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## **Waste Management** asks VBT to vote on expansion of landfill

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said Waste Management contacted him recently and asked for a township board vote on the expansion of the Woodland Meadows landfill on the northeastern corner of the township.

Supervisor McNamara said on Friday that Waste Management told him they needed an answer because they had to make plans for the future.

After the landfill presented its fifth amendment to the host agreement for Woodland Meadows last year, McNamara said the township hired Plante Moran to go over the financial records of Waste Management so VBT could compare this township's host agreement with other host agreements across the state.

He said they found that VBT had the best host agreement of all and nobody else had free trash pickup as a part of its host

McNamara said he told Waste Management that the board was not in favor of the proposed host agreement amendment change the way it is now, but Waste Management refused to negotiate on the free trash pickup.

McNamara said Waste Management refuses to offer free pick up "for the next 38 years.'

McNamara said he told Waste Management that the board was concerned about the elimination of the golf course as a township amenity and feels it should be

McNamara said Waste Management told him a new agreement was coming for the board to consider, but he does not know when it will be on the VBT board agenda.

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Gene Taylor, retired Belleville Police Chief and current part-time officer in the Village of Carleton, was honored with a special Outstanding Achievement Award plaque on Friday at the Michigan Operation Lifesaver Quarterly Meeting in Lansing. Carleton Police Chief Roy Johnson told those in attendance about how Officer Taylor saved a suicidal 14-yearold girl who stood in front of a fast-moving CSX train. Chief Johnson said Taylor not only saved the teen, but also her mother and himself, with 1.2 seconds to spare, according to the CSX videotape of the incident. The plaque reads: "For oustanding bravery in the line of duty and courageous efforts to save the life of Michigan citizens." He was the only person honored at the luncheon meeting. Taylor also was honored before a recent Carleton Village Board meeting, where Chief Johnson presented him with a certificate of valor with a ribbon to wear on his uniform. State Senator Dale Zorn of the 17th District presented him with an engraved silver pike from the Michigan Railroad Association. The engraving read: "For heroic actions, Sept. 5, 2017."

## **VBT Environmental Commission** warned about landfill agreement

By Rosemary K. Otzman **Independent** Editor "Last year Waste Management pushed

in December and wanted an agreement," Matthew Best told the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission at its Nov. 15

Best, deputy director of planning and economic development, referred to the fifth amendment to the landfill agreement that was publicly presented last year and

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## **Bill Houston named** Volunteer of the Year by Michigan Nature Ass'n

Bill Houston of Atlanta was presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Michigan Nature Association on Oct. 27 in East Lansing.

"I was surprised, humbled, and honored," Houston said.

Houston retired from the Van Buren Public Schools in 2005 after 39 years of service. He taught math and biology for 18 years and was a building administrator for 21 years.

After retiring, he moved to Atlanta, where he had been visiting sine 1970 to enjoy the hiking, camping, and fishing. He has two children and two grandchildren and is a thyroid cancer survivor since 2008.

And, he is very active as a volunteer. He volunteers as the manager for the Michigan Karst Conservancy's Thunder Bay Karst Preserve, which includes a property co-owned with MNA called the Mystery Valley Karst Preserve and Nature Sanctuary. As manager, Houston organizes and leads a volunteer workday at Mystery Valley each month from spring to fall to maintain the sanctuary's trail system, remove invasive plants, and address other needs that arise on the property.

He regularly promotes the sanctuary in the local community and has coordinated guides tours for several groups in recent years, including the Michigan Earth Science Teachers Association, Thunder Bay Audubon Society, and the Association of Lifelong Learners at Alpena Community

The MNA said, "We are thankful for Bill's exceptional commitment. His service has been a tremendous asset to both organizations."

Houston also was named Senior of the Month in February 2016 by the Montmorency County Commission on Aging, where he previously served as chairman.



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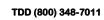
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## Sumpter marijuana committee to meet on Dec. 6, Jan. 3

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

A Sumpter Township committee -- appointed to determine the facts of the new state medical marijuana law that legally provides for cultivation, dispensaries, secure transportation, and compliance facilities -- continues to meet.

The next meetings are scheduled at the township hall on Dec. 6 and Jan. 3 from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m., with the last 15 minutes for public comment. The first part of the meeting will be discussions by the committee members only.

Supervisor John Morgan appointed the members of the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act fact-finding committee as: Supervisor Morgan, Trustee Matthew Oddy, Trustee Sheena Barnes, planning consultant Chris Akins, Police Chief Eric Luke, Fire Chief Joe Januszyk, and resident Ken Bednark.

The group held its first meeting Nov. 1 and reportedly 14-15 advocates for medical marijuana attended.

The township board has yet to vote on whether to opt in or opt out of MMFLA. The City of Belleville officially opted out at its Nov. 13 special meeting and Van Buren Township is taking steps to opt out.

At the Sumpter Township Board's regular meeting Nov 14, there were several comments from members of the audience concerning medical marijuana.

Resident Mary Ban asked about the committee meetings and township attorney Rob Young said no decisions have been made. He said representatives of the police department, fire department, and others on the committee are trying to get the facts.

"Things are floating around," Young said, referring to things that may or may not be true, noting they want to get the facts.

He said some state laws require municipalities to have some place for a particular business or service, but not this one. The state does not require municipalities to be a part of the MMFLA, he said.

Young said with \$721 million in sales, a 3% tax would bring in \$21 million and municipalities would share 25% of that. It is set aside in a pool and awarded on a prorata basis, dividing what's in the pot.

He said there would be \$40,000 to \$50,0000 per license, according to the Michigan Township Association.

"We don't know whether that's right," Young said.

He said the process for participation needs to be worked out. If there is a \$5,000 application fee for a license and 18 of 20 people pay to apply but won't get it, is that right for the applicants, he asked.

"Does it change the township?" he asked.

"What happens when the landfill closes after a 48.5-year lifetime?"

Young said Canton Township and the City of Wayne already have opted in.

"The committee members meet and discuss and at the end of the meeting, citizens can address the committee," Young said. "This is a not a town hall meeting, but members of the public can express their feelings."

Ban said that Belleville and VBT have opted out. A new business has just opened in Sumpter, she said referring to Bobby McShane's sports bar, and it will smell the skunky marijuana.

She read a part of the "Extra Things I Know" column from the Nov. 9 *Independent* concerning the lack of restful Rapid Eye Movement sleep in marijuana users that causes lack of judgment.

"I don't want to see that happening," Ban said, noting THC stores itself over time in fatty tissue, including the liver, brain, and bone marrow.

"What's God's will in this?" she asked.

"Will this be put to a vote of the people?" Ban asked and Young said, "No. This is a representative form of government."

Young said the committee won't make a recommendation, just gather facts. He noted that LARA (Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs) has said there is no time period to opt in or out.

Andre Watson said it is really ironic to note that medical marijuana will be more heavily regulated that the new pizza restaurant in town, referring to Bobby McShane's sports bar.

"I believe the plant was made by God," Watson said, adding, "The largest economic boom in America is right now in the medical marijuana industry."

Watson said if this community depends on trash, don't wait until the landfill is gone to figure out how to get funds to run the township.

"It is wise to capture this unique opportunity," Watson said.

Mary Herring said she is concerned about the medical marijuana issue and wanted to make sure the public could be heard.

Trustee Oddy said the public can talk during the last 15 minutes of each committee meeting.

"Some details are nebulous" on the new MMFLA law, Herring said. "I do not want this township to buy a pig in a poke.

"I love this community just the way it is ... Not rushed into something by seven or eight people who didn't do their homework. Let's face it, folks, there's money to be made," Herring said.

She urged the board to make the decision in the honesty of their heart and not their

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Sumpter Township Fire Fighter Rick Sliwa, left, was among employees honored for service at the Nov. 14 meeting of the township board. Sliwa was given a certificate marking 40 years of service on the fire department. Also honored were Police Officer Jerry Cox, Jr., for 22 years; Police Sgt. Elizabeth Egerer for 13 years; and Police Lt. Patrick Gannon for 26 years. Applauding Sliwa are Sumpter Supervisor John Morgan, center, and Trustee Don Laporte, who also is a fire fighter.



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

At its Oct. 24 meeting, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees honored Johnny Krushlin for 30 years of service in the township Water Department, as well as 32 years as a fire fighter. He is shown with his wife Tammy. The board also honored James Cayce for 20 years of service in the police department and the following fire fighters: Richard Brown, 32 years; Timothy Armstrong, 19 years; Don LaPorte, 11 years; and Eric Long, four years. Supervisor John Morgan said starting with these honors, from here on in the board would like to recognize employees and their years of service.

Belleville Area Independent/November 23, 2017

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

# OPINIONS

<u>Editorial</u>

## Thanksgiving Day is a time to count our many blessings

On Thanksgiving Day it is again time to count our many blessings.

Actually, it helps one's physical and mental health to be conscious of what is right around us daily. We're always reading new studies on that. Focusing on the negative brings more negative results. Angry people get stomach aches and other nasty results.

To be specific: We are grateful today for Karen Mickens and Lettie Sanders in Sumpter Township who are feeding anyone who comes to their free Thanksgiving Day dinner at the community center. No need to register. Just come. Noon to 3 p.m. It "came upon our hearts" to do this, they say.

We are grateful for people like retired Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor who, without worrying about the consequences, grabbed a teenager trying to kill herself in front of a train and pushed her mother to safety, with 1.2 seconds to spare, according to the CSX train video of the incident. He still is amazed at it all.

We are grateful for Carlos Velez who was overwhelmed with the need in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria and worked to set up a drive for provisions at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville that brought a huge number of donations. "They are starving," he said simply.

For those individuals, and many others in the tri-community, we are grateful. And, we are grateful to live in the United States of America -- the freest country in the world.

## **EXTRA THINGS I KNOW**

When I asked VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara who was paying for the party he was throwing for all the township's boards, commissions, and committees on Nov. 30, he said it was the board of trustees and yendors

When I said I didn't think taxpayer money could legally pay for such parties, he said he raised all the money with private donations and it will go through the township coffers to pay for the catering.

Then he accused me of talking to VBT Trustee Paul White, who he said had contacted him several times about being sure not to use taxpayer money. I don't think Supervisor McNamara believed me when I said I hadn't talked to Trustee White about it, but I hadn't. Getting a little paranoid, I think.

When I learned Supervisor McNamara was throwing a party, the first thing I thought about was who was paying for it. I remember a long discussion at the City of Belleville a few years ago where it was pointed out you couldn't legally even send flowers to a sick employee using taxpayer funds. And, parties on taxpayer funds were out

Now I hear the supervisor is throwing a big party for all the employees, too. Ditto.

We received a phone call on Friday to alert us that the big tree behind 187 Main Street in Belleville was being cut down. I remember admiring that beautiful, old tree years ago when I parked back there for some reason.

Another person said he was amazed at the man way up in that tree's branches as it was being cut. He was really high, we're

Last week, Tony Gibson alerted the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, on which he sits, that the EPA is holding a public hearing on the deep injection wells in Romulus near Metro Airport.

A public meeting is being put on by the EPA first to explain the proposal from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Nov. 29 at the Romulus Athletic Center, 35765 Northline Road, and then the official EPA public hearing will follow from 7 to 8 p.m. where people can put their comments on the record.

Wayne County Commissioner Raymond Basham, D-Taylor, said he hopes residents of Southeastern Michigan will attend the meetings because he is concerned that increased pressure proposed for the well may cause it to fracture and spill the hazardous waste into the ground, causing an environmental disaster. The owners request the pressure be increased by 25% which is expected to expand the capacity.

The two hazardous waste deep injection wells are owned by Environmental Geo-Technologies at 28470 Citrin Dr., Romulus, west of Inkster Road and south of I-94. They inject natural and artificial brine about 4,000 feet deep into the earth. The wells have been in operation for several years after being hotly contested at the beginning when they were working to be

put into use by another owner. They opened in 2005 and operated for 10 months, when they were closed for an aboveground leak, and in 2011 were reopened.

Information sheets and a draft permit is available for study at the Romulus Public Library.

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A reader stopped by Thursday to report that Cedars Woods Assisted Living on the South I-94 Service Drive has a wonderful veterans' display that is

permanent. Several veterans are living at Cedar Woods and have had their pictures taken with the patriotic background.

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Another reader called on Thursday to say he called Belleville City Hall to tell them the American Flag was on the ground and he said, "They didn't sound interested."

Apparently, they were interested because all the American Flags were up and flying when I got back from my delivery route that day.

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## Letters

## Santa's Soup Contest is part of Winterfest

To the editor:

It's almost Winterfest in Belleville – Dec. 1, 2 and 3! The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Santa's Soup Search Contest on Saturday, Dec. 2 from 2-6 p.m. in the tent at Fourth Street Square (next to Egan's and The Bayou).

Anyone who has a favorite soup that they make can compete in the contest! A panel of five judges will taste all the soups entered in Santa's Soup Search and award a first, second, and third prize plaque. There will also be a People's Choice Award chosen by the public. Contestants will be limited to 25 entries. Contestants must provide at least FIVE quarts of soup, serving utensils, and someone to serve the soup from 2-6 on Dec. 2 in Fourth Street Square. Advertisement and signage is encouraged, but no bigger than 12' x 18'.

Tickets will then be sold for \$1 each to the public which they will use to buy soup from the contestants (much like the Taste of Belleville). The Chamber will provide the small taste cups and the contestants will be responsible for a larger bowl for the public to use if they want a full bowl.

The taste cups will be one ticket (\$1) while the larger bowls' ticket price will be determined by the contestants. For example, the taste bowl can be bought for one ticket, but a contestant can sell their full bowl for three tickets (\$3). The contestant will, at the end of the contest, get half of the money of everything they sell. (The Chamber gets the other half and most of it will be used for plaques.) This is an opportunity for all contestants to sell their soup and make some money!

The Santa's Soup Search Contest is a great opportunity to showcase your "soup-making skills" and enjoy the company of our hometown people!

For more information and an application to participate, please call the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce at (734) 697-7151.

Watch for an ad in the *Independent* with the schedule of activities for Winterfest (children's activities, parade, etc.) for the weekend of Dec. 1, 2, and 3. If you aren't interested in competing in Santa's Soup Search – help us find "his" favorite by joining in the fun of tasting!

Karen Mida, president Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce

"Genius without education is like silver in the mine."

– Benjamin Franklin

## Goodfellows need donations to help kids

To the editor and friends:

As the holiday time of year draws ever near, we are reaching out to you as leaders of our community for donations to help the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows keep the promise of "No Child without a Christmas." Without your support, we would not be able to serve even half of the families who received assistance last year.

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Christmas is brighter for hundreds of families because we all care. We supply things such as food (non-perishable items) new children's winter coats, and the nearest and dearest things are presents for each child from Santa. It is a great feeling to know that each and every one of us who are part of this is a Santa, not only to our families, but also to countless others as well.

Your continued support is most important to this huge yearly undertaking. If you haven't made a donation to this community-wide effort before, we urge you to give serious consideration this year. Please, give 'til it helps!

We thank you in advance for your contributions and also want to thank you for the hundreds of children who still believe in Santa because of you.

Please make your donation out to the Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows. Mail to 46425 Tyler Road, Belleville 48111, Attn: Pam Fleming. You may also drop your donation off at the Van Buren Township Police Department, Attn: Pam Fleming, or at the Belleville Police Department, Attn: Sue Moore.

Happy holidays and all the best to you and yours in the coming year.
Gratefully yours,

Pam Fleming Goodfellows Coordinator

Director Greg Laurain, Co-Chair Van Buren Township Police

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### **Birthdays**

Nov. 26 -- Rowena Zimmerman, Larry O'Sullivan

Nov. 28 -- Jane Vesche

Nov. 29 -- Linda Endicott

Nov 30 -- Charlie Butler

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## Things to do in the Belleville area...

- Thursday, Nov. 23 Free Thanksgiving Dinner at the Sumpter Community Center Gym, 23501 Sumpter Road. Dinner served from noon to 3 p.m. Sponsored by two women who want to make sure no one is alone on Thanksgiving: Karen Mickens and Lettie Sanders, who will do the cooking. No need to sign up. Just come.
- Thursday, Nov. 23 Free Community Thanksgiving Dinner from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. www.willowchurch.org
- Saturday, Nov. 25 Red Cross Blood Drive at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 26 No afternoon music at September Days because of Thanksgiving.
- Monday, Nov. 27 State Rep. Joe Bellino of Monroe, Sumpter Township's representative in Lansing, will host office hours today to meet with constituents: 9-10 a.m. at Biggby, 26614 Telegraph Rd. in Flat Rock; 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe; and noon-1 p.m. at Carleton Branch Library, 1444 Kent St., Carleton. Info: (517) 373-1530.
- Monday, Nov. 27 State Rep. Kristy Pagan of Canton, Belleville and Van Buren Township's representative in Lansing, will host an office hour at 7 p.m. at the Canton Township administration building, board meeting room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.
- Tuesday, Nov. 28 Festival of Holiday Trees continues until Dec. 22 at the Belleville Area Museum. It is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and Thursday and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Nov. 28 Second session of "Tinsel and Tears" mini-workshop on grieving during the holidays. Free at Brown Family Center, 678 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. 6-8 p.m. Another session also set
- Tuesday, Nov. 28 Orders for the Belleville Rotary Club's annual evergreen sale are due today. Orders of wreaths, swags, centerpieces, roping, and other items will be delivered Dec. 5 to Wayne County Community College campus on Haggerty Road for pickup from 7:30 to 8 p.m. For more information see Mary Jo Suchy at the library, Glenn Silvenis at ReMax, Paul Henning at the Chamber of Commerce, or any Rotarian.
- Thursday, Nov. 30 The Canadian Pacific lighted Holiday Train comes through Van Buren Township and Belleville on the Norfolk and Southern tracks sometime between the hours of 7 and 10 p.m.
- Friday, Dec. 1 Southwestern Wayne (County) Democrats will hold their annual holiday dinner party, starting with social hour at 6 p.m. and dinner served at 7 p.m. Admission price includes dinner, beer, wine, set-ups, door prize raffle ticket, and evening of fun and fellowship. UAW Local 898, 8975 Textile Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets: (313) 791-5027; (734) 634-3569.



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### **Environmental**

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then not mentioned publicly until now.

"If I find out something's going to be put on the agenda, I'll email you," he said to commissioners, also asking them to email environmental questions they may have about the landfill plans. He said he would try to get the answers and get back to them.

The Waste Management plan to do away with the golf course, except for the buildings there, and expand the landfill, would double the life of the landfill, Best

"I'm not aware of any changes in the agreement," Best said, referring to the agreement presented last December.

He said he really doesn't have any information that it will be put on the township board agenda soon, but he just has "this feeling" that it will come forward in December again.

Commissioners pressed him and he insisted it was just a feeling.

When the Independent noted this is the agreement that would cause township residents to have to pay for trash pickup, Best insisted this commission should only talk about environmental matters. Economic matters would be discussed by the board, he said.

Best said his two top environmental concerns are that of odor control, which he said Waste Management has been good at, and a post-closure-use plan.

He said the landfill was not constructed to hold a ski hill, as earlier suggested, and the idea to have an evergreen farm wasn't good because having tree roots going into the landfill liner was a bad idea.

Best said Waste Management would add another 24 to 30 years of life to the landfill with the new plan. It first got its air space amendment in 1995 and then it could begin in the current footprint, he said.

Commissioner Norm DeBuck said they will have to do wetland mitigation and Best agreed.

"Waste Management kind of snuck it in just after the new administration took over last year," Debuck recalled. "It was kind of suspicious."

VBT Trustee Paul White, who sits on the Environmental Commission, suggested Best get Waste Management to come talk to the commission on the environmental side of its plan and Best said he could approach them "after they submit something."

In other business at the one-hour-and-43minute Nov. 15 meeting, the commission:

• Discussed the proposed Belleville Lake drawdown, tentatively scheduled for 2019. Discussion on its pluses and minuses will continue throughout 2018 and a decision will be made. Best said they are trying to do this in the right way and so it is being brought to the Environmental Commision for consideration. Best said they are thinking about lowering the lake by 3-5 feet for a week or week and a half and the whole process would take 3-5 weeks. This would be so trash can be pulled from the lake, docks and seawalls repaired, and possible killing some of the Eurasian

Milfoil clogging the lake. Best said it's possible some of the "good stuff" in the lake could be killed, too. There would be training on the drawdown and Belleville residents will be invited to the training;

• Heard Best report on the 116-page

federal MS4 Stormwater Permit he

prepared and submitted to the DEQ. He

- said the information includes the fact that "Woods Creek [which runs along the north side of Riggs Road] is the bastion of water quality of the Huron River"; • Heard Jeff Jahr, Jr., announce he will be leaving the Environmental Commission
- to take a position on the Planning Commission; • Heard Commissioner Tony Gibson say
- he received a letter from the EPA saying a public hearing will be held at 7 p.m., Nov. 29, in Romulus concerning changes proposed for the deep injection well operating near Metro Airport;
- · Discussed the clear cutting of trees that is being done along the lake. Chairman Dave Brownlee said property owners should be prepared to shore up the banks left vulnerable to erosion by removal of the trees. Brownlee noted there is a new lakeshore ordinance in place. "Now what?" he asked, concerning dilapidated buildings on the shore. Best replied in 2018 code enforcement will be spending more time on the water checking the shoreline out because the township now has a new police boat. Best said the township is now promoting gabion baskets instead of steel seawalls and officials are looking at what to do with Van Buren Park and French Landing Park shorelines;
- Learned Best still does not have the coal tar brochures for distribution to township residents. He said he is still trying to get them free from the Huron River Watershed
- Heard Brownlee asked about Menards responsibility to clean Belleville Road and Best said its permit requires sweeping twice a day during construction, at noon and at the end of the day. Gibson noted there is a similar ongoing problem on the North I-94 Service Drive, just outside the asphalt plant;
- · Heard Gibson asked about the pipeline that is being installed in Ypsilanti Township, "that just skirts" VBT. Best said the "Nexus" pipeline for natural gas is owned by Enbridge. It runs from Pennsylvania, through Ohio and Michigan, to Ontario. Best said the construction crew is staged in VBT in the Yost/Belleville Road area: and
- · Made plans to meet early for pizza and other refreshments at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 20, followed by the regular business meeting at 7 p.m.



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## Sumpter Twp.

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billfold.

Norman Debuck of Van Buren Township who owns sod farms in Sumpter said he and his wife are not in favor of marijuana.

Earlier in the meeting, Trustee Barnes, who sits on the marijuana committee, reported she had attended a class on the MMFLA at the Showcase in Novi.

In other business at the Nov. 14 meeting,

- Approved purchase of an Open Mako Cascade system for the re-filling of breathing air bottles used on the fire department air packs at a cost of
- Approved sending two brush trucks to auction with the proceeds going into the fire fund for future equipment. The trucks are F-350s made in 1997 and 1991;
- Approved a six-month personal leave of absence from the fire department for Daniel Montecinos. After six months his personal leave will be reviewed by the board;
- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Jim Clark to the planning commission with a term to expire Nov. 9, 2020;
- Approved the Comcast Franchise Agreement with a term to expire Nov. 30,
- Approved the 2017-2022 Community Development Block Grant contract between Wayne County and Sumpter Township. These are federal grant monies distributed to state governments and then, in Michigan, allocated to Wayne County and other counties to distribute. The agreement with the county is renewed every five years;
- Heard Police Chief Luke say the hiring of one new officer is in this year's budget. Supervisor Morgan told him to find the right person and bring it back to the board;
- Heard Trustee LaPorte say earlier that day, the Sumpter Township Fire Department was called to a fire in a house on Willow Road, that had smoke inside. He said it was before 6 a.m., which is a bad time for the fire department because of shift changes on regular jobs. He said a short crew went in and took care of the fire, there was no loss, and the homeowners were happy. He said fire fighter Rick Sliwa, who was being honored at the meeting for 40 years as a fire fighter, was one of those on the scene and, "It's because of people like you they get to sleep in their own bed tonight";
- Heard Deputy Supervisor Karen Armatis report that employees at the township hall are able to wear blue jeans from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15 at a donation of \$2 a day for charity. Resident Jim Posegay paid \$2 each of the two days he came into the township hall on business, Armatis added;
- Heard Herring tell of her concerns about the danger of huge trees with horizonal branches over the roadways in the township. She said at first she thought it was a nice canopy, but then she realized how the branches might kill someone if they fell. Herring and others were advised to call Karen Woodington in the

supervisor's office with specific locations of such trees and she would alert the Wayne County Forestry crew;

• Also heard Herring complain about the static announcements on the township's Comcast channel that "was as exciting as watching grass grow." She felt they should be updated and maybe music added. "That vehicle is not being used as well as it should be," she said of the community channel. Debuck had to disagree with her, saying, "I think it's exciting to watch grass grow. It's my business." Debuck owns sod

· Heard Armatis report that earlier that day Chief Luke fixed the problem of no meetings on cable TV by figuring out what was wrong. He said it is not on its normal schedule yet, but will get there. When the township switched from a manned camera in the meeting room to using the security cameras to record meetings, the two weren't compatible and residents no longer could see the meetings on cable. Now they

· Went into closed-door session to discuss one provision in the Po vs. Sumpter Township law suit. Young said that matter is close to being resolved. The board came back into regular session only to adjourn.

## VBT LDFA approves 2018 budget, including \$100,000 for lawyers

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At a 17-minute meeting on Nov. 15, the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority approved its 2018 proposed budget and reviewed the new 129-page orientation packet prepared by planning intern Chris Madigan.

Ron Akers, director of the planning and economic development department, explained the proposed budget has to be approved by the township board first before the LDFA can approve it. He said the township board approved it at its Oct. 17 meeting and this is the same budget the LDFA had seen before.

Akers said there is \$100,000 in attorney fees in the 2018 budget and the dramatic increase in the bond payments is coming in the following year, 2019. The LDFA paid \$108,061 in attorney fees in 2016 and had budgeted \$100,000 in 2017.

This use of attorneys has to do with the dispute with Visteon over the bonds sold by VBT to help with the construction of Visteon Village in 2003. The legal dispute continues.

Total LDFA revenue expected in 2018 is \$751,217, up from \$576,676 in 2017, reflecting an increase in property tax capture, Local Community Stabilization Appropriation from the state, and better interest income.

The lengthy orientation packet was put into a large white binder for each LDFA member and Chuck Covington asked that tabs be put on the different sections to help with the navigation.

"That may have been a budgetary issue," Madigan replied.

Akers said tabs will be added and members were asked to put their names on the binders and return them for that and other updates.

Chairman Michael Dotson asked that a section be added at the end so things that are interesting or the LDFA should know



about can be included.

Akers reported that the Grace Lake construction project is currently under township engineering approval.

LDFA member Danylo Dobriansky was asked if there are any tenants yet for the new building and he said there weren't.

Dobriansky reported that the new sign to promote Grace Lake along I-275 is under construction and is expected to be completed by Nov. 20.



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Winterfest Weekend here in Downtown Belleville is almost upon us as businesses are decorating up their places in time for the night parade on Dec. 2. Next week's paper will have more details on events and activi-

Special thanks to the Belleville Chamber for having me once again illustrate their children's coloring book that goes inside the stockings for the upcoming holiday season. Be sure to get yours by visiting Santa following the Winterfest Parade on Dec. 2 as well as at other Santa appearances. It's a fun project that always kick starts my holiday spirit. Happy Thankgiving!

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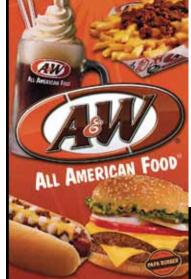
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Dec 20

Dec 23 Dec 28

Jan 6

Jan 13

Jan 17

Jan 22

Jan 24

Feb 7 & 8

Feb 17

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9:00A

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Winter Sports Schedule

	Boys Varsity Basketba	all			Boys JV Basketball			В	oys Freshma
Dec 5	Canton	Α	7:00	Dec 5	Canton	Α	5:30	Dec 5	Canton
Dec 9	Detroit Edison Public Academy @ Cass Tech HS	Α	6:00	Dec 12	Lincoln	н	5:30	Dec 12	Lincoln
Dec 12	Lincoln	н	7:00	Dec 18	Chelsea	Α	7:00	Dec 18	Chelsea
Dec 21	Ann Arbor Skyline	н	7:00	Dec 21	Ann Arbor Skyline	н	5:30	Dec 21	Ann Arbor Skyline
Dec 29	John Glenn @ N. Farmington HS	Α	5:30	Dec 28	Holiday Tournament @Walled Lake Central		TBA	Dec 28	Holiday Tournament @\
Jan 9	Ann Arbor Pioneer	Н	7:00	Dec 29	Holiday Tournament @Walled Lake Central		TBA	Dec 29	Holiday Tournament @\
Jan 16	Crestwood	Α	7:00		Ann Arbor Pioneer			Jan 9	Ann Arbor Pionee
Jan 19	Dearborn	н	7:00	Jan 9		Н	5:30		
Jan 20	West Bloomfield (Fast Break Invite	e) <b>H</b>	8:00	Jan 16	Crestwood	Α	5:30	Jan 16	Crestwood
Jan 23	Fordson	н	7:00	Jan 19	Dearborn	Н	5:30	Jan 19	Dearborn
Jan 26	Thurston	Α	7:00	Jan 23	Fordson	н	5:30	Jan 23	Fordson
Jan 30	Romulus	Α	7:00	Jan 26	Thurston	Α	5:30	Jan 26	Thurston
Feb 2	Crestwood	н	7:00	Jan 30	Romulus	Α	5:30	Jan 30	Romulus
Feb 6	Dearborn	Α	6:45	Feb 2	Crestwood	н	5:30	Feb 2	Crestwood
Feb 9	Fordson	Α	6:45	Feb 6	Dearborn	Α	5:15	Feb 6	Dearborn
Feb 13	Thurston	Н	7:00	Feb 9	Fordson	Α	5:15	Feb 9	Fordson
Feb 16	Romulus	Н	7:00	Feb 13	Thurston	н	5:30	Feb 13	Thurston
Feb 20	Woodhaven	Н	7:00	Feb 16	Romulus	н	5:30	Feb 16	Romulus
Feb 24	Muskegon	Α	6:00	Feb 20	Woodhaven	н	5:30	Feb 20	Woodhaven
Feb 27	Robichaud (senior night)	Н	7:00					Feb 24	Muskegon
Mar 5-9	MHSAA Districts @ Ypsi Lincoln	Α	TBA	Feb 24	Muskegon	Α	4:00		
Mar 12 & 14	MHSAA Regionals @ Dearborn	Α	TBA	Feb 27	Robichaud	н	5:30	Feb 27	Robichaud
Hea	ad Coach: Adam Trum	ро	ur	He	ad Coach: Antoine Jor	da	n		me games are play
Assistant Coaches: Keith Rydzik			A	ssistant Coach: Myke Da	rty		Hea	ad Coach: Dw	

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Jackson @ Brownstown Sport Center Walled Lake Central @ Lakeland Arena 1:00 H.H. Dow HS @ Midland Civic Arena Bay City Central HS @ Bay County Civic Arena Dearborn Unified Tournament @ DISC Jan 6 TBA Southgate Anderson Jan 20 Shrine Catholic @ Lindell Ice Arena 7:00 te Anderson @ SG Civic Center Carlson @ Kennedy Ice Arena Jan 31 **Bedford @Brownstown Sport Center** Grosse Ile @ Kennedy Ice Arena Bedford @ Toledo Ice House **Head Coach: Robert Murray** 



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MHSAA Districts @ Bedford HS MHSAA Regionals @ Wyando

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Cheerleading

M	Girls JV Basketball		
Nov 28	Ypsilanti	н	5:30
Dec 1	Saline	Α	5:30
Dec 5	Ann Arbor Huron	н	4:30
Dec 8	Monroe	н	5:30
Dec 9	Ann Arbor Skyline	Α	12:00
Dec 12	Brighton	Α	5:30
Dec 28	Arbor Preparatory HS @ Airport HS	Α	4:00
Jan 9	Ann Arbor Pioneer	н	4:00
Jan 16	Crestwood	н	5:30
Jan 19	Dearborn	Α	5:30
Jan 22	Detroit Renaissance	Α	5:00
Jan 23	Fordson	Α	5:15
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	Head Coach: Erin Burbai	ık	

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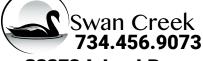
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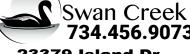
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**Court Watching:** 

### **Judge Callahan issues** bench warrant for Choates after no-show

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Retired Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Michael Callahan issued a warrant for the arrest of Clayvon Anthony Choates on Nov. 15 after he failed to show up for his preliminary exam at 34th District Court.

Judge Callahan was sitting in for District Court Judge Brian A. Oakley, who reportedly had gone hunting.

Choates, 26, is facing a charge of larceny in a building and larceny Choates had been charged with larceny in a building and larceny of more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 on Jan. 24, 2015 in Van Buren Township.

He was free after posting \$10,000/10% bond. His preliminary exam had been set

At 11:25 a.m., Judge Callahan revoked Choates' bond and set a new bond of \$25,000/10%.

Choates' retained attorney Shakir Hawkins first told the judge her client had transportation problems and that's why he wasn't in court at 10 a.m. as required. She said she talked to him at 8:15 and 8:55 a.m. and he said he was in route. Then his phone reportedly ran out of power, she said.

On Nov. 1, Choates was before District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green for his probable cause conference and he was ready to agree to a plea deal, but his attorney Hawkins didn't show up. Judge Green adjourned the probable cause conference until Nov. 15, but it was listed on the docket as his preliminary exam. Whatever it was, that's when he didn't

In 36th District Court in Detroit on Nov. 3. he was bound over to circuit court on a charge of possession of narcotic or cocaine and for refusing to be fingerprinted.

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Shakira Hawkins is the attorney of record on those cases, as well.

#### **Candace Winston-Frazier** Keith Jerome Frazier **Roxanne Frazier**

Three members of the Frazier family, codefendants on charges of home invasion first-degree and aggravated assault in Van Buren Township on Oct. 18, waived their preliminary exams and were bound over to circuit court for a Nov. 29 arraignment on the information. They all are out on personal recognizance bond. **Brandon Lewis Brown** 

Brandon Lewis Brown, 32, waived his preliminary exam on one count of assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer and one count of assaulting/ resisting/obstructing/injuring a police office on Nov. 3 in Van Buren Township. Brown was bound over to circuit court for a Nov. 22 arraignment on the information. Brown, who was in a wheelchair, was before Judge Callahan via video from the Wayne County Jail. His bond was \$5,000/10%.

#### Joshua Kavon Patton

Joshua Kavon Patton, 20, who also was before Judge Callahan via video from the Wayne County Jail, waived his preliminary exam on unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle and larceny in a building in VBT on Nov. 4. He is scheduled at circuit court on Nov. 22 for his arraignment on the information.

#### **Kial John-Glen Smith**

Kial Johnglen Smith, 20, was set for his preliminary exam on charges of assault with intent to miirder and assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder in VBT on Jan. 21. He was free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Charges were dismissed without prejudice, which means they can be refiled in the future. It was explained VBT Police have been unable to get the witness to testify.

#### **Anthony Joseph Hatchard**

Anthony Joseph Hatchard, 42 waived his preliminary exam on a charge of felonious assault on Aug. 9 VBT. He is due in circuit court on Nov. 29. He is free after posting bond of \$20,000/10%.

Assistant Wayne County Prosecutor Phebie Longnecker said there has been a third-party contact warning the victims not to come to court to testify, along with texting from the defendant. She asked that there be no contact with the victim and that Hatchard be fitted with a GPS tether.

Retained defense attorney Marc Hart objected to the GPS tether and said there has been no contact between his client and the victim and, "There's no reason to believe that's true, unless there's something to show..."

Hatchard said his son is autistic and he takes care of him.

Judge Callahan continued the bond and the order of no contact with the victim. He did not order the tether.

**Kenneth Landstrom** 

Landstrom's Nov. 15 pretrial was

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Former VBT Fire Fighter Kenneth

### **NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING**

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- **Downtown Development Authority (DDA)**
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Posted 11-16-17

#### Belleville Area Independent/November 23, 2017

## **More Letters**

## Sumpter Collision gets car ready for Autorama

To the editor:

On the recommendation of a friend, I

took my 1985 ASC/McLaren Coupe to Sumpter Collision. It is one of only 150 built and has a unique one-year-only deep metallic blue paint unlike any production Ford, Mercury, or Lincoln passenger car. It is nearly impossible to find a shop willing to do any paint work on it: not dealers, not restoration shops, not classic car painters. Much to my satisfaction, Kevin and Jim not

only accepted the task, they worked very hard to make sure the job was completed to show-quality standards. I'm very pleased I can now display the car at Autorama this winter, secure in the knowledge their expert repair will go completely unnoticed -- which is exactly what one would want in a spot repair.

I am overjoyed with the quality of the repair and the excellent, yet speedy, service I received. I will happily recommend their services to all my friends in the classic and collector car community!

Chuck Griffiths Westland

## **Court watching**

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postponed until 9 a.m., Dec. 6 by Judge Callahan. Landstrom is charged with three counts of lying to a VBT police officer and one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

Landstrom turned himself in on June 28 and he was due for his pretrial first on July 12, then it was adjourned to Aug. 23, Oct. 4, and Nov. 15 -- now Dec. 6. Landstrom's retained attorney is Robert Coutts.

#### **James Forrest Chapman**

James Forrest Chapman, 57, was bound over to circuit court on Oct. 25 by Judge Oakley. Chapman was scheduled to be in circuit court on Nov. 8 to face a felony charge of running from a VBT police officer and the attendant misdemeanor of refusing to give a DNA sample after arrest on June 3, 2016. On Nov. 8 the arraignment on the information was adjourned to Nov. 15 by the court.

On Nov. 15, Judge Margaret Van Houten

approved a motion for Chapman's courtappointed attorney to withdraw as attorney and a new court-appointed attorney was appointed.

Chapman's final conference has been set for Jan. 12 and a jury trial for Feb. 5.

On Oct. 25, Wayne County Assistant Prosecutor Phebie Longnecker said this particular case had been delayed for 14 months because of Chapman's motions -- 17 as of Oct. 25.

It had gone to trial and then there was a mistrial because a police officer went into the jury room to help a juror. The case was refiled and a jury seated and then the case dismissed when VBT police were not present to tesify. It was refiled and now headed to another jury trial.

A refusal to provide a DNA sample on another felony (since settled) on Aug. 16, 2015, is now set for a bench trial on Dec. 6 before Judge Oakley. Judge Oakley had originally dismissed this charge against Chapman, but circuit court reinstated the charge.



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Publish: November 23, 2017

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#### **Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes** October 24, 2017

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:29 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst, Treasurer P. Morgan, Trustees: Oddy, LaPorte, Swinson, Barnes. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Hadyniak and approximately 16 residents.

- 3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Agenda. Motion carried.
- 4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No
- A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 10, 2017. Motion carried.
- 6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by LaPorte to approve the Warrants totaling \$366,210.06. Roll call vote: Yes: Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes, P. Morgan, J. Morgan and Hurst. Nay: None. Motion
- 7. Parks & Recreation/Chamber Report-Swinson: Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Barnes to approve the Parks & Recreation/Chamber report. Motion
- 8. Planning/Zoning Report-Oddy: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the Planning/ Zoning report, Motion carried.
- 9. Senior Report-Hurst: Motion by Oddy, supported by Swinson to approve the Senior report. Motion carried.
- 10. Attorney Report-Young: No report.
- 11. Board Response:
- A. Trustee Oddy stated to the Board he will be leaving the meeting by 7:30 pm to go to daughter's band concert.
- B. The Sumpter Township Board of Trustee recognized the following employee's for their years of outstanding service:
- 1. John Krushlin for 30 years of service on the DPW Department and 32 on Sumpter Township Fire
- 2. James Casey for 20 years of service on the Police Department.
- 3. Rick Brown for 32 years of service on the Fire Department.
- 4. Don LaPorte for 11 years of service on the Fire Department.
- 5. Tim Armstrong for 19 years of service on the Fire Department.
- A. Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve Mark McArthur to power wash & paint Sumpter Township Hall exterior aluminum siding at a cost of \$2,590.00 which includes labor and materials.
- B. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Special Land Use permit for a Hobby Kennel to be located at 41185 Judd Rd. Motion

- C. Motion by Barnes, supported by P. Morgan to concur with the Planning Commission's recommendation to approve the Special Land Use permit to allow a 175 ft. Wireless Communication facility to be located at 20060 Haggerty Rd. Motion
- D. Motion by P. Morgan, supported by Hurst to approve the Fire Department to have their annual Halloween "trunk or treat" on October 31, 2017. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to approve the 2017 Western Wayne County Police Mutual Aid agreement. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Barnes, supported by Oddy to approve the purchase of a drop-in skid unit with Kohler engine item #DI-PFP-14HPKHL-EM-MR from West Shore Fire, Inc. at a cost of \$11,550.00 for the Fire Department's new F-350 Brush Truck. Motion carried.
- 13. Announcements:

A. Karen Mickens invited Board members and residents to come to Thanksgiving Dinner held on November 23, 2017 from 12 pm-3 pm at the Community Center Gym. Donation can be dropped off at the Senior Center or Supervisor's Office by November 15th. Event hosted by Karen Mickens and Lettie Sanders.

14. Open Floor:

15. Closed Session:

A. Motion by Hurst, supported by Oddy to recess to Closed Session at 7:00 pm for the purpose of Po vs Sumpter Township. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, Oddy, LaPorte, Barnes and Hurst. Nay: None.

Motion carried unanimously. Trustee Oddy excused himself from the Closed Session at 7:26 pm.

B. Motion by Swinson, supported by Hurst to go back into Open Session at 7:29 pm. Roll call vote: Yes: J. Morgan, P. Morgan, Swinson, LaPorte, Barnes and Hurst. Excused absent: Oddy

Motion carried unanimously.

16. Adjournment: Motion by LaPorte, supported by P. Morgan to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Sumpter Township

#### Certification

I, Esther Hurst, Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the following is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Township of Sumpter Board of Trustees on October 24, 2017 at 6:29 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that the said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act. being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Esther Hurst, Clerk

Publish: November 23, 2017



## City of Belleville Public Notice



City of Belleville **Regular City Council Meeting Minutes** Monday, October 16, 2017

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Smith, second by Fielder to approve the agenda with one addition: Item A, General Business: Merriman Rd. Baptist Church fundraiser

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve the

regular city council meeting minutes of October 2, 2017 as presented. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Merriman Road Baptist Church - Use of Fourth St. Square

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 17-081 approving Merriman Road Baptist Church's request to use Fourth Street Square on November 4th from 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the "Belleville Cares" hurricane relief fundraiser for

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL **EXPENDITURES** 

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 17-082 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$88,200.02. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to adjourn meeting at 7:40 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY. Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk Approved: November 6, 2017 Published: November 23, 2017

## Sumpter Township Public Notice

## **Accepting Sealed Bids for the Demolition of Dangerous Buildings**

Sumpter Township is now accepting sealed bids for the demolition of dangerous buildings. A complete list of addresses and what is required is available at Sumpter Township Clerks Office. Bids must be received by December 6, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Bids to be opened December 6, 2017 at 3:15 pm. Compliance with rules and regulations set forth by Wayne County and H.U.D. paid by Wayne County Community Block Grant Funds. Specifications available at the Township Clerks Office, Esther Hurst, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111

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## Van Buren Township **Police Dispatch Log**

Out of the 493 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column. Sunday, Nov. 12:

0010 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.

0052 -- suspicious person/vehicle, America

0208 -- noise comlplaint, Fay Dr./Lindsey Dr. 0326 -- assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.

0344 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River

0405 -- noise complaint, Revere Dr.

1136 -- disorderly, Belleville Rd.

1308 -- family trouble, Ormond Dr.

1522 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Elwell Rd.

1558 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1631 -- assist other dept., E. Columbia/South St.

1703 -- mental subject, America

2226 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

2336 -- abandoned auto, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.

Monday, Nov. 13:

Quirk Rd.

0003 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lighthouse Dr.

0105 -- property damage accident, Pond Ridge Dr. 0707 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River

0732 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. Denton Rd.

0813 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis Rd.

0935 -- suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0943 -- suspicious person/vehiclee, Belleville Rd.

1133 -- domestic, Winding Pond Trl.

1203 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.

1233 -- 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr. /

1319 -- assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.

1429 -- assist other dept., S. Industrial Park

1448 -- property damage accident, Haggerty/I-94

1458 -- assist fire dept., Hamilton Ct.

1627 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Walden Dr. 1659 -- disorderly, Robson Rd.

1740 -- property damage accident, Walden Blvd. /

Solitude 1756 -- domestic, Clayton Rd.

1802 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

W. Huron River Dr. 1854 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Brandi Dr.

1942 -- suicidal person, Robson Rd. 2010 -- assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.

2014 -- harassment call, S. I-94 Service Dr.

 $2108-- harassment\ call,\ N.\ Ponderosa\ Trl.$ 

2136 -- noise complaint, Aspen

2157 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Buchanan St.

Tuesday, Nov. 14:

0001 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.

0035 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/I-94 Service Dr.

0211 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

0330 -- domestic, Lake Point Blvd. 1013 -- hospice death, Beck Rd.

1110 -- property damage accident, Belleville/I-94

1241 -- property damage accident, Village Center

1248 -- property damage accident, Belleville 1337 -- assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.

1450 -- leaving the scene of a property damage

accident, Belleville 1644 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

W. Huron River Dr.

1719 -- larceny, Westlake Circle

1754 -- domestic, Mott

1948 -- harassment call, Haggerty Rd.

2018 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse

2125 -- sexual assault, Independence

2250 -- family trouble, S. Timberview Dr.

2352 -- domestic, Oak Ln.

Wednesday, Nov. 15:

0333 -- sexual assault, N. Cumberland Dr.

0343 -- disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0355 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln. 0528 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Alba Ct.

0544 -- malicious destruction of property, Monterey

1259 -- 911 welfare check, Denton Rd. 1355 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

1441 -- narcotics crime, Parkwood Dr 1551 -- larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1609 -- private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1635 -- assist other dept., Florence Ln.

1630 -- domestic, Mott

1745 -- property damage accident, Parkwood Dr. 1910 -- overdose, N. I-94 Service Dr.

2126 -- assault & battery, Main St. Monday, Nov. 13:

1918 -- private property/property damage accident,

Belleville Rd.

1940 -- 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.

2158 -- noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

2229 -- disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.

2243 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Alden Ave./Haggerty Rd.

2321 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Visteon Way / Ecorse Rd.

#### Thursday, Nov. 16:

0900 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1017 -- narcotics crime, Village Green Ln.

1038 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr./Village Green Ln.

1103 -- fraud. Briarcliff Dr. 1338 -- ordinance violation, Amanda Dr.

1500 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.

1537 -- larceny from auto, Pebblebrook Dr.

1654 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

1710 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.

1714 -- suicidal person, Huron River Dr.

1813 -- fraud, Laguna Dr. 1844 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

1846 -- domestic, Parkwood Dr.

2017 -- larceny, Stratford Dr.

2032 -- personal injury accident, Belleville Rd./ N. I-94 Service Dr.

2118 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty / Ecorse Friday, Nov. 17:

0051 -- 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr./Tyler 0725 -- malicious detruction of property, Denton

0748 -- juvenile complaint, Richard Run Dr.

0929 -- private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

0955 -- breaking & entering, Sheldon Rd.

1016 -- disorderly, Parkwood Dr.

1324 -- civil matter, Oak Ln.

1307 -- disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1424 -- civil matter, Martz Rd. 1538 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park

1646 -- ordinance violation, Anna Dr.

1715 -- found property/child, Belleville Rd.

1729 -- trespassing, Parkwood Dr. 1747 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.

1803 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln. /

2031 -- domestic, Denton Rd.

2136 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Walden Dr.

2146 -- domestic, Springwood Blvd.

2254 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

2307 -- leaving the scene of a property dmaage accident, Barnwell Dr.

2311 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.

2345 -- suicidal person, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Saturday, Nov. 18:

0153 -- assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.

0415 -- domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0751 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, Parkwood

1033 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville DNR

1039 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook Dr.

1237 -- disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.

1426 -- fraud. Belleville Rd.

1440 -- property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.

1537 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.

1550 -- disorderly, Robson Rd.

1807 -- fraud, Briarwood Dr. 1927 -- retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2240 -- juvenile complaint, Bradley Dr.

Also on this week's log are 168 traffic stops, with 18 of those on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## **Belleville Police** Dispatch Log

#### Sunday, Nov. 12: 0210 -- parking complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr. /

Breakwater Dr. 1059 -- intrusion alarm, Angola St.

1353 -- suspicious person/vehicle, South St. / Industrial Park Dr.

0457 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.

1015 -- vehicle lock out, N. Liberty St.

1028 -- vehicle lock out, E. Columbia Ave. 1426 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Industrial Park

Dr.

2152 -- juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.

#### Tuesday, Nov. 14:

1233 -- assist fire dept., N. Biggs Ave.

2116 -- malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.

2230 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St. Wednesday, Nov. 15:

#### 0927 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

1313 -- sexual assault, W. Columbia Ave.

1428 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Biggs Ave. / Greylock St.

1508 -- assist fire dept., Second St.

1840 -- civil matter, Carmell St.

1854 -- iuvenile complaint, Henry St. 2023 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

2328 -- assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Nov. 16:

0223 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.

0453 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.

0759 -- intrusion alarm, E Columbia Ave. 0852 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

1341 -- assist fire dept., Third St.

1450 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd. 1538 -- private property/property damage accident,

1613 -- animal complaint, S. Liberty St.

1812 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main/Roys

1830 -- family trouble, Henry St.

Friday, Nov 17:

0741 -- larceny from auto, W. Thornhill Ct.

0807 -- larceny from auto, Victorian Ln. 0959 -- juvenile complaint, Victorian Ln.

1035 -- vehicle lock out, Main St. 1828 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.

1839 -- assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave. 2307 -- property damage accident, South St. / W.

#### Saturday, Nov. 18:

Columbia Ave.

0058 -- warrant arrest, Sibley 0342 -- malicious destruction of property, Main St.

0530 -- property check, Belle Villa Blvd. 0610 -- suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia

0754 -- larceny from auto, Estrada Dr. 0839 -- larceny from auto, Estrada Dr.

0847 -- larceny from auto, Estrada Dr. 1035 -- larceny from auto, Carmell St.

1054 -- larceny from auto, Carmell St. 1058 -- dumping complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

1342 -- larceny from auto, Carmell St. 1728 -- larceny from auto, Astor Place

2333 -- noise complaint, Carmell St. Also on this week's log are 74 traffic stops.

### **Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log**

0047 -- property damage accident, Country Club / Brookview

0346 -- suspicious vehicle, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0425 -- assault, 50000 bl. Judd Rd. 0929 -- alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.

1242 -- 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd. 1602 -- 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

1730 -- fire dept. assist, 18000 bl Martinsville Rd. 1820 -- breaking & entering, Nevada

1850 -- shots fired, Willis/Rawsonville 1940 -- traffic hazard, Harris/Martinsville

2315 -- suspicious person, Carriage Ln. Monday, Nov. 13:

0301 -- alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd. 0835 -- runaway juvenile, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

0932 -- 911 hang up, 19000 Sumpter Rd. 1351 -- fraud, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.

1614 -- suspicious incident, 8300 bl. Rawsonville 1719 -- larceny, Magnolia

1733 -- personal injury accident, 39000 bl. Willow 2027 -- citizen assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

2205 -- well-being check, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd. 2227 -- family trouble, Wyoming

2359 -- suspicious vehicle, Wear/Elwell Tuesday, Nov. 14:

0132 -- alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd. 0347 -- alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

0418 -- alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd. 0453 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willow Rd. 0726 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township

0829 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

0858 -- suspicious vehicle, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

0946 -- animal complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.

1149 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1221 -- trespassing complaint, 26000 bl. Haggerty

1347 -- property damage accident, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.

1653 -- runaway juvenile, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

1816 -- alarm, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1915 -- civil dispute, Greenmeadow

1937 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

2307 -- missing recovered, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

#### Wednesday, Nov. 15:

0904 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

0933 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1334 -- harassment complaint, 43000 bl. Harris Rd 1435 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township

1623 -- fraud, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.

1642 -- juvenile complaint, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.

1728 -- reckless driver, Judd/Carleton West

1816 -- citizen assist, Nevada

Thursday, Nov. 16:

1843 -- citizaen assist, Wyooming 2137 -- fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

0218 -- citizen assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

0942 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1056 -- fire dept. assisst, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1310 -- suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1425 -- assault, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.

1517 -- animal complaint, Haggerty/Arkona 1603 -- larceny, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.

1722 -- subpoena service, 47000 bl. Wear Rd. 1734 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Martinsville/Bemis

1809 -- fire dept. assist, Wayside 1811 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1943 -- subpoena service, Second St.

2105 -- citizen assist, Arizona Friday, Nov. 17:

0239 -- suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Bemis 0905 -- subpoena service, Second St. 1045 -- animal complaint, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1221 -- personal injury accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter 1239 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.

1435 -- found property, 50000 bl. Willis Rd. 1540 -- larceny, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1542 -- larceny, 47000 bl. Willow Rd. 1753 -- trespassing complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

1830 -- citizen assist, 47000 bl. Willow Rd. 2122 -- assist other agency, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.

2149 -- fight, 51000 bl. Willis Rd. 2301 -- alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

1516 -- threats complaint, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, Nov. 18: 0701 -- suspicious vehicle, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

0842 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln. 1233 -- alarm, 21000 bl. Carleton West Rd. 1242 -- animal complaint, 46000 bl. Dunn Rd.

1623 -- fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1700 -- property damage accident, 20000 bl.

checks, and 32 traffic stops.

Sumpter Rd. 2205 -- noise complaint, Third St. Also on this week's log are 14 follow-up investigations, 25 miscellaneous details, 183 patrol

## **Faith United Methodist Church presents free** movie night Dec. 16

Faith United Methodist Church in Denton is offering another free movie night. "All Saints" will be shown on Saturday, Dec. 16.

The doors open at 6:30 p.m. and showtime is promptly at 7 p.m. Popcorn is provided. Donations for the church's evangelism are "All Saints" was released in August of 2017

and is rated PG. It runs one hour and 48 minutes. The movie is based on the inspiring, true

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