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Things to do this weekend

- Friday, Oct. 10 Belleville High School Homecoming football game, 7 p.m., vs. John Glenn.
- Friday, Oct. 10, through Sunday, Oct. 12: Community Art Show at the Belleville Yacht Club. On Friday the opening reception is 7-9 p.m. On Saturday the show is open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free and open to the public.
- Saturday, Oct. 11, Harvest Fest at the library, museum, and Fourth Street Place from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tractor parade expected after 11 a.m. Harvest Market, Unlimited DJ, Music by Regis & Friends at the Library, harpist Patricia Tait at the museum, Sunshine & Balloons, and Nickle Dig at the Library at 2 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 11 Sumpter Township Fire Department open house, 20550 Sumpter Rd., 1-5 p.m. Tour the fire trucks and the fire house, meet the fire fighters, and enjoy free snacks and refreshments.
- Saturday, Oct. 11 Michigan Flight Museum presents a fundraising Hangar Party Korean War Dance from 5-8 p.m. at the Roush Aeronautics Center, 48075 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, at Willow Run Airport. Live big band, dance lessons, food and drinks. Admission, \$85. See the magnificent C-47 up close.
- Saturday, Oct. 11 Wayne County Household Hazardous Waste collection, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Wayne County Community College, 21000 Northline Rd., Taylor 48180. Only household generated products from Wayne County residents will be accepted. Information: www.waynecounty.com or (734) 326-3936.
- Saturday, Oct. 11 The Belleville Rotary Club will host Trivia Nite from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagle's Hall on Beck Road. There also will be pizza and a salad buffet, 50/50, and raffles, all for \$25 per person.



Photo courtesy of Samaya Cooper, Grace Dembny, Kendall Duncan

It's Homecoming week at Belleville High School. Members of the Homecoming Court were photographed on Monday. In back, from left, are Samvith Lanka, Owen Lommerse, Edward Henry, Lucas Bryan, James Graves, Joseph Harper, and Braylon Hubbard. In front, from left, are Kaylee Rupnow, Isabella DeLibera, Addisyn Means, Allie Horchem, Morgan Sampson, Abigail Heringhausen, and Claire Davis. The Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned during halftime at Friday's football game.

Tractor Parade to lead off Belleville's Harvest Fest on Sat.

The annual Harvest Festival Tractor Parade will leave its staging area in Sumpter Township at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 11, and proceed north on Sumpter Road at about 10 mph until it gets to the festival in downtown Belleville – where it will stop.

That's when those waiting can get close to the tractors, take pictures, and talk to the owners.

The parade is hosted by Brad and Bradley Traskos and the staging area is at 44077 Willis Rd. Those wishing to take part in the parade must arrive at the staging area by 10 a.m. on Saturday. Parking is available to drop off tractors and wagons on Friday evening.

The parade route is 10 miles round trip and tractors must go a minimum of 10 mph. All years are welcome. A donation of \$10 per tractor will be given to a local charity.

The Traskos family said the parade is weather-permitting and those involved should dress accordingly.

Those with questions may contact Brad Traskos at (734) 732-6431 or Bradley

Traskos at (734) 223-0221. RSVPs can be texted to (734) 294-8900.

The Wayne County Farm Bureau Young Farmers organization is sponsoring the event. Young Farmer chairman is Keion Jackson at (734) 686-1828.

Last year, the tractors left Sumpter earlier than planned and many people who wanted to watch the parade found when they got to Belleville at about 11 a.m., the tractor parade was over and the tractors were already parked on the street.

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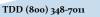
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

City Council puts city hall, Savage Rd. property on the market

By Rosemary K. Otzman **Editor Emeritous**

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council the council voted unanimously to put city hall and the vacant property next to the DPW yard on Savage Road on the market. They chose Moving the Mitten

as their Realtor to handle the sale because the mayor said they "helped us to obtain the new city hall."

He referred to the former post office at 330 Charles St. that is being renovated for a new

Mayor pro-tem Kelly Bates was not

present at the meeting because reportedly she was not feeling well.

Mayor Ken Voigt said the property on Savage, between the DPW and the Blue Sky business, is in the city's marijuana district, but added he didn't know if that would make a difference in who wanted to buy it.

He said the city has multiple appraisals on the properties, but both properties are "unicorns" and it's hard to find comparable properties to gauge prices.

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe said this vote will start the process. He said the two-story side of the present city hall at Five Points is more than 100 years old.

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

- Approved allocating up to \$60,000 for legal fees for the lawsuit the city is a part of against Republic Services, which is set for trial in February. This concerns the effort to keep radioactive waste from Wayne Disposal toxic landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township. Mayor Voigt said Van Buren Township has generously offered to pay 50% of the legal fees if the other three communities involved - Canton, Romulus, and Belleville - shared by paying 16% each. Belleville's share is coming from the fund balance, Voigt said, which is a rainy day fund. "If this isn't a rainy day, I don't know what else it is," he said. He said until it is fully adjudicated they won't know whether the cost will be more or less. He said, "We may have to throw up our hands";
- Approved fundraising in the city by the Belleville High School Band Boosters who have just become a nonprofit in Michigan and with the IRS and now needs permission from the city to fund raise here. School board president Amy Pearce was present to explain that the Band Boosters has become independent of the school district in order to be non-profit and raise funds to help the student musicians. She said the year 2026 will mark 100 years for having a school band at the high school;
- Approved naming the small area around the Welcome to Belleville sign as the Gateway Pocket Park;
- Set a public hearing for the Nov. 3 council meeting to hear input on changes to the election year schedule, as of the 2028 election. The council made a change by resolution last year, but it didn't work because it hadn't held a public hearing. They are trying again;
- Approved the pay rate of labor attorneys Shifman Fournier from \$165 to \$185 an hour. This law firm is used by the police department;
- · Approved the Morton Salt quote left by the former DPW chief. Interim city manager Steve Jones said the total is just under \$13,000 for 200 tons. The approval was contingent on Jones checking on the account to see if that is the usual order;
- · Briefly discussed the lengthy America in Bloom evaluation to determine what the city could do to be better. The city got 60.82% of the possible points offered on the

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



Free event with limited refreshments for participants.



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







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...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Editorial:

What's going on with the Belleville Police Dept.?

The public safety director/police chief wasn't at Monday's regular meeting of the Belleville City Council and neither was anyone else from that department.

The Department of Public Works director wasn't there, either, but later we learned she had resigned two weeks ago and the city was advertising for a replacement.

The interim city manager gave a report that one of the newer cop cars was in the shop at Gordon Chevrolet being diagnosed for the numbers that keep popping up on the screen. The newest Tahoe is not on duty yet because it is being outfitted with the front pushbar and graphics and will be in service by the end of the month. This was the one replacing the one that got wrecked.

Then, we learned that the department's sergeant, who had hoped to be named lieutenant for a \$2 per hour raise in pay and wasn't, is leaving to work at the Metropark for \$12 more

Another officer is having her second baby and after she gets off that medical leave at Belleville plans to work for Oakland County.

The police reserves are being asked to work shifts for no pay to fill in. That idea isn't really

We've been told there are just five officers left in the city squad.

It would have been nice if the police chief would have been present to explain what's being done to make it all better.

And, then the fire department has been cut back and has no duty crews to get service to the residents in a rapid manner. The city hasn't named a fire chief since the last one retired.

But, the city is working real hard on getting a new city hall in place.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

On Friday, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said at the most recent progress meeting on the Denton Road Bridge they were told they may not be able to get finished before the asphalt plant closes for the winter. If that happens, they'll have to wait until the plants reopen in 2026. The plan had been for the bridge to be done this year. Supervisor McNamara said they still may be able to get it done this year and he sure hopes they do.

In the CRAFT (Citizens Resistance at Fermi Two) newsletter sent out last week there was this about proposed data centers near our community:

"There are plans for three massive data centers in Washtenaw County, MI, and the residents do not want any of them. The plans are for Saline Township, Augusta Township, and Ypsilanti Township.

"Augusta Township has gathered 957 signatures to put their proposed center on the ballot for voters to decide, while Ypsilanti Township officials adopted a resolution to move the University of Michigan and Los Alamos National Laboratory's \$1.2 billion computing center to another location.

"Residents opposed to the centers expressed fears over water use, pollution from back-up generators, and large energy demands. Those in favor expressed financial benefits. Sound familiar? Once again, corporations will sacrifice communities and ecosystems for their own bank accounts."

The Michigan Press Association collecting information from local

newspapers on delays in deliveries caused by the U.S. Postal Service. The MPA has asked that newspapers provide a count of how many subscribers or customers complain about not getting their paper or invoice in a reasonable amount of time, although they had been sent out on time.

If you have any complaint about the Postal Service and your newspaper, let us know. We'll add your number to our count.

We were advised that during the church shooting and fire in Grand Blanc on Sunday, Sept. 28, a Belleville-area church locked its doors as soon as it heard about it to protect its parishioners.

It was pointed out that the tree that used to be next to the Belleville Area Veterans Memorial on High Street has been removed. It always housed some birds that attended the veterans' events at the memorial and made those in the audience smile.

On Sunday, at the Bugles Across America event at the memorial, we found a lot of birds chattering in a tree in Horizon Park, somewhat removed from the memorial. They found a place, but it's not as good a seat for veterans' events as their old place.

It was also pointed out that a perfectly good tree (no rot seen in the trunk that was cut up in a pile) was cut down next to Captain Nemo's former restaurant on Third Street next to the alley.

It was suggested the city needed more

room in the alley for its police cars once officials move into the new city hall (the old post office building on Charles Street).

All this tree information is to point out that the city is calling for residents to plant more trees so the city will get a better score for a Tree City designation. If the city keeps cutting down trees, that's not working in the right direction.

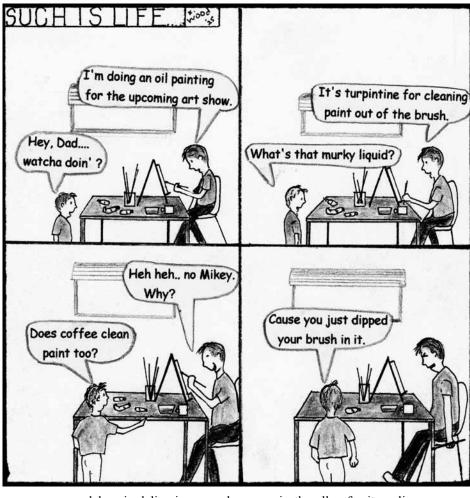
A neighbor to the new drift racetrack on four acres of rural land on Robson Road in Van Buren Township reports that the neighbors are upset because so much

dirt was brought in to make it that their land has become swampier.

She told me that the property owner brought in cement to make the track. There were no permits for any of this, she said. And, the racing is very noisy, into the

She said some of the neighbors planned to attend the Oct. 7 Van Buren Township Board of Trustees meeting to ask the board what it is going to do to help them, but our newspaper deadline has passed by the time that meeting starts. We'll have to report on the issue next week.

We're told "drift racing" is a motor sport that was first developed in Japan and has become popular in the U.S. It has caused a lot of problems in downtown Detroit.



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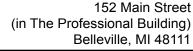
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Letters

Museum at the center of **Belleville Harvest Fest**

To the editor:

Friends of the Belleville Area Museum, Happy spooky month! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the annual fall and Halloween activities in our tri-community.

First off, thank you to everyone who attended our annual lecture series this year. We had a wonderful final talk about the French Landing Dam, presented by Dave Booher, last week. We will no longer be having a lecture this month but will return to the series in April 2026 after our March Quilt Show.

Oct. 11 is Belleville's Harvest Festival! This year, the museum will host an artifact scavenger hunt, outdoor activities, and live harp music. We also intend to exhibit Dr. Herbert Robb's 1919 Ford Model-T along Fourth Street. The festival runs from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. We look forward to seeing everyone!

On Halloween night, we will also be participating in Booville's Trick or Treat. Dress up as your favorite character, concept, or creature, then stop by the museum to get something sweet!

Also, don't forget to watch Van Buren's annual State of the Township video! The museum is featured in it, celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Old Town Hall and the 100th anniversary of the French Landing Dam and Belleville Lake. The entire video centers around our community's history, including an introduction to the history of the Harris family, for whom Harris Park is named.

(To watch the video: https://www. youtube.com/watch?v=3pmSOa34wXU)



The museum will be closed Saturday, Oct. 18, through the rest of November in preparation for the Annual Festival of Holiday Trees. We can't wait to celebrate with you this winter!

The kick-off party for the exhibit will be on Friday, Dec. 5.

See you soon and have a wonderful October.

Mary Utz, curator Belleville Area Museum Van Buren Charter Township email: mutz@vbtmi.gov phone: (734) 697-1944

Thanks to VBT Fire Dept. for fire-safety support

To the editor:

In a demonstration of strong local cooperation, Excel Testing & Engineering, located in Van Buren Township, has publicly expressed gratitude to the Van Buren Fire Department for their recent assistance with on-site safety improvements.

The fire department dispatched Fire Inspector Edward Smith to walk through Excel's facility, advising on the correct types and placement of safety signage. According to company leadership, his guidance helped ensure signs meet code, are clearly visible, and contribute to a safer work environment for both employees and visitors.

"His professionalism, expertise, and willingness to guide us through the process made a significant difference," said William Schmidt, general manager of Excel Testing & Engineering and Cara L. Smith, business manager, also joined in expressing appreciation for the department's ongoing support of community safety efforts.

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Photo courtesy of Mark and Misty Rosenthal Mark and Misty Rosenthal Mark and Misty Rosenthal of Animal Magic will have a huge Halloween display again this year at 46110 Judd Rd. in Sumpter Township. They invite the public to come and enjoy a hotdog, drink, candy, and snacks. There is no purchase necessary but donations ae always welcome for their licensed, nonprofit, no kill, exotic animal rescue. It's on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 6 to 8 p.m.

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Richard Edward Kiessel

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October 6, 1939 - September 27, 2025 Richard Edward Kiessel, 85, of Roscommon,

MI, passed away on September 27, 2025. Richard was born in Fort Wayne, IN to his parents, Edward and Helen Kiessel on October 6, 1939. He was a devoted husband to Nancy Kiessel and loving father to his sons Kurt and Kris. Richard taught wood shop and math at South Junior High (Van Buren Public Schools) for 30 years. Richard and Nancy retired to their home in Roscommon, MI in 1994. Richard continued doing woodworking and being the life of the party for many years. He loved to cruise around town in his Mustang convertible. Richard's love of the outdoors, hunting, and fishing, led him to serving as a DNR Hunter's Safety instructor for 50 years. He loved working with kids, especially his grandkids. We find comfort in knowing that Richard's legacy lives on through the lessons he has taught us, the love he shared, and the memories we will cherish forever. Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Nancy;

sons Kurt (Becky) Kiessel of Roscommon, MI and Kris (Diane) Kiessel of Belleville, MI; grandchildren Corey (Keilah) Kiessel of Monroe, MI, Aaron Kiessel of Ellensburg, WA, and Amanda (Sam Jr.) Villa of Belleville, MI; great grandson Grayson Kiessel of Ellensburg, WA; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded by his parents and sisters, Barbara Rafferty and Dorothy Hart Litzer. Richard's family has chosen to remember him

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Information on the Nov. 4 ballot proposal

To the editor:

As the absentee ballots are starting to land in homes, I thought that I would take a minute to put some information out there about the cost of the 2025 Bond proposal that is being decided

Ballots have started to be distributed and I wanted to make sure that you know what the proposal costs homeowners. The proposal, if it passes, keeps the current millage rate at 2.98 mills. You have been taxed at this rate since 2009. If the proposal fails, the rate will begin to lower

The difference if it passes or if it fails for a homeowner with a \$200,000 house averages out to be \$10.54 a month over the life of the bond. I wanted to make this point because of the misinformation that I have read online. That \$126 average difference per year will generate \$77,000,000 of funding to renovate, upgrade, and construct new learning spaces for your

It is also important to note that the 2.98 mills that residents are taxed is one of the three lowest in the area. Most other communities are taxed at a much higher rate to provide quality learning spaces for their students. Specifically, our neighbors, Ypsilanti, Huron, Lincoln, and Romulus tax their communities between 6.5 mills and 8.5 mills. Through excellent financial management, a supportive community, and regular ongoing maintenance VBPS is able to keep this rate lower for our taxpayers.

Michigan is one of five states that do not provide funding to schools for renovations, construction, and general facility upkeep. Michigan puts this burden on the local taxpayers. This is why VBPS comes to you with these bond proposals.

There is a web page on the VBPS site dedicated to the bond. Check it out -- it has a lot of information on it!

Pete Kudlak

(Pete Kudlak is Superintendent of Van Buren Public Schools)

Tickets still available for **Northville Funeral Tea**

To the editor:

There are still tickets available for the Funeral Tea on Saturday, Oct. 25, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at New School Church in Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St., Northville.

Come join us, with Mr. William Dunlap's family, for a service to remember the gentleman who passed away on April 10, 1878. Service begins at 1 p.m. in the New School Church at Mill Race Village.

Tea, sandwiches, and sweet treats follow the service at The Cady Inn. Delight in our signature blend of Cady House Tea.

Tickets are available now. Please call (248) 348-1845, select option 2. Tickets are limited --\$45 for public (\$23 tax deductible) or \$40 for NHS members (\$20 tax deductible.) Please be advised that tickets are non-refundable.

Customary funeral attire is requested.

Gary and Cheri Sample Northville Historical Society Proceeds to benefit Mill Race Village www.millracenorthville.org

Police chase car to crash at Van Buren Park after house shooting in Ypsilanti

At about 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 30, Van Buren Township police officers assisted Washtenaw County Sheriff in a short vehicle pursuit, stemming from a shooting incident that occurred in the City of Ypsilanti.

According media reports, up to ten gunshots ripped into a building in the 500 block of South Hamilton Street. No victims were found, but the shooting prompted a lockdown at nearby Perry Early Learning Center, 550 Perry St.

Washtenaw County Sheriff's deputies pursued the vehicle onto I-94 heading east and were joined by units from Van Buren and the Michigan State Police. Speeds reportedly reached 100 mph before the vehicle veered through the fence along the South I-94 Service Drive and crashed into the area east of Van Buren Park.

Two male subjects exited the vehicle on foot and ran into the park. Officers arrested one male without incident. No shots were fired at any point of the investigation, police report. Officers including Michigan State Police, Washtenaw County Sheriff, Van Buren Township Police, and multiple K-9 units checked the surrounding area for the second male without success.

Those with any further information that could assist Washtenaw County Sheriff, should contact Washtenaw's 911 Metro Dispatch at: (734) 994-2911.

Witnesses on the South I-94 Service Drive, that was cut off to through traffic after the crash and throughout the search, told the *Independent* they have never in their lives seen so many police cars in one place.





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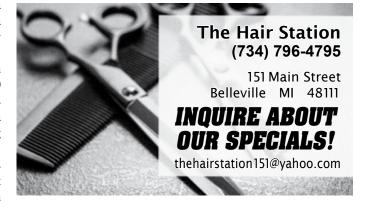


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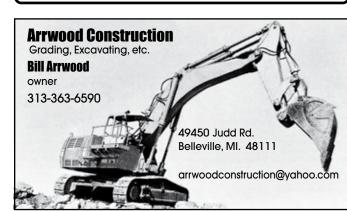
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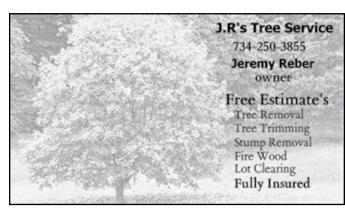
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rating. Councilman Randy Priest pointed out the pages where the city got a score of zero, such as code enforcement, landscape ordinance policy, and urban forest plan. The mayor said that's why the city asked them to come because sometimes locally you can't see the forest for the trees and someone without skin in the game will see things local people don't see;

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- Again took no action on the proposed purchase of a woodchipper from Bandit since Jones had provided no information on the warranty and the mayor wanted all the information before buying it. Voigt said he knows they could use the woodchipper in the cemetery for 20 hours a week;
- Heard Jones report that crews have cleared overgrowth in the cemetery over old headstones that haven't been seen in years;
- Heard Lisa Jackson of Victoria Commons say her autistic son is 30 years old and has

Page 9 been attending a program in Westland and was picked up each day. He goes five days a week while she works as a registered nurse. Now, she said, she's been told he can't be picked up because Belleville doesn't pay the SMART tax. Mayor Voigt explained the situation with the SMART tax and the van they had received from SMART that failed and has not been replaced. The city's Wheels for Independence is in the process of being turned into a non-profit after attorney John Day offered to help. The mayor, who said he is on SEMCOG's transportation committee, offered to help find options for Jackson's

· Heard councilman Priest say he wants three unsafe trees cut down. A resident of 194 N. Liberty St. said she was notified about their tree, which wasn't on Priest's list, and it is scheduled to be taken down. Priest also listed things that are wrong around town, such as a loose brick in the CVS/ hardware store area, overgrown vegetation at the vacant funeral home, exposed wiring on lamp poles, and other things.

Briana Hootman, Mike Papin wed Sept. 13 Briana Hootman, clerk/treasurer of the

city of Belleville, married Michael Papin on Sept. 13 in the conservatory on Belle

The couple lives in Canton. Papin, who retired as a police officer from the Van Buren Township Police Department and then worked for the city of Belleville PD, now is employed at Schoolcraft College.

Belleville write-ins have Oct. 24 deadline

Belleville residents wishing to run for one of the two seats on the Belleville City Council that will be filled in the Nov. 4 election have until Oct. 24 to register as a write-in candidate. There will be no names for council on the ballot and voters will have to write-in their selected candidates. Only those who have registered as write-in candidates will be counted.

As of Monday, the two councilmembers whose seats are expiring - Julie Kissel and Jeremiah Beebe - are the only two





Musings By Janet Millard Independent **Advertising Director**

Our boys in orange and black delivered again last Friday by beating Dearborn High School 52 vs. 22 at home. They will have a home game again tomorrow and will take on John Glenn HS. Here is to another win taking us closer to playoffs.

This weekend will be really busy particularly if you try to do everything. Don't forget the Bash at LifePointe Church is on Friday, Oct. 10 from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts annual Community Art Show starts Friday night with a 7 p.m. reception. This two-hour event gives you an opportunity to view the art, meet the artists, and the prize winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m. The show continues on Saturday, Oct. 11 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday, Oct. 12 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. See their invitation in the paper today.

The Belleville Central Business Community, the Belleville Area District Library, and Belleville Area Museum will

host their annual Harvest Fest on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The final flyer is in the paper today. There will be lots for the kids to do and the adults also. Best of all can enjoy the Tractor parade.

Then from 7 to 9 p.m. on Oct. 11 the Belleville Rotary will have a Trivia Night fundraiser at the Eagles Hall, 9961 Beck. The Tickets are \$25 and include a pizza & salad buffet, prizes, 5/50 raffles. Tickets: bellevillerotary.org/events/trivianight

Next Thursday, Oct. 16 is the annual Friends of Michigan Animals Fundraiser at the Eagles Hall on Beck Road. At 5 p.m. the Spayghetti & No-Balls Dinner will be held plus raffle baskets. Put it on your calendar now to support this worthy organization.

Saturday, Oct. 18, is Fall Festival time at Faith Community Church. From 6 to 8 p.m. they will have a trunk or treat, hayride, games, bounce house Bible stories, food trucks and lots of candy.

Also, on Oct. 18 and 19 is the Fall Craft/ Vendor Market at the Sumpter Senior Center (23561 Sumpter Road). Tables are only \$10, so call (734) 461-9373 to see if any are still available. The Market will be open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days.

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Sumpter to host concert on Oct. 24, Trunk or Treat on Oct. 25

By Rosemary K. Otzman Editor Emeritus

At the Sept. 23 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Nicole VanAssche of the Parks and Recreation Committee announced two special events that were coming up in the township.

She said there will be a concert featuring The Stone Blossoms from 7-10 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 24, behind the Community Center and there will be a Halloween Trunk or Treat event for children from 6-8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25, at the police department parking lot.

In other business at the one-hour-and-38-minute meeting, the board:

• Accepted the resignation of Paul Armstrong from the planning commission,

effective immediately;

- Approved a contract with Revize as webhost for the township website at a cost of \$3,025 a year;
- Approved buying four benches, five recycled plastic trash receptacles, and separately contract with Rod Porter Construction to install 138 feet of handicap sidewalk to provide safe access to the new playscape, with the total cost not to exceed \$18,330 to be paid from Capital Projects funds. There was discussion that it was to be paid with a MEDC matching grant to reimburse part of the purchase;
- Approved the amount of the tax levy on form L4029 to be sent to Wayne County as required by the last day of September so it could be on the December tax bill. This also was placed on the agenda during the meeting;
- Heard resident Kay Harris say she keeps asking for a fire wall to protect her from the car yard next door because it is the same company that applied to build a supermarket and the township was bamboozled and a gas station appeared.

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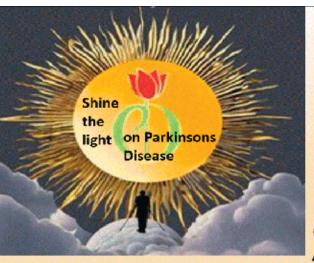
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That company is not known for following the rules, she said:

- Heard a report from Tiffany Neubig of Hennessey Engineering and another report from finance director Julie Campbell. Campbell said for an additional cost she could set up clocking in and out for salaried employees so their days off are recorded automatically. She said she wasn't here when the system was set up;
- Heard township manager Ken Marten say the township's logo committee met with the contractor and there are four potential logo options to replace the present longtime logo that now is on the front of

the board table. He said he sent the options to the board and they can be discussed at a future meeting; and

• Heard DPW director Tabor say he is buying 20 grinder pumps needed for residents' sewer systems and getting that amount saves more than \$200 each. He said some of the old grinder pumps can no longer be repaired. He also thanked the board for hiring a full-time replacement worker. It was noted his part-time worker's job expires Oct. 7. He said he would like to keep him on as long as possible because he is a good worker. The worker is going to school to become a nuclear engineer and eventually will leave township employment, Tabor said.







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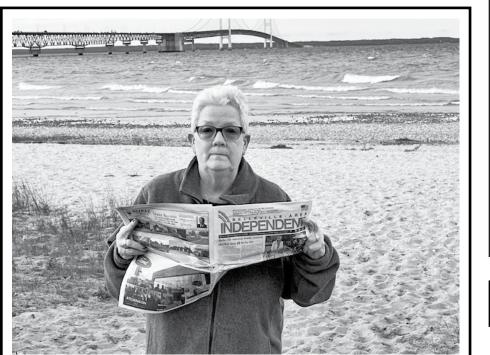
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Iron Belle Trail

Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, VBT Communications Dept.

Van Buren Township cut the ribbon on Oct. 6 for the most recent link of the Iron Belle Trail completed through the township. This one contains the bridge at the east end of Van Buren Park. From left are Ray Townsend of Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation, VBT trustee Donald Boynton, VBT supervisor Kevin McNamara, VBT trustee Bryon Kelley, VBT treasurer Sharry Budd, state representative Reggie Miller, and VBT trustee Kevin Miller.



Belleville Lake Assessment Project COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Van Buren Township, in partnership with Progressive Companies is conducting an assessment of Belleville Lake to develop a plan to protect & improve the conditions of the Lake, protect property values, and preserve the integrity of natural habitat. This assessment includes collecting water quality data, collecting information on aquatic plants, and evaluating the impact of stormwater on the lake.



Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 6:00 PM Van Buren Township Hall | Board Room

46425 Tyler Road, VBT, MI 48111

The purpose of the event is to provide information about the assessment and solicit input from the community about issues and concerns about the Lake. Your input is essential as we work together to protect the future of Belleville Lake.











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Things to do in the Belleville area...

• Monday, Oct. 13 – The Belleville Farmers Market and Egan's Classic Car Show in downtown Belleville will continue each Monday through Oct. 20, when Egan's again will host a trunk or treat with lots of candy for the kiddies.

• Wednesday, Oct. 15 – Dine to Donate for the Belleville High School Class of 2026 Senior Party to be held at the end of

the school year. Get lunch, dinner, or latenight snack at Hungry Howie's at 10784 Belleville Rd. in Van Buren Township. Take out and delivery are included. Be sure to mention you are supporting the Class of 2026 fund raiser.

• Thursday, Oct. 16 – Third Thursday

in the Ville is from 5 to 8 p.m. when popup crafters are in the Fourth Street Square and inside retail businesses in downtown Belleville. It's the Third Thursday of each month, from March through December.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF THE SPECIAL ELECTION-TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the Special Election will be held Tuesday, November 4, 2025.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #2	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #3	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #4	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #5	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #6	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

Voters living in the Van Buren Public School District will vote on:

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND PROPOSAL

Shall Van Buren Public Schools, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Seventy-Seven Million Dollars (\$77,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, in one or more series, for the purpose of: erecting, furnishing, and equipping additions to school buildings and facilities; erecting, furnishing, and equipping school buildings and facilities; remodeling, furnishing and refurnishing, and equipping and re-equipping and re-equipping school buildings for instructional technology; and preparing, erecting, developing, improving, and equipping playgrounds, playfields, athletic fields and facilities, structures, and sites?

The following is for informational purposes only: The estimated millage that will be levied for the proposed bonds in 2026 is 0.38 mill (\$0.38 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a -0- mill net increase over the prior year's levy. The maximum number of years the bonds of any series may be outstanding, exclusive of any refunding, is thirty (30) years. The estimated simple average annual millage anticipated to be required to retire this bond debt is 1.32 mills (\$1.32 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation).

The school district does not expect to borrow from the State to pay debt service on the bonds. The total amount of qualified bonds currently outstanding is \$65,875,000. The total amount of qualified loans currently outstanding is \$0. The estimated computed millage rate may change based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

Voters living in the Lincoln Consolidated School District will vote on:

WASHTENAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROPOSAL

Shall Washtenaw Intermediate School District, Michigan, come under sections 681 to 690 of the Revised School Code, as amended, and establish an area career and technical education program, which is designed to encourage the operation of area career and technical education programs, if the annual property tax levied for this purpose is limited to 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2026 to 2035, inclusive; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2026 is approximately \$25,020,000 from local property taxes authorized herein?

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting mvic.sos.state.mi.us where a sample ballot can be viewed.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Leon Wright, MMC Van Buren Township Clerk

Published: October 9, 2025

Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

There were 435 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 28:

0105 - shooting, Lohr Rd.

0305 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Riggs Rd.

0447 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0854 - fraud, Belleville Rd.

0942 - welfare check, Meadows Cir.

1105 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

xxxx - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd. 1132 - intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1155 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bak

1310 - malicious destruction of property, N. I-94

Service Dr.

1403 – larceny, Rock Creek Dr.

1509 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1542 - animal complaint, N. Cumberland Dr. 1608 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1619 - 911 welfare check, Oak Ln. 1642 - family trouble, Sumpter Rd.

1701 - domestic, Maple Dr.

1828 – assist fire dept., Park Estates Dr. 2006 – vagrant, Belleville Rd.

2025 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Tyler Rd. 2119 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.

2132 - intrusion alarm, Rolan Meadows Dr.

2219 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Brookside Dr.

2254 - civil matter, Parkwood Dr.

2301 - assist fire dept., Van Born/Hannan Rd.

2326 - vehicle lockout, N. Cumberland Dr.

Monday, Sept. 29:

0131 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N.

-94 Service Dr.

0501 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

0544 - welfare check, Beckley Rd. 0727 - property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

0748 - traffic offense, Lakewood Plaza

0958 - threat, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1043 - misc. complaint, McBride

1138 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.

 $1216-misc.\ complaint,\ Tyler\ Rd.$

1237 - warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.

1313 - fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1417 - fraud, Belleville Rd. 1445 - fraud, Belleville Rd.

1433 - suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1555 - abandoned auto, Arlene Ln.

1525 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Belleville

 $1524-assault\ \&\ battery,\ Kennedy\ Ct.$

1616 - road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk Rd. 1617 - larceny from auto, Rock Creek Dr.

1857 - animal complaint, Parkwood

1631 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

Ouirk Rd. / Mohawk

xxxx - animal complaint, Arlene Ln.

1713 - breaking & entering, Clayton Rd. 1807 – welfare check, Belleville/WB I-94

1827 - intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

2115 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak

2153-personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. /Denton Rd. 2204 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.

2207 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Belleville Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 30:

0104 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Ponderosa Trl.

0801 - welfare check, Ecorse Rd.

0855 - property damage accident, Lacy Dr.

xxxx - 911 welfare check. Parkwood Dr.

xxxx - repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0918 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Village Green Ln.

0930 - intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.

0948 - animal complaint, Fay Dr.

1132 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

1005 - assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr. /

Rawsonville Rd.

1148 - animal complaint, Hannan Rd. xxxx - property damage accident, W. Huron River

1212 - suicidal person, Oak ln. 1315 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr. 1353 - parking complaint, Red Oak Dr.

1457 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes, Ecorse Rd.

1633 - harassment call, Parkwood Dr.

1632 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.

1713 - harassment call, Tyler Rd.

1825 - larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.

1757 - road hazard, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir. 1841 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S.

I-94 Service Dr. 2004 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2006 - intrusion alarm, Spencer Ave.

2013 - intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.

2018 - felony assault, Anna Dr.

2045 - noise complaint, Oak Ln 2126 - breaking & entering, Ruthan Dr.

2136 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 1:

0443 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.

1154 - harassment call, Tyler Rd.

1240 - welfare check, Lake Villa Dr.

Belleville Rd. 1312 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

Ecorse Rd.

1341 - welfare check, Westlake Cir./Belleville Rd.

1411 - property damage accident, N. I-94 Service

Quirk Rd.

1427 - vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

1443 - intrusion alarm, Milton Dr.

1521 - malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.

1924 - property check, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1943 - animal complaint, Barkley St.

Belleville Rd.

2134 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

Martinsville Rd.

2313 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Oct. 2:

Purple Sage Ct.

0947 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Belleville Rd./N. Belleville I-94 ramp E.

xxxx - repossession, W. Huron River Dr.

1030 - parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Homestead

1225 - parking complaint, Haggerty Rd.

bridge

1446 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Fairbanks St. 1553 - fraud. Belleville Rd.

1734 - property damage accident, Denton Rd./

1852 - vagrant, Belleville Rd.

xxxx - private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1923 - assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville 1954 - shooting, Bak Rd./Bemis Rd.

1941 - welfare check, Aspen Ln.

2034 - intrusion alarm, Van Born

2155 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2158 - civil matter, Meadows Cir. Friday, Oct. 3:

0159 - family trouble, Belleville Rd.

0331 - welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. 0259 - 911 welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.

0701 - intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.

0747 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

0925 - welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1013 - animal complaint, Bak Rd.

1312 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

1321 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes, Ecorse Rd.

1350 - intrusion alarm, Shagbark Ln.

Dr./Belleville Rd. 1412 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

2044 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2239 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2325 - neighbor trouble, Woodbury Dr.

0014 - welfare check, Oak Ln.

0147 - missing person, Country Walk Ct. 0441 - motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./McKinley St.

0721 - property damage accident, Jeannette Ave. 0800 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

xxxx - repossession, Parkwood Dr.

1007 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1036 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

1136 - vehicle lockout, Anna Dr.

1233 - malicious destruction of property, Denton/

1343 - fraud, Holly Ln.

1626 - traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Ecorse Rd.

2010 - neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.

Dewitt Rd.

0137 - unauthorized driving away of auto, McBride

xxxx - intrusion alarm, S. Cumberland Dr. 0836 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1100 - larceny, Van Buren St.

1146 - welfare check, Victoria St.

1236 - animal complaint, Belleville

1354 – animal complaint, Lilac Ln.

1040 - shooting, Holly Ln.

xxxx - fraud, Stamford Rd.

1418 - civil matter, Tyler Rd.

accident, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.

1535 - civil matter, Winding Pond Dr.

1610 - welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1549 - domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx - neighbor trouble, Van Buren St.

1619 - suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.

1920 - intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.

2102 - family trouble, Bemis Rd.

2240 - disorderly, Parkwood Dr.

2353 - civil matter, Belleville Rd.

0626 - suicidal person, Bristol Dr.

0903 - noise complaint, Oak Ln.

1020 - civil matter, Meadows Cir.

1051 - assist other dept., rest area

1436 - civil matter, Ecorse Rd.

1547 - hospice death, Bak Rd.

1531 - civil matter, Brandi Dr.

1934 - fraud Rawsonville Rd.

2245 - traffic offense, Elwell Rd.

on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Ponderosa Trl.

Belleville Rd.

Parkwood Dr.

xxxx - intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.

1441 - misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.

1141 - warrant arrest, Belle Villa Blvd.

1201 - private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1512 – malicious destruction of property, Denton

1459 - property damage accident, Michigan Ave.

2042 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Haggerty Rd.

2116 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S.

2200 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2338 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2344 - private property/property damage accident,

Also, on this log are 234 traffic stops, 66 of which are

Belleville Police

Dispatch Log

1208 - personal injury accident, Hamilton St.

1021 - civil matter, Holly Ln.

0834 - intrusion alarm, Fairbanks St.

1523 - missing person, Quirk Rd.

Parkwood Dr.

Rd.

Rawsonville

Saturday, Oct. 4:

I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.

Haggerty

Maple Dr.

1002 - harassment call, Van Buren Estates

1256 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1419 - property damage accident, Hannan Rd.

1415 - neighbor trouble, Chatsworth Dr.

xxxx - found property/child, Haggerty Rd.

1500 - property damage accident, Rawsonville

1446 - unauthorized driving away of auto,

1518 - leaving the scene of a property damage

1751 - motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville

1802 - private property/property damage accident,

1956 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2024 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2042 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

0023 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

 $0346-suspicious\ person/vehicle/circumstance,\ N.$

2040 - assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr.

0737 - assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Columbia Ave.

1100 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.

1120 - assist other dept., W. Huron River Dr.

0956 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E.

1403 – misc. complaint, W. Davis St.

1504 - harassment call, Main St.

xxxx - lost property/child, Main St.

1701 - harassment call, W. Davis St.

2034 - assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, Oct. 1:

1115 - assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

1452 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

2036 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.

Thursday, Oct. 2:

0810 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1028 - civil matter, W. Wabash Ave.

1309 - civil matter, South St.

1310 - malicious destruction of property, Main St.

Sumpter Rd. 2129 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

1016 - juvenile complaint, Potter Dr.

1050 - property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / 1149 - misc. complaint, S. Industrial Park Dr.

1923 - lost property/child, Main St. 2155 - private property/property damage accident,

Saturday, Oct. 4:

2018 - fireworks, Belle Villa Blvd.

2115 - domestic, South St. 2251 - 911 welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Sumpter Township

2150 - welfare check, Mulberry Dr.

0400 - fire dept. assist, Iowa St.

Willis

1856 - fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.

2023 - fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1004 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St. / South St.

1726 - intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr. 2048 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1004 - found property/child, Owen St.

Belleville Rd.

1320 - traffic offense, Sumpter Rd. 1647 - misc. complaint, Carmell St.

W. Columbia Ave.

 $1021-found\ property/child,\ Main\ St.$

1704 - juvenile complaint, Second St.

There are 87 reports on this week's log, 38 of which are traffic stops.

Police Dispatch Log

1935 - 911 hangup, 40000 bl. Harris Rd. 2040 - suspicious circumstance, 24000 bl. Sherwood

Monday, Sept. 29:

0655 - fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis 0852 - property damage accident, Rawsonville/

1111 - violation of court order, 22000 bl. Martinsville 1157 - traffic complaint/hazard, 18000 bl. Savage

1723 - follow-up investigation, Birch Dr. 1823 - citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter

1919 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

0648 - civil matter, Rustic Ln.

0923 - fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.

Rawsonville 1023 - follow-up investigation, 50000 bl. Willis

1828 - property damage accident, Mulberry Dr. 1907 - traffic complaint/hazard, Wilmot/Kozma

0802 - property damage accident, E. Huron River

1328 - found property/child, W. Columbia Ave. 1359 - property damage accident, Main St./Denton

1516 - welfare check, Henry St.

1554 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.

Sumpter Rd.

2012 - disorderly, Main St.

Friday, Oct. 3:

1217 - animal complaint, Sumpter Rd.

1138 - civil matter, Belle Villa Blvd. 1342 - lake complaint, Belleville Rd./Denton Rd.

Sunday, Sept. 28:

2220 - 911 hangup, Willis Rd./Haggerty 2334 - fire dept. assist, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.

0608 - suspicious vehicle, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.

1338 - neighbor dispute, 46000 bl. Claxton Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 30: 0452 - civil matter, Texas St.

0943 - follow-up investigation, 10000 bl.

1412 - traffic complaint/hazard, Bemis/Rawsonville 1608 – follow-up investigation, 42000 bl. Willis

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1114 - larceny, E. Huron River Dr. 1438 - property damage accident, Roys/Main 1952 - assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

Columbia Ave.

Monday, Sept. 29: 1107 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave. 1401 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E.

1953 - assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1709 - assist fire dept., Henry St.

Tuesday, Sept. 30:

1922 - assault & battery, Sumpter Rd.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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2127 - animal complaint, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.

2332 - animal complaint, Sumpter/Harris

Wednesday, Oct. 1:

0730 - traffic complaint/hazard, Willis/California 1058 - civil matter, Tulip Dr.

1100 - death investigation, 51000 bl. Arkona

1306 - suspicious circumstance, Delaware St.

1317 – neighbor dispute, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

1346 - neighbor dispute, 8900 bl. Rawsonville

1355 - welfare check, Colorado St.

1423 - family trouble, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.

1443 - follow-up investigation, 8900 bl. Rawsonville

1634 - alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 2030 - suspicious vehicle, 8300 bl. Rawsonville

2120 - follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.

2132 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr. 2342 - family trouble, Georgia

Thursday, Oct. 2:

0205 - family trouble, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

0439 - fire dept. assist, Karr Rd./Wear Rd.

1030 - suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Arkona

1353 - assist other agency, Wayside Dr.

1545 - suspicious circumstance, 10000 bl. Rawsonville

1712 - assist other agency, 25000 bl. Haggerty

1731 - fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.

1824 – follow-up investigation, Stonecrest Dr.

1846 - ORV complaint, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.

1937 - fire dept. assist, New Mexico St. 2009 - welfare check, Wyoming St.

2035 - 911 hangup, Oregon St.

2106 - welfare check, 11000 bl. Rawsonville

2115 - 911 hangup, 11000 bl. Rawsonville

2153 - family trouble, 28000 bl. Sumpter

Friday, Oct. 3:

0040 - motorist assist, Willis/Sumpter

0305 - harassment complaint, Country Club Blvd.

0743 - family trouble, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.

0756 - harassment complaint, Wyoming St.

0924 - follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

1028 - suspicious person, 24000 bl. Carleton West

1147 - welfare check, 9400 bl. Rawsonville 1151 – suspicious person, Judd/Carleton West

1254 - suspicious vehicle, 25000 bl. Carleton West

1330 - traffic complaint/hazard, 21000 bl. Sumpter

1515 - assist other agency, Colorado St.

1733 - traffic complaint/hazard, Oakville Waltz /

Rawsonville

1932 - fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

2028 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Executive Dr. 2115 – assist other agency, 48000 bl. Bemis

 $2204-welfare\ check,\ 21000\ bl.$ Sherwood Rd.

2319 - juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Saturday, Oct. 4:

0124 - disorderly person, Delaware St.

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0148 - alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

0203 - weapons offense, Willis Rd./Lohr Rd.

0506 - follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

0949 - animal complaint, 47000 bl. Wear Rd. 1232 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark

1315 - fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd. 1316 - mental health call, 20000 bl. Sumpter

1449 - 911 hangup, Birch Dr. 1559 - animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris

1723 - suspicious circumstance, Elwell/Judd

1829 - fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood

1841 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd. 1844 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.

2101 - fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sherwood

2132 - suspicious circumstance, Wyoming St.

2220 - disorderly person, 48000 bl. Wear

2223 - noise complaint, Delaware St.

Also on this week's log were 170 patrol checks, 108 traffic stops and 15 misc. details.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 15, 2025 - 6:30 pm 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Voigt Present

Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Present

Julie Kissel Present

Jerimiah Beebe Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

a. Presentations - None.

 b. Citizen Comments – None. 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda groups' routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple

a. Approval of Minutes

i. September 2, 2025 - Regular Meeting Minutes

b. Budget report

i. Monthly update.

Communications

d. Council Follow-up list

e. Police Stats

i. None. f. Fire Stats.-

None. g. DPW Report

i. None.

h. Special Events

i. Redemption Bible Church Worship Night member of church asked if council had any questions, also the only change from last year is cider and donuts will be served. Event is open to everyone.

ii. Egan's Pub Annual Witches Ball - John Winter requested the date of

event be moved to 17th instead of requested 24th.

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Bates to approve the consent agenda as presented with change of date for Egan's Pub Annual Witches Ball changed to October 17th instead of requested October 24th.

Motion Carried. 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES a. None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION a. Discussion – Increase of Building Dept Fees

Motion by Kissel supported by Priest to increase building department fees according to Van Buren Township charges.

Motion carried.

b. Quote – Gear Lockers

Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve increase in quote for Gear Lockers.

ROLL CALL

Mayor Pro Tem Bates Aye Jerimiah Beebe Aye

Julie Kissel Aye

Randy Priest Aye Mayor Voigt Aye

Motion carried.

c. Resolution # 25 - 020 Board and Commission Appointments

Motion by Bates supported by Priest to approve Resolution # 25 - 060 Board and Commission Appointments; Phillip Miller term to expire 2026 and Whitney Beaubien term to expire 2027 to Downtown Development Authority.

Motion carried.

d. Trash Collection Rate

Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve Resolution # 25 - 022 Increase of trash collection rates by 15% per user.

e. Resolution # 25 – 021 – 34th District Court

Motion by Beebe supported by Kissel to approve Resolution # 25 -021 34th District Court.

Motion carried.

ACCOUNTS **PAYABLE** AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable

b. Departmental Expenditures

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Priest to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Ave

Council Member Kissel Ave Council Member Beebe Aye

Council Member Priest Aye

Mayor Voigt Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Continued progress at City Hall, carpet sample here. Wrong plank floor delivered, correct color being changed out. Framing inside is in progress, getting

• Discussed drop ceiling locations.

• Paving starts on High Street this coming Thursday.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

· Glad to hear Alex Donley is improving after accident.

• Asked if Special Events application can include the contact person. Last page of application with that information is redacted.

• Thank you to Whitney and Phil for serving on the DDA. Appreciate offering to step in an help community.

Council Member Kissel-

· Had a great Planning Commission meeting. Master Plan draft will be available November 13th.

· Belleville sign at entrance to City by Denton Road not designated as anything, could be called "Gateway Park". Add Resolution for next Council Meeting to designate that area as a park.

· All ordinances have been added to Municode.

• Thank you to Paul and Whitney for joining DDA.

• Thank you to Fire Dept and Police Dept during the last car show, there was a medical emergency and their quick response.

· Appreciate support as write in candidate along with Jeremiah Beebe.

Council Member Priest -

· Thank you to Phil and Whitney, appreciate your

· There was a misprint in the Belleville Area Independent. The article wrote "Village Park" should have read "Victory Park".

Council Member Beebe -

· Welcome to city government, Phil and Whitney, have fun, thank you for stepping up.

· Support Julie as write in candidate as well.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Thank you to Phil and Whitney, we are now up to full strength in DDA.

• Thank you to the Rotary for cleaning up gazebo at Victory Park.

• Happy to hear Alex Donley is making good progress, continue prayers.

· Looking forward to Boo Ville coming up soon. 13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA

ITEM

None.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING Resolution for Gateway Park.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 6:47 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,

Michelle Bellingham, Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer Publish: October 9, 2025

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This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, November 4, 2025 Local General Election.

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Briana Papin City Clerk/Treasurer

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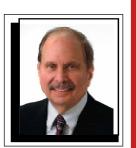
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