herring, 3rd – Cyril Gregory.

Teens (Ages 13-17): 1st – Katherine Gregory, 2nd – Elyse McClaran, 3rd – Nicholas Sarkesian.

People's Choice: Aariel D. Williams' "NBA Supports Autism". Aariel Williams will be donating her painting to the Romulus Recreation Center.

Winners in all seven categories were awarded ribbons and cash prizes. More photos of the winning artwork can be seen on Facebook at Belleville Area Council for the Arts – BACA.

A special thank you goes to the judges of the artwork for the show: Tim Marsh, former local artist, also Maggie Spencer and

Kathy Talley from Riverside Arts Center in Ypsilanti.

Guest judges were Amy Eversole, Keith Johnston, Steve Jones, Linda Priest, Randy Priest, Mary Jo Suchy and Ken Voigt. They awarded ribbons to the following artists: Robert Balderson, Diane Eissinger, Kim Ensich, Mary Gazdag, Mary Orr, Steven Paulsen and Howard Puchalsky, in no particular order.

If you missed the show, all of the winning artwork will be on display at the Belleville Library until the end of the year.

Special tables were set up for Sophia Rabaa, 2025 Senior Scholarship Recipient, and W.H.A.T. (We Have Artistic Talent), local artist group.

BACA thanks all the art show sponsors: BB's Belleville Boutique, Belleville Smiles, DeBuck's Family Farm, Door 2 Door with Deidre (Deidre Rivera-Creal), DiPietro & Day, P.C., Law Office of Amy M. Eversole, Team Designs, Jean Morris, Thom & Cynthia Price, Angel Food Catering (Judy

Maynard), The Pumpkin Factory (Linda LeBlanc), Wagner's Homestead Farm, and Lodge Lanes.

BACA appreciates and thanks the Belleville Yacht Club for the location and Garden Fantasy on Main for decorations. Programs were designed by Michele Montour and printed by Keith Johnston Enterprises.

The organizing committee members were Dreama Arnett, Rhonda Dutton, Elaine Gutierrez, Michele Montour, Cynthia Price, Vera Redden, Harry & Cheri Van Gelder, Cheryl Wagner, and Kathryn Wood.

Other BACA programs include cultural outings, Music Lakeside summer series, community art and student scholarships. For more information go to website: www.bacaart.org.

-- Elaine Gutierrez

Editor's Note: Cash prizes for adults were \$200 for first place, \$100 for second place, and \$50 for third place. For children, the prizes were \$75, \$50, and \$25, for first, second, and third.

VBT board approves higher water/sewer rates for 2026

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Editor Emeritus

Residents and businesses will pay 6% more for water and 4% more for sewer beginning Jan. 1 in Van Buren Township.

At the township's regular board meeting on Oct. 7, water and sewer director Larry Lawrence said many water users have one-inch meters and the use of 15,000 gallons per quarter is average for a family. That would be an increase of about \$15.92 per quarter.

Water rates have remained the same for several years in the township. Lawrence said currently in Southeast Michigan only Taylor and Livonia have lower water rates than Van Buren Township.

At its regular meeting on Oct. 7, the township board of trustees voted unanimously to approve the water and sewer fee schedule for 2026, along with departmental fee schedules that will be a part of the next year's budget.

This was after a public hearing on the amended 2025 and proposed 2026 general fund budgets, at which no members of the public spoke. Also, a part of the public hearing were the proposed budgets for the Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority, Landfill Fund, Belleville Area Museum, E-911 Service Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Long-Term Debt Fund, and Capital Improvement Fund.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said approval of the budgets is the most important task the board has to do each

year. The budgets will be officially voted on at the Oct. 21 meeting of the board of trustees.

In other business at its 47-minute meeting on Oct. 7, the board:

- Approved the supervisor's reappointments of Bernard Grant and Peter Creal to the planning commission and Tony Gibson and Norm DeBuck to the environmental commission with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2028;

- Approved a water service agreement with Ypsilanti Community Utilities (YUCA) to provide a water line for Jason and Whitney Pinter at 7029 Rawsonville Rd., since the township does not have a water line for that property. In the future, if the township puts a water main past that property, the property will connect to the township line;

- Approved a sidewalk agreement between the township and YIP Ecorse BTS Partners Development, LLC for the Stellantis/Mopar Project on Ecorse Road between Denton and Beck roads. The Stellantis project will construct sidewalks on the west side of its property on Denton Road, but will not have to build sidewalks on the Ecorse Road side for now. This agreement concerns the Beck Road side of the project and the developer agrees to build a sidewalk in the future once Beck is widened, in about 10 or 20 years. The agreement has been reviewed by the township attorney and recommended by the planning commission;

- Approved a six-month moratorium on

accepting car wash applications until the township can consider how to address concerns including having too many in specific areas. Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said any existing car wash applications are going forward;

- Set a public hearing for the Nov. 18 board meeting to consider the amending and restating of the Downtown Development Authority and its Tax-Increment Finance Plan. DDA executive director Merrie Coburn said the Van Buren Township DDA's life expires in 2038 and the last update to the plan was in 2009. She said the update will show the increase in tax revenue and offer cost estimates on projects. The nine-member District Advisory Citizens Council has been established and will meet with the DDA board on Oct. 28 before the public hearing. Council members are Jeffrey White, Jackson Pahle, Aubrey Pruitt, Carrie Castino, Kathleen Springer, Dean Trudeau, John Cothorn, Linda Stevenson, and Margo DeLibera. All 1,100 residents in the DDA district will get notice of the public hearing. Coburn said the DDA is not amending the boundaries of the DDA district and not extending the life of the DDA. She said in the future they may want to extend its life;

- Heard an update on the Belleville Road widening project that has been delayed for additional wetland studies. She said there was an oversight on the application and a box that should have been checked,

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Charter Township of Van Buren 2026 Salary Schedule Resolution 2025-28 DUE 1/1/2026

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Treasurer	\$119,480.00
Trustees	\$22,660.00
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Confidential Admin. Assistant,	
Supervisor/Assessing	\$68,959.00
Director of Community Services	\$115,360.00
Residential Appraiser	\$76,491.00
Deputy Clerk	\$115,360.00
Deputy Treasurer	\$115,360.00
HR Director	\$108,150.00
Deputy Police Chief	\$115,928.00
Police Chief	\$127,521.00
Fire Chief	\$115,926.00
Public Safety Administrator	\$71,085.00
Director of Public Services	\$107,120.00
Director of Parks	\$73,033.00
Director of Municipal Services	\$115,360.00
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W/S Superintendent	\$87,207.00
B & G Superintendent	\$87,207.00
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OPINIONS

Editorial:
**Father concerned
over not being able
to say ‘Christmas’**

A father and mother sat quietly in the back of the school board meeting on Monday for about an hour and a half, with two squirmy, red-headed children well under control.

When it was time for public comment, Hunter Muckle got up and said he was in favor of building a positive and inclusive culture in the schools, as had been discussed at the meeting. He said he went to the Van Buren Public Schools 20 years ago and he learned about another culture in the fifth grade at Tyler. He said they put on the play “Fiddler on the Roof” and it impacted his life. He even still has a dreidel and his daughter plays with it. He said he is a Christian but that music education in the fifth grade helped him.

He said he wants a multi-cultural education for his children and he is disappointed that they are not allowed to say the word “Christmas” at Savage Elementary. He said he talked to the principal and she refused to give him an answer on why there was this new policy.

The board seldom answers anyone’s questions, but board president Amy Pearce said she will look into this and that superintendent Pete Kudlak will call him in the next day or two. She said she might call him, too, and he should leave his number.

The father showed no anger in his remarks, but said he just wants to know why this policy was made. Good question.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Michigan’s 2026 budget is finally passed and it includes a large bonus for school employees, according to reports.

Over \$200 million will soon go into the pockets of teachers and other unionized K-12 personnel. The bonus money was rerouted from funds left over from a program, meant to give loan forgiveness to educators, that didn’t work, said our state senator Darrin Camilleri. School districts and local unions must now negotiate over how to distribute the money. If the money is divided equally and all Michigan K-12 workers are eligible, which is unlikely, each employee would receive \$532.

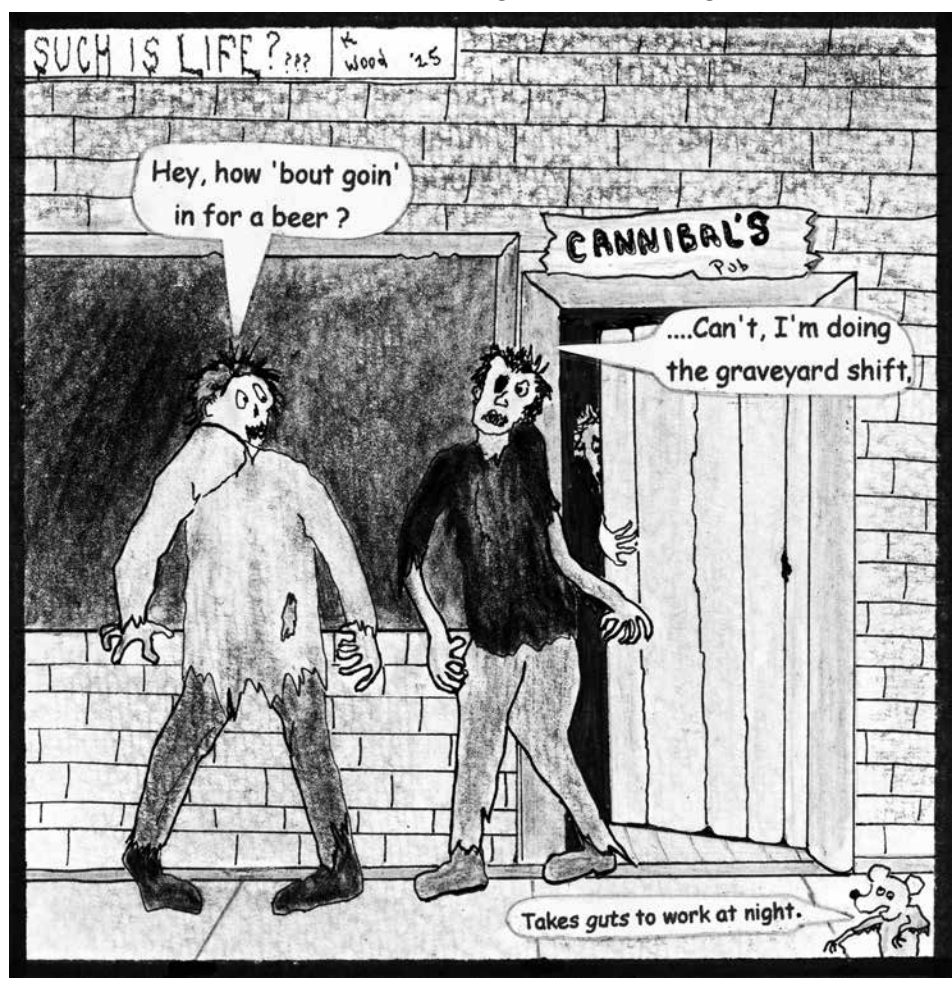
The \$81 billion budget includes \$24.12 billion for schools. Public schools will receive a 5% boost in per-pupil funding, to a record high of \$10,050 per student. No-fee school meals will continue, costing taxpayers \$201.6 million. The budget includes \$321 million for school safety and mental health initiatives. Legislators also increased funding for at-risk students by 25% over 2024-25 figures.

Van Buren Schools were not faced with loss of free meals for students because the district qualifies under federal rules because of the low incomes of our families.

With all this school money being distributed, it will be interesting to see if voters will see the need to approve a ballot proposal to keep them paying for more bonds, that if approved, will be for \$77 million for capital improvements.

Then, there are the big raises for several non-union directors proposed at Monday’s meeting. Lots of money being spent

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



everywhere.

Sanjay Singh, who introduced himself as the president of the Robinson River Park homeowners’ association in Van Buren Township, was present at Monday’s townhall meeting to ask questions about the bond.

He said he was concerned about how the district is not performing well academically. He said when he was a student the floor of his school was dirt and when the teachers went for a coffee break they were gone for the rest of the day. But, he said, the students learned and knew more than the tenth graders he recently quizzed here. He was disappointed that none of the students he quizzed knew the categories of the Nobel Prize, and neither did the teachers.

“I knew a hell of a lot more in 10th grade and my teachers weren’t there.” He said he would like to see more transparency on the academics and wanted to see the feasibility study referred to that determined what projects they were going to do with their \$77 million if the voters approve.

On Sunday morning, my son Jim took me for a little drive along Robson Road so I could see the site of the new drift racetrack in the middle of a residential area that so many people were complaining about.

The address at 44336 Robson was difficult to find because it was at the end of a long asphalt lane where the house and garage partially blocked the lane. The lane

was between two houses that were close to each other. In fact, the whole neighborhood has houses located close to each other so we can see how the noise from the racing affected the neighbors.

At the Van Buren Township meeting where the neighbors spoke, they said that he had a locked gate, but when we ventured down the lane the gate was unlocked and so we proceeded until we almost got to the house. We decided we probably were trespassing, so we turned around and left.

All this is to say there are no signs and you can’t see anything from the road, but there definitely is a paved drift racetrack behind that house. The neighbors say the noise is very loud and we can see because of their proximity to the track it must be.

One neighbor said the races have a food truck and the owner of the track is running a business in their residential area. They want their peace and quiet back.

I’m told drift races in other places usually bring cash prizes and that brings something to consider.

The township said the owner’s attorney is talking with the township, so we’ll see what this brings. But, you can’t violate the zoning ordinances and build without permits.



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Musings
By Janet Millard
Independent Advertising Director 

Well that was easy! John Glenn went the way of the rest of our Conference with a Belleville win 28 vs. 23. They certainly gave our boys a run for their money but our Tigers pulled out a Homecoming win! Tomorrow we are away with Wayne Memorial as our last conference game. LET'S GO BELLEVILLE!

It is really disappointing that Egan's won't be having the Witches Ball this year. It really is the centerpiece of Booville. However, the Costumed Monster Mutt Walk is Saturday and there just might be some scary witches included in the mix.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue have scheduled their Halloween Roller Skating Party for Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Sumpter Roller Skate Park. \$12 at the door includes skate rental. Costumes are welcome and there will be a costume parade, bake sale, and adoptable dogs!

The Van Buren Eagles will be hosting a dinner, live auction and raffles on Friday, Oct. 24, with doors opening at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and live auction at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets are \$25 each and the evening includes dancing and entertainment. The proceeds will benefit the Kirk Gibson Parkinsons Foundation. This is just one of the many charity events the Eagles host during the year. See the ad in today's paper.

Mark and Misty Rosenthal are doing it again this year. Their huge Halloween display is a must-see. In addition you can grab a hot dog, drink, candy and snacks. They do this at no charge; however, donations are always welcome for their licensed, nonprofit, no-kill, exotic animal rescue. So, add to your calendar: Sunday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m. at 46110 Judd Rd., Sumpter Township.

There will be great fun in Sumpter Township this month starting with the craft/vendor show at the Senior Center this weekend, Oct. 18 and 19, from 9 a.m. to 4

p.m. I hear it is sold out, so there should be some good deals. Then, thanks to the Parks & Rec., on Oct. 24, from 7 to 10 p.m. they will hold an October Jam featuring the Stone Blossoms behind the police station at 23501 Sumpter Rd. Their Halloween Trunk or Treat will be on Oct. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Sumpter Police Department parking lot. If I've missed something, I'll hopefully have time to let you know.

Do you have an item for this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

Garden Club to present 'Thyme to Walk through Garden of the Graves'

The Belleville Area Garden Club will host Rochelle Balkan presenting "Thyme to Walk through the Garden of the Graves" at 7:15 p.m., Monday, Oct. 20, at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St. Snacks and beverages will be available at 6 p.m., followed by the club's monthly meeting and the presentation will start at 7:15 p.m. Guests are invited to attend.

Balkan will take participants through her travels to cemetery gardens throughout Europe and the United States. As church cemeteries overflowed, landscape architects came to the rescue. Renowned names such as Frederick Law Olmsted and Andrew Jackson Downing turned their talents to the Victorian focus on death and dying by designing the first city greenscapes or "gardens of graves." Pere Lachaise in Paris provided the inspiration for the rural tradition. Mt. Auburn, an organic design, and its successors were innovations in the U.S.

The rural tradition cemetery is the landscape architect's vision of the relationship between man and nature with curving paths, water features, trees, shrubs, and flowers.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Oct. 16:** JV Football vs. Wayne Memorial, 4:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity Swim vs. Fordson, 6:30 p.m.

• **Saturday, Oct. 18:** Girls Varsity Tiger Invite Volleyball Tournament, 8 a.m.

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Obituaries



Martin Griffin

MARTIN GRIFFIN

June 1, 1948 – October 5, 2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Martin Griffin, who departed this life peacefully, on October 5, 2025 at the age of 77. Marty was born on June 1, 1948 in Trieste, Italy to Leo and Caterina Griffin (nee Mingione).

Marty was the beloved husband of Reta Griffin (nee Bennett); devoted father of Chrystal Tucker, Amy Griffin, and Martin Griffin Jr. (Jamie); and proud grandfather of Aaron Larson, Jacob Larson, Jason Griffin, and Colette Griffin. He was also a cherished uncle to numerous nieces and nephews, who will remember his warmth and wisdom.

Born into a close-knit family, Marty shared lifelong bonds with his siblings, Nora Bokor, Mary Strobe, Thomas Griffin (Debbie), and Richard Griffin. Their shared memories and enduring connection were a source of great comfort throughout his life.

Marty was a proud Veteran of the United States Army and served his country honorably. After his military service, Marty dedicated over 40 years with A&P, where he began his career humbly as a bag boy and worked his way up to become a respected manager. His work ethic, kindness, and leadership left a lasting impression on colleagues and customers alike. Beyond his professional life, Marty had a passion for classic cars, especially his beloved Corvette. He was an active member of the United States Muscle Car Association (USMA), where his prized vehicle earned multiple trophies, a testament to both his dedication and love for the car community.

Family received friends at Big Beaver United Methodist Church, 3753 John R. Rd., Troy, on Friday, October 10, and Saturday, October 11, until the funeral service on Saturday. Luncheon followed the service.

Arrangements by A.J. Desmond & Son. Final resting place is White Chapel Cemetery, Troy.

CAROL ANN HANSEN

March 19, 1946 – October 4, 2025

Age 78, of Van Buren Township. Survived by two sons, Gary Burton of Jackson and Kurtis Burton of Belleville; two bonus sons: John and Mitch Hansen; five grandchildren, also numerous siblings, nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends. Cremation rites accorded. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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wasn't. She said the error was by the DDA or its consultant. Now they have to wait until that is approved through the National Environmental Policy Act. She said the government shutdown would delay the NEPA approval, but then later that night advised the board and the press that she was wrong and the government shutdown did not apply. She said the NEPA approval would be from a federal budget that is approved for multiple years and so it is not affected by the federal shutdown. She said Wayne County had procured \$90,000 for the project in 2022, which had to be used by 2025, and was lost because the project is not starting in 2025;

• Heard director Akers report on the progress committee meeting on the Denton Road Bridge construction. He said the bridge is not expected to open by the end of the year, as previously thought. He said the asphalt plants close for the season on Nov. 15. They need to have the block retaining walls up in order to pour the asphalt. The east side of the bridge causeway is complete, but the west side of the causeway still needs to be completed and needs asphalt. He said if they cannot complete that causeway in time, the bridge will open in June 2026. McNamara said the county at first wanted to not rebuild the bridge at all after it closed the bridge

for being unsafe. Akers said the abutments have been installed and the deck will be poured this month; and

• Heard McNamara thank state representatives Reggie Miller and Ranjeev Puri for a \$750,000 allocation for improvements to the Quirk/Belleville Road intersection. He said House speaker Matt Hall helped. McNamara also reminded everyone of the Oct. 11 pancake breakfast at the Belleville Road fire hall. Director of Recreation Nicole Gerhart invited everyone to the annual Candy Loop from 4 to 6 p.m. at Quirk Park on Saturday, Oct. 18.

Workshop session at 5 p.m.

Before the regular meeting started at 6 p.m., the township board held a workshop session to discuss the proposed development of 181 acres of township property at the northwest corner of Belleville and Tyler roads, commonly referred to as the Ford property.

The township has hired Giffels Webster as consultants and consultants Nancy Standish and Jim Eppink presented suggestions for property development, a site study, and survey input.

Representatives from the planning commission and Downtown Development Authority were present to give their input, in what was called a joint meeting with the board.

Supervisor McNamara pointed out that all of the property involved is in the DDA district. He said the size of the project is

larger than downtown Belleville.

Suggestions included commercial development along Belleville Road and then residential areas along with a nine-hole golf course, sports bar, health center, trails, and parks.

Giffels Webster said they are looking for more ideas and will set meetings with public and private groups. Surveys will be emailed to the board, put on the township website, and on social media.

A resident asked from the audience if the development is going to flood nearby properties. McNamara said that the county deals with groundwater, but when developers make their plans they are required to put in holding ponds and they actually improve the drainage.

DDA director Coburn said the township needs to name the project or else it will be referred to by its location.

"Everybody start thinking of a name," McNamara said to those at the meeting.

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Viola Ann Burkhardt

VIOLA ANN BURKHART

May 22, 1937 – October 4, 2025

Viola Ann Burkhardt, age 88, of Willis, MI, passed away under hospice care, Saturday, October 4, 2025, at her daughter's home, surrounded by family.

She was born May 22, 1937, in Allegheny, Pennsylvania, daughter of John & Helen (Nosal) Zelinsky.

Viola is survived by her son Thomas (Theresa) Burkhardt of Ray, MI; daughter Patricia (Gregory) Hardy of Belleville, MI; two grandsons, James & Charles (Angela) Burkhardt; three brothers, Robert (Cecilia) Zelinsky, James Zelinsky, and Daniel (Deanna) Zelinsky; a sister Dorothy Gump; a sister-in-law Betty Ann Zelinsky; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends.

Viola was preceded in death by seven siblings: Dolores, Patricia, Joseph, Andrew, John, Edward (Betty Jo), Jerome, also brother-in-law Burt Gump.

Viola had many talents. She enjoyed being a stay-at-home Mom and also enjoyed sewing, baking, and cooking. She was a talented seamstress, making dresses for her daughter and her Mother. She also made clothing for an exclusive ladies' dress shop in Troy, MI. She was a talented cake decorator and baker. She loved cooking large family meals for holidays or whenever anyone would visit. Viola was devoted to her family and especially loved being a grandmother to her grandsons, James & Charles.

A small, close family funeral service was held Sunday, October 12, 2025, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Victor Vaughn officiated. Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Park Cemetery, Troy, MI. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Sarah Lou Hermosillo

SARAH LOU (MOSS) HERMOSILLO

July 22, 1940 – October 10, 2025

Sarah Lou Hermosillo, age 85, of Van Buren Township, Michigan, passed away peacefully on October 10, 2025. Born on July 22, 1940, in New Madrid, Missouri, she was the beloved daughter of Odis and Fay (Winter) Moss.

Sarah's life was marked by resilience, warmth, and a deep commitment to family and community. She spent the majority of her life in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and called Van Buren Township home for the past 40 years. On May 9, 1959, she married the love of her life, Fernando Hermosillo, at St. John The Baptist Catholic Church. Together, they shared 66 beautiful years of marriage.

Throughout her career, Sarah worked in several small automotive industries in Ypsilanti, as well as at Ford Motor Company and Chrysler Corporation. Her dedication extended beyond the workplace -- she volunteered at a hospital in Mt. Prospect, Illinois, and later worked at Kmart before embracing her most cherished role as a full-time grandmother.

Sarah was a lifelong learner and a woman of many talents. She completed the IBM keypunching program in the 1970s, earned her GED at age 38 from Willow Run High School, and received a one-year certificate from Washtenaw Community College at age 51. Her curiosity and love of learning never waned.

She found joy in puzzling -- crosswords and jigsaws alike -- estate sales, collecting Depression-era glass, reading, crocheting, sewing, and helping others from a place of genuine compassion. Her home was a haven, always open with a seat at the table for everyone. Sarah was the cornerstone of her family, a nurturing soul whose love radiated to all who knew her.

Sarah is survived by her devoted husband Fernando Hermosillo; daughters Alesia Hermosillo-DeBoer (Mike) and Carmen Duda (Ken); grandchildren Sara Taylor (Ryan), Ryan Duda, Michael Hermosillo-DeBoer (Trisha), and Zachary Hermosillo-DeBoer (Rachel); and a great-granddaughter expected in February 2026.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Crystal Danita Hermosillo; her parents Odis and Fay Moss; and siblings Shirley Grammer, Robert Moss, Gene Moss (Barbara Gail Holder), Betty Gray (Maynard Gray), and James Moss. Cremation rites have taken place. A celebration of Sarah's life will be held at a later date, and her final resting place will be at St. John The Baptist Cemetery in Ypsilanti.

Sarah's legacy of love, learning, and generosity will live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her.

MARY ANN MICHALSKI

April 28, 1946 – October 6, 2025

Age 79, of Belleville. Survived by husband Donald, son Allen, stepdaughter Charlene York, daughter-in-law Kimberly, brother Richard Ullom, sister Janet Denton, five grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. www.davidcbrownfh.com

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Neighbors to new drift racetrack bring concerns to VBT board

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Editor Emeritus

Six neighbors to the new drift racetrack that was put up in a residential zoning on Robson Road walked up to the microphone, one by one, at the Oct. 7 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees and shared their concerns. It took up the first half-hour of the meeting.

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara told them their comments were being broadcast live on YouTube and the township web site. He asked the board to rearrange the agenda, so public comments would be at the beginning of the meeting so those wishing to speak wouldn't have to wait until the end of the meeting.

About ten more neighbors were in the audience to support the speakers.

The first speaker did not identify herself. She said this racetrack is located at 44336 Robson Rd. and is owned by Dustin McCallister. She said it is in close proximity to her home and she has numerous complaints, including flooding of nearby residential properties because of way he built up the track and poured the cement.

She said prior to Sept. 6, McCallister advised police about an event at his place. Then trucks were parked along the road and loud noises and crashing metal could be heard by the neighbors at their homes.

She said she has complained to the township about the racetrack and she said she was advised they have been told to stop by the township and by the police.

The second speaker said the track owner has YouTube and Twitter accounts and the racetrack owner tells how he's going to "run this out." The neighbor said the sounds are like hearing drag racing up and down Ecorse Road. The speaker said on YouTube McCallister said police told him if they get any complaints from the public, police will call McCallister.

Stephen Doemer, who said he lives nearby on Crowley, played a recording of the loud noises he hears from his deck.

"It's intolerable, absolutely intolerable," he said.

"I filed an official complaint with the police and 45 minutes later a truck came by and

made a big rut in my yard, throwing gravel everywhere," he said, which seemed to be retaliation. The rut is still there, he said.

He said several days later, something sounded like a 747 going low over his house.

"He's started up again," Doemer said.

Joyce Hagerman of Robson Road said the trucks "race to the race" and there are food trucks back there, too. She said he has created a business in their neighborhood. She said sometimes it sounds like a plane going low over their houses. She said he has drones that check on the neighbors.

Devon Petty of Robson Road said the loud noises affect the mental health of the neighbors. He said he is a combat veteran and the loud sounds engage his PTSD. He said he's not against car racing, and "I'm a car guy," but this isn't the place for it.

A man who identified himself as Ken from Marlowe Ave. said he is a mechanic and he

was running a line trimmer and he could hear the noise over the loud trimmer. He said when he called the police about the noise on Oct. 6, the department supervisor told him they have a permit to do that. He was the last of the neighbors to speak.

Supervisor McNamara asked Ron Akers, director of municipal services, to come to the microphone and explain how the township ordinances work.

Director Akers said when there is a violation of an ordinance, the township issues a notice of violation of the zoning code. He said the township has issued it on the racetrack and they will be talking with the owners that week.

The township can then prosecute them through Wayne County Circuit Court, citing noise issues, documenting the behaviors, and pursuing every available option.

"We can send them a letter and they can ignore it," Akers said. "We have to get the

court's decision to make them stop." He said they received no permit for the track.

A lady spoke from the audience saying that when constructing the track they brought in 38 yards of stone and now, "When it rains, I flood." She asked if the state can be involved.

Akers replied that if the project impacted wetlands, the state is involved.

McNamara said years ago the board wrote ordinances that were kinder and gentler to township residents, who received warnings and time to correct violations. He said now to take it through to Circuit Court it takes time.

Neighbors said they would like to attend the court sessions and Akers said if they kept in touch with him he would let them know the dates.

McNamara said if the court tells the township it has the legal right, the township will slap a lien on the property and demolish the racetrack.

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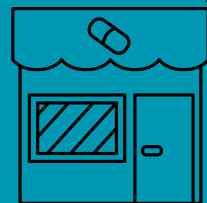
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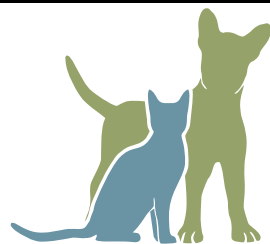
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VBPS board considers more raises for non-union salary slots

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Editor Emeritus

At Monday's meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board heard school superintendent Pete Kudlak explain why he was asking board members to give some more raises to salaried workers who do not belong to unions. They also received large raises last spring.

"Upon the resignation of Jeff Moore and the hiring of Jill Marvaso, we realized that our directors are paid at a much lower rate than county-wide counterparts," Kudlak wrote in a memo to the board.

"I knew they were low and we raised them up more than others this past spring with the intention to do the same next year.

"However, I underestimated how low they were. We had to bring Jill in at \$142,000 to get her and this would have been the same

with the others in the pool.

"I am now coming to ask for raises for the other directors," he said.

He noted non-affiliated workers are eligible for increases on a yearly basis pending their individual performance and the district financial conditions.

At the June 9 meeting, the custodial supervisor pay for Bette LaDouceur went to \$72,000 and payroll specialist pay for Trena Plovie went to \$70,000, because they were said to be out of line. All the directors also were said to be out of line, and Julien Frazier and Priya Nayak got raises to \$140,000 and John Leroy, Jeff Moore, and James Williams got raises to \$134,000. Everyone else on the list got a raise of \$1,750 except for the hourly workers.

The new non-union raises, which will be voted on at the Oct. 27 meeting, are \$146,000 to James Williams and John Leroy

and \$150,000 to Julien Frazier and Priya Nayak, as well as the \$142,000 to hire Jill Marvaso.

Kudlak said he was shocked when he found out how low the positions were paid in Van Buren Schools compared to other nearby districts in both Wayne and Washtenaw counties.

He said he doesn't want employees to switch districts to get the proper pay before their retirements. He said Moore did not leave his job because of compensation.

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

- Heard Edgemont Elementary School principal Laura Maher and Owen Intermediate School principal Nadine Dufrane, along with their co-workers, give fall building presentations. Supt. Kudlak asks building leaders to present one of their school improvement initiatives that they will be working on this year. In the spring, the building leaders will follow up with how they were able to accomplish their school improvement goals or the changes that they had to make to reach their goals;

- Approved the resignation of Karlee Porcaro, a teacher at Owen Intermediate School for less than a year, as of Sept. 26;

- Approved the employment of Donna Novack as a CI teacher at Belleville High School as of Oct. 6;

- Approved the termination of bus driver Martez Freeman as of Sept. 29 after one year of service; approved the resignations of Devin Sharp as custodian as of Sept. 26 after two years of service; the resignation of Michael Wakefield in maintenance after four years of service; and the resignation

of Renatta Swasey as a paraprofessional at McBride as of Oct. 21 after less than one year of service;

- Approved the employment of custodians Dalton Lee and Robert LaGraff as of Sept. 29; the employment of custodian Vicki Allen as of Sept. 30; the employment of bus driver trainee Mandi Lajiness as of Sept. 30; and paraprofessionals Dasia Jackson at Edgemont and Alexandria Lampinen at Tyler, both as of Oct. 2;

- Heard financial director Nayak announce the food service department got a \$42,000 grant to buy equipment for the elementary schools or McBride.

- Heard Leroy announce free flu shots were given to staff members at the health clinic. He said the staff is signing up for options for their health insurance, including insurance for their pets;

- Heard Williams say the student health clinic at Belleville High School is almost done and the University of Michigan will be preparing to set up there. He said it should be fully functional by the end of the year. He said Savage Elementary upgrading is wrapping up; and

- Heard board trustee David Shall say when principals are giving their reports, he would like to see reading and math scores and progress year over year. He also would like to see attendance, discipline, and health and safety reports as part of the presentations.

A townhall meeting was held at 6 p.m., before the 7 p.m. school board meeting. About a dozen people attended the session set up to answer questions on the upcoming ballot proposal for a \$77 million bond. Seven of those present worked for the district.



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Keystone principal ‘really, really’ happy with comparisons

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Editor Emeritus

Keystone Academy Principal Jorvonna Drain told the Keystone Board of Directors at its regular Oct. 9 meeting that she was very happy with the comparison done by National Heritage Academies that shows Keystone outperforming nearby districts again this year, as it has in the past.

She referred to the 2025 M-STEP results that were recently released by the state. The comparison released was for the past five school years.

She said Keystone is ahead in every single subject and grade level in proficiency when compared to Van Buren Public Schools, other nearby school districts, and the state average.

Measured were grades 3-8 in ELA, math, science, and social studies. For 2024-25, the closest schools were Barth Elementary School, Edgemont Elementary School,

Lincoln Middle School, McBride Middle School, Owen Intermediate School, and Savage Road Elementary School.

“I’m really, really happy with these results,” she told the board.

She said a comparison of the Median Student Growth Percentiles Report shows Keystone students are growing faster than state academic growth.

In other business at the 20-minute meeting, the board:

- Heard NHA representative Andrew Roth announced they found a place for a tree to honor the work of retired board president Vesta Losen, who retired more than a year ago. He said the first place they wanted to put the tree turned out to be over an underground pipe and so they moved the site to near the shed. He said it is a red Crimson King Silver Maple. He said they will put a small plaque on it to mark her service and “get her out here and take a

picture”;

- Ratified the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty Resolution, the only action item on the agenda. Roth said the board attorney got what she was waiting for and is satisfied so the board can approve the resolution;

- Heard Brittany Cook, representing charter authorizer Bay Mills Community College, say the Bay Mills meeting that was canceled is being replaced with a dinner from 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 29 at the Ally Detroit Center;

- Heard Tameka Leonard, dean of upper elementary and specials, present the list of possible holiday gift items the staff would like to receive. Principal Drain had surveyed the staff for ideas. Leonard said while they all like the Amazon gift card idea, it might be good for them to get an item for the holidays and save the gift card for another round of giving to the staff;

- Was informed the school community raised \$450 for the Susan B. Komen foundation, surpassing last year’s total of \$400. Through the school’s partnership with Bank of America, they quadrupled the Keystone donation, so the school is able to contribute \$1,800 to assist finding a cure for cancer;

- Learned there are currently 731 students enrolled at Keystone. Reports on staff show the second-grade teacher has finished her chemo treatments, a new

recess aide was hired and will start work Oct. 20, there are vacancies for social worker and speech, and the resource room teacher is on leave; and

- Was told the Harper Toy Drive has been set for Nov. 3-7.

Bethany Bible Church is local drop off for Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts

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"This project represents an exciting opportunity to shape Van Buren's future in a thoughtful and sustainable way," said supervisor Kevin McNamara. "Before anything is built, we want to hear from our residents about what they envision for this land, what will best serve our community, economy, and environment for generations to come."

The study, led by planning consultants Giffels Webster, will evaluate the site's market conditions, infrastructure, environmental constraints, and long-term feasibility. The results will inform conceptual plans and marketing strategies to attract the right mix of development while preserving the balance of residential, commercial, and green space.

Community participation is a key component of the process. Residents and business owners are invited to complete a short online survey to share ideas and even help name the project. Future engagement opportunities will include public workshops and stakeholder sessions as planning moves forward.

"This site study is an important first step in realizing the potential of this property," said Merrie Coburn, director of the Downtown Development Authority. "Our goal is to create a vision that respects Van Buren's heritage while embracing new opportunities for growth. By engaging our residents from the beginning, we

can ensure the outcome reflects what the community truly wants to see on this site."

The news release urges readers to take the short survey here, adding your input is valued.

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• **Saturday, Oct. 18** – Costumed Monster Mutt Walk on the Fourth Street Place from noon to 2 p.m. Costumed dogs compete for medals and then take a walk around the block.

• **Saturday, Oct. 18** – Halloween Roller Skating Party. Bake sale, costume parade, adoptable dogs! 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. \$10

pre-sale; \$12 at the door. Price includes skate rental. Costumes welcome.

• **Saturday, Oct. 18** – Denton Faith United Methodist Church invites the public to join in Fellowship by Fire. It's an hour of prayer beginning at 7 p.m. around the fire pit, followed by fellowship, hot dogs, and marshmallows. The church is at 6020 Denton Rd.

• **Saturday, Oct. 18** – Faith Community Church Fall Festival, 6-8 p.m., 840 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Trunk or Treat, hayride, games, bounce house, Bible story, food truck, and lots of candy. Take part in raffle. All proceeds help fund the future youth center.

• **Saturday, Oct. 18, and Sunday, Oct. 19** – Fall Craft Show and Vendors' Market, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sumpter Township Community Center Gym, 23501 Sumpter Rd. Free admission and parking. Crafts, bake sale, treasures.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 4, 2025

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the City of Belleville that the City General Election will be held TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025.

Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST.

Precinct #1 (the city's only precinct) is located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following offices will be on the ballot:

City

Two (2) City Council Members

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, and Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the November 4, 2025 general election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of that employee or officer or agent of the voter's union.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at:

Belleville City Clerk's Office, City Hall
6 Main Street
Belleville, MI 48111.

Deadlines to apply for and receive an Absentee Ballot:

By mail: Friday, October 31, 2025 (4:00 p.m.)
In person: Monday, November 3, 2025 (4:00 p.m.)

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

Publish: October 16, 2025

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING

The Belleville City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

The purpose of the public hearing is for public input pertaining to a proposed resolution that will move the city's local elections from odd-numbered to even-numbered years.

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

Briana Hootman
City Clerk

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VBT planners approve preliminary, final site plans for Yost Waste

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Editor Emeritus

At its regular meeting on Oct. 8, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission voted unanimously to grant preliminary and final site plan approvals to Yost Waste Transfer Station at 44145 Yost Rd. Commissioners Peter Creal and Jackson Pahle were absent from the meeting.

A request was made by owner/operator VBTS LLC to construct an 8,280-square-foot addition to an existing waste transfer facility which is located on Yost between Sheldon and Morton Taylor roads, adjacent to Michigan Central Railroad.

The solid waste transfer station is open to

the public for collection of non-hazardous waste and construction debris for processing and disposal off-site. Solid waste facilities are not permitted in the M-1 zoning district so the facility is a non-conforming use.

Planning consultant Vidya Krishnan from McKenna explained the facility's background to commissioners.

She said in 2020, as part of State licensing requiring enclosure of outdoor waste for temporary storage, the applicant was granted site plan approval to expand the facility through construction of a 5,502-square-foot addition to an existing 2,687-square-foot building. In 2021, the applicant was granted variances from the required rear and side setback dimension to

build the addition.

In 2023, the north portion of the facility was damaged by a fire. Currently, in response to additional State requirements, the site plan shows the removal of the damaged portion and replacement with an addition connecting to the storage building.

Krishnan said due to State agencies mandating the operation and expansion of the one-of-a-kind facility, which cannot be excluded from the township, the facility is largely exempt from township conforming-use standards.

Krishnan said the facility's current location is the most appropriate within the township due to its proximity to other industrial uses, likely high levels of contamination, and minimal off-site impacts to orderly development or property values. She said the current proposal greatly improves screening of activity from view off-site.

She said, while not bound by the township's non-conforming standards, all other requirements of the zoning ordinance must be achieved for the site and structure through the same review processes as other industrial uses.

The facility received variances on Sept. 9 from the Zoning Board of Appeals for setbacks and height of the building. The commission granted the applicant's request for a reduction of parking spaces required to five, since the facility operates with one or two people on hand daily, with two more coming on occasion.

There will be no sidewalk, but they have signed an agreement to install sidewalks in the future as part of some future development. Also, they will comply with the township's new lighting standards.

The building will be constructed of pre-finished metal siding over a steel frame in a sandstone color.

Krishnan said, "While the planning commission has emphasized the need for high-quality architectural materials and compatibility of structures on site, the proposed

building is in keeping with the existing heavy-industrial nature of the use and function of the site."

Also, she said the industrial use is not for general access to customers or visitors and is limited to a few employees per day. Further the entire site is screened from view by a heavy concrete wall and extensive vegetation.

Rob Wagner of Midwestern Consulting had provided a revised site plan on Sept. 10 after he had appeared at the Aug. 13 meeting and was given items that needed addressing before commissioners would vote.

In other business at the half-hour meeting, the commission:

- Heard commissioner Jeff Jahr report on the kickoff joint meeting of representatives from the Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren planning commissions. He said the subcommittee is a good path of communication among the three communities. He said the subcommittee can monitor potential joint grants. Jahr said they agreed to announce each other's commission meetings and post them. "It can only help us to share our plans" on adjoining areas, Jahr said; and

- Heard director of municipal services Ron Akers announce that a survey on proposed use of the 181-acres of former Ford property is being posted on the township website. He said at 3-6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, there will be a meeting at the Black Box Theater on a proposed park just north of the Belleville Road Bridge and on Wednesday, Oct. 15, instead of the regular environmental committee meeting there will be a 6 p.m. townhall on Belleville Lake cleanup, held in the township board meeting room. He also said an applicant has requested a place on the Oct. 22 commission agenda and although it is the week of the Michigan Planning Conference, Akers can see if there will be a quorum to hold the regular meeting that night. Another applicant also may seek a place on that agenda, he said.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- October 7, 2025

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Frazier. Absent/Excused: Clerk Wright. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Director of IT Barbaza, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Parks Locke, and an audience of twenty-one.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Kelley seconded to approve the amended agenda moving Public Comment to after the adoption of the agenda. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): A group of residents expressed frustration about the level of noise coming from vehicles racing on a Robson Road property.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025, Closed Session Meeting Minutes of September 16, 2025, Prepaid List of September 18, 2025, Prepaid List of October 2, 2025, Voucher List of October 7, 2025, Approval of the reappointments of Bernard Grant, and Peter Creal to the Planning Commission and Tony Gibson and Norm DeBuck to the Environmental Commission with terms to expire on October 1, 2028, and To consider approval of Resolution 2025-32: Water Service Agreement with Ypsilanti Community Utilities (YUCA). Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to open the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. to receive public comment on The 2025 Amended and 2026 Proposed General Fund Budget, The 2025 Amended and 2026 Proposed Water/Sewer Budget, and The 2025 Amended and 2026 Proposed Special Revenue Budgets: Downtown Development Authority (DDA), Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund, Landfill fund, Belleville Area Museum, E-9-1-1 Service Fund, Federal Forfeiture Fund, State Forfeiture Fund, Long Term Debt Fund, and the Capital Improvement Fund.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to close the

public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: The 2025 Candy Loop will take place on Saturday, October 18 from 4:00- 6:00 p.m. at Quirk Park.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Martin moved, Kelly seconded to approve Resolution 2025-26: 2026 Departmental Fee Schedules. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2025-27: 2026 Water/Sewer Fee Schedule. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Kelley seconded to approve a sidewalk agreement between the Township and YIP Ecorse BTS Partners Development, LLC for the Stellantis/Mopar Project. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Martin seconded to approve Resolution 2025-33: to defer the review of new applications pertaining to automobile wash establishments under the Township's zoning ordinance. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve a request for a Public Hearing on November 18, 2025 for the purpose of amending and restating the Van Buren Township Downtown Development and Tax Increment Finance Plan. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Director Coburn updated the Board on the Belleville Road widening project. The project is waiting on approval from the National Environmental Policy Act which has been delayed by the federal government shut down. Director Akers updated the Board on the Denton Road Bridge. He reported that the abutments have been installed and the deck will be poured this week, with a projected completion date of the bridge sometime in June of 2026.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Supervisor McNamara thanked State Representatives Reggie Miller and Ranjeev Puri for their work obtaining a \$750K allocation for Quirk and Belleville Road improvements and the Van Buren Township Fire Department is hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, October 11 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 371 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Oct. 5:

0106 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd.
0125 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0308 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0432 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0511 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0620 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0814 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0905 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0931 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
1019 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1113 – civil matter, Marina Dr.
1114 – parking complaint, Bayshore Dr.
1202 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1234 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1252 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1412 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1659 – assist fire dept., Martz Rd.
1710 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1839 – sex offender registration, Rose Blvd.
1849 – sex offender registration, Sumpter Rd.
1856 – trespassing, Oak Ln.
1927 – sex offender registration, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1931 – sex offender registration, Hull Rd.
1949 – welfare check, Victoria St.
2008 – sex offender registration, Fret Rd.
2012 – sex offender registration, Park Estates Dr.
2017 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2014 – sex offender registration, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2045 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Lancaster Dr.
2100 – sex offender registration, Maple Dr.
2107 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd./Martz Rd.
2208 – intrusion alarm, N. Timberview Dr.
2215 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Belleville
2305 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edison Lake Rd.

Monday, Oct. 6:

0652 – vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr.
0841 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0848 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
xxxx – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0915 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1007 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1024 – misc. complaint, Westlake Cir.
1021 – vehicle lockout, Haggerty Rd.
1045 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1104 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.
1218 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1410 – civil matter, Fay Dr.
1522 – breaking & entering, Meadows Ln.
1545 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1543 – 911 welfare check, Morton Taylor/Crowley
1705 – assist other dept., Hannan Rd.
1658 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1856 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1856 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
1855 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1908 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr./Beckley Rd.
1951 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
2004 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
2024 – property damage accident, S. I-275 Ecorse ramp / Ecorse Rd.
2124 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville Rd.
2243 – missing person, Country Walk Ct.
2359 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.

Tuesday, Oct. 7:

0024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.
0113 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
0141 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0222 – 911 welfare check, Lauren Ct.
0504 – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
0619 – unattended death, Bradley Dr.
0624 – disorderly, Oak Ln.

0716 – assist citizen, Belleville Rd.
0746 – domestic, Oak Ln.
0927 – civil matter, Westlake Cir.
1025 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.
1231 – harassment call, Colony Ln.
1316 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1532 – fraud, Sylvia Dr.
1620 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1619 – civil matter, Quirk Rd.
1820 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1842 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1857 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
1859 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Timberview Dr.
1932 – animal complaint, Dewitt Rd.
1940 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2012 – road hazard, Ryznar Dr./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2030 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2222 – welfare check, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 8:

0117 – assist fire dept., Hannan Rd.
xxxx – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
0232 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0435 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.
0822 – malicious destruction of property, Daisy Blvd.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0753 – family trouble, Martinsville Rd.
0755 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
0849 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty Rd.
0921 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0955 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lincoln St.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1052 – fraud, Arlene
xxxx – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1255 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Walden Dr.
1255 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, McBride Ave.
1423 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1422 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1423 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1542 – domestic, Oak Ln.
xxxx – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Denton Rd.
1622 – weapons violation, America
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1635 – assist fire dept., Hanover Dr.
1721 – traffic offence, Barkley St.
2051 – shooting, Beck Rd./McBride Ave.
2059 – indecent exposure – all 3600 MICR codes, Rawsonville Rd.
2140 – civil matter, Peachtree Ln.
2233 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd.
2239 – suicidal person, Brookside Dr.
2306 – domestic, Denton Rd.
2341 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 9:

0052 – assist other dept., I-275/Van Born
0213 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr./Edison Lake Rd.
0220 – 911 welfare check, Van Buren ST.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
0732 – mental subject, Elwell Rd.
0742 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
0806 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton/Beck
0842 – neighbor trouble, Purple Sage Ct.
0912 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Robson Rd.
0924 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1130 – indecent exposure – all 3600 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.
1217 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1238 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1428 – harassment call, Marlowe Ave.
xxxx – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1551 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.
1612 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
1847 – property check, Grace Lake
2034 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Independence Ln.
2130 – malicious destruction of property, Peachtree Ln.
2142 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd. / Harmony Ln.

Friday, Oct. 10:

0025 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0216 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.

0324 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.
0651 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
0704 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0754 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0759 – assist fire dept., Denton Rd.
0909 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0834 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0948 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1022 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.
1100 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1326 – private property/property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
1447 – threat, Denton Rd.
1455 – welfare check, W. Adams
1506 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1522 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Hannan Rd.
1525 – property damage accident, Amanda Dr.
1545 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1552 – animal complaint, Chaney Ave.
1640 – parking complaint, Casteel
1622 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Anna Dr.
1812 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
2006 – road hazard, Robson Rd./Vinewood Dr.
2056 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.
2207 – shooting, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2228 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Colonial Rd./Chester Ct.
2318 – property check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Oct. 11:
0027 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0056 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0406 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0723 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1014 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1138 – intrusion alarm, Van Born
1241 – 911 welfare check, Dewitt Rd.
1316 – threat, Buchanan St.
1353 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd./Alden Ave.
1516 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mida Dr.
1546 – PPO violation, Arthur St.
1709 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1709 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1726 – civil matter, Sylvia Dr.
1816 – assist other dept., Alden Ave.
1820 – property damage accident, Jackson Ln.
1943 – threat, Tyler Rd.
2002 – family trouble, Spruce Ln.
2121 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Willis
2231 – assist other dept., Hanover Dr.
2344 – welfare check, Sylvia Dr.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 5:

0024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
0328 – warrant arrest, Belleville Rd.
0459 – intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.
0856 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Columbia Ave.
1101 – assist fire dept., S. Industrial Park DR.
1111 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.
1345 – property damage accident, Main/Second
1713 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
2142 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.
Monday, Oct. 6:
0024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.
0950 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1055 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
1600 – assist other dept., E. Wabash Ave.
1635 – juvenile complaint, Victorian Ct.

Tuesday, Oct. 7:

0050 – lost property/child, Main St.
0152 – assist fire dept., High St.
1442 – motorist assist, South St./E. Columbia Ave.
1509 – property damage accident, W. Thornhill Ct.
2159 – assist citizen, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.

Wednesday, Oct. 8:

0047 – intrusion alarm, High St.

0111 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
0238 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0400 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0908 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1116 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1158 – malicious destruction of property, Savage Rd. / Victorian Ln.
1216 – welfare check, Main St.
1351 – fraud, S. Industrial Park Dr.
Thursday, Oct. 9:
0028 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0805 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
1416 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

Friday, Oct. 10:

0504 – repossession, Santa Clara St.
1330 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1632 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.
1758 – fight, Main St.
2000 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2102 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
2230 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
2324 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2342 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.

Saturday, Oct. 11:

0057 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0632 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1252 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.
There are 72 reports on this week's log, 30 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Oct. 5:

0038 – disorderly person, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
0043 – welfare check, Colorado St.
0135 – suspicious circumstance, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0305 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0607 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
1026 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1214 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
1515 – 911 hangup, Edgeewood Dr.
1605 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1623 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1643 – civil matter, Wyoming St.
1648 – suspicious person, Bontekoe Ave./Fenster
1900 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1926 – 911 hangup, Willis/Rawsonville
2033 – assist other agency, Hampshire Dr.
2327 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willow / Martinsville
Monday, Oct. 6:
0016 – alarm, 9100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0055 – larceny report, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0127 – assist other agency, Bemis/Rawsonville
0538 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
0556 – follow-up investigation, out of township
0559 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0922 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1027 – citizen assist, Colorado St.
1043 – fraud complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1224 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Rawsonville / Willis

1244 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1308 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Willow Rd.
1605 – 911 hangup, Willow/Haggerty
1651 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1707 – 911 hangup, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1754 – juvenile matter, Oregon
1812 – suspicious circumstance, Creekside Dr.
1905 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1959 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
2023 – harassment complaint, Washington St.
2341 – flee & elude police, Oakville Waltz/Sherwood

Tuesday, Oct. 7:

1013 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville/Bemis
1020 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1323 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.
1809 – fire dept. assist, 7900 bl. Oakville Waltz
2212 – 911 hangup, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2305 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd/Clark
2352 – suspicious circumstance, Willis/Martinsville

Wednesday, Oct. 8:

0256 – assist other agency, Magnolia Dr.
0636 – property damage accident, Willow/Haggerty
0751 – fire dept. assist, Mulberry Dr.
1042 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1142 – assist other agency, Magnolia Dr.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1347 – suspicious person, Birch Dr.
1501 – open burning, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1515 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1733 – 911 hangup, Ohio St.
1916 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2017 – suspicious vehicle, Willis/Lohr
2103 – suspicious vehicle, Sumpter/Wear
2124 – harassment complaint, Washington St.
2158 – civil matter, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2219 – suspicious vehicle, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2228 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2234 – neighbor dispute, Rustic Ln.
2332 – harassment complaint, Utah Ct.

Thursday, Oct. 9:

0015 – personal injury accident, 46000 bl. Weimer
0335 – fire dept. assist, Washington St.
0621 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
0705 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0839 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Sumpter
1429 – traffic complaint/hazard, Oakville Waltz/
Sumpter
1546 – suspicious circumstance, Judd/Martinsville
1710 – alarm, 21000 bl. Clemmons Ct.
1719 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Willow
Rd.

2014 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2048 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
2059 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2302 – felony warrant arrest, Willis/Elwell

Friday, Oct. 10:

0242 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
0937 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
0940 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Haggerty

1150 – suspicious person, Willis Rd.
1201 – mental health call, 8900 bl. Rawsonville
1437 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Arkona
1753 – assist other agency, Washington St.
1822 – open burning, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1925 – civil matter, Wyoming St.
2043 – family trouble, Virginia St.
2122 – family trouble, Virginia St.
2130 – noise complaint, E. Arizona St.
2352 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, Oct. 11:

0738 – citizen assist, Sumpter/Oakville Waltz
0941 – felony warrant arrest, Bemis/Elwell
1017 – animal complaint, Wear/Elwell
1022 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1243 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1318 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Arkona
Rd.
1427 – assist other agency, out of township
1749 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1949 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood
2024 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Harris
Rd.
2110 – assist other agency, 8900 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2233 – shots fired, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
2238 – family trouble, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2315 – shots fired, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
Also on this week's log were 175 patrol checks, 101
traffic stops and 20 misc. details.

St. Anthony Catholic Church sets breakfast to benefit vets

St. Anthony Catholic Church at 409 W. Columbia Ave. in Belleville will host a breakfast to benefit veterans from 9 a.m. to noon on Sunday, Nov. 9.

Donations will be requested at the door. All proceeds are for disadvantaged veterans and will be managed through Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4434.

Food served will be pancakes, eggs, sausage, and Tator Tots, along with coffee, water and juice.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 20 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Committee, 6 p.m., 24560 Sumpter Rd. at the Parks & Rec building in Graham Park. Public welcome.
- Tuesday, Oct. 21 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed
- Wednesday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

CANDY LOOP

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
4 - 6 PM | QUIRK PARK
RAIN DATE: OCTOBER 25

Bring the whole family out for some free Halloween fun at Quirk Park! Kids can walk a short, festive trail and collect treats from local businesses and community groups. Dress for the weather and a great time outdoors.



Parking is available at the Van Buren Community Center, behind Township Hall on Tyler Road.



Registration is suggested to allow for easy communication if the event is rescheduled due to weather.



PUNKIN' ROLL OUT

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1
10 AM - 12 PM | VAN BUREN PARK

Keep the Halloween spirit rolling! Bring your leftover pumpkins to Van Buren Park and send them down the sled hill, aiming for ramps, targets, and maybe even a little glory! Costumes are encouraged and so is fun.



Free event with limited refreshments for participants.



Registration is recommended to receive event updates or notices in case of weather-related changes.



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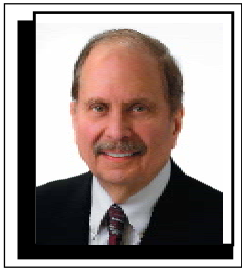
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