



BELLEVILLE - AREA INDEPENDENT

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WSU associate professor to speak at *Independent* meeting Thurs., May 7

Dr. Hayg Oshagan, associate professor of Communications at Wayne State University, will speak at the 6 p.m., Thursday, May 7, public meeting in the Cozadd rooms of the Belleville Area District Library.



The *Belleville-Area Independent* weekly newspaper has called this meeting to invite the public to hear Dr. Oshagan explain the current status of local newspapers in society and for readers to tell the newspaper what they would like to see in its pages.

The *Independent*, like other newspapers across the country, has been struggling with finances because of decreasing advertising revenue due to the rise of social media, rising prices of newsprint, and other factors, said editor Rosemary Otzman. The *Independent* is in its 31st year of publication.

In an attempt to save the local paper from closing its doors, the *Independent* has been approved as a not-for-profit 501(c)3 business under state and federal laws.

The non-profit status allows benefactors to give donations and grants without paying state and federal taxes.

Dr. Oshagan is former director of the Media Arts and Studies Program in the Department of Communications at WSU.

He also is the founder and chairman of New Michigan Media, the network of ethnic media, which aims to raise the visibility, enrich the content and strengthen the viability of ethnic media in Michigan.

An Armenian immigrant from Beirut, Lebanon, Dr. Oshagan earned his bachelor of arts from the University of Pennsylvania, his doctorate from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and has taught at Stanford University and at the University

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Camping World at 43646 N. I-94 Service Dr. in Van Buren Township held its grand re-opening Block Party April 9-12 and cut its ceremonial ribbon with the help of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority on April 10.



Tractor Supply Co. held its grand opening and ribbon cutting on April 18 with the help of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. A representative from elected state representative Reggie Miller and senator Darrin Camilleri presented a framed document from the legislature welcoming this new location at the corner of Sumpter and Hull roads in Van Buren Township. It was raining, but there was a large crowd for the festivities.

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE
County of Wayne, State of Michigan
Ordinance No.: 26-001
April 7, 2026

At a regular meeting of the City Council of Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Belleville City Hall within the city limits, on the day of April 7, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Councilmember Kissel, Councilmember Priest, and Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

ABSENT: Councilmember Beebe and Mayor Voigt

It was moved by Councilmember Kissel and supported by Councilmember Priest that the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 38-31 of Article II (Fire Prevention Code) of Chapter 38 (Fire Prevention and Protection) to read as follows:

THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 38-31. - Adoption.

(a) The 2024 edition of NFPA 1 (Fire Prevention Code) and the 2024 edition of NFPA, 101 (Life Safety Code), 2024 appendices and documents adopted by Chapter 2 of that NFPA Code, and the 2024 edition of the International Fire Code (IFC), one copy of which is on file and is open to inspection by the public in the office of the township clerk, be and hereby is adopted and incorporated into this article as fully as if set out at length herein, and from the date on which this article shall take effect, the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the jurisdictional limits of the township fire department. The same are hereby adopted as the code of the township fire department for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion and providing for issuance of permits and collection of fees.

(b) In the event of a conflict between any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code and the National Fire Codes, as adopted in (a) of this section, and any other provision of this chapter or any other local ordinance, resolution, rule or regulation, the local provision shall control. In the event of a conflict between any of the provisions of the Fire Prevention Code and the National Fire Codes, as adopted in divfsion (a) of this section, and any State law, rule or regulation, the stricter standard shall control.

Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the City of Belleville.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 7th day of April, 2026.

YEAS (in favor of amendment): 3

NAYS (opposed to amendment): 0

ABSENT: 2

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

Ken Voigt,
Mayor, City of Belleville

Briana Papin,
Clerk, City of Belleville

Adopted: 4/7/26
Published: 4/23/26
Effective: 4/23/26



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman
34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley, right, swears into the office the new Belleville Fire Chief John Thiede at Monday's meeting of the city council.

Fire Chief John Thiede sworn into office at city council meeting

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Belleville Fire Chief John Thiede was sworn into office at Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council by 34th District Court Chief Judge Brian A. Oakley.

The city's new part-time fire chief will have a salary of \$25,000, said public safety director Kris Faull. She said that is higher than what was to be paid former Chief Brian Loranger.

Chief Thiede, who recently retired from the City of Romulus Fire Department, brought another retired Romulus Fire Chief George Simko to pin Thiede's new badge on his new uniform.

Chief Thiede also pointed out there were members of the Romulus Fire Department and a Romulus city council member present in the audience to witness his swearing-in.

Public safety director Faull then stood at the podium to promote probationary fire fighter Isabella Teachout to full fire fighter and then presented her with a letter of commendation.

Director Faull said on Feb. 25 at 5:45 p.m. a man fell from a chair at Egan's Pub. She said fire fighter Teachout drove up in a fire truck and immediately tended to the man's needs. Her actions received attention from those in the pub and several patrons commented on her quick work.

Faull said Huron Valley Ambulance workers stood back to give her space to continue her work.

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

- Passed the consent agenda, which included an item labeled Music Lakeside.

Later it was explained that Music Lakeside will run every Thursday for 10 weeks, from Father's Day weekend on June 18 to Taste of Belleville on Aug. 20;

- Left the meeting room to go into a 44-minute closed-door session in another room to discuss a confidential written legal opinion regarding determination of compensation, under terms of the Open Meetings Act;

- Came back into regular session and passed a motion to offer \$115,000 to \$130,000 salary for the city manager posting;

- Approved the city's 2026 Master Plan as recently recommended and approved by the planning commission;

- Approved a resolution authorizing the creation of a Retiree Health Insurance Segment with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan;

- Discussed setting up a War Memorial Committee, as requested by VFW commander John Blackstone. This would be made up of members of the VFW, PLAV, Downtown Development Authority, and city council. Mayor Ken Voigt volunteered to serve on the committee that would find ways to earn money to keep the War Memorial intact. Mayor Voigt said the flagpole has heaved a foot at least and could be a hazard. There also are problems with the foundation, Blackstone said. Interim city manager Steve Jones said, "We'll get together";

- Approved a local governing body resolution in support of the Tiger Robotics Booster Organization getting a state

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OPINIONS

Editorial:

May 7 meeting to seek support for a local newspaper

For over three decades, this paper has been there for it all -- births, milestones, achievements, and final goodbyes, preserving the story of our communities.

That is the power of local journalism: to inform, connect, and remember.

Today, we are at a crossroads. Without the support of the community we serve, we cannot continue, and we risk losing not just a newspaper, but the record of our lives together.

This meeting on May 7 at 6 p.m. at the library is for you to share your thoughts, your support, and how you might want to be part of what comes next.

We also are planning a big event at the Belleville Yacht Club on July 16 to seek help from everyone who can help to continue with the publication of this paper.

Although the present editor has worked for more than 30 years for a small salary, we cannot ask a new editor to do so.

And, that new editor needs help to cover everything. That reporter needs pay, as well. And prices are going up. We are a community newspaper and the community will help if it wants a paper.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Bernard Belanger of Sumpter Township is pictured on the cover of the April issue of GLTR (Great Lakes Trailrider) magazine. In the picture he is dressed in riding gear and standing with his motorcycle. He is identified as a Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan member taking a break at a lunch stop during the 2025 Michael R. Burlingham Memorial Six Days of Michigan. "A familiar face at many events, Bernard has amassed one of the best club T-shirt collections in recent memory," said Jim Miller, photographer and magazine editor.

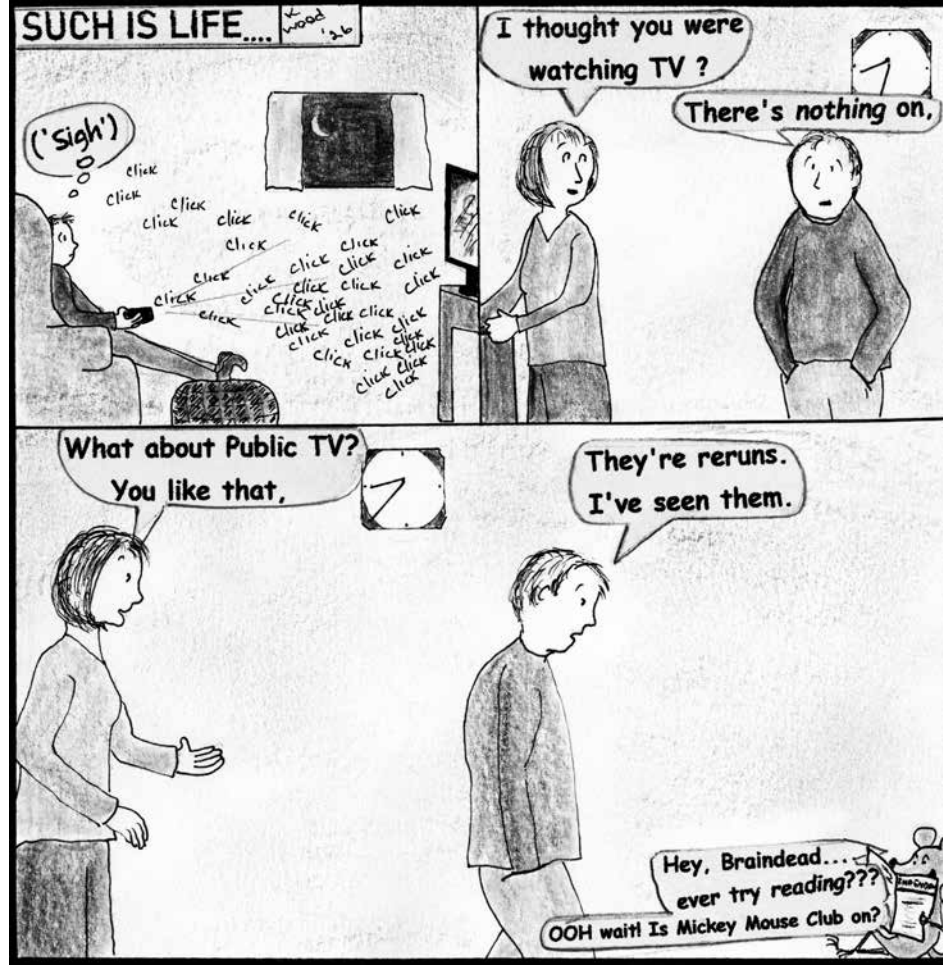
The CCC is described as an ongoing effort to develop and maintain ORV trail systems and off-road riding programs, and to educate fellow riders.

We know Bernard because he is one of our newspaper delivery people. Each Wednesday, after the printed paper is delivered to us, he takes a long trip around the area delivering papers on his route.

He is cheerful and helpful, even when it's pouring rain.

My niece Lori Kuchta died June 4, 1964 at the age of six on her last day of Kindergarten at Haggerty Elementary School. She was waiting roadside on Haggerty at her home south of the school. Her older sister held her hand, the way it always worked, but Lori pulled her hand out and ran into the street and was hit by a drunk driver in a pickup truck.

My brother Steve and his wife Eileen, now both deceased, put a cement turtle at



Haggerty School playground with Lori's name on a metal plate to memorialize her. Over the years, the plate was stolen, but kids still played on the turtle.

Since Haggerty School is being torn down to make a bus garage and warehouse, I wondered what they would do with the turtle.

I asked school officials before their special school board meeting on Monday and they assured me the turtle was going to be moved and not trashed. Maybe they'll move it to another school playground, I was told. It would be nice if children still played on it.

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, the council approved without comment under the Consent Agenda, an item just named "Bugles Across America."

The council then went into a 44-minute closed-door session, and there was a lot of waiting around for the audience and lots of time to chat. I asked VFW commander John Blackstone about it. He explained that they agreed to close off High Street for the Bugles Across America ceremony on the first Sunday of every month to honor veterans. He said that the VFW and PLAV have been doing that ceremony for almost 30 years and for the past few years every single time they are there, there is noise from the traffic going by that disrupts the ceremony.

He said people honk their horns and rev their engines deliberately.

He said the veterans asked that High Street be shut down for the short time they are there -- always less than half an hour -- "So they don't show that level of disrespect."

At a recent meeting at the new Belleville City Hall, I was told two women trying to move stuff around and keep it organized, broke down and cried. It was chaotic, but things are better now, we were told on Monday.

On Tuesday, I learned the clerk doesn't have access to her computer. Also, it was a little confusing getting to the clerk's office to ask her a question, since the phones were working in a strange way.

It will take some time to get the kinks out, I think.

City councilman Randy Priest has been bringing his little dog to the city council meetings and having the dog stay under the council table where it couldn't be seen. On occasion, Randy would let the dog get its paws on the council table, like it was a council dog.

On Monday, we couldn't even tell the dog was down there, until it started barking. That was a new one. The dog usually doesn't bark.

When the council (and dog) went into its 44-minuted closed-door session on Monday, those in the audience talked to each other about a number of things. About seven minutes into our chitchat, a computer voice loudly announced "recording stopped." Obviously, our chitchat was recorded for the first seven minutes.



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With proceeds benefiting Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue, this cause is *personal* for Jasper — who became a therapy dog only after he himself was adopted from FMAR.

Jasper will be coming to this ball, during the first hour only (in black tie, of course).



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Clarification on date of graduation party
 To the editor:
 Thank you for including my comments about the upcoming Hungry Howie's Fundraiser in the paper this week. Under "School Board (continued from page 7) on Page 9, you indicated "to benefit the Class of 2026's party after graduation".
 The fundraising is to benefit the senior party -- however, the senior party is no longer on the same night as commencement. I don't know what year it was moved off of the "commencement night".
 This year's senior party is on Friday, May 22, from 6 p.m. to midnight, which is before commencement, which is on Thursday, May 28, from 7 p.m. to ?
 In case you're interested in the other senior events:
 • Senior awards on Friday, May 1, during second and third hours (department awards and Top-10 recognition.) in the main auditorium at BHS.
 • Senior scholarship night on Wednesday, May 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at BHS in the Commons.
 • Class of 2026 can and bottle drive on Sunday, May 17, from noon to 3 p.m.

• Senior sunset on Sunday, May 17, from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at BHS football field.
 • Senior breakfast, senior meeting, and senior walk on Wednesday, May 20. (The seniors will end up on the football field after 3rd hour for a class picture.)
 • Senior prom on Thursday, May 21, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at Laurel Manor.
 • Senior party on Friday, May 22, from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. at BHS - athletic wing.
 • Commencement ceremony on Thursday, May 28, starts at 7 p.m.
 Angie Mears
 Van Buren Township

Library Spring BOGO Book Sale, May 2, 3
 Dear Readers,
 Thank you to the patrons of the Belleville Area District Library who donated used books for the Spring BOGO Book Sale, starting Saturday, May 2.
 Thousands of used books will be available, including adult, teens' and children's fiction and non-fiction, with the different genres: biography, cookbooks, fantasy, gardening, history, literature, politics, religion and self-help.
 A members-only preview sale will take place 11 a.m. – noon for the Friends of the Belleville Library. Memberships will be available at the door.
 The used-book sale will be open to the public:
 Saturday, May 2, 12-3 p.m.
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Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
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Friday is the Legacy Five Concert at Bethany Bible Church. This only happens once a year, so if you don't already have it on your calendar, it is not too late. 7 p.m. on E. Huron River Drive – don't be late!

Sunday is the Spring Concert by our Belleville Community Chorus at 3 p.m. at Belleville First United Church on Charles. Wow! Two great concerts on the same weekend, how lucky we truly are.

Well, you know it is spring when Zywicki Greenhouse and Carson Power Washing start their advertising. Robson Greenhouse should be opening soon also. It definitely is time to start thinking about getting your flowers planted.

It is really great when we don't have to leave town to get top-notch entertainment. You are going to love the Jasen Magic Show scheduled for May 2 at noon in the BHS Auditorium. Check out their ad with a QR code to make getting your tickets so easy.

This is the 13th year that Cheryl Wagner has brought her Art and Garden Show to the community. This is a really must-see on the first Sunday in May. There is always such a wide selection of artists, wonderful plants, and this year a food truck! See her ad in the paper today.

For the first time in a long time, JNG Auctions has an ad with their upcoming online auctions. Should be some good deals if your tax refund is burning a hole in your pocket!

If you suddenly find yourself free to attend the Belleville Area Museum lecture series on Thursday, April 23, call quick to see if there is still room – 697-1944!

I'm looking for a gentleman who asked me to grab his stamps from the Post Office because he had to leave. Please stop by the Independent office. Thanks.

Belleville Lady Tigers Flag Football

- Friday, April 24, 5:30 and 8 p.m. – double header at Wayne Memorial High School. Belleville faces Romulus, followed by Westland John Glenn.
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Obituaries

HELEN PAULINE VIGER

January 16, 1923 – April 13, 2026

Age 103 of Belleville. Survived by seven children, nine grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Cremation rites were accorded through David C. Brown Funeral Home. Burial will be at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. www.davidcbrownfh.com

CYNTHIA BARROW

April 28, 1953 – April 17, 2026

Age 72, of Belleville. Survived by brothers Kenneth Barrow and Don Barrow, and nieces and nephews. Visitation is 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Friday, April 24, with a funeral at 2 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Angela Hospice or Michigan Humane Society of Huron Valley. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Richard Leo Krug



RICHARD LEO KRUG

April 3, 1932 – April 16, 2026

Richard Leo Krug, born on April 3, 1932, in Munster, Pennsylvania, passed away on April 16, 2026, in Belleville, Michigan, at the age of 94.

A devoted and multifaceted individual, Richard led a life rich with service, adventure, and love. An elder at Woodland Church, he found joy in serving his community and was known for his unwavering faith and kindness. Richard was a man of many talents and interests, including his passion for flying as a pilot, beekeeping, sailing, and ice boating. His love for the outdoors was evident through his many travels, hiking expeditions, and appreciation for bird watching and feeding.

Richard's compassion extended beyond borders as he participated in missionary work in China, Russia, and Kosovo, and offered aid during Hurricane Katrina. In Detroit, he worked tirelessly with the Bread of Life ministry to feed the homeless, reflecting his deep commitment to helping those in need. His zest for life was further demonstrated through his enthusiasm for square dancing, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and his ability to tackle any project as a true jack of all trades.

Proudly serving his country, Richard was a member of the Marine Corps. He was an engineer at Ford Motor Company for 35 years and was a proud alumnus of Cresson High School and St. Francis College, where he attended on a football scholarship. Earlier in his career, he contributed to the Pennsylvania Railroad and played a role in surveying the Alaskan Highway.

Richard was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Evelyn; his parents, Archibald and Eleanor Krug; and his siblings, Geraldine, Robert, Patricia, and James. He leaves behind a loving family: his three children, Karen (Barry) White, Kevin (Gina) Krug, and Ken (Michelle) Krug; six cherished grandchildren, Sarah (Mike) White, Kristen (Mack) White, Jacob (Victoria) Krug, Jonathan (Nada) Krug, Joshua (Janelle) Krug, and Joseph Krug; and his siblings, Donna, George, Mildred, Laverne, Paul, Joe, and Jack.

Richard Leo Krug will be remembered for his generous spirit, adventurous heart, and unwavering dedication to family, friends, and community. His legacy lives on in the countless lives he touched and the love he shared with all who knew him.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, April 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, April 28 – Sumpter Township, 6 p.m.
- Monday, May 4 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 5 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6:30 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.
- Monday, May 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, May 12 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

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Sunshine Wallace found not-guilty of domestic violence in VB Twp.

Sunshine Wallace, 48, of Van Buren Township was charged with domestic violence on Nov. 12, 2025 in Van Buren Township.

On April 14, 2026, after a live bench trial, she would found not guilty of the charge.

Wallace had been video-arraigned in custody on Nov. 13 and scheduled for a remote pretrial on Dec. 10. That was adjourned for discovery until Jan. 2. Personal bond was \$5,000. A trial was scheduled for March 3 and then adjourned to April 14 at the request of the prosecution.

The live bench trial was held on April 14 and the charge was dismissed by order of the court. Judge Patton proclaimed her not guilty. Bond was canceled and the case closed.

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School Board buys home at 585 W. Columbia Ave. at special meeting Mon.

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

In a 12-minute meeting on Monday afternoon, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education approved the purchase of 585 W. Columbia Ave. for \$150,000.

This is the third property on W. Columbia purchased by the school district, as it looks forward to use of the properties right up to Columbia Ave. for future school expansion needs.

School superintendent Pete Kudlak said

the district has sought purchase of this property in the past, but the owner wasn't interested. He said the owner called the district and said she would sell and time was of the essence. He said that's why they held a special meeting.

Supt. Kudlak was given authority to execute the purchase agreement with a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned. The action is up for legal review, he said.

James Williamson said the property the district bought right next to the school's

driveway still is operating as a business because the site is not needed by the district yet. A second parcel has been cleared and cleaned up and he said the new parcel might need another \$15,000 to \$20,000 spent to demolish the home and clean up the site.

He said this property purchase is out of the bond money and the cleanup will be out

of the sinking fund.

It was noted that the parcel being purchased is in Van Buren Township and that the township will lose tax money. The adjoining school property is in the city of Belleville.

Supt. Kudlak said all the school's construction plans go through the state.

Oshagan

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of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Oshagan's research is on the effects of the mass media, on the ways in which media influence perceptions and frame debates, and on the role of ethnic media in ethnic

communities and identity.

He is a frequent public speaker and is nationally recognized for his efforts with ethnic media. His work on New Michigan Media has been supported by grants from the Fords Foundation, the Knight Foundation, the McCormick Foundation and the New Economy Initiative for Southeast Michigan.

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City Council

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charitable gaming license. Group president Mark Laginess, of Belleville, said the group formed in 2018 as a for-profit group and has been non-profit since 2022. A

member got tickets to raffle off at a June 27 event. If they get the state license they will raffle off tickets that allow travel on Delta Airlines anywhere in the U.S.;

- Gave local government approval to Atwater Street Tacos, Belleville, at 404 Main St., to seek BORADORA certification from the Liquor Control Commission. The

council was told the liquor license transfer from Bayou Grill is in progress;

- Although no one was present from Michigan Against Atomic Waste, which was seeking local governmental approval for a state charitable gaming license, Mayor Voigt vouched for the group which he said was fighting the landfill expansion. The council granted local approval;

- Discussed the possible dates for a public open house to show off the new city hall at 330 Charles St., which is now in operation. Mayor Voigt said he wants the residents to see everything the taxpayers paid for without additional taxes. The council agreed to have Jones look into the options and get back to them with a proposed date;

- Heard Jones report that the city is officially doing business at the new city hall location. He thanked the Kissels for their help with the move and artwork on

the walls. He said North Liberty St. work is progressing and workers poured concrete earlier that day from Belleville Road to Fifth Street. The final milling and paving and street restoration is expected to be in May;

- Heard mayor pro-tem Kelly Bates say that DTE has changed contractors for its fiber optic work in Victoria Commons and the new contractor has to redo everything that was previously done. DPW director Nathaniel Johnson said he couldn't believe DTE had let the lines be laid without being in shielding; and

- Heard mayor Voigt ask Atwater Tacos if they were going to put a taco in the gator's mouth on the roof of their new restaurant. He said the move to the new city hall is a landmark day for the city. He said they are inching closer to having a bridge and the Mayor's Ball to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue has been sold out. There are no more tickets, but donations to FMAR are being accepted.



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CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

- Moment of Silence dedicated to Jan Godek, the late City Manager of Lodi Township.

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Voigt	Absent - Excused
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Present
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Beebe	Present - Arrived at 6:43 p.m.
Council Member Priest	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

- **Presentations**
 - i. None.
- **Citizen Comments**
 - i. None.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

- **Approval of Minutes**
 - i. March 16, 2026 - Regular Meeting Minutes
 - ii. March 26, 2026 - Special Meeting Minutes
- **Budget report**
 - i. As of March 21, 2026
- **Communications**
 - i. None.
- **Council Follow-up list**
 - i. As of April 2, 2026
- **Police Stats**
 - i. None.
- **Fire Stats**
 - i. None.
- **DPW Report**
 - i. None.
- **Special Events**
 - i. Wedding at Horizon Park
 - ii. Wings of Hope Dedication

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. Ordinance # 26-001 - Adoption of Fire Code - Second Reading

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to open the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Motion Carried.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Bates opened the floor for questions and comments from the audience; no questions or comments were presented during this time.

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to

close the Public Hearing at 6:37 p.m.

Motion Carried.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

- None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Ordinance # 26-001 - Adoption of Fire Code

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve **Ordinance # 26-001**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

b. Resolution # 26-016 - FEMA Wayne County Hazard Mitigation Plan

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve **Resolution # 26-016**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

c. Resolution # 26-017 - Re-Numbering of Resolutions

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve **Resolution # 26-017**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

d. Savage Rd. Property

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Priest to accept an offer for \$300,000, with no contingencies except for a survey to be completed, on the city's property on Savage Rd.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye

Motion Carried.

e. Resolution # 26-020 - Waterworth / Plante Moran - Rate Study

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve **Resolution # 26-020**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

f. Resolution # 26-019 - Rain Garden - Discussion

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve **Resolution # 26-019**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

g. Resolution # 26-018 - FOIA Denial Reversal

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Priest to approve **Resolution # 26-018**, as presented.

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

- Accounts Payable
- Departmental Expenditures

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. INTERIM CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- We will begin the move to the new municipal building this week; it has been a long time coming.
- Thank you to Council Member Kissel for all her work with the move.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

a. Council Member Beebe

- i. Excited for the sale of the city's property on Savage Rd.
- ii. Tonight's meeting seemed very productive.
- iii. Happy about the approval of Waterworth's proposal.

b. Council Member Kissel

- i. Thank you to Therese Antonelli of Moving the Mitten for her assistance in the sale of the property on Savage Rd.
- ii. The Planning Commission will meet this Thursday, April 9th, with a Public Hearing to approve the city's Master Plan.
- iii. Van Buren Township will be holding a water assessment meeting to address environmental issues and potential solutions on April 30th.
- iv. Thank you to DPW Director Nate Johnson for all of his efforts.
- v. The Public Safety Auxiliary will be providing snacks for City Hall staff in the breakroom, as part of a pilot program; Plante Moran has also volunteered to assist.

c. Council Member Priest

- i. Feels like the Council has been making a lot of good decisions lately, and that the city is likely to see a lot of plans coming to fruition this year.

12. Mayor Pro-Tem's Comments

- Best wishes for the upcoming Hagerman/Poley wedding at Horizon Park.
- Honored to have Harper's "wings" placed in Horizon Park.
- Thank you to Deputy Clerk Bellingham for all of her work on logging the city's resolutions.
- The sale of the property on Savage Rd. is exciting.
- Excited for the Waterworth water rate service.
- Thinks placing a rain garden in the city is an awesome idea.
- Happy to see the approval of the Master Plan coming up.
- Looking forward to the City Hall Grand Opening, on a date to be decided.
- Reminder that the Mayor's Ball is coming up, on April 25th at the BYC.

13. CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

d. Therese Antonelli

- i. Asked about the timeline for the Liberty St. water main project.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Priest to adjourn at 7:23 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Briana Papin, City Clerk/Treasurer
Published: April 23, 2026

Guiding Harbor sets Tea & Tour on May 2 at River of Life church

Guiding Harbor Foster Care Agency invites the community to join it for an afternoon of tea, connection, and impact at the Guiding Harbor Tea & Tour on Saturday, May 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at River of Life Assembly of God, 16650 Sumpter Rd., Van Buren Township.

This public event benefits the Girlstown Residential Program, which provides safety, stability, and support for girls ages 12-18 impacted by foster care.

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- **Thursday, Friday, Saturday, April 23, 24, 25** – Annual indoor flea market at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., New Boston. It's 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.
- **Thursday, April 23** – Democratic Club's Chili Cookoff is at 6 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds Dining Hall on Quirk Road in Van Buren Township. All are welcome.
- **Friday, April 24** – Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate Dinner at 5 p.m. and

- induction ceremony at 7 p.m., all at Belleville High School. Dinners are \$25 cash at the door of the cafeteria. Induction ceremony is in the BHS Auditorium, free entry.
- **Friday, April 24** – Tacos & Margaritas from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. All proceeds support the Auxiliary.
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 - **Saturday, April 25** – An elegant Mayor's Ball to benefit Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue is from 6 to 11 p.m. at the Belleville

- Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Tickets are \$125 per person. Cocktails, dinner, and dancing. Formal attire and masks encouraged. www.friendsofmichigan.org
- **Thursday, April 30** – Van Buren Township Community Open House from 6-8 p.m. at the township hall to discuss the Belleville Lake Water Assessment Project done by Progressive Companies, contracted by the township. The company assessed water quality, surveyed aquatic vegetation, and analyzed stormwater impacts to inform future conservation strategies. This is the township residents' time to view the project findings and provide feedback.
 - **Friday, May 1** – Community Day at the 34th District Court in Romulus, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Public safety demonstrations, tours, Quiz Bowl sponsored by Fieger Law, food trucks, resources. Open to the public, families, and children of all

- ages from the communities of Belleville, Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Huron Township, and city of Romulus. For information call Mr. Avery Taylor, (734) 941-4463, ext. 264.
- **Saturday, May 2** – Kentucky Derby Party, doors open 3:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Dinner tickets \$20 on sale at the bar. Best hat and outfit contests. Kentucky Derby Race, 6:50-7 p.m. Live bank, Rock 22, at 7:30 p.m.
 - **Saturday, May 16** – Join the Hot Rods motorcycle group for a great ride and bike-blessing event. It will start at Love's Travel Stop, 14137 Plank Rd., Milan with kickstands up at 11 a.m. The group will ride along Oakville Waltz to Sumpter Road, north to Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Dr. in Belleville. Sumpter and Belleville police will escort the riders and block roadways.



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **May 13th, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

Case 25-040: Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) – Special Land Use Request. A request by applicant Stag Horn BESS, LLC. to install a 200 MW/800 MWh BESS, with supporting infrastructure on a 22.27-acre parcel proposed for development north of Bemis Road, west of Brown and Rounds Drains, east of Rawsonville Road, and south of Martz Road. The subject site is currently zoned M-1, Light Industrial, where large off-site BESS facilities require special land use review.

Case 24-020: DeBucks Agritourism - Special Land Use Request - A request by owner DeBuck Brothers Investments LLC to obtain approval of a pre-existing agritourism use located at 50240 Martz Road (parcel ID number 83 121 99 0008 000).

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail to bwilliams@vbtmi.gov. Written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 327 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, April 12:

0037 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0140 – domestic, Greenwood Dr.
0357 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.
0416 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
0501 – 911 welfare check, E. Sadie Ln.
0621 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1205 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1226 – assist fire dept., E. Sadie Ln.
1329 – malicious destruction of property, Vernon
1340 – misc. complaint, Huron River Dr.
1406 – malicious destruction of property, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1510 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
1644 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1823 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1854 – motorist assist, EB Michigan Ave./bypass
1901 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1922 – assist other dept., Arlene Ln.
1937 – traffic offense, Beckley Rd./S. I-94 Service
1945 – civil matter, Freedom Way
2015 – mental subject, Evelyn Ct.
2131 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
2133 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
2235 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
2240 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
2356 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, April 13:

0031 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kouza Ct.
0134 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
0314 – animal complaint, Daisy Blvd.
0407 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0425 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0502 – fight, Ecorse Rd.
0626 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1203 – harassment call, Burtrig St.
1500 – misc. complaint, Bemis Rd.
1447 – malicious destruction of property, Sylvia
1537 – 911 welfare check, Arthur St.
1556 – welfare check, Reedgrass Ln.
1624 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd.
1709 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1828 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1828 – assist citizen, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1828 – misc. complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1938 – noise complaint, Christina Ln.
1855 – misc. complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1850 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Landmark
1854 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
1937 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1947 – civil matter, Park Estates Dr.
2004 – intrusion alarm, Water's Edge Ln.
2026 – suicidal person, Buchanan St.
2106 – trespassing, Sylvia Dr.
2102 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2239 – motorist assist, Ecorse/I-275
2241 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2314 – civil matter, Lighthouse Dr.
2356 – assist other dept., rest area

Tuesday, April 14:

0122 – assist citizen, Renton Rd.
0149 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0153 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0205 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0207 – assist citizen, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0208 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0214 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0243 – parking complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0251 – parking complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
0259 – parking complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
0305 – parking complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
0307 – warrant arrest, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0308 – parking complaint, E. Archwood Dr.

0358 – assist other dept., Sumpter/Harris
0422 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Pond Bluff Dr.
0652 – welfare check, Maple Dr.
0844 – personal injury accident, Van Born Rd.
xxxx – road hazard, Marlowe Ave./Ecorse Rd.
0914 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1017 – intrusion alarm, Vernon St.
1030 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Madison
1133 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Belleville Rd.
1148 – larceny, Ecorse Rd.
1212 – assist fire dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1247 – prisoner transport, S. Wayne Rd.
1305 – fraud, Basswood Cir.
1321 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1550 – harassment call, Rogers Ave.
1634 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1636 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Ashbury
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
1914 – domestic, Jackson St.
1928 – 911 welfare check, Monroe Ct.
1933 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1942 – fraud, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1959 – traffic offense, Hayes St./Van Buren St.
2052 – harassment call, Winchester St.
2215 – welfare check, Berkdale Dr.
2318 – noise complaint, Westlake Cir.

Wednesday, April 15:

0038 – parking complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
0044 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rose Blvd.
0058 – assist other dept., Sawgrass Ct.
0055 – parking complaint, Lighthouse Dr.
0155 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0206 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0215 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0212 – intrusion alarm, Ricardo Dr.
0238 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
0134 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.
0417 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
0417 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
0510 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0535 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
0620 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Snow Rd.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Martinsville Rd.
0813 – motorist assist, Belleville/Van Born
0849 – intrusion alarm, Rebecca Ct.
0840 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1220 – civil matter, Haggerty Rd.
1233 – animal complaint, Bemis Rd.
1259 – road hazard, Belleville/Van Born
1258 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1348 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.
1431 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
1537 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd./Grove Rd.
1556 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1635 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
1657 – 911 welfare check, Michigan Ave.
1815 – parking complaint, Westlake
1806 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
1824 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd. / Spencer St.
1854 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd.
1906 – misc. complaint, Ecorse/I-275
2012 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./McKinley St.
2047 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2212 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
2308 – 911 welfare check, Meadows Cir.

Thursday, April 16:

0018 – malicious destruction of property, Turnberry Ct.
0232 – misc. complaint, Belleville Rd.
0322 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
xxxx – repossession, Brandi Dr.
0852 – welfare check, America
0936 – 911 welfare check, Burlwood Ln.
1215 – harassment call, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1207 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Savage Rd.
1237 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
1253 – family trouble, Riggs Rd.
1319 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.

1454 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd./Quirk
1535 – property damage accident, Bemis/Lohr
1641 – animal complaint, Rose Blvd.
1703 – assist fire dept., Hoeft Rd.
1731 – intrusion alarm, Red Oak Dr.
1824 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1852 – domestic, Sylvia Dr.
1912 – mental subject, Evelyn Ct.
2002 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2001 – threat, Belleville Rd.
2003 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.
2038 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
2028 – felony assault, Martz Rd.
2129 – intrusion alarm, Oak Ln.
2156 – assist other dept., Rose Blvd./Violet St.
2207 – 911 welfare check, N. Timberview Dr.
2212 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rolan Meadows Dr./Tyler Rd.
2256 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.

Friday, April 17:

0212 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0233 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0406 – intrusion alarm, W. Huron River Dr.
0435 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0652 – animal complaint, Savage/Martinsville
0748 – noise complaint, Beacon Trl.
0806 – family trouble, Alden Ave.
0842 – family trouble, Water's Edge Ln.
0908 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Timberland Dr./Elwell Rd.
0903 – family trouble, Buchanan St.
0917 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Cobblestone
0926 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0939 – welfare check, Daisy Blvd.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Christina Ln.
1210 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1328 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1345 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1426 – misc. complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1405 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1411 – fraud, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1548 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1448 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, McBride Ave.
1527 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1532 – 911 welfare check, Village Green Ln.
1607 – harassment call, Barkley St.
1630 – fraud, Quirk Rd.
1649 – intrusion alarm, Arthur St.
1656 – shooting, Van Born Rd./Morton Taylor
1716 – welfare check, Victoria St.
1732 – assist fire dept., Anna Dr.
1834 – assist fire dept., Victoria St.
1855 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1954 – harassment call, E. Huron River Dr.
2050 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
2201 – noise complaint, Bog Rd.
2134 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
2213 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mission Pointe
2338 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

Saturday, April 18:

0025 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
0030 – welfare check, Quirk Rd.
0031 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
0044 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
0048 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
0101 – threat, E. Huron River Dr.
0350 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.
0428 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0706 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
0817 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
0905 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
xxxx – private property impound, Rawsonville
1002 – threat, W. Adams
1004 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1035 – assist fire dept., Alden Ave.
1207 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1236 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, S. I-94 Service
1240 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd.
1245 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd.
1249 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd.
1321 – family trouble, Belleville Rd.
1338 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1347 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

1406 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Prairiegrass Ct.
1407 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd./Belleville
1411 – parking complaint, Quirk Rd./Belleville
1445 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1555 – assist fire dept., Martz Rd.
1653 – intrusion alarm, Linda Vista Ct.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Hoeft Rd./Hull Rd.
1735 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
1917 – property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave. / bypass
1925 – larceny, Sunrise Ln.
1942 – assist fire dept., Edwards Rd.
2132 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rose Blvd.
2135 – parking complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2240 – civil matter, Hamilton St.
2311 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
2331 – noise complaint, Oak Ln.

Also, on this log are 83 traffic stops, six of which are on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 12:

0302 – assist fire dept., Owen St.
0620 – parking complaint, Main St.
0937 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1227 – disorderly, E. Huron River Dr.
1949 – assist fire dept., Main St./Third St.
2130 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
2237 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

Monday, April 13:

0150 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ct.
0601 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1919 – assist fire dept., Clarence St./Robbe St.
2307 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.

Tuesday, April 14:

0709 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
0820 – abandoned auto, Main St.
0839 – assist fire dept., Santa Clara St.
0921 – larceny, Henry St.
1241 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1334 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1707 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
1823 – assist other dept., Fourth St.
1922 – 911 welfare check, Bay Pointe Dr.

Wednesday, April 15:

0056 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.
0337 – assist fire dept., Bay Pointe Dr.
0846 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
2030 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
2140 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.

Thursday, April 16:

1000 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
2307 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.

Friday, April 17:

1220 – misc. complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
2025 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2101 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2114 – road hazard, Main St.
xxxx – assist fire dept., First St.
2129 – follow up by officer, Harmony Ln.

Saturday, April 18:

1017 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
1026 – assist fire dept., Robbe St.
1342 – found property/child, Charles St.
1418 – fraud, E. Columbia Ave.
1521 – misc. complaint, Charles St.
xxxx – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
1712 – assist fire dept., E. Columbia Ave.
1750 – property check, Greylock St.
2036 – property damage accident, Belle Villa
2224 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2252 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.

There are 68 reports on this week's log, 25 of which are traffic stops.

“I am reminded of the professor who, in his declining hours, was asked by his devoted pupils for his final counsel. He replied, ‘Verify your quotations.’”

– Sir Winston Churchill

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, April 12:

0443 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
 0943 – assist other agency, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
 1144 – noise complaint, Arizona St.
 1227 – civil matter, Arizona St.
 1348 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Judd
 1643 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
 1757 – suspicious circumstance, 51000 bl. Arkona Rd.
 1807 – noise complaint, 51000 b. Willis Rd.
 1924 – ordinance violation, 44000 bl. Willis
 2139 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 2314 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.

Monday, April 13:

0038 – suspicious circumstance, Iowa St. / California St.
 0208 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
 0303 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0843 – suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
 1005 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1208 – fraud complaint, 29000 bl. Sumpter
 1255 – recovered stolen vehicle, Oregon St.
 1521 – ordinance violation, 51000 bl. Wear
 1602 – ordinance violation, Hampshire Dr.
 1616 – ordinance violation, Country Club Dr.
 1850 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1907 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1932 – suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2022 – shots fired, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
 2335 – welfare check, Country Club Blvd.

Tuesday, April 14:

0051 – family trouble, Dakota Ct.
 0145 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
 0257 – suspicious person, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
 0346 – juvenile matter, Sumpter Rd./Bemis
 0814 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 0900 – fire dept. assist, 9400 bl. Rawsonville
 1144 – assist other agency, Country Club Blvd.
 1650 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
 1826 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
 1851 – lost property report, Utah Ct.
Wednesday, April 15:
 0959 – civil matter, Oregon St.
 1231 – suspicious circumstance, Country Club Blvd.
 1303 – civil matter, Birch Dr.
 1345 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1430 – suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
 1518 – animal complaint, Willow/Martinsville
 1537 – property damage accident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.

1618 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
 1643 – assault, Utah St.
 1820 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 1932 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2007 – fire dept. assist, Utah St.
 2128 – fire dept. assist, Texas St.
 2242 – welfare check, Birch Ct.
Thursday, April 16:
 0105 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
 0151 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
 0212 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1003 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
 1008 – larceny report, 8500 bl. Rawsonville
 1032 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
 1101 – suspicious person, Stonecrest Dr.
 1527 – juvenile matter, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
 1651 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.
 1857 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
 2155 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
 0000 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.

Friday, April 17:

0723 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
 0857 – suspicious circumstance, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
 1003 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
 1505 – suspicious circumstance, Washington St.
 1524 – traffic complaint/hazard, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
 1530 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
 1603 – suspicious circumstance, Country Club Blvd.
 1723 – ORV complaint, Martinsville/Bemis
 1940 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
 2016 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.
 2153 – follow-up investigation, Country Club Blvd.
 2220 – traffic complaint/hazard, Carriage Ln.
 2307 – traffic complaint/hazard, Delaware St.

Saturday, April 18:

0059 – noise complaint, Magnolia Dr.
 0224 – suspicious circumstance, Knollwood Dr.
 0624 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
 0933 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
 1222 – animal complaint, Rawsonville Rd. / Rustic Ln.
 1227 – harassment complaint, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
 1808 – resist officer, Birch Dr.
 Also on this week's log were 117 patrol checks, 78 traffic stops and eight misc. details.



Belleville Lake Water Assessment Project

COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

The Charter Township of Van Buren, in partnership with Progressive Companies, has completed the Belleville Lake Water Assessment Project. The study:

- assessed water quality
- surveyed aquatic vegetation
- analyzed stormwater impacts to inform future conservation strategies.

Van Buren Township Hall - Board Room
 46425 Tyler Road, VBT, MI 48111
 Thursday, April 30, 2026 6:00 - 8:00 PM

The Township Residents are invited to attend the public meeting to review the project findings and provide feedback.

734.699.8913
 vbtmi.gov



VAN BUREN
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP

BHS at-home games

- **Thursday, April 23** – Girls Varsity Tennis vs. Livonia Churchill, 4 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs. Wayne Memorial -- JV 5:30 p.m., Varsity 7 p.m.
- **Friday, April 24** – Varsity Softball vs. Ann Arbor Pioneer, 4 p.m.
- **Monday, April 27** – Varsity Tennis vs. New Boston Huron, 4 p.m.; Varsity Baseball vs. John Glenn, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Lacrosse vs. Novi, 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 28** – Varsity Boys Golf vs. Hamtramck, 2:50 p.m. at Willow Metropark Golf Course; JV Girls Tennis vs. Dearborn, 4 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 29** – JV Girls Tennis vs. New Boston Huron, 4 p.m.; JV Baseball vs. John Glenn, 4:30 p.m.

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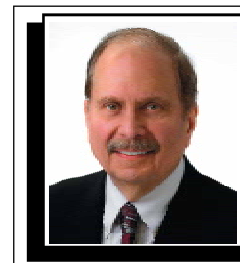
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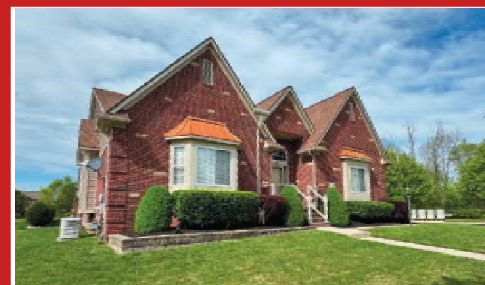
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