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## Supt. Kudlak: Frazier's offices 'incompatible'

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
 Independent Editor

"I am not resigning my office," said Van Buren Public Schools Trustee Sherry Frazier at Monday's school board meeting.

"I will make myself clear!" she said.

At the end of the more than three-hour meeting, Trustee Frazier said she resented School Supt. Pete Kudlak's comments in his weekly digital message to board members. She said he said her position of trustee on both the school board and the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees was incompatible, according to three attorney opinions.

Trustee Frazier said before she ran for township office, VBT Clerk Leon Wright checked with the state and found that these two offices were not incompatible. She was elected to the township board last November.

Supt. Kudlak said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said there was no conflict of interest in his estimation.

Supt. Kudlak said what brought the issue to the forefront is the upcoming contract for the special assessment district for the paving of McBride Avenue in VBT.

He said everything was all right when there were no contracts between the township and the school district, but this contract makes Frazier's offices incompatible. He said he has been told by the attorneys that the incompatibility of offices would bring all of Frazier's votes into question since she was elected to the township board.

And, it could cost the school district thousands of dollars, Kudlak said.

Frazier explained that she recused herself from the school board vote on the \$90,000 the district is contributing to the McBride paving. And, she recused herself from the township board vote on the McBride paving

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Independent photos by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Dytyniak family of Van Buren Township was present at Saturday's student art show at Belleville High School to pose with the artworks that won a \$1,000 scholarship for Jason. From left is father John Dytyniak, brother Evan Dytyniak, artist Jason Dytyniak, and mother Michele Dytyniak. Jason, a BHS senior, will use his scholarship at the Center for Creative Studies where he will be a student this fall. His display showed a variety of artworks, including a head made out of coins – some \$30 worth. The scholarship was presented by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Work from students grades K-12 was on display.

## BHS Distinguished Graduates, Honor Society to be inducted

The public is invited to the annual Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates induction ceremony at 7 p.m., Friday, April 28, at the BHS Auditorium.

Four graduates will be inducted and honored: Myra MacPherson, class of 1952; Bernard Hovey, class of 1965; Jill Devers, class of 1982; and a posthumous honor to William (Bill) Budd, class of 1960.

The induction ceremony of the Belleville High School National Honor Society will also take place during the 7 p.m. event.

### Myra MacPherson to meet public at library

Myra MacPherson, author, journalist, and Belleville High School Distinguished Graduate, will meet with the public at 1 p.m., Saturday, April 29, at the Belleville Area District Library.

The library is hosting this question and answer session with MacPherson the day after her induction as a Distinguished



Graduate at BHS. She is a member of the class of 1952.

MacPherson also will spend time at BHS on Friday speaking with classes.

MacPherson worked at the *Washington Post* for more than 20 years and wrote profiles of the criminals involved in Watergate. She is the author of "Long Time Passing: Vietnam and the Haunted Generation" and, most recently, "The Scarlet Sisters; Sex, Suffrage, and Scandal in the Gilded Age."

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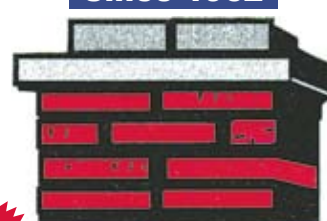
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## Davenport gets OK to construct office building at 337 Main

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After more than an hour and a half of discussion, the Belleville Planning Commission at its April 13 meeting voted 7-2 to approve the appeal of Davenport Development to construct a one-story office building at 337 Main Street.

The special use request had been turned down on a 4-4 tie at the March 9 meeting of the commission, when Commissioner Kelly Bates was on vacation in Florida. Davenport asked for reconsideration by the full board and that's what he got.

Davenport's architect Wayde Hoppe presented the appeal and pointed out weaknesses in the city's ordinances.

Davenport had brought along business owners and members of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as other supporters. The city meeting room was packed and extra chairs had to be brought in to accommodate the crowd.

When it came time to vote, Commissioners Henry Kurczewski and Becky Hasen changed their March "no" votes to "yes" votes and Bates voted "yes" as well, which approved the proposal on a 5-2 vote. Commission chairman Steve Jones and Commissioner Matthew Wagner stuck to their "no" votes.

At issue was whether to follow the ordinance that was aimed at bringing more retail business to town and limiting office space. Steve Davenport said he had tried to get retail to commit to a lease, but was unsuccessful. Two local businesses, however, were interested in moving into the new building and leases were required to get bank loans for the construction.

Moving the Mitten real estate, now located at 245 Main, needs a larger location



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Belleville Planning Commission mulls an appeal from Davenport Development before a roomful of Davenport supporters. After an hour and a half of discussion, the commission voted 5-2 to let the company construct an office building with no retail component at 337 Main Street. Standing at left is Davenport architect Wayde Hoppe. The commissioners, from left, are John Juriga, Michael Hawkins, Randy Priest, chairman Steve Jones, Becky Hasen, Matthew Wagner, Mike Renaud, Henry Kurczewski, and in front (with back to camera) Kelly Bates. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer is at front right.

because of growing business. Edward Jones financial, now on Rawsonville Road, wants to move into the city and its director already sits on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority representing the Chamber.

Architect Hoppe presented a new drawing of the proposed building that will be built from property line to property line. He also presented photos of all of the businesses on that side of Main Street from Third to Fourth streets.

Hoppe had put together a chart calculating

the actual percentage of office space vs. retail. He figured with and without the now-vacant Davenport office project. It was unclear where vacant lots figure into the calculations.

He wound up his remarks with reasons why the commission should approve the office building.

"Of the nine businesses on the block, Davenport will be the only development that satisfies" the ordinance, Hoppe said.

Hoppe said Moving the Mitten and Edward Jones wish to be in the new building, while other businesses, including Mammoth Video and Sugar Plum candy store are closing. Building on Main Street would turn that trend around.

He said Davenport is willing to invest in downtown Belleville and has invested thousands of dollars in Belleville in the past.

Chairman Jones said if Davenport had bought across the street, "the Pentamaki property," there wouldn't be this problem since there are few offices on that block.

Hoppe said he cannot speculate on why Davenport bought the property it did and that is not the question.

Commissioner Michael Renaud said Hoppe demonstrated that the commission has to go back and change the ordinance and "parsed it down to individual syllables."

"I really think this is the right thing to do and the project should proceed," Renaud said. "Vacant lots are for another discussion when we update the ordinance."

Commissioner John Juriga said the

property at 337 Main has been sitting there vacant for 14 years and nobody wanted to buy it, except for an attempt by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts that fell through.

Juriga said the commission has to look at what is best for the city and he goes along with pursuing the proposed construction.

Commission vice chairman Michael Hawkins, who threatened to quit the commission after the March meeting that turned down the project, pointed out the Davenport building will be the only building in town that follows the ordinance.

"It's important we get one building in place that meets the criteria we set in 2013," Hawkins said.

DPW/Building Official Rick Rutherford said the ordinance is a living document and it has to be tweaked along the way. He said considering the "vacant land" detail is one problem.

"We're going to have some growing pains as we attract development," Rutherford said.

Hoppe pointed out the front façade of the new building meets the ordinance and it will be built from property line to property line. The front will match the average setback of others on the block, he said. Also, there will be 14 parking spaces in the back with appropriate-size aisles.

Hawkins said there are permitted uses for banks and financial institutions and Edward Jones could be a financial institution or a financial service. He said the ordinance

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Wayde Hoppe, architect, displays a drawing of what the office building would look like while he discusses the details of the Davenport request with the Belleville Planning Commission.

# OPINIONS

## Editorial

### Van Buren Twp. DDA buys AEDs for township hall

Former Van Buren Township Supervisor Helen Foster said she was at a meeting in another community where an official wasn't feeling well and walked out of the meeting into the hall and collapsed from a heart attack. She said a story like that underlines the need for Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) in all public places.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara said he had noticed the VBT hall had no AEDs. At Tuesday's meeting of the VBT Downtown Development Authority the DDA unanimously approved an expenditure of \$7,335 to Aventric Tech of Warren for five AEDs for the township hall, plus \$200 for "other training expenses" – probably pizza.

Supervisor McNamara said he would like to require the 35 people or more at the township hall to attend an educational session on the use of AEDs and Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said food such as pizza might encourage employees to attend the training. Director Laurain made the presentation to the DDA and asked for its help. He said all police and fire vehicles carry AEDs, but he was surprised to find the township hall had none. By law the police lockup is required to have an AED, he said.

"These are things we probably should have had in the township hall years ago, but didn't," Laurain said. The important thing is that a need was discovered and immediately acted upon. Good going!

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Kim Ensich, who graduated from Belleville High School in the 1970s, has 35 collages on display at the Dexter Public Library, during library hours through June 7. The library is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m.

Kim's artwork is made of paper, fiber, and found objects. Her proud mother is Jean Morris, a popular Belleville artist.

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On the internet ALDI announced it is hiring store associates at the Van Buren Township store at a salary of \$11.75 an hour. Apply May 15, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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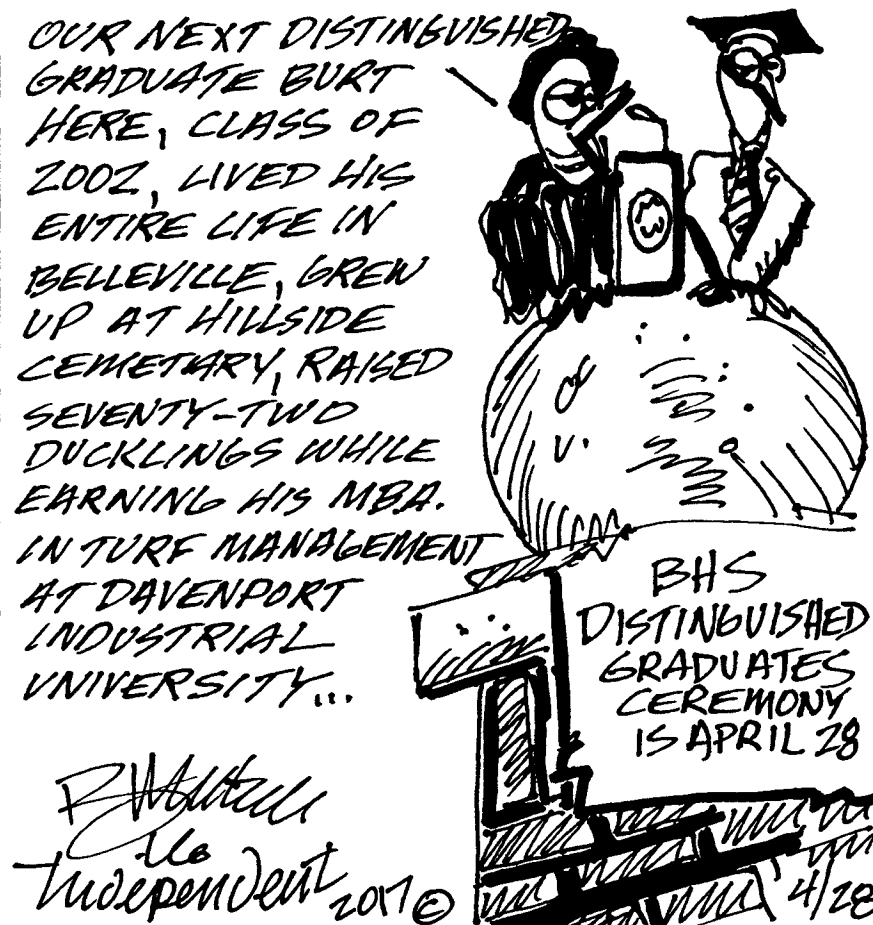
On Saturday, Earth Day, the Van Buren Public Schools Student Art Show was held at the Commons at BHS. The sign promoting the event had planet earth in the middle and: "The earth without art is just eh." The planet carried the letters "eARTh" and it took a while for some to figure it all out.

Comcast had its work day, based at BHS, on Saturday as well, so some people did their volunteer work first and then came on over to the art show. It was a beautiful, sunny day.

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I received a 16-page brochure promoting endowed scholarships at Albion College. I graduated from Albion and so I get lots of mail from them and their magazines and brochures are always so well-done and interesting.

This latest mailing caught my eye because it had a story about the Donahey family.



You may remember that Patricia and the late Richard Donahey gave a million dollars anonymously to start the Belleville Boys and Girls Club. Later they let their name be released and the club was named for them.

Well, this article was about their son Jim "Quince" Donahey, who graduated from Albion in 1975. He said, "My parents instilled in me at an early age the need to help others whenever possible." He said his father led by example by generously supporting many charitable organizations.

Quince said he and his wife Patsy shared the same commitment to help others. But they went a step further in 2016 when he committed to the newly created James R. Donahey, '75, "Quince Scholars" program.

For the next 28 years, starting next fall, the scholarship will provide financial support for students who have the ability to succeed at Albion, while relieving them of the burden of educational loans. Preference will be given to Detroit public school students who have high financial need and are strong academically.

Quince is the third-generation owner of United Brass in Romulus. He said the scholarship is a tribute to his parents.

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We've been informed a fake IRS person has been revving up his calls to this area. One reader said he called her four times on Friday between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and

4:04 p.m. and with each call increased his threats about the IRS suing her if she didn't pay whatever he wanted.

I'm sure I don't have to remind everyone that the IRS does not call you on the phone if there is a problem. They send messages to you in writing, in the mail. Don't be fooled by these scam artists who are trying to scare you out of your money.

Call the police if you want to check out the callers.

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Sumpter Township Police issued this alert on Monday afternoon: "While we have not necessarily seen a rash of stolen ATV's recently, we did have two four-wheelers stolen from different locations over the past weekend. Unfortunately, the owners had not documented the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of either vehicle. Not having a VIN means that the police department isn't able to enter either vehicle as stolen in the computer database. Consequently, there is little to no chance that either vehicle will ever be recovered and returned to the owner. Please, take a few minutes to document identifying numbers of those big-ticket items that you'd hope would be recovered if stolen from you."

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## Letters

### Day of Prayer is May 4 at Victory Station

To the Editor:

Nationwide, Americans will be joining together in Prayer and Thanksgiving for our nation and our elected officials, as well as our First Responders -- Police and Firefighters -- both nationally and locally while observing its annual 66th National Day of Prayer.

All residents of our tri-communities of Belleville and the townships of Van Buren and Sumpter are invited to attend this special event on Thursday, May 4, at 12-noon in the Victory Station at 5-Points, Belleville.

Along with Prayer, attendees will enjoy special, patriotic music.

This year's theme is: "For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear us...Forgive us...Heal us."

"O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O my God."  
Daniel 9:19

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker  
Belleville

### Turn on those headlights to make sure you're seen

To All Fellow Drivers:

There is a small problem that I have noticed while driving around our fair city and other nearby areas. This has to do with the use of headlights.

This spring has been really rainy with heavy downpours at times. The spray off of vehicle tires has added to the poor visibility that rain brings. While driving I have noticed a lot of vehicles without their headlights on. I have even witnessed one of Belleville's police cars driving in the heavy rain without its headlights on.

According to "What Every Driver Must Know," page 73, Using Your Headlights: "Headlights must be turned on 1/2 hour after sunset and until 1/2 hour before sunrise, and at other times when visibility is reduced.

"Use low beams when it is foggy, raining, or snowing during the day. If you can't see other vehicles they cannot see you. Turn on headlights when in doubt."

Please, for your safety and others, if you don't have a newer car that automatically turns on running lights or headlights for you, turn yours on in rainy weather.

Dawn Pollard

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— Yoda

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St. Jude's Novena

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Van Buren Township resident  
Gina

### Thank you, St. Jude

To the Editor:

I want to thank St. Jude Novena Prayer for answering my prayers and keeping me and family safe.

Thank you, CJ

### Thank you always, St. Jude

To the Editor:

The Saint Jude prayer helped me for all that I prayed for. Thank you, always. Love you.  
C.E. of Wayne

### New St. Jude prayer for you

To the Editor:

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At this point, ask St. Jude for your needed miracle.

Now promise him that you will make his name known and cause him to be intercessed by putting his prayer in print. It can be on the internet, newspaper, post card in the store, etc.

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# Obituaries

Richard Allan Martin

**RICHARD A. MARTIN**  
(November 10, 1934 – February 22, 2017)

Richard (Dick) Allan Martin, longtime Belleville resident, passed away on Wednesday, February 22, 2017. He was born on November 10, 1934 in Detroit, MI to the late Purdie and Louise (Filban) Martin.

Dick proudly served in the U.S. Army, in the Korean War, where he earned several medals including the Purple Heart.

At a young age, Dick enjoyed working beside his father mastering the use of tools and learning the art of woodworking.

While attending Cody High School, Dick played on the baseball and football teams. Upon graduation he worked at General Motors. He then became a salesman for Wright Tool Corporation, and later held the position of Vice-President of Sales for K-Tool Corporation. In his retirement years, he enjoyed working on computers.

Dick liked to spend time with family and friends, often attending BHS sporting and musical events. He spent time researching his coin collection, and also enjoyed golf, bowling, fishing, reading, traveling, and occasional trips to the casino.


Dick is survived by his wife, Bonnie (Mills) Martin; his children, Amber (Tristan) Motz, and also Darlene, Dennis, Daniel and Kenneth Martin; a brother, Robert (Loraie) Martin; three brothers-in-law; five sisters-in-law; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and a son in infancy.

A Celebration of Life service will be held on Saturday, April 29, 11:00 a.m., at Trinity Episcopal Church, Belleville, MI, with Pastor Ian Reed Twiss officiating. Military Honors will follow under the auspices of the VFW Post #4434 Honor Guard, Belleville, MI.

Interment will be in the Trinity Memorial Garden. Luncheon will follow in the Trinity Episcopal Church Parish Hall.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VFW Post #4434 Veterans Honor Guard, PO Box 994, Belleville, MI 48112-0994. Please indicate Dick Martin in the memo.



Kaye Donald Gardner

**KAYE DONALD GARDNER**  
(November 23, 1938 – April 11, 2017)

Kaye Donald Gardner, age 78, of Mio, MI, passed away the evening of Tuesday, April 22, after a short battle with cancer. Kaye graduated from Belleville High School in 1957. He was the son of the late Cade V. Gardner and Eileen M. (Coleman) Gardner, who now is 102. Both were long-time residents of Belleville.

Kaye was the beloved husband of Beverly J. (Wells) Gardner; father of two daughters, the late Lori Gardner who was killed in a train-car accident in Chelsea at the age of 13, and Susan Kaye Gardner of Clinton Township, MI. He has one granddaughter, Jill Rennie, also of Clinton Township.

He also leaves behind his sister Pamela Meland of Grayling, MI, and her two children Erika Meland and Melissa (Pete) Ebijer; and his brother Richard Gardner of Taylor, MI, and his two children, Jessica (Nathan) Crain and Robert (Julie) Gardner. He will be missed by his family, extended family, and many friends.

He and his wife Beverly retired to remodel his grandparents Gardner's cabin on the banks of the Au Sable River as a year-round residence in the Mio area. He was a member of the Mio, Luzerne area Sons of the American Legion and an active member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Mio Lodge, where he helped with lawn maintenance and building maintenance, summer Wednesday patio cook-outs, various fund raisers, and road clean-up of M-72 adopted by the Mio Moose. Kaye was a great outdoor enthusiast enjoying motorcycling, trout fishing, cross-country skiing, and river and forestry conservation.

According to his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. Memorial service and luncheon were held at the Mio Moose Lodge on Saturday, April 22. Many of his family and friends attended. Memorial contributions to Moose charities, Moose Haven, home for the aged, and Moose Heart, home and school for children, and/or to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers would be appreciated.

## 'First Ladies of the White House' show is May 6 at VB Eagles

The Van Buren Eagles #3996 will present "First Ladies of the White House," written by Ginger Bruder after gathering information from never-before-published historical documents in museums and libraries in surrounding states.

Bruder said of the First Ladies, "They may have lived in the shadows, but that doesn't mean their lives were drama-free or boring. If you're a history buff, you'll love this!"

Local women will dress up and present new information on more than 20 First Ladies at the 8 p.m. show on Saturday, May 6, at the Eagles Hall, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township.

The doors open at 5:30 p.m., with dinner of three meats and sides served from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the evening are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets are available at the Van Buren Eagles.

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# Obituaries



Chet Paul Jaggers

## CHET PAUL JAGGERS

(October 14, 1943 – April 20, 2017)

Chet Paul Jaggers, age 73, of Ypsilanti MI, passed away Thursday afternoon with his family at his side on April 20, 2017.

Chester was born in Elizabethtown, KY, on October 14, 1943, son of the late James B. Jaggers and Callie Mae Wilard.

Chet is the beloved husband of Nellie J. Jaggers; loving father of Tarra Hudson of Ypsilanti, Chet Jr. and Edith Jaggers of Ypsilanti, DeAnna (Terry) Mullins of Riverview, Lisa (Carl) Peterson of Ocala, FL, Wendy Fincher of Ypsilanti and Jennifer Bales of Georgia. He is also the loving grandfather of nineteen grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and was an avid fan of NASCAR and the Detroit Tigers. Chet especially like to just get out and take a drive; but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, great-grandchildren and his dog, "Buddy." Chet also proudly served his country in the United States Army.

Sadly, he is preceded in death by his siblings, Junior Pritty and Carol A. Jaggers. He is survived by his brother Cecil (Michelle) Jaggers, cousin and dear friend, Wilford (Jan) Fields, and many extended family and friends. Chet will be dearly missed by all.

Chet's family would especially like to thank St. Joseph Mercy Hospital doctors, nurses, and hospice for all of their wonderful care.

Visiting hours were Sunday, April 23, from 12 noon until 6 p.m. at the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, (734)-697-4500. Memorial contributions may be directed to wishes to the family.

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## Huron Valley Conservation Association sets flower sale

The Huron Valley Conservation Association will hold its annual flower sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, May 13, in the Chase Bank parking lot at the corner of Main and High streets in downtown Belleville. For information, call Joe Nellis, (734) 646-2201 or Kris Matthew, (734) 646-3763.

## Charcoal grilled steaks dinner offered at Eagles

The Van Buren Eagle Riders #3996 will hold a charity fund raiser from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 12, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township. They are offering a charcoal grilled steak dinner for \$13, which includes strip steak, baked potato, salad, and a roll. Cash bar.



Jack Richard Johnson

## JACK RICHARD JOHNSON

(April 19, 1925 – April 22, 2017)

Jack Richard Johnson, age 92, longtime resident of Belleville, died peacefully with his family at his side at Superior Woods Nursing Facility on April 22, 2017.

Jack is the beloved husband of Mary Faye (Adams) Johnson for 72 wonderful years and loving father of Richard (Alma) Johnson of Belleville, Carol (James) Luke of Belleville, and Robert (Amanda) Johnson of Sumpter Township. He is the loving grandfather of six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren, Jack is also survived by many extended family and friends.

Born on April 19, 1925 in Chesterfield, South Carolina, to the late Joseph and Minnie (Cassidy) Johnson. Jack proudly served his country in the United States Navy in WWII in both the European and Pacific theaters. He enjoyed buildings homes and putting in a day's hard work; but most of all he loved spending time with his family.

A funeral ceremony with military honors will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, April 27, in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, (734) 697-4500. Interment will follow at Hillside cemetery of Belleville. The Johnson family will greet guests from 10 a.m. until the time of the 1 p.m. service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Grace Baptist Church.

## September Days Senior Center Flea Market set

September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, is holding a Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, May 4, and Friday, May 5.

# More Letters

## Opt-Out Insurance abuses taxpayer money

To the Editor:

On April 13, 2017 my article was carried in the Belleville *Independent* newspaper with corroboration via FOIA Freedom of Information requests supplied by Sumpter Township, MI. It clearly states the abuses and lack of financial accountability of Sumpter Township, MI, board and trustees in regards to Opt-Out insurances only, which was clearly omitted. We were not talking about total compensation packages. This abuse of power and accountability led by Supervisor John Morgan and his trustees of tens of thousands of taxpayer dollars they receive each and every month and yearly which amounts to over \$88,756.80 a year. For four years, the regular time in which they are elected to office, is a staggering \$355,027.20, almost half a million dollars. This is appalling and filled with greed. This board was elected to be the taxpayers' leaders of morals, integrity, and fiscal responsibility of which they lack in all categories.

The tenets in which they swore under oath has failed this group and the township. They care nothing about truths, integrity and care even less about being stewards of financial responsibility. They have and continue to fail miserably.

These hundreds of thousands of dollars of Opt-Out Insurance scams are these board members' personal piggy banks at taxpayer expense. The abuse must stop immediately. The John Morgan team must be replaced with people that are truly concerned about this community. Those thousands of dollars can and could have been used for youth employment both summer and winter and the opening of the gym that sits idle and has for years. This money could also be used to hire a professional grant writer to assist in bringing businesses and grant dollars into the township (that dump on Oakville Waltz

Road is not going to last forever).

Why are other townships growing, but Sumpter Township is withering away both in population and home values? This Opt-Out Insurance money scam could have been used for that \$150,000 that was recently transferred from the general fund to the fire department. That Opt-Out Insurance money could have been used for our seniors, veterans, and grass cutting, snow removal and assistance with water bills. That money could be used to help in the eradication of the blight that has lowered our property values to all-time lows. That money could have been used to bring all of our fire hydrants in the township up to state code and in federal compliance at township offices/buildings with ADA – American with Disabilities Act. The township has been in violation of this federal act for over 20 years. It's time to drain the John Morgan Team swamp.

The article that appeared in the *Belleville-Area Independent* newspaper on April 20, 2017 by Sybil Buchanan, Sumpter Township employee, was unprofessional, without merit, immature and childish. In fact, it's my understanding she does not even live in or pay taxes in Sumpter Township. I write my own material, Sybil Buchanan. It's not dictated/given to me by some ghost writers in the background/backroom that are too scandalous to do their own dirty work. Stop being their flunky.

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# Davenport

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needs fine tuning.

Commissioner Randy Priest said the responsibility for attracting retail to the community is a shared responsibility, not just for one person. He said the old Master Plan apparently expired.

"I've not heard a convincing argument against it," Priest said, referring to the project. "It's a very attractive building... I'm waiting to hear an argument."

Juriga said there are 1,759 chains of stores closing in the U.S. because retail customers are changing. He said people now go shopping on line in their jammies. "Retail is dying," Juriga said. "It might come back, but I can see its impact now."

Juriga made a motion to approve the project and Jones said the commission hadn't finished commenting on the proposal.

Jones said one of his concerns in granting the project is that he struggles with how the commission is going to turn down other special use approvals.

"We're over the amount of office space on that side of the street... There are conflicting ideas," he said.

"I appreciate the rendering," Jones said referring to Hoppe's drawing. "I was disappointed last month."

Jones said the approval of the special use opens the door to gas stations, medical marijuana shops, a dispensary.

"This is an acceptable use for this location," Renaud said. He said the marijuana statement referred to a rezoning. He said the city is going to rescind its zoning for medical marijuana so the whole city will be free of that.

Jones said the city is over the office space allowed under the ordinance.

"I wouldn't want to put retail offices downtown," began Commissioner Bates in her first comments on the project. "What are we doing to bring in retail? My initial idea is we don't want office space downtown... but we're not working to bring retail downtown..." She referred to the slogan she proposed to the city council inviting people to "Come Across the Bridge" to discover the charm of Belleville.

Hoppe said the development of retail grows around where the people sleep and

work. At lunch time employees go out for lunch and that forms a need and so they build a restaurant. You buy groceries wherever your house is, Hoppe added.

Jones said a residential downtown is necessary and that's why he was disappointed when the city got rid of the second-floor requirement.

Renaud said both the companies at Davenport's new building will bring people into the city. He said there is a diversity of businesses in the city. He said this is a worthwhile variance.

"We don't need more barber shops, insurance..." he said.

Commissioner Wagner said as far as diversity goes, Belleville has real estate offices, but no financial adviser.

"We're trying to bring people downtown... and retain them here... we need to model on Plymouth," Wagner said, adding the city needs youth-oriented businesses. "Dude's had problems after a while, but it was a place for kids to go."

Juriga said, talking about bringing people to town, he was at The Mitten and there were four closings in one day. Some of the people said they didn't even know Belleville was here and didn't know what a beautiful area Belleville was. He said Edward Jones also draws people.

"They are coming here because they have some money," Priest said, referring to the Edward Jones clients.

Priest said if the Mitten moves and vacates the place it has, that opens up another opportunity for another business.

"How do we deny the next person?" Jones asked. "We're limiting office space." He said they loosened up the rules to allow some offices on the ground floor. After that the second floor was no longer required.

Wagner said the commission told the woman who bought the former Chesley Odom building that she had to stay two story and he voted no.

Juriga said they had been discussing this for over an hour. "Can we have a vote?"

Jones said they have to hear from the rest of the commission and then the audience.

Hawkins said they changed from the two-story requirement.

Wagner said he, Jesse Marcotte, and Hawkins were on the committee and he and Marcotte thought it should stay two stories. When it was presented to the full

commission, Wagner said he and Marcotte weren't there and Hawkins told the commission that one story was suggested and it passed.

Councilman Marcotte, who was named to the council at that point, was present at this meeting and he said the subcommittee had gone back to the commission to gave their ideas. It was his last planning commission meeting. At the next meeting, when he was gone, the commission made its decision on the second floor.

He said the city needs more collaboration with business owners and he was glad they were present that evening.

"Jesse and I agreed," persisted Hawkins.

"This proposed project was one of those that were affected," Rutherford said of the action to not require a second floor.

When the comments were opened up to the audience, Jeff Vernon spoke of his candy shop closing. He said the idea to bring in businesses to see the city is better than Winter Fest, Strawberry Fest, and Floppy Bunny all combined.

He said businesses are choked out by the city regulations. He said when he has said that before, commission members rolled their eyes like they are doing now.

"Businesses aren't open late because there are no people," he said. "Events are blocking the businesses off and people are not coming."

"What is it going to benefit you to have a building? Not have a building?" he asked. He said they are going to readjust their candy shop and it will be viable somewhere else.

Councilman Tom Fielder said the city council asked the planning commission to consider looking at regulations and it would be naïve to think it wasn't for a specific project. He encouraged the Chamber members present to give the city ideas on the downtown.

"This isn't the time – six years later – to say you shouldn't have done something," Fielder said. "Retail is not as definable as it was before," he said, noting times are changing.

"What effect is, basically, a library going to have? I don't know," he said.

A representative of the Mitten, who did not identify herself other than as "I'm the one with the passion," said they bring people in for closings and then go to Egan's and the people love the Celtic Sticks and come back for that.

The Women's Club usually get 200 people for their fashion show and this year there were 250. She said they invited women to this event.

"If we could be in a bigger place we could sell more houses," she said, noting they sold 300 houses last year and they get referrals every day.

"Please let us grow. Please let us bring more people in," she said.

"You have a roomful of people who say they want you to support this. We will bring more people if we have more space," she said.

"I hope everybody's good with anything is better than nothing," Jones said.

"People come from all over, 30-

40 appointments a week," the Mitten representative said. "Most are not from Belleville, but they go into Belleville."

Jones said his comment was not anything against the two businesses. He said by making too many exceptions to the plans for downtown after they have pushed to limit things, they can't call things out.

"I agree. I would like new development," Jones said.

Keith Johnston, president of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, introduced himself as chairman of the Romulus Downtown Development Authority. He said the hardware store in Romulus just closed after more than 50 years and the grocery store closed.

"Rules are not a good excuse to me," Johnston said. "Davenport has been a good neighbor. I think it would be good to approve this."

John Winters of Egan's Irish Pub said they are in a building constructed in 1885 and came to Belleville 15 years ago. He said Egan's brought traffic to Main Street. He said he's never wanted Belleville to be like Plymouth because he lived in Plymouth and saw all the turmoil it went through to get it where it is today. He suggested Belleville build the businesses downtown and wait for the people to come.

A speaker who identified herself as Jessica said she was representing both hotels in Van Buren Township. She said a lot of people stay there when relocating for work. When they say they are tired of fast food, the hotel van brings them over the bridge to Belleville's restaurants.

She said Hyundai and Google are hiring. Walmart is remodeling all their stores. These business people come in and stay a long time and hang out, she said.

Mark Mrocca, a retired mechanical engineer, is now a property manager. He said he bought 122 South Street (the former Progressive/law office). He said he had served as vice chair of the VBT Planning Commission.

He said Hoppe is right about where people shop.

"Your dogma, why you are so against this is a mystery to me," Mrocca said.

Fielder said when Aerotropolis was being formed, it designated Belleville as a cultural/recreational spot.

Shelly Brown Chudzinski of Brown Funeral Home said vacant land does not bring people.

"We need to support them and any issue after that take individually," she said.

"There are enough discrepancies in the ordinance," Hoppe said. "Either approve it or have them wait until the ordinance is clarified."

"We're trying," Jones said.

Colette McClinton of Garden Fantasy on Main said she is a newer business owner but she has been living in the city for 29 years and downtown hasn't changed a lot in all that time.

She said something that brings jobs to the community can't go wrong. She said there were "a lot of positive vibes in this room." She said they agree in a Belleville to live in

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# Det./Sgt John Toth named Officer of the Year at Sumpter PD

During the April 11 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Police Chief Eric Luke announced the police department awards for 2016.

Officer of the Year is Det./Sgt. John Toth. Det./Sgt. Toth also won this top award in 2012.

Selection is based upon the member's significant contribution to the mission of the Sumpter Township Police Department, said Chief Luke.

"It was in discussing his abilities, duties, and performance that we realized this award went beyond his skills as a detective," Chief Luke said. "John earned

this award for his dedication to solving cases and finding justice for the people of the community.

"He has a gift that enables him to adjust his approach when speaking with victims, suspects, and witnesses, young and old, whatever the situation dictates. It is because of this that John has developed exceptional ties with the community that regularly assists him in gaining knowledge to help solve crimes in the township.

"As if this was not enough, John worked tirelessly and successfully through 2016, which had one of, if not the most challenging caseloads this department has

## Davenport

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and thrive in.

"We're usually speaking to an empty room," Jones said. "There's no one here or there's one person... We do research on our own ... and get input from our planning consultant (who is not with us tonight)... I like to see a full house and have lots of discussion.

"We want business owners here so we can hear your opinions, so everyone is on the same page," Jones said.

"If you want to be Plymouth, approve this tonight and wait," Winters said.

"We want to be Belleville," Jones replied.

"Work for change, work for changes," Winters said.

City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said a request for a special meeting was filed immediately after the March tie vote that rejected the proposal. She said she checked and they wouldn't have had a full board.

Juriga called again for the vote and the proposal passed 7-2, with Jones voting no and adding, "I'm sticking with the ordinance."

Jones said he expects the site plan review on the project to be at the May 11 meeting.

After the vote all the people present to support the proposal left the meeting room although the meeting was not over.

The April 13 meeting lasted another 45 minutes as the commission discussed Master Plan update committee meetings and suggestions on what to focus on.

The committee removed from the plan both the old pump house, which is going to have to be destroyed, and the suggestion of a water tower. Citywide WiFi could be

coming with the cooperation of the library and other businesses. Sidewalk upgrades will be starting in May.

Commissioner Kurczewski had been asked to get information on the area from SEMCOG and he got a huge amount of up-to-date statistics to share.

When Kollmeyer was asked if there was any money for consultants to help with the Master Plan update, she said there wasn't yet.

"We could have taken donations tonight," Commissioner Hasen said. "Most of those people hang out at the BYC." She referred to the crowd that had just left.

"I'm glad this is over," she said, holding her head.

Hawkins said the commission should not skip any meetings for lack of agenda until this ordinance is fixed.

Kollmeyer said, "This is a living document. We had total guidance from Birchler Arroyo for this..."

"I think we did the right thing," Juriga said of the Davenport projects.

"According to the rules we have, my position is that it was not under the rules," Jones said. "Development downtown is always a good thing. I hope the face of our downtown comes out the way we hoped it would... I'm OK with the decision. Some very good points were highlighted."

"God bless you and thank you for your service," Fielder said to the commissioners.

"It was a passionate discussion and I am thankful that they came," Marcotte said of the crowd.

Vernon said he had a small part in getting that crowd in.

"It took a lot of effort," Vernon said. "You represent the city well."



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

At the April 11 meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Police Chief Eric Luke, left, announced his department's Officer of the Year Award for 2016. Detective/Sergeant John Toth, right, won the award for the second time, getting it first in 2012.

ever had.

"During it all, John met the challenge with the utmost degree of integrity, professionalism, courage, and determination to see that justice was done.

"I will conclude by saying that Det./Sgt. John Toth continuously demonstrates core values of professionalism, dependability, and integrity and represents the Police Department, Sumpter Township, and its citizens in a manner we can all be proud of."

**VALOR** -- Sgt. Brian Steffani and Ofc. Joseph Balowski

Chief Luke explained this Valor award is given to a department member who exhibits boldness, determination, and bravery in a difficult task involving great personal risk to the member's safety. The member must have been fully aware of the imminent threat to his/her safety and acted above and beyond the call of duty at the risk of his/her own life.

The Award of Valor was awarded to both officers for their response to and subsequent arrest of the subject responsible for an Assault with a Dangerous Weapon on April 11, 2016. The subject is currently serving a 5-8-year prison sentence.

**MERIT** -- Sgt. Beth Egerer

The Merit Award is given to a member who has performed an efficient and valuable service to the department, either in the performance of a specific task or in the outstanding performance of general duties over an extended period.

This was awarded for Sgt. Egerer's continuing dedication, integrity, and professionalism.

**PATROL PRODUCTIVITY** -- Cpl. John Ashby

Cpl. Ashby was presented the award in

recognition of being the most productive road patrol officer.

These department awards were chosen by a committee in the department.

Chief Luke also gave his own Chief's Recognition to officers in three separate cases.

D/Sgt. John Toth, Sgt. Chris McGlynn, Sgt. Beth Egerer, Cpl. John Ashby & Ofc. Danielle Buccellato

Awarded in recognition of their contribution to the successful investigation and subsequent convictions of those involved in a fraud case against Fox Auto Parts on Jan. 29, 2016. The case involved \$3,200 and \$4,000 in oil and a credit card. There was undercover work involved.

D/Sgt. John Toth, Sgt. Brian Steffani & Ofc. George Salajan

Awarded in recognition of their contribution to the successful investigation and subsequent conviction of Charles Cahill in the drunk driving crash and subsequent death of 12-year-old Victoria Mack on July 27, 2016. Charles Cahill is currently serving a 27-50-year prison sentence resulting from this incident.

D/Sgt. John Toth, Sgt. Chris McGlynn, Sgt. Beth Egerer, Ofc. Colleen Gottschalk, Ofc. Chris Herrick, Ofc. Joseph Balowski & Ofc. George Salajan

Awarded in recognition of their contribution to the successful investigation and subsequent conviction of Thomas Cahill in the hammer attack and subsequent death (resulting in a homicide charge) of his grandfather on Dec. 2, 2016. Thomas Cahill is currently serving a 30-50-year prison sentence resulting from the incident.



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- **Thursday, April 27** – Free Community Dinner from 6 to 6:30 p.m. at Willow United Methodist Church and God Works Family Soup Kitchen, 36925 E. Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020. [www.willowchurch.org](http://www.willowchurch.org)
- **Thursday, April 27; Friday, April 28; and Saturday, April 29** – Annual Indoor Flea Market at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig St., corner of Ellis, one block south of Sibley in New Boston. Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday is Bag Day, at \$4 per bag. (734) 753-0948.
- **Friday, April 28** – Dine to Donate to support the Belleville Area Lions Club at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road, noon to 8 p.m. Gift baskets, 50/50 drawing, custom-made plant stands. Flyers at the event. Ten percent of tab goes to Lions. Information: Keith McDonald, (734) 697-0796.
- **Friday, April 28** – Belleville High School Distinguished Graduates will be inducted at the BHS Auditorium at 7 p.m. Public invited. Free.
- **Saturday, April 29** – Myra MacPherson, BHS Distinguished Graduate, Class of 1952, will meet with the public at 1 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library for a question and answer period. MacPherson worked at the *Washington Post* for more than 20 years and wrote profiles of the criminals involved in Watergate. She is the author of "Long Time Passing: Vietnam and the Haunted Generation" and, most recently, "The Scarlet Sisters: Sex, Suffrage, and Scandal in the Gilded Age." The library is located at 167 Fourth Street in downtown Belleville.
- **Sunday, April 30** – Southern Express musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Thursday, May 4** – 66<sup>th</sup>-annual National Day of Prayer gathering at noon at Victory Station in Victory Park at Five Points in Belleville. Prayer and Thanksgiving for our nation and our elected officials, as well as our First Responders -- Police and Firefighters.
- **Thursday, May 4, and Friday, May 5** – September Days Senior Center Flea Market from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township.
- **Saturday, May 6** – The Smithsonian Institution's traveling "Mail Call" exhibit opens at the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport. The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The exhibit will be at the museum through Aug. 6.

- **Saturday, May 6** – Kickoff party runs from 6 to 9 p.m. at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti for the 38<sup>th</sup>-annual Show 'n' Shine Car Show and Swap Meet, which will be held Sunday, May 7.
- **Saturday, May 6** – You're invited to come to the Van Buren Eagles for dinner and a show: "First Ladies of the White House." Doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is 6-7:30 p.m., show at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. (734) 699-8836.
- **Saturday, May 6** – A Taco Dinner is being served at 5:30 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road, north of the I-94 N. Service Drive. The \$12 cost per dinner goes to the upkeep of the fairgrounds. Information: (734) 697-7002.
- **Sunday, May 7** – 18 Strings musical performance from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Sunday, May 7** – Join Bugles Across America at 7:15 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial in Belleville for a brief ceremony to honor past and present members of the military. Stand to pledge the flag and hear "Taps" played.
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- **Monday, May 8** – Michigan Senator Hoon-Yung Hopgood will hold his May coffee hour at 9 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 N. Wayne Rd., Westland. His 6<sup>th</sup> Senate District represents Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township, among other communities.
- **Friday, May 12** – Charcoal Grilled Steak Dinner, 5-8 p.m. or until sold out at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Van Buren, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township, \$13 includes strip steak, baked potato, salad and a roll. Cash bar. This is a charity event put on by the Van Buren Eagle Riders #3996.



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# Sumpter Twp. approves more security cameras for township hall

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Sumpter Township Trustee Esther Hurst reported she met with Police Chief Eric Luke to identify where more security cameras are needed so the police can monitor the township hall.

At the April 11 township board meeting she reported they needed one more camera inside and two cameras outside by the glass windows. Also new microphones were needed for the board table so the public can be able to hear board members.

“We had dead spots and blind spots,” said township Supervisor John Morgan.

Trustee Hurst said one of the cameras will be pointed out to the hallway and a new camera inside the board meeting room with tapes will be able to go on cable television, so they won’t need a camera in the meeting room any more.

Chief Luke said the new camera in the board room will take the video for cable.

“We never had a problem in here,” said Jay Bardell, referring to the board room.

“Should we wait until an incident

happens and then get cameras?” Trustee Hurst replied.

“Sumpter Township never had a terrorist bombing, but I sent my officers for training,” agreed Chief Luke.

Township attorney Rob Young said the security camera company and the chief recommended the cameras.

The board unanimously approved the \$2,621.79 cost of the cameras.

Bardell asked if cameras should be installed at the fire station at the south end.

“I don’t know what’s in there to get taken,” said Supervisor Morgan. “We’ll leave it up to the [fire] chief as to what is needed.”

In other business at the April 11 meeting, the board:

- Approved a five-year agreement with Huron Township to provide emergency dispatch and prisoner lodging services at a cost of \$178,500 the first year, \$182,000 (2% increase) the second year, with years three through five to be negotiated;

- Approved the recommendation from the planning commission to pass a new zoning

ordinance on waste receptacles, mainly for businesses;

- Approved a recommendation from the planning commission to amend the zoning ordinance to make the site plan review process streamlined. More projects will be able to be approved administratively;

- Approved a \$4,190 check to O&W/ Miller Beer for the Sumpter Festival beer tent. Trustee Don Swinson said what is not used will be turned back in at the end of the festival, so the total cost should be less;

- Approved the change from administrative restriction to full active duty status without restrictions for Fire Chief Joseph Januszyk. He said he had a problem for the last four months. He had shoulder surgery in December for a rotator cup tear, followed by physical therapy. He said the doctor says he’s 80% now and can be back on the job;

- Approved employment contracts for Joseph Januszyk and Melissa Pacquette. To Januszyk, Supervisor Morgan said, “Joe, you got what you wanted”;

- Witnessed Chief Luke presenting the

2016 awards to the police department;

- Heard that on April 6, Senior Director Mary Ann Watson was given an award of appreciation for Emergency Food Assistance;

- Heard Mary Ban accuse Wayne County – and Van Buren Township -- of ignoring Sumpter’s complaints about the poor condition of Sumpter Road from Hull to Bemis. She wondered if the improvements in downtown Detroit caused less money for Wayne County roads. “I believe we’re ignored when it comes to gravel,” she said;

- Heard Ronald Barrington Robinson thank the parks and recreation commission for all they do. He asked if the township is having a summer job program for youth. Supervisor Morgan said there was none planned, but if there’s something the township can get involved with, they will look into that; and

- Went into closed-door session to discuss AFSCME union negotiations.

# VBT Planners approve rezoning for Alden Dr., send on to township brd.

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission is recommending to the township board the rezoning of 40631 Alden Drive from C-1, General Commercial, to R1-C, Single Family Residential.

The unanimous vote was taken at the commission’s April 12 meeting.

The owners of the house, Martha and Steve Drahos, said their property is zoned commercial and they want to put on an addition to their house because another child is coming.

But, since their property is zoned commercial in the middle of a residential neighborhood, for some reason from the past, the township cannot allow the addition on a nonconforming use. Rezoning it to residential, like their neighbors, would allow them to add on.

They said they paid \$600 to ask for rezoning, but it was worth it to them

because if they couldn’t add on they would have to move.

Martha Drahos said the lady’s property next door also is zoned commercial and she didn’t know it.

A public hearing on the rezoning was held at the April 12 meeting and then the vote was taken to recommend approval.

Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson said they usually do not vote on a request the same night as the public hearing, but in this case the rezoning had been on the March 8 meeting agenda and that meeting was cancelled because of the big windstorm. The couple had been delayed and construction season was here.

The commission also held a public hearing on adoption of more than 350 pages of a new zoning ordinance, a comprehensive update to the current zoning ordinance.

Planning consultant Patrick Sloan of McKenna Associates gave a brief summary of some of the changes to the ordinance.

The planning commission had gone over portions of the updated ordinance in six separate meetings since October.

Once approved, this ordinance will be put online and will have places to click to get

related information. There also are more drawings and charts.

No one offered any input at the public hearing. A vote will be taken at an upcoming meeting.

# Belleville volunteers earn President’s Awards at Metro Airport

Two Belleville residents were among 73 Airport Ambassadors at Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW) who were honored with the President’s Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) during a luncheon held at DTW’s Westin Hotel last month.

The President of the United States issues the award every year to volunteers as a way to thank and honor Americans for their service.

Airport Ambassadors Robert Downing, William Bialkowski, Sam Gemus, Dianna Surowiec and Joe Scafero all received the gold pin for serving more than 500 hours.

Downing came in first with a record-breaking 829 hours. Chun-Man Suen, an Eastern Michigan University student, also earned a gold pin for volunteering more than 370 hours while balancing the demands

of school.

Receiving Bronze Awards were Belleville residents Marie Johnson, with 199.25 hours of volunteer service, and Patricia Twitchell, with 180 hours.

“I’m constantly impressed by our volunteers – of all ages – who travel from across our region and sacrifice their time to make a difference in someone else’s life,” said Airport Authority CEO Joseph Nardone. “Last year, more than 340,000 customers were personally assisted by our Airport Ambassadors. We believe that one-on-one experience improves overall customer satisfaction at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.”

Ambassadors were presented with a letter from 44th President of the United States Barack Obama, a certificate, and a bronze, silver or gold pin corresponding with the level of service reached in 2016.

Last year, Airport Ambassadors served nearly 17,000 hours helping passengers in both the McNamara and North terminals. Stationed at six locations, Ambassadors can be identified by their blue vests. They assist passengers with directions, flight status, ground transportation, lost and found, as well as provide help to travelers visiting for conventions and other local events. DTW’s Customer Service team, led by Fran Wood, manages the volunteer program.

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# VBT board approves McBride Road for paving project

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

If all goes well, crews will be paving McBride Road this September, with McBride Middle School traffic using the Beck Road entrance during the work.

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on April 18, the agenda item on use of the Wayne County Local Township Roads Initiative Program was changed to approve McBride Road's request to participate in the program.

This was a little confusing for some board members, since the day before in their work/study session they were given the information on the McBride project along with four other requests. Board members thought they would get to choose who would get the funds.

Homeowners' associations had seen the call for applicants for the \$750,000 in Wayne County funds for road upgrades and applying were: Robinson River Park, Andover Farms, Walden Woods, and Charter Club Estates.

But, overnight, it was decided the McBride project was the winner and that was the only choice presented.

Board members agreed they were in support of the McBride project in front of the school which would benefit parents from all over the school district since this is the only middle school.

During the work/study discussion, it was pointed out that if they chose all four of the subdivision projects, instead of McBride, the total would be \$336,000 of grant funds used and there would be \$414,000 money left over and it would have to be sent back to Wayne County.

Supervisor McNamara said he is against sending money back to Wayne County.

The McBride project would use all of the \$750,000 in county funds, with matching funds from \$90,000 approved by the school district on Feb. 27 and a special assessment district for property owners on McBride. The county grant is for 80% of the project, with 20% in matching funds.

The McBride project is estimated at \$927,035 with the 20% required matching funds estimated at \$185,407.

Also, in order to get the county funds, the project has to be under way this year and McBride already has \$13,000 worth of preliminary engineering work done from last year when it was considered for the project. That project fell through because the school board approved the use of sinking fund money and then found out it had been misinformed by its staff and the sinking fund could not be used for road paving.

The SAD payments are estimated at a total cost of \$2,891.12 per each of 33 single family homes or \$578.22 per year for five years (not including interest) or \$289.11 per year for eight years.

Daniel and Ashley Clay and Bonnie Coughlin carried the petitions for their neighbors to sign and got the more

than 50% needed to proceed with the special assessment district. Supervisor McNamara's assistant Dan Selman helped to contact property owners near the end of the petition drive.

Ron Akers, director of planning and economic development, said 63% of the frontage signed and so the SAD petition can proceed.

The project is 4,806.38 lineal feet of McBride Road between Quirk and Beck roads.

"It's a clear majority," Supervisor McNamara said. "It needs to be done. Homes will escalate in price."

"I'm ecstatic," said Clerk Leon Wright. "We've had many people in my office complaining about McBride. It's a win-win situation."

"When will we make the decision on the homeowners associations?" asked Trustee White.

"The group decided on McBride," McNamara said. "If you don't like it, vote against it and then we'll proceed to the next proposal."

Trustee Sherry Frazier also serves on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education which had voted on giving \$90,000 to the project so McNamara asked her to recuse herself and leave the room during the discussion and vote by the township board, which she did.

It was pointed out during the work/study that Clerk Wright would have to recuse himself if they discussed or voted on roadwork for Andover Farms. Wright is president of the Andover homeowners' association and he applied for the funds.

Also, Trustee Martin would have to recuse himself if they discussed and voted

## National Prescription Drug Take Back Day observed April 29

Van Buren Township Police and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) have partnered up for National Prescription Drug Take Back Day.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said together, they are providing a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse and medications.

This is an opportunity to help prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs, Director Laurain said.

Bring pills for disposal to the Van Buren Township Police station lobby at 46425 Tyler Road on Saturday, April 29, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for disposal. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

The program does not accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches.

For information, call (734) 699-8934.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Amy Brow, left, was sworn in as the new fire chief of Van Buren Township on Friday and she began her new job on Monday. Doing the swearing-in was VBT Clerk Leon Wright, center. Witnessing the ceremony was VBT Public Safety Director Gregory Laurain, right. A crowd of relatives, former coworkers, and well-wishers filled the township board room for the event and then shared cake in celebration. VBT Trustee Sherry Frazier presented Chief Brow with a bouquet of flowers, noting she was very pleased that the township's new fire chief is a woman, the first woman to serve in that position.

on roadwork for Charter Club, since he represents the homeowners' association there.

At the work/study meeting, McNamara said he approached developers to use some

of the county money being offered, "But, they're too shy for me and I have to get going. We've got a month or two, but we have to get going."

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# School Board flips again – Haggerty School will stay open another year

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

After another hour and 45 minutes of discussion, on Monday, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education voted 5-2 to keep Haggerty School open for another school year.

This follows the March 27 vote of 6-1 to keep Haggerty open for another year and then the April 10 vote of 5-2 to close the school this summer.

The motion by Trustee Susan Featheringill included doing Band Aid repairs to keep the building in shape and forming a committee to study the situation as part of the strategy plan for the district which will determine how to move forward.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Simone Pinter. Voting yes besides Featheringill and Pinter, were Trustees Sherry Frazier, Alison Bennett, and -- after a long delay in her vote during which time she asked a dozen questions -- Kelly Owen.

Voting no were Board President Keith Johnston and Secretary Kevin English.

The change in votes by board members was due to testimony by seven staff members at Haggerty and an audience of 30, most seemingly in support of keeping the school open.

Trustee Frazier, who voted against closing the school from the start and asked the Haggerty issue to be put back on the agenda, put together a tour of Haggerty by board members earlier Monday. Four board members took part in the tour, making sure there was not a quorum of four at any time, Frazier said. She had said board members should not be voting on closing the school until they saw it first-hand.

Taking the tour were Featheringill, Pinter, Johnston, and Frazier. Frazier also put together a six-page information printout on the school, with pictures.

One of the pictures was of the plaque on the building that said it was built in 1964, not in the 1950s as announced by Director of Plant Operations James Williams when he gave the report on why the building should be closed.

Frazier said she learned that the building was not as old as announced when Belleville attorney John Day called her to tell her he was in the first class in that school in 1964.

Featheringill said after putting together the strategic plan for the district the board can reconsider Haggerty next January and if the decision is to close the school they will

have lots of time to make all the decisions necessary to do it smoothly.

The Haggerty teachers had said it would be very hard to pack up everything for their classes in mid-June and be at different facilities in July.

There are six district-run preschool classes at Haggerty, put together in one group known as the Early Childhood Development Center, which has 148 students.

The ECDC includes Great Start School Readiness, funded by the state for certain four year olds and located in three classrooms. There also is an Early Childhood Program, funded by state and federal dollars and overseen by the Special Education Department in two classrooms. The Autism Spectrum Disorder Preschool is also state and federally funded and run by the Special Education Department in one classroom.

The building also has a Head Start program which has been trying to find another place to set up since it was told it had to move from Haggerty.

There also is a Transitions classroom for adult students transitioning out of school by building job skills and securing employment. This is funded by the state and run through the Special Education Department. There also is a latchkey program for paying customers, Happy Days, that is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. during the school year and also during the summer.

In other business at Monday's meeting that lasted over three hours, the board:

- Approved offering a scholarship to a yet-to-be-named graduating senior of \$8,000 per year for four years to study education in a field that will be prescribed by the district. The new teacher would come back and teach here for at least five years. There were lots of details that included what would trigger having the student repay the district for the money. This move is in response to a lack of teachers graduating with certain specialties and a fear that long-range substitutes could end up teaching these classes;

- Approved \$433,711 out of sinking funds to pay for parking lot upgrades and site improvements at Savage and Tyler Elementary Schools and the bus garage. Low bidder of seven was Hutch Paving, which bid \$390,759 and a construction contingency budget of \$42,952 was added;

- Approved the second and final reading of board policy updates and new policies as recommended by NEOLA;

- Discussed details of the Superintendent's

evaluation process and gave Supt. Kudlak feedback on his work. The final meeting in the evaluation will be in closed door session in June;

- Removed from the agenda the Van Buren Education Support Team tentative agreement because VBEST members had yet to vote on it;

- Approved the resignations of two non-instructional staff members: Danielle Parker of Haggerty School after less than one year, as of April 14, and Avonne Bostic-Martin of the Transportation Department after less

than one year as of April 18. Both have accepted other job offers;

- Approved the retirement of teacher June Youngoldis of McBride Middle School after 19 years of service, as of July 1; and the hiring of Gabrielle Johnson to teach fifth grade at Owen Intermediate School as of May 8;

- Approved a May 6 field trip by school bus for 162 fifth and sixth graders from Owen Intermediate School to a Toledo Mud Hens game, with the transportation cost covered by a grant from the Mud Hens.

## District Library sells \$14 million in bonds, approves contract

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

On April 10 six firms bid on \$14 million in general obligation bonds for the Belleville Area District Library's construction project and the low bidder was Bank of America Merrill Lynch, New York, with interest of 3.279 %.

At the April 11 meeting of the library board, the board unanimously accepted the bid.

The bonds will be dated May 1, 2017 and will mature on May 1 of the years 2018 to 2037, inclusive, with interest payable starting Nov. 1, 2017 and semi-annually thereafter on May 1 and Nov. 1.

Total interest cost is \$5,958,875, but the library will receive a premium of \$426,703.60 to cover the first payment in November.

The next bond payment of \$455,000 is due May 1, 2018 after the approved millages of 0.75 and 0.72 have been levied.

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said she participated in a conference call with S&P Global Ratings and Paul Stauder on March 27 in order to receive the library's bond rating. She said the library received an A+ rating the following week.

After the bond sale, the rating was raised to AA-, Suchy said.

The board also approved a phased agreement with O'Neal Construction of Ann Arbor for the pre-construction work.

Library board president Sharon Peters said after hammering out an agreement with the City of Belleville, the library needs to have its team together so "our engineer can talk with their engineer."

Board member John Juriga asked if it was time to meet with the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and Peters said they met with some DDA members with preliminary plans.

She said Mary Jane Dawson and she met with the mayor, city manager, DDA administrator and DDA chair.

"Their feeling was they wanted the groundwork in place before we meet with them," Peters said.

"We have to tie down the land acquisition issues with the city," said building committee chairwoman Joy Cichewicz.

Architect Dan Whisler said a preliminary meeting was held the day before, including O'Neal, and engineering issues have to be addressed, constructability issues, and rerouting of utilities

Whisler said site issues have to be solved, including acquisition, easement, and legal matters.

"The city and library are going to have to be comfortable," he said.

Whisler said his company's engineer is Brian Barrick of Beckett & Raeder and the civil engineer is Chris Enlow.

Peters said the library is appreciative of O'Neal's agreement with phases for the protections the library needs, so the money goes for library and library services.

In other business at the April 11 meeting, the board:

- Was informed the building committee is working on reviewing architect Whisler's contract and that will be coming before the board for consideration;

- Heard a recommendation from Whisler to go out for bids on soil borings. He said they could also go back to the successful bidder for construction testing in the future. The board approved going out for bids for geotechnical investigation;

- Heard another recommendation from Whisler for the library to get environmental assessments of sites and buildings. He said the library will technically be owning a municipal parking lot and part of Fourth Street. Phase 1 investigation of the present library, the H&B building next door, the street and the parking lot should be done. If consultants think there might be a problem, such as with asbestos in the library, they would go to a Phase 2 investigation. Whisler said he would help the library identify possible firms, but for professional reasons he cannot be a part of an environmental assessment;

- Heard Whisler report that after Juriga contacted Congresswoman Debbie Dingell's office for help, he got a call from DTE and sent them information on the power lines the library wishes to have buried. Because of the massive windstorm the proposed meeting was delayed. A meeting has been suggested for April 18 or 19 with city officials, the library's electrical consultant, and other officials. "All our underground utilities have to play nice together," Whisler said. He said he also wants to set up a meeting with the city for utility relocation. He gave an update on catch basins and said the library may be asked to clean the silt out of some to get as much good information as possible as to where the drains go; and

- Heard a report from board member Alma Hughes-Grubbs, chairwoman of the Marketing Committee, on her recent meeting. She said they talked about ways to keep the public informed on the library progress and ways to raise money for artworks and other amenities.



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# VBT to hire new engineering firm, stays with longtime planners

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township used a Qualifications Based Selection Committee process to evaluate bidders for the township's engineering and planning services -- and came up with a new engineering firm, but stuck with its planners of 30 years.

The board unanimously approved Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc., with offices in Novi, to provide general engineering services instead of longtime provider Wade Trim.

The board also approved McKenna Associates of Northville to continue its general planning services.

At the board's regular meeting on April 18, Supervisor Kevin McNamara was directed by the board to negotiate the prices and bring the agreements back to the board for consideration.

Chris Wall, Brian McKesson, and Dave Potter gave a sprightly PowerPoint presentation on the Fishbeck firm, which has 400 employees in ten offices in a three-state area. The firm was founded 60 years ago in Lansing. Among the 200 clients it works with is Huron Township.

Wall said for the firm's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, rather than throw a big party it paid employees to find projects to do to improve their communities.

The three provided a long list of services including collecting GIS data and packaging it, and traffic engineering.

"You can help us with Belleville Road?" asked Trustee Sherry Frazier and Wall replied, "Certainly," with a smile.

Trustee Frazier said she doesn't want it to get like Ford Road in Canton Township where drivers are afraid to pull out into the roadway because they might get hit from the other way.

Trustee Paul White asked about evaluation of soils and stagnant water and Trustee Kevin Martin asked about experience with landfills. Potter replied they have eight environmental engineers on staff and are an air quality permitting group in the state.

Supervisor McNamara said the huge EQ basin the township has could be a traffic cop to send sewage to the township's least expensive of the four wastewater treatment plants the township uses.

"They have fresh eyes and they give back to the community," Supervisor McNamara said of the Fishbeck firm.

During the interview, Fishbeck committed to 60 hours of community service.

As part of the planning consultant presentation, John Jackson, the new owner and president of McKenna and Associates, told about how the company had changed since Phil McKenna and Sally Hodges retired.

"We have fresh talent and we continually improve our capabilities," he said, adding he knew VBT was looking for new ideas and fresh proposals.

He said they have 20 planners and an architect on staff and they have been sending e-blasts to their clients to keep

them up to date on changes, with the most recent being an update on changes to the state medical marijuana laws.

Senior Planner Vidya Krishman told of her 17 years of experience and how they know time is money for developers and so work expeditiously to get plans reviewed.

Patrick Sloan, senior principal planner, has 14 years of experience and he has been the one working closely with the VBT staff and planning commission.

"I had reservations yesterday," said Trustee Frazier, referring to the work/study session where the selections were discussed. "Since then, I interviewed committee members on McKenna and talked about the new team..." She said she was concerned because McKenna was "in place for so long without having to go out for bids." She said her concerns were allayed after talking to the committee.

She noted that McKenna has had the same prices for services since 2014 and has guaranteed them until 2019.

The committee that worked on the Qualifications Based Selections was made up of: Supervisor McNamara, Clerk Leon Wright, Treasurer Sherry Budd, Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development Matthew Best, Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Susan Ireland, and Public Services Director James Taylor.

Five statements of qualifications for planning services were received from the 12 invited to participate by the March 3 deadline: McKenna & Associates, LSL Planning, Carlisle Wortman, Beckett & Raeder, and Poggemeyer Design Group. The top three chosen to interview were McKenna, Carlisle Wortman and Beckett & Raeder.

Sixteen engineering firms were invited to participate and four were interviewed: Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr and Huber; Hennessey Engineers, Inc.; C.E. Raines Company; and Hubble, Roth and Clark.

In other business at the April 18 meeting the township board:

- Held a public hearing on amending the Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2017-012 for Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. and then unanimously approved the amendment. Mayser found its material and labor costs for the new facility at 6200 Schooner were going to cost more and the amendment referred to the corrected dollar amount, going from \$4,394,000 to \$5,440,330. Nothing else is changed. The state granted Mayser its IFE exemption on Feb. 15, 2016 for eight years;

- Unanimously approved the second (final) reading and adoption of three ordinance amendments and one ordinance addition. The changes remove the offenses from being criminal to being civil infractions, so they can be handled at district court. The addition is about embezzlement, allowing smaller amounts to be handled at district court. A fifth amendment was pulled from the agenda for a technical change;

- Unanimously approved a three-year

agreement with Hydro Corp, Inc. to provide inspection and other related services for enforcement of the Safe Drinking Water Act mandated Cross Connection Control Program. The three year cost is \$42,840. Public Services Director James Taylor compared it to the \$255,090 cost to the township if the township staff did the work. The agreement is an estimated savings of \$212,250. Hydro Corp has served VBT since 2008;

- Approved McBride Road's request for participation in the Wayne County Local Township Roads Initiative Program. Trustee Sherry Frazier was recused from the discussion and vote since she sits on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education which voted to give \$90,000 to the project;

- Heard Trustee White say the turnout for the Flop E Bunny event at Victory Park in Belleville the previous Saturday was the largest event he's seen there in the 50 years

he has lived in the community. "We need a park like that on Belleville Road," White said. "Families will bring kids to a central location ... It was bigger than any Public Safety Day ... and it would be increased activity for use of children ..." Supervisor McNamara said to White: "Remember that when you vote for the Lakehouse." When it was announced 100 children came to the township's egg hunt and 80 came to the teen nighttime flashlight egg hunt, the *Independent* volunteered that about 1,000 people attended the Flop E Bunny event; and

- Heard Supervisor McNamara announce that 22 youth signed up for the summer work program earlier that day. He said the Van Buren Twp Hall Android app is up and running, but they have to work out the details of who will be monitoring the messages. McNamara said they had 16 calls that were complaints.

## Consumer alert: 'Can you hear me?' phone scams seek victims

The Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office is alerting consumers to be on the lookout for scam callers seeking to get victims to say the word "yes" during a call and later use a recording of the response to authorize unwanted charges on the victim's utility or credit card account.

According to complaints the FCC and local law enforcement agencies have received plus public news reports, the fraudulent callers impersonate representatives from organizations that provide a service and may be familiar to the person receiving the call, such as a mortgage lender or utility, to establish a legitimate reason for trying to reach the consumer.

The scam begins when a consumer answers a call and the person at the end of the line asks, "Can you hear me?" The caller then records the consumer's "Yes" response and thus obtains a voice

signature. This signature can later be used by the scammers to pretend to be the consumer and authorize fraudulent charges via telephone.

If you receive this type of call, immediately hang up. If you have already responded to this type of call, review all of your statements such as those from your bank, credit card lender, or telephone company for unauthorized charges. If you notice unauthorized charges on these and other types of statements, you have likely been a victim of "cramming."

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# Lydia Marvaso to compete in international pageant June 15-18

Lydia Marvaso, 14, daughter of Larry and Marianne Marvaso of Van Buren Township, is the current Young Miss America for Pure International Pageants.

She is in the eighth grade at McBride Middle School and is in the honors program.

Lydia will be competing June 15-18 in the International Pageant in Orlando, FL, where she will be representing not only Belleville area and the state of Michigan, but also the USA as she competes against contestants from across the globe.

Pure International Pageants strive to promote the values of good self-esteem, and self-confidence in their contestants. In addition, Pure is committed to supporting the ambitions of its contestants and their community service endeavors.

Lydia dedicates her time to support Wigs-4-Kids, St. Jude, the Arthritis Foundation, and Make-A-Wish Michigan. Lydia is also passionate about representing the 15 million Americans that have food allergies and she's committed to bringing awareness and sharing the challenges that they face.



Lydia Marvaso

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# Keystone Board to take trip to Bay Mills to seek renewal of charter

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Representatives of Keystone Academy Charter School are getting ready for their trip to the Upper Peninsula to visit Bay Mills Community College to seek a renewal of their charter.

At the April 13 meeting of the Keystone school board, Pat Victor, representative of Bay Mills, said the credentials Keystone is bringing to Bay Mills are very good and he expects a very good result.

Jeff Henders, representative of National Heritage Academies, said there is a board analysis essay to take to Bay Mills, along with a PowerPoint.

"Keystone is doing very well," he said. "We are very excited to see our progress."

The board unanimously approved the charter approval documents.

In other business at the April 13 meeting, the board:

- Learned there was 100% attendance for the conferences. Principal Keturah Godfrey said for the few who didn't come in person, the conferences were done by phone;
  - Heard Principal Godfrey report \$6,000 was raised by Jump Rope for Heart, with two sisters raising \$1,000 together;
  - Learned total enrolled students at Keystone Young 5's through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is 769 and the waiting list is 165;
  - Was informed the 12<sup>th</sup> grade scores for math and reading posted by the Michigan Department of Education for Keystone is not correct, since it doesn't have a 12<sup>th</sup> grade. That happened last year, too. "I can't speak to where it came from," said Henders;
  - Approved new and revised board policies.
- Board members discussed in detail the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, noting 30% of the students are Title I students. "We do a really good job engaging our families," said Principal Godfrey. If there is a problem with a special education student, they go to RESA and find offsite placement and then Title I Funds pay for transportation. As to Cyber Bullying, Godfrey said if students are bullied at home,

that is difficult, but if school is involved, that's a different story. "People are careless on social media," Godfrey said. "If whatever is happening interferes with a student at school, action is taken," she said. She said bullying is defined as "repeated targeting behavior of one person over the course of time." But,

she said, "as soon as it is repeated, we deal with it, but the frequency is not very high." They also discussed Level 5 offenses, such as cursing and elbowing. The punishment is sitting for half a day doing nothing, which is incredibly boring and the offense seldom happens again. Level 6 offenses can result in

long-term suspension and only three of them have happened since Keystone was started in the fall of 2003;

- Firmed up plans for board members to attend a conference in Washington, D.C.; and
- Made plans for Teachers' Appreciation Week.

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## Court Watching:

# Defendant with three assault charges to be released on lower bond

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Christian David Luckett, 25, waived his preliminary exam at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court on April 19 and Judge Oakley reduced his bond from \$75,000 cash or surety to \$50,000/10%. He is due to be at circuit court on April 26 for an arraignment on the information.

Luckett is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder and assault with a dangerous weapon in Van Buren Township on April 8.

Luckett was brought to 34<sup>th</sup> District Court from the medical unit of the Wayne County Jail, where he is on medications. His retained attorney Thomas Stringer said Luckett has mental health problems and works with his father in Ann Arbor. If his bond was reduced he could go home and continue his medications, Stringer said.

After bond was reduced, Stringer took steps to get him released immediately.

**Yvonne Kay Murray**

Yvonne Kay Murray, 29, waived her preliminary exam April 19 before Judge Brian A. Oakley. She is due in circuit court for an arraignment on the information May 3.

Murray is charged with unlawful driving away of a motor vehicle on Jan. 6 in Van Buren Township. A second charge of removing a mortgaged vehicle from the state was dismissed by the Prosecutor.

Murray is free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond. VBT Officer Mike Long is the officer in charge of the case.

**Jeremy Scott Neeley**

Jeremy Scott Neeley, 32, did not show up April 19 for his probable cause hearing and a bench warrant for his arrest was signed by Judge Oakley. Neeley is charged with larceny from a building and unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle in Van Buren Township on Sept. 25. Officer in charge of the case is VBT Detective Ken Toney.

**Keaton William Kukola**

Keaton William Kukola, 23, was present without his attorney for his probable cause conference. Judge Oakley said the preliminary exam was scheduled for 10 a.m., April 26, when the defendant's attorney would be present.

Kukola is charged with unarmed robbery

and possession or sale of a Taser in VBT on Nov. 21. He is free on \$20,000 personal recognizance bond. Officer Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the case.

**Jonathon Edward Hughes**

Jonathon Edward Hughes, 35, waived his preliminary exam on a charge of fleeing police in a vehicle on April 8 in VBT. He is free after posting \$7,500/10% bond. Hughes is due in circuit court for an arraignment on the information May 3. VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

**Andrew Thomas Gowan**

Andrew Thomas Gowan, 57, is scheduled for his preliminary exam on April 26 at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court. He is facing two charges of felonious assault (assault with a dangerous weapon) and one charge of using a weapon to commit a felony in VBT on March 10. Gowan is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. VBT Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

**Tyrone O Dodson**

Tyrone O Dodson, 47, had a probable cause conference scheduled for April 19, but his court-appointed attorney asked that it be adjourned for a week because the wrong file was sent for him. The file sent was for another Dodson.

Dodson is charged with fleeing police in a vehicle and assaulting, resisting, obstructing a police officer in VBT on April 10. He is free on \$3,000/10% bond. Detective Donovan McCarthy is the officer in charge of the case.

**Jeffery Rates**

A May 31 bench trial at district court was set for Jeffery Rates on a charge of operating a vehicle with more than .17 blood alcohol content. Officer in charge of the case is VBT Officer Mark Buxton.

**Larry Allen Cozart**

A domestic violence charge against Larry Allen Cozart was dismissed without prejudice, which means that it could be refiled in the future. VBT officer in charge of the case was Mark Buxton.

**Stephen Peter Kovach**

Stephen Peter Kovach, 63, waived his preliminary exam on April 12 and was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on April 26. His bond of \$15,000/10%, that had been posted, was continued.

Kovach is charged with operating while intoxicated – 3<sup>rd</sup> time, driving while license suspended, driving with an open intoxicant in the vehicle, and failure to have insurance on the vehicle. This is alleged to have happened on Dec. 14, 2015 in the city of Belleville. Officer Jeff Wickham is the officer in charge of the case. Murray Duncan is Kovach's retained attorney.

**Aaron Latrell Patton**

Aaron Latrell Patton, 19, was present for his probable cause hearing on a charge of carrying a concealed weapon in VBT on March 31. He is free on \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

His preliminary exam was adjourned to April 26 because his attorney had a murder trial starting on April 20, the day the exam was originally scheduled.

**Michael Ray Shores**

The pretrial of Michael Ray Shores had been set for April 12, but was adjourned to another date. Shores, a Van Buren Township fire fighter, is charged with four counts of larceny by conversion less than \$200 and four counts of false pretenses less than \$200 for allegedly taking money from Van Buren Urgent Care employees who were expecting CPR training they said they never received.

Each charge is a 93-day misdemeanor. He is free on a \$5,000 personal bond. Firefighter Shores is currently suspended from duty without pay pending an internal investigation.

**Marteya Danay Spears**

On April 5, Marteya Danay Spears, 29, waived her preliminary exam at 34<sup>th</sup> District Court and was bound over to circuit court on a felony charge of embezzlement by an agent or trustee of more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000. The crime allegedly occurred in VBT on Jan. 21, 2016. Her arraignment on the information was held at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on April 19. A deposition conference before Judge Richard M. Skutt was set for April 26. Her retained attorney is Randall Upshaw. She is free on \$10,000 personal recognizance bond. VBT Detective Ken Toney is the officer in charge of the case.

**Samuel Malcolm Hamilton**

Samuel Malcolm Hamilton, 17, of Ypsilanti, waived his preliminary exam April 5 before Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green and was bound over to the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice for an arraignment on the information on April 12. At that time there was a plea before Judge Deborah Thomas and his disposition conference was set for April 27.

He is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle, fleeing police in a vehicle, and running from a police officer in Belleville on Feb. 17. Officer in charge of the case is Belleville Cpl. Kris Faull.

Hamilton was lodged in the Wayne County Jail on \$20,000/10% bond and brought to court for his probable cause conference.

At his probable cause conference, Judge Green noted Hamilton also had a Feb. 20 trespassing charge and she reset his pretrial on that to May 17. His hearings on other charges from Belleville on false reports for ambulance service on Feb. 18, 19 and 19, were reset to April 24. She said that those charges would have personal bond.

On Feb. 17, Belleville Police chased and apprehended a vehicle Hamilton was driving that had been stolen out of Van Buren Township on Feb. 12.

Officer Jim Trombley and two reserve officers – Cpl. Nick Johns and Officer Jim Piper – took into custody the 17-year old driver and two juvenile passengers. The three bailed out of the vehicle after it crashed on Henry Street. The reserve officers chased and caught the juveniles near Belleville High School.

Washtenaw County took Hamilton first to prosecute charges there and then returned him to Wayne County to face these charges. The juveniles are being handled through juvenile court.



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These changes will allow for advance testing capabilities for connected and automated vehicles at the American Center for Mobility (ACM), a nonprofit testing and product development facility at the site of the historic Willow Run factory. All work on this \$15.1 million investment is scheduled to be completed in November.

The re-purposing of US-12 includes widening eastbound US-12 between Ecorse Road and Airport Industrial Drive to accommodate two-way traffic with two

lanes in each direction. Westbound US-12 will become part of the ACM testing facility. Wiard Road will carry two-way traffic (one lane in each direction) on the current southbound roadway from just north of Tyler Road to US-12, allowing northbound Wiard Road to become part of the ACM testing facility.

Included in this project is resurfacing approximately two miles of US-12 between Ecorse and Gates roads, and one mile of Wiard Road between Tyler Road and US-12.

Other US-12 improvements include bridge repair, safety upgrades at the Dorsett Avenue intersection, and installation of new traffic signals at Ecorse and Wiard roads. Project area map: <https://goo.gl/mNTmSb>

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**Effective Communication:** The Township of Sumpter will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified person with disabilities so that they can participate equally in Township programs, services and activities.

**Modifications to Policies and Procedures:** The Township of Sumpter will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in Township offices, even when pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service or activity of the Township should contact the Township of Sumpter Clerk's Office, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 461-6201 upon 5 days' notice of the meeting or public hearing.

Complaints that a program, service or activity of the Township is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to the Townships ADA Coordinator.

The ADA does not require the Township to take action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

The Township will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability, or any group of individuals with disabilities, to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy.

Submitted on: February 28, 2017

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
 Clerk  
 Sumpter Township

Published on April 27, 2017



# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

## CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

### COUNTY OF WAYNE

### STATE OF MICHIGAN

### ORDINANCE # 04-04-17(1)

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 18th day of April, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Clerk Wright and supported by Trustee Miller the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 14-1 and Sec. 14-29 and add Sec. 14-2 and Sec. 14-3 of Chapter 14 (Animals), Article I to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"), COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 14-1. - Definitions.

As used in this Chapter:

*Adoption* means a transfer of ownership, with or without remuneration of a dog or cat from an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter to an individual for the purpose of being a companion animal for that individual. As used in this article, a companion animal includes, but is not limited to, a dog that is used for hunting or as a guard dog.

*Alteration* means a professional sterilization procedure performed by a veterinarian that renders a dog or cat incapable of reproducing.

*Altered* in reference to a dog or cat means having undergone alteration.

*Animal* means a mammal, bird, or livestock (as that term is defined by MCL 287.121).

*Animal control shelter* means a facility operated by a municipality for the impoundment and care of animals that are found in the streets or at large; animals that are otherwise held due to the violation of a municipal ordinance or state law; or animals that are surrendered to the animal control shelter.

*Animal protection shelter* means a facility operated by a person, humane society, society for the prevention of cruelty to animals or any other nonprofit organization for the care of homeless animals.

*Cat* means domestic cat of any age of the species *felis catus*.

*Department* means the state department of agriculture.

*Director* means the director of public safety or his/her authorized representative.

*Dog* means a domestic dog of any age of the species *canis familiaris*.

*Health certificate* means a certificate in a form prescribed by the department in which a veterinarian attests to the age, sex, breed, and description of an animal and to the fact that at the time of preparation of the certificate, the veterinarian examined the animal and found the animal free from visual evidence of communicable disease.

*Municipality* means a county, city, village or township.

*Person* means an individual, partnership, corporation, association, governmental entity or other legal entity.

*Pet shop* means a place where animals are sold or offered for sale, exchange, or transfer.

*Veterinarian* means a person licensed to practice veterinary medicine under Article 13 of the Public Health Code, 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.16101 to 333.18838.

Sec. 14-2. - Adoption contracts.

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter shall not permit a person to adopt a dog or cat that has not been altered, unless that person has entered into a contract for the alteration of the dog or cat with the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter. The contract shall state that the adopting person agrees to have an alteration on the dog or cat and shall otherwise comply with this section.

(2) A contract with an animal control shelter or animal protection shelter entered into pursuant to subsection (1) shall require the

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adopting person to have an alteration performed on the dog or cat within four weeks after the adoption date if at the time of adoption the dog or cat is six months of age or older. If the dog or cat to be adopted is under six months of age at the time of adoption, the contract shall contain the date upon which the dog or cat will be six months of age and shall require the person adopting the dog or cat to have an alteration performed on the dog or cat within four weeks after that date. This section does not prevent a veterinarian from performing an alteration on a dog or cat that is under six months of age.

- (3) Upon certification by a veterinarian in writing that a dog or cat has serious, permanent medical or health problem that prevents an alteration, the dog or cat adopted is not required to be altered. Upon certification by a veterinarian in writing that an alteration poses a serious, temporary medical or health problem, the alteration may be postponed. The person adopting the dog or cat shall have it reevaluated by a veterinarian at intervals not to exceed 14 days and shall have the alteration performed no later than seven days after a veterinarian determines that the temporary problem is resolved.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (6) a contract entered into pursuant to subsection (1) shall require the adopting person to leave with the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter, or a designee of the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter, a fee to be established by resolution of the township board of trustees that indicates the person's intention to have the adopted dog or cat altered within the time provided pursuant to subsection (2). If the person fails to comply with the terms of the contract, the deposit is forfeited. The good faith deposit shall be returned to the adopting person if the adopting person submits written certification from a veterinarian of either of the following:
  - a. The dog or cat has been altered within the time period in which the alteration was required under subsection (2).
  - b. The dog or cat has a serious, permanent medical or health problem that prevents an alteration.
- (5) If the adopting person complies with the terms of a contract entered into under subsection (1), the good faith deposit (fee shall be established by resolution of the township board of trustees) shall be refunded by the animal control shelter, animal protection shelter, or a designee of the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter, upon submission by the adopting person of written certification by a veterinarian that the adopted dog or cat was altered. The certificate shall include the date of alteration; the name of the owner of the dog or cat; the description of the dog or cat; and the signature of the veterinarian who performed the alteration.
- (6) The good faith deposit under subsection (4) is not required if one or more of the following apply:
  - a. A dog is transferred to a local, state, or federal law enforcement agency.
  - b. A dog is transferred to an organization or trainer that trains guide or lead dogs for blind persons, hearing dogs for deaf or audibly impaired persons, or service dogs for physically limited persons.
  - c. A dog or cat is transferred to another animal control shelter or animal protection shelter or is transferred to a person who will transfer the animal to another animal control shelter or animal protection shelter. Before the first animal control shelter or animal protection shelter releases the animal, it shall obtain from the person to whom the animal is to be released a written statement by the second animal control shelter or animal protection shelter that it is willing to accept the animal for purposes of adoption or humane euthanasia. Promptly after receipt of the animal by the second animal control shelter or animal protection shelter, the person to whom the animal was released shall provide the first animal control shelter or animal protection shelter with a written statement by the second animal control shelter or animal protection shelter containing a description of the dog or cat and acknowledging its receipt on a date specified in the statement.
- (7) A contract entered into pursuant to subsection (1) shall include a statement that if the terms of the contract are breached because a person adopting a dog or cat fails to have the animal altered as requested in the contract, then the person agrees to pay liquidated damages (fee shall be established by resolution of the township board of trustees) or actual reasonable costs incurred by the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter to enforce the contract. Immediately before a person signs the contract, a representative of the animal control shelter or animal protection shelter shall verbally direct the person's attention to the liquidated damages agreement in the contract.
- (8) If a person fails to comply with a contract for the alteration of a dog or cat as required under subsection (6), a court with appropriate jurisdiction may order the transfer of ownership of the adopted animal only to one of the following:
  - a. The facility from which the animal was adopted.
  - b. A veterinarian, animal control shelter, or animal protection shelter willing to accept the animal and either humanely euthanize the animal or adopt the animal to an owner who agrees to have the animal altered.

Section 14-3. - Violation. A person violating any provision of this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction and subject to the fines set forth in Section 1-23.

Sec. 14-29. - At large.

It shall be unlawful for any person owning or keeping any dog or other animal (as that term is defined in Section 14-1) to allow, suffer or permit such dog or animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the township; provided, however, that dogs on a leash

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and working dogs such as law enforcement dogs, leader dogs, guard dogs, farm dogs, and hunting dogs when accompanied by their owner or his/her authorized agent and while actively engaged in activities for which such dogs are trained, shall not be deemed to be running at large. The maximum leash length shall be six (6) feet. Any person violating this section shall be responsible for a municipal civil infraction. The fine for violation of this section shall be one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) for a first offense, two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a second offense, and five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a third or subsequent offense.

**State Law reference—** Running at large prohibited, MCL 287.262.

## Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 18 day of April, 2017.

YEAS: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

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Kevin McNamara,  
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

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Leon Wright,  
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: April 18, 2017

Published: April 27, 2017

Effective: April 27, 2017

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN**

**COUNTY OF WAYNE**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE # 04-04-17(2)**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 18 day of April, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Trustee Martin and supported by Clerk Wright the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec 1-13 of Chapter 1 (General Provisions) to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"), COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

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Sec. 1-13. - General penalty for violation of Code; continuing violations.

- (a) Unless a violation of this Code or any ordinance of the township is specifically designated in the Code or ordinance as a municipal civil infraction or a civil infraction, the violation shall be deemed to be a misdemeanor.
- (b) Unless another penalty is expressly provided by this Code for any particular provision or section, every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Code, or any rule or regulation adopted or issued pursuant thereto, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500.00 and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. However, unless otherwise provided by law, a person convicted of a violation of this Code which substantially corresponds to a violation of state law that is a misdemeanor for which the maximum period of imprisonment is 93 days shall be punished by a fine not to exceed \$500.00 or by imprisonment for a period of not more than 93 days or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each act of violation and every day upon which any such violation shall occur shall constitute a new and separate offense.
- (c) In addition to the penalties provided in subsection (a) of this section, the township may enjoin or abate any violation of this Code by appropriate action.
- (d) Any person under 17 years of age convicted of a violation of this Code shall be guilty of a municipal civil infraction (except for violations of Chapter 82, Traffic and Vehicles), punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 in the discretion of the court regardless of any penalty provisions that may be stated in a specific chapter, section or subsection of this Code.
- (e) The sanction for a violation which is a municipal civil infraction shall be a civil fine in the amount as provided by this Code or any ordinance, plus any costs, damages, expenses and other sanctions, as authorized under chapter 87 of Public Act No. 236 of 1961 (MCL 600.8701 et seq.), and other applicable laws.
  - (1) Unless otherwise specifically provided for by this Code or any ordinance, the civil fine for a municipal civil infraction violation shall be not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00, plus costs and other sanctions, for each infraction. Costs shall include all expenses, direct and indirect, to which the township has been put in connection with the municipal civil infraction, with the exception of those costs permitted pursuant to subsection (c) of this section, costs of no more than \$500.00 shall be ordered.
  - (2) Increased civil fines may be imposed for repeated violations by a person of any requirement or provision of this Code or any ordinance. As used in this section, the term "repeat offense" means a second (or any subsequent) municipal civil infraction violation of the same requirement or provision:
    - a. Committed by a person within any three-year period (unless some other period is specifically provided by this Code or any ordinance); and
    - b. For which the person admits responsibility or is determined to be responsible.
  - (3) Unless otherwise specifically provided by this Code or any ordinance for a particular municipal civil infraction violation, the increased fine for a repeat offense shall be as follows:
    - a. The fine for any offense which is a first repeat offense shall be no less than \$150.00, no more than \$500.00, plus costs.
    - b. Repeat offenses are determined on the basis of the date of the commission of the offenses.
- (f) A second repeat offense, a violation which is designated a municipal civil infraction shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 (plus costs of prosecution), or imprisonment not exceeding 90 days, or both. However, nothing herein requires an authorized township official to charge a repeat offense of the same ordinance by the same individual as a misdemeanor.
- (g) A violation includes any act which is prohibited or made or declared to be unlawful or an offense by this Code or any ordinance; and any omission or failure to act where the act is required by this Code or any ordinance.

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(h) Each act of violation and each day on which any violation of this Code or any ordinance continues constitutes a separate offense/infracton and shall be subject to penalties or sanctions as a separate offense/infracton.

**State Law reference—** Limitation on penalties, MCL 42.21, MSA 5.46(21).

## Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 18 day of April , 2017.

YEAS: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

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Kevin McNamara,  
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

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Leon Wright,  
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: April 18, 2017

Published: April 27, 2017

Effective: April 27, 2017

# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN**

**COUNTY OF WAYNE**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE # 04-04-17(4)**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 18 day of April, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Trustee Miller and supported by Treasurer Budd the following Ordinance be adopted to amend Sec. 42-79 of

Chapter 42 (Environment), Article II, Division 3 to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"), COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

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Sec. 42-79. - Enforcement of division; penalties for violation of division.

- (a) This division shall be enforced by such persons who shall be so designated by the township board.
- (b) The owner, if possible, and the occupant of any property upon which any of the causes of blight or blighting factors set forth in section 42-78 is found to exist shall be notified in writing to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors from such property within ten days after service of the notice upon him. Such notice may be served by first class mail provided that a copy of the notice is posted in a conspicuous location on the property or such notice may be served by personal service. Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where bona fide efforts to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blighting factors are in progress.
- (c) Violation of this division shall be a misdemeanor which shall be punishable, upon conviction, as provided in section 1-13.

## **Effective Date**

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 18 day of April, 2017.

YEAS: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

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Kevin McNamara,  
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

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Leon Wright,  
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: April 18, 2017

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# Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN**

**COUNTY OF WAYNE**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN**

**ORDINANCE # 04-04-17(5)**

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan, held in the Van Buren Township Hall within the Township, on the 18 day of April, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

ABSENT: None.

It was moved by Trustee Miller and supported by Trustee Frazier the following Ordinance be adopted to add Sec. 58-161 to

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Chapter 58 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions), Article IV, Division 4 to read as follows:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ("Township"), COUNTY OF WAYNE, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

Sec. 58-161. - Embezzlement.

A person who as the agent, servant, or employee of another person, governmental entity within this state, or other legal entity or who as the trustee, bailee, or custodian of the property of another person, governmental entity within this state, or other legal entity fraudulently disposes of or converts to his or her own use, or takes or secretes with the intent to convert to his or her own use without the consent of his or her principal, any money or other personal property of his or her principal that has come to that person's possession or that is under his or her charge or control by virtue of his or her being an agent, servant, employee, trustee, bailee, or custodian, is guilty of embezzlement.

If the money or personal property embezzled has a value of less than \$200.00, the person is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by imprisonment for not more than 93 days or a fine of not more than \$500.00 or 3 times the value of the money or property embezzled, whichever is greater, or both imprisonment and a fine.

**State Law reference—** Embezzlement by agent, servant or employee, or trustee, bailee, or custodian; penalty; prima facie proof of intent; enhanced sentence based on prior convictions; consecutive sentence; conditions, MCL 750.174.

## Effective Date

This amendment shall become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the Charter Township of Van Buren.

THIS ORDINANCE IS HEREBY DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AT A REGULAR MEETING, CALLED AND HELD ON THE 18 day of April, 2017.

YEAS: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

I hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance.

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Kevin McNamara,  
Supervisor, Charter Township of Van Buren

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Leon Wright,  
Clerk, Charter Township of Van Buren

Adopted: April 18, 2017  
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## Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, April 27 – Second meeting for Harbour Pointe residents on the issue of upgrading subdivision roads by special assessment. Session begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Commons at Belleville High School.
- Monday, May 1 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 2 – Van Buren Township

regular meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 3 – Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, special meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 1:30 p.m., Administration Building.
- Monday, May 8 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education regular meeting, 7 p.m., Belleville High School Commons
- Tuesday, May 9 – Van Buren Township Senior Center Endowment Committee at

11 a.m. Also, VBT Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

- Wednesday, May 10 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 11 – Keystone Academy Board of Education, 6 p.m., Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission,

7:30 p.m.

- Monday, May 15 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 17 -- Van Buren Township Planning Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.



# Sumpter Township Public Notice

## SUMPTER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT

The Sumpter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111 at 7:05 pm, Thursday, May 11, 2017 regarding the request for a Special Exception Use Permit.

### NATURE OF THE REQUEST

This PROPOSED request for a Special Exception for Abraham Filming Co. Camping and Family Entertainment to have camping, theatre, weddings, paintball games, film festivals, etc.

### SITE LOCATION

The site for the proposed special exception will be on approximately 67 acres located at 23600 Carleton West Road, Belleville, MI 48111, 81-051-99-0004-711. This Public Hearing has been scheduled in accordance with the requirements of Public Act. 168, Section 0 of 1959 (amendments to the Township Rural Zoning Act. P.A. 184) to provide all interested citizens an opportunity to express opinions, ask question, and discuss in detail all aspects of the proposed use.

For those unable to attend the Public Hearing, written comments may be submitted to the Township Clerk's Office prior to the hearing date.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr.  
Clerk

Sumpter Township

Published: April 27, 2017

## Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



There are still a few tickets available for the Cinco De Mayo Fundraiser to benefit the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter to be held May 6 at the Romulus Progressive Hall on Ozga Street. Call (734) 461-9458.

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Beltone Hearing Care Center at 899 Sumpter Road in Belleville is looking for candidates to try out without obligation the latest in hearing instrument technology, including a free hearing test. To be considered for the trial, call (734) 256-4113. Beltone offers custom digital hearing aids starting at \$895 and payment plans from \$30 per month with approved credit. Beltone accepts most insurance and discount programs including Medicare Advantage, prescription drug plans, Health Care and Silver Programs. It also will beat any competitor's price quote or coupon. Business hours are Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed on Wednesdays. See its ad in today's paper and visit [www.beltonehearingaid.com](http://www.beltonehearingaid.com).

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Atchinson Ford on Belleville Road is gearing for two great events in May, beginning with the Atchinson Ford Car Show Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, May 13, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For info, email Dale Rabe at [mustang2invoice@gmail.com](mailto:mustang2invoice@gmail.com). Then on Saturday, May 20, Atchinson will hosting its Drive One for your Community at the Township Softball Field, coinciding with the third-annual Detroit Tigers Alumni Softball Game, beginning at 11 a.m. Test drive a new Ford car or

truck and Atchinson will donate \$20 to the Van Buren Civic Fund, up to \$6,000. See their ad on the back page for the details on how you can take part in the softball game. There will also be a silent auction, photo opportunities, and player autographs. New this year: a donation of \$25 will allow kids 10-17 years old to play the first two innings. The cost for adults to take the field against the former Tigers is \$250.

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Hollow's Landscape Supply on Rawsonville Road just south of Huron River Drive is ready to meet all your landscape needs with organic soil blends, mulch, gravel, flagstone, and lots more. Call 1-800-698-ROCK and visit [www.hollowlandscape-supply.com](http://www.hollowlandscape-supply.com).

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It's almost May and that means the area greenhouses are opening for the season. Robson's Greenhouse is already open seven days a week on Haggerty Road just north of Tyler Road with annuals, vegetables, specialty and potted plants, baskets, and bags. Visit [www.robsonflowers.com](http://www.robsonflowers.com) and call Arleen and Lynn Robson at (734) 397-2252. Sumpter Township's Zywicki Greenhouses on Willow Road, just east of Rawsonville Road, opens Friday with bedding plants, flowers, flats planters, baskets, window boxes, and much more. Owner Donald Zywicki and family have been growing commercially and to the public for over 50 years. They're open at 8 a.m. seven days a week, too. Visit [www.zywicki-greenhouse.com](http://www.zywicki-greenhouse.com) and call (734) 461-6197. Back across town on Tyler Road is Garden Fantasy Greenhouse near Morton Taylor opening on Monday, May 1. Owners Joyce and Walt Rochowiak begin their second season at their new location, selling annuals, baskets, perennials, vegetables, seed, bag soil, and much more. They'll be open Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call (734) 697-1765. See all their ads in today's paper and support local business.

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The Yankee Air Museum is making room for a new exhibit titled National Postal Museum's America's Military Postal System, a Smithsonian Institution Exhibition that will be open to the public on Saturday, May 6. The exhibit explores the history of America's military postal system. The exhibit is free with general admission to the museum. Call (734) 483-4030.

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

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## Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

### VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **2:00 p.m. on May 15, 2017**, for the MPSCS Radio Signal Enhancement Project at Belleville High School. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference will be held at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave, Belleville, MI 48111, on **April 28, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.**

All bids must be addressed to: Van Buren Public Schools, 555 W. Columbia, Belleville, MI. 48111. Attention: Mr. James Williams.

Bid Security, Cashier's Check, or Certified Check in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid must be included along with a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the board, board of directors, or the superintendent of the school district. A sworn and notarized Iran Disclosure Statement must also be included. Accepted bidders will be required to furnish performance and payment bonds in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price.

**Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:**

<https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=4d18afd817fa456895416d94a4a2cad7>

Documents will be available for viewing on **April 21, 2017**. Any questions, contact James Williams at Van Buren Public Schools at [jwilliams@vanburenschools.net](mailto:jwilliams@vanburenschools.net).

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES April 18, 2017

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Human Resource Director Sumpter, Executive Assistant Selman, Lt. Bazy, DDA Director Ireland, Attorney Mannarino, Developmental Services Director Akers and Deputy Director Best, Assessing Coordinator Stevenson, DPS Director Taylor and an audience of thirteen (13).

Supervisor McNamara requested the removal of New Business item #4 [To consider approval of the second (final) reading of Ordinance 04-04-17 (3) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 (General Provisions) addition of Article II (Municipal Civil Infractions)] from the agenda

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:** Martin moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. [Work Study Session minutes of April 3, 2017, Closed Session minutes of April 3, 2017, Board Meeting minutes of April 4, 2017, Prepaid List of April 7, 2017, Prepaid List of April 13, 2017, Voucher List of April 18, 2017]. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Frazier moved, Miller seconded to open the Public Hearing to receive public comment on Resolution 2017-08, amending Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate #2017-012 for Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. at 7:04. Motion Carried. Assessing Coordinator Stevenson provided an overview. The applicant is requesting an amendment to their previously approved certificate due to an increase in its material and labor costs. No public comment was received. Frazier moved, Miller seconded to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Motion Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Supervisor McNamara read a letter from a resident of Charter Club Estates subdivision praising the content and format of the Lake Ledger. Trustee Miller read a press release from Public Safety Director Laurain announcing "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day" is on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Department. The public is encouraged to dispose of expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs (no liquids or needles). A video presentation was presented highlighting the Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt and the Hoppin' Hullabaloo on "Egg Avenue". Both events were well attended. Trustee White indicated the Easter egg hunt in the City of Belleville drew a huge crowd this year and expressed his desire to have a park on Belleville road which he felt would encourage greater participation in Township events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Resident commented that over 1000 people attended the Easter egg hunt in the City of Belleville over the weekend.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Motion by Frazier, seconded by Budd to approve Resolution 2017-08 amending Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate 2017-012 for Mayser Polymer USA, Inc. Motion Carried.

Motion by Wright, seconded by Miller to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 04-04-17 (1) an amendment to the General

Code of Ordinances Chapter 14 (Animals), Article I Sec. 14-1 (Definitions) and Article II section 14-29 (Animal at Large) and addition to Article I adding Sec. 14-2 (Adoption Contracts) and 14-3 (Violation). Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. This amendment clarifies the definitions of the animal at large ordinance and allows for civil infraction penalties for violation.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Wright to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 04-04-17 (2) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 1 (General Provisions) Sec. 1-13-General Penalty for Violation of Codes; Continuing Violations. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. This amendment establishes a municipal civil infraction ordinance, changes some 90-day misdemeanors to 93 day misdemeanors so that offenders may be charged under local ordinance, and de-criminalizes some violations.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Budd to approve the second (final) reading of Ordinance 04-04-17 (4) an amendment to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 42, Article II, Division 3 Section 42-79. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. This amendment replaces the requirement that notices are sent via certified mail with the requirement that notices can be sent via first-class mail and posted on the property removing the possibility for an individual to avoid service via certified mail.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Frazier to approve the first reading of Ordinance 04-04-17 (5) an addition to the General Code of Ordinances Chapter 58, Article IV, Division 4, Sec. 58-161 (Embezzlement). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. This adds an embezzlement section to the Ordinance.

Motion by Frazier, seconded by Miller to approve a three year Professional Services Agreement with Hydro Corp, Inc. to provide inspection and other related services for enforcement of the SDWA mandated Cross Connection Control Program. Motion Carried. A cross connection control program is mandated by the Safe Drinking Water Act. Services performed would focus on backflow prevention and monitoring.

Motion by White, seconded by Miller to approve the Qualifications Based Selection Committee's recommendation of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. as the Township's general Engineering Services firm. Motion Carried. Representatives from Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber Inc. gave a PowerPoint overview of the company and services provided. The Committee, made up of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Director and Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development, DDA Director and Public Services Director, interviewed four firms and ranked them in accordance with established criteria. Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. ranked the highest.

Motion by Budd, seconded by Frazier to approve the Qualifications Based Selection Committee's recommendation of McKenna & Associates as the Township's General Planning Services firm. Motion Carried. Representatives from McKenna & Associates gave a PowerPoint overview of the company and services provided. The Committee, made up of the Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Director and Deputy Director of Planning and Economic Development, DDA Director and Planning Commission Chairperson, interviewed three firms and ranked them in accordance with established criteria. McKenna and Associates ranked the highest.

Trustee Frazier requested to recuse herself from,

and abstain from, New Business item #10 due to her position on the Van Buren Public School Board.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Wright to recuse Trustee Frazier from New Business item #10 due to her position on the Van Buren Public School Board. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, White, Martin, Miller and White. Recused/ Abstained: Frazier. Motion Carried. Supervisor McNamara excused Trustee Frazier from the Board table at 8:45 p.m. prior to discussion on the item.

Motion by Wright, seconded by White to approve the request for McBride Road's participation in the Wayne County Local Township Roads Initiative Program. Motion Carried. Funds, in the amount of \$750,000.00, were allocated from Wayne County under the Local Township Roads Initiative Program to make improvements to residentially zoned local roads in the Township. The Township received petitions by over 57% of the residents allowing for the formation of a Special Assessment District to cover the required 20% contribution. The contribution to the residents would be offset through a commitment from the Van Buren Public School District in the amount of \$90,000.00.

Following discussion on New Business item #10 Trustee Frazier returned to the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

**REPORTS:** The January 2017 Budgetary Report was received. A copy of the report is available at the Clerk's Office for review.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Announcements included: In honor of Earth Day, and in conjunction with the Alliance of Rouge Communities, free native seed packets (limited quantities) are available to residents at the Senior Department on a first come first serve basis; April 16-22 is Severe Weather Awareness Week. Be informed, make a plan and build an emergency kit; a flea market will be held May 4 & 5 from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the September Days Senior Center; Frog Night Friday is April 28 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Riggs Heritage Park, limited registration, \$2.00 per person; Household Hazardous Waste Collection is April 22, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. at the Romulus Civic Center, 1111 Wayne Rd., Romulus, a list of acceptable items is available on the township website [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org); applications are being accepted by Human Resource Director Sumpter for the Summer Youth Job Initiative, a mandatory student/parent meeting will be held April 27 6:00 p.m. at Township Hall 46425 Tyler Rd. during which time students will be interviewed for positions and parents will have an opportunity to meet Township staff members.

**NON-AGENDA:** None

**ADJOURNMENT:** Martin moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Published: April 27, 2017

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## Public Notice



### Community invited to attend Final Public Information Meeting on Willow Run Airport Master Plan Study Update Recommendations

You will have the opportunity to view and discuss the final Study recommendations with Airport staff and the Master Plan Study team. You can come at any time convenient for you during the timeframe below. There will not be a formal presentation.

**The Final Public Information Meeting is  
scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2017  
from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the  
Holiday Inn Express Hotel  
46194 N. Interstate 94 Service Dr.  
Belleville, MI**

**(Use rear entrance adjacent to parking area)**

Please visit us on the web at  
**[www.willowrunmasterplan.com](http://www.willowrunmasterplan.com)**

Publish: April 27, 2017



# City of Belleville Public Notice

## POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED THAT ON FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017 at 10:00 A.M. at J&M Towing, 5760 Belleville Road, Belleville, County of Wayne, Michigan, a public sale of the following vehicle will be held:

2006 MERCURY, FOUR DOOR, VIN: 3MEFM07126R614892

DATE: APRIL 24, 2017 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT  
6 MAIN STREET  
PUBLISH: APRIL 27, 2017 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111  
BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK

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## Frazier

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project – even leaving the meeting room while the board deliberated and voted.

“My intention is not to step down from the board,” Frazier said on Monday. “I’m going to get an Attorney General’s opinion.”

She said she has had to hire an attorney.

“I’m tired of the harassment and bullying that I’m getting,” Frazier said, later clarifying the harassment and bullying was coming from the school district’s attorney.

“My intentions are to continue serving in both positions as long as I can,” she said.

“I’ve never missed a school board meeting and the same thing at the township,” Frazier said.

Kudlak explained that the legal opinions he got were from the school district attorney, an attorney for the Michigan Association of School Boards, and even the Van Buren Township attorney.

He said there is no conflict of interest, but

an “incompatibility of office.” He added there is no harassment at all of Frazier by him – and Frazier agreed Kudlak did not harass her.

“Collins and Blaha does not like having me on the board,” Frazier said, referring to the school district’s law firm that she has criticized for giving the district what she considered poor legal advice and still not settling the lawsuit brought by Savage teachers last year. She regularly announces the law firm’s legal fees when bills are sent to the district.

Kudlak said the attorneys said any vote they had that evening, such as the vote to use sinking fund money for parking lot work at two schools and the bus garage, could be called into question.

He said the attorneys said the prosecutor could file charges and the district would have to go back over decisions the board has made.

Frazier said she is tired of being bullied by Collins and Blaha attorney John Kava, in particular.

Frazier said after a recent closed-door session between the board and Kava on the Savage lawsuit, Kava said to her: “If you don’t resign, I’ll turn you over to the prosecutor and they’ll arrest you.”

She said she told him to go ahead and turn her over to the prosecutor and put her in jail.

“I’m not resigning,” she said.

# Sumpter Township Public Notice

## Sumpter Township Scrap Tire Collection

Sponsored by: Wayne County DPS

**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017**

**9 AM – 1 PM**

**Sumpter Township Recycle Center**

**23480 Sumpter Road (behind Township Hall)**

**Free tire drop-off for Sumpter Township Residents.**  
(no commercial sources)

**Residents may drop off up to 10 tires per vehicle.**

**Must show proof of residency.**

**Let’s clean up our yards and ditches of scrap tires and get them recycled for FREE!!**

**Questions? Call 734-461-6201 Ext. 2242**



Publish: April 27, 2017,  
May 4, 2017 and May 11, 2017

# City of Belleville Public Notice

## City of Belleville Regular City Council Meeting Minutes April 3, 2017

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder Present

Council Member Marcotte Present

Council Member Smith Absent

Mayor Pro Tem Loria Present

Mayor Conley Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS  
None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

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

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, second by Loria to approve the regular city council meeting minutes of March 20, 2017 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. VFW/PLAV – “Buddy Poppies” Fundraiser

Motion by Loria, second by Marcotte to approve Resolution No. 17-025 granting the VFW Post 4434 and PLAV Post 167 to sell “buddy poppies” to raise money for veterans. Fundraiser to be held May 11-13, 2017 from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Five Points area and two other areas as presented. No street closings are needed.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Loria, second by Fielder to approve Resolution No. 17-026 for accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 totaling \$113,848.30 with one correction as indicated by Council Member Marcotte.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcotte, Second by Loria to adjourn meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: April 17, 2017

Published: April 27, 2017

## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*Out of the 487 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for the past week, the following are selected for this column.*

**Sunday, April 16:**  
0008 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park  
0105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briarwood  
0224 – road hazard, Haggerty/Ecorse  
0510 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
0908 – property damage accident, Briarwood Ct.  
1023 – larceny from auto, Millington Ct.  
1117 – larceny from auto, Hardwood Dr.  
1229 – domestic, Birch Dr.  
1250 – larceny from auto, Tavistock Dr.  
1326 – traffic offense, Hull Rd./Elwell Rd.  
1401 – threat, Mott  
1502 – assault & battery, Rawsonville  
1729 – shooting, Brookside Dr.  
1748 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1750 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.  
2007 – fight, Lauren Ct.  
2020 – road hazard, WB I-94/Belleville Rd.  
2030 – neighbor trouble, Spencer St.  
2041 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lincoln St.  
2146 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
2215 – private property/property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.  
2255 – fight, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
2337 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Lake Villa Dr.

**Monday, April 17:**  
0747 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.  
0827 – sexual assault, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1054 – mental subject, Sumpter Rd.  
1107 – family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1126 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.  
1203 – dumping complaint, Sondra Dr.  
1209 – dumping complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1303 – juvenile complaint, Van Buren St.  
1325 – property damage accident, Brandi Dr.  
1334 – domestic, America  
1339 – missing person, Lake Villa Dr.  
1432 – domestic, Oak Ln.  
1518 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1527 – juvenile complaint, Tyler/Meijer Gas  
1601 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Owen  
1633 – harassment call, Laguna Dr.  
1637 – family trouble, Bayshore Dr.  
1645 – larceny from auto, Hardwood Dr.  
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ironwood/dead end  
1740 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1815 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1956 – property damage accident, Elwell/Martz  
2045 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2051 – threat, Oak Ln.

**Tuesday, April 18:**  
0041 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
0050 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service  
0124 – domestic, Robbe Rd.  
0347 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake  
0544 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.  
1102 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.  
1106 – domestic, Belleville Rd.  
1215 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1255 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.  
1348 – suspicious person/vehicle, Country Walk Blvd.  
1431 – abandoned auto, Parkwood Dr.  
1459 – fight, Parkwood Dr./Tyler Rd.  
1513 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1632 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1652 – civil matter, Denton Rd.  
1729 – larceny, E. Huron River Dr.  
1749 – property damage accident, Martz/Lohr  
1852 – domestic, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1909 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Ball Fields  
1918 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Alden  
1928 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2021 – suicidal person, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2148 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

**Wednesday, April 19:**  
0153 – noise complaint, Lighthouse Dr.  
0215 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
0243 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service

0456 – disorderly, Borgman Ave.  
0816 – mental subject, Van Buren St.  
1048 – private property/property damage accident, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.  
1204 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service  
1440 – harassment call, Borgman Ave.  
1623 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.  
1630 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.  
1636 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1716 – domestic, Crowley Ave.  
1826 – traffic offense, Ecorse/Belleville  
1924 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1929 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd.  
1953 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.  
2226 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2234 – felony assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.

**Thursday, April 20:**  
0109 – threat, Oak Ln.  
0738 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1007 – domestic, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1515 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1558 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Hannan Rd.  
1641 – property damage accident, I-275 S./Hannan  
1647 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1712 – suspicious person/vehicle, Locust Dr.  
1749 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ross/Madison  
1752 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.  
1926 – fight, Ash Dr.  
2049 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2201 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Holly Ln.  
2211 – fraud, Belleville Rd.

**Friday, April 21:**  
0328 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sawgrass Ct.  
1039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.  
1048 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1215 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1254 – larceny from auto, Ponderosa Trail S.  
1322 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1427 – ordinance violation, McBride Ave.  
1459 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.  
1509 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.  
1528 – larceny from auto, S. Ponderosa Trl.  
1621 – larceny from auto, Aspen Ln.  
1736 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
1827 – threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1916 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2011 – property damage accident, Jackson St.  
2134 – disorderly, Jackson St.  
2241 – family trouble, Park Estates Dr.  
2242 – malicious destruction of property, Van Buren St.  
2254 – noise complaint, Richard Run Dr.  
2358 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.

**Saturday, April 22:**  
0032 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.  
0040 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0130 – suspicious person/vehicle, Westlake  
0227 – disorderly, Haggerty  
0231 – abandoned auto, Richard Run Dr.  
0241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Square  
0335 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Born  
0401 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0436 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.  
0840 – private property/property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.  
1203 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.  
1300 – malicious destruction of property, McKinley St.

1341 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.  
1503 – larceny from auto, Belleville Manor  
1526 – juvenile complaint, Morton Taylor/Ross  
1548 – personal injury accident, Ventura Dr.  
1705 – suspicious person/vehicle, Wildbrook Sub.  
1810 – domestic, N. Timberview Dr.  
1847 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1940 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pine Dr.  
2013 – noise complaint, Savage/Martinsville  
2124 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Jackson St.  
2140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville  
2216 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.  
2356 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville  
Also on this week's log are 132 traffic stops, 41 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, April 16:**  
1048 – disorderly, N. Edgemont Ave.  
1745 – traffic offense, Main St./High St.  
1756 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.  
1807 – found property/child, Main St.

**Monday, April 17:**  
0727 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.  
1214 – misc. complaints, W. Columbia Ave.  
1327 – property damage accident, High St./Main  
1352 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.  
1406 – assist fire dept., South St.  
1446 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1822 – animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr.  
2015 – property check, Third St.

**Tuesday, April 18:**  
0013 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St. / N. Liberty St.  
0046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Church of God  
0207 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
0441 – intrusion alarm, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1443 – civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1658 – civil matter, Main St.  
2106 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Huron River Dr.  
2123 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.

**Wednesday, April 19:**  
0007 – suspicious person/vehicle, Astor Pl.  
0905 – civil matter, Main St.  
1105 – breaking & entering, Potter Dr.  
1404 – juvenile complaint, McBride  
1452 – disorderly, Main St./South St.  
1710 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr.  
1901 – 911 welfare check, E. Columbia Ave.  
2211 – suspicious person/vehicle, Madelon St. / E. Huron River Dr.

**Thursday, April 20:**  
0031 – property damage accident, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.  
0858 – abandoned auto, N. Liberty/E. Huron River  
1544 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
1613 – assist citizen, W. Davis St.  
1636 – property damage accident, S. I-275/Hannan  
1641 – property damage accident, South St.  
1726 – assist fire dept., South St.  
1900 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.  
2017 – domestic, Main St./E. Huron River Dr.  
2256 – suspicious person/vehicle, Breakwater Ct.

**Friday, April 21:**  
0238 – suicidal person, Horizon Park  
0923 – traffic offense, Owen St.  
1019 – warrant arrest, Main St.  
1030 – ordinance violation, Denton Bridge  
1539 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oxford Ct. / Victorian Ln.  
1808 – civil matter, Main St.  
1904 – assist fire dept., Astor Pl.  
1937 – family trouble, Sumpter Rd.  
1953 – parking complaint, Sumpter Rd.  
2324 – misc. complaints, Main St.

**Saturday, April 22:**  
0926 – property check, Bell Cove Ct./Harbour Pointe Dr.  
1000 – trespassing, Tuscan Manor  
1851 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.  
2136 – assist other dept., Tyler  
2224 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.  
Also on this week's log are 40 traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, April 16:**  
0208 – alarm, Carriage Ln.  
0403 – alarm, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
0719 – property damage accident, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1420 – ordinance violation, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1710 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1721 – shots fired, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
1849 – ordinance violation, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1851 – animal complaint, Judd/Martinsville Rd.  
2010 – breaking & entering, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2231 – reckless driver, Martinsville/Arkona

**Monday, April 17:**  
0209 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0816 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1014 – harassment complaint, 21000 bl. Haggerty  
1131 – assist other agency, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1328 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1338 – suspicious incident, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.  
1452 – civil dispute, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1709 – assist other agency, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
1822 – traffic hazard, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1852 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1925 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.  
2203 – property damage accident, Judd/Haggerty

**Tuesday, April 18:**  
0945 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
0955 – traffic hazard, Bemis/Elwell  
1146 – breaking & entering, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1149 – suspicious vehicle, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
1159 – civil dispute, Nevada  
1336 – assault, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.  
1934 – reckless driver, Judd/Bohn  
2135 – breaking & entering, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

**Wednesday, April 19:**  
0201 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
0722 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0836 – fire dept. assist, Edgewood  
0916 – civil dispute, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.  
0944 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1052 – property damage accident, 28000 bl. Clark  
1304 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1319 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1510 – civil dispute, Oregon  
1616 – warrant arrest pick up, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1704 – assist other agency, Dogwood  
2134 – well-being check, Roy Ct.  
2308 – citizen assist, Rustic Ln.

**Thursday, April 20:**  
0021 – citizen assist, Colorado  
0734 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0839 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1021 – suspicious incident, Nevada  
1753 – larceny, Edgewood  
2202 – suspicious vehicle, 48000 bl. Willow Rd.

**Friday, April 21**  
0255 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
0557 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1125 – trespassing, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.  
1612 – animal bite, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
1617 – larceny, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

**Saturday, April 22:**  
0609 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
0723 – suspicious vehicle, Harris/Martinsville  
0920 – unauthorized driving away of vehicle, 43000 bl. Clay Rd.  
0926 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
0953 – fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1016 – suspicious incident, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1108 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

1247 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1328 – reckless driver, Karr/Willow  
1407 – assist other agency, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1458 – trespassing, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
1508 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Dunn  
1513 – shots fired, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.  
1552 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.  
1923 – fire dept. assist, Washington  
1955 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.  
2124 – ordinance violation, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2140 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
2220 – fight, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2224 – civil dispute, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
2257 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Also on this week's log are 15 follow-up investigations, 36 miscellaneous details, 70 patrol checks, and 44 traffic stops.

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Methodist Church

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Director:  
Sue Hiser

Accompanist:  
Kevin Shay

## DOG PACKAGES

• Wellness Exam  
• Distemper  
• Parvo  
• Bordetella  
(Kennel Cough)

**\$47**  
(#4)

• Wellness Exam  
• Distemper  
• Bordetella  
• Rabies 1 Yr.

**\$69**  
(#2)

Expires 5/11/17.

## DOG PACKAGES

• Wellness Exam  
• Distemper  
• Parvo  
• Bordetella  
• Heartworm Test  
• Rabies 1 Yr.

**\$99**  
(#5)

• Wellness Exam  
• Distemper  
• Rabies 1 Yr.  
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• Fecal  
• Heartworm Test

**\$149**  
(#3)

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SPAY

**DOG DENTAL**  
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• Bordetella  
• Rabies 1 Yr.  
• Leukemia  
• Feline AIDS/Leukemia Combo

**\$179**  
(#3)

• Exam  
• Distemper  
• Fecal  
• Deworming  
• Feline AIDS/Leukemia Test

**\$109**  
(#4)

Expires 5/11/17.

## CAT PACKAGES

**\$69**  
(#2)

• Wellness Exam  
• Distemper  
• Bordetella  
• Rabies 1 Yr.

Expires 5/11/17.

## CAT SURGERY

**\$189**  
SPAY

W/2-PAW  
DECLAW \$269

**CAT DENTAL**  
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**\$139**  
NEUTER

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DECLAW \$219

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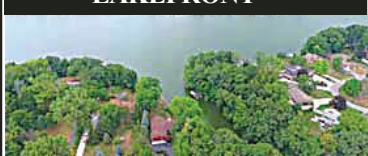
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**42494 E HURON RIVER DR VAN BUREN**  
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### LAKEFRONT



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### LAKEFRONT



**40566 ALDEN, VAN BUREN**  
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### UPDATED AND IMPROVED



**15178 HARRISON, ROMULUS**  
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**28525 KARR, SUMPTER**  
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**16497 SUMPTER RD, VAN BUREN**  
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### 1,920 SF GARAGE



**21381 ELWELL, SUMPTER TOWNSHIP**  
**IMPRESSIVE** 3 Bedroom Vinyl Ranch with Open Kitchen, Large Dining Area, Family Room with Fireplace, New Roof (2015), New Furnace (2015) and Air Conditioning (2015). Double Driveway, Pond, PLUS 1,920 Square Foot 2 Story Heated Garage on Almost 1 Acre. IT'S A WINNER \$179,900

### FINISHED BASEMENT



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45885 BEMIS PAVED BUIDABLE LOT \$25,000  
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42915 WILLIS 4 SPLITS \$30,000 & \$40,000  
26960 SHERWOOD 2.5 ACRES \$30,000  
24409 SHERWOOD 1.15 ACRES \$30,000  
20743 GRIFFIN COURT 1.4 AC \$29,500  
22407 KARR 21 AC POLEBARN \$195,000

49317 ARKONA 40.28 ACRES \$180,000  
BEMIS 6 ACRES + 6 ACRES \$65,000 EACH  
VINING AND SIBLEY 21+ ACRES \$450,000  
WILLOW ROAD 1.36 ACRES \$15,000  
26405 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308 \$33,000  
26455 KARR 5 ACRES 162X1308 \$33,000

**VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP**  
45109 S SERVICE DRIVE HUGE FRONTAGE 2.29 ACRES. BEST LOCATION \$287,500  
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VACANT BOG ROAD 1.36 ACRES \$30,000  
VACANT BOG RD 12.83 ACRES \$129,000  
739 SAVAGE PAVED ST 1.02 ACRES \$35,000  
**HURON TOWNSHIP**  
26129 LEONTINE DOUBLE LOT \$24,000  
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