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## School district ends Savage case with \$720,000 settlement

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted on Oct. 12 to a settlement of \$720,000 to end the cases brought against it by four Savage Elementary School teachers in 2016.

On Oct. 13, School Supt. Pete Kudlak signed the agreement and the incident that tore the district apart under School Supt. Michael Van Tassel finally was settled.

The amount of the settlement was not announced at the time because of a non-disclosure agreement among the parties involved.

On Monday, the *Independent* received its response to a Freedom of Information Act request filed Nov. 2 with the school district which provided a copy of the settlement agreement and release of all claims.

Of the total settlement, the teachers' attorney, Deborah Gordon Law of Bloomfield Hills, received \$273,125.48 and each teacher received a check for \$111,718.63.

Teachers suing the school district in federal and civil court were: Pamela Bradley, Michelle Komaromi, Rebecca Tennis, and Brent Held.

Defendants were Van Buren Public School District, its School Board, Michael Van Tassel, Jeff Moore, Shonta Langford, Amy Gee, Brent Mikulski, Martha Toth, Kathy Kovach, Kevin English, Alison Bennet, and Kelley Owen.

The settlement agrees to remove from the Plaintiffs' personnel files the 14-day suspensions that were given to them on May 26, 2016 and any other disciplinary actions.

The agreement wording said it is a compromise of a disputed claim and no party is deemed to be a prevailing party in this litigation and the payment made is not to be construed as an admission of liability on the part of the parties hereby

released and, "that said released parties deny liability therefore, and intend merely to avoid ongoing litigation and buy their peace."

In a vote at a recent meeting, the school board agreed to add an undisclosed amount of extra funds to the amount agreed to by the district's insurance carrier to make the total needed. It has been learned the school district's total contribution to the \$720,000 total was \$320,000.

The 32-page law suit filed in May of 2016 detailed the incidents that led to the federal civil rights and civil court employment discrimination charges.

After five teachers were marched out of their classrooms in front of their students on Jan. 21, 2016, the community erupted in support of the teachers and Savage School, leading to the firing of the superintendent deemed responsible.

At a school board meeting last summer former School Board Trustee Sherry Frazier estimated the district had paid more than \$500,000 to its attorneys, Collins & Blaha, to fight the law suits.

### City Council sets special meeting next Monday to discuss close of fire dept.

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

On Monday, a large crowd -- many in fire department dress uniforms -- filled the Belleville City Council meeting room and spilled out into the hallway.

They came to discuss why the city fire fighters had been pink-slipped en masse in order to turn over fire services to Van Buren Township by Jan. 1. And, why it has yet to be discussed publicly by the city council.

But, the item wasn't on the agenda and nobody spoke to the council about fire  
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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Lettie Sanders, left, and Karen Mickens invited the public to come to a free Thanksgiving dinner at the Sumpter Township Community Center last Thursday and more than 100 showed up to eat a turkey dinner, sing, talk, pray, and take home door prizes. They said they didn't want anyone to be alone on Thanksgiving. Many volunteers joined in to make the event a success.

## George Craven, Doug Brown are Grand Marshals for parade

Leading Saturday's Christmas Parade as Grand Marshals will be George Craven and Doug Brown, both of Van Buren Township.

The lighted parade, presented by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, steps off from Belleville High School at 6 p.m.

Santa Claus will climb down from a fire engine at the end of the parade and be welcomed by Belleville city officials with the Key to the City. Then, Santa helps light the city Christmas Tree and goes off to talk to young boys and girls.

The parade starts at BHS and heads down West Columbia Avenue to Five Points and then up Main Street to the stage at Fourth Street.

A demonstration of cardio drumming will take place in front of the bandstand on the Fourth Street Square before the parade begins.

Those signed up to be in the parade as of Monday afternoon were:

- Sumpter Fire Department
- Chances Are Youth 4-H Group
- Willow Run Rosies Drill Team
- Bobby McShanes

- Girl Scout District 1103
- New Boston-Belleville United Varsity Hockey
- Wayne County Fair Grounds
- American Heritage Girls
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- P&P Dance Centre
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- Van Buren Soccer
- Huron Valley Ambulance
- Jazzercise
- Lincoln Community United Methodist Church

Other activities on Saturday include the Jingle Bell 1K and 5K Walk and Run at Horizon Park gazebo in Belleville starting at 9:45 a.m.; Animal Magic on the Fourth Street Square at noon; Santa's Soup Contest, 2-4 p.m., Fourth Street Square; carriage rides at Roys Street, 3-5:30 p.m.; gingerbread decorating at library, 4:30-5:30 p.m.; live manager scene at the First United Methodist Church after the parade; and fireworks at 8 p.m.



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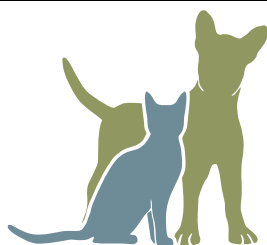
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## VBT approves quit claim deed, clears the way for Speedway

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on Nov. 21, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees unanimously approved conveying three small parcels of land along Belleville Road from the Charter Township of Van Buren to the VBT Downtown Development Authority by quit claim deed.

This clears the way for the Speedway station at the northeast corner of Belleville and Tyler roads because the parcel sites are where Wayne County wanted Speedway's turn lane to be located -- and the DDA had agreed to sell them to Speedway.

There was little discussion at the regular meeting, but at the work/study meeting the day before there were lots of comments.

DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland stated that she had mistakenly typed in the Charter Township of Van Buren name as owner of the property that the DDA had actually purchased from private owners.

She called it a "clerical error" that the three parcels were deeded to the township instead of the DDA and she asked for quick claim deeds to correct the error. She wanted the parcels back so they could be conveyed to Speedway, as agreed upon.

Trustee Sherry Frazier, a realtor, said it was a "technical error," not a "clerical error."

Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he was talking to a Butzel Long attorney he wanted to hire and the attorney said she already represented Speedway. Supervisor McNamara said the attorney said she was told the supervisor was trying to block Speedway and Speedway was ready to sue.

Trustee Paul White and Trustee Frazier said they thought there were too many gas stations on Belleville Road and thought there shouldn't be any more.

"Let's get a legal opinion," Supervisor McNamara said, suggesting maybe they could stop Speedway by not approving the quick claim deed.

"I have one," Ireland said, and came up to McNamara at the board table with a piece of paper from an attorney.

McNamara looked at the paper and stated, "That's not the issue," without explaining.

McNamara said the DDA purchased the parcels with its money and if the township doesn't give it back, the DDA will sue VBT. He indicated that was not a problem.

"I would like a legal opinion on if I can stop Speedway," McNamara said.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, reported that Speedway has received final site plan approval and Wayne County approval of its plans.

"The error was made by me," Ireland said. "I typed the document."

"I'm removing it from the township meeting [on Nov. 21]," McNamara stated. "I need a legal opinion about Speedway."

Clerk Leon Wright pointed out that the Speedway development still had access from Tyler Road, if the Belleville Road access was blocked.

"I want Speedway blocked if they can be blocked," McNamara said. "If they can't be blocked, that's life."

CeJay Marshal said from the audience that he is among the consumers looking forward to Speedway coming. He said Meijer needs competition because sometimes gas is 20 cents higher at Meijer than at other stations on Belleville Road.

"I carry a Speedway Rewards Card," said Trustee White at the end of the discussion.

By the next day, however, the item was back on the agenda.

McNamara explained at the Nov. 21 meeting: "The DDA bought property to build a sidewalk and on the deed was VBT not VBT DDA. The title company did not catch it. We did not vote to buy property and the board has to vote to buy property."

"I was disappointed in the title company we hired and we paid the title company and the attorney," Trustee Frazier said.

"We pay for them to check things and for them to allow Ms. Ireland to sign for the township was not right," Trustee Frazier said.

Trustee White said he was asked to attend a 35-45-minute meeting with McNamara, Ireland, Akers, Matthew Best, and the attorney to discuss the subject.

"It was deeded to VBT instead of the DDA and the attorney said they had to clean up the technical error and that wasn't caught by our title company and attorney," Trustee White said.

Trustee Frazier said, "I hope we are recording the deeds" and Ireland assured her they were.

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Jackson and Jillian Widman won recognition for having the best scarecrow in the City of Belleville's contest in the Families/Individuals category. Mayor Kerreen Conley congratulates them.



The Belleville High School Class of 2020 won first place in the Youth Groups / Organizations category in the city's scarecrow contest.



The Belleville Area Garden Club won first place in the Adult Groups / Organizations category for its scarecrow in the 2017 city scarecrow contest. Healing Forest Massage & Wellness won first place in the Business Category and was not present at Monday's meeting for a picture.



# O P I N I O N S

## Editorial

### Belleville yet to admit that it's dissolving its fire department

Transparency it's not!

Apparently the 15 or so members of the City of Belleville paid-per-call Fire Department got pink-slipped before Mayor Conley and City Manager Kollmeyer got around to telling the council about it. Or, to discuss it in open session with the citizens.

In fact, at Monday's meeting, with a roomful of fire fighters and their supporters, Mayor Conley said the first words about an intergovernmental agreement for fire services. All she said is that it would be discussed at a special meeting at 7:30 p.m. next Monday. If there's not enough room to hold everyone interested, they have permission from the school to move the meeting to the high school cafeteria (The Commons).

By now, everyone in the community knows that the fire department is being dissolved and only the fire chief has a secure position with the VBT Fire Department as a part of the deal.

The negotiations between the city administration, its attorney, and VBT have been going on for months, but it's been a secret. That's the problem. Some may see the wisdom of using VBT for fire services since the township surrounds the city and has more money to spend.

But the secrecy is another thing. They didn't announce this before the election of sitting councilmen, who probably wouldn't have been elected if the voters knew what was coming down. Stormy seas ahead.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

I was flipping through the cable channels recently looking for something when I saw Van Buren Township Senior Center Director Lynette Jordan and her beautiful dog Gage. I stopped flipping and heard her telling about activities at the senior center.

She also told of how she brings Gage into the senior center on Thursdays. When I talked to her later, she said the seniors bring treats for Gage on Thursdays and some comment that it looks like Thursdays is the only day he eats. Actually, he looks very well fed to me.

Jennifer Zaenglein, deputy director of Parks and Recreation, also was on that segment I watched on Comcast Channel 12. She didn't have a dog with her, but she was telling about Parks and Recreation programs. Later, I learned that segment was about five months old, but it was still new to me.

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VBT Trustee Kevin Martin didn't like the township not being consistent with the way it spelled the substance marijuana in documents, so he asked employees to please be consistent. That was at the Nov. 20 work/study session of the board.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said later that the township will stick with the state's spelling for the substance and change everything that's spelled differently in all their paperwork and documents.

The state spells it "marihuana" and everyone else spells it "marijuana." I remember when I first reported the state law on the subject, I got phone calls from people accusing me of spelling marijuana incorrectly.

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In VBT, marijuana is now marihuana.

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VBT cancelled its Nov. 7 meeting because it had one precinct at Owen Intermediate School running an election for residents that live in the Lincoln School District that brought out about 90 voters total. At the time, I thought they were stretching it a bit because I thought they could handle a township board meeting and the results from one precinct at the same time.

So, it came to pass that the second meeting in November -- Nov. 21 -- was stuffed with important matters. There were 32 items on the agenda, which they broke into two parts. The consent agenda usually doesn't have any discussion (this time it did) and so they were able to put 19 items on that part.

Then there were 13 on the new business part of the agenda.

When there is that much to consider at once, some items get short shrift and the public doesn't hear the details. For one example the \$8.3 million water and sewer budget for 2018 was not discussed at all. Neither was the \$8.1 million amended 2017 water and sewer budget. That's a lot of money to not talk about. No time.

An unexpected, paid day off is nice, but is it worth the cost?

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On Thanksgiving Day, just before noon, all VBT fire fighters were called in to cover for the duty crews from both fire stations who were over at Willow Run Airport with

an impending disaster with a landing plane.

A DC-9 with three passengers was reported to have a damaged landing gear. But, WWJ reports the plane was able to land without any injuries.

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John Chapman, a talented mechanic with a shop on Sumpter Road, just south of Willow, said he hopes to be open all winter this year (699-7450).

He said he now has his new prosthetic legs and he is 5'2" tall. He said it's easier for him to get around and under the cars he's fixing. You may recall John lost both his legs in a brush-cutting accident on his Sumpter farm several years ago.

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According to reports, Impact Wrestling will be taping material for upcoming episodes of its TV show at this Sunday's Border City Wrestling "Motown Showdown" event at the Diamondback Saloon in Van Buren Township.

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November was Veterans' History Month and Charles Tackett reminds us: "Every veteran has a story, if you only listen."

There were lots of local events throughout the month to honor veterans and hear their tales. We mustn't forget what they have given us.





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"Two things are infinite: the universe  
and human stupidity; and I'm not sure  
about the universe."

— Albert Einstein

## Letters

### Belleville Fire Dept. being disbanded

To the editor:

We rec'd some disturbing news this afternoon. I am not at liberty to disclose the name of the person who gave us this information. However, I think it is something that very few people in the area are aware of, except of course, those who negotiated this "deal" behind closed doors. However, it is certainly something that needs to be made public immediately.

The Mayor, the City Manager, and the Attorney for the City decided the City no longer needs a fire department and will be contracting those services with VBT beginning Jan. 1, 2018. Supposedly the City Council was informed of this decision last Friday [Nov. 17, a week ago]. The Fire Department employees were "pink-slipped" yesterday [Nov. 22].

Years ago, the residents were informed that the CDN [Central Dispatch Network] for emergency services was in danger of being disbanded. There were public discussions and opportunities for residents to ask questions and voice their opinions about that issue. When the leaf pick up program was stopped last year, the residents were given ample notice that there were changes coming.

One would think that a change in emergency services would be an important issue to discuss at a public meeting and that it is the responsibility of the Mayor and the City Manager to make sure the taxpayers are aware that changes are being discussed. However, that does not seem to be the case. Obviously, transparency in City Hall left when Mayor Richard Smith left office.

While I have nothing against the VBT FD employees, I do take issue with the closed-door antics of the current administration.

Mary Jane Dawson  
Belleville Resident

### Heart-felt Thanks - Giving Thank You

To the editor:

We would like to thank everyone that made a monetary donation to the Thanksgiving dinner at the Sumpter Community Center. The outpouring of love and support was wonderful.

The dinner menu was turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, blackeye peas, northern beans, tossed salad, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, sweet potato pie, pumpkin pie, a variety of cakes, lemonade, tea, punch, and coffee.

We would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped with the serving, as well as the young teens for doing a great job as servers.

A big Thank You for letting us have the dinner at the Community Center. Most of all, thank you all for coming and fellowshiping with one another (praying, eating, talking, singing and laughter).

The words "thank you" hardly seem enough, but they're coming from our heart.

Karen Mickens and Lettie Sanders  
Sumpter Township

### Strangers invite us to Thanksgiving dinner

To the editor:

Today, Nov 21, my wife and I were shopping at Meijer when we ran into a young couple with two young girls (guessing about four years and six years old).

I made a comment about, "It must be nice having two helpers." That started a short conversation and jokingly I said, "What's for Thanksgiving dinner?" They replied, "Come on over. We'll have more than enough food."

Fast forward, a few aisles later, one of the girls ran up to us giving my wife a note with their address, phone number, and their name, formally inviting us to Thanksgiving dinner.

Guess they felt sorry for us since we told them we'd be by ourselves for the holiday and our kids live too far away to have us over. Being alone is our choice this year, but the thought of complete strangers inviting us into their home is certainly heartwarming.

Thank you, Kyle & Ally!

God Bless them and we hope they have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Pete and Gayle Pitzen  
Belleville

### Join Democrats at Annual Holiday Dinner

Greetings,


The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club cordially invites you to join us for some fun and kick off the holidays at our Annual Holiday Dinner this Friday, Dec. 1, at UAW Local 898 (8975 Textile Road, Ypsilanti). Social hour begins at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets available at the door for \$25 each or \$45 a couple, includes dinner, beer, wine, set-ups, and door-prize ticket.

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# Obituaries



William C. McKenzie

## WILLIAM C. MCKENZIE

(June 8, 1928 - November 28, 2017)

Age 89 of Ypsilanti, passed away November 28, 2017 at home with his loving family by his side. He was born on June 8, 1928 in Sumpter Township, Michigan to Thomas and Muriel (Kettle) McKenzie. On August 5, 1950, he married Barbara Ann Bennett and she preceded him in death on August 18, 2016.

Bill was an electrician for over 40 years, a member of IBEW Local 58 in Detroit. He also farmed all of his life and he grew an abundance of vegetables. He and his wife Barbara were active members of the Ypsilanti Evangelical Friends Church where they served in many capacities, always helping with the church. He was fondly known to the parishioners as "Mr. Bill."

Bill is survived by his two sons, Gary (Debbie) McKenzie of Willis and Billy (Donna) McKenzie of Belleville; six grandchildren: Geneva (Joe) Nichols, Leah McKenzie, Luke (Pamela) McKenzie, Jake (Ashley) McKenzie, Jana McKenzie, and Erica Fry; 13 great-grandchildren; and three great great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. Two sisters, Emmy Keene of Ypsilanti, and Jean (Ray) Nugent of Belleville also survive.

Besides his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and a granddaughter, Dean Sanders. Visitation will be held at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan on Thursday, November 30, from 4:00-8:00pm. Funeral Services will be held at Ypsilanti Evangelical Friends Church on Friday, December 1 at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) where friends may call from 10:00 am. until time of service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Ypsilanti Evangelical Friends Church. [www.ochalekstark.com](http://www.ochalekstark.com)

event possible, as well. Not only do they contribute to Swift Charities, but they volunteer and make monetary contributions to this event. We have many veterans employed with us and we hope to have many more join our team. We have one member of our Swift New Boston team who has made this event her standing Christmas Dinner with her family -- her whole family, all 13 of them. Thank you, Julie Baughman, and family for the support you show our veterans.

Please come out Sunday, Dec. 17, and spend the afternoon with our veterans and meet

some of the people who make this great day possible. With your support, we can make this day the biggest and best Christmas Dinner for our veterans.

On behalf of Swift Transportation New Boston and Swift Charities, I would like to thank all of our veterans and active military men and women for their service. Without you, there would be no U.S.

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### Swift sets annual dinner for veterans on Dec. 17

To the editor:

We will be holding our third-annual Swift Christmas Dinner for Our Veterans and we need your help to make this the biggest and best dinner we have held. Please gather your family and friends and come out to enjoy a great afternoon visiting with our veterans and enjoy a relaxing dinner with them and their families.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported our event and who have had a direct hand in making these dinners possible and a huge success. Your generosity has made a difference to many of our veterans and their families. You are appreciated.

Thank you to each Swift Transportation employee who has contributed to Swift Charities. Swift Charities is 100% employee funded and our employees helped make this



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## Obituaries



Marguerite Blanche  
Greathouse

### MARGUERITE BLANCHE GREATHOUSE

(January 17, 1927 - November 23, 2017)

Marguerite Blanche Greathouse, 90, of Huron Woods Residence, Ann Arbor, MI, passed away peacefully at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital following a long illness.

She was born in Butler, Pennsylvania in 1927, the daughter of George and Florence McCandless, both deceased. She had four sisters and one brother, all deceased. She was a graduate of William McKinley Technical High School in Washington D.C. and had a career as an executive secretary. She was married to Duane "Pat" Greathouse in Washington, D.C. They moved to Detroit, Michigan in 1956 and Belleville, Michigan in 1961 where she focused on raising her family and giving her talents in volunteer work to her church and community. Husband Pat Greathouse preceded her in death in 2005. Mrs. Greathouse was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville, the Van Buren Democratic Party, the United Auto Workers (Eastern Michigan University Local 1975), and various other civic and philanthropic organizations.

Prior to her retirement she was the Biology Department Senior Secretary at Eastern Michigan University for many years.

Surviving Marguerite are four of her five children: Allen Greathouse (Laura), Donna Gilkey Lavin (Manuel), Michael Greathouse (Richelle) and Karen Zavicar (Michael). Son Pat Greathouse Jr. and daughter-in-law Sandra Greathouse predeceased her.

Grandchildren: LeeAnn Ciarlo (Tony deceased), Jeffrey Greathouse (Merilee), Sharon Churchwell (Doug), Steven Greathouse, April Fountain (Greg), Denise Hannah, Derek Gilkey (Katie), Mathew Greathouse, Shawn Zavicar (Lorrie), Christopher Zavicar (Crystal), Jennifer Natter (JT), Giselle Greathouse, and Fiona Greathouse. Predeceased by Kimberly Greathouse.

Great-Grandchildren: Brandon Ciarlo, Jeremy Ciarlo, Garrett Cobb, Ross Hannah, Melissa Cobb, Morgan Greathouse, Haydon Greathouse, Ella Hannah, Jacqueline Short, Holly Greathouse, Abigail Churchwell, Devon Greathouse, Lily Greathouse, Austin Natter, Mackenzie Natter, Delilah Gilkey, Kristina Lynn, and Justin Lynn. Predeceased by Spencer Greathouse.

Great-Great-Grandchildren: Savannah Bissel, Lucas Ciarlo, and Harper Ciarlo.

Funeral Services: Visitation was at Higginson Neal in Belleville on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 from 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. and Wednesday, November 29, 2017 from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Funeral Service will commence at 11 a.m. at Higginson Neal. Burial will follow at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

Memorial contributions in Marguerite Greathouse's name are suggested to The Alzheimer's Association or Huron Woods of Ann Arbor.



Nancy Lee Moore

### NANCY LEE MOORE

(March 28, 1943 - November 23, 2017)

Nancy Lee Moore (Killingbeck), 74, of Romulus, passed, November 23, 2017. Born March 28, 1943 in Romulus, MI., daughter of the late Edgar & Edah (Schmiede) Killingbeck. She was life member of the Community United Methodist Church, Romulus.

She leaves three brothers, Walter, Bryan, and Michael Killingbeck; one niece Lisa Lapko; and one nephew Michael Killingbeck.

Preceded by her husband Noah Moore, two brothers Edgar and William Killingbeck, one sister Mary Lou (Killingbeck) Stabenow, and one sister in law, Bella.

Services were held November 26, 2017, at Crane Funeral Home, Romulus, MI. Interment was in Romulus Cemetery. Contributions to Romulus Animal Shelter, 12300 Wayne Rd., Romulus, Michigan 48174, appreciated.

Online guests may leave condolences by visiting, [www.cranefuneralhome.net](http://www.cranefuneralhome.net).

### JESSE ALVIN JOHNSON

(July 19, 1991 - November 22, 2017)

Age 26, a lifelong Belleville-area resident. BHS 2009. Survived by parents Donald and Pamela Johnson, sister Samantha, and grandmother Beverly Thom. David C. Brown Funeral Home. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

### NORMAN WASHINGTON NEWMAN

(April 15, 1951 - November 19, 2017)

Age 66, of Ann Arbor. Funeral service at 1 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 30, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Visitation, noon to 1 p.m. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

## Upcoming Meetings

• Thursday, Nov. 30 – Special 7 p.m. joint meeting of all the Van Buren Township boards, commissions, and committees at Holiday Inn Express, 46194 N. I-94 Service Dr., with food provided by Angel Food Catering. Group chairpersons will be asked to report briefly on their groups' accomplishments.

• Friday, Dec. 1 – The Building Committee of the Belleville Area District Library will meet at 10 a.m. at the library to award the bid for demolishing the building at 360 Charles Street (H&B accounting).

• Monday, Dec. 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Dec. 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.

• Wednesday, Dec. 6 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Sumpter Township marijuana committee meets from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at township hall to hear citizen input on whether to opt in or opt out of new state law.



## More Letters

### Memories of 'grandpa'

Dear Editor:

This is a letter I just found among my late younger brother's effects. He was born on a farm in Belleville, MI in 1939 and the family next door became like our grandparents and aunts and uncles. We moved to California in 1948 and this was a traumatic experience for a nine-year-old boy. Grandpa was ill, and these are his recollections from a four-year-old's memories and deep feelings for his "Grandpa."

Cornell Anton  
Belleville

#### WHAT "PRICE" A GRANDPA?

Dear Gramps,

Well, Gramps, I suppose it's about time you your right-hand man wrote. I look back and remember when we used to go into town and then to Jake's Mill, you used to say, "Yes sir, that's my right-hand man." I bet I was the proudest kid in the whole world, and when we went to church on Sunday, I used to climb off the big old hard bench when everybody got up to sing. You would pick me up and hold me in your lap and I'd stick my finger in your hand and you would catch it. When we got home you would sit in the rocking chair with me on your lap and smoke your pipe, and when you were through I'd take it out on the porch and sneak a few puffs, and then empty it for you. We'd sit on the rocking chair and try to catch each other's tongue.

Then everybody would come over and we'd have sandwiches and milk and some of Grandma's cake. Sometimes Tootsie would play the piano and sometimes Uncle Chuck would play the violin. I seem to remember you had a violin in the closet in Tootsie's room. But I never have been able to remember you playing it. It seemed like so early in the evening when everybody started to go home.

But early in the morning I was walking in the kitchen and Clark would say, "Go-wan home, your mother's calling." And everyone would laugh. I would be so happy to be in that good old kitchen, and Snappy would come up and lick my face as I got on my hands and knees and crawled under the table to get the chair beside the telephone, and drag it into the kitchen beside you. I would have my oatmeal first and then some toast, which I sometimes dunked into your Postum.

After breakfast you'd put on your rubbers and I would follow you out to the barn, and pester you to let me help you put the collar around Nancy and Jerry's neck. Then you'd stand by the little gate and say "ok." I would get up on the mangers and untie the ropes from the manger. Then you would take them to get a drink and I would hold on to the rope. Then you would drive them through the gate to the manure spreader. I would try, and sometimes succeed in hooking one of the hitches to the spreader. You would drive it through

the gate and I would close the gate behind you then climb up and we would drive around the straw stack to the cow barn. While you were backing the spreader up to the door, I would open both the doors and get the shovel and fork.

I remember I had a little pitchfork which I used even though I used yours when you weren't using it, which was a little awkward. But! It was YOURS and that's all that mattered. We would load up the spreader and be on our way. (I used "WE" because I thought I did some of the work, but now I look back and I think I made more of a mess.) We would climb up on the seat and I would sit between your legs and take the reins and start down the lane. We usually went through the gate beside the building where you kept the tractor to the field behind the Anton's place (who they were I don't know). [This was author's home.]

When we were through you would sometimes let the horses run awhile, then we'd water and put the horses away.

Then you'd find something that was broke and had to take it to the shop where the rabbits were kept. By that time Grandma had fed the chickens and was ironing. There were so very many things to do during the day, plowing and planting and those summer days cutting and hauling hay and thrashing wheat and oats. Every day was so wonderful and exciting.

Grandpa, God didn't make you my "real" Grandpa, but to me you will always be my "real" Grandpa in my heart. I miss you and the farm and hope you get well quick. Your right-hand man and "Grandson,"  
Clarkie

### Thank you to St. Jude

To the editor:

The St. Jude's prayer works. It answered my prayer. It helps a lot. It is wonderful.

When you say this prayer once a day for nine days, many have had their prayer answered.

St. Jude's Novena

May the sacred heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, keeper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Thank you,  
VBT resident

### Thank you to St. Jude

To the editor:

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St. Jude's Novena

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved and preserved through the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us.

Thank you, again, Saint Jude.

G.R. of Belleville

### Thank you to St. Jude

To the editor:

I want to "Thank" St. Jude. My prayers have been answered.

With Prayers,  
J.P.

### Thank you, St. Jude

To the editor:

I want to "Thank" St. Jude for answering my prayers.

Bless you all,  
C.P.

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## City Council

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fighting, although some had written lists of questions in their hands.

At the end of the 28-minute meeting, Mayor Kerreen Conley announced a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. next Monday, Dec. 4, with only one item on the agenda: Consideration of an intergovernmental agreement on fire services.

Mayor Conley said, actually, the two newly elected councilmembers -- Jesse Marcotte and Tom Fielder -- will be sworn in at the beginning of the meeting and then everybody can talk about the fire department.

She said Monday's meeting will begin in the city council chambers and move over to the Commons at Belleville High School if the crowd is too large to hold at city hall.

Van Buren Township Trustee Sherry Frazier stood in the audience to say she was looking forward to working with the City of Belleville to provide the citizens with the best services possible.

"I did hear this morning, 'What's going on?' which spoke of a lack of transparency."

Trustee Frazier said change is difficult for every organization and the more there is involvement of citizens, the better things work.

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

- Opened one sealed bid for the seawall replacement at Doane's Landing. It was from E.C. Korneffel Co. of Trenton and totalled \$339,230 for the project, plus \$2,790 to edge the drain with geotech fabric. The restoration of the soil, concrete walks and removal of the benches and fence to save would be done separately. The council's breath was taken away by the high figure and the bid was turned over to the administration for study, to see if it is complete, and to recommend what to do next. Building Official Rick Rutherford said he was quite surprised that only one bid came in because other companies spent a good bit of time at Doane's Landing coming up with bids. Rutherford said a seawall should last 50-70 years and the reason this one didn't is because of poor engineering. When asked, he said this bid is for the city seawall only and not the part

owned by the condos;

- Approved the final one-year renewal of the existing contract with WCA to do assessing for the city. Brian Shaw said the 2.1% increase in cost makes the fee \$22,432, up \$450 from the current price. WCA has been doing assessing for the city for seven years and represents 24 communities in Wayne County;

- Approved the mayor's appointments of Jason Mida to the Downtown Development Authority, with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2019, and Claude Partridge, Jr., to the Parks and Recreation Commission, with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2020;

- Approved accounts payable of \$134,971.28 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Dominion Voting Sys., \$7,476 for election equipment; to Oakland Co. Treasurer, \$2,768.50 for CLEMIS fees/modems (police); to Emergency Reporting, \$1,668 for annual fee (fire); to Wise Technologies, \$801.50 for computer support (police); to Election Source, \$730.50 for ballot testing; and to Bound Tree, \$607 for EMS Suction Device (fire);

- Received a check for \$1,123.83 from Karen Mida, president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, for the city's participation in the recent golf outing;

- Heard City Manager Diana Kollmeyer announce that while the last pickup of leaves at the curb is this week, a dumpster near the street at the DPW yard will be available 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, for residents to bring paper bags of leaves for disposal; and

- Heard Mayor Conley announce that while the winners in the city's October scarecrow contest will be called up in front of the council to be honored, they won't get their plaques picturing their scarecrows until later because they aren't ready. Honored as winners were Healing Forest Massage & Wellness, Jackson and Jillian Widman, BHS Class of 2020, and Belleville Area Garden Club.

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# Trustee Frazier lectures Supervisor McNamara on ignoring board

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Trustee Sherry Frazier started off the Nov. 21 regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees with a scolding for Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

She pointed out that the minutes of the Oct. 16 work/study meeting and the Oct. 17 regular meeting were up for approval that night.

She said the minutes show that at the Oct. 16 meeting the item of buying a truck for the building inspector to drive was discussed and board members agreed a regular cab was all that was needed. She said it was discussed that a pickup or even a car would be fine. She suggested maybe Deputy Clerk Joanne Montgomery made an error, but Trustee Frazier sounded like that wasn't likely.

That part of the minutes of the Oct. 16 meeting read: "Discussion on the purchase of one 2018 Ford F-150 XL Extended Cab from Atchinson Ford in the amount of \$25,103.16. Three quotes were received and Atchinson Ford was the lowest in accordance with the Township purchasing policy 5% discount for local vendors. Board members discussed an extended cab vs. a regular cab and bed length reaching a conclusion that a regular cab would be sufficient. A new quote will be secured reflecting the change order. The truck will be assigned to the Building Official in the Developmental Services Department."

Then, on Oct. 17, it was on the agenda as an extended cab truck and it was passed 4-3.

According to the minutes of the Oct. 17 meeting: "Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the purchase of one 2018 Ford F-150 XL Extended Cab from Atchinson Ford in the amount of \$25,103.16. Three quotes were received and Atchinson Ford was the lowest in accordance with the Township purchasing policy 5% discount for local vendors. The truck will be assigned to the Building Official in the Developmental Services Department and eventually transferred to the fleet pool. Board members opposing felt a consensus on the cab size and bed length had been reached during the Work Study Session and an 'upgraded' vehicle was not necessary. Following several Board member comments Miller moved to call

the question, Martin seconded. Roll Call vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. The vote on the motion was taken. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright and Martin. Nays: Frazier, Miller and White. Motion carried."

"Mr. McNamara said others came to him and thought it should be changed," Trustee Frazier said. "The minutes back up that change. McNamara said the director

came to him. The directors are running the show," she said.

Frazier said the motion was passed to buy an extended cab for the building inspector to drive around in. She said if something changes in what is expected at a meeting, the board members should be informed instead of being ambushed.

"It's an unfortunate incident and I hope it never happens again," Frazier said.

McNamara replied, "That's old news. Four people voted on it."

"I hope it never happens again," Frazier repeated.

"I don't regret a single solitary thing," McNamara replied.

## Community Chorus to present 'It's Time for Caroling' concert

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the entire community is invited to enjoy the Belleville Community Chorus' 12th-annual holiday concert titled "It's Time for Caroling."

The performance is at 7 p.m. in the Belleville United Methodist Church, 417 Charles Street. The chorus, directed by Sue Hiser and Steve Ko and accompanied by Kevin Shay and a variety of other instrumentalists, will feature songs of the season.

"It's Time for Caroling" will also include numbers by the Belleville Community Children's Chorus.

As always, the concert is free, although donations supporting the chorus are invited and welcomed.

For information on becoming a part of the Belleville Community Chorus, contact Pete Jones at (734) 731-0829 or email Plrmj@msn.com.

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Two McBride Middle School students, Elizabeth Russell, at left, and Kylie Potter, at right, were chosen as first-place district winners in the Voice of Democracy and Patriot's Pen Competition. The essay competition is sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the McBride students were recognized by local VFW Post 4434 and Cornell Anton, Jr., center. All of the seventh-grade students at McBride took part in the contest through their social studies classes. Each teacher sent on several essays to the VFW for review, and the winners were chosen. This year's essay topic was "America's Gift to my Generation." Democracy, freedom, and equality were common themes in the winning essays. Elizabeth and Kylie will now advance to the VFW regional contest held in Kalamazoo in January, where one first-place winner will advance to the state level. From there, a contestant enters a national competition and a chance to win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington D.C.

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Pastor Bernie Travis of Liberty Gospel Church on N. Liberty Street in the City of Belleville, celebrated his 80th birthday on Saturday, Nov. 18. Ninety-seven friends and family attended the party at the Great Lakes Christian Fellowship Hall in Warren. His great-grandson provided the party hat.

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## VBT DDA alerted to Japanese Knotweed at Placemaking site

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

A small patch of Japanese Knotweed was found at the site of the Placemaking project on Belleville Road and it needs to be removed as soon as possible.

At its regular meeting on Oct. 24, the Varen Township Downtown Development Authority was alerted to the invasive species.

DDA Director Susan Ireland reported if left unattended, the knotweed spreads quickly and can penetrate asphalt, sidewalks, driveways, and even foundations;

In other business, at its Oct. 24 meeting the DDA:

- Heard Ireland report that DTE estimates for materials only, 19 pedestrian pathway lights with acorn fixtures for the planned bridge over I-94 at \$27,417 for direct buried base or \$40,565 with cement foundation. Thirteen posts that are the same height as the existing streetlights on Belleville Road are \$73,268;

- Heard Ireland report that DTE estimated to convert 72 poles to LED with a new arm and luminaire would be \$137,088 or new DTE stock poles and stock luminaire at \$112,248, for materials only, not labor. She said she expects DTE to attend the DDA's November meeting to present full details;

- Read a report from Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer that said she attended a two-day workshop on grant writing in downtown Detroit with complimentary tuition provided by SEMCOG. She said she hopes to be able to attend the Grant Compliance workshop in December; and

- Heard a presentation from Communication Associates on the upcoming changes to the DDA website.

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

On Monday, members of the Belleville City Council said nothing about closing down the city fire department even though fire fighters had all received their pink slips. And, nothing was on the agenda concerning fire services. At the end of the meeting, Mayor Kerreen Conley announced a special meeting having to do with an intergovernmental agreement for fire service on Dec. 4. From left are Councilmen Jesse Marcotte and Jack Loria, Mayor Conley, and Councilmen Tom Smith and Tom Fielder.



Many fire fighters in dress uniforms were in the audience of the Belleville City Council meeting on Monday.

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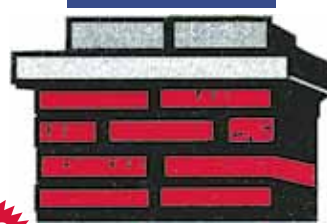
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Tyler Elementary – Principal Aleisa Pitt

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### Matthew Tietz

Ms. McCraight- 1st Grade  
Tyler Elementary – Principal Aleisa Pitt

*"My grandma and grandpa come over and we make cookies. We eat most of them but we leave some for Santa."*



### Savannah Dandrea

Ms. Bos – 4th Grade  
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*"We go see Santa Claus two weeks before Christmas because it is super busy just before Christmas. Also, the elves get a better chance at making what you want."*



### Nevaeh Bridges

Ms. Willoughby – Kindergarten  
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*"We sing Jingle Bells by the Christmas tree."*



### Brandon Brooks

Ms. Sheridan – 3rd Grade  
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### Parker Copeland

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*"Every winter me my grandma and my granny go to the cemetery and put new flowers on my uncle and grandpa's graves."*



### Ayniah Ford

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*"Sharing presents with my cousins and my family."*



### Malia Clark

Ms. Bell – 3rd grade  
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*"On Christmas day we wake up early. After we brush our teeth and wash our face we open up our Christmas presents."*



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# VBT votes to opt out of MMFLA law to allow dispensaries, growing

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Nov. 21, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to opt out of the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act that legally provides for cultivation, dispensaries, secure transportation, and compliance facilities.

The MMFLA will go into effect in December and the city of Belleville has opted out and will be repealing its zoning ordinance that allows for a marijuana grow location in the Industrial zoning.

Sumpter Township is holding monthly committee meetings on the first Wednesday of every month on the MMFLA, with no announced deadline for a decision by the township board.

At the Nov. 20 work/study session of the VBT board, Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, reported that a subgroup has been in place to study medical marijuana over the past few years. He said there is a lot of uncertainty and confusion over the new law and there is yet to be a comprehensive set of rules.

He said the costs of enforcement may be higher than what is brought in from permits and the committee felt it would be wise to wait to see how it works out in other communities before committing.

"If it's wildly successful and a positive thing in other communities, we can always

opt in," Akers said.

The board passed the resolution to opt out so this can be sent to LARA (Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs) so the state doesn't grant any licenses in the Van Buren Township community.

"I hope that Sumpter Township opts out, also," said VBT Trustee Sherry Frazier at the Nov. 20 meeting. "We'll be lumped in there, with people saying 'Belleville's got the marijuana'," Trustee Frazier said. "It's a branding problem. They are looking at finances ... We'd better know what Sumpter is doing... They will reflect our reputation."

"It's because of their mailing address," said Trustee Paul White, noting VBT and Sumpter are both in the 48111 zip code.

"We are involved with them," Trustee Frazier said of Sumpter, noting the district library, museum, and Chamber of Commerce. "Not like Northville ... We need to be involved with Sumpter," she said, saying she planned to attend a Sumpter board meeting, but then was unable to go.

"But, we're opting out," Frazier said of VBT.

In other business at its one-hour-and-15-minute meeting Nov. 21, the board:

- Approved the first reading of an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to repeal the text governing medical marijuana cultivation facilities;
- Approved the first reading of an

amendment to the General Code of Ordinances to repeal regulations governing medical marijuana cultivation facilities;

- Approved extension of the moratorium to defer the review of applications pertaining to medical marijuana cultivation facilities from Dec. 20, 2017 to Dec. 31, 2017 -- 11 days;

- Approved the 2017 amended and 2018 proposed water and sewer budgets with a raise in water and sewer rates of 5%, as of Jan. 1;

- Approved the fireworks display from the closed Denton Road Bridge on Dec. 2 as part of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest celebration. At the township's work/study meeting the day before, Paul Henning said the chamber was \$2,500 short of having enough money for the fireworks. At the regular meeting, when Chamber president Karen Mida was present with Henning to present a check for \$1,123.83 to the township as its share in the recent Tri-Community Golf Outing, Supervisor McNamara told them the board agreed they should keep the check for the fireworks;

- Acknowledged the resignation of Robert Bechtel from the Downtown Development Authority and the appointment of Joyce Rochowiak to serve his unexpired term until March 9, 2018;

- Approved the appointment of Jeff Jahr, Jr. to the Planning Commission, with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2018 and the reappointments of Medina Atchinson and Bryon Kelley, with terms to expire Oct. 1, 2020;

- Approved the appointment of Benjamin Ross to the Environmental Commission, with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2018 and the reappointment of Kess Emekpe with a term to expire Oct. 1, 2020;

- Approved the amended and restated inter-local agreement for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation. This new agreement gives VBT a permanent seat on the executive board;

- Approved refinancing of \$2.5 million worth of 2006 general obligation bonds for fire station 1 and the property where the water tower stands, if the interest rates are lower and could save the township an estimated \$80,000 to \$120,000. The bonds expire in 2022;

- Approved the first readings of four general ordinances, making certain misdemeanors into civil infractions that could be handled at district court instead of circuit court, and leaving the defendant with a monetary fine and clear of a misdemeanor record. The subjects are blight prevention, trailers and vehicles, fire prevention code, and trespass;

- Approved the first reading of amendments to the Zoning Ordinance regarding pond location and setbacks for off-street parking and loading areas, access drives and paved surfaces accessory to a distribution center. These changes came up when the Ashley Capital North site plan was being reviewed;

- Approved distributing the future land use map amendment for the Harold Smith Farm at 50015 Michigan Ave. to adjacent communities for the required 42-day review and comment period. The map includes a consistent buffer of 300-400 feet with Denton Village, between the proposed light industrial zoning of the farm and residential use; and

- Heard Supervisor McNamara announce a Nov. 29 joint meeting between the VBT and City of Belleville planning commissions.

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## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing for the Community Development Block Grant Program is scheduled for December 12, 2017 at the Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 6:00 p.m. For the purposed of:

Receiving comments and suggestions regarding a transfer of CDBG Funds from Housing Rehabilitation to Senior Services.

Program Year 2016 CDBG Funds (\$20,000.00) will need to be transferred from Housing Rehabilitation to Senior Services.

Persons with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services in using public facilities, services or program along with further information is available by contacting the Supervisor of the Township of Sumpter at 734-461-6201 ext. 2229.

Publish: November 30, 2017



# School Board passes resolution asking for local control over guns

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
*Independent Editor*

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education wants local control over its school campuses and doesn't want the state to usurp that control and allow those carrying firearms there, unless they are police officers.

At Monday's regular meeting the board passed a motion, on a 5-2 vote, to send to Governor Rick Snyder and the district's State House Representatives and State Senators.

Trustees Simone Pinter and Darlene Gerick voted no.

The final paragraph of the resolution read: "The Board urges lawmakers and

the Governor as they debate and enact legislation to declare school grounds as a safety sensitive zone and to allow local school boards to enact policies prohibiting an individual who is licensed to carry a concealed weapon from carrying a pistol, whether concealed or unconcealed, on school grounds, unless statutorily required to permit possession of firearms, such as for law enforcement personnel."

The resolution addressed Senate Bills 584-586, passed by the Senate on Nov. 8, which prohibit open carrying but permit concealed carry on school grounds, day care centers, sports arenas, large concert halls, taverns, places of worship, hospitals, college dorms or classrooms, and casinos.

The bills now are in a House of Representatives committee. The school district's lawfirm, Collins & Blaha, prepared two pages of background information on the bills and two pages of resolution wording for the board to consider.

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

- Approved the 2017-18 budget amendment resolution presented by Director of Finance Shareen Barker. This is the first amendment since adoption of the original budget in June. The amendment adjustments total an increase in revenues of

\$1,482,229 and an increase in expenditures of \$1,719,176, leaving a negative net result to the fund balance of \$236,947;

- Approved a Schools of Choice declaration for the second semester for an unlimited number of openings. Board President Keith Johnston said he is glad the district is not taking "somebody else's problems" and are vetting the kids coming in. Curriculum Director Jeff Moore said there are more checks and balances now than were done in the past; and

- Approved hiring Jessica Carlin as an English teacher at Belleville High School.

## Crash on I-275 in VBT kills one, critically injures another

A crash on I-275 involving three vehicles on Nov. 21 in Van Buren Township killed a Sterling Heights man and critically injured another driver.

Michigan State Police said the crash occurred at 12:47 p.m. on northbound I-275 near Ecorse Road.

A 30-year-old father from Sterling Heights was dead at the scene. A second driver was taken by helicopter to the University Hospital in Ann Arbor, where he was listed in critical condition.

A third person was taken to a hospital by

ambulance.

The accident reportedly involved a car hauler that rear-ended a white box truck, sending it into a semi that rolled several times. The deceased person was in the box truck.

The accident is under investigation by the Michigan State Police accident reconstructionist.

Van Buren Township Fire Fighters were on the scene. I-275 was closed until about 8 p.m.

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## Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows applications for 2017 Christmas assistance ends Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Application deadline is 3pm, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>

Forms are available at the Van Buren Township Police Dept. main window  
(46425 Tyler Rd, Belleville)  
or

Printable applications are available online at the Van Buren Township website:

[www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org)

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or

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## 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

Publish November 23 and November 30, 2017

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF POSTING

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN:

Pursuant to the Michigan Charter Township Act, PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the first reading of the following ordinance was conducted by the Township Board of Trustees on the 21st day of November 2017:

**Ordinance 11-21-17(6): REPEAL OF THE TOWNSHIP MEDICAL MARIHUANA CULTIVATION FACILITIES LICENSING ORDINANCE.** An ordinance to repeal Van Buren Township Code of Ordinances Section 58-299 – Medical Marijuana. This ordinance repeals the Township's Medical Marihuana Licensing Ordinance which established standards and procedures on the issuance, renewal, and/or revocation of medical marihuana registrations for medical marihuana licensing facilities.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinances may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Posting Date: November 22, 2017  
Date of Publication: November 30, 2017



## Sumpter Township Public Notice



### SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

The Township of Sumpter, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, is seeking sealed bids for snow removal of sidewalks, driveways, handicap ramps using Wayne County grant monies.

Bids must include the following:

- 1) Commercial Vehicle insurance for all vehicles used.
- 2) List of equipment used to provide snow removal.
- 3) Employer Federal Tax I.D.
- 4) Copy of Business License.
- 5) List of all drivers and their drivers' license numbers.
- 6) Liability insurance naming Sumpter Township as an additional insured. To be provided also from each contractor, if subcontractors are used to provide snow removal.
- 7) Workers compensation certificate if employees are used to provide service.
- 8) Payment to be supplied from Wayne County Grant Funds - all regulations to be complied with.
- 9) Sealed bids to be submitted to Township Clerks Office by December 7, 2017 at 3:00 pm. Bids to be opened December 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m.

The Township of Sumpter is an equal opportunity employer.

Publish November 30, 2017 and December 7, 2017

## BHS home games

Here are upcoming Belleville High School home athletic events:

- Saturday, Dec. 2: Boys Ice Hockey against Grosse Ile, 4 p.m., at Brownstown Sports Center

- Tuesday, Dec. 5: Boys and Girls Bowling against Annapolis, 3:30 p.m., at Lodge Lanes

- Wednesday, Dec. 6: Boys Ice Hockey against Jackson, 7 p.m., at Brownstown Sports Center

Diane Kiessel

BHS Athletic Secretary



## City of Belleville Public Notice



### City of Belleville DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW



The December Board of Review will meet on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at Belleville City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. The Board will correct any clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact pertaining to the 2017 property assessments.

Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status
2. Poverty exemptions
3. Disabled veterans exemptions

Sherri Scharf  
City Clerk

Publish: November 30, 2017

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

#### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to December 12, 2017.

Leon Wright  
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: November 22, 2017

Publish: November 30, 2017  
December 7, 2017



## Savage School collects food to help students eat during winter break

Savage Elementary School wants to help feed its students who will have no food over the winter break, so it is holding a food drive.

From Nov. 27 through Dec. 18, the non-perishable food items and grocery gift cards are being collected.

“Please help our kids have nutritious breakfasts, lunches, and dinners by donating,” say school officials.

Bring items to Savage School or give to a Savage student to bring in for the drive.

Suggested items are things kids like to eat, including peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, oatmeal, soups, canned chicken, canned tuna, canned beans, pasta, pasta sauce, milk substitutes, canned vegetables, canned fruit, apple sauce, nuts, rice, and juice boxes.

Also consider hygiene items, small toys, coloring books, gloves, hats, and scarves.



### City of Belleville Special City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, November 13, 2017

A special meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder Present

Council Member Marcotte Present

Council Member Smith Present

Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present

Mayor Conley Present

3. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Jingle Bell Run

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 17-092 approving the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation's request for street closures on December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:45 to 11:30 a.m. for the Jingle Bell Fun Run/Walk.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Medical Marihuana

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to adopt Resolution No. 17-093 opting out of the State's licensing program for medical marihuana facilities with the stipulation that Administration makes a future recommendation to Council on repealing the current I-2 (industrial) zoning (Ord. No. 10-004) that allows certain marihuana facilities.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider a communication from the City Attorney which is subject to the attorney-client privilege.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-094 to recess the regular meeting and enter Executive Session at 6:30 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to consider a communication from the City Attorney.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:13 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 7:14 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: November 27, 2017

Published: November 30, 2017

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 21, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, and Trustee White. Absent/Excused: Trustee Miller. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Executive Assistant Selman, Public Services Director Taylor, Lt. Bazy, DDA Director Ireland and Deputy Director Lothringer and an audience of twelve (12).

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the revised agenda. Motion Carried.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** White moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as revised [Work Study Session minutes of October 16, 2017, Closed Session minutes of October 16, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of October 17, 2017, Special Board Meeting minutes of November 13, 2017, Closed Session minutes of November 13, 2017, Prepaid List of October 19, 2017, Prepaid List of October 26, 2017, Prepaid List of November 2, 2017, Prepaid List of November 9, 2017, Prepaid List of November 16, 2017, Voucher List of November 7, 2017, Voucher List of November 21, 2017, Approval of the 2017 amended and 2018 proposed water and sewer budget, Approval of the Great Lakes Fireworks LLC commercial fireworks display permit application to set off fireworks on Saturday, December 2, 2017 from the (closed) Denton Bridge, Acknowledge the resignation of Robert Bechtel and approve the appointment of Joyce Rochowiak to the DDA with a term to expire March 9, 2018, Approval of the appointment of Jeff Jahr Jr. to the Planning Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2018, Approval of the reappointments of Medina Atchinson and Bryon Kelley to the Planning Commission with terms to expire October 1, 2020, Approval of the reappointment of Kess Emekpe to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2020, Approval of the appointment of Benjamin Ross to the Environmental Commission with a term to expire October 1, 2018.]. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None.

Trustees Frazier and Martin each read a brief narrative containing background information on the candidates appointed and re-appointed to committees and commission.

Trustee Frazier requested clarification on the work study minutes of October 15, 2017 as they pertained to the purchase of the F150 extended cab for the Building Official. Supervisor McNamara clarified that several Board members had changed their minds from the Work Study session to the Board meeting as it pertained to the purchase of a regular cab or an extended cab.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce representatives presented a check in the amount of \$1, 123.83 to the Township, a portion of the proceeds from the golf outing. Supervisor McNamara, on behalf of the Board, donated the check back to the Chamber of Commerce to offset the costs of the fireworks display that will occur on December 2, 2017.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the conveyance of parcels 83-039-99-0006-702, 83-039-99-0009-720 and 83-039-99-0009-722 from the Charter Township of Van Buren to the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority by quit claim deed. Right of way purchases for the installation of a sidewalks along Belleville Road were purchased beginning in 2011. The purchases were erroneously placed in the Township's name. Several Board members discussed displeasure on the sale of a right of way to the property owner on the NE corner of Tyler and Belleville Road. The property owner intends to develop the property into a Speedway gas station and the easement would allow for access from Belleville Rd. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, White seconded to approve the amended and restated inter-local agreement for the Detroit Region Aerotropolis Development Corporation. Regional Director of Aerotropolis, Bob Luce provided an overview of Aerotropolis and highlighted nine revisions to the inter-local agreement which mainly focused on administrative changes. Under the agreement the Township Supervisor will be appointed on the Aerotropolis Board. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, White seconded to approve Resolution 2017-29 refinancing of 2006 CIP bonds by issuance of 2017 General Obligation Limited Tax Refunding Bonds. Bonds were sold to cover the cost of Fire Station One and Township Property for the water tower. The bonds will be paid off in 2022. By refinancing the bonds at a lower interest rate the Township will realize a savings of approximately \$80,000.00. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (1) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 (Environmental) Article II (Nuisances), Division 3 (Blight Prevention) Section 42-79. The amendment provides for civil infraction penalties. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (2) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 42 (Environmental) Article II (Nuisances), Division 2 (Trailers & Vehicles) Section 42-55. The amendment provides for civil infraction penalties. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Martin seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (3) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 46 (Fire Prevention and Protection), Article II (Fire Prevention Code) Section 46-32. The amendment provides for civil infraction penalties. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (4) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances, Chapter 58 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions), Article IV (Offenses against Property), Division 2 (Trespass) Section 58-106. The amendment would allow a police officer, acting at the request of and on behalf of a property owner, to post and enforce no trespassing on behalf of the property owner. Motion Carried.

White moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (5) an amendment to Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17 (2) as amended, by repealing the Zoning Ordinance text governing medical marihuana Cultivation Facilities. As part of the opt- Out process, sections of the zoning ordinance regarding medical marihuana must be amended. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (6) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 58, Article VI, Division 5, Section 58-299 to provide for repeal regulations governing

Medical Marijuana Cultivation Facilities. Van Buren Township is opting-out of PA 281 of 2016. This resolution states the Township's intention of declining the adoption of an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marihuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2017-27 extension of the moratorium to defer the review of applications pertaining to medical marijuana cultivation facilities from December 20, 2017 to December 31, 2017. The extension is necessary to complete the opt-out process. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Budd seconded to approve Resolution 2017-28 opt-out of the five types of medical marihuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016. This resolution states the Township's intention of declining the adoption of an ordinance authorizing any of the five types of medical marihuana facilities authorized by PA 281 of 2016. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 11-21-17 (7) an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance 05-02-17 (2) as amended, to amend the regulations regarding detention Pond Location and Setbacks for Off-Street parking and loading areas, access drives and paved surfaces accessory to a distribution center. The amendment reflects a change of 80 to 60 feet from a residential district and permits a stormwater basin and related landscaping to be located in any zoning district and are not required to be in the same zoning district as the site from which it receives water. Motion Carried.

White moved, Budd seconded to approve the distribution of the future land use map amendment for the Harold Smith Farm at 50015 Michigan Ave. to our adjacent communities for the required 42-day review and comment period. Amendment is to re-zone the parcel to light industrial. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** The following announcements were made: Belleville/Van Buren Goodfellows applications for 2017 Christmas assistance ends December 1, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.; Goodfellows applications are available on the Township website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) and at the Township Police Department. For more information contact Pam Fleming at 734-699-8934 (9 a.m.- 3 p.m.); the Township Administrative offices will be closed November 23, 2017 and November 24, 2017 in observance of Thanksgiving; all addresses within Van Buren Charter Township are in the process of being changed by the U.S. Postal Services, addresses will be identified as being in Van Buren Township as opposed to Belleville. The Secretary of States office will change driver's licenses, at no charge, to reflect the correct address.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** White moved, Martin seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

Publish: November 30, 2017



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

• **Thursday, Nov. 30** – The Canadian Pacific lighted Holiday Train is scheduled to come 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.

• **Friday, Dec. 1** – Animal Magic 6-7 p.m. on Fourth Street Square.

• **Saturday, Dec. 2** – Van Buren Township's Parks & Recreation Annual Holiday Craft Fair runs from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the township hall. Also bake sale by the seniors from 9 a.m. until the goodies run out.

• **Saturday, Dec. 2** -- Jingle Bell Run starts at Horizon Park gazebo in Belleville: 1K at 9:45 a.m., and 5K at 10 a.m. Lighted Winterfest Parade at 6 p.m. brings Santa to town, followed by city tree-lighting ceremony on the museum lawn. A live manger scene is at the First United Methodist Church, also after the parade. Santa's Soup Contest is 2-4 p.m., Fourth Street Square. Animal Magic on the Fourth Street Square at noon. Carriage rides at Roys Street, 3-5:30 p.m. Gingerbread decorating at library, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Fireworks at 8 p.m.

• **Sunday, Dec. 3** – Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville for a brief ceremony

to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear "Taps" played.

• **Sunday, Dec. 3** – Entertainment with live music by "Southern Echo" from 2-5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben, (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan, (734) 699-8918

• **Monday, Dec. 4** – State Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, invites the public to his coffee hour at 5 p.m. at the Huron Township Hall, 22950 Huron River Drive, Huron Township. His state senate district covers the tri-community.

• **Tuesday, Dec. 5** – Third 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.

• **Wednesday, Dec. 6** – Angel of Hope candlelight ceremony at 7 p.m. at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville. Remembrance ceremony for those who have lost a child. Sponsored by David C. Brown Funeral Home and Brown Family Center.

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## City of Belleville Public Notice



### City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday, November 6, 2017

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS  
Presentations

Jim Piper with the local Mason's organization presented Chief Berriman with a \$3,000 donation to purchase radios for the Police Reserve Unit.

Citizen Comments None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to approve the agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve the regular City Council meeting minutes of October 16, 2017 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Winter Fest – Fireworks Display  
Motion by Marcotte, second by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 17-083 approving the annual fireworks display to be held during Winter Fest.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Jingle Bell Run

There was not a representative from the event present. Mayor Pro Tem Loria asked that this item be moved later in the agenda in case someone arrives to present.

C. Pioneer Landscaping – Donation of Services.  
Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-084, thanking Pioneer Landscaping for their donated services to beautify the Angel of Hope section in Hillside Cemetery.  
MOTION CARRIED.

D. GELC Employee Holiday Schedule.  
Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-085, moving the Christmas Eve holiday for GELC employees to Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
MOTION CARRIED.

E. DDA District Maintenance Agreement.

A new DDA District Maintenance Agreement was presented to Council for approval. The term of this agreement is five years with an additional extension of five years causing the agreement to expire June 30, 2027.

Motion by Marcotte, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-086, DDA District Maintenance agreement.

MOTION CARRIED.

F. DDA FY2017/18 Budget.

Following successful negotiations for a new District Maintenance Agreement, the DDA budget committee recommended to the DDA a revised budget which was approved.

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve Resolution No. 17-087, DDA revised budget for FY2017/18.

MOTION CARRIED.

G. Special City Council Meeting – November 13, 2017.

Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-088, a Special City Council Meeting to be held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:00 pm to include a closed session with the City Attorney to discuss a legal opinion.

MOTION CARRIED.

H. Cancel and reschedule the November 20, 2017 City Council Meeting.

Motion by Smith, second by Marcotte to cancel the regular November 20<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting and reschedule the meeting for Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm due to the Thanksgiving holiday.  
MOTION CARRIED.

I. 2018 City Council Meeting Dates.

Motion by Fielder, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 17-090, 2018 City Council meeting dates with the exception of the second meeting in November being moved to November 26, 2018.  
MOTION CARRIED.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, second by Smith to approve Resolution No. 17-091 for accounts payable and purchases over \$500.00 for a total of \$127,968.11.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to adjourn meeting at 8:34 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Diana J. Kollmeyer, City Manager

Approved: November 27, 2017

Published: November 30, 2017



## Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Winterfest Weekend is finally here with activities and events kicking off the holiday and Christmas season. Mark Rosenthal's Animal Magic will perform this Friday at 6 p.m. and Saturday at noon under the big tent at Fourth Street Square. Saturday also is the Jingle Bell Run, the Soup Contest from 2 to 4 p.m. carriage rides from 3 to 5:30 p.m., light parade at 6 p.m. followed by the arrival of Santa and the official tree lighting at the museum. Then head to the lake for fireworks at 8 p.m. Live music by Bing Burris and Sonic Freeway will fill the tent from 8 to 10 p.m.

The Wayne County Community College's holiday family traditions essay contest winners are featured in a full-page ad in today's paper. Belleville United Methodist Church on Charles Street will be performing their live nativity on the church grounds beginning at 6:45 p.m. Also, be sure to check out the Winterfest schedule in the Belleville Chamber's ad. I'll have my place at parade central so stop over and say hi. The Winterfest Parade is my favorite to cover for the paper. It's about people coming together -- out of the woodwork as I call it, as crowds appear out of nowhere. This year's parade theme is "Traditional." I think everyone has a little tradition to share. It's going to be on the warm side, too, this weekend so be sure to check out the ice sculptures before they melt. See you there!

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Free professional Photos with Santa will take place on Dec. 9 and Dec. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. each day at the Belleville Area Museum. The event is put on by the Belleville Central Business Community and sponsored by Genisys Credit Union and Tucker Agency.

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Belleville Auctioneer Doug Dalton is holding an Estate Antique Auction on Dec. 1, beginning at 6 p.m. at the Romulus Progressive Hall. For preview times, item listings, and lots of pictures, visit [www.doug-daltonauctioneer.com](http://www.doug-daltonauctioneer.com).

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Jingle Belleville Ladies Night Out is next Thursday, Dec. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. in Downtown Belleville where local businesses and eateries will offer special deals. A free shuttle service will run around the downtown area, courtesy of Holiday Inn Express. To learn more, visit Jingle Belleville on Facebook and [www.buyitin-belleville.com](http://www.buyitin-belleville.com).

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

"Reality leaves a lot to the imagination."  
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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 464 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

### Sunday, Nov. 19:

0026 -- domestic, Peninsular Dr.  
0115 -- family trouble, Maurice Dr.  
0312 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood Dr.  
0358 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Gilmore St.  
0632 -- mental subject, Robson Rd.  
0745 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Hull  
0836 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1035 -- trespassing, Hull Rd./Sumpter Rd.  
1205 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
1556 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.  
1814 -- dumping complaint, Ecorse/Morton Taylor  
1927 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.  
2156 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.

### Monday, Nov. 20:

0824 -- suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
0944 -- family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
1203 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1221 -- malicious destruction of property, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1335 -- property damage accident, Village Center  
1346 -- fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1423 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1456 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1528 -- property damage accident, Rawsonville  
1749 -- domestic, Ash Dr.  
1858 -- suspicious person/vehicle, S. Sadie Ln.  
1915 -- larceny, Hardwood Dr.  
2014 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.  
2058 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Greenbriar Ct.

### Tuesday, Nov. 21:

0657 -- breaking & entering, Oak Ln.  
0705 -- assist fire dept., McBride Ave.  
0916 -- property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
0919 -- assault & battery, Hanover Dr.  
1046 -- PPO violation, S. Purple Sage Ct.  
1251 -- property damage accident, Ecorse  
1442 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Vista Dr.  
1505 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1607 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275  
1706 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd. / Charter Club Dr.  
1731 -- fraud, Westlake Cir.  
1809 -- property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1836 -- property damage accident, Belleville/Tyler  
1852 -- road hazard, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.  
1933 -- road hazard, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.

### Wednesday, Nov. 22:

0739 -- larceny from auto, Brandi Dr.  
0902 -- domestic, Denton Rd.  
1134 -- noise complaint, Birch Dr.  
1202 -- fraud, Country Ln.  
1301 -- property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1553 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Reedgrass Ln.  
1614 -- property damage accident, Tyler/Beck  
1656 -- property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Rawsonville Rd.  
1730 -- harassment call, Haggerty Rd.  
2113 -- operating while intoxicated, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
2139 -- disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
2349 -- personal injury accident, Ecorse/I-275

### Thursday, Nov. 23:

0154 -- operating while intoxicated, Belleville  
0205 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville  
0223 -- property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton  
0359 -- fraud, Patty Ln.  
0704 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.  
0907 -- found property/child, Belleville/Quirk  
1100 -- domestic, E. Huron River Dr.  
1248 -- shooting, Martinsville Rd./Savage Rd.  
1501 -- shooting, Fret Rd.  
1535 -- hold-up alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
2122 -- shooting, Riggs Rd.  
2131 -- harassment call, Freedom Way  
2318 -- domestic, Winding Pond Dr.  
2351 -- family trouble, Belleville Rd.

### Friday, Nov. 24:

0011 -- assist fire dept., Monterey Dr.  
0035 -- 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
0725 -- disorderly, Haggerty Rd.

1048 -- family trouble, Hamilton St.  
1214 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.  
1302 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Jeremy Rd.  
1310 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1354 -- breaking & entering, E. Archwood Dr.  
1820 -- trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1900 -- property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1937 -- domestic, Stoneybrook Ct.  
2140 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Villa Dr.  
2332 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

### Saturday, Nov. 25:

0108 -- disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0252 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan/Wabash  
0819 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.  
1020 -- found property/child, Belleville/Tyler  
1237 -- family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1313 -- harassment call, Ironwood Dr.  
1414 -- larceny, Rawsonville Rd.  
1611 -- larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1707 -- private property impound, Sheldon Rd.  
1906 -- assault & battery, Haggerty  
1957 -- assist other dept., EB I-94/Belleville Rd.  
2335 -- civil matter, Oak Ln.

Also on this week's log are 157 traffic stops, 16 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Nov. 19:

0503 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd  
0859 -- animal complaint, Victorian Ln.  
1400 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1432 -- abandoned auto, Victorian Ln.  
1855 -- leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.  
1911 -- civil matter, Astor Pl.

### Monday, Nov. 20:

0020 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
0044 -- intrusion alarm, IMain St.  
0450 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
0904 -- larceny, W. Columbia Ave.  
1223 -- property damage accident, N. Liberty St. / Third St.  
1315 -- warrant arrest, Main St.  
1524 -- juvenile complaint, Carmell St.  
1738 -- larceny from auto, Main St.  
2005 -- civil matter, W. Columbia/Edison Ave.  
2158 -- mental subject, Bay Pointe Dr.

### Tuesday, Nov. 21:

0824 -- disorderly, W. Columbia Ave.  
0825 -- assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.  
0850 -- property damage accident, Owen St. / Sumpter Rd.  
1310 -- narcotics crime, W. Columbia Ave.  
1916 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.  
2043 -- miscellaneous complaint, Maple  
2101 -- mental subject, Loza Ln.  
2208 -- hospice death, Santa Clara St.

### Wednesday, Nov. 22:

0807 -- intrusion alarm, Main St.  
0842 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0919 -- road hazard, Carmell St.  
1004 -- parking complaint, Third St./N. Liberty  
1145 -- juvenile complaint, Light Tower/Harbour Pointe  
2330 -- welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.  
2351 -- harassment call, Main St.

### Thursday, Nov. 23:

0843 -- abandoned auto, Main St.  
1005 -- abandoned auto, Belle Plaza  
1022 -- suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.  
1058 -- abandoned auto, Sumpter Rd.  
1855 -- assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1907 -- assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.

### Friday, Nov. 24:

0311 -- malicious destruction of property, Main St. / Fourth St.  
1037 -- private property/property damage accident, South St.  
1130 -- abandoned auto, N. Liberty St.  
1640 -- suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia Ave.  
1644 -- harassment call, Carmell St.  
1938 -- assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.

### Saturday, Nov. 25:

0242 -- assist fire dept., Carmell St.  
0645 -- 911 welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1111 -- disorderly, N. Liberty St.  
1447 -- assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 63 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, Nov. 19:

0710 -- fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
0744 -- trespassing complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell  
0955 -- family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis  
1116 -- citizen assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1126 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis  
1157 -- animal complaint, Fenster/Judd  
1219 -- civil dispute, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1313 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1525 -- suspicious incident, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1714 -- subpoena service, Second St.  
1943 -- reckless driver, Sumpter/Willow

### Monday, Nov. 20:

0107 -- suspicious person, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1011 -- juvenile complaint, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1446 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1500 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1506 -- property damage accident, Sumpter/Paris  
1604 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
2146 -- disorderly person, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.

### Tuesday, Nov. 21:

0600 -- suspicious vehicle, Haggerty/Willow  
0821 -- fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
0933 -- family trouble, New Mexico  
1131 -- suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1143 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1241 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1249 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1605 -- citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1634 -- warrant arrest pick up, 46000 bl. Reed  
1808 -- citizen assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1829 -- property damage accident, Willis/Sumpter  
2025 -- suspicious person, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.  
2114 -- civil dispute, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Wednesday, Nov. 22:

0224 -- alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0826 -- subpoena service, Second St.  
1050 -- alarm, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1722 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1808 -- civil dispute, 19000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1929 -- fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2358 -- fire dept. assist, New Mexico

### Thursday, Nov. 23:

1356 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1624 -- well-being check, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.  
1702 -- well-being check, Virginia  
2002 -- well-being check, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
2159 -- suspicious incident, Clay/Sumpter

### Friday, Nov. 24:

0515 -- fire dept. assist, Virginia  
0841 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.  
1057 -- suspicious incident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1149 -- fraud complaint, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1210 -- assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis  
1223 -- civil dispute, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1458 -- suspicious incident, Carriage Ln.  
1644 -- animal complaint, Wayside  
1705 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1725 -- civil dispute, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1849 -- suspicious incident, Texas  
2036 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2155 -- fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2229 -- citizen assist, Sumpter/Willow  
2323 -- noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.

### Saturday, Nov. 25:

0941 -- trespassing complaint, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1050 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township  
1208 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1700 -- malicious destruction of property, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2023 -- civil dispute, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2113 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
2335 -- suspicious incident, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.

Also on this week's log are nine follow-up investigations, 34 miscellaneous details, 148 patrol checks, and 50 traffic stops.

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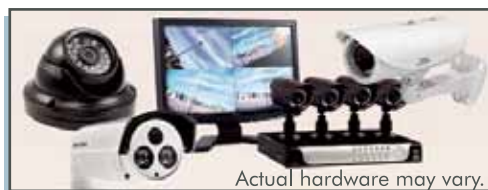
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