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## Candidates file for August primary ballot in Sumpter, Van Buren

The deadline to file to be on the ballot for the Michigan primary election on Aug. 4 was at 4 p.m., Tuesday, April 21.

On Monday, a federal court judge ordered the deadline for some filings for offices, including judicial offices, to be extended until May 8 at 5 p.m.

Those filing for township offices are not affected and had to meet the April 21 deadline.

### Van Buren Township

Filing, as of the deadline, for four-year seats on the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees were the following Democrats:

- For supervisor, Kevin McNamara, incumbent;
- For clerk, Leon Wright, incumbent;
- For treasurer, Sharry Budd, incumbent;
- For trustees (four to be elected) incumbents Sherry Frazier, Kevin Martin, Reggie Miller, and Paul White; also Don Boynton, Jr.; and Walter Rochowiak.

A Republican, Cameron Porzondek, also filed for trustee.

### Sumpter Township

Filing, as of the deadline, for four-year seats on the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees were the following Democrats:

- For supervisor, incumbent John Morgan, Nelson Po, Antoine Jordan, and Denise Komora. Tim Bowman filed as a Republican for the office of supervisor.

- For clerk, incumbent Esther Hurst and Sherry Olds. A filing by Lesa Foster was found invalid.

- For treasurer, James Clark and Vincent Warren.

- For trustee (four to be elected), incumbent Democrats Don LaPorte, Matthew Oddy, and Don Swinson; also Sheena Barnes, Ken Myers, Peggy Morgan, and Eric Partridge.

Filing as a Republican, for trustee, was incumbent Tim Rush.

The deadline for state representatives was not affected by the federal judge's ruling.

Filing by the April 21 deadline for a two-year term as 17<sup>th</sup> District Representative in the State Legislature were Republican Joe Bellino, Jr., 1285 Hollywood, Monroe; and

Democrat Christopher Slat, 33 E. Front St., Monroe.

Filing for a two-year term as 21<sup>st</sup> District Representative in the State Legislature were Democrat Than Petzold, 45415 Brunswick Dr., Canton, and Democrat Ranjeev Puri, 761 Roosevelt, Canton. Also, Republicans filing were Laurel Hess, 1201 Liberty Ct., Canton; James Nangle, 44047 Southampton Dr., Canton; and Jessica Sohoza, 13722 Milton Dr., Van Buren Township.

Filing for a two-year term as 12<sup>th</sup> District Representative in the State Legislature were Democrats Alex Garza, 25055 Crowley St., Taylor; Derrick A. Gyorkos, 6019 John Daly, Taylor; and Ed Martell, 15689 Isabelle, Romulus; and Republican Michelle Bailey, 16031 Beech Daly Rd., Lot 121, Taylor.

The Democrats will face off against each other in August, as will the Republican candidates.

The Democrat and Republican winners in the August primary will face off in the Nov. 3 general election.

Deadline is July 16 to file for district library board and candidates without political party affiliation seeking partisan offices in the Nov. 3, election. Deadline is July 21 to file for local school board and community college trustee.

## Council approves banners on Main St. to honor graduates

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
*Independent Editor*

At Monday's virtual Zoom meeting, the Belleville City Council voted unanimously to hang banners along Main Street for three months to honor the Belleville High School seniors who will miss their regular graduation exercises.

The idea was presented by Councilman Ken Voigt who said he talked it over with School Supt. Pete Kudlak who liked the idea.

"We have 365 seniors at BHS who basically have been *gypped out* of spring sports, prom, and graduation," he said.

Councilman Voigt said earlier



Photo courtesy of maeannphotography.com

The Class of COVID-19 – This was supposed to be the year for the Class of 2020. No one would have ever guessed this was how their senior year was going to end. Jessica and Johnathon Koweck did this picture at their Belleville home, as part as an album to celebrate the graduations. Their daughter Gracie Overby is a senior at Belleville High School and son Cayden Koweck is a senior at Southgate Anderson High School. The face masks are used for paint ball, no filters. Their eye pieces kept fogging up. The family did not have gloves on hand and found it inappropriate to buy them for this shoot, so they did it without. (The Kowecks send a huge thank you to all the front-line men and women who are risking it all, so the graduates can have a future. So we all can have a future.) They thank @AndyNeherPhotography for the inspiration.

Councilwoman Kelly Bates had proposed putting veterans' names on banners on Main Street as other communities have done.

"I thought we could put senior pictures up," he said, noting it was first proposed just spring sports students would be good, but that is not fair. He said a lottery was suggested, but that would be limited.

He said there are 42 poles on Main Street that can be used for banners and another 16 if you go onto the bridge and High Street. That is 60 and with one picture on each side it would be 120.



In one-month increments -- starting May 15, June 15, and July 15 -- all the students could be accommodated, he said.

He said the BYC agreed to pay for

the project and Davenport Brothers volunteered to put up the banners with their man-lifter, so the city wouldn't have to move a ladder up and down the streets.

"It will not cost the city a dime," Voigt said. "All we need is to give permission."

DPW Director Rick Rutherford said, "I think that's an awesome idea. I'm concerned about the conditions at the lake. Make sure they're connected securely so they don't end up in the lake... I think it's wonderful."

Voigt said the banners come with two grommets to be zip-tied to the pole.

"I'll be glad to work with whoever to see they're securely fastened and to honor the seniors," Rutherford said.

Councilwoman Bates said she supported the project and, "I think this is going to be awesome."

Voigt said the banners are doubled up and

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## Sumpter board approves full pay of furloughed employees as of April 14

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

During a 38-minute special meeting on April 2, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to pay all employees full pay through April 13 and to furlough eight employees with full pay from April 14 until further notice.

One name was withdrawn after the furlough vote, so seven employees were furloughed until April 13, in compliance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer's Stay Home order.

Clerk Esther Hurt and Treasurer Ken Bednark were absent and excused from the meeting.

Furloughed were Anna Winter, Brad Wheelock, Dawn Hadyniak, Karen Woodington, Peter Gregory, Sue Dufresne, and Erica Campbell. The name of Richard Morgan, a driver for the senior center, was withdrawn from the original list.

The recommendation for the furloughs came from a committee convened by Supervisor John Morgan which had met for an hour on the Monday before the special Thursday meeting.

At the committee meeting were Supervisor Morgan, Clerk Hurst, Human Resources Director Michelle Bellingham, Finance Director Michelle Cole, Public Safety Director Eric Luke, Water Superintendent Ken Kunka and Deputy Supervisor Karen Amatis. They held a phone conference with labor attorney Stacy Belisle and then decided the special meeting was in order.

At the April 2 meeting, Trustee Don LaPorte asked why taxpayers should be paying for people not needed. He said they should be collecting unemployment now if they're not needed.

Trustee Don Swinson said when the governor's order came down to close, that's when Atchinson Ford, where he works, closed.

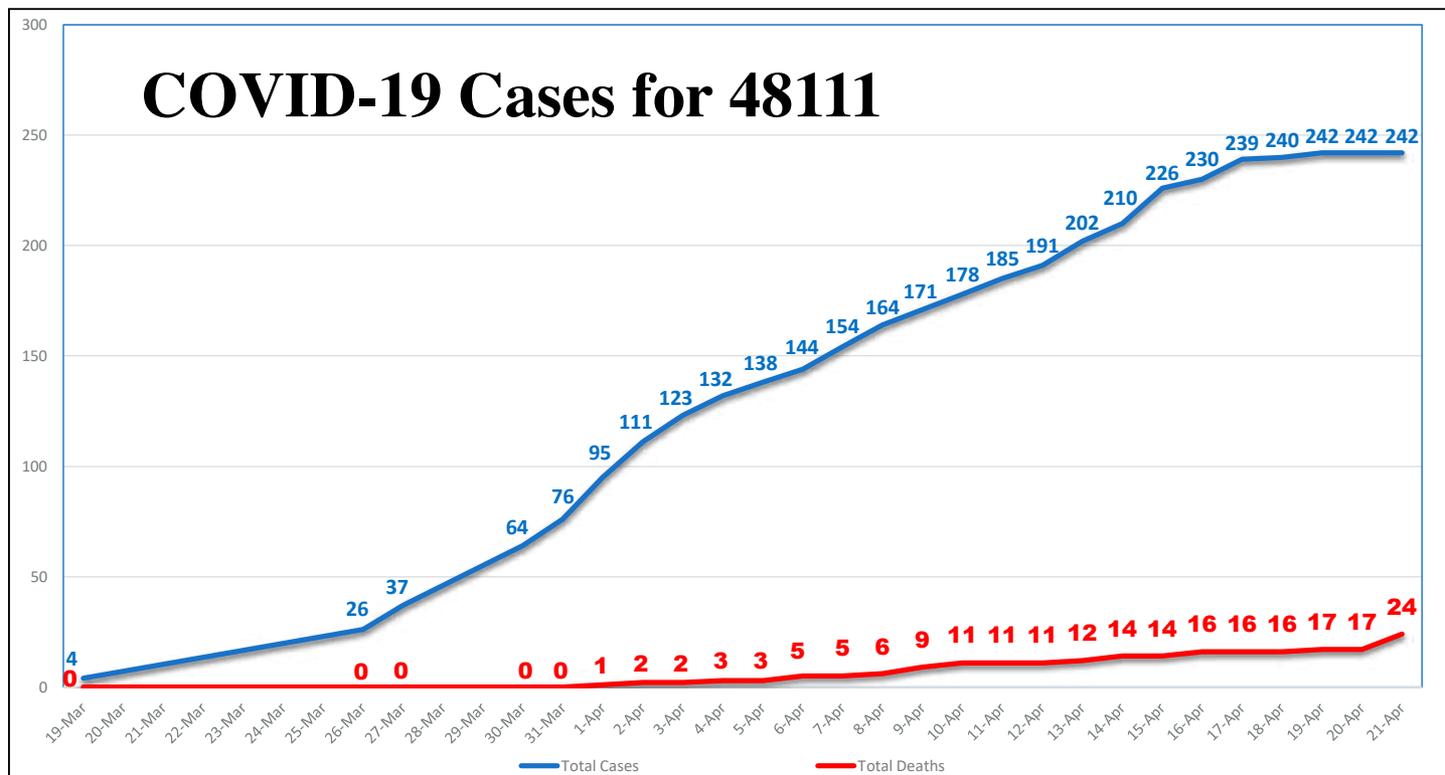
"Government workers are exempt from that," Trustee LaPorte said. "We're deemed essential on that list."

Supervisor Morgan said the township is doing what is consistent with communities around it. He said the committee talked about the pros and cons for an hour or more and, "I think we made the right decision."

LaPorte said he's not looking backward to criticize past decisions, but he's looking forward at the township residents paying people to stay at home when the rest of the working world people are at home struggling.

"It's not consistent with the working world," LaPorte said.

Supervisor Morgan said it was consistent with other communities.



Numbers by Wayne County Health Department; chart by James Otzman.

The COVID-19 numbers from the Wayne County Health Department for this area started with just "Belleville" rates and around the first of April started breaking them into Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township. The number designated "Belleville" has consistently been the highest and rising. Many people believe the total for 48111, as shown above, is the most accurate for the situation in the tri-community, since what's on a driver's license may or may not be the most accurate designation of residence. Also, the "confirmed" cases listed are only the ones that have been tested.

Trustee Swinson said it was three weeks pay and then on furlough to keep them safe if they're not needed.

Trustee Matt Oddy said the goal is to keep everyone safe, "But, I would choose two weeks rather than three weeks, if we had been consulted before the decision was made."

LaPorte said if an employee is essential, the employee is needed and could come in and do the job more than six feet apart.

"Somebody essential should be here working their 40 hours and if not, furloughed," LaPorte said, noting it was an easy call.

Township attorney Rob Young, seated in the audience, said the decision on this is to be made during this meeting and it's up to the board to decide.

"Employees don't decide who's essential," Young said. "Who is essential is the board's decision."

Young said the township has had problems with operations and they're working with water billing and the sewer department and very difficult challenges.

"We should be working together and that's not the case ... That needs to change to protect the integrity of the citizens," Young said, noting the choice is the board's on what to do with the recommendation.

"Who do you want as essential? It's up to the board," he said.

"We're making approval on what happened for the last two weeks and one week ahead," Oddy said. He said these

are trying times with emergencies and the board didn't have a chance to decide before the last two weeks.

Young said the township is trying to react to uncertainties, with new orders coming out every other day. [His comments were

hard to hear because he was back in the meeting room away from the microphone as he talked.]

"I want to thank the people who came together ... came into the offices to make

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## Editorial

### We're living through a story to be in the history books

At the April 2 Sumpter Township meeting, Trustee Don LaPorte said what is happening now is the stuff that will be written about in history books.

He's right. This is a place in history that will not be forgotten and will be studied and written about, just like the flu that ravaged our country and Europe a hundred years ago.

We'll tell our grandchildren about these days - how our businesses closed, our employees went home, our schools closed and our children did their learning by computers, and how we couldn't go to see our loved ones in nursing homes or go fishing in a motor boat or buy paint in a store for our house or buy seeds to plant from a store or get someone to mow grandmother's lawn.

How the grocery stores sometimes had shelves that were bare of certain projects. How the gas prices were low, but we couldn't drive to our cabins up north.

We'll also remember all the helping hands that reached out to help others. The food drive-throughs are everywhere to feed whoever is hungry. Face masks are being sewn by dozens of local seamstresses and distributed to those who can use them to keep safe. Neighbors are helping seniors with their yard work. First responders come when they are called to help, no matter the danger from the virus. Hospital workers give up their safety to help those in need. Yes, these will be the times to remember - hope they end soon.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville Post Office has confirmed that the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, set for May 9 this year, has been postponed until fall.

Last May, the letter carriers collected more than 11,000 pounds of food for the Community Food Closet at First United Methodist Church in Belleville.

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On Friday morning, emergency crews were called to Judd Road in Sumpter Township where an Amazon driver reported he was cut off and had to slam on his brakes. A package hit him in the back of the head and he was dizzy.

It was noted he was screened for the virus and was negative.

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We received an email from a lady in Wisconsin that was pretty amazing. Bronna Lehmann (blehmann@blvpl.org) from the Belleville Public Library in Belleville, Wisconsin wrote about how she found us on the internet. She wrote: "Hello -- While doing a Google search for media coverage of this week's groundbreaking for the new Belleville Public Library in Belleville, WI, I found that Belleville, MI had also broken ground for a new library on April 14 in 2018. An amusing coincidence in these difficult times. I hope your community is enjoying their new library."

She included the link to her library's story: <https://www.bellevillelibrary-wi.org/New-Library>

We wrote to her and told her about how our library did open and then had to close within a few days because of COVID-19.

We sent the email on to Belleville, MI's library director Mary Jo Suchy and she said



she plans to contact the Belleville, WI, library and wish them good luck.

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The federal judge's Monday postponement of the deadline for those seeking to be on the ballot in the August primary does not cover our Van Buren and Sumpter township candidates, or State Representatives, which still had to hit the 4 p.m., April 21, deadline.

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At Monday's virtual Zoom meeting of the Belleville City council, interim city manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz said she has been contacting Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and others to help the city get better, accurate numbers for the COVID-19 cases and deaths within the city. She said the problem seems to be the ongoing problem with the zip code.

Kobylarz said the governor's executive order on virtual meetings, 2020-48, says governmental bodies can meet virtually until May 12 and so the city can have one more regular meeting virtually and then can come back in person. She said the governor will decide that.

She advised everyone to wash their hands and wash their hands.

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In an informational message, VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara reports: "We have combined our dispatch with Northville's Dispatch for joint operation to cut in half ours, and Northville's, dispatcher hours. Northville has a quarantinable dispatch area

that can be secured and allows for social distancing, unlike ours which is in the center of our police station, is somewhat close quarters, and an open area. This reduces our dispatcher threat of contamination by more than half."

Supervisor McNamara also reports: "We have lobbied and worked with our County Commissioner Al Haidous that sponsored ... requests by Van Buren to make pertinent changes to the Small Business Loan programs to better allow Van Buren businesses to acquire the capital to weather this storm. Special thanks to the commissioner and the county executive who supported this initiative to completion."

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People are calling for information and for subscriptions and tips on news items, so we are kept busy - but not as busy as we were when people didn't have to stay home. We are looking forward to the end of this deadly pandemic.



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**Letters**

**Thanks to all who help feed the hungry**

To the editor:  
 Recently, the Meijer Simply Give program donated to the Emergency Food Closet housed at the Belleville First United Methodist Church at 417 Charles St., \$5,000 in Food Only gift cards to help the hungry in Sumpter and Van Buren Townships and the City of Belleville during this unprecedented health crisis. This will help so many who are struggling with food insecurity at this time. We thank and appreciate Meijer's philanthropic efforts to help those in need.

We would like to thank Reggie Miller, Van Buren Township Trustee, for her efforts that secured a grant from the United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Due to her efforts, the Emergency Food Closet received many needed items. We would also like to thank Lynette Jordan for coordinating the delivery and the township staff who delivered and unloaded these at the church.

The Emergency Food Closet is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Currently, it is a "drive thru" pantry. New clients need to bring a current Michigan Driver's License or State ID to verify residency.

Minette Brownlee & Marilyn Wood  
 Coordinators - Emergency Food Closet

**Protecting each other by staying home**

To the editor:  
 My grandmother died in the 1918 flu epidemic. My mother was five years old and her twin sisters were a year old at the time. Needless to say, my grandmother's death affected my mother and her sisters significantly for the rest of their lives.

Being raised by a single father was difficult. Even when my grandfather remarried, things were difficult for all of them. When you think about it, the lives of my brothers, sisters, and cousins were affected, too. The security and hopefulness of two generations was drastically changed.

The 1918 pandemic changed the course of so many people's lives.

On Sunday, April 19, I read a column in the *Detroit Free Press* by Mitch Albom that gets to the heart of the crisis we're facing today. Mitch's column is titled "The Michigan I know doesn't lose its head in a pandemic." It's well worth reading. <https://www.freep.com/story/sports/columnists/mitch-albom/2020/04/19/mitch-albom-michigan-capitol-protests/5159235002/>

Our staying home will decrease the length of this pandemic's cost to everyone. Staying at home protects our communities, our neighbors, and friends. Beyond mitigation, though, staying home shows gratitude to those people who take risks in order to contribute to our safety and health.

Who are the people we protect by staying home? It isn't just our immediate families. It's our friends and neighbors. It's the people taking risks for us every day -- the police officer, the postal worker, that delivery person who brings something to our door, the grocery store cashiers and grocery stockers, and the bus driver.

Certainly, it is our medical professionals. But it is also the janitor and cleaning woman who work at medical centers. It is the aide, the technician, the receptionist and billing clerk, the computer technician. In other words, the people who contribute to the safety and work of our health professionals.

Be safe. Be cautious. Be smart. Please support our governor. She's making the right decisions to protect us.

I wonder whether the people at these political rallies are not passing the virus to each other and bringing it back home?

Barbara Zysk-Berman  
 Sumpter Township

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# Obituaries



Harry Steve Walter



**HARRY STEVE WALTER**

(August 3, 1941 – April 13, 2020)  
Harry Steve Walter, age 78 of Belleville, passed away on Monday, April 13, 2020 at Vibra Hospital in Taylor.

Born August 3, 1941 in Flint from the union of Lloyd and Pauline (Cummings) Walter. Harry went to Barryton High School and graduated in 1960. Later on, he met the love of his life, Donna Copley. They got married on July 1, 1972 in Taylor, MI. They raised two boys and spent over 47 wonderful years together.

Harry proudly served in the United States Army from 1962 - 1965. He was stationed in Germany working as a Cook. Harry worked for Kilgore Construction as well as Michigan Trenching Service as a construction worker. He took an early medical retirement.

Beloved husband of Donna Walter. Loving father of Steven (Shannon) Walter and Scott (Tammy) Walter. Dearest grandfather of Avery Walter, Austin Crow, Jalen Walter, Drake Deterding, Ryan Walter, Kelsey Deterding, Emilee Walter, Nicholas Rodriguez, and Colsen Walter. Dear brother of Gary Walter. Also survived by many nieces and nephews as well as great-nieces and great-nephews.

Harry's wishes were to be cremated. Due to public health concerns, funeral arrangements for Harry are private.

Online condolences to the family may be made through [www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com).

## Van Buren Township restarts yard waste pickup this week

Pickup of yard waste in Van Buren Township resumed the week of April 20 – this week. The pick up of bulk items, such as couches, refrigerators, tables, etc., is still postponed until further notice.

Due to anticipated heavy volumes during the week, some yard waste stops may not be picked up on the regular service day. Waste Management said its crews will work to pick up the material as quickly as possible based on crew availability.

For yard waste, make sure to bundle all branches less than 6 inches in diameter. Bundles cannot weigh more than 50 pounds and be no longer than 4 feet in length and 18 inches around.

Brush larger than 6 inches in diameter must be bundled, but is considered trash and will be picked up as such. If you're putting the brush in a can, it must have a yard waste sticker on it.

If residents of Van Buren Township need a yard waste sticker or landfill pass (to drop off bulk items) call (734) 699-8926. Leave a detailed message including a name, address and phone number and a staff member will return the call.

## Sheena Barnes making masks for fire fighters, children, dogs, others

Sheena Barnes of Sumpter Township said she is making masks as protection from the coronavirus for Sumpter fire fighters and anyone else who needs them, including children and dogs. She said coffee filters can be tucked inside the masks for extra filtration. Barnes said she will be happy to help anyone who needs masks. Call her at (734) 790-0188.



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# Obituaries



Bonalyn "Bonnie" Janet Hertz

## BONALYN 'BONNIE' JANET HERTZ

(August 26, 1933 – March 27, 2020)

Bonnie passed away surrounded by loved ones on March 27, 2020. Bonnie was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota and moved to Michigan as a teenager. She attended Eastern Michigan University where she achieved her teaching degree. Bonnie taught high school English for several years before marrying Richard Hertz in 1960 and raising four children.

There was never a dull moment with Bonnie around; she had a larger than life personality that was sure to bring lots of laughs and fun. She had a love of antiques and became somewhat of a local legend as an antique dealer, even owning her own shop at one point. She loved attending auctions and buying and selling "junk" as she called it. Bonnie was also an avid reader of mystery novels. Bonnie loved to spend time with her grandchildren -- taking them shopping and out to lunch, followed by dessert, of course. She loved playing scrabble with her grandson and strived to one day beat him at the game. She achieved her lifelong goal of seeing the ocean when her granddaughter took her on a road trip to Maine in 2016. Bonnie loved to discuss and debate every topic, especially politics, and passed her tenacious spirit down to her children and grandchildren. Bonnie was kind and generous with a great sense of humor. Bonnie is preceded in death by her father Bonno Reiher, mother Doris Kester, daughter Sarah Briggs, and nephew Matthew Reiher. She is survived by sister Cheryl Benton and brother Mark Reiher (Carin) of Arizona, daughters Melissa Hertz and Amy Baylon (Andrew,) son Richard Hertz, niece Robin Link and six grandchildren. A private graveside burial was held and arrangements were entrusted to Higginson and Neal Funeral Home, Belleville, 734-697-9400. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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Andrea "Puff" Doria Elliott

## ANDREA DORIA ELLIOTT

(September 24, 1956 – April 17, 2020)

Andrea Doria Elliott, known by many as "Puff", passed away peacefully Friday, April 17, 2020 after a year-long battle with cancer at the age of 63.

She was born September 24, 1956 in Belleville, MI to the late John and Mae (Roberts) Foster. Andrea worked as a Home Care Assistant through MCOP for many years and was a cherished housewife, as well. She married her beloved husband, Ricky Elliott, on Valentine's Day in 2005. This year they celebrated 15 years of marriage together before her passing.

Andrea was a beautiful spirit with an amazing sense of humor. She had a beautiful smile and always lit up the room with her bigger than life personality. Friends and family gravitated towards Andrea because she was fun to be around and had a habit of making people smile. Through the years, Andrea enjoyed home care and being a housewife. She will be remembered as a fantastic cook who enjoyed preparing turkey, chicken, pies, and the annual family holiday meals. Her spirit and upbeat approach to life will forever live on. She will forever be missed by many; especially her family, friends, and her black lab Sheeba.

To cherish her memory, she leaves her husband Ricky Elliott of Monroe; a daughter Angela White of Ann Arbor; a step-son Ricshaun Elliott of Savannah, GA; two brothers: Carl Foster and Tony (Jaclyn) Foster, both of Ypsilanti; three sisters: Sherry Babbs of Dallas, TX, Jennifer Anderson of Los Angeles, CA, and Tina Foster of Belleville, MI. She will be deeply missed by her granddaughter Solana White and her dear friend Cheryl Gasper and family of Sumpter Township, MI.

To honor her wishes, cremation will take place. A memorial gathering for Andrea will be held in September of 2020. Funeral arrangements entrusted to Rupp Funeral Home. Memorial donations suggested to the American Cancer Society. Online condolences to the family may be made through [www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com](http://www.ruppfuneralhomeinc.com).

# Visteon to announce first-quarter 2020 results on Thursday, April 30

Visteon Corporation (VC) plans to release its first-quarter 2020 financial results prior to 7 a.m. ET on Thursday, April 30.

The company will host a conference call for the investment community at 9:15 a.m. ET to discuss the results and related matters. The conference call also is available to the general public via a live audio webcast.

The dial-in numbers to participate in the call are:

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start of the conference.)

The conference call and live audio webcast, related presentation materials, news release and other supplemental information will be accessible in the [Investors](#) section of Visteon's website.

A replay of the conference call will be available through the company's website or by dialing 855-859-2056 (toll-free from the U.S. and Canada) or 404-537-3406 (international). The conference ID for the phone replay is 7037948. The phone replay will be available for one week following the conference call.



Photo courtesy of Beverly Porter, September Days Transportation  
 Last week, neighbors joined in to help clean up the yard of 92-year-old Eleanore Hendrickson on Robson Road in Van Buren Township. A neighboring couple hadn't seen her out for a while and they asked the township senior transportation driver in her yard if she was home and the driver said she was. So, they started cleaning up the yard and soon other neighbors joined in. The group did both the front and back yards and since there was no yard waste pickup in the township at the time, the older couple began moving the waste by wheel barrel across to their property. Pausing for a picture are, from left, Kathy Pike, Kevin Coughlin, and Art Blevins. Not shown are Madeline Blevins and John Coughlin.

"I thought it was the most wonderful thing that ever happened to me," Eleanore Hendrickson, 92, said of the work her neighbors did to clean up her yard. "I got to crying. That's what happens when you're older than dirt," she said. She said she hurt her legs several times and hasn't been out of her house for a couple of months. Hendrickson said she has bleeding ulcers, a stent in her heart, and other physical problems. She said Beverly Porter, head of the Senior Center's transportation, has kind of adopted her and watches over her. Hendrickson said she has been a member of September Days since 1984. She said she asked next-door neighbor Charlie Brown to take her trash and recycling out to the curb one week and he's been doing it ever since. "I'm a bawl bag. I sit here and cry because I am so fortunate."

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### City of Belleville Water Department

### Consumer Confidence Report

**The Belleville Water Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.**

#### Overview

The City of Belleville is proud of the fine drinking water it provides. This annual water quality report shows the source of our water, lists the results of our tests and contains much important information about water and health. Belleville Water Department will notify you immediately if there is any reason for concern about your water. We are happy to show you how we have surpassed water-quality standards. You will receive reports like this each and every year by July 1 regarding your water.

Drinking water quality is important to our community and the region. The City of Belleville and the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) are committed to meeting state and federal water quality standards including the Lead and Copper Rule. With the Great Lakes as our water source and proven treatment technologies, the GLWA consistently delivers safe drinking water to our community. Belleville operates the system of water mains that carry this water to your home's service line. This year's Water Quality Report highlights the performance of GLWA and Belleville water professionals in delivering some of the nation's best drinking water. Together, we remain committed to protecting public health and maintaining open communication with the public about our drinking water.

#### Water Source

The City of Belleville water is supplied by the Great Lakes Water Authority from its Southwest Water Treatment Plant. The Great Lakes Water Authority provides drinking water to approximately 4.2 million people in 126 Michigan Communities. The City of Belleville purchased over 111,425,000 gallons of water in 2019.

The system uses water drawn from the Detroit River through a 12-foot diameter intake that is approximately 120-feet deep. The line slopes to a depth of 132-feet in approximately one mile where it connects at a vertical shore shaft, which causes raw water to rise and enter a land tunnel. The 12-foot diameter shore or land tunnel travels another 3 miles to the Southwest plant's low lift pumps. The many miles of deep raw water tunnels are periodically inspected either by divers or with cameras for structural integrity and zebra mussel infestation.

Your source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within the Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River, in the U.S. and parts of the Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sydenham watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute performed a source water assessment in 2004 to determine the susceptibility of GLWA's Detroit River source water for potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is based on a seven-tiered scale and ranges from "very low" to "very high" determined primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and potential contaminant sources. The report described GLWA's Detroit River intakes as highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four GLWA water treatment plants that service the City of Detroit and draw water from the Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment and meet drinking water standards.

GLWA has initiated source-water protection activities that include chemical containment, spill response, and a mercury reduction program. GLWA participates in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit discharge program and has an emergency response management plan. In 2016, the Michigan Department of

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## Yankee Air Museum unveils Creativity Hangar on internet

A new module of the Yankee Air Museum's website was unveiled last Thursday.

The Creativity Hangar contains an array of activities for kids of all ages -- many coming by permission of the Smithsonian and NASA.

Born out of the "Stay Home-Stay Safe" order, this will become a permanent addition to the YankeeAirMuseum.org portal.

"Yankee Air Museum is well-known for being the region's leading aviation-themed experience center," said Kevin Walsh, executive director. "Over the years we have worked hard to maintain a fleet of historic flyable aircraft and immersive indoor exhibits. The coronavirus pandemic has not slowed our creativity. It's moved it online."

Walsh praised the museum's curator Julie Osborne and membership director Megan Favio for "thinking out of the aircraft" to bring fascinating educational activities to the internet. According to Walsh, people will find stories, coloring sheets, fun experiments and do-it-yourself inventions.

"Yankee Air Museum is proud to be a Smithsonian Affiliate, and we work with NASA also, to inspire people with aviation history, current events, and the challenges of the future," said Osborn. "My passion is discovering rare artifacts of aviation history, but working from home has provided an opportunity to take YankeeAirMuseum.org to a new level."

Membership director Favio agreed, adding, "Creativity Hangar is something we've wanted to do for a while. It's been fun for us and we know it will be fun for everyone who visits our website."

Enter the Creativity Hangar by visiting [www.yankeeairmuseum.org/creativity\\_hangar](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/creativity_hangar) and be sure to visit Yankee Air Museum when it reopens.

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For a list of essentials visit their website at [www.friendsofmichigan.org](http://www.friendsofmichigan.org). Once the shelter-in-place is lifted and the business reopens, their weekly adoptable pet offering will return to our newspaper and they will resume their adoption events and fundraisers around the tri-community. Pet adoptions can still take place despite being closed. Visit their website and call (734) 461-9458. Volunteers are always welcome.

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# City of Belleville Public Notice



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Environmental Quality approved the GLWA Surface Water Intake Protection Program Plan. The programs include seven elements that include the following: roles and duties of government units and water supply agencies, delineation of a source water protection areas, identification of potential of sources of contamination, management approaches for protection, contingency plans, siting of new sources, public participation and public education activities. If you would like to know more information about the Source Water Assessment report, please contact GLWA at 313-926-8102.

### How Do We Know Our Water Is Safe?

We obtain water from the Great Lakes Water Authority whose treatment facilities operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The treatment process begins with the disinfecting the source water with chlorine to kill harmful microorganisms that can cause illness. Next, chemical called alum is mixed with the water to remove the fine particles that make the water cloudy or turbid. Alum causes the particles to clump together and settle to the bottom. Fluoride is also added to protect our teeth from cavities and decay.

The water then flows through fine sand filters called beds. These filters remove even more particles and certain microorganisms that are resistant to chlorine. Finally, a small amount of phosphoric acid and chlorine are added to the treated water just before it leaves the treatment plant. The phosphoric acid helps control the lead that may dissolve in the water from household plumbing systems. The chlorine keeps the water disinfected as it travels through water mains to reach your home.

The water is tested for a variety of substances before treatment, during various stages of treatment and throughout the distribution system on a regular basis. The City of Belleville has several testing locations that are tested regularly by the Great Lakes Water Authority. If any contaminants are detected at an unacceptable level, the City as well as the residents will be notified. All of the City of Belleville samples have tested negative for total coliform bacteria.

### Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which the EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps the EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants. Beginning in July 2008 the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) began monitoring quarterly for unregulated contaminants under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule 2 (UCMR2). All UCMR2 contaminants monitored on the list 1 and list 2 in 2008 were undetected. The Great Lakes Water Authority provides the City of Belleville with water. Also, GLWA does not test the water for radon.

### What Is Cryptosporidium?

Cryptosporidium is a disease causing parasite that lives in the intestinal tract of many animals including dogs and cats. Cryptosporidium can be introduced into bodies of water by way of surface runoff containing animal wastes and sewage discharges.

GLWA voluntarily monitors for Cryptosporidium and Giardia in our untreated source water monthly. The untreated water samples collected from the Southwest Plant indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst in March. In addition, monitoring indicated the presence of one Giardia cyst and one Cryptosporidium oocyst in the untreated water from the Southwest Plant in July. Additional testing was performed on the treated water at the Southwest Plant and Cryptosporidium was absent. All other samples collected in the year 2018 were absent for the presence of Cryptosporidium and Giardia. Systems using surface water like GLWA must provide treatment so that 99.9 percent of Giardia lamblia is removed or inactivated.

Cryptosporidium is a microbial pathogen found in the surface water throughout the U.S. Although filtration removes Cryptosporidium, the most commonly used filtration methods cannot guarantee 100 percent removal. Our monitoring indicates the presence of these organisms in our source water. Cryptosporidium was detected once during a twelve month period at the Detroit River intake plants. Current test methods do not allow us to determine if the organisms are dead or if they are capable of causing disease. Ingestion of Cryptosporidium may cause cryptosporidiosis, an abdominal infection. Symptoms of infection include nausea, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. Most healthy individuals can overcome the disease within weeks. However, immune-compromised people, infants and small children and the elderly are at the greater risk of developing life threatening illness. We encourage immune-compromised individuals to consult their doctor regarding appropriate precautions to take to avoid infection. Cryptosporidium must be ingested to cause disease and it may be spread through means other than drinking water.

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"If we ever forget that we are one nation under God, then we will be a nation gone under."  
— Ronald Reagan

# City Council

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sewn together and they can be taken apart so each senior will get his own banner to keep.

He said at first it was considered that parents could pay for the banners, but, "So many are out of work" that the \$35 or \$40 needed would be a hardship.

Councilman Tom Fielder said they needed to let the Downtown Development Authority know because they put up their banners on the poles.

Voigt said he talked to DDA president Alicia McGovern (who was present at the virtual meeting) and she supports the project.

Councilman Fielder said they should also let Van Buren Township know, so they don't feel they are being cut out.

Voigt said it was considered to use the VBT poles, too, but they have larger banners and poles that are farther apart.

Fielder said Supt. Kudlak still plans to do a graduation ceremony for the seniors, so they don't miss the pomp and circumstance.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said VBT could put congratulations messages to the seniors on their poles leading into the city.

In other business at the 49-minute meeting, the council:

- Voted unanimously to opt-out of first responders' emergency paid sick leave that was discussed at length at the April 20 meeting. "I think she did it perfectly," said Voigt, referring to interim city manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz who worked with the employees for a solution. He said she did what he had in mind when the council tabled the vote at the last meeting;
- Voted unanimously to approve the

Belleville Cares provision for POAM, MAFF, and GELC in memos of understanding. Fire Chief Brian Loranger asked the administration to make sure the Provident Insurance for the fire fighters is up to date and city manager Kobylarz said it is up to date and paid;

- Revised the budget timeline for consideration of the 2020-21 budget, to begin at 6 p.m., Monday, April 27, at a special virtual meeting. It originally was set to begin April 20 but they weren't ready. Other sessions are set for May 11 at 6 p.m. and May 13 at 6 p.m. with the public hearing and adoption of the budget at the June 1 meeting. Fielder said the council probably will have many revisions to this budget over the coming year, but at least they will meet the charter requirement for adopting a balanced budget on June 1. It was noted the state shared revenue is

expected to be down by 50% this year and also the Act 51 gas tax is expected to be reduced by 20 or 30% or more. "Good thing we've maintained a healthy fund balance," Rutherford said. Financial consultant Kelly Howey said they have a legal obligation to adopt a balanced budget and they will;

- Approved accounts payable of \$207,360.28 and departmental expenditures over \$500 for April 6: to JW2 Fire Consultants, \$4,285.70 for FEMA grant 10% match (for extrication equipment, nozzles, thermal imaging, and LUCAS device); to Sumpter Collision, \$2,667.50 for Senior Transport bus repair; to Mueller Systems, \$2,584.29 for remote water readers; and to McDowell & Associates, \$1,050 for seawall monitoring;

- Approved accounts payable of \$72,129.05 and departmental expenditures over \$500 for April 20: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$10,537.50 for sewer repair on N. Liberty St.; to Burnham & Flower, \$4,621 for accident/health insurance for fire department; and to Metro Environmental, \$1,163.75 for sewer jet service to clean blocked sewer at 209 N. Liberty and \$991.25 for sewer jet service to clear blocked sewer on E. Huron River Dr.;

• Heard Kobylarz announce that Officer Tim Trombly is moving on to other ventures and has resigned effective May 1. She also thanked the membership of the three city unions and their leadership Steven Smith, Todd Schrencengost and Edward Smith for working with the city and entering into agreements regarding the Belleville Cares Provision to each of their labor contracts;

• Heard Kobylarz announce the city distributed more than 300 disposable and reusable masks last Friday and the city's goal is to make sure people are doing their part to flatten the curve and keep themselves safe. She said if residents and their immediate family members are still in need of masks, they should contact her or Police Chief Dave Robinson;

• Heard Kobylarz report that pursuant of the governor's executive order 2020-42, the city is required to develop and distribute a Preparedness and Response Plan specific to COVID-19. The city's policy was based on the model policy developed for members of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority and will be in effect April 29, barring any objections from city council;

• Also heard Kobylarz report that the city is in the process of securing email addresses for all businesses in the DDA district. Their current list shows slightly less than 50 organizations with email addresses. She said if a business hasn't provided the city, the DDA or the Chamber of Commerce with an email address in the past, to please forward the information to her as soon as possible;

• Heard Councilwoman Bates say this week is National Library Week and the library is closed. She said people can interact with the library on its website. She also said Earth Day is one of her favorite holidays and she suggested people join her in celebrating on April 22 by taking a bag and picking up the trash strewn around. She

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### Contaminants That May Be Found In Drinking Water

"Drinking water, including bottled water may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and in some cases radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations, which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

### Vulnerability Of Some Population To Contaminants

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water hotline (800-426-4791).

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said it's the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day;

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte say he appreciates the Belleville Cares plan which is equitable for everyone involved. He said it is appropriately named, as well. He said the banners are a great idea and he thanked the BYC for sponsoring it. As to the virus, he said "everyone is in our thoughts and prayers";

- Heard Voigt say he echoes the comments of Bates and Marcotte. He said this will be a Belleville Tiger summer for Belleville and he appreciates that. He said he lost an immediate neighbor to the virus and another friend is on a ventilator. "This is nothing to take lightly," he said;

- Heard Fielder complain that \$5 billion in federal funds was given to Michigan for health services and public health services only got \$5 million for the whole state. He reported in contrast to those who are protesting, people in the city are cooperating with the Stay Home order and, "Our community has been very positive";

- Heard Mayor Conley wish Officer Trombly the best of luck, saying he will be missed. She said there are a lot of people behind making and giving masks, but she wanted to mention Chris Donley who provided 300 masks for each of the city's senior citizen facilities. He has many people sewing and making gadgets so the masks don't hurt their ears. Mayor Conley also said the DDA president asked for ideas of what the leadership wants for the city in the future and she said there is a shift now as to what's going to happen to support businesses for reopening;

- Heard Rutherford ask citizens to refrain from pouring loose trash into their 90-gallon containers because it flows all over when it is dumped out. They should put their trash in bags he said. He noted Republic is not picking up yard waste and that can be brought to the DPW yard where a container is marked for yard waste;

- Heard John Winter ask about getting permission for the Main Street car show this summer, if it is possible. Maybe they could start in July, he said. He wanted to know if it could be put on the council agenda for a vote and Mayor Conley said she had no problem putting it on the next agenda;

- Heard Voigt say they may not be able to have all the Music Lakeside concerts as planned this summer, but they can use the church or high school auditorium and live stream so they can have all the concerts;

- Heard Fire Chief Loranger say the fire department did send cars to St. Mary's Hospital to honor front-line health workers and it also did a little parade on Wexford Street for a child's birthday. He said Van Buren Township Fire Department will be doing a parade in the city for a friend of the department; and

- Heard DDA president McGovern praise the fire department and note one of her clients in the local community didn't make it through coronavirus. She said they are planning a Zoom or web meeting for the DDA.

## US Signal opens new data center March 1 in Van Buren Township

Grand Rapids' US Signal, a data center services provider, opened its new data center in Van Buren Township on March 1. The center was built to Tier 3 standards.

It is located at the northeast corner of Haggerty Road and Tyler Road.

The center will help US Signal keep pace with the adoption of cloud-first, hybrid, and off-premises data center strategies, all of which require colocation space.

US Signal's most recent IT Resiliency Survey found that these strategies are critical to the survival of today's organizations. The survey found that less than a quarter of IT professionals have preparations in place to deal with a disruptive event such as a malware attack or loss of power.

The new center and the seven existing facilities offer options for ensuring reliability and recoverability of systems. It also has security measures in place as well as storm and emergency response preparedness plans in place.

It also will use US Signal's Cloud Pod, which will enable private and multi-tenant cloud hosting. The Cloud Pods will be rolled out across additional data centers this year.



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## Key to the Detected Contaminants Table

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition/Explanation
>	Greater than	
°C	Celsius	A scale of temperature in which water freezes at 0° and boils at 100° under standard conditions.
AL	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAA5	Haloacetic Acids	HAA5 is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, Dibromoacetic, dichloroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Compliance is based on the total.
Level 1	Level 1 Assessment	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in the water system.
Level 2	Level 2 Assessment	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
LRAA	Locational Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for samples at a particular monitoring location during the previous four quarters.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MRDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
MRDLG	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
n/a	not applicable	
ND	Not Detected	
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Units	Measures the cloudiness of water.
pCi/L	Picocuries Per Liter	A measure of radioactivity
ppb	Parts Per Billion (one in one billion)	The ppb is equivalent to micrograms per liter. A microgram = 1/1000 milligram.
ppm	Parts Per Million (one in one million)	The ppm is equivalent to milligrams per liter. A milligram = 1/1000 gram.
RAA	Running Annual Average	The average of analytical results for all samples during the previous four quarters.
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
SMCL	Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level	An MCL which involves a biological, chemical or physical characteristic of water that may adversely affect the taste, odor, color or appearance (aesthetics), which may thereby affect public confidence or acceptance of the drinking water.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total Trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromodichloromethane, dibromochloromethane and bromoform. Compliance is based on the total.
µohms	Microhms	Measure of electrical conductance of water

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Southwest Water Treatment Plant 2019 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Table with multiple sections: 2019 Inorganic Chemicals, 2019 Disinfection By-Products, 2019 Disinfection Residuals, 2019 Turbidity, 2019 Lead and Copper Monitoring, and Treatment Technique 2019. Includes columns for Regulated Contaminant, Test Date, Unit, Health Goal, Allowed Level, Highest Level, Range of Detection, Violation, and Major Sources.

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule - Unregulated contaminants are those for which the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted.

Van Buren School Board honors students for athletic achievements

At the April 13 virtual Zoom meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, Athletic Director Joe Brodie presented a list of students to be honored for Winter Sports Athletics.

He first presented the KLAAS Scholar Athletes. He said to be honored in this way a student must be a varsity athletic, must be a 10th, 11th, or 12th grade student-athlete, and must have a 3.25 cumulative grade point average.

The recipient will receive a KLAAS Scholar Athletic Patch for the first time only. After the first time, the athlete will receive a certificate.

- KLAAS Scholar Athletes are: Sydney Allison, bowling; Nathan Antolin, wrestling; Zsarek Boone, swim/dive; Talarah Brown, cheerleading; Ariana Carson, cheerleading; Kennedy Clark, cheerleading; Trinity Coats, cheerleading; William Cornell, swim/dive; Audrianna Cunningham, cheerleading; Araynah Dover, basketball; Katherine Dybicki, bowling; Abigail Emerson, dance; Megan Fowler, bowling; Anya Fuller, cheerleading; Jessica Harper, dance; Lashez Hawkins, basketball; Jacob Hawley, swim/dive; Heaven Helton, dance; Mario Johnson, basketball; Brooklyn Keele, bowling; Shani Lewis, basketball; Connor Majewski, wrestling; Ellysa Mann, cheerleading; Cole McNulty, hockey; Chelsea Mihaly, dance; Ashna Patel, dance; Avni Patel, dance; Myla Peterson, basketball; Nicholas Rafferty, swim/dive; William Brock Rhodes, swim/dive; Joshua Richardson, bowling; Katherine Russell, dance; Johnathan Taylor, wrestling; Soraya Taylor, cheerleading; Shane Tinsley, bowling; Marc Titsworth, swim/dive; Alyssa Trybus, dance; DiMarco West, swim/dive; Blake Willisams, wrestling; Nathaniel Wincel, hockey

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**Athletic Team and Individual Accomplishments**

**Basketball**

Athletic Director Brodie said the Belleville Varsity Boys' Basketball team had another fantastic season. They went undefeated during East Division play which culminated in their first KLA East Division Championship.

The team had four Individual All-Conference players:

- Connor Bush, senior guard – a three-year varsity player who has contributed to winning over 50 games during this time. He is an exceptional athlete and a fierce competitor, Brodie said.
- Lorenzo Wright, senior guard – Lorenzo is an excellent floor leader who competes on both ends of the floor, Brodie said.
- DaJon Johnson, sophomore guard – DaJon is a born leader who has become one of the team's best defenders in his second year on the varsity, Brodie said.
- Mario Johnson, sophomore guard – Mario is a play-maker who truly enjoys making his teammates better. He has also developed into an excellent defender in only his first full year on the varsity, Brodie said.

**Wrestling**  
The Belleville wrestling team has three Regional Qualifiers this season. They were Blake Williams, Connor Williams, and Justice Shafer. Blake Williams also went on to qualify for the State Finals at Ford Field where he made All-State and placed third in the Division 1, 160-lb. weight class.

**Bowling**  
The Girls' Bowling Team finished in third place at Regionals this year. That was good enough to qualify them for the Team State Tournament. Team members were Brooklyn Keele, Brooke Petty, Megan Fowler, Katherine Dybicki, Sydney Allison, Ka'Lynn Savage, and Shannon Vandalen. The Girls' Bowling Team also had three Individual Qualifiers for the State Finals: Sydney Allison, Katherine Dybicki, and Brooklyn Keele.

On the Boys' side, Bradley Folks was also an Individual Qualifier for States.

**Swimming**  
Jack Haase qualified for the Swimming State Meet in four different events this Winter: the 500 Free, 200 Free, 100 Free, and the 200IM.



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Unregulated Contaminant	Test Date	Unit	Highest Level Detected	SMCL	Range of Detection	Noticeable Effects above the SMCL	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Manganese	2019	ppb	0.48	50	0.0-0.48	black to brown color; black staining; bitter metallic taste	Erosion of natural deposits and corrosion of iron pipes

These tables are based on tests conducted by GLWA in the year 2019 or the most recent testing done within the last five calendar years. GLWA conducts tests throughout the year only tests that show the presence of a substance or require special monitoring are presented in these tables.

Infants and young children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using your tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800-426-4791).

**Lead And Copper Testing**

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Belleville Water Department is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you have a lead service line it is recommended that you run your water for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Safe drinking water is a shared responsibility. The water that GLWA delivers to our community does not contain lead. Lead can leach into drinking water through home plumbing fixtures, and in some cases, customer service lines. Corrosion control reduces the risk of lead and copper from leaching into your water. Orthophosphates are added during the treatment process as a corrosion control method to create a protective coating in service pipes throughout the system, including in your home or business. The City of Belleville performs required lead and copper sampling and testing in our community. Water consumers also have a responsibility to maintain the plumbing in their homes and businesses, and can take steps to limit their exposure to lead.

**Water Quality Data**

Your drinking water is continuously monitored above and beyond Federal and State Laws. Monitoring frequencies vary by parameter, so some of the test dates for the results are a few years old because it is the most recent information. In addition, monitoring must be performed by the individual community. The community-specific information is presented in a separate table. The following table shows all the contaminants that were detected in your water.

Your drinking water met all the State and EPA monitoring and reporting requirements for 2018. Not listed are the hundreds of other contaminants tested for, but not found in your water.

**National Primary Drinking Water Regulations Compliance**

This report was prepared by Mr. Mark Gaworecki, Water System Operator for the City of Belleville using data supplied by the Great Lakes Water Authority and the Michigan Department of Environment, Great lakes and Energy (EGLE). Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call Mr. Rick Rutherford at the City of Belleville at 734-697-9323.

This report has been prepared and provided to the residents of the City of Belleville in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (1976 PA 399, as amended) 1998 PA 56. This act was passed to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act and rules promulgated by the U.S. EPA dealing with this law. Most of the specific language within this report is required and as such cannot be altered.

**Public Participation**

Each and every month the Great Lakes Water Authority Board meet at the Water Board Building at 735 Randolph Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226. These meetings as well as public hearings are open to the public. To confirm dates and times of the GLWA meetings residents are encouraged to visit the GLWA website at [www.glwater.org](http://www.glwater.org).

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## Lead And Copper Monitoring

April 2020

SUBJECT: **VIOLATION NOTICE** - Monitoring and Reporting for Lead and Copper

The records of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Drinking Water and Environmental Health Division (DWEHD), show that Belleville is in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended (Act 399); specifically, R 325.10710a, *Lead and copper in tap water; monitoring requirements*; and R 325.10710d, *Reporting requirements for lead, copper, and corrosion control*, of the 1979 Administrative Code.

In accordance with the above rules, Belleville shall collect samples every year, have them analyzed for lead and copper, and report the results to EGLE unless the EGLE laboratory performs the analysis. Belleville’s specific monitoring requirements were outlined in the 2019 Monitoring Schedule sent in early 2019. EGLE records show that Belleville did not conduct lead and copper monitoring required during the monitoring period from June 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019.

EGLE’s investigation consisted of a review of DWEHD files for laboratory reports received for compliance monitoring. Belleville took samples from 16 out of the required 20 sites. If the required monitoring was conducted, please submit the results immediately.

EGLE’s investigation is considered complete. Belleville was out of compliance on October 1, 2019. To return to compliance, Belleville must collect samples from 20 sites in the distribution system during the monitoring period of June 1, 2020, to September 30, 2020, have them analyzed for lead and copper, and submit the analysis reports to this office unless you use the EGLE laboratory.

Administrative Rule R 325.10404, *Tier 3 public notice; form, manner, and frequency of notice*, of Act 399 requires that suppliers provide public notice, not later than 12 months after learning of a violation, by mail or direct delivery and by any other means reasonably calculated to reach customers not normally reached by mail.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

#### Monitoring Requirements Not Met for the City of Belleville

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During **June 1, 2019, to September 30, 2019**, we did not monitor correctly for lead and copper. The violation **does not** pose a threat to the quality of the supply's water.*

**What should I do?** There is nothing you need to do at this time. This is not an emergency. You do not need to boil water or use an alternative source of water at this time. Even though this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we are doing to correct the situation.

The table below lists the contaminants we did not properly test for, how often we are supposed to sample for these contaminants, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date we will collect follow-up samples.

Contaminants	Required sampling frequency	Number of sites sampled	When samples should have been collected	Date additional samples will be collected
Lead and Copper	<b>20 sites to be sampled every year</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>June 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019</b>	<b>June 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020</b>

**What happened? What is being done?** We inadvertently missed taking samples within this required sampling period. We are making every effort to assure this does not happen again.

For more information, please contact Mr. Mark Gaworecki, Operator-In-Charge, at 734-759-1600 or DPS Director Rick Rutherford at 734-697-9323.

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## Waste Management alerts communities to April activities

Kathleen A. Klein, Community Relations Representative for Waste Management, last week provided an update to nearest neighbors and community members of Woodland Meadows Landfill.

She alerted those in Romulus, Van Buren Township, and Canton Township to a landfill gas project starting in mid-April and running through mid-June.

Gas collection systems will be installed across the active plateau in the southern portion of Woodland Meadows landfill.

“We will also be building our next lift of waste starting at the west side of the southern portion of the landfill (facing I-275) and work our way across to the east throughout the year,” Klein said. “Prevailing winds come from the southwest so we build our lift at the west end of the site to better manage wind effects and blowing debris.

“We will also be filling settled slopes on the west side of the landfill, and where previously we had an access road, filling in this road area near the upper northwest corner of the site. We will be placing waste where this road is visible from I-275” she said.

WM will also be adding an enclosed flare on the property south and west of the maintenance garage on Hannan Road.

It also will install a sulfur treatment system on Lotz Road in the northeast corner of Lotz and Van Born roads at its closed site in Canton Township. This system will be south of the four existing enclosed flares in this area. This system will remove sulfur compounds from the landfill gas prior to sending it to the Ameresco Renewable Natural Gas Plant, she said.

These fill sequence time frames are subject to variability depending upon the potential influence of waste volumes due to the COVID-19 virus on landfill fill rates.



April 24 – Michael Foley, Maxie Jo Haase, Joe Monte

April 25 – Shelly Brown-Chudzinski, Erica Campbell

April 26 – JoAnn Kotlarczyk

April 29 – Shonta Langford Green

April 30 – April Gibson-Warner, Kim Hawkins, Kelly McWilliams

April 24 – Seth Chudzinski

April 27 – Amy Hinks, Nicholas Hinks

April 29 – Gary Koeppel, Barbara Rogalle Miller

April 30 – Glenn Silvenis

Do you or someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* and we will publish as soon as possible.

# Sumpter Twp.

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these kinds of decisions ... to keep the township moving forward, which is important," Oddy said.

"I appreciate you guys being here, trying to do this," Young replied to the board.

"I agree with Matt," LaPorte said. "It's key there's some kind of consistency for all of our residents. I'd like everyone essential to get back to work on April 6. That's if they are essential and they can work safely, and the rest furlough."

He said people can stay six feet apart and isolate themselves from the public.

LaPorte said the fire department, on which he serves, has made 100 calls working safely. As long as things are clean, it can be done, he said. When Morgan asked how many calls are medical, LaPorte said 95%.

He repeated that they should have everyone working the following Monday. He said the township doesn't really know how many cases of COVID-19 are in Sumpter or Van Buren Township or Belleville.

"We don't really know," he said, adding it's the 48111 designation and there could be none in one community and all in another community or some in all three.

Oddy said he would like to have everyone back on the sixth, but he doesn't want to second-guess that committee that got together.

"I think it should have been the sixth," he said, but they recommended the 13<sup>th</sup>, Oddy said.

Swinson said the Stay at Home date is the 13<sup>th</sup>, set by the governor. He said Atchinson Ford can't come back until the 13<sup>th</sup>. He suggested they stay with the committee's recommendation of the 13<sup>th</sup>. He said if a family or friends are touched by this, it would be difficult.

"Essential workers need to be here, but I don't want to be that person to have it on my conscience," he said, urging the board members to stick with the 13<sup>th</sup>.

"I say we just roll with that" date suggested by the committee, Trustee Rush said.

LaPorte said everyone that works in the township hall is essential and only department heads know who they can keep or let go.

"This is the stuff that will be in history books," LaPorte said of the coronavirus situation.

In other business at the April 2 meeting, the board:

- Approved the recommendation of Director Luke to hire Nickolas Allan Toth, 33, as a full-time police officer to fill the vacancy created by the Feb. 28 death of Det./Cpl. John Ashby. The approval is contingent upon his successful completion of medical, drug, and psychological tests. Luke said Toth is no relation to another Sumpter officer, Det. John Toth. Nickolas Toth resides in Jackson and attended the police academy at Schoolcraft College, graduating last November. He's worked as a Michigan Medicine Security Officer with the University of Michigan Division

of public Safety from 2011 through 2019, reaching the rank of sergeant. Luke said the board had just been talking about essential and non-essential employees and he wants them to know the minute he walks in their door, he's an essential employee for them. "I think we're in for it," Luke said. "I think we're in for a bumpy ride...";

- Also approved Luke's request to start Officer Toth at the six-month pay grade, rather than beginning pay. "He's put himself in a strange position, in terms of his safety and his family's safety," Luke said, adding starting him at six-month pay is the right thing to do in this day and age, "a slight bump in pay so he can feel secure";

- Approved payables of \$73,973.92;

- Heard Deputy Supervisor Armatis give a report, stating the supervisor's office is working daily with the clerk's office and the police chief and senior coordinator to keep all residents updated. She said they change the updates daily on the website and post them on the doors. She said the senior coordinator makes sure the seniors are fed and on Thursday she goes shopping for the homebound. She said the police, fire, and water departments remain on duty to serve the residents. "We all remain committed to take care of our residents," she said;

- Heard Trustee LaPorte report that UAW

4 Ford delivered four big boxes containing 1,000 face masks for the fire department to use and they have started using them. He said they were made at Dearborn Truck;

- Heard Trustee Oddy say he supports Director Luke and he read the "lies" in the paper, referring to a letter to the editor in the April 2 edition of the *Independent*.

Oddy said he was a witness and says Luke didn't come within two inches of the editor, as alleged. [The letter-writer sat behind the editor during the encounter and was a much-closer witness than Oddy and alleges he did try to intimidate her.] "The board made the right decision in changing papers..." Oddy said, referring to changing the newspaper of record to *The Eagle*, which he had before him at the board table;

- Heard Trustee Rush say, "Mr. Oddy stole my thunder." Rush said the chief has taken a lot of criticism and Rush wanted the chief to know "the support you have in this township is very deep." Rush suggested Luke just ignore any criticisms. Applause broke out among the few township employees in the meeting room;

- Heard township attorney Rob Young, who had been admonished by board members in the past for giving his personal opinions during board meetings, launched an attack on the *Independent*, as well, calling it "that garbage paper." Young

said he was asked if he had something to do with having the *Independent* removed as newspaper of record in February and he said he didn't. He said if he could have it would have happened 15 years ago. [The *Independent* had been newspaper of record for just 13 years.] He accused the *Independent* of printing a letter to the editor it knew was a falsehood. "It's gotta hurt you ... that the paper prints that kind of crap," he said to Luke. He continued, "It just affirms, from a spectator's stand, that that paper never could have deserved to be newspaper of record." He said this letter to the editor is an article on a police chief when the township is on red alert. "Your public safety director is defamed in the newspaper when people need to have appreciation for the police chief ... She felt it more important to defame him ... No words ... to really describe how I feel," Young said.

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## Pop & Drop Food Bank for VBT seniors set one day only – April 28

On Tuesday, April 28, the Van Buren Township Senior Center will host a "Pop & Drop" food bank for senior citizens within the township.

Residents who are at higher risk of going into stores, can drive up, pop their trunk and staff will drop the food in. The drive-through food pantry will operate from 9 a.m to 1 p.m in the Senior Center parking lot at 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township.

"We wanted to extend this out to the community since our local food banks are at capacity with limited resources," said Trustee Reggie Miller.

A limited supply of food items will include Ensure (chocolate, vanilla and strawberry), fresh produce, frozen meals and a white ribbon to be displayed outside, or in a window, to show support to healthcare workers. These items are subject to change.

"We've been working to meet the needs of as many people as possible who are autoimmune compromised and are making sure our senior population has food during the "Stay Home, Stay Safe" order," said Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

On Saturday, April 4, Van Buren Township received \$20,000, from United Way for Southeastern Michigan as part of a COVID Emergency Response Grant. This grant provided for the supply and distribution of nutritional food allocated to feed senior citizens in the township and area food banks. This grant is being used for the April 28 drive-in food bank.

For a list of local food banks visit [vanburen-mi.org](http://vanburen-mi.org). If you're in need of food or have questions call the Van Buren Township Senior Center at (734) 699-8918 or email Lynette Jordan at [Ljordan@vanburen-mi.org](mailto:Ljordan@vanburen-mi.org).

## Trinity 'Friday Fill-up!' team launches drive-through Food Pantry

In response to the COVID-19 emergency, Trinity Episcopal Church in Belleville is going to offer the community another resource by which to access emergency food during this difficult time.

Starting Wednesday, April 22, anyone who needs food assistance is cordially invited to drive-through the church parking lot where volunteers will distribute nutrition kits.

No registration or proof of ID is required. All volunteers will be wearing gloves and facial masks. The "Friday Fill-up!" team at Trinity wants everyone in the Belleville area to stay nourished and safe.

Food kit distribution will start at 6 p.m. on April 22 and run until 7:30 p.m. or until supplies run out. This free service will be offered each Wednesday evening until further notice.

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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

These are the 114 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week.

- Sunday, April 12:**  
 0037 – traffic offense, Village Center Dr.  
 0054 – road hazard, S. I-275/Ecorse Rd.  
 0116 – noise complaint, W. Archwood Dr.  
 0213 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
 0242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.  
 0309 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.  
 0458 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
 0657 – larceny, Michigan Ave.  
 1052 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
 1446 – intrusion alarm, Coca-Cola Dr.  
 1605 – shooting, Riggs Rd.  
 1810 – disorderly, Denton Rd.  
 1854 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
 1941 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
 2029 – welfare check, Rawsonville/Martz  
 2105 – welfare check, Parkside Dr.  
 2320 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.  
 2323 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
- Monday, April 13:**  
 0034 – noise complaint, Madison Dr./Dalton Dr.  
 0242 – malicious destruction of property, Winding Pond Dr.  
 0342 – hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
 0924 – misc. complaint, Laguna Dr.  
 1102 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
 1155 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.  
 1204 – misc. complaint, Samuel Barton Dr.  
 1205 – misc. complaint, W. Schooner Dr.  
 1440 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.  
 1556 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.  
 1652 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
 1718 – intrusion alarm, Camden Rd.  
 1722 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
 1741 – domestic, Locust Dr.  
 1926 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Dr.  
 1936 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
 2046 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
 2204 – larceny, Quirk Rd.  
 2223 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
- Tuesday, April 14:**  
 0020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Meadows Cir.  
 0138 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
 0930 – larceny from auto, Ironwood Dr.  
 1025 – assist fire dept., Haggerty Rd.  
 1122 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
 1123 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
 1335 – malicious destruction of property, Sugarbush Ln.  
 1946 – fraud, Tyler Rd.  
 2002 – traffic offense, Haggerty/Michigan  
 2023 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.  
 2033 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
 2149 – noise complaint, S. Purple Sage Ct.  
 2255 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
- Wednesday, April 15:**  
 0459 – parking complaint, Marina Dr.  
 1416 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
 1435 – suicidal person, Outer Dr.  
 1500 – property damage accident, Subaru  
 1515 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

- Ecorse Rd.  
 1746 – fight, Ash Dr.  
 1831 – family trouble, Assembly St.  
 1944 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
 2032 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.  
 2052 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
 2108 – mental subject, Belleville Rd.  
 2113 – domestic, Westlake Cir.
- Thursday, April 16:**  
 0021 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Sadie Ln.  
 0030 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
 0119 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
 0138 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
 0821 – property check, Robbe Rd.  
 0849 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
 1211 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.  
 1413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
 1441 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd.  
 1733 – animal complaint, Morton Taylor Rd. / Ecorse Rd.  
 1851 – neighbor trouble, Sheldon Rd.  
 1900 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
 2005 – intrusion alarm, Nautica Dr.  
 2209 – suicidal person, Holly Ln.  
 2356 – family trouble, S. Ponderosa Trl.
- Friday, April 17:**  
 0247 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
 0836 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
 0844 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
 1055 – animal complaint, Lenmoore Ave.  
 1059 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.  
 1134 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
 1302 – intrusion alarm, Chandler  
 1328 – intrusion alarm, Denton Rd.  
 1504 – 911 welfare check, Riggs Rd.  
 1714 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.  
 1914 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
 1947 – mental subject, Buchanan St.  
 2114 – suspicious person/vehicle, Robson Rd.  
 2116 – domestic, Lake Villa Dr.  
 2224 – assist other dept., N. I-94 Service Dr.  
 2303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
- Saturday, April 18:**  
 0741 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
 0810 – assist other dept., WB I-94/Haggerty  
 1025 – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
 1205 – fraud, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
 1220 – missing person, Ash Dr.  
 1341 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
 1343 – suicidal person, Quirk Rd.  
 1414 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.  
 1416 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
 1613 – property damage accident, Riggs Rd.  
 1644 – domestic, Rawsonville Rd.  
 1645 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
 1815 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.  
 2100 – domestic, Denton Rd.  
 2111 – suspicious circumstances, Lighthouse Dr.  
 2224 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Woodbury  
 2303 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
- There were no traffic stops on this week's log.

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 -- Margaret Thatcher  
 British Prime Minister, 1925-2013

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

- Sunday, April 12:**  
 0637 – 911 welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.  
 1259 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
 1612 – vehicle lock out, W. Columbia Ave.
- Monday, April 13:**  
 0130 – assist other dept., W. Wabash Ave.  
 1317 – property damage accident, W. Columbia  
 1344 – vehicle lock out, Main St.  
 1847 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter Rd.  
 2044 – juvenile complaint, Potter Dr.
- Tuesday, April 14:**  
 0844 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont  
 1035 – background investigation, Main St.  
 1037 – welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
 1251 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
 1632 – threat, Church St.
- Wednesday, April 15:**  
 1128 – fraud, W. Wabash Ave.  
 1258 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
 1731 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia  
 2204 – suspicious person/vehicle, Shell
- Thursday, April 16:**  
 0627 – parking complaint, N. Liberty St.  
 0645 – 911 welfare check, S. Liberty St.  
 1132 – larceny, Main St.  
 2113 – disorderly, Main St.
- Friday, April 17:**  
 1145 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
 1223 – 911 welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.
- Saturday, April 18:**  
 0143 – misc. complaint, E. Columbia/Madelon  
 1341 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
 1452 – suspicious person/vehicle, Owen St.
- Also on this week's log are two traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

- Sunday, April 12:**  
 0804 – 911 hang up, Brookview Dr.  
 1242 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1438 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd./Willow  
 1842 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
 1856 – fire dept. assist, Third St.  
 2007 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
 2115 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage/Bemis
- Monday, April 13:**  
 0406 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.  
 0521 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.  
 1500 – suspicious circumstances, 51000 bl. Judd  
 1602 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willow Rd.  
 1646 – animal complaint, Savage Rd./Bemis Rd.  
 1657 – civil matter, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
 1716 – neighborhood trouble, Wayside Dr.  
 1753 – juvenile complaint, Rustic Ln.  
 2037 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
- Tuesday, April 14:**  
 0111 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
 0914 – animal complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
 0955 – suspicious circumstances, 47000 bl. Bemis  
 1242 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
 2058 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.

- 2258 – family trouble, Edgewood Dr.
- Wednesday, April 15:**  
 0541 – criminal sexual conduct investigation, Edgewood Dr.  
 0807 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.  
 1044 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
 1236 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
 1410 – follow-up investigation, Country Club Blvd.  
 1739 – civil matter, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 2024 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd./Arkona  
 2038 – recovered runaway, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
- Thursday, April 16:**  
 1428 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.  
 1550 – careless driver, Rustic Ln./Country Club Blvd.  
 1617 – assault, 19000 bl. Crandell Ct.  
 2000 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 2053 – juvenile complaint, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
 2122 – citizen assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
 2248 – suspicious vehicle, New Mexico St.
- Friday, April 17:**  
 0004 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Elwell  
 0044 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 0130 – welfare check, Edgewood Dr.  
 0215 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.  
 0251 – civil matter, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 0435 – 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.  
 0844 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
 1001 – mental health call, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 1037 – animal complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
 1046 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
 1753 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 1851 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
 1857 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 2130 – prisoner check, Huron PD
- Saturday, April 18:**  
 0220 – alarm, Creekside Dr.  
 0347 – odor investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1352 – suspicious circumstances, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
 1505 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
 1520 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.  
 1628 – suspicious circumstances, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
 1632 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Rd.  
 2032 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.  
 2239 – fire dept. assist, 9100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- Also on this week's log are 69 patrol checks and five miscellaneous details. There were no traffic stops.

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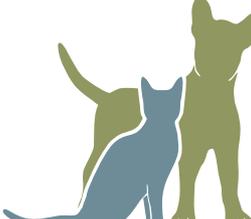
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# Belleville Rotary Club presents 4-Way banner to Van Buren Township

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge David Parrott, representing the Belleville Rotary Club, presented a 3x5' cloth Four-Way Test banner to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at the board's regular meeting on Feb. 4.

Judge Parrott, a past president of the Rotary Club, draped the banner across the podium and gave a prepared statement:

"The Belleville Rotary Club thanks you for your Four-Way Test banner request," he said. "Rotary International is the world's first and oldest service organization with the Belleville Rotary Club serving the tri-communities for over 80 years.

"We provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through our non-sectarian and non-political fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

"The Four-Way Test of the things we think, say, or do is a test used by Rotarians world-wide as a moral code for personal and business relationships. In our dealings with others we ask, first, is it the truth? Second, is it fair to all concerned? Third, will it build goodwill and better friendships? And, fourth, will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

"The test can be applied to almost any aspect of life. We think it is a particularly

appropriate decision-making model for our leaders in government. As such, we are glad to donate this Four-Way Test banner to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees and hope that it will be appropriately displayed as an inspiration to the citizens and leaders of the Charter Township of Van Buren. Thank you for your thoughtfulness!" he concluded.

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of ailing Supervisor Kevin McNamara, told Judge Parrott she had a hook on the side wall of the meeting room waiting for the banner.

Judge Parrott handed the banner to Sgt. Jeff Gueli and Sgt. Gueli reached up and placed it on the hook and then straightened it out to make sure it was perfect. It fit exactly in the place Treasurer Budd directed them to in the newly renovated board room.

On June 11, Judge Parrott delivered a similar banner to Sumpter Township after Trustee Tim Rush had asked the Rotary for a banner for the Sumpter meeting room. The board unanimously approved accepting the banner. It took several months before the banner actually was hung on the wall.

On May 6, Judge Parrott attended a Belleville City Council meeting and at the end of the meeting, he explained the Four-Way Test banner and said the Rotary is offering to donate one for the city meeting room. He said he wanted to give

them time to think about it. They are still thinking about it. In the past the city had a Rotary banner because at a recent meeting

a council member pointed to the back wall of the meeting room and said that's where the Rotary banner used to be.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge David Parrott presented a Four-Way Test banner from the Belleville Rotary Club to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at the board's Feb. 4 meeting.

# Yankee Air Museum cancels June 14 Wings and Wheels Event

Yankee Air Museum announced on April 9 that the third-annual Wings and Wheels event at Historic Willow Run Airport, scheduled for June 14, is cancelled.

The cancellation comes as Yankee Air Museum adheres to the current public health restrictions due to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The organization made the decision in order to help protect the health, safety and well-being of the

spectators, partners, volunteers and event participants.

The event planning committee will now focus on the return of Wings and Wheels, Sunday, June 13, 2021.

Yankee Air Museum thanks its supporters, members and incredible volunteers for their overwhelming support of this event and many others, however, "Staying Home, Staying Safe" is our collective priority at

this time.

The Wings and Wheels show is where people get close to an array of rare classic cars, selected by invitation only, and historic aircraft all on display together. There are outstanding opportunities to chat with the owners and capture photos.

Established in 1981, the Yankee Air Museum is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. The Yankee Air Museum

dedicates itself to educating individuals through the history of American aeronautics, aerospace industry and its associated technologies while inspiring generations through personal experiences to instill pride in national accomplishments. Yankee Air Museum, located at 47884 D Street, Belleville, on the grounds of Willow Run Airport, is currently closed in response to the COVID - 19 emergency. For more information: [www.yankeeairmuseum.org](http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org)

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<p><b>DUPLEX OR SINGLE FAMILY</b></p>  <p><b>10106 WILLIS, WILLIS</b> <b>HUGE HOME</b> in the Village of Willis. Residential Zoning and used as a Duplex. 2 Kitchens, 2 Baths, 2 Living Rooms, and 5 Bedrooms. Basement, 90+ Furnace, 2 Car Detached Garage, Covered Porch and Large Lot. \$172,900</p>	<p><b>4,224 SQUARE FEET</b></p>  <p><b>23560 SUMPTER, SUMPTER TWP</b> <b>RESIDENTIAL OR INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY.</b> Possible Residential, Day Care, Group Home, Apartments or Your Ideas Large front covered porch. Fire System. 10 Bedrooms, 2 Apartment Kitchens, 5 Bathrooms. \$225,000</p>	<p><b>1 ACRE + POLE BARN</b></p>  <p><b>17164 RENTON, VAN BUREN TWP</b> <b>LARGE COUNTRY HOME</b> on more than an Acre. Just minutes from expressways and shopping. Open Floor Plan with Huge Rooms, Wood Flooring, Fireplace, Rear Patio, 2 1/2 Car Detached Garage &amp; Pole Barn. \$199,900.</p>	<p><b>DREAM WORKSHOP</b></p>  <p><b>44280 DUNN, SUMPTER TWP</b> <b>LARGE 2,700 SQUARE FOOT COUNTRY HOME</b> on 2.24 ACRES with Possible Split. This home could use some updating 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room with wood stove, covered patio. Many outbuildings. \$189,500</p>	<p><b>FOR SALE OR LEASE</b></p>  <p><b>500E HURON RIVER DR, BELLEVILLE</b> <b>HIGHEST QUALITY BRICK COMMERCIAL BUILDING IN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE.</b> Former Florist, Bakery and Coffee House. FINE DESIGN! For Sale at \$750,000 or Lease at \$4,500. Month Double Net.</p>					
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