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## Sumpter hears landfill proposal for deep wells

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
 Independent Editor

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees heard a long presentation on Republic Services' plan to put a couple of deep wells on its household waste landfill site at Carleton Farms to dispose of liquid waste.

Scott Cabauatan, municipal services manager for Republic; Ken Cooper, engineer, of PetroTech; Gary McCuiston, Republic's director of market planning and development, based in Texas; and James (Bobby) Reese, Republic's Environmental Manager, based in Ann Arbor, gave the details at the board's work/study session before its regular meeting, via zoom, on Sept. 28.

McCuiston said Republic operates 189 landfills in 41 states, 79 recycling centers, and has 14 injection wells. He said this landfill has been in the Sumpter Township community for 20 years, covers 664 acres, and has 30 employees.

He said Carleton Farms has distributed \$4.6 million to the local communities and 57% of that went to Sumpter.

He said a deep well provides for the underground injection of wastewater. He said there 800 wells like this in the United States and 22 deep wells operate in Michigan.

He said the wells would be located within the landfill facility and there would be no hazardous waste involved. The waste would be developed on site.

He said the wells would be 3,827 feet deep and would be below the groundwater drinking zone. It is estimated they can pump 180 gallons per minute.

McCuiston said the deep wells would eliminate 15 or more truck trips they now need to send leachate off site.

He said the deep wells are regulated by

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The girls on this year's Homecoming Court at Belleville High School are, from left, Avni Patel, Avery Fields, Laura Montgomery, Jessica Harper, Emma McGuire, and Jasmine Martz. The king and queen will be crowned at Friday's Homecoming game.



The boys on the Homecoming Court at Belleville High School are, from left, Spencer Rimando, Logan Kucllo, Christopher Mangrum, Bryce Radtka, Anthony Andreana, and Travis Moore

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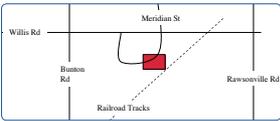
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## Council seeks residents to help rewrite 39-year-old city charter

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

The City of Belleville wants to update the city charter that was effective Sept. 1, 1982 and it needs residents to work on the updates.

At Monday's meeting of the city council, City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said they have one volunteer so far. He asked anyone interested to contact the city clerk.

He said people also are needed for seats on the Downtown Development Authority and the Civil Service Commission, and the CSC members have to be city residents.

Councilman Tom Fielder pointed out that a list needs to be made of those interested to work on the charter and they would have to be elected before they can begin work.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said it would be a good thing to get the volunteers educated on the process and why the city wants it done and then to educate the community.

In other business at Monday's hour-long meeting, the council:

- Was informed that both City Clerk/Treasurer Briana Hootman and Assistant Administrator Tim McLean have achieved election credentials and will be able to run the upcoming election. "This is a very busy time in the clerk's office and Tim volunteered to become accredited to assist Briana," said City Manager Robinson. "I was very proud of them for taking this on ... to go through all the classes. It was impressive and both passed it on the first try." Mayor Conley suggested high school students could volunteer to help with the election since they have to earn 20 hours credit each to graduate. Councilman Fielder offered to help since he has worked on elections in the past;

- Approved a resolution accepting the \$500 donation to the Police Reserves from the Belleville Central Business Community. Robinson said another group was supposed to come in and clean up but didn't show and the Reserves jumped in and took down the many tables at the CBC event. Councilman Voigt said the Reserves have helped out at Lake Fest and at the DDA's First Wednesday food truck events. He especially pointed out officer Jim Piper. Robinson said Officer Piper is a Mason and comes in to help Hootman with the food distribution, as well. Robinson said if someone comes in at seven in the morning they could see him (Robinson) cleaning the bathrooms. "There's nothing we won't do," he said;

- Delayed action on addition of two permanent, small cement pads at Horizon Park requested by Councilman Voigt. He said the council approved placement of two sculptures that were gifts from the Council for the Arts and the pads needed

to be 3'x3' and 2'x2'. Mayor Conley said she didn't remember giving approval to put them in the park and Robinson said he has tried to research the subject and can't find it in the city records, but he will continue searching. After the meeting, Councilwoman Kelly Bates sent a quote to fellow councilmembers from the Aug. 20, 2020 *Independent* reporting on the Aug. 17 zoom council meeting that said the council: "... Accepted the donations of two sculptures, possibly to be placed in Horizon Park. Councilman Ken Voigt presented the offer, with one from Justin Juriga of the Upsidedown Man he had offered to the city eight to ten years earlier and nobody could figure out what to do with it. Councilman Voigt said the 400-pound sculpture is of sheet metal and it has to be repainted because it was damaged in the city's custody. The second sculpture is by Tim Elden and is of recycled rebar. Voigt said the Arts Council purchased it from Elden and would like to donate it to the city; ..."

- Heard DPW Director Rick Rutherford say the Waste Management truck driver did it again and this time he got a ticket and a picture was taken of the damage and WM's insurance agent has already paid the claim for damaging the fence at Hillside Cemetery. He said the drivers turn around there because it shortens their route and they're not supposed to. It happened before, last year, and the fence was taken away and fixed and put back the best they could;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$2,149,125.82 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$6,374, repair of water main break at 144 Third St., Aug. 13; to EJ, \$532.28 for four-inch water main repair clamps; to KP&T Auto Service, \$654.60, repair of fuel pump on street sweeper; to Michigan Ammo, LLC, \$1,755, ammunition for police department training; to Outdoor Amenities (Eric Partridge), \$1,425.86, repair of fence/gate at Hillside Cemetery (paid by Waste Management's insurance company); and to Osborne Concrete, \$1,058, concrete for repair of Third Street following water main break;

- Heard Voigt ask for something to kill the crab grass in the fall, where the goats had cleared along the lake, and then to put pre-emergence solution in the spring. He said they should put weed and feed down there this year, and also rehabilitate the sprinkler system. Robinson said the sprinklers are on the to-do list and he will get prices on weed and feed;

- Also heard Voigt ask about getting prices on repairs to Harbour Pointe streets. Rutherford said he was asking Hennessey Engineers for prices by sections, starting

with the worst, for a unit price. Voigt said they were told to redo the whole thing would be \$4 million. Rutherford said the city fixed failing catch basins in Harbour Pointe and he can email the council information on the price stated in 2017 and what they have done since then;

- Heard Robinson say he has asked 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Chief Judge Brian Oakley to come to the Dec. 6 meeting to swear in the new council members and Judge Oakley has committed;

- Heard Rutherford say that as soon as the streetsweeper was fixed, its fuel pump went out and that was fixed and now something else is wrong with it. He said the street sweeper is important because it saves the city money from cleaning catch basins and people like to see their streets clean. He said a new one would cost six figures;

- Heard Councilwoman Bates say the

veterans' banners, double-sided, are \$30 each and they will take the first 75 reservations. She said they already have 30 people interested and the end of this week is the deadline. She said the money paid for the banners, that will hang on the downtown light poles, goes to the perpetual care fund for the Veterans Memorial; and

- Heard John Juriga complain that the planning commission has only held one meeting this year. He said in the last 15 years that he's been on the commission they have never had so few meetings. Rutherford said the monthly meetings have always been discussed with the chairman and canceled by the chairman. Robinson said there is a new chairman now and he will discuss meetings with him. McLean said the Michigan Planning Enabling Act requires meetings once each quarter, but it has no teeth and, "The planning police aren't going to come after you."

## Sumpter board approves three-page procedure to sell its properties

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

A procedure to begin sale of township-owned properties, selling two at a time, until all sellable are processed was approved by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on a vote of 5-1 at its regular meeting via zoom on Sept. 28.

Voting no was Trustee Peggy Morgan. Trustee Donald LaPorte was absent.

Before the discussion on the procedure began at the work/study session, Corey Blue, spoke via zoom.

Blue said he was a five-year resident next to one of the properties identified for sale. He said the township shouldn't own property. He said having his house be right next door to commercial shouldn't be considered. He said he has a township business card that says, "Country Living at its Finest." Blue said, "I would jump in a heartbeat to buy the property near me and let it stay rural." He said a storage area is where criminals store their stuff. "We need a grocery store before Lock & Save," Blue said.

"It doesn't make sense to have commercial area in a residential area," Blue continued. "People around it should have the opportunity to buy it ... I like the trees around there."

He referred to the property behind the vacant medical center on Sumpter Road.

"I appreciate what you just said," Trustee Rush said. "I hate the idea the township holds property ... It is in a commercially zoned district ... You will have every opportunity to bid on that property ... It's

a mess we're trying to clean up ... to get it back on the tax rolls. Corey, I feel your pain."

Trustee Oddy said the health center was a 10-acre parcel and the board sold the medical center one acre and still had the nine acres in the back.

He said everyone wants a grocery store or tractor supply, but "not in my back yard." He said it was part of the health center and wasn't for sale before. He said elected officials come and go. He said he was on the board when it sold 16 or 13 properties and he was not aware of it.

Supervisor Tim Bowman, who told of the plans he saw for the storage facility on that acreage at a previous meeting. He said it is zoned central business commercial now.

"It looks nice to have trees out there right now," Blue said.

Supervisor Bowman said if the township sold it, it would require a buffer.

Trustee Morgan said she has been looking at this and read the policy and procedure.

She said several years ago the township had had a liquor license for 30 years and Zino's was interested. The board voted to give it to Zino's and Zino's stayed open six months and then it all fell apart.

"He's gone with the liquor license and we have an empty building," she said.

"I sure wouldn't want a storage lot in front of my house," Morgan said. "Not a great idea."

Supervisor Bowman said the township has to start getting businesses to grow and this one would be "out of sight, out

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# OPINIONS

*Editorial*

## Future of closed Belleville Area Museum in doubt

At Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, Councilman Tom Fielder announced that the Belleville Area Museum now is closed for the rest of the year, the director laid off, and the locks changed. He said he asked VBT Director Elizabeth Renaud, now in charge of the museum, about Harvest Fest and the Christmas trees and was told nobody is allowed on the grounds. He said he asked about the mail, because the letters had just gone out for Historical Society memberships. He said Renaud said she would pick up the mail and all phone calls are now going to the township.

Councilman Fielder, who also is president of the Historical Society, said the city and township have a lot of archives in the museum and recently Officer Wickham wanted to find out who owned property before the present owner and was denied access to the city's archives. Fielder referred all museum questions to Renaud at 699-8921. He said it looked like they were closing the museum forever and people don't want to get their loans of historic items back from the museum. Councilman Ken Voigt said the city deserves a straight answer and this has been very poorly handled.

On Tuesday morning, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said, "What we do with the museum will be brought before the people." He said he doesn't think closing the museum forever is "in the cards."

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

We had complaints about Haggerty Road between the I-94 Service Drive and Tyler Road in this column last week and unbeknownst to us as we sent our paper to press, that part of Haggerty was being made one-way for repair work to begin. Last Wednesday, when I was on my way to Van Buren Township Hall, that part of Haggerty was one-way north. The barrels remained in place over the weekend.

I called the Wayne County Department of Public Services on Monday and was told it is one-way, they are resurfacing, and it should be done in a couple of months.

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The closed-again, open-again Belleville Area Museum is closed again, until the end of the year. We've been told Museum Director Katie Dallos was going to reopen the museum, which had been closed for a long time due to COVID, and she was told to clean out her desk, gather her belongings, and leave. I think she was an at-will employee with Van Buren Township and no reason was presented. Her assistant Charity Fielder, who tended to the basics of the museum during its closure, also had to turn in her keys.

The museum is undergoing some cleaning out and the landscaping is being upgraded. A new walkway between the museum and the old VBT firehall behind it is being planned.

The Belleville Central Business Community and Historical Society set up a special meeting with township officials on Monday afternoon to retrieve some of the items needed for this Saturday's Harvest Fest that have been stored in the museum.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said the



township doesn't comment on employee matters, but he could say that Dallos is currently laid off and the museum is closed. He apologized for not being able to say more.

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On Sunday evening a gentleman named Jim asked for permission to perform a 1970's patriotic song by Merle Haggard before the regular ceremony at Bugles Across America at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville. The song is from a man frustrated with people deriding the country, particularly those who are "harpin' on the wars we fight" and "runnin' down my countrymen" (which originally referred to the Vietnam War). People who do this, said the singer, are "walkin' on the fightin' side of me" and warns them that "if you don't love it, leave it."

Those in the audience clapped after the song ended and then the regular Bugles began with the Pledge to the Flag, "The National Anthem", and "Taps."

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We have been informed that Fred Priebe, the gentleman who lived on Hull Road in a log cabin and played the role of Abraham Lincoln at Greenfield Village for many years, has died. He and his wife Bonnie, who played Lincoln's wife, were featured reenactors throughout the Midwest.

After Bonnie died in January 2019, he went South and sent us a picture of himself reading the *Independent* in Amarillo, TX

in May 2020 where he was visiting his son. He included information with that picture that he had re-married, they live in Apalachicola, FL, and he was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in April 2020 and given a year or so to live.

His friends tell me that after his wife died he ran into his high-school sweetheart who was his fiancé until her parents intervened. They married and Fred was not alone at the end. When we get more information, we will print it.

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On Monday, Daniel Salsbury of Woodbury Green in Van Buren Township came in to tell me he lost his beloved cat Blackie a week ago. But Blackie came back at 2:30 a.m. Monday and he wanted to thank everyone who helped look for the five-year old, long-haired, greatly loved cat. He said last Saturday he made a flyer and went door to door on Lenmoore, Haggerty, Savage, Robbe and Ross and he wanted to thank them all.

He said he adopted the cat from the Humane Society when it was a small kitten. The neighbor's cat came into his house and beat up his cat last week and Blackie left. He said he has been having trouble sleeping because of the loss and he was on the couch and heard a scratch and meow. Blackie came home.



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**Letters**

**Sumpter Twp., country living at its finest?**

To the editor:  
 During the Sept. 28 township board meeting one of the agenda items was to discuss the process of selling the properties that Sumpter Township owns.

The board claims it's because the property values are at an all-time high and now would be a good time to "unload" these properties.

A casual observer would think that Sumpter Township must be in a cash crunch or has a debt-to-capital ratio that's too large, but this is not the case. During the same meeting the board touted it has the highest bond rating when compared to surrounding communities and the fact that their pension fund is 83% funded, which is all laudable.

While I do not disagree that the townships should not be in the business of owning property, the fact is Sumpter Township does own properties and how they are sold is of the upmost importance to those within the community.

The part that is concerning to me and other residents is that these properties are located near or are connected to our residential properties. What is developed on these properties will directly shape the future of our community and how our community is perceived throughout southeast Michigan.

One of these properties is in my front yard where they are considering installing a 24-hour lock and storage business. Currently large oak trees, wildlife, and some eagles occupy the property. What is curious, is that myself and numerous others that are adjacent to this property have approached the township about purchasing this property in the past but were told that it "would never be sold," to our relief.

My neighbor who has lived in Sumpter Township for 57 years was told 30 years ago that it would never be sold, so you can see that it was quite a shock when were told that this beautiful area was going to be sold and developed into a 24-hour self-storage business.

While the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> was to "discuss the process" of selling these properties, we personally found out through some of the board members that there was already a bid/offer that was given to Tim Bowman that was discussed at the Sept. 14 board meeting before the public

was even notified that that this property was up for sale.

In my opinion, it sounds like there is a lot of nepotism going on because how else would there be a bid on a property before the public was aware, moreover a property that some in the public were seeking to purchase in-order to maintain its natural beauty. It's interesting because the newly elected township supervisor ran on a "drain the swamp" and "end nepotism" platform when he is the one that is receiving these bids on properties before the public is notified that it is even for sale.

Before this meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>, I personally went to the supervisor's office to inquire about how a property that wasn't for sale, suddenly had a bid on it and was going to be developed into a 24-hour storage business. I was quickly met by Elle O'Connell who handed me a business card and said, oh don't worry we are going to discuss the process of selling these properties during the meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>. What is interesting is that on the business card was the Sumpter Township mission statement, "Country Living at its Finest." More on this later.

Honestly, when Elle told me this, I was somewhat relieved that maybe what I had heard was a lie and that there was no bid, there was not a development plan for a 24-hour lock and storage facility, and this property wasn't even for sale yet. During the zoom meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> before the discussion began, I asked about this development plan and told them that it would be eye-sore to a storage facility in this area of the community especially when there is already numerous storage businesses off Rawsonville and in other local areas. Our Supervisor told me that it would look better than what's there and it would be a great asset to the community.

I was struck by that comment because how can anything be prettier than God's creation? However, I digress. The other trustees went on an hour-long diatribe about how Belleville is developing and growing, and we should too, basically a lot of FOMO (fear of missing out) was expressed by the board. Tim Bowman expressed how he was tired of having to drive 20 minutes to "get a steak" apparently that is something extremely important to him, more than securing our property values into the future.

This comment about Belleville stuck with me because I see a lot of open business spaces with no business to occupy them. Just counting the open fronts from Interstate 94 from Belleville Road as it turns into Main Street and then finally Sumpter Road after Five Points I personally counted over 40 open fronts and this is not counting the new buildings.

In this new era of COVID can someone show me where people are falling over themselves to start a brick and mortar business when the state can just shut them down? Sumpter also has its own blight. Just check the southwest corner of Sumpter and Willis or just around the Police Station. Why can't whoever that wants to start this

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## Things to consider regarding abortion

To the editor:  
My wife and I have put aside time to read a few chapters of the Bible each morning, currently through Chronicles.

We were both disturbed by the number of Israel's kings that continually chose to stray from their one true God to worship idols and false gods, and that some even followed the practice of sacrificing their own children to these gods.

How could a parent ever make those choices? As we read, it dawned on me that mankind has not changed that much in these thousands of years. Many people today believe it is acceptable, by society and by God, to take the lives of thousands of unborn children, many times the number that were sacrificed back in history. Now, however, they are "sacrificed" for more modern reasons, sometimes for medical precautions, but much more often as a form of "after the fact" birth control.

Today we don't perform abortions as a religious requirement. Many now consider it a "human right" of any mother, and that the unborn child is only a part of the mother, similar to any other tissue or organ that can be removed and discarded (i.e., "my body, my choice"). But when should a child be determined to be a human being, with its own human rights to be legally and morally considered?

Many consider the moment of birth and the first breath as the beginning of a child's rights as a human being. It is the very same complete child as the hour before, with the exception that it now begins getting oxygen from the air instead of depending on the mother's blood via the umbilical cord. If dependence on the mother for survival gives the mother the option to terminate the child's life, how is this different than a breast-feeding baby, who would die without the mother's milk, if not given the opportunity to taste other food (similar to not letting the baby take its first breath)?

Now consider the moment of conception, when the female egg is fertilized with the male sperm, and a new life has begun its journey of cell division and growth. That child's cells continue to multiply and grow from that point to adulthood, into its complete human form. Where in this continuous process is it not quite complete enough to call it a child, and still an abortable "growth" in the womb?

The first cell division with its very own unique DNA, or a measurable heartbeat,

or having the ability to sense pain, the pain an unborn child feels during abortion? The creation of the very first cell with God's unique DNA blueprint for the new child is the point at which that human being's life journey has begun, and the point that parents must assume the responsibility of caring for God's gift.

The Bible considers children as special people to be protected, and sees the ritual child sacrifices as an abomination. The Lord

gave us the ability and responsibility to procreate, and we should learn early enough to differentiate between recreation and procreation. Using preemptive birth control is the responsibility of the recreational sexual partners, and their lack of responsibility should not be able to result in the death of an innocent child.

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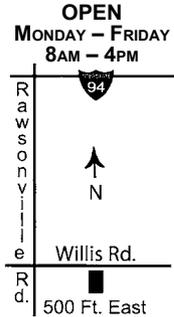
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# Obituaries



Virginia Elizabeth  
Horn Box

## VIRGINIA ELIZABETH HORN BOX

(May 20, 1934 - September 28, 2021)  
Virginia Elizabeth Horn Box of Ypsilanti, age 87, passed away Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at her home. She was born May 20, 1934 in Wayne, Michigan, the daughter of George and Virginia (McDevitt) Taylor.

Virginia was a homemaker and worked for Eden Book Store for more than 30 years. She was a longtime member of the Ypsilanti Senior Center and the Fraternal Order of Eagles #2250. Virginia dedicated her life to the Lord and attended Calvary Baptist Church in Ypsilanti. She dearly loved her sons and grandchildren. She was a beloved mom, mamaw and sister and will be deeply missed.

Survivors include: her sons Edward V. (Priscilla) Horn, James A. Horn and Richard K. Horn; grandchildren Mary Jean (Richard) Colegrove, Tiffany A. Horn, Tasha Pollard, Kristi (Chad) Peebles, Richard K. Horn Jr., Ashley V. (Ian Sloan) Horn, Blake E. (Luise) Horn, Caitlyn E. (Samuel) Burmeister, Rachel N. (Keith) Bailey and Austin J. Horn; 23 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; her sister Alice A. Summers, with whom Virginia had a very special bond; and many nieces and nephews.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, stepfather, brothers George Taylor and David Taylor, sister Judy Winn, husband George E. Horn, granddaughter Crystal Horn and loving companion Charlie Taylor.

A funeral service was held 11 a.m. Monday, October 4, 2021 at Stark Funeral Professionals with visitation starting at 10 a.m. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated. Burial was in Denton Cemetery in Van Buren Township. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Arbor Hospice.



Carol Lee Baum

## CAROL LEE BAUM

(December 28, 1953 - September 29, 2021)

Carol Lee Baum, age 67, of Howell, MI, formerly of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, September 29, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI, due to complications from a motorcycle accident in 2012. Carol was born December 28, 1953, in Detroit, MI, daughter of Robert Harold Garrison, Jr. and Barbara Ann (Bates) Garrison. She was a 1972 graduate of Churchill High School, Livonia, MI. Carol was a big presence whose smile lit up the room. You could never stay sad around her. She loved Joyce Meyer and Joel Osteen. She had a heart of gold. She loved music; it was therapy to her. She enjoyed singing, dancing, and fishing.

Carol is survived by daughter Wendy Memering of Canton, MI; son David Kazmierczak of Troy, MI; two grandsons Drew and Devin Memering; granddaughter Alisia Star Kazmierczak; two sisters Diane (John) Mehl of Novi, MI, and Suzanne Morris of Howell, MI; four nieces and nephews: Geoffrey Mehl, Kristen Mehl, Kyle Morris and Sean Morris; also, numerous extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, also a brother, Robert H. Garrison III.

A gathering was held 1-4 PM Sunday, October 3, 2021, with a 4:00 PM Celebration of Life Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brain Injury Association of Michigan and would be appreciated.

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# VB School Board hears reports from department heads at Sept. 27 session

At the Sept. 27 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board also:

- Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun report that the district's self-insurance plan has moved to Blue Cross Blue Shield with good terms that won't cost more and the exact same benefits as the previous company. The switch was to take effect Oct. 1. Madyun also said they are still hiring but hope to have a full staff soon. Filling special education slots has been a struggle, he said;

- Heard Director of Special Education Karen Johnston thank the transportation department for going to special trouble for the special education children to make sure they get where they need to be. She also thanked the parents for being patient with

the changing route time;

- Heard Director of Instruction Jeff Moore report that virtual parent-teacher conferences will be Oct. 13 and 14 at BHS and Nov. 3 and 4 at Owen Intermediate; and

- Heard Supt. Kudlak report the early childhood center construction is moving along and there is a punch list of things that need to be completed. The furniture is back-ordered, he said. He also noted that the school nurse set up a COVID shot clinic at BHS earlier that day and was to have a clinic at Owen on Sept. 30.

**Editor's Note:** We ran out of space at the end of the Sept. 27 report on Sept. 30, so here is the rest of the story.

# Obituaries



Johnny Franklin White, Sr.

## JOHNNY FRANKLIN WHITE, SR.

(March 21, 1948 - September 26, 2021)

Johnny Franklin White, Sr., age 73, of Leslie, MI, passed away at home on September 26, 2021. He was born March 21, 1948, in Delbarton, WV, to John Freelan White and Vicie Catherine (Justice) White.

John was a 40-year Belleville-area resident before moving 7 years ago to his home in Leslie, MI. A Ford Motor Company retiree, he loved to write short stories and journals. Some of his hobbies were gardening and scrapbooking, but most of all he cherished spending time with his friends and family.

John is survived by Loving Companion Aaron Steven White, dear father of Zachary Keith White; Vicie Kathy (Richard) Rider of Wayne, MI; Johnny White, Jr. of Clare, MI, Toni Johnson of Cary, NC; 10 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; brother Kennie (Jeanette) White of Cookville, TN; sisters Dorothy Cornett, of Willis, MI and Freda LaPlant of Syracuse, NY; also his dog Lilo.

John was preceded in death by his father John White in 1993 and mother Vicie White in 2003; sisters Merlene White, Earlene Tucker, and Delano White; a brother Glen Dale White; and son Keith Zachary White who died at birth in 1965; also, first wife Nancy Gillmer, his second wife Marcy Borgman.

Visitation was Saturday, October 2, 2021, from 5-7 PM with a 7 PM service at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. Gordon Moore officiated, followed by burial and graveside prayer on Monday, October 4, 2021, at Denton Road Cemetery.

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Thomas John Meyer

## THOMAS JOHN MEYER

August 14, 1949 - October 02, 2021

Thomas John Meyer, age 72, life-long resident of the Ypsilanti and Belleville area, passed away Saturday, October 2, 2021. He was born August 14, 1949, in Rochester, Minnesota, son of Donald Joseph & Jean Ann (Gerleman) Meyer.

Tom graduated from Belleville High School in 1967 and went on to Eastern Michigan University where he earned his Bachelor's and Masters' degrees in Mathematics and Education. He has been with his wife Nancy (Lewis) since 1973, and with his camera in hand, they spent time exploring historic sites around the country. Nancy and Tom are known for their love of pets. He was especially fond of his dog Molly, and took pleasure in feeding outdoor wildlife.

He shared his love of math with many students throughout his years teaching in the Van Buren Public School District. Following his retirement he continued his love of math education as an instructor at Eastern Michigan University. He was also a long-time driver's education teacher and over the years shared numerous hair-raising stories of teenage antics behind the wheel. As a long time U of M football season ticket holder, he held steadfast in his support even through the Harbaugh years and when "they couldn't beat that team down south".

Mr. Meyer is survived by his wife of 35 years, Nancy M. Meyer of Ypsilanti, MI; his siblings Kevin (Marcia) Meyer of Petoskey, MI, Doug Meyer of Belleville, MI, Donna (Rich Mata) Meyer of Ypsilanti, MI, and Sue Meyer of Allen Park, MI; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, many colleagues, students, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ronald and William Meyer.

A celebration of life service will be held on Sunday, October 17, 2021. Service starts promptly at 2:00 PM with box lunch and social hour to follow immediately.

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## Court Watching:

# Belleville bank robbery charges dismissed against Bellew, Hall

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Bank robbery charges have been dismissed against Sergio Luis Bellew, 26, of River Rouge and Scott Allen Hall, 34, of Port Huron. They had been charged with robbing the Belleville Chase bank on April 26.

On Sept. 29, 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Lisa Martin granted the motions of the defense attorneys to dismiss the charges when a necessary witness was not present for the live preliminary exam. Wayne

County Assistant Prosecutor Jane Gillis said the witness was in Florida.

The charges were dismissed without prejudice, so they could be refiled.

The two also were charged with robbing a bank in Redford Township on April 15.

Hall was accused of driving the getaway cars in both robberies. The preliminary exam for the Redford Township case had been set for Aug. 17 at 17<sup>th</sup> District Court.

On Sept. 7, Hall waived his preliminary exam and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information. Bellew held his exam on Sept. 7 and was bound over to circuit court. Their arraignments on the information were held Sept. 14 and a calendar conference set for Oct. 19 before Circuit Court Judge Bridget

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# Court watching

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Mary Hathaway.

Bellew's bond had been set at \$1 million/10% and Hall's bond was set for \$600,000/10% and a tether.

Bellew's appointed defense attorney is Lillian Diallo and Hall's appointed defense attorney is John McWilliams.

## Angel David Ramos

The zoom preliminary exam for Angel David Ramos, 22, of Detroit was held on June 23 before Judge Green on a charge of larceny from a person at 9:25 p.m. Dec. 22 in Van Buren Township.

After the exam, Judge Green dismissed the charge and closed the case.

She said the larceny from a person felony charge includes intent and the testimony from the victim does not show intent. She suggested Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Alexander Kurrie could refile with a larceny by conversion charge which is a misdemeanor.

During the exam, the only witness called was Trent Jones who said he was trying to sell a Nintendo switch with four or five digital games on it and his girlfriend's grandmother helped him by using Facebook Messenger. He exchanged text messages with someone who was interested in buying it and the buyer, who was identified as Angel Ramos, came as a passenger in a vehicle to the driveway of the trailer where he was staying on Victoria Street in Van Buren Township.

Jones said the switch died before he gave it to Ramos so he gave them the charger and they used their car to charge it to show it was working. He testified that Ramos had money in his hand and was starting to pass it to Jones when the driver of the car sped off. Jones said he didn't get his switch back and didn't get the money.

"You're telling me the passenger was trying to hand you money and the driver drove off?" Judge Green said. "... Mr. Kurrie ... what did Mr. Ramos do wrong? ... The driver was the one."

Defense attorney James Humphries questioned the identification of his client and also asked the witness, since he knew how to contact Ramos, if he reached out to him and he said his dad said not to. Jones

also testified Ramos did not make any hand gesture for the driver to drive off.

## William Oliver Wood

William Oliver Wood, 36, of Southgate failed to appear for his preliminary exam before Judge Martin via zoom on June 30 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams, on Oct. 6, 2019 in Van Buren Township.

Waiting in the courtroom by zoom for the case to begin were VBT Detective Michael Long and Daniel Hernandez, who was a witness.

Wood had been free after a bail bondsman posted \$1,250 surety bond on April 6. On April 7, defense attorney Luther Glenn asked the judge to modify the bond by removing his tether and Judge Martin agreed to have the tether removed.

Now a warrant is out for his arrest.

## Christopher Nathan Eugene Collins

Christopher Nathan Eugene Collins, 18, of Van Buren Township, is charged with one count of aggravated stalking, a felony, in Van Buren Township on June 1.

At his zoom probable cause conference on July 14, his defense attorney Christopher Quinn said he still needed discovery and so Judge Oakley adjourned the probable cause conference Sept. 15. Quinn said he had two trials scheduled and so needed more time.

Shelly Drain, the prosecutor for domestic violence, said she will get him the discovery.

On Sept. 15, Judge Green adjourned the probable cause conference until Oct. 6 because Quinn said he still needed discovery. After speaking to Collins, he asked Judge Green for a bond modification. He asked her to remove the tether he is required to wear for location only because it's interfering with his attempt to seek employment. He said Collins is not a flight risk nor a danger to the community.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Larry King said the charge is aggravated stalking which is serious. He read a text he said Collins sent to the victim: "Cops can't protect your asses forever. We're coming for both of you."

Judge Green denied the bond modification and referred Collins to pretrial services for a recommendation.

Collins is free after paying conditional bond of \$3,000/10%. His bond stipulates the tether, that he have no contact of any kind with the complaining witness, and that he cannot return to Leo's Coney Island at 9264 Belleville Rd.

Collins also is charged with two misdemeanors: malicious use of a phone on May 9 and disorderly person on May 27, both in Van Buren Township. He cannot return to an address on Ponderosa Trail. The remote pre-trial on those charges was set for Sept. 2 before Judge Martin, but the pre-trial was adjourned until Nov. 4 so more discovery could be obtained.

## Jill Marie Peters

Jill Marie Peters, 42, of Ypsilanti was before Judge Oakley on July 21 for her arraignment and probable cause conference on charges of false pretenses, possession of methamphetamine/Ecstasy, and possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams on March 14 in Van Buren Township. On July 22, her arraignment and probable cause conference was set for July 28. On July 28, Judge Oakley was informed Peters was in a 90-day rehabilitation program at Dawn Farms and so her appearance was waived for her arraignment and probable cause conference. Her preliminary exam was set for Oct. 20. What is worked out in this case will depend on her success at rehab, the judge said.

She was before Judge Green on Sept. 8 for her arraignment and probable cause conference and her live preliminary examination was confirmed for Oct. 20.

## Ohagi Tyreakkahleel Fulton

Ohagi Tyreakkahleel Fulton, 24, of Van Buren Township was before Judge Oakley on July 21 for arraignment and a probable cause conference on a charge of delivery/manufacture of marijuana, four felony firearm charges, and a charge of maintaining a drug house on Aug. 19, 2020 in Van Buren Township. Charges were brought by the Drug Enforcement Agency.

On June 16, defense attorney David Rudoi asked to adjourn the case until he could review all the discovery from the DEA. On July 21, Fulton was arraigned and personal bond set at \$2,000. A probable cause conference was set for Aug. 25 and at that time, Judge Oakley set the live preliminary exam for Oct. 18.

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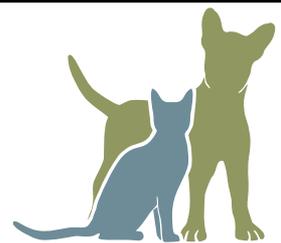
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Harvest Fest in Belleville is this Saturday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with fun activities at the Belleville Library, the side of the museum, and Fourth Street Place between the library and Main Street. Events include live music by Regis & Friends, a

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**Van Buren Senior Center Flea Market**  
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**VBT Police send out Nixle alert on speeding**

On Friday, the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department put out the following Nixle alert on speeding: "Safety Concern -- We have recently seen a sharp increase in careless drivers and vehicles traveling above the posted speed limit. Van Buren Township Police Officers will be increasing daily patrol activity in several areas within the Township. The Van Buren Township Police Department

asks everyone to exercise patience while traveling to your destination and be attentive to posted speed limits, traffic signals, and on-going construction projects in the area. Please, drive safely and enjoy this beautiful fall season."

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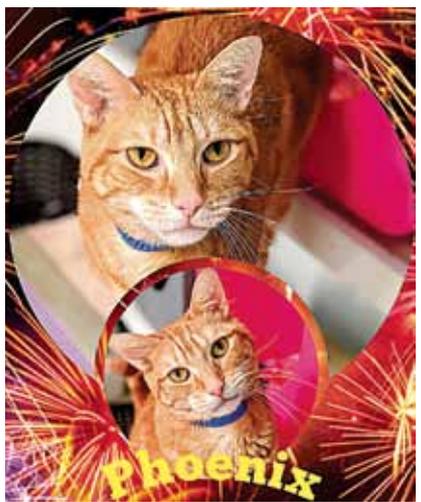
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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

On Sept. 29, members of the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission lined up for a picture before getting on a VBT SMART bus to go for a tour of the US Ecology/Wayne Disposal toxic landfill on the I-94 N. Service Dr. From left are VBT board representative Trustee Donald Boynton, Vice-Chair Benjamin Ross, Commissioner Peter Creal, Chairman Norm DeBuck, Commissioner Tony Gibson, and League of Woman Voters representative Donna Gilkey-Lavin. Director of Public Services Matthew Best drove the 12-passenger bus for the tour, which began with an illustrated presentation at the site about what US Ecology/Wayne Disposal was asking for as changes to its federal and state licensing agreements. Among the requests is for ClosureTurf (artificial turf) to be allowed to cover closed landfills to stop groundwater penetration, a higher height landfill, liner changes, and approval to hold sealed containers for more than 24 hours to work out paperwork problems. A virtual meeting on the changes was scheduled for Oct. 6.

**Van Buren Township honors Breast Cancer Awareness Month**

Spearheaded by the clerk's office, Van Buren Township will be honoring breast cancer survivors and loved ones who've battled breast cancer. The public is invited to stop by township hall any time in October and sign a breast cancer ribbon to support those who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Ribbons can be signed by survivors, family members and/or friends on behalf of a loved one and will be displayed in township hall. "I feel it's important to honor all those who have fought breast cancer," said Clerk

Leon Wright. "The fight is not easy, but we want everyone to know we support breast cancer awareness month." Breast cancer is the most common cancer in American women, except for skin cancers. It is estimated that in this year, approximately 30% of all new women cancer diagnoses will be breast cancer. (breastcancer.org) In partnership with the National Breast Cancer Foundation, the Clerk's office will provide free educational material on what every woman needs to know about breast

cancer. "Breast cancer runs very deep in my family and I think it's important to educate others about it, said account clerk Donae Hubbard. "If you, or anyone you know, is currently battling this disease, please remember to keep faith over fear and there is a network of support for you." According to cancer.org, one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. For additional information visit [vanburen-mi.org](http://vanburen-mi.org) or [nationalbreastcancer.org](http://nationalbreastcancer.org).

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James and Joanne Posegay Oct. 7, 1961

## James, Joanne Posegay celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Sumpter

On Oct. 7, 1961, Joanne Sala became the bride of James Posegay at St. Stephen Catholic Church in New Boston. They have been Sumpter Township through the 60 years of their marriage.

The couple has three daughters: Lynne (Rick) Mills of Bitely, MI; Lori (Chris)

DeMond of Belleville and Lisa Posegay of Belleville; and one grandson, James Christopher DeMond.

The Posegays planned to celebrate their special day with a family dinner planned by their daughters.



- Oct. 10 – Anna Smith, Teri Hagen-Cranson
- Oct. 11 – Gina Dorazio, Crystal Broome
- Oct. 12 – Pierre Rice, Korena Johnson, Angie Jones
- Oct. 13 – Sherry Olds, Allison White
- Oct. 14 – MJ Dawson, Shane Convery

### Anniversary

Oct. 1 – Pastor William and Martha Hill, 66 years

## District library sets events on comics, science, magic, astrology

The Belleville Area District Library announces the following events for October.

Oct. 14 at 7 p.m.: Homegrown Knowledge will feature “Kam Komics.” Homegrown Knowledge is a monthly interactive lecture series sponsored by The Friends of the Library featuring the knowledge and passions of local community members.

Oct. 16 at 11 a.m.: “Little Scientists - Elements of Nature” Every child is a scientist. They will learn about the four elements of nature (earth, water, air, and fire) through fun crafts and experiments. For ages 2 -7.

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m.: “Gordon Russ’s Spooky Magic Show.” Come witness side-splitting entertainment with Gordon Russ’s Spooky Magic Show.

Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.: “Aspects of Astrology.” Astrologist Hattie Peraino will teach the basics of astrology including the different types of astrology, the meaning of the components that help to define and personalize a reading, aspects between

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the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the state. He said the depth would be 10 football fields or .6 mile below the surface.

McCuiston said Class 1 wells are cemented all the way to the top and there are strict closure plans that use bonded money to maintain plugged and abandoned wells. The wells would be within the ground water monitoring area of the landfill.

He said they will launch a website within the next 10 days at CarletonFarmsdeepwell.com .

When Trustee Tim Rush said the landfill was forced upon the township, McCuiston said there are 22 wells in Michigan and they are operated extremely safely.

Cooper, a registered professional engineer in Michigan, said, they work with injection wells all over the country.

Cabautan said City Environmental originally developed the site. He said this will keep 15-17 trucks off the road and help keep the landfill competitive.

"We are a business ... trying to manage our bottom line and keep volume flowing into Carleton Farms," he said.

McCuiston said it will cost tens of millions of dollars to install the deep wells and controlling leachate and disposing of it is a big project.

Trustee Peggy Morgan asked how long the deep wells are good for and McCuiston said it could be thousands of years.

Cooper said every 10 years the EPA comes to look at what they said they would do. It will last many, many decades, he said.

Trustee Morgan asked what the downside was, noting, "Everything has a downside."

McCuiston replied, "We personally don't see a downside... It will be an asset to the area and will properly manage leachate for many, many years."

Trustee Morgan said less trucks will be running, but is it a financial benefit to the township?

McCuiston said Republic is investing millions of dollars and they will run massive electric motors to run the pumps, which will require more employees. He said it is not really a cost-reduction for them.

He said it is estimated that there will be a reduction of 341 tons of CO2 a year.

Supervisor Tim Bowman asked how much longer Carleton Farms is expected to be open and Reese said it has 35 years of life left right now.

Supervisor Bowman asked if after it is full that site never is useable and Reese replied they have many years of managing the leachate.

McCuiston said there is new technology all the time in ways to use the land in and around the area, suggesting a golf course or recreation area.

Trustee Rush said he would like to sit down and have a burger with McCuiston to hear all the plans, but he'd also like to talk about the electricity for the pumps.

Rush said DTE is failing the people of Sumpter Township. He said over the last four weeks he's been without power for four days.

"This is the first time I've heard you have a power problem," McCuiston said. "I will look into that." He said they are nine months to a year away from starting.

"I can eat two burgers while you-all talk," he said to Rush.

Township attorney Robert Young noted this is not a hazardous waste disposal site, like Romulus, and they are not taking leachate from other locations. He said it is limited and self-contained.

McCuiston said the technical revision is done on the application and in 45-60 days it could be approved.

Young said the township has the ability to comment, but the decision will be made by the U.S. EPA.

The landfill is located in the far southeast portion of the township.

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- Tuesday, Oct. 12 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

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of mind.” He said the location is a perfect place and, “We need to start somewhere.”

“Corey has a restaurant nearby, tables and chairs, daycare, cars across the street ... It’s gotta start somewhere,” Bowman said.

Trustee Oddy said Van Buren Township is already starting to put in commercial businesses to Sumpter’s border. He said the communities around Sumpter are planning and bringing commercial to Sumpter’s doorstep.

Tony Caudill, said via zoom that he is a 57-year resident that lives on a private drive at this site, behind Trustee Don LaPorte and the clinic. He said his driveway up front is commercial in a sense.

He said that morning he went fishing on

Lake Erie and there was a storage unit that was so bright he couldn’t drive his pickup.

“I hope this gets shot down,” he said of the plan for a storage unit near his home.

“The township is putting this out for bid and anybody who wants to put out a bid, for a larger medical clinic, a tractor supply...” Oddy said. “The proposal to the township for a storage unit will go out for the highest bids, but the highest bid may not win it.”

Also, at the Sept. 28 meeting, the board:

- Approved vacating Krystal Tackett’s membership in the Parks and Recreation Commission for her lack of communication via any form (text, phone, email, or in-person), a violation of the commission’s bylaws;
- Approve Drusilla Allen’s request to step down as Parks and Recreation Commission Treasurer, with regrets;
- Approve the resignation of Jim and Joanne Posegay from the Parks and Recreation Commission, with regrets;
- Approved re-keying the main door at the Parks and Recreation Commission, with the clerk’s office to distribute all new keys to key holders;
- Approved renewal of a five-year Axon bodycam agreement at a total cost of \$48,466.52 (\$9,673/yr.), with total cost to be paid from forfeiture funds;
- Approved employment contract for Fire Chief Rick Brown, effective June 22, 2021, for total of \$58,240, with a change to the last sentence as recommended by Clerk

Esther Hurst regarding termination. The vote was 5-1, with Morgan voting no and LaPorte absent;

- Approved pre-funding additional MERS monthly payments of \$25,000 to \$300,000 on April 1 of each year going forward and prorated September 2021-March 2022 of \$175,000. This will allow the township to capture return on investment into funding

status and achieve 7-12% interest versus the less than 2% in its Comerica savings; and

- Complained about the *Independent* at length.

The work/shop session was two hours long and the regular meeting 45 minutes long.

## Sumpter Township gets clean audit for year ending March 31, 2021

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Auditor Rana Emmons presented the annual financial audit for Sumpter Township and told the board at its Sept. 28 meeting that it was rated the highest, with an unmodified opinion, which is called a “clean audit.”

She said the annual audit was for the year ending March 31, 2021.

Emmons is with PSLZ LLP (Post Smythe, Lutz & Ziel).

She said the property tax income was up 2% and it was up 3% the previous year. The state shared revenue was flat for the year, she said. The interest income was not great, with \$20,000 less to the township in earned interest.

The building permits were at \$140,000, which she called a good amount.

She said \$420,000 was added to the fund balance. The major capital assets purchases were a fire truck for about \$300,000 and two police vehicles.

The water and sewer fund had a \$278,000 loss until the transfer from the general fund. It had net income of \$101,000, she said, with \$153,000 positive cashflow to the water fund.

Emmons said water sales were up 5% and the revenue increased 6%. She said everyone was home for COVID and they were using water.

She said the township paid a half million

dollars in water and sewer bonds, with no new bonding. She said \$3.9 million remains on outstanding debt.

She said the township has net pension liability of \$1.9 million. She said the state is changing the actuarial assumption so the township’s liabilities actually went up.

Emmons said with the \$440,000 extra paid into the pension plan this year, it moved the township into being 84% funded.

She said she saw on that night’s agenda a proposal to pay a lump sum pension contribution, instead of spreading it out. She said that will keep the township in the 80% range.

Trustee Tim Rush asked Emmons to talk about the township’s pension liabilities and how far ahead it is over other communities. He said the township always had a stellar bond rating and maybe it’s up now.

Emmons said its hard for communities to get to 70%. She said in the 2008-12 downturn in the economy, communities dropped to 50% funded. Not every community had the money to throw at it, she said.

“You’ve been doing it in a monthly basis,” she said. “A couple of years ago, you were in the 70s, now 84... It’s a marathon, not a sprint here... You really move the needle quicker with large donations.”

Rush pushed her to talk about the bond rating.

Emmons said the township has an A- bond rating now and it won’t be re-rated unless the township goes for another bond.

“A lot of communities in the area would kill to have our bond rating,” Rush said.

Trustee Matt Oddy asked if she saw no inappropriate blending of federal funds with township funds?

Emmons said no she didn’t and she has a whole list of questions she has to answer on this issue. She said she is not aware of any discrepancies.

Trustee Oddy referred to a letter to the editor of the Belleville Independent that accused this. He said this is the third year there have been such letters, with one saying the township is broke.

He said it is full of lies and misinformation and people don’t know what to believe. He said the letter said the federal funds have been misused and the township has yet to receive the \$1 million.

Oddy said this a regular happening in the township and local businesses get hurt. New businesses ask themselves why locate in Sumpter? He said the writers of those letters have a common thread, yet they continue to be published.

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## More Letters

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“great asset to our community” go to one of these numerous open areas away from residential homes to start this storage facility business? I believe it’s because whoever is getting ready to do this is getting ready to pick up ten acres at a sweetheart deal, but we’ll have to see how this goes down to know the whole story. Maybe it’s a done deal, either way something stinks like a swamp.

During the meeting I tried to bring up the point that the reason a lot of people, such as myself, moved out here is because of the motto “Country Living at its Finest.” I can’t speak for anyone else, but I personally wanted to get away from the Cantons, Ypsilantis, and Ann Arbors to be left alone away from the constant marketing and city meandering. After mentioning this they proceeded to berate me that I should be okay with this because I already live behind McShane’s and Table’s -n- Chairs so how did I not know that this could someday be a commercial area.

I guess I was thrown off by the “Country Living at its Finest” motto and because we were all told it was not for sale. Personally, I’m not against development, but why does more property have to be cleared off for a glorified parking lot? If they came to us and said they were going to develop it into some houses I wouldn’t be against it because maybe I would get some new neighbors but no, it’s going to a “prettier than what’s there” storage facility, fantastic.

I also brought up that a large percentage of storage units contain stolen property and are also vandalized themselves. I was dismissed and told basically that sucks for you as Matt Oddy noted, he “really feels for me.” I guess I don’t believe you. How about we move it to your front yard, Matt? I know I’ve only been here for a while, but I guess you know what’s best. How much are you going to make off this deal? However, I would like to thank Peggy Morgan. She was the only one that had any sanity in this whole situation.

I maintain that the best course of action is to let the residents connected to the property have the option to purchase these properties so that we could keep it the way it is and break it up to attach the pieces to our property. When I brought this up to the board, I was told yes if we could “come up with a good business plan” that would benefit the community and increase the amount of tax money flowing into Sumpter Township.

Since our board has this insatiable appetite to increase its tax fiefdom and influence what is going to be the next business that we see popping up in people’s back yards? Strip clubs, more storage facilities, empty office fronts for a influx of businesses because that would bring money into Sumpter? I think they have made the bar purposely impossible to hurdle.

I didn’t realize when I voted for these people back in November of 2020 that they

were going to completely force out anyone who wants to just leave green space alone and keep Sumpter Township country. I know, my opinion is no better than anyone else’s, however I can’t imagine how this plan plays into keeping Sumpter Township “Country Living at its Finest.”

When there is the slightest possibility of growth near our township, even when it could be fictitious, we must become Little Ann Arbor or Little Canton. I believe one person noted because “progress” is inevitable. I disagree with the premise that this is progress. I guess it’s time to move back into the country and Sumpter Township should change its motto because it’s no longer about country living.

Corey Blue  
A Concerned Sumpter Resident

## COVID-19 deaths in 48111 climb to 78, positive tests at 4,073

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code climbed to 78 as of Monday, Oct. 4, according to the Wayne County Health Department’s last update of the count.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 4,073 on Monday, Oct. 4, up from 3,984 on Monday, Sept. 27.

On Monday, Oct. 4, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,725 positive cases, 43 deaths; City of Belleville, 534 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 814 positive cases, 14 deaths.

## Independent to raise subscription rates to cover P.O. rate hike

In order to cover the recent raise in postage rates by the U.S. Postal Service, the *Belleville-Area Independent* will raise the cost of its subscriptions as of Nov. 1.

The annual rate for subscriptions for addresses in Michigan will go from \$30 to \$35. The annual rate for subscriptions for addresses out of state will go from \$35 to \$40.

The last time the *Independent* raised its subscription rates was in April 2013, more than eight years ago. The free paper is sent and subscribers pay for the postage, which varies when the number of pages goes up or down.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



# VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

## Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday October 19, 2021 during its regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar ID: 841 1825 9750 (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84118259750>) to receive public comment on:

- The 2021 Amended and 2022 Proposed General Fund Budget
- The 2021 Amended and 2022 Proposed Water/Sewer Fund Budget
- The 2021 Amended and 2022 Proposed Special Revenue Funds Budgets
  1. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
  2. Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) Fund
  3. Landfill Fund
  4. Belleville Area Museum
  5. E-9-1-1 Service Fund
  6. Federal Forfeiture Fund
  7. State Forfeiture Fund
  8. Long Term Debt Fund
  9. Capital Improvement Fund

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing

Copies of the Amended, Proposed and Special Revenue Funds will be available at the Clerk’s Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111 one week prior to the public hearing and is available on the Township website [vanburen-mi.org](http://vanburen-mi.org).

For more information, see the [How to Join a Zoom Meeting](https://vanburen-mi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/How-to-join-a-Zoom-Meeting_v5.pdf) document on Van Buren Township’s website: [https://vanburen-mi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/How-to-join-a-Zoom-Meeting\\_v5.pdf](https://vanburen-mi.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/How-to-join-a-Zoom-Meeting_v5.pdf)

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice to the Clerk’s Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Twp., MI 48111 (734) 699-8909

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# Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Oct. 7** – Van Buren Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., is holding a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday. Their motto is: “One’s junk is another’s treasure.” Treasures include books, tools, craft and sewing supplies, household goods, toys, etc. All proceeds benefit the Senior Center.
- **Friday, Oct. 8; Saturday, Oct. 9; and Sunday, Oct. 10** – White Elephant Garage Sale at St. Aloysius Church, 37200 Neville St., Romulus. Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday, noon to 4 p.m. Household

- items, toys, tools, linens, sporting goods, holiday items, books, radios, etc. Lots of good items in two buildings. Info: (734) 941-5056
- **Saturday, Oct. 9** – Harvest Fest at Fourth Street Place in downtown Belleville, the museum and library and a Harvest Farmers’ Market, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 13** – Drive-through Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Call ahead for orders of six or more between 1-4 p.m. the day of the dinner. Cost: \$12 for adults/\$5 per child. Bring check or exact amount, if possible. Menu: fried chicken, mashed potatoes, cole slaw, green beans, biscuits & gravy, dessert.

- **Saturday, Oct. 16** – Craft Show put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 4422 in Taylor will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is being held at VFW Post 4422 on Pine Street in Taylor, two blocks south of Goddard. For information, call Sandy Medos of Willis at (734) 461-9502.
- **Saturday, Oct. 23** – Monster Mutt Walk from noon to 2 p.m. in Fourth Street Place, put on by the Belleville Central Business Community.
- **Saturday, Oct. 23** – Van Buren Township’s Candy Loop is back from 4 to 6 p.m. at Quirk Park. Wear your costume and stope at different Halloween-themed stations providing treats from local businesses and organizations. Free and open to the public, but register for specific timeslots at [vanburen-mi.org/parks](http://vanburen-mi.org/parks). Rain

- date is Oct. 30.
- **Friday, Oct. 29** – Halloween Trick or Treat in downtown Belleville, 5-7 p.m. Main Street will be closed starting at 3 p.m.
- **Friday, Nov. 12** – St. Aloysius Church Ushers Club Feather Party Bingo. Doors open at 5 p.m., bingo begins at 7 p.m. Bingo party held at 37200 Neville St., Romulus, Parish Activity Center (school building). Bingo prizes awarded are gift certificates for chickens and turkeys. Raffle prizes. Info: (734) 697-2061
- **Sunday, Nov. 21** – Fund raiser for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue all day at Haab’s restaurant in Ypsilanti.
- **Saturday, Dec. 4** – Winter Fest activities include a parade and fireworks as part of the week-end events sponsored by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce.

## City of Belleville Public Notice

**CITY OF BELLEVILLE  
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, September 20, 2021 - 7:30 pm  
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held via a hybrid of in-person and virtual access through ZOOM. Those attending in-person were required to complete a Covid-19 health screening form. All persons who had not been vaccinated for Covid-19 were required to wear a mask while in City Hall. The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

- 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**  

Council Member Bates	Present via Zoom
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

- 3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS**  
 A. Council Follow Up List  
 1) Council Member Voigt questioned the plan of action for repair of the roads in the Harbour Pointe subdivision. Mayor Conley responded that the city is waiting to see what the infrastructure bills will look like when they come out and what would need to be done in terms of repairs. She added that Hennessey Engineering has been actively working on reviewing the conditions of the roads to see what the cost would be to complete those updates. Council Member Fielder reminded everyone that the city had come up with a maintenance plan in the past, which the residents of Belleville rejected.  
 B. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items  
 1) Dia Mason of the Fair Housing Center of Metropolitan Detroit wanted to let the residents know about the services they offer, including education and training on fair housing practices. She provided City Manager Robinson with brochures to make available to the residents.  
 2) Mike Renaud asked if there was any way the city could reach out to Wayne County Roads to have the roadway finished from the bridge through the intersection of Denton, Liberty, & Main.  
 3) Therese Antonelli asked if it would be possible to get a left turn signal at the intersection of Main St. & Liberty. City Manager Robinson responded that Roads would need to conduct a traffic study. He added that they had completed this type of study in the past but did not find a left turn signal justifiable at that time. Antonelli suggested that the study could take place following completion of the development at Main St. and Liberty, perhaps with a better result. Robinson replied that it’s certainly possible to have that done, it’s just a matter of reaching the appropriate individuals at Wayne County.  
 4) Brian Loranger inquired if the city could place more flexible traffic cones or a permanent divider at the right turn lane from the Belleville bridge on to Denton. Council Member Fielder responded that the

concern with adding a permanent divider is DPW being able to plow around it.

5) Alvis Brigis from the Belleville Beat mentioned upcoming matching grant system opportunities from the state level for things such as installing smart parking or conducting autonomous vehicle studies. He also invited everyone to the new monthly speaker series, called the Belleville Future Club, of which the first installment will take place on September 30<sup>th</sup>.

6) Mike Renaud asked if there was an issue with there not being an in-person quorum at the September 7, 2021, Council meeting. Mayor Conley responded that the meeting still complied with the law as there were still at least 3 Council Members present, even if not in-person.

- 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
**MOTION:** Motion by Marcotte, supported by Voigt to accept the agenda as presented.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE:  

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

- Motion Carried.**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
 A. September 7, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council  
**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, September 7, 2021.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE:  

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

- Motion Carried.**
- 6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION**  
 A) Winter Fest 2021 – A Miracle on 4<sup>th</sup> Street Special Event Application for Winter Fest 2021 presented by Mike Kole from the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. The event would entail several events taking place from 6 p.m. on Thursday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, to 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.  
**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to approve the activities for the event, with referral to city administration to further sort out specifics for the event.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE:  

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

- Motion Carried.**
- B) Lake Fest 2022**  
 Special Event Application for Lake Fest presented by the Lake Fest non-profit/ the Belleville Chamber of Commerce. The event would entail several events taking place from 6 p.m. on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, June 26<sup>th</sup>.  
**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve the Lake Fest event to take place from June

24 to June 26, 2022.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE:

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|------------------------|-----|
| Council Member Bates   | Aye |
| Council Member Fielder | Aye |
| Council Member Voigt   | Aye |
| Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte | Aye |
| Mayor Conley           | Aye |

**Motion Carried.**  
 C. Fire Department Collective Bargaining Agreement Approval

**MOTION:** Motion by Marcotte, supported by Fielder to approve the Fire Department’s Collective Bargaining Agreement.

- ROLL CALL VOTE:  

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

- Motion Carried.**
- D) Update on Golf Cart Proposal  
**MOTION:** Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to direct administration to draft an ordinance regulating golf cart usage on city streets. The motion includes that this program will have a one-year review process to determine if it will continue in the future.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE:  

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

- Motion Carried.**
- 7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES**  
**MOTION:** Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution 21-077** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.  
 ROLL CALL VOTE:  

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

- Motion Carried.**
- 8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**  
 • City Manager Robinson said he is excited to see where the golf cart ordinance will take the city.  
 • Stated that he is happy to see changes taking place within the city.  
 • Expressed that he is looking forward to having the former store attached to City Hall demolished.  
 • Mentioned that the city can expect to receive revenue from the city’s Marijuana ordinance.

- 9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS**  
 • Council Member Bates:  
 -- Bates had no comments.  
 • Council Member Fielder:  
 -- Fielder spoke about a faith-based initiative taking place in Wayne County that is helping to address substance abuse issues.  
 -- Mentioned that Growth Works established an additional location in Romulus, which is in closer proximity to the Belleville area.

-- Suggested that City Hall place signs in the parking lot to designate spots for those conducting business within the building.

-- Reminded everyone that the city is recruiting individuals for assistance in revising the charter and instructed those that are interested in volunteering to provide their name to the City Manager.

• Council Member Voigt  
 -- Voigt agreed that the charter needs revision, as the current charter has been in place for approximately 39 or 40 years.

-- Asked if the city could look in to placing speed bumps on High St. between Church and Edison as he has received many complaints of speeding through that area.

-- Expressed that he is very happy with the work that the goats did at Horizon Park, and further commented that the lake is the city’s biggest asset. He thinks that all sightlines should be open along its circumference within the city limits.

-- Complimented the concrete work at the development at Liberty and Main St., saying that it is very well done.

• Council Member Marcotte  
 -- Marcotte said he is very excited for Lake Fest next year, as well as the return of Winter Fest this year.

-- Commented that it is good to be back in person for the Council meetings.  
 -- Expressed appreciation for Mr. Beebe’s role in taking charge of the golf cart proposal and said that it provides a great example for all residents.

**10. MAYOR’S COMMENTS**  
 • Mayor Conley thanked everyone who assisted at the Van Buren Education Fundraiser that recently took place.

• Reminded everyone that the Belleville High School Band Review would be taking place this upcoming Wednesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 6:30 p.m.

• Also noted that the high school’s cross-country meet would be taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at Van Buren Park.

- 11. CITIZENS COMMENTS**  
 • Brian Loranger agreed with Council Member Fielder about the placing of signs in City Hall’s parking lot, adding that employees should not be parking in the first few spots.  
 • DPW Director Rick Rutherford responded to Council Member Voigt’s comments about opening sightlines along the lake, reminding Council that the grade is significant along High St., and therefore the city must be cognizant of erosion control. Mayor Conley suggested looking into the use of machinery that goes above the trees to cut them down.

**12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING**  
 • None

**13. ADJOURNMENT**  
**MOTION:** Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to adjourn at 8:50 p.m.  
 No objections were noted.  
**Motion Carried.**

Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer  
 Approved: October 4, 2021  
 Published: October 7, 2021

## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 284 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.*

### Sunday, Sept. 26:

0111 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
0123 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.  
0237 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0308 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
0340 – assist citizen, Melvindale  
0951 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
1007 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1030 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd./Beckley  
1542 – family trouble, N. Timberview Dr.  
1758 – private property/property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr.  
1822 – suspicious person/vehicle, Berkdale Dr.  
1911 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.  
2001 – fireworks, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
2117 – domestic, Landmark  
2232 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.  
2303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
2346 – traffic offense, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.

### Monday, Sept. 27:

0223 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
0358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.  
0821 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. / Martinsville Rd.  
0830 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0942 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
0958 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.  
1010 – shooting, Westlake  
1025 – missing person, Richard Run Dr.  
1056 – larceny, Dorchester Dr.  
1128 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1328 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.  
1417 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
1515 – motorist assist, Chatsworth Dr.  
1608 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Starbucks  
1639 – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.  
1640 – follow up by officer, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1732 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse  
1732 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.  
1740 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.  
1758 – domestic, Independence Ln.  
1850 – follow up by officer, Richard Run Dr.  
2041 – road hazard, Savage Rd./Lenmoore Ave.  
2150 – suicidal person, Ironwood Dr.  
2157 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2354 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr.

### Tuesday, Sept. 28:

0528 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
0906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
0938 – hospice death, Ashbury  
1110 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildrye Ct.  
1214 – ordinance violation, Denton/S. I-94 Service  
1218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville/Tyler  
1358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1648 – private property impound, Independence  
1708 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1757 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1823 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1939 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
2049 – shooting, Elwell Rd.  
2203 – overdose, Park Estates Dr.

### Wednesday, Sept. 29:

0204 – harassment call, E. Archwood Dr.  
0741 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
0803 – property damage accident, Tyler/Walden  
0814 – assist other dept., E. I-94/Denton  
1001 – motorist assist, W. Huron River/Hoeft  
1018 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1209 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.  
1242 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1320 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty  
1323 – larceny, Harbour Club  
1407 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd./Lohr Rd.  
1420 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.  
1454 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.  
1500 – private property impound, Parkwood Dr.  
1506 – property damage accident, Tyler/Beck  
1640 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1829 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1831 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.

1946 – assist citizen, W. Huron River Dr.  
2119 – assault & battery, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2313 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
2313 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

### Thursday, Sept. 30:

0452 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
0748 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0807 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.  
0905 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green  
0939 – ordinance violation, Jeremy Dr. north of  
Bradley  
0948 – fraud, Westlake Cir.  
1041 – domestic, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Castell Blvd.  
1301 – animal complaint, Savage Rd./Lenmoore  
1448 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1710 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bayshore Dr. /  
Denton Rd.  
1822 – fraud, Marlowe Ave.  
2018 – assist citizen, W. Huron River Dr.  
2136 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2212 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
2300 – breaking & entering, Belmont Dr.  
2325 – threat, Townplace Suites

### Friday, Oct. 1:

0041 – malicious destruction of property, Brandi  
0731 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave. / N. I-94  
Service Dr.  
0805 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sadie Ln./Ecorse  
0813 – traffic offense, Denton Rd./Ashbury Dr.  
1050 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1130 – domestic, Westlake Cir.  
1253 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1311 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.  
1405 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.  
1443 – assault & battery, Van Born Rd.  
1506 – private property impound, Westlake Cir.  
1544 – private property impound, Kirkridge Park  
1545 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1737 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94  
Service Dr.  
1843 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.  
1927 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2022 – family trouble, Rolan Meadows Dr.  
2155 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl  
2204 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.  
2230 – threat, Park Estates Dr.  
2300 – family trouble, Brandi Dr.

### Saturday, Oct. 2:

0200 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
0732 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /  
N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0833 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0903 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0932 – domestic, Willow Way  
0952 – animal complaint, Robson Rd.  
1001 – family trouble, Dellor St.  
1005 – domestic, Brandi Dr.  
1057 – threat, Pond Bluff Dr.  
1241 – fraud, Meadows Circ.  
1334 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville  
1343 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
1404 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /  
S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1556 – abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.  
1632 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville  
1822 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.  
1835 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.  
1836 – animal complaint, Van Buren St. / N. I-94  
Service Dr.  
1842 – animal complaint, Locust Dr.  
2001 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./E. Huron River  
Dr.

2140 – shooting, E. Huron River Dr.  
2206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell/Hull  
Also on this week's log are 76 traffic stops, 21 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Sept. 26:

1006 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.  
1100 – neighbor trouble, Estrada  
1431 – suspicious person/vehicle, Third St.  
1732 – missing person, Main St.  
1759 – traffic stop, Main St.  
1937 – misc. complaint, Fifth St./Main St.  
1945 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2141 – traffic stop, Angola St./E. Huron River Dr.  
2248 – traffic stop, Edison Ave./High St.

2304 – missing person, Somerset  
2327 – family trouble, N. Liberty St.  
**Monday, Sept. 27:**  
0148 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
0910 – welfare check, Third St.  
1538 – road hazard, South St./tracks  
1826 – property damage accident, W. Columbia  
2343 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./Aberdeen Ct.

### Tuesday, Sept. 28:

2303 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.

### Wednesday, Sept. 29:

0932 – welfare check, Henry St.  
1038 – misc. complaint, New Mexico  
1105 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.  
1140 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
1153 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St.  
1210 – juvenile complaint, Nash  
1215 – juvenile complaint, Lori  
1432 – domestic, Loza Ln.  
1931 – property check, Huron River Dr.  
2152 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.  
2301 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
**Thursday, Sept. 30:**  
0412 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Astor  
0738 – domestic, W. Columbia Ave.  
0815 – warrant arrest, Haggerty Rd.  
1109 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1912 – suspicious person/vehicle, Henry St.  
1944 – traffic stop, Main St./Roys St.  
1952 – fraud, Main St.  
2016 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.  
2119 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs  
2134 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs  
2219 – traffic stop, Main St.  
2225 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2322 – property damage accident, Main St.

### Friday, Oct. 1:

0026 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia  
1420 – suspicious person/vehicle, Edison Ave. / W.  
Columbia Ave.  
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Davis St.  
2021 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
2054 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.  
2116 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.

### Saturday, Oct. 2:

0006 – animal complaint, E. Waterbury Ct. /  
Victorian Ln.  
0017 – noise complaint, Carmell St.  
0201 – traffic stop, Main St.  
0409 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence  
1255 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1510 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.  
1802 – suspicious person/vehicle, Loza Ln.  
1956 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.  
2022 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.  
2055 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.  
2058 – welfare check, Main St.  
2147 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.  
2342 – assist fire dept., Loza Lane  
There were 28 traffic stops on this week's log.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Sept. 26:

0201 – noise complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Willow  
0217 – assault, Dunn Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
0407 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.  
0641 – noise complaint, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.  
0810 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0923 – property damage accident, 18000 bl. Savage  
Rd.  
1029 – animal complaint, Redwood St.  
1122 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1132 – death investigation, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
1228 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1708 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Sherwood  
2121 – traffic complaint/road, Haggerty/Judd  
2302 – mental health call, Carriage Ln.

### Monday, Sept. 27:

0818 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0826 – suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl.  
Sherwood Rd.  
1025 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
1135 – traffic complaint/ATV, 24000 bl. Sherwood  
Rd.  
1321 – suspicious person, Edgewood Dr.  
2327 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
2333 – suspicious circumstance, Birch Dr.

### Tuesday, Sept. 28:

0100 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Judd Rd

0141 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0319 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
0350 – 911 hang up, 48100 bl. Willis Rd.  
1022 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1127 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.  
1155 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1410 – suspicious circumstance, Willow Rd. /  
Rawsonville Rd.  
1622 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.  
1745 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Willow  
1814 – found property, Martinsville Rd./Harris Rd.  
2011 – suspicious circumstance, New Mexico St.  
2037 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
2123 – alarm, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.

### Wednesday, Sept. 29:

0138 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
0545 – 911 hang up, Georgia  
1014 – prisoner transport, out of township  
1210 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1403 – fire dept. assist, Stonecrest St.  
1505 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
1533 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1638 – warrant arrest, out of township  
1641 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1706 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Wear Rd.  
2317 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.

### Thursday, Sept. 30:

0651 – warrant arrest, Greenmeadow  
0921 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1022 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.  
1125 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
1128 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1428 – shots fired, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1827 – shots fired, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2049 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2228 – follow-up investigation, Redwood St.

### Friday, Oct. 1:

0030 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0938 – malicious destruction of property, Edgewood  
Dr.

1211 – civil matter, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1423 – civil matter, California St.  
1443 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear  
1445 – suspicious person, 13000 bl. Rawsonville  
1636 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1758 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl.  
Sherwood Rd.

1843 – hunters complaint, Martinsville/Arkona  
1851 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
2147 – B&E complaint, 5600 bl. Oakville Waltz

### Saturday, Oct. 2:

0149 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.  
0200 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Willis  
0501 – suspicious circumstance, 18000 bl. Savage  
0723 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.  
0751 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1226 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Victoria St.  
1526 – mental health call, Wayside Dr.  
1542 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1546 – fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1605 – mental health call, Wayside Dr.  
1617 – suspicious person, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1625 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Griffin Ct.  
1637 – ORV complaint, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2100 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
Also on this week's log are 78 patrol checks, 39 traffic stops, and six misc. details.

## BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Oct. 7:** Girls Freshman Volleyball vs Canton Prep HS, 5 p.m.; Girls Swim & Dive vs John Glenn HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Oct. 8:** Varsity Football (homecoming) vs John Glenn HS, 7 p.m.

• **Saturday, Oct. 9:** Varsity Volleyball hosting Tiger Invitational, 8:30 a.m.

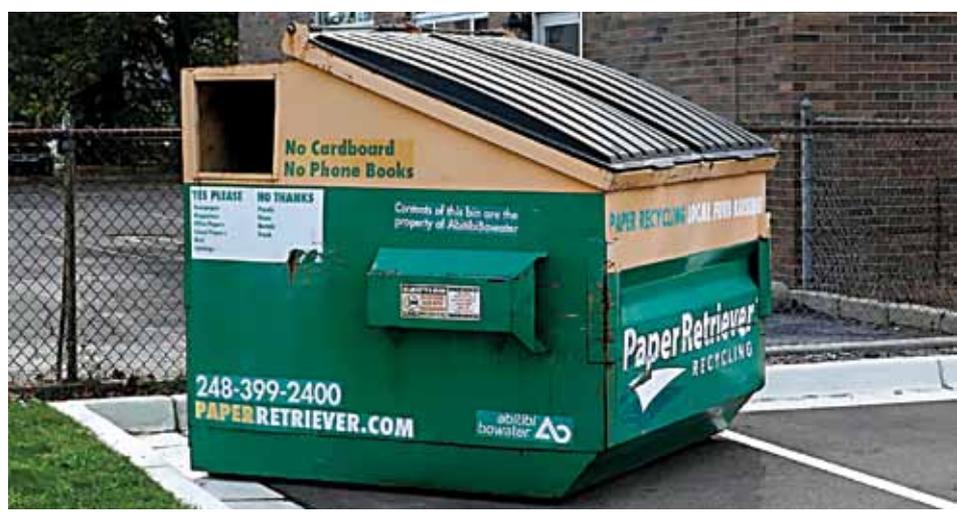
• **Monday, Oct. 11:** Boys Varsity Soccer vs KLAA Crossover, 5:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 12:** Boys & Girls Cross Country vs John Glenn HS & Wayne Memorial HS @ Van Buren Park, 4 p.m.; Freshman Volleyball vs Churchill HS, 5 p.m.; JV Volleyball vs Churchill HS, 5 p.m.; Girls Swim & Dive vs Grosse Ile HS & New Boston Huron HS, 6:30 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball vs Churchill HS, 6:30 p.m.

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A paper recycling bin for the public to use has been put at the far end of the Belleville Area District Library parking lot, next to the alley. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said, "The library will host the paper recycling bin from now on, and the library will get some funds based on the amount of paper collected. A big thank you to John Juriga for reaching out to the company to facilitate this, once we discovered that it had been removed from the museum." After the bin was removed from the museum there was nowhere downtown in the city for people to recycle paper. There are public paper recycling bins at Edgemont Elementary and Owen Intermediate schools on the borders of the city.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
 PLANNING COMMISSION  
 REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **October 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, protect the public health, and provide essential protections to Van Buren Township residents; this Van Buren Township's Planning Commission meeting will be conducted virtually as permissible under Public Acts of 2020 Act No. 254 and Declaration of a Health Emergency in Wayne County. To participate in the meeting electronically, the public may follow the instructions below. The Planning Commission will consider the following request:

- Case 21-033:** A request by Christopher W. Becker on behalf of owner DTE Electric to rezone a 2.14-acre property located at 42061 Ecorse Road (Parcel ID # V- 83 041 99 0004 001) from C-1, General Business District to M-1, Light Industrial.

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) beginning **October 22, 2021**. On this website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**, including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website ([www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments via e-mail to [dpower@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:dpower@vanburen-mi.org). Members of the public may also contact [dpower@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:dpower@vanburen-mi.org) to be connected with members of the Planning Commission prior to the meeting by e-mail.

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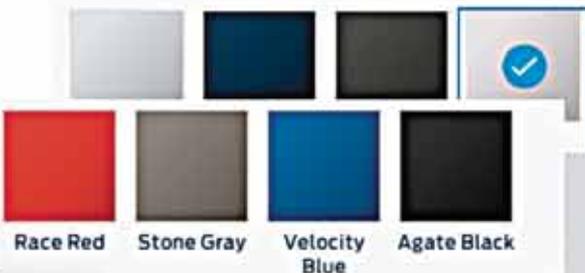
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