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City Council considers new rotating tornado siren for DPW site

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

Everyone on the Belleville City Council agrees the old tornado siren on the city hall roof needs to be replaced, but Mayor Ken Voigt wants to see if a grant could be found to cover this.

The item was not voted on at Monday's meeting as requested by city manager Jason Smith. He had asked a new siren to be purchased from Westshore Services at a cost of \$27,900. Smith said he would report back at the July 1 meeting on available grants.

He reported that when the roof at city hall was repaired, the wiring for the present siren was damaged.

"While we were able to repair the siren, it did signal some glaring weaknesses with our system," he reported. "The siren itself is a Cold-War era relic that is operated manually, meaning someone must be onsite to set it off. In instances where seconds

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Main St., High St. close Friday-Sunday for 4th-annual Lake Fest

Belleville's fourth-annual Lake Festival will be held from Friday June 21, to Sunday June 23.

As a result, Main Street will close to all through traffic from Third to Fifth streets on Friday around 5 p.m. High Street will close on Friday and remain closed until Sunday.

Closures are subject to change as the need arises and may be extended or removed, according to a notice from the city.

Drivers are asked to seek alternate routes through town since pedestrian and non-vehicular traffic is anticipated to be heavy in the area. Roys Street and N. Liberty Street will be open for traffic.

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Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt, right, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, left, and Mayor Voigt's grandson Luka Igonin, center, were at Belleville Goat Day on Saturday showing off this year's goat t-shirts. Mayor Voigt sells the shirts with new designs each year to earn money for the Community Food Pantry housed at Belleville First United Methodist Church.

Belleville City Council tables decision on new water meter system

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, representatives from three water meter companies gave brief presentations on their systems.

When asked from the audience by resident John Juriga about what their bids were, city manager Jason Smith said the bids were in the board packet of information. It was not put out for the public at the packed meeting.

Councilwoman Julie Kissel said the bids ranged from the low bid of Ferguson at \$590,544.13; to SLC Meter at \$612,683.85; and ETNA at \$628,006.

Two other bidders, both with bids over \$700,000, were not invited to present to the council: Core and Main and EJ Prescott.

DPW Director Tony Bollini said he and city manager Smith had different ideas on what company would be the best for Belleville.

The council tabled a decision on which company to choose until the July 1 meeting.

In other business at the one-hour, 27-minute June 17 meeting, the council:

• Held a brief public hearing on the proposed, 30-page, 2024-25 budget at which nobody spoke, and then unanimously approved the budget. The 2023-24 budget amendments also were

approved unanimously;

- Approved a special event request for Redemption Church for an outdoor workship service on July 17 at the Fourth Street Square;
- Heard Smith explain the attorney general asked the city to cut back to five changes to the charter the city wants to put on the November ballot to avoid overloading the ballot. Then, the attorney general said it should be cut back to four and the city did that and it is back in the attorney general's hands. Smith said it will be back before the council by July 1. The four changes now proposed are: allowing the city to set the

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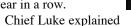
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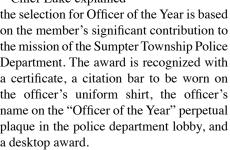
Gino Criscenti named Officer of the Year in Sumpter - for 2^{nd} year

Sumpter Township Police Department Awards for 2023 were presented during the

May 28 township board meeting by Public Service Director/Police Chief Eric Luke.

Officer Gino Criscenti was named Officer of the Year for the second year in a row.





Chief Luke said for the second year in a row, Officer Gino Criscenti has distinguished himself as the example of what the township looks for in its officers. Officer Criscenti comes to work every day ready to support this department's mission, he said.

"He consistently puts forth solid work and does not hesitate to get the job done, he said.

"Officer Criscenti's attention to detail and effort put forth on his cases resulted in convictions. Officer Criscenti, having just completed his second year with the department, was selected to be a member of the FTO [Field Training Officer] cadre. Upon completing the requisite training, Officer Criscenti spent almost as many shifts as a training officer as he did on solo patrol and became an integral part of the field training program.

"Officer Criscenti approaches his duties with an attitude that fosters a motivated workforce. Even with his extra casework and duties, Ofc Criscenti comes to work every day excited to be the police. Officer Criscenti sets himself apart so markedly that this is the first time the Department has recognized an officer with this award in back-to-back years," Chief Luke said.

Chief's Recognition Awards

Chief Luke said he may present this award to a member of the police department for any reason deemed worthy of recognition. The award is recognized with a certificate. Chief Luke presented Recognition Awards to the following:

Officer Gino Criscenti

On Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023, at at 8:22 p.m., Officer Gino Criscenti responded to Holiday West Mobile Home Park for numerous calls of shots being fired.

Incoming calls reported a possible suspect fleeing the area at a high rate of speed and provided a vehicle description. Officer Criscenti located the suspect vehicle and, upon contacting it, determined it was also wanted in connection to a robbery in another jurisdiction.

Officer Criscenti, without backup available and without hesitation, attempted to stop the possibly armed and wanted suspect. The driver feigned initial compliance but fled, leading Officer Criscenti on a pursuit into Washtenaw County.

Moments later, Officer Criscenti was joined by sheriff deputies who aided in bringing the pursuit to an end, and Officer Criscenti successfully took the suspect into custody.

Officer Kevin Gibson

On Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023, at 11:52 a.m., Officer Kevin Gibson responded to assist on a scene of an aggravated domestic in which the adult female daughter repeatedly stabbed her elderly father in the head. The female fled the residence on foot into the wooded area behind the house.

With the assistance of an MSP K-9 unit, Officer Gibson searched for the female in the woods. After a track that lasted almost 15 minutes, they located the suspect. The still-possibly armed suspect was noncompliant with officers' commands to surrender, and the K-9 was being prepared to be deployed to effect the arrest.

Having had prior interactions with the suspect, Officer Gibson tried to establish a rapport with her and talk her into surrendering peacefully. When it appeared to be successful, the suspect attempted to run again. Rather than have the K-9 deploy and likely cause bite injuries during the apprehension, Officer Gibson quickly utilized his Taser to gain compliance and was able then to take the suspect into custody without further incident.

Officer Jesiah Rodriguez Officer Christopher Rose

On Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2023, at 11:06 a.m., Officers Jesiah Rodriguez and Christopher Rose attempted to conduct a traffic stop on a vehicle after observing it to have an expired license plate. The vehicle took action to avoid police contact, though the officers successfully affected the traffic stop.

During the stop, Officers Rodriguez and Rose learned the driver was operating with a suspended license. Further investigation led to the discovery of a small scale with white powdery residue on it, along with other items indicative of drug possession/sales. The continued investigation led to the discovery of almost 30 grams of cocaine and crack cocaine, 12 grams of mushrooms, and a fully loaded handgun that officers learned was stolen.

The driver and passenger were arrested and subsequently charged with several criminal offenses.

Officer Nicholas Johnson

On Friday, Oct. 27, 2023, at 11:49 p.m., Officer Nicholas Johnson conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. Immediately upon effecting the traffic stop, the driver began exhibiting abnormal behavior, including exiting the vehicle and walking around to the front of the car.

During the traffic stop, Officer Johnson determined the driver was operating with a suspended license. Further investigation led to the discovery of a loaded, unregistered firearm located where it would have been between the driver's feet and readily accessible had the driver remained in the vehicle.

The illegal firearm was secured, and the driver was subsequently charged with carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle.

Officer Gino Criscenti

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at 6:16 p.m., Officer Gino Criscenti conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle. During the traffic stop, it was determined the driver was operating with a suspended driver's license.

Further investigation led to the discovery of a loaded handgun underneath the driver's seat. The firearm was determined to be a "ghost gun" and had no serial number. The illegal firearm was secured, and the driver was subsequently charged with carrying a concealed weapon in a motor vehicle.

Officer Christopher Rose Officer Sean Hudson

On Sunday, Nov. 19, 2023, at 7:06 p.m., Officer Christopher Rose and Officer Sean Hudson were responding to Holiday West Mobile Home Park for a report of a home invasion that just occurred, during which two armed suspects had shot at the victims.

The suspects had fled the scene, and a vehicle description was provided. Officer Rose, upon arrival in the area, located the suspect vehicle. Rather than let the vehicle flee, Officer Rose did not hesitate and initiated a felony stop while his backup was still en route. Officer Rose verbally commanded the two occupants, and Officer Hudson arrived to assist with the high-risk stop.

Officers Rose and Hudson worked as a team to systematically take both suspects into custody without further incident. Officers Hudson and Rose recovered two firearms from the vehicle (one, a fully loaded Glock 19X 9mm handgun; the other, a BB gun that replicates the Glock handgun with no features to allow an officer to distinguish it from the real version).

Officer Sean Hudson Officer Christopher Rose

On Thursday, Nov. 23, 2023, at 10:38 p.m., Officers Sean Hudson and Christopher Rose responded to a domestic assault involving a female victim, reporting the male suspect was threatening her with a shotgun.

Upon the officers' arrival, they were granted entry into the residence and were immediately met by the male, who was still armed with the shotgun. The armed male was initially not compliant with Officer Hudson's verbal commands.

Despite the armed suspect's hesitation, the officers showed composure and restraint in their response to the suspect's actions, and in a situation that could have quickly escalated into a deadly force encounter. Officers Hudson and Rose were able to gain compliance and take the suspect into custody without injury to anyone involved.

Officer Kevin Gibson

On Saturday, Dec. 16, 2023, at 2:31 p.m., Officer Kevin Gibson responded to a residence in Holiday West where a juvenile had reported someone just shot into the home. Officer Gibson investigated the scene and determined two bullets struck the residence, piercing the exterior walls and going through the interior of the home, luckily missing the 12-year-old.

Officer Gibson's investigation determined a trajectory that directed him to a residence on Rawsonville Road, which he determined had previously been the focus of target shooting complaints.

At that location, he found three people had been target shooting in the backyard and determined their makeshift backstop was entirely insufficient for the rifle rounds they were firing. Ofc. Gibson's detailed investigation resulted in charges against the three persons for the careless discharge of their firearms.

"We thank the above award recipients and every other department member for a job well done in 2023 and for your continued dedication and service to the community," Chief Luke said at the conclusion of his presentation to the township board.

He then told the board and the public: "You have great human beings in your police department ... You should be proud of them"

<u>Court Watching:</u>

Daniel Glenn Jackson

Daniel Glenn Jackson, 25, of Farmington Hills had two exact charges in Van Buren Township for the dates of March 22 and March 29: organized retail fraud, retail fraud-first degree and two counts of using a computer to commit a crime (max sentence of 4-10 years). His arraignment/probable cause conference was May 8. He was video-arraigned from the Oakland County Jail and his bond set for \$10,000/10%. His probable cause conference was June 5. He was present by zoom from the jail and waived his exam. He was bound over to circuit court for a June 12 arraignment on the information, which was reset by the court until June 25.

Belleville Area Independent/June 20, 2024

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Editorial

Today is start of summer, Lake Fest weekend ahead

Today, June 20, is the Summer Solstice and tomorrow, June 21, the full Strawberry Moon will be in the sky.

Those who are attending the free outside movie at Third and Main, that is a part of Friday's Lake Fest events, will be able to look up into the sky and see the Strawberry Moon. It should be a night to remember for the families. It is scheduled to start at dusk.

The Superhero Pub Crawl, a block away at the Fourth Street Square, runs from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday. Main Street is closed at 5 p.m. to keep everybody safe.

The rest of the Lake Fest events are listed in the full-page advertisement on page 15 of today's paper.

It includes a full day of activities on Saturday, with live bands all day running almost to midnight, with more activites on Sunday starting around 11 a.m. and done

There's something for everyone, with Pancakes with Princesses on Saturday and a Kids Zone at Third Street both Saturday and Sunday. This is the last time Lake Fest will get to use Scott Jones' corner lot because he has advised it will be under construction next year. Food trucks are expected to be there Friday through Sunday. The Market on Main down the middle of the street is set for both Saturday and Sunday. One of the fun contests is the Donut Eating Contest for cops at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Fourth Street Square.

Summer is here. Let's have some fun.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

On Monday morning the 20 goats penned in at Horizon Park to trim down the shrubbery along the lake escaped.

At Monday night's city council meeting, city manager Jason Smith reported that the storm earlier that morning had loosened the soil and the fence fell over. The goats walked out over the electric fence, he said.

He said Police Officer Gueli and Jason and CJ from the DPW used trash can lids and other devices to urge the goats back into their compound. Smith said he had never seen a goat rodeo before.

Mary Jo Suchy always includes printouts of interesting stories or studies in the packet of information for each monthly meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board.

For the June 11 meeting, she included a story about a library in Middleton, WI that waives fees for destroyed books if you show them a picture of the animal that chewed up the book. The pictures are so cute, each with a gnawed-up, tattered book next to an innocent-looking dog. The library doesn't really get that many books destroyed by animals, but the program has been lots of fun.

Suchy said Belleville library has been considering something similar, even though they don't have many books chewed up by dogs.

Another report she included this month was serious. It came from the Pew Research Center and was headlined "When Online Content Disappears." It said that 38% of webpages that existed in 2013 are no longer accessible a decade later. It makes us wonder about municipalities

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using online-only publication of their legal notices. What happens when your minutes disappear – or worse, can be changed?

Speaking of disappearing websites, our website went down sometime last Thursday and our provider said many of their clients were down and they are working to fix it. It still wasn't up as we went to press on this week's edition.

They haven't explained what exactly is going on, but there have been some guesses of hacking and maybe even ransom ware.

Also at the library board meeting, vicechairperson Linda Priest said last year she brought her dog to see the goats at Horizon Park and her dog got too close to the electric fence and got zapped. She said she brought her dog with her again this year and the dog wouldn't go anywhere near the goat pen. She was amazed that it remembered that zap for a whole year.

The heat wave this week has caused many people to just hunker down at home with the air conditioning on full blast. Others just go on about their business as if the weather doesn't bother them at all.

Our office is cool and when we walk out in the afternoon the high temperature is a shock. This, too, shall pass.

It's so irritating to get a bunch of letters from writers who live out of the area telling

us who to vote for president. They are pretty much the same in wording and they all come on the same morning. Who wouldn't notice it? We received one on Monday that had a 48111 zip code on the bottom which may or may not have been accurate. Since the letter had the same content as the other letters, we threw that one out, too.

We have too much going on locally for us to get involved in the national political craziness. We think everyone should vote, of course, but get your local information

national information from national sources.

This week we sending are the candidate questionnaires the August primary

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Letters

Home safety includes a fanny pack with phone

To the editor:

For several weeks I have been confined to my home as I have been ill with tendonitis. For the most part I am not alone but there are some brief times when I am alone. I have discovered the security and safety of wearing a fanny pack and keeping my cell phone on my person in that fanny pack at all times. In the event I fall and am alone, I can make a call for help from my cell phone or hit 911.

This cautionary tale applies if you are inside your home or in your yard working. Keep your phone on your person at all times.

There are expensive emergency services that allow one to signal for help, including an ambulance or police. The service is contacted from a device that one is required to wear at all times like a necklace. The fanny pack is, I think, a simple, inexpensive solution for safety sake.

Fanny packs are available on Amazon and start at about \$7. There are different styles available for men and women. You can probably get them at any store with miscellaneous goods.

Barbara Miller Van Buren resident

Thanks for help with flag placement on Biggs

To the editor:

RE: Flag Day, June 14

We just want to thank Gene Taylor and his wife Elayne, Sheila Sexton and her grandkids David and London who helped post flags on S. Biggs Street the afternoon of June 13th, prior to FLAG DAY June 14th.

An unexpected early start was initiated because of an upcoming storm. Thankfully the flags were all placed, (approximately 200 of them) before any bad weather.

It was quite a sight looking down the street and seeing flags placed every 10-15 feet on both sides of the street (from E. Huron River Drive to Robb Street) just about as far as you could see.

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- & Now" will be explored at 6 p.m. at the Belleville Area Museum. Nikki Pickeral, library assistant at the Belleville Area District Library, will compare the Belleville we know today with the Belleville of yesterday. RSVP for free pizza at 5:30 p.m. by emailing BAM@vanburen-mi.org.

• Thursday, June 20 - "Belleville: Then

- Thursday, June 20 The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by "RFD Boys."
- Thursday, June 20, Friday, June 21, and Saturday, June 22 - Sumpter Township Summer Vendor Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Community Center gym, 23501 Sumpter Rd. \$10 per table rental. Rain or shine. More information, call Sumpter Senior Coordinator Maryann Watson at (734) 461-9737; email maryannwatson@ sumptertwp.org
- Friday, June 21 Join the Van Buren Eagles at 9961 Beck Rd. for Eagle Riders Steak Roast, 5 p.m. Open to the public.
- Friday, Saturday & Sunday, June 21, **22, 23** – Lakefest in Belleville.
- Friday, June 21 As part of Lakefest: Free movie on Main Street, corner of Main and Third streets, at dusk. Bring chairs, blankets. Food trucks.
- Monday, June 24 Ribbon cutting for the new Van Buren Township Community Center, 4-7 p.m., 46425 Tyler Rd.
- Wednesday, June 26 Free live concert every Wednesday in June at Harris Park, 10151 Belleville Rd. in Van Buren Township from 7 to 9 p.m. Tonight the band is "DTour Band."
- Wednesday, June 26 Tedd Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., presents Gratitude Steel Band from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There will be a limbo contest, hula hoop contest, ring toss, and a pinata challenge for kids. All free.
- Thursday, June 27 The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by "The Keilbasa Kings."



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VBT announces June 24 ribbon-cutting for new community center

Van Buren Township announces the completion of the Van Buren Community Center (VBC). A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Monday, June 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at 46425 Tyler Rd.

Construction began in September 2022 and concluded in late spring of 2024, adding an additional 21,763 sq. ft. to the township hall. The center features a fullsized gymnasium, an elevated walking track, an exercise area, a Black Box Theater, group and individual fitness areas, a teen space, multipurpose rooms, and an outdoor plaza.

The center also includes spaces dedicated to the senior center members, including a lounge, a fitness and activity room, and a multipurpose room.

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara acknowledges all the officials and entities that made the vision possible, with support from Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans, Commissioner Al Haidous, the VBT Downtown Development Authority, the Van Buren Civic Fund, and thanks the Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud and Deputy Director Tammy

"Community centers serve many purposes - most importantly they serve as the heart of any neighborhood and help shape its identity," said Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans.

"Community centers are gathering places where friends and neighbors can meet and engage with one another - where people of all ages, ethnicities and socioeconomic backgrounds can come together to network and have fun. Wayne County is thrilled to be able to help create a space that will help foster and facilitate social interaction in Van Buren Township," Evan said.

"Our hope is that this center brings a new level of culture, recreation, and community to our residents," said Supervisor McNamara. "Every community needs a

"I've been advocating for a community center since day one," said Township Clerk Leon Wright. "I'm very pleased to see this come to fruition. This is a project I believe will be well accepted by the community."

The township invites the public and sponsors of the project to come out and celebrate this addition to the community. Van Buren Township news release

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Obituaries



Mary Elizabeth Wingard

MARY ELIZABETH WINGARD

(June 17, 1970 – June 16, 2024)

Mary Elizabeth Wingard, of Van Buren Township, Michigan, age 53, passed away on Sunday, June 16, 2024, at home in hospice care surrounded by her family. She was born on June 17, 1970, in Ann Arbor, MI, to Donald and Patricia (Caldwell) Rose. After she graduated from high school she obtained her nursing degree. She then married and raised a family. Mary was very loving and loyal to her family, a true caretaker in every way. Mary was known to have an outstanding and energetic personality described as bubbly and caring, yet straightforward. She had so much love for helping and nursing she even rescued persons in peril on the freeway. Most of all she loved her family and it showed.

Mary is survived by her loving husband of 24 years, John Wingard of Van Buren Township, MI; her parents, Donald and Patricia Rose of Howell, MI; her children, Cherice (Keith) Burks of Westland, MI, Latashia (Jeremy) Ruff of Ann Arbor, MI, Chante Wingard of Ypsilanti, MI, Amanda Rose of Van Buren Twp., MI and John David Wingard of Van Buren Twp., MI; siblings, Penny (Brian) Gunter of Georgia, Connie (Ray) Rose of Highland, MI, Don (Debbie) Rose of Fowlerville, MI; 24 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Tamara Grace, granddaughter, Reylee Grace Hogan, and her grandson, Larry Hunter.

A visitation was held Wednesday June 19, 2024, from 5-7 pm, and a memorial has been planned on Saturday, June 22, 2024, with the time of gathering and service to be announced, at the David C. Brown Funeral Home 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, Michigan, 48111.

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RITA G. ANDERSON

Rita G. Anderson of Belleville, MI passed away on Monday June 10, 2024, at the age of 80. She is survived by her son Robert (Vicky) Anderson. Gerald (Marie) D. Anderson Jr., Judith Kline, and Dawn Scott, seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her husband Gerald (Pops) D. Anderson Sr., her parents. A celebration of life for Rita will be held on June 22, 2024. from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 22215 Elwell Road. Belleville, MI 48111. Phone/text 734-260-6851 with RSVP and questions.

Court Watching:

TSA employee charged in I-275 freeway vehicle shooting in Romulus

Alec Nicholas Thieman, 28, of Delta, Ohio, was arraigned on June 14 by 34th District Court Magistrate Al Hindman via zoom while in Michigan State Police custody on seven charges in the freeway shooting of a vehicle driven by a 46-yearold man from Romulus.

Thieman is employed by the Transportation Security Administration.

The incident occurred on Wednesday, June 12, at 6:40 a.m. in the northbound lanes of the I-275 freeway near Pennsylvania Road in Huron Township. Thieman allegedly produced and shot a gun, hitting the vehicle, but not the driver.

After the shooting, Thieman and the victim both drove to the Romulus Police Department where Michigan State Police were called to investigate the shooting, according to police.

Thieman is charged with assault with intent to murder, assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault, reckless driving, commission of a felony with a motor vehicle, and three counts of felony firearm.

Magistrate Hindman levied a \$250,000 cash bond and set the probable cause conference for June 26.

Court Watching:

Kayne Zumahn Kelley

Kayne Zumahn Kelley, 29, of Jackson was video-arraigned in police custody on May 6 by Judge Green on charges of fleeing police in a vehicle, police officer assaulting/resisting/ obstructing, and reckless driving on May 5 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was set for May 15 and bond at

He said he wanted to retain private counsel so his probable cause conference was adjourned until May 29. On that date the exam was set for June 5. At that time, he pled guilty to attempting to flee and attempted assault, both new misdemeanors, and the original charges were dismissed along with the reckless driving charge. He was fined \$1,000 for both files left and to non-reporting probation. He told Judge Oakley he has never had a full-time job since he graduated high school. He said he gets a check each month because of his Indian heritage. He works with a temporary staffing business but hasn't worked in three weeks. He said he is trying to get custody of his 14-year-old nephew and Judge Oakley said he'd better become more responsible before that happens.

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count, such as severe weather, this is a woefully inefficient system."

He said Westshore Services is the lone servicer of Federal Signal sirens in the state of Michigan and has installed sirens in Sumpter and Van Buren townships. He said the system quoted for the city is like those that have been installed around the tri-community area.

The new signal would be an electromechanical rotating signal with battery backup and radio relay, meaning that VBT dispatch would be able to set it off with the other signals around the area, thus eliminating the need for an officer to rush back to the station to manually trigger the report, Smith said.

He said the siren would be able to reach all of the city, except the far part of Harbour Pointe subdivision, but another siren overlaps that area.

Mayor Voigt said he thinks the siren has been there longer than the Cold War and may have been there in the 1940s during

Smith said the siren would be installed at the DPW garage area since there are possible other plans for city hall.

City Council (continued from page 1)

times and dates of meetings, eliminating roll-call votes except for spending city funds, setting by resolution the amount of city contracts that have to be voted on (now \$500-\$5,000), and repealing of civil service. The city could add more changes for the 2025 election;

- Heard the first reading of an amendment to the B-1 business district to add banquet space as a principle permitted use, as recommended by the planning commission. The second reading and adoption is scheduled for the July 1 meeting;
- · Approved accounts payable and departmental expenditures over \$500 to: BN Heavy Equipment, \$4,700 for street sweeper repair - hydraulics; Belle Tire, \$717.96 for three tires needed for car 218A and \$927.96 for new tires for the DPW vehicle ('21 Ford F250); Mr. Muffler, \$660 for vehicle maintenance; Osborne Concrete, \$925 for street repair; John D. Osborne Trucking, \$843.84 for DPW yard maintenance; and Williams Emergency Vehicle & Equipment, \$15,459.19 for fire vehicle equipment/outfitting;
- Heard Smith report the interns are here and they are doing GIS mapping like crazy, Ritter GIS is doing water main mapping, sewers are being jet-cleaned in Harbour Pointe this week and Victoria Commons next week, the Harbour Pointe road project should be complete by Oct. 1, SEMCOG is doing its public safety audit, new Victoria Commons signs are starting to go up and are half done and the city is also doing sidewalks there, the hot-water pressure washer was delivered last week and it will be used to sanitize restrooms in the parks and other tasks, bathroom repairs are

planned, and the city received the CDBG contract for Victory Park updates;

- · Heard Mayor Ken Voigt report goat day on Saturday was a success but he has plenty of this year's new t-shirts available. He reminded the public that for a \$20 donation to the food closet they get a free goat t-shirt. He said this helps people in the community get the food they need. He said the Cinnamon car show at Victory Park on Father's Day was "cool" and had lots of people and cars there. He said he and Councilman Jason Beebe attended the 20thanniversary celebration at the Senior Co-Op and also attended the Victoria Commons Homeowners Association annual meeting. He said he and Councilman Randy Priest attended the Council of Western Wayne
- Heard Tim Pranger of Victoria Commons report that poison ivy is in Village Park and the paved path is interfering with water drainage:
- Heard 34th District Court judge candidate Teresa Patton introduce herself and announce she would stay until after the meeting to talk to anyone with questions;
- Heard Ray Martin of Victoria Commons thank the mayor and councilman for coming to the Homeowners Association meeting, even though they were invited at the last minute;
- Heard resident John Juriga, an elected member of the Belleville Area District Library Board, invite anyone wanting a cooling place, to come to the 31,000 square feet library on weekdays from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. and during the weekend as well. Smith said city hall is open as a cooling center during business hours, but it would be closed on the Juneteenth holiday;
- · Also, heard resident Juriga ask if he could legally dig a water well in his yard to water his yard of flowers and he was told he could. A councilman asked why he didn't use lake water since his house is on the lake and Juriga said he was a man of moderate means; and
- · Heard Tara Edwards of Victoria Commons asked when the retention pond there would get attention. She said there are cattails there and she has small children and can't see where the edge of the water is. DPW Director Bollini said by fall she should see activity there.

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Court Watching:

Marquis Deaunte Brandon

Marquis Deaunte Brandon, 34, of Inkster, was scheduled for a motion to set aside a felony conviction from an Aug. 22, 2009 incident in Van Buren Township, but did not appear for the June 5 hearing.

He had been convicted of malicious destruction of property and domestic violence after pleading guilty to the charges, paying a fine, and doing community service in lieu of jail time. A year later there was a review and the prosecutor dismissed the charges. Over the years there were bench warrants and failure to pay fines.

A motion to set aside the conviction was set for April 24, but he failed to appear. He called to say he never got the notice and asked for a new hearing date.

Tiffany Marie Rodriguez

Tiffany Marie Rodriguez of Newport, was charged with retail fraud on Nov. 13, 2023 in Van Buren Township. She was scheduled for arraignment/pre-trial on June 5, but she failed to appear. She was set for a show-cause/ arraignment/pretrial on June 26.

Julius Termaine Turner

Julius Termaine Turner, 37, of Detroit, is charged with nine charges occurring on May 25 in Van Buren Township. He is charged with: possession of firearms and of ammunition by a prohibited person, larceny of weapon, carrying a concealed weapon, larceny in a building, and four felony firearms.

He failed to appear on June 5 for his probable cause conference and a bench warrant was issued. On June 6, he came into the court building and gave information on how to contact him. A second probable cause conference was set for June 12 and the warrant was canceled at that time. The preliminary exam was set for July 24. Personal bond is

Timothy Andrew Troin

Timothy Andrew Troin of Wayne was video-arraigned by Judge Martin while in custody of Van Buren Police on one count of possession of narcotic or cocaine, less than 25 grams, on June 9 in Van Buren Township. Defense attorney Ron Ruark said he had been his personal attorney for ten years. He said his client has four kids, has been with his wife Becky for 14 years, and runs a business laying commercial and residential floors. He asked for personal bond. Van Buren Police asked for \$5,000/10% bond and Judge Martin noted there is not much history with him and gave him \$5,000 personal bond. His probable cause conference was set for Tuesday, June 18, by Zoom.









Belleville DDA approves \$1,271,636 budget for 2024-25 fiscal year

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority at its regular meeting on May 15 unanimously approved a balanced budget of \$1,271,636, after taking \$308,483 out of the fund balance.

Payment for bond interest and principal for the next year's budget is \$1,103,786.

Land contract payments of \$63,738 will come out of the fund balance which is more than \$1 million.

Mike Gatteri, a member of the budget committee, presented the budget on behalf of committee chairwoman Denise Baker.

He said they have included \$80,000 for repairs to the wall of 458 Main St., which the DDA purchased, and \$75,000 for engineering and preparation of the parking lot behind that address, which is the former hardware store.

City Manager Jason Smith said the room the DDA rents from the city for an office hasn't been taken advantage of and there is a desk and filing cabinets. It needs to be organized, he said.

Gatteri said the \$200 a month was left in the budget. Kelly McWilliams said the office hasn't been used since the former DDA Director Carol Thompson left several

DDA chairman Alicia McGovern said they should have a few members of the DDA go up there to help clear it up.

Assistant City Manager Steve Jones said the \$3,000 for an AT&T should turn out to be zero since AT&T is phasing out their DSL lines. He said he's had a hard time getting customer service from AT&T to

After approval of the budget, it will be sent to the city council to become a part of the city budget for the coming fiscal year.

AI tracking

Jones said he doesn't have a contract yet to present from the firm that said it would cost \$7,000 a year for the AI plan to track people in the city. He said he will have a presentataion the following Monday to the marketing committee.

He said only each DDA member will have access to the information and it would be only in the state of Michigan. Jones said they have information as far back as 2017.

Jones said the firm said there were 4,300 people at Lakefest last year and information on where they were from and where they went.

Chairperson McGovern said the DDA could target markets with this information. Donley said people have serious privacy concerns, but the information will not tell "the who" or address or other specifics.

Jones said they identify the heat mass where people are during different times of

Mayor Ken Voigt said they do not wish to violate peoples' privacy, but people should not be on Facebook or opt in when asked. He said you can't have a cellphone without being tracked.

"We're not adding anything new," Mayor Voigt said. "It's already out there ... We are not interested in anybody's personal information."

McGovern said they have to get the information so they can start. No vote was taken as vet.

In other business at the one-hour meeting,

• Heard City Manager Smith say he and Jones met with a Michigan Municipal League representative who will do a program to help small business owners. They want a half dozen city people in special categories to do a walk through the downtown on June 11 and then meet to discuss the deficiencies. The MML will provide a 10-page opportunity report on how to help small businesses grow, as well as micro reports, he said;

- Heard DDA member Chris Donley, chairman of the marketing committee, ask if there are any responses for a call for proposals for a marketing director. Jones said he hasn't done that yet. He said he will contact the former firms that responded to a call and also put it on Bidnet;
- · Heard treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams said she is chairperson of the Events/Culture & Arts committee, but she's more of a liaison with Victoria Commons, where she lives. She said the bridge needs to be repaired and painted and the pond needs work. "I do want to do some youth events," she said, suggesting a movie in Village Park on a big outdoor movie screen;
- Heard Valerie Kelley-Bonner said after her committee debacle where she was not informed on what was going on so she removed herself from the committee, she now is working with Richardson-Williams. She has been looking at what art they can do and people have been complaining about the black drapes at the hardware store the DDA purchased. She suggested a trail with historical markers and she said Richardson-Williams will review what she has compiled first, before sharing it with the rest of the DDA. She said there are several interesting ideas in the proposal. Mayor Voigt said they should work with the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, which meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Harris Park DDA office in Van Buren Township. Kelley-Bonner suggested honoring Chesley Odom and Jane Kovach, because they had done so much for the community. Mayor Voigt said an "Inside/ Out" of the city's own would be good, like the Detroit Institute of Arts program;

· Heard Gatteri comment that he would

like to have a joint meeting with the Van Buren Township DDA and go back to considering pages in the Van Buren Today

- Heard Richardson-Williams say the DDA is supposed to get a report on how the city spent the DDA money and there have been no reports. Jones said the city's computer crashed last year and now "we'll be able to get information." Mayor Voigt said the city's IT is being rebuilt from the ground
- Heard chairperson McGovern said its time for a performance review and a job description for Jones.

Western Wayne Co. **Quilting Guild sets** picnic at Riggs Park

The Western Wayne County Quilting Guild will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 13, at Riggs Park on Martinsville Road in Van Buren Township.

There will be a short meeting, Show & Tell, and a picnic for members and interested persons. Everyone needs a chair, a bottle of water, a dish to pass, and to let Carol (caco1957@comcast.net) know if you'd like a hot dog or a hamburger.

Court Watching:

Leonus Dainel Herring

Leonus Dainel Herring, 24, of Taylor is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and unlawful driving away of an auto on Oct. 21, 2022 in Van Buren Township. His probable cause conference was April 17 and his preliminary exam was set for April 24 before Judge Oakley. Personal bond is \$5,000.

On April 22, the defense attorney asked to withdraw, so the April 24 exam was rescheduled for May 8. At that time a probable cause conference was set for May 15. Then, he waived his exam and he was bound over to circuit court for an arraignment on the information on May 29, adjourned to June 10. Calendar conference is July 15.







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Barbara Rogalle Miller reappointed to Wayne Co. Art Institute Board

Barbara Rogalle Miller of Van Buren Township was reappointed to the Wayne County Art Institute Authority Board of Directors by the Wayne County Commission at its June 6 meeting.

Miller's new term is from May 17, 2024 through May 16, 2026.

Court Watching:

Procopio Vitale

Procopio Vitale, 44, of Monroe was present by zoom on May 29 from the Washtenaw County Jail on two separate charges of possession of methamphetamine/ecstacy on April 19, 2023 and Nov. 10, 2022. He waived the exam on the April 19, 2023 charge brought by Western Wayne Narcotics and was bound over to circuit court for a June 5 arraignment on the information.

His probable cause conference was set for June 12 on the Nov. 10, 2022 charge brought by Van Buren Township Police.

It was noted he will be in the Washtenaw County Jail until November.

His probable cause conference was set for

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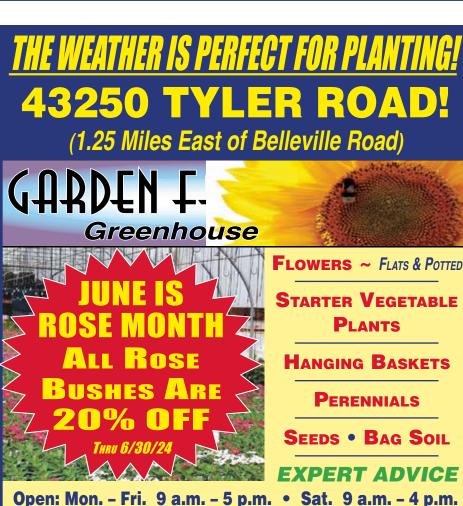
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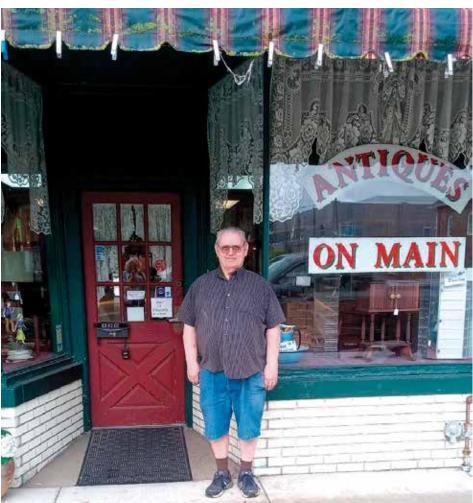


Photo courtesy of Linda Missant

Prentis Howell stands outside Antiques on Main in downtown Belleville before the shop closed its doors for the final time on June 1 - it's 30^{th} anniversary. The shop is now up for sale. Prentis and Joann Howell of Van Buren Township own the antique business, which will continue online.







Independent photo by Janet Millard The first day of this summer's farmers market brought many vendors to the Fourth Street Square and Fourth Street Place, with the car show on Main Street in full swing and Main Street shut down between Third and Fifth streets.



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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Teacher Aaron Lange, at left, tells the story of the Belleville High School Robotics Team's recent trip to Houston, TX, for international competition. During the May 28 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the Robotics Team showed off its robot, which flung some rings into the air. Lange told of how he needed \$20,000 to get everyone to Texas and how the generous community helped raise the money. He said the club now wants to get special needs students involved like the Unified programs in the Northwest U.S. and Australia. Novi and Northville teams are working with BHS and this is their goal for the next year, he said. At the board meeting BHS Valedictorian Parker Mears told of how he programmed the BHS robot in 12 paths. which took a lot of time. He told the board team members kept coming up with new things they wanted the robot to do and he said he told them, "Please. I have a life." Mears will study computer science at the University of Michigan this fall.





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Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Stratford scholarship

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The cost of the two-week session for grades 9-12 is \$3,600 which is being paid by the Belleville-Area Council for the Arts.

Alston, 16, a member of the BHS class of 2025, was in his sophomore year's high school musical. This year he participated in "Random Acts of Theatre," playing a character in a SNL skit, a crow from "The Wiz" and Greg Heffley from "Diary of a Wimpy Kid."

Also during his junior year he played the role of Sky in "Mamma Mia."

He said that he is extremely grateful for that role and, "No words can describe how much I enjoyed playing this role and how much it helped me grow as an actor."

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TIME: IOAM- NOON	LOCATION: 4TH ST SQUARE
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TIME: IOAM- 7PM	LOCATION: MAIN & 3RD
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TIME: IOAM- 7PM	LOCATION: MAIN & 3RD
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Sumpter Township supervisor recuses self from hiring committee

By Rosemary K. Otzman *Independent* Editor

At the June 11 regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Supervisor Tim Bowman explained that he recused himelf from the board-approved committee to interview candidates for the full-time Department of Public Works

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position because his son-in-law was a candidate.

Township attorney Rob Young said there were interviews earlier that day for the DPW position and Supervisor Bowman recused himelf. Deputy Treasurer Erica Campbell sat in for the supervisor for the interviews.

Attorney Young said the interview committee was officially appointed by a vote of the township board, so Campbell's replacement for Bowman needs to be officially passed by the board.

Treasurer Bart Patterson said the township manager asked her to come into the interviews to fill the vacant spot.

Young said even though the interviews are over, the board needs to make the change official.

The item was added to the agenda and the board unanimously accepted Bowman's recusal from the interview committee and the replacement by Campbell.

At the May 14 meeting, the board was asked to approve a committee to interview candidates for the full-time DPW position, which is under the AFSCME union. Treasurer Patterson asked if they could get the names of committee members before they voted.

He was told by Township Manager Tony Burdick that the members would be Trustee Don LaPorte, DPW Director John Danci, Finance Director Scott Holtz, and Deputy Clerk Karen Armatis, and he would need one more. Supervisor Bowman volunteered to be on the committee. Then that committee of five was voted in.

In other action at the 35-minute meeting on June 11, the board:

• Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy question why the board no longer has workshop sessions. He said residents come specifically to ask questions at the workshops and they are no longer able to do so as the regular meeting goes forward without audience participation on each agenda item. Trustee Oddy said the board should vote on not having workshops to make it official, but he is in favor of continuing the workshops. Supervisor Bowman said he never liked the workshops and they will deal with it at the next board meeting;

• Heard Theresa Patton announce her candidacy for 34th District Court judge in the upcoming election. She gave her background and said she would stay after the meeting to talk with anyone who had questions;

• Heard Mary Ban ask when the doors at the community center are going to be redone. She said earlier that day a women with a walker was having difficulty getting in the door. An automatic door that works would be appreciated. Ban said the front door at township hall also is a challenge. Burdick said a person who specializes in such doors was at the township earlier that day and he will propose a temporary resolution. He said a call for bids is out and will be opened June 21. Ban also said she really misses the workshops;

• Heard attorney Young report the the blight enforcement officers are out and have issued a lot of violations. He said most are the result of complaints and he invited residents to contact them with blight complaints. He also noted bills are moving forward to establish stormwater utility districts. He said Sumpter has issues during storms, so he will keep them informed;

 Heard Trustee Tim Rush say Sumpter dodged another bullet the previous week when it didn't get any of the tornadoes that hit the region. He said the township is storm ready and he and Police Chief Luke are watching the radar;

• Heard Burdick report he left a message from AFSCME about taking July 5 at its floating holiday. He said it will be on the next township board agenda for a decision;

• Heard Patterson say that the fire millage is on the Aug. 6 ballot for up to 2 mills and they need to get more information out to the residents:

• Approved a motion unanimously to reject all bids received for the floating dock framework and deckway, without explanation;

• Approved the annual employee cookout from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on June 28;

• Approved the new employment agreement with Fire Chief Richard Brown as of June 24;

• Approved volunteers to use ARPA funds to remove fencing at Banotai Park. Burdick said this was just the deteriorated wooden, split-rail fence around the playscape. Expenses will be approved by the board of trustees;

• Approved CWA to conduct a building

department audit at a cost not to exceed \$7,000;

• Approved renewing the CWA retainer with monthly fees effective Sept. 1 for 2024 and rates effective each Jan. 1 for 2025, 2026, and 2027; and

• Approved the motion of Bowman to table to the next board meeting the \$56,400 bid on the concrete recycling pad by Diversified Excavating paid with ARPA funds to find out exactly what they would do for that amount. Oddy said they need more information since it is \$20,000 more than budgeted. Burdick explained that he needs to know the exact costs of various projects before the ARPA spending can be adjusted. "We don't know what we don't know yet," he said.

Clerk Esther Hurst and Trustee Peggy Morgan were absent and excused from the meeting.

Court Watching:

Wain Lee Bales

Wain Lee Bales, 51, of Van Buren Township was charged with domestic violence on July 15 in Van Buren Township. On Dec. 20, the victim did not show up to his final pretrial on the matter, so the charge was dismissed without prejudice. He was reminded of his Jan. 22 court date on the misdemeanors out of Van Buren Township. A show cause hearing was set for Feb. 26 on those, but hospital papers showed he had been in the hospital since Feb. 25, so the show cause was moved to March 25. He failed to appear so a warrant was issued March 27.

On May 8, Magistrate Hindman videoarraigned him while in police custody on a new charge of possession of methamphetamine/ ecstasy on May 5 in Van Buren Township and the six bench warrants for misdemeanors in Van Buren Township. Bond is \$5,000/10%.

His probable cause conference was set for May 22 on the drug charge and then reset for June 5. On June 5, he was an hour late for court and his attorney left before he got there. His case was reset to June 18. His pretrial on the technical requirements was set for June 6. His bench trial was set for July 25. Personal bond is \$3,000. Warrants were canceled.

Dion Fitzgerald Davis

Dion Fitzgerald Davis, 30, of Plymouth and previously of Van Buren Township, is charged with three counts of uttering and publishing in Van Buren Township on Nov. 8. He had a probable cause conference on June 12 and was set for a second probable cause conference on June 18. Personal bond is \$20,000.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday**, **July 9**, **2024 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. The BZA will meet to consider the following request:

Case # 24-035- Request for a dimensional variance by applicant Kirco Manix, Inc. representing Our Next Energy (ONE) on behalf of property owner Crossroads Distribution Center North 6, LLC to maintain a wall that is approximately 10'8" above the surrounding grade, and up to 11'0". The subject property is located at 42060 Ecorse Road (parcel ID number 83 008 99 0002 706), located on the north side of Ecorse Road between Haggerty Road and Kirkridge Street. The property is zoned M-2 – General Industrial District. The request is contrary to the requirements of Section 7.205(B)(2)(a) of the Zoning Ordinance as described below:

Section 7.205(B)(2)(a) — Fences, Walls, and Other Protective Barriers — Regulations applicable to specific zoning districts—Fences and Walls in the O-T, AP, M-1, M-T, or M-2 Districts:

- Maximum allowable height: Up to 8.0 feet, if the Planning Commission determines that a higher fence is necessary for the safety and security of the site based on the use of the site
- Proposed height: Up to 11.0 feet
- Variance requested: Up to 3.0 feet (37.5%)

Members of the public may participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website — www.vanburen-mi.org by July 8, 2024. On the meeting webpage, members of the public will also gain access to means of participating in the electronic meeting. On the agenda for the meeting, a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access will be provided. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel. Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

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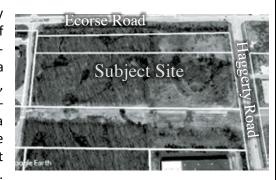
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday**, **July 10**, **2024 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road**, **Van Buren Township**, **MI 48111**, in the Board Room. Members of the public may additionally participate in the meeting electronically per guidance provided by the Wayne County Local Public Health Department for meetings of governmental bodies held under public act 228 of 2020, effective January 1, 2022. Instructions for attending the meeting electronically are provided in this notice. The Planning Commission

<u>Case</u> **24-005**: A request by applicant Skilken Gold on behalf of property owner Premier-Dequindre II LLC to construct a gasoline fueling station, convenience store and drivethru restaurant including a 6,139 square foot convenience store and drive-thru restaurant building and a 4,786.7 sq. ft.

will consider the following request:



canopy with twelve (12) fueling pumps on 15.95 acres of property on parcels V-125-83-041-99-0001-001 and V-125-83-041-99-0001-714 for Sheetz. The site is zoned C-1 — General Business District. Gasoline filling stations and drive-thru establishments require special land use approval and a public hearing with the Planning Commission in the C-1 District in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance.

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On Monday, June 24, Friends of Michigan

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adoptable dogs and cats who are looking

Be sure to look around - there just might

still be some 2024 goat T-shirts for sale

to benefit the Community Food Pantry at

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Egan's Pub, also is Monday, June 24, 6-8 p.m., and every Monday all summer long.

The Main Street Car Show, sponsored by

Also, the long-awaited grand opening of

Van Buren Township's newly constructed

community center is on Monday, June 24,

beginning with a ribbon-cutting at 4 p.m.

followed by showing off the building and

other activities until 7 p.m. It is built onto

the present VBT township hall on Tyler

On Wednesday, June 26 you will have

two concerts to pick from. In Harris Park

on Belleville Road DTour band will be

performing from 7 to 9 p.m., and at the

Ted Scott Environmental Terrace at Wayne County Community College on Haggerty

the Gratitude Steel Band will play from 7

Now that our weather is hot, hot, hot, I

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POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On June 24th, 2024, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2010	HONDA	4D	2HGFA1F33AH559796	24-4606
2008	FORD	4D	3FAHP07Z88R129625	24-4594
2007	BUICK	4D	2G4WD582171130686	24-4709
2012	FORD	PU	1FTFW1ET1CFA00348	24-5271
2018	MAZDA		JM1GL1WY4J1330986	24-5168

At 11:30am, the auction will move to **Great Lakes Towing** and storage, 42350 Van Born Rd. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles, are offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2006	HYUNDAI	4D	5NPEU46F86H048502	24-4528
2003	FORD	PU	1FTYR44U63PB75376	24-4803
2017	NISSAN	4D	1N4AL3AP1HC246886	23-7586
2016	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCVKREC8GZ102353	24-5619

All vehicles are sold in "as is condition." Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk, Published: June 20th, 2024

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FARMING LEASE FOR SELECT TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, **MICHIGAN**

CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI is requesting proposal for a Farming Lease of select properties owned by Van Buren Township. Proposal packets are available online at the Township's website, www.vanburen-mi.org, or packets can be picked up at the Township Clerk's front desk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111. Responses will be received until 2:00 pm, Thursday, June 27, 2024 and should be submitted by mail to the Clerk's office at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111 or dropped off at Clerk's front desk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan, 48111. Bids will be publicly opened at 2:00 pm, Thursday, June 27, 2024 in Van Buren Township Hall.

The Township reserves the right to reject any and all responses and is not required to accept the lowest cost firm. The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer. If you have any questions please contact Ron Akers, Director of Municipal Services at rakers@vanburen-mi.org.

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Musings

By Janet Millard Independent Advertising Director



It looks like this week there will be so much to do that you will have to clone yourself more than once to enjoy all the community has to offer!

Music Lakeside is tonight at 7 p.m. and the performers are the RFD Boys, Bluegrass. Next Thursday, June 27, is a Polka Band, Kielbasa Kings. Enjoy the music, the food truck and the goats in the park. They may be done clearing the park soon so come early.

June 20 is the Third Thursday Downtown so you can shop later at many of the shops and the Third Thursday also brings special speakers at the Belleville Area Museum. Don't forget to make your reservation and enjoy pizza prior to the presentation at 6 p.m. of "Belleville Then and Now."

Also, running on June 20, 21 and 22 is a Vendor Market in the Sumpter Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Rd., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Crafts, treasures, bake sale, Tupperware and more.

Belleville Lake Fest starts on Friday. See their ad in the paper with all the festivities. Both the Belleville Rotary (look for the big, yellow ducky) and Belleville Community Chorus will have a presence in the non-profit area, so be sure to support their fundraising efforts.

in the paper at Get The Scoop on E. Huron River Drive. Love their shakes, and it sure

is good ice cream-eating weather. Do you have a business item you would

like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 24 Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.,
- Tuesday, June 25 Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 26 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 1 Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 2 Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 9 Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30
- Wednesday, July 10 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 15 -- Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building; Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 16 Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 17 Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 6 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown

Development Authority, 6 p.m.

- Tuesday, July 23 Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 24 Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, July 29 Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building
- Tuesday, Aug. 6 Van Buren Township regular meeting canceled because of
- Monday, Aug. 12 Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building; Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

Birthdays

June 17 - Ingrid Ramey

June 21 - Debbie Juchartz

June 22 - Susie McInnes Sattelberg

June 23 - Karen Mickens

Do you have a birthday soon? Does someone you know have a birthday? Let us know and we will print the name as soon as possible. For more information, call (734) 699-9020.

Dingell announces \$2M grant for American Center for Mobility

Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, MI-06, announced May 10 that the American Center for Mobility in Ypsilanti will receive \$2,034,651 in funding from the U.S. Department of Energy Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy (ARPA-E) for the NEXTCAR Phase-II Program.

The title of the project is Measurement of Energy Efficiency through Track Testing withing Augmented Reality Integrated Simulations for CAV System (METRICS).

'This funding for the American Center for Mobility will further our understanding of energy saving technologies and how they can be incorporated in connected and autonomous vehicles as we continue to shape the future of the auto industry," said Dingell.

"Connected and autonomous vehicle technologies are central to this new era of mobility and I am proud that Michigan continues to lead the country and the world in research and innovation.'

ARPA-E advances transformative energy technologies that are too early for privatesector investment. The disruptive Research and Development technologies developed by ARPA-E awardees work to increase efficiency, decrease emission, and drive U.S. technological leadership.

Last year, Dingell secured nearly \$10 million for connected vehicle research at the University of Michigan.

To build a better world, start in your own community!



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 3, 2024 - 7:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Beebe Present

Council Member Kissel Present Council Member Priest Present Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Present

Mayor Voigt Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS a. Presentations

i. FY 2024-2025 Budget

1. City Manager Smith presented the city's fiscal year 2024-25 budget to the Council.

b. Citizen Comments

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Approval of Minutes

i. May 20, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting

 b. Communications c. DPS Activity Report

Council Member Beebe

d. Special Events

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Bates to approve the consent agenda as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried. 6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Accessible Pedestrian Signal (APS) Quote for 3rd

i. Smith spoke to Tyrone – 3rd and Main is utilized by him but would like to see 3rd and Liberty.

ii. Seeking a grant to utilize for this.

b. Establish the June 20 City Council Meeting as the Date and Time of the Public Hearing on the Budget.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Priest to set the Public Hearing of the FY 2024-25 budget for June 17th, 2024, at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the City Council.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

c. Resolution # 24-021 - Approval of the MDOT

Category B. Contract

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Kissel to approve the MDOT Category B Contract as presented. ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe Aye Council Member Kissel Council Member Priest Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Aye Mayor Voigt Aye **Motion Carried.**

d. Resolution # 24-022 - Authorizing the City of Belleville to Participate in the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Program.

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Beebe to approve Resolution # 24-022, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe Ave Council Member Kissel Ave Council Member Priest Ave Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Mayor Voigt Motion Carried.

e. Charter Amendments Update

i. Smith stated that the city's department heads met to review the charter and presented the recommended changes. He invited the Council Members to make any recommendations that they see fit, and explained what the amendment process will be like.

f. City Manager Performance Review

i. Item deferred to the next regularly scheduled meeting per the Council

NOTE - Under the OMA, an employee may request this review be conducted in closed session. g. Authorization for the Mayor and City Manager to sign the 2024 L-4029, establishing the millage rate for

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve Form L-4029 to establish the 2024 tax millage rate, as well as corresponding Resolution # 24-024, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

h. SEMCOG Road Safety Audit Local Match

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Kissel to approve the SEMCOG Road Safety Audit Local Match Agreement, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe Council Member Kissel Ave Council Member Priest Aye Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Mayor Voigt Motion Carried.

i. BHS Dance Team Cleanup and Donation.

MOTION: Motion by Beebe, supported by Priest to approve the BHS Dance Team to paint fire hydrants in the city, if the team agrees to do so, with a donation from the city to follow. ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Mayor Voigt Motion Carried.

ACCCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Aye

a. Accounts Payable

b. Department Expenditures

i. Everbridge, Inc.

ii. Michigan Association of Planning

iii. Osborne Concrete

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Beebe Council Member Kissel Aye Council Member Priest Ave Mayor Pro-Tem Bates Ave Mayor Voigt Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

a. The city interns from Belleville High School are expected to start June 10th and will be working on

GIS/field work. Both Smith and DPS Supervisor Bollini will work with the interns to determine which areas to tackle. The program is expected to wrap up in early to mid-August. b. City Works is expected to go live at the end of June,

and DPS workers have already been issued tablets to utilize the software. c. The Michigan Municipal League Stakeholder

Session/Small Business Deep Dive will be taking place on June 11th. d. The city's financial audit is expected to be

completed next week by the auditors. e. The deadline for water meter bids is June 7th, and

the selection will take place at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

f. A pressure washer for DPS has been ordered, with an anticipated delivery date of June 10th.

g. SEMCOG is currently working on a video titled "Experience Belleville" which will include photos and video footage showcasing the city. The DDA Marketing Committee will be involved with the project, and filming may take place during Lake Fest. Additionally, the public is welcome to submit any photos or videos they may have for consideration.

h. Will be attending the MME Summer Conference, July 16th through the 19th, where he will also be giving

i. DPS will be investigating water and drainage issues on High St. tomorrow to determine next steps.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS a. Bates

i. Thanked attendees of the meeting.

ii. Wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

i. Noted that tonight was the first car show of the year, stating that the Fire Auxiliary did well in raising money during the event.

ii. Recognized WDIV for giving several mentions to Belleville during their broadcasts.

iii. Stated that the 3rd round of BHS banners have

been placed and thanked the BYC for helping to put them up, as well as for their sponsorship.

iv. Noted that the purging of archived files at City Hall is mostly done, and that most of the remaining permanent files are to be further organized.

v. Sent notes to DPS regarding a couple of sidewalks

at 300 W. Columbia and 83 N. Edgemont that need repair, noting that DPS plans to tackle them soon. c. Priest i. Noted there are missing sidewalks on E. Columbia

ii. Recognized City Manager Smith and Clerk Hootman for their engagement and tackling of duties

within the city.

d. Beebe i. Mentioned that WDIV has been utilizing footage from the SkyCam at City Hall often.

ii. Recognized City Manager Smith for stepping up to support rescue crews and those affected by the drowning in Belleville Lake over Memorial Day weekend.

iii. Spent time at Horizon Park this past weekend, noting that DPS and Redemption Church volunteers were very helpful in sprucing up the park.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

a. Thanked Redemption Church for sprucing up b. Thanked the Rotary Club for their work on the

c. Thanked the Garden Club for their work at the newly renovated pump house.

d. Noted that there was a large turnout for the first car show of the season.

e. Thanked the BYC for their sponsorship of the BHS

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

a. Maria Plaud - 565 Thornhill

i. Spoke on behalf of the Victoria Commons Board and thanked the Chief of Police and the department for assisting with traffic issues in the community. i. Thanked City Manager Smith for getting the ball

rolling on revising the Charter. ii. Asked that DPS make the installation of a flashing

yield sign at 5-points a priority. iii. Stated that DPS workers placed flags on veteran

graves at Hillside Cemetery for Memorial Day, noting that they did not do a good job. c. Ray Martin

i. Thanked the City Council, Police Department, and City Manager Smith on being receptive to the concerns of those living in Victoria Commons.

ii. Stated that the Victoria Commons HOA meeting will take place tomorrow from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, where the Association is set to elect a new board.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

a. None

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 8:38 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried. Submitted by Briana Hootman

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VBT planners postpone action on Pulte Homes site for legal advice

By Rosemary K. Otzman **Independent** Editor

Only one person spoke during the public hearing on a Special Land Use Request for Pulte Homes of Michigan's proposed Cedarchase development at the northwest corner of Morton Taylor and Tyler roads.

This was during the June 12 regular

meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.

Pulte wants to construct 88 detached, single-family dwelling units on individual 50'x120' site condominium lots on the 31.85 acres that originally was part of the Walden Woods Planned Unit Development (PUD) that was approved in 1994.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

- 0054 fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 0903 911 hangup, Edgewood Dr.
- 0925 death investigation, 9300 bl. Rawsonville
- 1002 welfare check, Knollwood Dr. 1010 - suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sherwood
- 1043 harassment complaint, Edgewood Dr.
- 1053 alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
- 1402 welfare check, Arkona Rd./Rawsonville
- 1411 911 hangup, Tamarack Dr.
- 1553 alarm, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd
- 1644 welfare check, Hickory
- 1732 fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
- 1804 civil matter, Indiana St.
- 1854 noise complaint, Mulberry Dr.
- 1906 welfare check, Edgewood Dr.
- 2118 welfare check, Rustic Ln.
- 2137 suspicious circumstance, 28000 bl. Karr
- 2207 suspicious circumstance, 22000 bl. Sumpter
- 2225 welfare check, Judd Rd./Martinsville Rd.
- 2235 civil matter, New Mexico

Monday, June 10:

- 0159 welfare check, Arizona St.
- 0202 harassment complaint, Arizona St. 0205 - welfare check, Arizona St.
- 1029 suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Bohn
- 1105 family trouble, Indiana St.
- 1106 911 hangup, 44000 Willow Rd.
- 1218 civil matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1231 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
- 1246 assist other agency, Edgewood Dr.
- 1308 family trouble, Rustic Ln. 1347 - welfare check, Birch Dr.
- 1516 follow-up investigation, Birch Dr.
- suspicious circumstance, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1701 civil matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1807 animal complaint 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1957 misdemeanor warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
- 2020 shots fired, Rustic Ln.
- 2120 suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 2200 family trouble, Oregon St.
- 2202 family trouble. Vermont St.
- 2228 harassment complaint, 41000 bl. Willow
- 2333 disorderly person, Delaware St.
- 2354 suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Judd

Tuesday, June 11:

- 0052 911 hangup, Montana St.
- 0913 assist other agency, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd. 0938 - assist other agency, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1009 fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd
- 1035 fire dept. assist, Rawsonville/Willis Rd.
- 1155 family trouble, Magnolia Dr
- 1405 fire dept. assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1428 assist other agency, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd. 1510 - suspicious circumstance, 42000 bl. Judd
- 1536 suspicious circumstance, Oregon St.
- 1631 assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
- 1738 assist other agency, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1740 property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
- 1840 ORV complaint, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1914 suspicious vehicle, Brookview/Rustic Ln. 2012 – follow-up investigation, 9400 bl. Rawsonville
- 2122 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
- 2227 fire dept. assist, Hickory Dr. 2241 - assault, Carriage Ln.

2327 - follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln. Wednesday, June 12:

- 0045 911 hangup, Nevada St.
- 0248 fire dept. assist, Second St. 0538 - alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 0934 fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1428 damage to property, Rustic Ln.
- 1621 citizen assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd 1733 - ORV complaint, Clary Rd./Sumpter Rd.
- 1802 animal complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1855 - suspicious circumstance, 41000 bl. Willis
 - 1859 suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
 - 1904 suspicious vehicle, Montana St.
 - 1909 fire dept. assist, Delaware ST.
 - 2109 suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln. 2147 - neighbor dispute, Washington St.
- 2232 family trouble, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Thursday, June 13:

- 0000 civil matter, Wayside Dr.
- 1256 citizen assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1305 fire dept. assist, Colorado St
- 1419 911 hangup, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1436 alarm, 48000 bl. Harris Rd. 1540 - traffic complaint/hazard, 41000 bl. Willow
- 1559 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
- 1609 911 hangup, 26000 bl. Sherwood Rd. 1635 - suspicious circumstance, Wayside Dr.
- 1654 911 hangup, New Mexico St.
- 1712 shots fire, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd 1731 - fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1810 civil matter, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
- 1821 welfare check, Oregon St.
- 2201 welfare check, 47000 bl. Judd Rd Friday, June 14:
- 0019 suspicious circumstance, 50000 bl. Willis 0038 - alarm, 29000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1020 citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1056 follow-up investigation, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1121 animal complaint, Martinsville/Willow
- 1209 civil matter, New Mexico St.
- 1357 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd. 1413 – 911 hangup, Elwell Rd./Willis Rd.
- 1429 suspicious person, 42000 bl. Judd Rd
- 1525 suspicious vehicle, California/Washington
- 1604 welfare check, Georgia St.
- 1615 911 hangup, Oregon St. 1620 - citizen assist, Virginia St.
- 1659 suspicious person, Magnolia Dr.
- 1703 animal complaint, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1818 mental health call, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
- 1914 follow-up investigation, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 1922 fire dept. assist, Georgia St. 2014 - juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.
- 2041 juvenile matter, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2207 noise complaint, Washington St.
- 2212 suspicious circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
- 2300 felonious assault, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, June 15:

- 0142 family trouble, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 0241 property damage accident, Willow/Sumpter 1006 – animal complaint, Willis/Martinsville
- 1121 suspicious circumstance, Judd/Sherwood
- 1739 follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
- 1822 damage to property, 50000 bl. Willis Rd. 1926 - suspicious circumstance, Creekside Dr.
- 1928 traffic complaint/hazard, California St. / E. Arizona St.
- 1954 animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd. 2221 - noise complaint, Rustic Ln
- 2255 welfare check, Georgia St.
- 2310 noise complaint, 51000 bl. Willis Rd. Also on this week's log are 130 patrol checks, 49 traffic stops, and nine misc. details.

Bill Anderson of Atwell, a consulting, engineering, and construction firm in Ann Arbor, was one of those representing Pulte

At the beginning of the public hearing he described the development which had varied lot setbacks, two parks with a walkway between the two, sidewalks and paved roads and sidewalks along the

He said the development will pave Morton Taylor Road from Tyler to the first road access to Walden Woods and will clean the drain. There is 33% open space (9 acres) and farmhouse-style homes with between 1,800 to 2,600 square feet of space. Anderson said it appears the prices will be from the mid-\$300,000s to the mid-

Sarah Ciccarelli, who lives across Tyler Road from the proposed development, attended the meeting by zoom to give her comments. She said Tyler is a busy road and another subdivision is coming just down Tyler Road which will bring even more traffic. She said it looks like the entrance to the new development would be across the road from her house and, "I'm not really happy with that." She said she had planned to send a typed comment in the chat section of the zoom connection, but chat had been disabled.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, apologized for chat not being available and invited Ciccarelli to send a typed comment to him and he would distribute it to the planning commission members.

After the public hearing closed, Director Power recommended that the commission postpone action on the four items on the agenda concerning the development. He said there were more questions on approaches to the project.

Following a lengthy discussion, the commission did postpone action on the four agenda items: Pulte/Walden Woods PUD Amendment; Pulte Special Land Use for establishment of a new Planned Residential Development (PRD); Preliminary Site Condominium Approval; and Preliminary Site Plan Approval for Cedarchase.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr agreed that the items should be postponed, but he wanted everyone to be clear what information they are waiting for. He said they were asking to modify an existing PUD. Walden Woods wants permission not to build the apartments it had permission to build.

Commissioner Jahr said the property can't be sold as it is and the PUD has to be removed. He asked if the original PUD still exists or was it turned over to the Homeowners Association after construction of the 300 homes was complete in Walden Woods. He said paving of Morton Taylor Road

was required as part of the 30-year-old PUD and that never happened. He said the township doesn't know who the present owner of that property is and Anderson said he didn't know either.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna, said they did get information from the township attorney a while back.

Anderson said they would appreciate more information. Director Power said the ownership of the

community is one of the first questions and they did get attorney comments on the two different projects that can't be under one Jahr said according to records, Hayden

Gregory LLC is still responsible for the property and, "We need a lawyer." Krishnan said the township no longer

allows PUDs, and only allows PRDs (Planned Residential Developments). Commissioner Medina Atchinson said she loved the layout presented by Anderson. Jahr said if the land split happens, he likes

the development layout, too. Anderson said the present owner could put up 200 units and commercial if there are no changes.

Jahr made the motion to postpone the

first agenda item for a Pulte/Walden Woods PUD Amendment and asked staff to report on the validity of the PUD, any performance bonds known on the paving, and to review the requirement for paving.

The next item for a new PRD was also postponed with the staff directed to present a case for eligibility. Anderson showed a parallel R-1B plan

for a subdivision of 74 single family homes

with no open space. But it was pointed out

this property is not zoned R-1B, but PUD. Commission chairman Brian Cullin said the drain that runs through the property is not shown on the parallel plan and Power said the drain was to be rerouted in that

Juriga said the PRD is not supposed to go against the master plan, which has this area zoned Commercial. Also, there needs to be justification for the waiver for the smaller

lots in the PRD. The final two items were also postponed for more information.

"I want to speak out in favor of the development by Pulte," said Jahr. "I think it looks nice ... I'm sorry the process is what it is." Treasurer Sharry Budd, township liaison

about the long cul-de-sac and if the fire engine could get in and out of there. Anderson said their cul-de-sac is 1,000

and the township allows 1,200'.

to the commission, said she had questions

Budd said if there was a problem at the beginning of the cul-de-sac, people could not get out until the problem was fixed.

Anderson said residents do like the cul-de-sacs and the mailboxes will be in clusters not along the cul-de-sac roadway. Jahr said the final two items need to be

postponed until the commission makes decisions on the first two items and eligibility is determined. "We don't even know if the property is

available," he said. Anderson said he is hoping the attorney

will provide direction.

Sunday, June 9:

Van Buren Township

Police Dispatch Log

There were 237 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren

0329 - property check, Castell Blvd./Chandler Dr.

1707 - private property/property damage accident,

2110 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Township police last week including the following.

0048 - welfare check, Haggerty Rd.

0358 – overdose, S. Bellridge Dr.

0900 - civil matter, Parkwood Dr.

1524 - retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1550 - disorderly, McKinley St.

1648 - mental subject, Rose Blvd.

1857 - neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.

xxxx - repossession, Borgman Ave.

1851 - 911 welfare check, Florence Ln.

2127 - animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0744 - property damage accident Savage Rd.

0847 - property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /

1320 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1518 - private property/property damage accident,

1831 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2016 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

0233 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

0833 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1006 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1225 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1259 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2247 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

2007 - property damage accident, Hull Rd./Bak

0821-911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.

0945 - animal complaint, Brookside Dr.

1035 - welfare check, Lenmoore Ave.

1209 – assist other dept., Coolidge St.

1226 - animal complaint, Oak Blvd.

1555 - assist other dept., Martz Rd.

1624 – harassment call, Elwell Rd.

1948 - disorderly, Belleville Rd.

 $1826-sexual\ as sault, Country\ Walk\ Blvd.$

2031 - found property/child, Daisy Blvd.

2015 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

2035 - civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx - larceny, Belleville Rd.

2048 - property damage accident, Alba Ct.

2128 - juvenile complaint, Assembly St.

2201 - civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx - repossession, Pond Bluff Dr.

xxxx - repossession, Parkwood Dr.

1128 - civil matter, Belleville Rd.

1346 – assist fire dept., Riggs Rd.

1515 - welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1451 - threat, Lake Villa Dr.

1517 – fraud, Woodside Ct.

1734 - civil matter, Chandler Dr.

1905 - civil matter, Haggerty Rd.

2110 - warrant arrest, S. Huron St.

2115 – assist other dept., Ayres Ave.

1852 - intrusion alarm, Pebblebrook Dr.

1349 - fraud, Bak Rd.

0736 - civil matter, Renton Rd.

1330 - threat, Haggerty Rd.

1232 - welfare check, Pine Dr.

1331 - civil matter, Tyler Rd.

1625 - fraud, Belleville Rd.

Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.

Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.

Monday, June 10:

Daniel Dr.

Belleville Rd.

Kirkridge Park Dr.

Parkwood Dr.

Tuesday, June 11:

Harmony Ln.

Belleville Rd.

Holly Ln.

Buchanan St.

Park Estates Dr.

Hull Rd.

2127 - overdose, Maple Dr.

2308 - neighbor trouble, Oak Ln.

0124 - noise complaint, Clayton Rd.

0204 - welfare check, Belleville Rd.

xxxx - repossession, Cambridge Ct.

xxxx - welfare check. Tyler Rd.

0930 - civil matter, Harbour Club

0757 - animal complaint, Maple Dr.

1015 - harassment call, N. Ponderosa Trl.

0049 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Belleville Area Independent/June 20, 2024

Wednesday, June 12:

0518 - intrusion alarm, Van Born

0629 - vehicle lockout, Lenmoore Ave.

0753 - property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.

0811 - property damage accident, E. I-94/Denton

0919 - PPO violation, Tyler Rd.

0956 - fraud, Nautica Dr.

1023 - private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1036 - fraud, Parkside Dr.

1042 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.

1046 - road hazard, Hull Rd.

1320 - leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1331 - fraud, S. Woodbury Green Dr.

1337 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1358 - civil matter, Belleville Rd.

1444 - private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

1450 - larceny, Belleville Rd.

1517 - trespassing, Village Center Dr.

1515 - intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr. 1535 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.

1605 - private property/property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1639 - juvenile complaint, S. Bellridge Dr. 1728 - vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.

1903 - fraud, Elwell Rd.

1921 - intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

2020 - welfare check, Parkwood Dr.

2024 - animal complaint, Coolidge St.

2028 - civil matter, Belleville Rd.

2111 - neighbor trouble, Fret Rd.

2204 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Winding Pond Dr.

2219 -- civil matter, N. Ponderosa Trl.

2241 - property damage accident, Kirkridge Park

2248 - property damage accident, Tyler Rd.

2328 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martinsville Rd./Hull Rd.

2342 - welfare check, Colony Ln.

 $2326-property\ damage\ accident, W.\ I-94/Belleville$ Rd.

Thursday, June 13:

0014 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.

0109 - animal complaint, Brookview Dr. / Belleville

0153 - disorderly, Ecorse Rd.

0238 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E.

Archwood Dr./N. I-94 Service Dr.

0348 - property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.

0733 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Park Estates Dr.

0828 - domestic, McBride

0914 - intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton

0912 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.

xxxx - juvenile complaint, Vernon St.

1042 - juvenile complaint, Rebecca Ct.

1146 - vehicle lockout, Borgman Ave.

xxxx - juvenile complaint, Lancaster Dr.

1318 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1349 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes, Harmony Ln.

1426 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.

1426 - intrusion alarm, North Shore Dr.

1721 - parking complaint, Winding Pond Dr.

1436 - ordinance violation - all 7300 MICR codes,

xxxx - vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.

 $1455-property\ damage\ accident, Haggerty\ Rd.\ /\ N.$ I-94 Service Dr.

1453 - welfare check, Belmont Dr.

1510 - threat, Belleville Rd.

1525 - leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Hannan Rd.

1532 - domestic, Amanda Dr.

1627 - warrant arrest, Haggerty Rd.

1808 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.

1825 - private property/property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.

1840 - welfare check, N. Woodbury Dr.

xxxx - welfare check, Melody Ln. 1927 - assist other dept., Mott

2010 - larceny from auto, Rolan Meadows Dr.

2048 – juvenile complaint, Homestead

2126 - property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

2229 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Parkwood Dr.

2228 - 911 welfare check, Sheldon Rd.

2308 - noise complaint, Bristol

2312 - noise complaint, Lake Pointe Pass

Friday, June 14:

0039 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.

0132 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.

0218 - intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.

0203 - fight, Belleville Rd.

0325 - property check, Belleville Rd.

0338 - welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0402 - welfare check, Hardwood Dr./Vine St.

0741 - property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton

0810 - intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton 0943 - fraud, Assembly St.

0955 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S.

I-94 Service Dr.

0958 - warrant arrest, Maurice Dr.

1150 - intrusion alarm, Pine Dr.

1123 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.

1348 - property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Michigan Ave. 1454 - traffic offense, Ormond Dr./W. Huron River

1614 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

Van Born Rd. 1619 - fraud, Leon Dr.

1624 – civil matter, S. Woodbury Dr.

1735 - assist fire dept., Belleville Rd. 1800 - assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.

1800 – assist fire dept., Ironwood Dr.

1813 - civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1906 - suicidal person, W. Huron River/High St.

2057 - intrusion alarm, Revere Dr.

2221 - intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr. 2230 - threat, Monroe Ct.

 $2351-lost\ property/child, Belleville\ Rd.$

Saturday, June 15: 0128 - domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0202 - domestic, Country Walk Ct.

0338 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.

0642 - hospice death, S. I-94 Service Dr.

0635 - intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.

0808 - civil matter, Ventura Dr. 0941 - parking complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.

1007 - domestic, Oak In.

1058 - 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.

1157 - noise complaint, Maple Dr.

1215 - welfare check, Harbour Pointe Ct. 1213 - property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

Ecorse Rd. 1253 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

1403 - property check, Ashbury Dr./Sandlewood

1439 - road hazard, Rawsonville Rd. 1456 - motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

1526 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Harmony Ln. 1555 - fraud, Belleville Rd.

1959 - private property/property damage accident, Parkwood Dr.

2013 - neighbor trouble, Bemis Rd.

2033 - domestic, Denton Rd.

2204 - found property/child, Tyler Rd.

2248 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Edgedale Dr.

2259 - noise complaint, Outer Dr.

2315 - property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler Also, on this week's log are 38 traffic stops, five of which were on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

0211 - malicious destruction of property, San Carlos

1614 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Main St. 2214 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W.

Columbia Ave. 2220 - property check, W. Columbia Ave.

2226 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W.

Columbia Ave. 2310 - juvenile complaint, E. Columbia Ave.

Monday, June 10:

1132 – larceny, S. Liberty St. 1155 – larceny, Astor

Sunday, June 9:

1157 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Main St./First St. 1641 - misc. complaint, E. Columbia Ave.

2132 - suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N.

Tuesday, June 11:

1030 - traffic stop, Main St./First St.

1053 - traffic stop, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.

1151 – 911 welfare check, Carmell St.

1609 - traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.

1632 - traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave. 1705 - juvenile complaint, Sumpter Rd.

1738 - civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.

1750 - intrusion alarm, S. Edgemont Ave.

2052 - traffic stop, Fifth St./N. Liberty St.

2106 - property damage accident, High St.

Wednesday, June 12:

0101 - parking complaint, W. Waterbury Ct.

0445 - traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Liberty

0529 - traffic stop, Main St./Second St.

1304 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

1634 - found property/child, Main St. 1634 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.

2015 - welfare check, Wexford Ave.

2307 - disorderly, Main St.

Thursday, June 13:

1027 – assist citizen, Victorian Ln.

1200 - private property impound, South St. 1531 - larceny, S. Industrial Park Dr.

1659 - vehicle lockout, E. Columbia Ave. xxxx - intrusion alarm, Main St.

1922 - welfare check, Menlo Park Dr. Friday, June 14:

0017 - property check, E. Columbia Ave.

0306 - traffic stop, South St./Henry St.

1313 - domestic, N. Aberdeen St. 1713 – fraud, W. Columbia Ave.

1909 - suicidal person, W. Huron River/High 2220 - traffic stop, Main St./Roys St. 2253 - traffic offense, Sumpter Rd.

Saturday, June 15: 0028 - fireworks, Estrada Dr.

0050 – traffic stop, Third St./Church St.
0518 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.

0539 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd. 0627 - animal complaint, Main St./First St.

1002 - intrusion alarm, Henry St. 1028 - malicious destruction of property, Potter

1016 - traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St. 1114 – abandoned auto, E. Huron River Dr.

1214 - civil matter, Main St./First St.

1231 - malicious destruction of property, Main St. 1623 - traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.

1750 - traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.

1959 - traffic stop, N. Liberty St./First St. 2012 - traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs

2056 - traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia 2107 - traffic stop, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty St.

2137 - traffic stop, Main St./First St.

2217 - traffic stop, Main St. There are 21 traffic stops on this week's log.

Court Watching:

Harmond Darnell Rolland of Sumpter Township was video arraigned while in police custody on June 5 by Magistrate Hindman. He is charged with assault with intent to murder, Assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon (felonious assault) and two counts of felony firearm

Harmond Darnell Rolland

Bond was set at \$75,000/10% and a probable cause conference set for June 18. He was ordered not to return to the protected address, have no contact with the protected party, and cannot possess a firearm while on bond.

on June 3 in Sumpter Township.

Jeremy Scott Jones Jeremy Scott Jones of Ypsilanti was

video-arraigned on a bench warrant by Magistrate Hindman while in custody of Van Buren Police on June 12. He is charged with possession of methamphetamine/ ecstasy on March 6 in Van Buren Township. Personal bond is \$5,000 and probable cause conference is June 26.

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