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VBT drive-by shooting July 5 injures 1 on Greenwood in VBT

At about 1:30 a.m. on July 5, Van Buren Township Police responded to a report of a shooting on Greenwood Court in the subdivision at the corner of Belleville and Van Born roads.

The male victim, a 44-year-old Ypsilanti resident, was at a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, said Van Buren Township Deputy Police Chief Jason Monte.

The residence was hosting a Fourth of July party, and both the victim and suspect were in attendance. There was some sort of disagreement at the party, which resulted in the shooting, Deputy Chief Monte said.

On Monday, Monte said police were still actively working the case. He said this was an isolated incident, as police know both the suspect and victim were familiar with each other.

Neighbors reported a man was taken to a hospital by friends after the shooting on

Friday. They said a group of neighbors from one house were shooting off fireworks in the street until around 11 p.m. on Thursday's Fourth of July holiday.

Later several shots were heard in a row, followed by screaming. Neighbors assumed the shots were more fireworks until someone called out a man should be taken to the hospital and they left in a vehicle.

Others, who were at the original fireworks, scattered on foot and in vehicles, neighbors said.

Someone called Van Buren Township Police who arrived and stayed around investigating until after 9 a.m., neighbors said. Some individuals were seen in the backs of police cars.

Monte said on Monday that police were still in the process of tracking down witnesses and awaiting the forensic results from search warrants.

Fire destroys home on Sheldon Road with no injuries on June 29

There were no injuries in the fire that destroyed a home on Sheldon Road in Van Buren Township around 7:08 p.m. on June 29, but a family with eight children was sent to a hotel to stay with everything they owned lost in the blaze – except what was out in the backyard.

Fire Chief Dave McNally said his fire fighters were first on the scene and there was a hydrant that was out of service, but they were able to put out the fire immediately with the water on the truck.

Backup came from fire departments in Belleville and Sumpter Township.

Chief McNally said that was the same night as the fireworks in Van Buren Township and he had crews at the scene of the fireworks, but also had a team to cover the rest of the township.

Belleville Assistant Fire Chief Chris Zweng said Channel 2 news thought the fire was in Belleville and broadcast that information, but it was in the township, but right next to Victoria Commons in Belleville.

Chief McNally said there was significant damage to the home and one room was destroyed. The fire inspector said the start was electrically oriented, but it was unknown whether it was from wiring in a ceiling fan or a wall outlet.

He said the door to that room was open, so the fire spread.

Martha Dejesus told Channel 2 news that she and her partner Jacob Hixson have eight children, all girls, ranging in age

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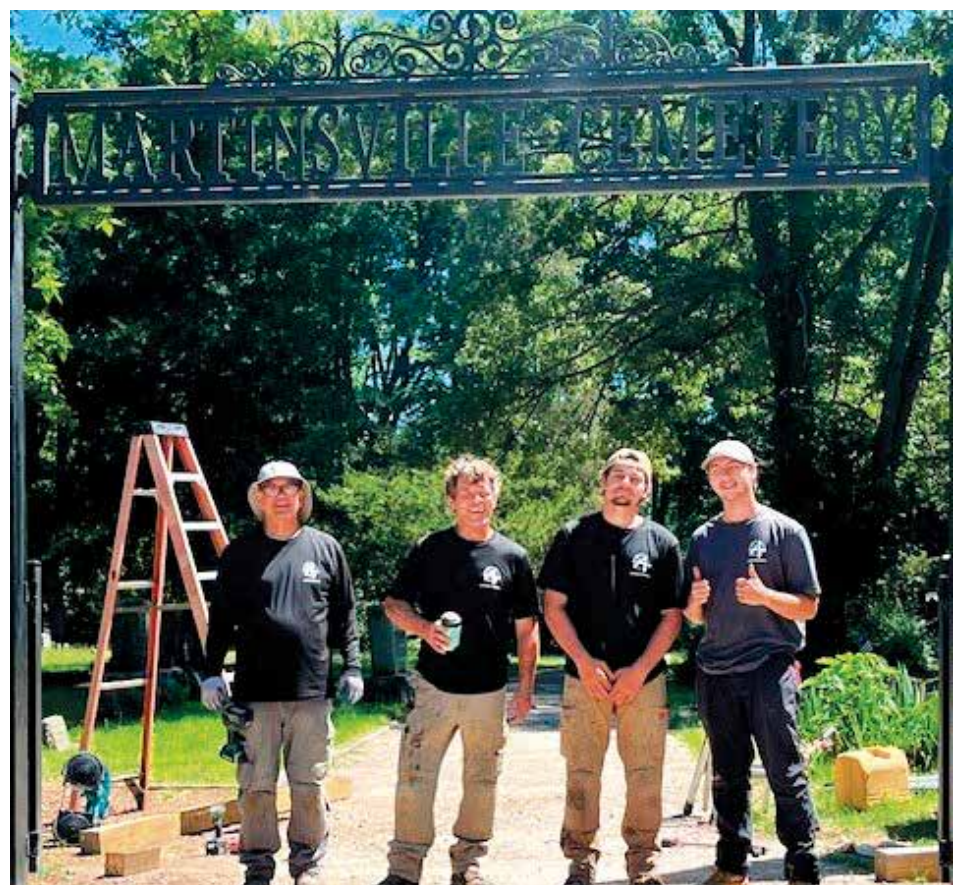


Photo courtesy of Sumpter Township

On July 1, members of the Outdoor Amenities team erected a new gateway sign, the final piece of the Martinsville Cemetery fence in Sumpter Township. From left are team member Brent Brefka, Outdoor Amenities business owner Eric Partridge, team members Jace Weimer and Nathan Sona. Team member Daniel Kreutzer is not pictured. The fabrication of the sign was by Speed Cult of New Boston.



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A nighttime shot of the new cemetery sign.

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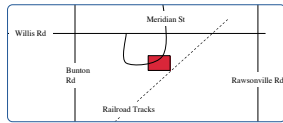
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Editorial

Learn about your candidates for Primary Election

The Primary Election is upon us. Absentee ballots have been sent out to those requesting them. You will be able to vote early soon, going into the voting machine location and putting your ballot in the machine yourself for counting. Voting day is Aug. 6.

In order to help our readers figure out how best to cast their ballots in their local elections, we have asked candidates to share their backgrounds and goals for publication. Some candidates decided not to do this, but most have willingly participated. After all, it's free publicity for their campaigns.

Besides the candidates that are in competitive races, we hope to introduce voters to unopposed candidates in their municipalities that voters may not have met as yet.

One of the most important things to keep our Constitution intact and our country free is informed voters. Our paper keeps you up to date on what your local government is doing so you can intervene, if you deem necessary, or just keep an eye on the decisions.

One reader told us she takes a bouquet of flowers to newcomers who move into her subdivision along with a copy of the *Independent*, telling them that they can find out what's happening in their community by reading the paper.

Here's your chance to learn what your candidates have to say about themselves.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A television channel last weekend told a long story about a fire in Belleville that displaced a family of 10, including eight children, on June 29. They had a picture of the Belleville Fire Department for some of the reporting.

But, it was learned that the fire was actually in Van Buren Township, on Sheldon Road, which runs just east of Victoria Commons. Victoria Commons is in Belleville, but Sheldon Road is in VBT.

The fire victims reportedly told the television reporter that they lived in Belleville.

And, such it goes. When someone says they live in Belleville, they could actually live in the city of Belleville, Sumpter Township or Van Buren Township. They all carry the 48111 zip code. The post office building is in Van Buren Township on the South I-94 Service Dr. It used to be in the city of Belleville. It still says Belleville Post Office on the building.

A few years back, VBT Clerk Leon Wright got the mailing address for Van Buren Township to be officially changed to Van Buren Township. It is still in 48111. It was to give Van Buren Township an identity. Well, many people had a fit. Their insurance companies had problems with it. The Wall Street Journal couldn't deliver to the right address. Confusion was rampant.

Well, that has calmed down a bit. Now, people just sigh, throw up their hands, and obediently say they live in Van Buren Township, but add that they'd like to say they live in Belleville because that's where they have always lived.

People in Sumpter Township still live at a Belleville address and so do the city of Belleville residents. It's all still 48111.



We remember a candidate for a Belleville office who got most of the signatures on her petition for the ballot from Van Buren Township residents, so it was rejected.

People new to this area may think they live in Belleville. Maybe they do. They get off the freeway at the Belleville exit, don't they? This is all to say that when people say something happened in Belleville, maybe it did and maybe it didn't.

One of the owners of the Geese Chasers who rid Horizon Park of the Canada Geese that had lived there for so long was before the Belleville City Council last week for an update on his work.

He told them he was called by assistant city manager Steve Jones last March. He said that he and his wife and their Border Collie Bracken were running the business. He said Bracken arrived home from the trainer and there was a surprise. She was pregnant. Now they have two dogs.

He said they also chase geese at the Costco depot in Van Buren Township along with French Landing and Quirk parks in Van Buren Township.

"I think they are gorgeous and really smart," he said of the geese. But, he said, they do love suburban areas, neatly cut grass and water. He said since the city doesn't want to let the grass grow high at Horizon Park to drive them off, he is bringing humane solutions.

A neighbor thought driving them off during the nesting season was not humane. She

questioned whether he really had a permit from the federal government to destroy the eggs and nests. Another man who drives by every day said the mallard ducks who used to live in the park also are gone.

Those putting on the Lakeside concerts report the grass is clean now because the geese are gone. Concert-goers can now bring a blanket to sit on the grass instead of having to carry in a chair to keep away from the goose droppings.

As part of its regular 2 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, July 9, the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) was scheduled to take a tour of the newly constructed VBT Community Center. The agenda was very light, so they added the tour.



Our Aug. 6 ballot in the 48111 area contains two proposals, three if you live in Sumpter. It asks voters to renew the Wayne County millage for parks, part of which each municipality gets back to spend on its own parks. Wayne County also asks to approve an amendment so that the external auditor selected by competitive bid can serve for three years or more. Sumpter voters are being asked to approve up to two mills for four years for fire protection.

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Wanda Watkins
 Sumpter Township

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Sumpter's free garage sale weekend coming

To the editor:
 Sumpter Township's annual free garage sale weekend is fast approaching in August, the 23rd, 24th and 25th and what's even better than that is that you don't have to be a resident of Sumpter Township to participate! The township is offering huge 40' x 20' outdoor spaces on its fairgrounds to be reserved for just \$5 per space.
 I think this is a great idea for anyone whose storage space is limited or has just accumulated unwanted, out-grown, or unused items. As you know, much of the community consists of mobile and manufactured home parks, condos and apartments where storage can be a challenge but that doesn't stop us from accumulating STUFF.
 Even if you're not a Sumpter resident, was or wasn't planning to have a yard sale during the free weekend, this could be just the thing for you. Some people just aren't comfortable with the idea of opening up their home to host a yard or garage sale but

still have plenty of things they'd like to get rid of. What a great and affordable solution for them and a perfect way to spend the weekend selling, trading, or swapping those things with your friends and neighbors without exposing your privacy. It's also a great solution for residents who live on roads "less traveled" providing a better opportunity, having more traffic, to sell their garage or yard sale items.
 Face it, a lot of our roads see only the neighbors who live on them. With the fairgrounds being centrally located on the most prominent thoroughfare in Sumpter, everyone has a better opportunity of a successful event. With the spacious plots of 20' x 40' one can even leave their vehicle and trailer, if they have one, right on site.
 This is going to have a swap meeting, flea market vibe offering tools, gardening items or equipment like mowers, weed whips, etc. Anything you have to sell, swap or trade is welcomed. Motorcycles, parts and accessories, bicycles, small appliances like fryers, fans, or toaster ovens, toys, farm tac, dishes, clothes, knick-knacks, etc., anything and everything. No matter what you bring, perhaps someone will want it; it is a yard sale, after all.
 The yard sale of all yard sales, only in someone else's yard. Also, if you're a crafter or vendor this would be a most affordable and great place to set up and spread out. Being able to leave your trailer and vehicle right on site is super convenient and so unlike being crammed into a smaller space at other "market venues."

If anyone is interested in reserving an outdoor space or two, even three, or more -- as there is no limit on how many you can reserve and there is an abundance available -- please contact the Treasurer's office inside Sumpter Township Hall located at 23480 Sumpter Rd., (734) 461-6201. The Township suggests bringing your own pop-up(s), tents(s) or awning(s) and tables(s) as this is an open-air outdoor, rain-or-shine event. And don't forget the sunscreen and bug spray.
 You can contact me directly for more info if you have any questions, but I do not take reservations or payments. Those have to be done through the Treasurer's office at the Township Hall. Hope to see you there!

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Orville "Chuck"
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ORVILLE 'CHUCK' BLANTON

(August 12, 1956 – July 8, 2024)
Orville "Chuck" Blanton, age 67, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Monday, July 8, 2024, at his home, surrounded by family, after a long/courageous battle with cancer. He was born August 12, 1956, son of Rastus Blanton & Ada Lee (Elliott) Blanton. He graduated from Pioneer High School, class of 1974. He worked for Ecolab company for many years before retiring. He collected books and comics, enjoyed traveling, woodworking, fishing, camping, and hiking. Most of all, he loved time spent with his family.

Mr. Blanton is survived by his devoted wife of 46 years, Janet Lee (Tyler) Blanton; children: Tabitha (Russell) Walker of Harrison, MI, Jessica Schrock of Belleville, MI, Joshua (Nicole) Blanton of Belleville, MI; 7 grandchildren: Tyler, Haley, Bryce, Adriana, Hannah, Natalie and Riley. Also survived by 3 siblings, numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and many friends.

Visitation for Chuck will be Saturday, July 13, from 12-3 PM with his best friend Larry Elrod sharing about his life at 3 PM at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500.
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(October 17, 1931 – June 18, 2024)
Age 92, Van Buren Township. Served in U.S. Army. Survived by children David, Debra, and Steven; 7 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild. Celebration of Life is 1-5 p.m., July 28 at Belleville Yacht Club.
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DAVID LAWRENCE SAPP

(April 29, 1954 – June 27, 2024)
Age 70, Belleville. Served in U.S. Air Force. Survived by son James, daughter Karen; five grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, two siblings. Celebration of Life is 1-5 p.m., July 28 at Belleville Yacht Club.
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Patricia Ann (Mulvihill) Donahey

PATRICIA ANN DONAHEY

(May 17, 1927 – June 29, 2024)

Patricia Ann (Mulvihill) Donahey, age 97, was born on May 17, 1927 in Detroit where she lived with her parents, Edward Daniel and Pearl Ann (Bright) Mulvihill. She graduated from Detroit's Northwestern High School where she met her lifelong sweetheart, Richard. They wed on June 24, 1949 and were happily married for 67 years.

Patricia loved traveling the world on cruise ships with her husband. Her hobbies were reading, crocheting, and decorating her home. She was an avid fan of Michigan football and spent Saturday afternoons in the fall cheering on the Wolverines in the Big House.

Lovingly known as Grammy by family and close friends, she is survived by her two children, Linda (Gary) Paris and James (Patsy) Donahey; six grandchildren, Cindy (Michael) Shillingford, Valerie Paris, Stephanie (Joseph) Paunovich, Rachel (Chad) Amodio, Evan (Brittanie) Donahey and Michael Donahey; and seven great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Oliver Paunovich, Whitney and Vincent Shillingford and Adrianna, Austin and Alexandra Amodio. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Richard and granddaughter Melissa.

Her greatest legacy is the love and attention she bestowed on her family. Grammy loved spending time with all of them and did so at every opportunity. She left no stone unturned when planning for holidays and family gatherings. Her menus were meticulously planned, gifts thoughtfully purchased, and her home was always warm and welcoming. Grammy will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Visitation for Patricia was held on Wednesday, July 3, 2024, followed by the funeral service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 47445 W. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111. A luncheon was held immediately following the service. Burial was at Hillside Cemetery. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Paul's Lutheran Church and would be appreciated.

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Virginia Rose (Crays) Memering

VIRGINIA ROSE MEMERING

(June 19, 1928 – June 28, 2024)

Virginia Rose (Crays) Memering, age 96, long-time Belleville resident, peacefully passed away at Gilbert Residence on Friday, June 28, 2024. She was born June 19, 1928, in Wayne, MI, daughter of Herschel & Anna (Gates) Crays. She was a graduate of St. Joseph Academy in Adrian, MI. She married Raymond G. Memering at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Wayne, MI on January 29, 1949. In 1951 they moved to Belleville, MI and became members of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville, MI. Mr. & Mrs. Memering were the first people to organize and run the first annual Strawberry Festival. Mrs. Memering worked for Van Buren Public Schools as a secretary for 26 years, and retired from North Middle School, now McBride Middle School. She also enjoyed working at Andrew's Drug Store on Main Street in Belleville for 10+ years. Mrs. Memering volunteered at the John Bolde Food Pantry at St. Mary's Church for many years. Virginia enjoyed playing golf, billiards and Mahjong. She and Ray loved snowmobiling, camping with family & friends, square dancing and spending winters in Florida. Most of all, Virginia loved being a wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Virginia is survived by five children: Alma (Richard) Johnson of Belleville, MI, Margaret (Thomas) Keon of Belleville, MI, Paula (Michael) Campau of New Boston, MI, Gerard (Jennifer) Memering of Willis, MI and Theresa (Gregory) Beulle of Vicksburg, MI; 13 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren, also numerous extended family and friends, and her caregiver Amanda Churchill. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 73 years Raymond, her parents, and five siblings: Louise Guenther, Marguerite Wells, Herschlene Adams, James and Frederick Crays.

Visitation was Sunday, July 7, 2024, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI. A Funeral Mass was Monday, July 8, 2024, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, MI, with visitation. Father Bryan Shackett served as celebrant. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

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Van Buren School Board sets special meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday, July 11

The Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will meet in special session at 4 p.m., Thursday, July 11, at the administration building.

The meeting will be a training session for board members on the Superintendent Evaluation Tool in order to comply with a new law. The meeting is expected to last about three hours.

The meeting is open to the public.

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He is a health care administrator and has a business degree and Juris Doctor degree and works as a lawyer.

This is his first run for elective office. He has been appointed and served on the Huron School Board, Huron Planning Commission, and Zoning Board of Appeals.

He is a member of the Belleville Yacht Club and Wayne State Honors College Board of Visitors.

He said he is running for office because, "Mr. Haidous is retiring. He was a good commissioner and I'd like to follow his lead. I'm well-qualified and have a good understanding of our district."

His goals once elected will be: "Always vigilant about our roads, ditches, and bridges. I'd like to step up communication to the district's municipalities from the country."

Allen R. Wilson

Allen R. Wilson, D., 39127 Commons Dr., Romulus, is running for county commissioner in the 11th District. Wilson, 67, has been living in the district for 23.5 years.

He works for International Union, UAW, and has a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Wayne State University.

He ran for Romulus City Council in 2021 and state representative House District 26 in 2022.

He was appointed to the Wayne County Board of Canvassers 2018-2021. He is a current Romulus City Councilman.

Wilson enjoys playing chess and is a member of the NAACP and the Romulus Chamber of Commerce.

"I am running because I have the experience to 'get down to business' and tackle the issues facing District 11.

"As a current Romulus City Councilman and Legislator, I am passionate about representing people. I have been in the forefront of the efforts to ensure that every resident in District #11 will have their concerns addressed and prioritized by my administration."

He said his goals once elected are: "Finally fix the roads, address flooding in our neighborhoods, eliminate speeding on our streets, minimize traffic jams and maintain our beautiful park system."

Jeremy R. Cady

Jeremy R. Cady, D., 36970 Sibley Rd., New Boston, did not return his candidate's form to the *Independent*.

Judge candidates tell their backgrounds

Robert P. Coutts

Robert P. Coutts, 13200 Lenmoore, Van Buren Township is running for a six-year term as a judge on the 34th District Court.

He is married to Kimberley Coutts and has lived in the court district for 25 years.

Coutts, 62, is a trial attorney and attended the University of Toledo College of Law.

He has run for office before, and was elected and served on the Van Buren School Board, 2003-2007. He ran for 34th District Judge in 2004 and 2020.

He belonged to the Belleville Rotary in 2001-2022, Belleville Moose, Moose member 2002 to present, Huron Valley Conservation Club 2002-2014, legal counsel to the Belleville National Strawberry Festival from 2004 to 2023.

His hobbies are small engine repair / maintenance and being a novice bird watcher.

When asked why he is running for this office, he replied: "I have a strong desire to make long-term changes for social justice. With my 30+ years of diverse trial experience, I feel I can make a difference. I want to help protect you and your family."

He was asked what he thinks are the most pressing issues in our court and what should be done about them. He answered:

"On matters that I would be able to control: being punctual, do not make people wait. Some judges forget that the district court is a court of the people. The court works for the parties and the communities. Docket Management: stagger the docket throughout the day. There is no need to have parties all appear at 9 a.m. and wait around to 11:30 a.m. to have their case

heard."

Todd L. Barron

Todd L. Barron, 36870 Grant St., Romulus, has lived in the 34th District Court district for three years. Barron, 54, and his wife Jeanine have three children, Lydia, Ethan, and Jason.

He is an attorney with a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctor degree from the Detroit College of Law.

He ran unsuccessfully for 25th District Court Judge in 2014.

Barron belongs to the Downriver Bar Association and is incoming president, the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club of Romulus.

His hobbies include enjoying concerts and live music, motorcycle riding, and golf.

"My candidacy is deeply personal, rooted in a family history that spans over a century in Romulus and Huron Township," he said. "My family and I are active with many local causes, fund raising, and supporting our neighbors. I feel not just a professional obligation but a heartfelt commitment to the well-being of our community. My candidacy is driven by a genuine desire to continue serving and making a positive impact for all residents. Additionally, I am



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honored to be the incoming president of the Downriver Bar Association, reflecting the respect I have earned from my peers in the legal community."

When asked what he thinks are the most pressing issues in this court and what should be done about them, he said, "The most pressing issues in our court revolve around adapting to new technology and enhancing access to justice. The shift to remote hearings has improved accessibility but also presents challenges in ensuring equitable access for all.

"We need to fully integrate a hybrid model of both in-person and virtual proceedings to increase efficiency and inclusivity. Investing in robust digital infrastructure and training for staff is crucial. Additionally, simplifying online processes and expanding public awareness of virtual court resources will help break down barriers and ensure fair access to justice for everyone."

Teresa Patton

Teresa Patton, 13712 Pond Bluff Dr., Van Buren Township, has been an attorney for 24 years. She is married to Lamont and their children are Andre'a, Lamont, Amari, Aidan, and Austin. They have lived in the 34th District Court area for two years.

Patton, 49, ran for 22nd District Court Judge in 2012.

She was a Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for 10 years and

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District Judge

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then started her own law practice. In her private practice she handled criminal, family, probate, landlord tenant, and civil matters.



She currently is the director of a regional office that administers the indigent defense programs for 20 of Wayne County's 24 third-class district and municipal courts including 34th District Court. The program provides appointed attorneys and defense resources for those in need of public defense.

"I have been the indigent defense administrator for 34th District Court for the past 5 years," she said. "Over the course of the last approximately 20 years I have served as the state prosecutor, a court appointed attorney, and now the indigent defense administrator for 34th District Court."

She also is an adjunct professor in the Political Science Department at Wayne County Community College and a student instructor in the Political Science Department at Wayne State University.

In 1996, she earned a Bachelor's of Business Administration at the UofM Flint (Angell Scholar, Maize and Blue Distinguished Scholarship Recipient). In 2000, she earned a Juris Doctorate from Wayne State University. Currently, she is an ABD (all but dissertation) PhD student, in Political Science at Wayne State University.

In July 2024 she was voted at the second-

highest possible rating of "Well Qualified" by the Detroit Bar Association Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee as a candidate for judge at the 34th District Court. "Outstanding" is the top rating.

She is a member of the Black Women Lawyer's Association, member of the National Association of Public Defenders, board member of the Jeremy D. Stovall Splurge Foundation in Belleville, and member of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce, Westland Comets Football Team field director, former Cheerleading Coach at Metro Charter Academy in Romulus, former den leader for Cub Scout Pack 9885, and previous legal director for Safe Assurance, Inc., a non-profit organization where they provided pro bono legal assistance to women and children affected by domestic abuse.

Her hobbies are singing, theatre, camping, roller skating, and yoga.

She explains why she is running for this office:

"When I learned there was going to be an open judicial seat at 34th District Court and I contemplated running to fill it, I thought long and hard about what qualities are necessary to serve as a good judge of the people. Those who appear before the court at 34th District Court are entitled to a judge who will serve with judicial virtues such as legal and personal integrity, impartiality, timeliness, attentiveness and who promotes equal access to justice for everyone with a proper temperament of fairness, courtesy and respect.

"Serving with judicial virtue and proper temperament is an important responsibility because judicial decisions have a direct impact on individuals and the business community by deciding the rights and

obligations of litigants, and they can impact future actions, freedoms, possessions and finances.

"I have 24 years of diverse legal and personal experience that gives me the expertise to serve as judge with legal excellence and judicial integrity to include working as a Wayne County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, a private practitioner in various areas of the law, a public defender, a pro-bono advocate, and a public defense administrator.

"Throughout my career, I have represented my clients with zeal, legal wisdom, integrity, attentiveness, fairness, and respect. Thirty-fourth District Court is the court of my community and I have served as its state prosecutor, court appointed attorney and now its indigent defense administrator. I am running for judge because I desire to make a difference and to continue investing my legal expertise in a new capacity - as judge of the 34th District Court."

She was asked what she thinks are the most pressing issues in this court and what should be done about them?

She replied: "Our court is tasked with adapting to the changes Covid-19 and recent criminal justice reforms have brought about. The way courts do business has changed drastically in the past few years. First, Covid-19 introduced virtual court which created issues with court logistics, technology, communication and court etiquette.

"Courts, litigants, attorneys and other stakeholders have had to figure out how to handle court business effectively and efficiently while still maintaining legal integrity. Some have had difficulty with new technology requirements such as zoom and zoom break-out rooms. Communication has also become a challenge as people had to figure out how to exchange information that would have been typically exchanged in person in the courthouse.

"Things like introducing evidence during a hearing or trial also needed attention. Lastly, virtual court proceedings have strained court etiquette since attorneys and litigants are "doing court" from the comfort of home and offices. The court has been attentive to the changes and has formulated policies and procedures to address these

issues and it will be necessary for everyone to work together to implement them.

"While continuing to focus on proper application of the law and resolving disputes, the court will need to collaborate with attorneys and community stakeholders to find solutions that are best for everyone involved. Clear communication is key as well as educating court staff, attorneys, police agencies, other stakeholders and the public on their pertinent issues and the solutions. Mutual patience and respect must also be present.

"In the same vein, criminal justice reform and court rule changes have altered the way courts handle proceedings as well. The best course of action here is the same as with the Covid-19 changes --attentiveness to the changing state of reality, collaboration, adaptation by developing processes and procedures as solutions, open communication, educating all involved, and mutual patience and respect."

State Representative candidates introduce themselves to voters

Dale Biniecki, Republican

Dale Biniecki, 2390 Doty Rd., Monroe, is running for state representative in the 31st district.



He and his wife Reda have three children Angela, Jaye, and Hannah and grandchildren Charlotte, Liberty, Finn, and Stanly. He has lived in the district for all of his 69 years. He is a retired truck owner-operator. He earned an associate of science from Monroe Community College.

He ran unsuccessfully for the same seat in the Michigan House of Representatives.

He is a member of the Republican executive committees in Wayne, Monroe, Lenawee, and Washtenaw counties. He is a past 4-H leader, Michigan Farm Bureau member, and past president of the Maybee Sportsman Club. He enjoys gardening.

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He said he is running “to represent the values of my friends, family, and neighbors and give them a voice in our government. I’m a husband, a father of three, and a grandfather of four. I am a lifelong resident of the 31st District and have put up with the nonsense for far too long. Enough is enough!

“As a truck owner-operator for 47 years I’ve been to stamping plants, steel mills, auto plants, road-building projects, and farms across Michigan. There is a disconnect between the hard-working folks that pay taxes and the bureaucrats that spend it. Politicians are spending millions of our dollars on special-interest pork while our infrastructure crumbles. We send too much of our hard-earned money to Lansing and they waste it. We’re getting ripped off!

“Even worse, the current legislature in the majority have approved nearly \$12 billion in corporate welfare and \$44 million in subsidizing the rent for people including immigrants.

“Prices have gone up while wages are stagnant. Our current legislature keeps taking our money and spending it in ways that hurt our interests.”

He explained his goals: “I’m not a career politician. My wife and I have been dues-paying union members for over 50 combined years. I will champion working Americans who want Michigan jobs, a strong economy, and a fair shake. I will work to stop the assault on our farmers who are the victims of outrageous state regulation. I plan to defend the rights of rural residents to maintain local zoning from state takeover.

“My greatest goal is to reign in the excessive spending of our state government. A budget that has increased from \$64 billion to \$83.4 billion in two years is totally unacceptable. Prosperity for my constituents and their children is my top priority.”

Reggie Miller, Democrat

Reggie Miller, 13697 Pond Bluff Dr., Van Buren Township, is running on the Democratic ticket for reelection as state representative in the 31st district.

She is married to her college sweetheart and they have two children. They have been living in the township for 28 years.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration, where she majored in marketing and graduated *summa cum laude*, from Cleary University, Ann Arbor. I also hold an associate degree in marketing and communications from Purdue University North Central, Indiana. Graduate of Michigan Political Leadership Program, Michigan State University, from the multi-partisan progressive leadership program on effective governance. Graduate of the Township Governance Academy, from Michigan Township Association.

“I ran for Van Buren Township Trustee and served for the last ten years,” she said.

Miller currently serves in Lansing as the Chair of Agriculture. She also serves on the Economic Development Committee, Health Policy Committee, and Transportation Committee.

Miller began serving as Van Buren Township Trustee in 2012. Since then, served as the board liaison for both the Senior Endowment Committee and the Elections Committee, and she’s a member of the Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club, Women League of Voters, a former member of the Lions Club, a member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, and others.

Previously, she served as the former vice chair of the Public Safety Committee, executive director of the National Strawberry Festival, and vice president of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. Miller is a member of the Women’s League of Voters. She has volunteered for two homeowners associations serving in different roles, was a former Savage School volunteer in the resource room, and has volunteered over the years throughout the community.

Purdue Alumni member, Cleary University Alumni member, Michigan State University, alumni member, MPLP.

Reggie enjoys gardening, photography, traveling, and bike riding. She and her



husband are members of Trinity Episcopal Church in Van Buren Township.

“I am running again for state representative because I believe that the government works best when focused on serving residents’ needs. There is no better example of that work than the new Van Buren Community Center we just opened in VBT. I will continue bringing that same level of service and commitment to HD-31 with passion.

“People across the state know that I listen and respect different points of view. As your state representative, I am inspired to continue serving in this seat because I am committed to helping those who live here thrive. My commitment to this area runs deep as I have dedicated my time to helping others for the past 28 years.

“As your hometown state representative, I will continue to be your voice and will bring forward the issues that matter most to you. I will continue to take a common sense approach to serving the hardworking taxpayers of our community by listening to their concerns. I will work hard for you because I have a passion for the work that I do as your public servant.”

Once elected, her top priorities will be to continue serving Michigan families, including: Education, environment, mental health, union support, affordable housing, transportation, seniors and veteran services, and protecting women’s reproductive freedoms.

“While in office I have leveraged my experience and knowledge and have

brought in \$40 million in state policy and district funding. Last year I brought in over \$15 million which funded the Denton Road Bridge project, the Iron Belle Trail and for the wastewater treatment plant in Milan. I also just recently secured \$750,000 in Belleville for the Horizon Park erosion issue. I also, secured additional funding for Van Buren Township, Sumpter, and Romulus. I have worked across the aisle to work not only with Democrats but with Republicans, too. I worked with a Republican colleague of mine just recently and we just got passed in both the House and Senate and headed for the Governor’s desk a bipartisan bill package that will fund our 4-H youth programs. Although I have many endorsements from organizations, elected officials, and community leaders, the best endorsement that I could receive is from you, the voter, in August and November. Please consider me for your hometown taste representative. I am the neighbor you can trust and a leader that you can count on. For a more complete list of state and district funding and endorsements, please visit www.votereggiemiller.com.

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Sumpter Township candidates tell backgrounds, goals

Supervisor candidates:

Tim Bowman

Tim Bowman, 65, of 21321 Karr Rd., has lived in Sumpter for 55 years. He is married to Liz and they have three children, TJ Bowman, Travis Bowman, and Taylor Bowman.

He is a general contractor. His education is high school and trade school.

Bowman is running for reelection as supervisor on the Republican ticket. He was first elected in 2020. Bowman's hobbies include volunteering and boating.

His is running for this office: "To work for the people of Sumpter Township to continue to make our township a safer and prosperous community to live in. To preserve our history. And to move forward working with our current board to better



Sumpter Township."

His goals, once elected, are: "To continue to bring our community together, working with and supporting our police department and fire department and our senior citizens. Improve the quality of life in Sumpter Township."

Sheena Barnes

Sheena D. Barnes, 64, of 28321 Sumpter Rd., New Boston, is a Republican candidate for Sumpter Township Supervisor. Barnes, who was appointed trustee in 2018 and served a partial term, also has run for Sumpter Township trustee, clerk, and treasurer. She is the mother of Julius, Sharnice, and Jamarnea and grandmother of six.



Barnes has been the owner of Sheena Barnes BBQ Bones for 37 years and has lived in the township her whole life. She graduated from Airport High School and attended WCCC.

She is a member of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Southwestern Democratic Club, and Belleville Lake Fest. She enjoys singing, dancing, and art.

Barnes said she is running for this office "to make a difference to the stagnated board of trustees and be the eyes and ears and voice of the people." She said her goals, once elected, are the youth, family development, applying for grants, and most of all, economic development. "Cut out big spending," she said.

Nelson Po

Nelson Po, 45025 Harris Rd., is running for supervisor on the Democratic ticket. Po, 75, has lived in the township for 18 years. He is retired and widowed.



He went to some medical school at the Cebu College of Medicine in the Philippines.

This is his second run for township supervisor, being a candidate for the first time in 2020. He said he is running for this office to make changes in Sumpter Township for the better.

His goal is: "I will do everything in my

power to make a better life for the seniors. Without the seniors, there would be no Sumpter Township."

Vincent Warren

Vincent Warren, who is a candidate for supervisor on the Republican ticket, submitted the following:



I would like to introduce myself as a resident and candidate running for supervisor. My aunt and uncle moved to Sumpter Township in the early '50s after migrating from the South to pursue higher education and viable employment opportunities. After their passing away my parents retired from Ford Motor "Dad" and "Mom" K-12 educator with the Detroit, Van Buren school systems and relocated to Sumpter Township. My parents have been residents of Sumpter Township for more than 25 years.

My lovely wife Cindy, of 36 years of marriage, eight children and five grandchildren have resided in Sumpter Township for 15 years and I am 54 years young.

My grandchildren attend and my children graduated from the Belleville K-12 school system. Vincent B. "married", Lauren Stribling "married", Alicia Lynn "married", Miranda, Evan "married", Isaiah, Jeremiah, Gisselle.

I have dedicated over 28 years of service to our nation's service men and women. I have obtained my master's degree of counseling with a bachelor's of liberal arts. Cindy is completing her doctoral program to join me in advocating for families and our youth. I serve as Peer Advocate for our nations' veterans at the Department of Veteran Affairs (Ann Arbor Michigan). I served our country during the Persian Gulf/Desert Storm Wars from 1988-1994 under the leadership of George H.W. Bush. I discharged honorably from the U.S. Navy with a goal to advocate for our nation's veterans. I currently advocate for our nation's veterans in eight counties in Michigan and Toledo, Ohio. I advocate regarding healthcare, affordable housing, employment, family counseling, finances and end-of-life support.

I was appointed by John Morgan, former township supervisor, to the Zoning Board of Appeals; appointed Sumpter Township treasurer unanimously by the Board of Trustees when the elected treasurer passed away. Appointed to the Planning

Commission by Tim Bowman, the current township supervisor.

I was elected VFW Trustee in 2021-2022, 2022-present I serve as the quartermaster (Veteran of Foreign Wars of the U.S.) Post 4434, in concert with the Pack 793 Boy Scouts as the chartered organization representative.

Vice president of the Progressive League (Sumpter Township), Washtenaw County office of community and economic development resident facilitator, executive board member Guiding Harbor in Belleville founded by the "General Federation of Women's Clubs" that provides childcaring and child placement services for abused and neglected children.

I have worked diligently to educate and obtain knowledge on how to effectively build communities, gleaning from rural communities in neighboring counties and cities that have successfully excelled in community building and specializing in building people that love where they live and the quality of life that their neighborhood provides.

I have also observed the residents of Sumpter vehemently express feeling of more "country living at its finest". I strongly believe in leadership that has prepared themselves to produce a viable business district, viable community forums that support the needs of growing families and retiring seniors. Sumpter Township in my opinion is the "Rural Mecca of Western Wayne County" where the residents in the 2024 election will wisely elect leaders that are informed, intelligent, professional, and exhibit unquestionable character and integrity.

As your supervisor I will excel in excellence of service and implement a plan in collaboration with Federal, State, and County agencies to provide affordable Senior Housing in Sumpter Township. My motto: "Talk Is Cheap, Action Speaks".

Warren lists as his action goals: housing rehabilitation, blight complaints, Board of Review, cable channel 12 info, citizen's concerns, county information, drain complaints, economic development, grant writing, ordinance complaints, road complaints, senior snow removal program, street light outages, weatherization programs, and zoning information.

Clerk candidate: Donald LaPorte

Clerk candidate Donald LaPorte, who currently serves as a Democratic trustee, is running unopposed for clerk on the Republican ticket. The present clerk,

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Fire

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from six months to 14 years. She said the family also suffered from flood damage last August.

She speculated that faulty wiring in a ceiling fan in one of their daughters' bedrooms caused the blaze.

At the time of the fire, the family was away from the home attending a birthday party for one of the girls who was turning eight. Hixon's mother was at home alone and heard the smoke alarms go off and was unable to get out.

The family now is looking for help from the community and the biggest thing they need is clothes for the girls.

The gofundme page is at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/guqgr-urgent-support-for-family-after-devastatingfire?qid=34ad4af9777ab61f9dce657cce32c93b>

Their phone number is (734) 363-4206 for those wishing to donate supplies.

Mobile home fire

Chief McNally said at 8:41 a.m., also on June 29, Van Buren Township fire fighters responded to a mobile home fire on North Ponderosa Trail in the mobile home park on Belleville Road. He said the mobile home, owned by a single male, was destroyed.

Mutual aid on this fire came from Romulus, Canton, and Belleville fire departments.

Court Watching

Hassan Christopher Clark

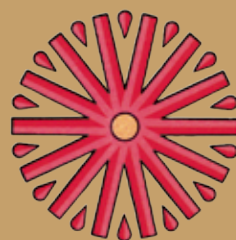
Hassan Christopher Clark, 55, of Van Buren Township was video-arraigned by 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin while in custody of Van Buren Township Police. He is charged with second-degree arson and breaking & entering (illegal entry) on June 29 in Van Buren Township. He is considered a habitual offender. Judge Martin set bond of \$20,000/10% and scheduled the probable cause conference for July 10. He cannot be released without a GPS tether.

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- **Thursday, July 11** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by “The Jason Charles Band.”
- **Friday, July 12** – At 7:30 p.m. DJ Anthony Richendollar is at ‘70s Night at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, at 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township.
- **Saturday, July 13** – Western Wayne County Quilting Guild meets at 10 a.m. at Riggs Park on Martinsville Road, Van Buren Township. Short meeting, Show & Tell, and 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.
- **Monday, July 15, through Saturday, July 20** – Race of Faith Vacation Bible School at Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church, 89 S. Edgemont St., Belleville, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All ages welcome. Pre-register at: myvbs.org/raceoffaith
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- **Friday, July 19** – Steak Roast at 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, at 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township.
- **Wednesday, July 24** – Ted Scott Campus of Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., presents Power Play Detroit band. Open to the public at no cost. Bring your chair and refreshments; no alcoholic beverages on the premises.
- **Thursday, July 25** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by “Joseph and the Velozians.”
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- **Friday, July 26** – Karaoke and DJ Betty at 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, at 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township.
- **Thursday, Aug. 1** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by “The Saints of Soul.”
- **Thursday, Aug. 8** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts presents Music Lakeside at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park. Tonight the music is by “The Magic Bus.”
- **Friday, Aug. 9** – Van Buren Eagles #3996, at 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, hosts a Luau fundraiser for the Safe House Center in Ann Arbor. 100% of proceeds go to Ann Arbor Safe House. Social hour and food truck open at 4:30 p.m., guest speaker at 6:30 p.m., and DJ Anthony Richendollar at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 per person. Open to the public.

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said by reaching this milestone, the Brown Funeral Home has proven to be an exemplary member, setting an inspiring example in the wider community. This also showcases a commitment to continuous learning and growth, King said.
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Esther Hurst, did not file for reelection. LaPorte did not return his candidate form to the *Independent* for publication.

Treasurer candidate: Bart Patterson

Treasurer candidate Bart Patterson, an incumbent, is running unopposed for reelection on the Republican ticket. He

did not return his candidate's form to the *Independent* for publication.

Trustee candidates:

James M. Frazier

James M. Frazier, R., 44030 Harris Rd., is running for trustee. Frazier, 36, has been living in the township for nine years. He is the general manager of the Impound Division at Great Lakes Towing & Recover, as well as the owner/operator of

Sharper Image Painting, Frazier Properties, and Rough Cuts Fine Construction.

He is a 2006 graduate of Walled Lake Western High School, 2016 graduate of Schoolcraft College Reserve Police Academy with honors for Top Shot and voted Class Leader. He is Wreckmaster Level 4/5 Certified in the towing industry.

This is his first bid for elective office.

He is the Senior Deacon of Belleville Masonic Lodge Myrtle 89, past member of Aerie 3996 in Van Buren Township, NRA member. Other than that, he enjoys spending time with his numerous nieces and nephews, and giving back to his community.

When asked why he is running for this office, he replies: "I believe our community needs a strong voice at the board table and I am ready to be that voice. With my background in successful business operations and experience in negotiating government contracts, I am confident that, if elected, we can work together to drive the change our community needs.

"My goal is to preserve our rural heritage while pioneering the township into the future through modern strategies, incorporating up-to-date technology and policies.

As to his goals if elected: "If elected, my goals are to be the voice of the people, connecting with our residents on a one-on-one basis to hear their concerns. I will ensure these concerns are conveyed at the board table, giving every citizen the opportunity to be heard.

"We must continue to be financially responsible while also being progressive in updating the township's facilities and services. Additionally, I am committed to preserving our past while pioneering our future. This means honoring our township's rich history while driving forward-thinking



initiatives that prepare us for a brighter future, ensuring we respect our heritage while embracing innovative solutions for growth and development.

"Fiscal responsibility is paramount and I will work diligently to maintain low taxes, ensuring that our community remains affordable for all residents without compromising on the quality of services and infrastructure improvements.

"Your concerns are my priority, and I pledge to maintain open lines of communication, actively listening to your needs and ensuring that your voice influences our decisions. Together, we can build a community that reflects the values and aspirations of its residents.

John C. Honey

John C. Honey, R., 43900 Clay Rd., is running for trustee. Honey, 65, has lived in Sumpter for 56 years and is the owner/operator of Honey Pest Control.

He graduated high school and has some credits from Purdue and Texas A&M. This is his first run for elective office. He was appointed and served two terms on the Sumpter Township Planning Commission. He likes to fish and enjoys his family dogs.

He said he is running for office because he is getting closer to retiring and wanted to service his community in another way.

His goals once elected are to: "Keep my hometown a great place to live and raise a family. Keeping an honest eye on things."

Peggy Morgan

Peggy A. Morgan, 65, of 300 Edgewood Dr. is running for reelection for a trustee seat on the Republican ticket. She was first elected in 2004 through 2017 then she was appointed treasurer in February 2017 and served in this position through November of 2018. In 2020 Through 2024 she has maintained her seat as a trustee.

"I attended board meetings nearly 10 years prior to running for office," she said. She also served on the Board of Review, the Economic Development Committee, and volunteered for the Neighborhood Watch Program in the 1990s. She was board liaison to the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Fire Department and the Water Department.

She belongs to the Women of the Moose Lodge.

"I have lived in Sumpter for 39 years. I'm divorced, while still remaining friends with my ex-husband Bud. I have two loving sons Richard and David, along with five beautiful grandsons.

She said loves spending time with family and friends. She enjoys traveling, camping and working in the yard. She likes Football and NASCAR.

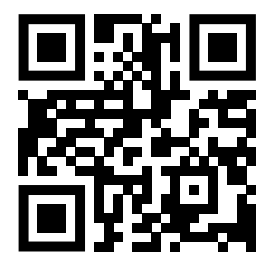
Morgan said, "Priorities I will set

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for myself if elected are as follows: accountability, working endless hours to deliver results for the taxpayers. develop opportunities to our families.

Things that she would like to see happen with a new administration are: Hire youth for summer jobs, seek alternative revenue, offer town hall meetings, giving our residents the opportunity tell the board in what direction they would like to see their township moving forward. Mandatory cultural training and diversity classes for police and fire departments. Offer equal opportunity to minorities. Restructure Parks and Recreation Commission bylaws with families in mind.

"I will persistently work hard to maintain a balanced budget. I will push for hiring an accounting firm, auditing firm and attorney firm," Morgan said.

"I work for you and I ask for the opportunity to build a brighter future for the Sumpter residents and their families. I am very passionate when it comes to Sumpter Township residents."

Matthew Oddy

Matthew Oddy, 17638 Odyssey Dr., an incumbent who was elected on the Democratic ticket, is running on the Republican ticket for reelection as trustee. He has lived in the township for 44 years.

He and his wife Elizabeth have two children, Mikayla and Madilyne.

Oddy, age 56, lists his occupation as manager. He has a bachelor of business



accounting degree in accounting and strategic management.

He was appointed township trustee in 2014 and then was elected to the seat in 2016 and 2020.

He has been a member of the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation and enjoys golf, fishing, hunting, and scuba diving.

He said he is running for reelection because: "Living in Sumpter and the Belleville area most of my life has provided me a personal understanding of the type of community residents desire. I enjoy serving the citizens of Sumpter Township and doing my part to help to oversee and ensure that the township continues to operate on behalf of the residents efficiently and economically, while providing exceptional police, fire, water, and general services.

"My commitment to the community coupled with 30 years of management and 16 years of public service experience has prepared me help lead our township into the future."

Once elected, "My goal is to represent the residents in the highest capacity, making decisions for our future that will improve our community and our standard of living.

"To reach that goal I am dedicated to maintaining financial stability, providing exceptional police and fire services, improving our parks and senior programs, and planning future growth that balances country living with community services to meet our changing culture and environment."

Robert Lintner

Robert Lintner, Jr., 483 Wayside Dr., is running on the Republican ticket for election to a trustee position. He did not return his candidate form for publication.

Tim Rush

Incumbent Trustee Tim Rush, 48941 Martinsville Rd., New Boston, is running for reelection on the Republican ticket.

Rush is 67 years old and has been a resident of the township for 35 years.

He is a graduate of the National Institute of Technology, 1986, class valedictorian, associate's degree. He is a licensed Federal Communications Commission engineer.

"My career for the last 32 years has been working as a corporate/private security consultant," he said. "I have also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals, Planning Commission and currently serve as deputy supervisor for Sumpter Township in addition to my trustee duties."

Rush is an alternate member of Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation, a member of the American Radio Relay League since 1982, and represents Sumpter Township for the Conference of Western Wayne County.

When asked why is he running for reelection, he replied: "Pressure from citizens of the township to run again! I was elected again as trustee in 2018 and 2020. Sumpter Township needs qualified, professional, and experienced people in



elected office to assure that the township is run like a business and has elected officials that understand the Constitution, state and federal, and abide by it!"

His goals once elected? "Keep moving the township forward! Sumpter Township currently enjoys a balanced budget. The board has been very fiscally responsible! As a trustee that is my responsibility to make sure that happens and represent the residents to the best of my abilities! NO ONE knows what the future may hold and we must be prepared!

"I can promote positive change in Sumpter Township by utilizing my problem-solving abilities that I have acquired through years of education, experience, and communication skills.

"I am totally committed to another term as trustee. I am honored to serve the community. For Sumpter Township to overcome any challenges in the future it should not be the elected officials that make critical decisions alone. The people of the community need to get involved. I can work with anyone's ideas on the board or from the community as long as the ideas are backed up with sound foresight, logic, and planning for Sumpter Township's future. We ALL have a vested interest in our wonderful township."

Ovidiu Suci

Ovidiu Suci, 44349 Clay Rd., has filed as a Republican candidate for a trustee position. He did not return his candidate form for publication.

Tyler Thomas

Tyler Thomas, 21321 Karr Rd., has filed as a Republican candidate for a trustee position. He did not return his candidate form for publication.

VBT candidates tell backgrounds

All of the candidates for Van Buren Township offices are Democrats and are unopposed in both the August and November elections.

Supervisor candidate:

Kevin McNamara

Kevin McNamara, 44714 Greenbriar Dr., has lived in the township for 14 years. McNamara, 66, and his wife Aida have a son Cullan.

McNamara is Van Buren Township's current elected supervisor. He holds a bachelor's degree in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan and attended the Harvard Kennedy School as a part of the Senior Executives in Local Government program.

He was elected and served as a Schoolcraft College Trustee, 2000-2006, and Wayne County Commissioner, 2006-2014.

McNamara belongs to the Mental Health Governance Board, Belleville Area Council for the Arts, Sierra Club, Eagles,



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and BYC (Belleville Yacht Club).

He said he is running for reelection to this office because, "I believe I can make a difference by bringing federal, state, county, and regional governments together to help Van Buren Township become a premier community with premier public safety and recreation."

Once reelected his goals are to: "widen Belleville Road, build a park at Belleville and Quirk roads, and develop the Ford Land property. There are a lot of other, smaller projects like Belleville Area Museum garage, Denton Road bridge, Iron Belle Trail, etc."

Clerk candidate:

Leon Wright

Leon Wright, D., 9961 Andover Dr., is running for reelection to the position of clerk, a position he has held since 2008.

Wright, 63, has lived in the township for 30 years. He and his wife Janice have two sons, Leondre and Jabari.

He served in the U.S. Air Force. He has an Associate's Degree and is a Master Municipal Clerk.



He is a board member for the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority. He belongs to the International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Association of Wayne County Community Clerks and the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks.

His hobbies include golf and spending time with his family.

"I am running for re-election a Clerk to continue ensuring that our elections are conducted with the highest standards of accuracy, integrity, and transparency," he said. "Every voter deserves the right to participate in the electoral process, and I am committed to making voting as accessible as possible."

"My goal is to uphold the democratic process, guaranteeing that every vote counts and that our community's voice is heard loud and clear. I am also running again to continue my efforts to make Van Buren Township the premier community we all know it can be."

"Once elected, I wish to further the progress and development of Van Buren Township, with the goal of continuing to transform it into a community where people can be proud to live, work, and play."

"I wish to enhance the quality of life for all residents by improving on and expanding upon the township's amenities, as I did with the Community Center. By investing in and upgrading our community resources, we can create a vibrant and thriving environment that meets the needs of everyone in our township."

Treasurer candidate:

Sharry A. Budd

Sharry A. Budd, D., who has lived in the township for 60 years, lists her occupation as treasurer. She was first elected in 1996 and ran successfully every four years since.

This will be her eighth run for treasurer.

She and her husband Bill, who died in 2016, raised three sons: Jim, Jeff, and Jay.

Budd graduated from high school and took some college and has been a Certified Municipal Clerk and then a Certified Professional Treasurer from 2000 to the

present time.

She ran for a seat on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education and served on that board for 7.5 years.

In 1994, she was appointed Deputy Clerk by Clerk Cindy King.

She was a member of the VBT Civic

Fund until it decided to disband and donate a little over \$900,000 to the Van Buren Community Center project.

She also, as a representative of the township, was a member of the Belleville

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION-TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 6, 2024.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #2	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #3	Tyler Elementary School	42200 Tyler Road
Precinct #4	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #5	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #6	McBride Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #7	Belleville High School	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Belleville High School	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	Edgemont Elementary School	125 S. Edgemont St.

EARLY VOTING will take place at Van Buren Township Hall on 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Saturday, July 27 until Sunday August 4 for ALL precincts.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

Congressional: United States Senator, Representative in Congress 6th District, Representative in State Legislature 31st District

County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner 11th District

Township: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee

Delegate: Delegate to County Convention

Proposal: Proposition P- Parks Millage Renewal: To renew the millage authorized in 2020, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the 2023 rollback rate of 0.2442 mills (about \$0.24 per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2026 through 2030) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Wayne County Family Aquatic Center at Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriation for parks? Based upon the total estimated 2026 taxable value of \$59,252,807,563, this renewal is projected to generate \$14,469,536 in 2026.

Proposition A- Auditor Selection Amendment: Shall Wayne County Charter Section 3.119 (e) be amended in part to allow the County's independent external auditor, selected by competitive bid, to serve for a term of three years or more?

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting mvic.sos.state.mi.us where a sample ballot can be viewed.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk's Office

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Leon Wright, MMC
Van Buren Township Clerk

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Area Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Michigan Treasurers Association and the Association of Public Treasurers in the U.S. and Canada.

She loves to read in her spare time and enjoys her family and all the grandchildren.

She said she is running for this office, "to be a part of the decision-makers to keep Van Buren Township a great place to live, work, and raise families. I believe I have the ability and drive to continue serving the community."

Budd said her goals once elected are: "to continue addressing roads, storm



water management, new development, keeping VBT safe with our Public Safety Department and Fire, and making sure VBT is where folks want to come and live, work, and raise their families."

Trustee candidates:

Donald Boynton, Jr.

Donald Boynton, Jr., D., 13237 Dover Ct., has lived in the township for 19 years. Boynton, 61, is married to Karen Boynton.

His occupation is COO, Detroit Talent Hub, Sr. V.P. D-Vised, LLC., Security Division. His education is from Northwood University, University of Michigan, and Michigan State University.

His current seat on the township board is the only elective position he has sought. He was appointed to the Van Buren Township



Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.

Boynton is a golf/cigar aficionado and belongs to the Country Walk III Homeowners Association, as well as the Michigan Association of Planners, Michigan Township Association, Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, and Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club.

"I am running for township trustee because I believe that the smaller the community or district one represents, the better one can understand the issues that matter most to the people. Along with overseeing the budget, being involved in the community allows for a deeper understanding of the challenges faced by our schools, the conditions of our parks, and the state of our roads, etc. This knowledge enables me to identify the appropriate individuals and organizations, including small business owners, nonprofit organizations, and

community volunteers who can collaborate to address these issues effectively."

His goals once elected are "To continue to make our township a place to work, play and live for all persons, residents and visitors alike. Whether rezoning of an area to meet residential or commercial needs, or the repair and expansion of water and sewer lines and roads, I am proud to be a part of these accomplishments. Additionally, it is often said that local governments serve as incubators for innovative approaches. While state and federal offices hold significant power and influence, local governments have the unique opportunity to experiment with new ideas and observe their effects firsthand. Furthermore, the daily interactions with the people who benefit from our work provide a constant reminder of the purpose and importance of public service."

William Frazier

William Frazier, D., 271 Holly Ln., has lived in the township for 41 of his 52 years.

He is a paraprofessional in the Van Buren Public Schools and a VBPS graduate. This is his first bid for elective office.

He has been a member of the Wayne County Democratic Club for three years and has been a Belleville High School assistant coach in boys track, wrestling, and boys tennis for three years.

When asked why he is running for this office, Frazier said: "While working for VBPS for over 33 years, I have seen the need for cross-community development. My understanding and knowledge of our township has allowed me to develop community connections. As a resident, I have the ability to address and process our township's needs."

Once elected, his goals, "are to obtain knowledge and understanding of the Van Buren Township governmental service provided. With this gained knowledge, I intend to address the areas that are overlooked and would serve the residents more effectively."

Bryon Kelley

Bryon K. Kelley, D., 49202 Peninsular Dr., has lived in Van Buren Township for 20 years. He is married to Jennifer Kelley, a nurse midwife at Trinity Ann Arbor, and they have a daughter, Grace Kelley, and a son, Luke Kelley.

Kelley, 47, is an attorney. He attended Eastern Michigan University with a double major: public law and government/communication. His Juris Doctorate is from the Michigan State School of Law.

"I have not served in the military," he said. "However, I was raised in a family that prides itself on military service. My father served in the Army in Vietnam and both of my grandfathers served as well.



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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Thursday, July 11, 2024

4:00 PM

**Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, MI 48111**

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on Thursday, July 11, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law for the August Primary Election on August 6, 2024. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

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One served as a ball turret gunner during WWII and the other served in the U.S. Army. My grandmother is an original Rosie the Riveter, and we will celebrate her 100th birthday this November.”

This is his first election for public office. “Prior to being appointed to the Van Buren Board of Trustees in 2023, I served on the Van Buren Township Planning Commission for approximately eight years.”

He belongs to the BSA National Eagle Scout Association, Sons of the American Legion, Southwestern Democratic Association, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Belleville Yacht Club, Belleville Lake Waterski Club – vice president, Cub Scouts committee member, Michigan Fireworks Club, Great Lakes Flag Football coach, and Van Buren Area Little League assistant coach.

The Kelleys participate as a family in mountain biking, water and snow skiing, camping, sports, and fishing.

When asked why he is running for this office, he replied: “I have proudly called Van Buren Township home since 2004, where my wife and I have built a strong family. As a local small business owner with young children attending Van Buren Public Schools, I am heavily invested in our area. I am committed to giving back to the community that has given so much to our family.

“My decision to initially seek to be appointed as Trustee and now run for election stems from a deep-seated commitment to improving the lives of our residents and ensuring a thriving future for our citizens and businesses.

“I want to continue building upon our successes by fostering growth in Van Buren Township. Through prioritizing innovation, inclusivity, and sustainable development, we can strengthen our foundation and set benchmarks for other communities to follow.”

As to his goals, once elected, he said: “I believe Van Buren Township has been on a promising path, with notable technological interests and development. I am passionate about ensuring our citizens’ access to government, its services, and addressing housing needs. I am committed to working collaboratively to find solutions to the challenges we face.

“By continuing my service as a Trustee, I will work to encourage further growth and promote our township’s direction of fostering trust and collaboration, ensuring that our residents feel heard and valued. Community involvement is vital to meet the needs of residents and businesses and to strengthen our township’s core.

“My background as an attorney for 22 years, combined with the years of experience I gained on the planning commission, has served me well since being appointed to fill a vacancy on the Board of Trustees in 2023. I am amazed at the steps that our Township and its leaders take to ensure that our community is

provided with the best leadership possible and that our community’s diverse desires and needs are met.

“I am dedicated to further increasing my skills through continued training and listening to voices of our community, allowing them to guide us into the future. Integrity is central to my efforts, and I am dedicated to giving back to the Township that has given so much to my family.”

Kevin Martin

Kevin Martin, D., 9405 Madison Dr., has lived in the township for 27 years. He is married to 34th District Court Judge Lisa

Martin.

Martin, 68, is retired from General Motors. He earned his education at Henry Ford College. He served in the United States Navy.

He ran successfully for trustee in 2016 and 2020.

He belongs to the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists – Canton Chapter, UAW Region 1A - Regional Advisory Council on Civil and



Human Rights, Michigan Association of Planning – ex officio.

His hobbies include reading and watching football.

“I am running for reelection so that I may continue to serve the residents of Van Buren Township by working with the other elected officials and dedicated staff to provide premium services to our residents. During my time in office, I made a commitment to work to expand the existing community services building and move to a full-time paid fire department.

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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF ABSENTEE BALLOT PRE-PROCESSING

Saturday, August 3, 2024

8:00 AM-4:00 PM

At

Van Buren Township Hall
46425 Tyler Road

Van Buren Township, MI 48111

Absentee ballots from all 10 Van Buren Township Precincts will be pre-processed using 3 Counting Boards and up to 8 Election Inspectors for the August 6, 2024 Primary Election.

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These ideas were realized with the re-opening of the Van Buren Community Center in June 2024 and the expansion of the full-time, paid fire fighters.

When asked about his goals once he is elected, he replied:

“The goals that I share with my fellow board members for the next term are the reconstruction of the Denton Road Bridge and exploring the health and depth of the housing stock in the township. Residents’ concerns about the bridge and time needed

to have it re-opened are heard loud and clear and there is room to improve both the conversation regarding the work under way and the work that must be coordinated and executed to re-open that vital link.

“Additionally, with the growth of our population and opening of new businesses, we must be mindful of the housing options available and our role in making sure that we have room for new residents and those expanding their households and options for residents looking to downsize while remaining in the township.”

Belleville City Council gives immediate raise to its clerk/treasurer

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A raise in salary from \$62,000 to \$75,000, effective immediately, was given to the Belleville City Clerk/Treasurer Brianna Hootman on a unanimous vote of the city council on July 1.

This was at the recommendation of city manager Jason Smith, who noted that on the Council of Western Wayne salary list, Hootman’s pay was the lowest of the full-

time clerks on the list. She said her last raise was in August of 2021 and she had been working under an “agreement.”

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe was the only councilman absent July 1.

The agreement said the rate of pay is \$75,000 per year/\$36.058 per hour and her pay shall be adjusted on an annual basis after finding of a satisfactory performance review by the city manager. The clerk/treasurer is a salary-exempt position for overtime. She will provided health insurance benefits equal to those of the members of the GELC collective bargaining unit.

DPW Director Tony Bollino said he thought the salary should be raised to \$78,000 because she does the work of both the clerk and treasurer in the combined job. The CWW list only listed clerks, not the combined jobs.

“We need to be competitive in the market to keep top people,” Mayor Ken Voigt said of the raise. “It seems like a lot, but we did budget for this.”

In other business at the almost two-hour meeting on July 1, the council:

- Approved the second reading and final adoption of a zoning ordinance amendment to allow banquet halls in B-1 zoning locations for buildings less than 2,500 square feet. It will be in effect 30 days after passage;

- Tabled to the next meeting for more information selection of a water meter contractor from the three selected bidders. Also, Mayor Voigt said he would like all five council members to be present for the important decision. Representatives of ETNA Supply and Ferguson Water Works were present to answer questions. The third bidder, SLC Meter, was not represented. Bids were \$590,544.13 by Ferguson for Neptune brand meters; \$612,683.85 from SLC Meter for Badger meters; and \$628,006 by ETNA for Sensus meters. The recommendation from the staff was SLC. The present meters are 12 years old, but their technology is 30 years old, Smith said. He said they can’t get parts and there are problems with the collector. The company that made them no longer exists, he said;

- Approved the purchase agreement for the sale of the city’s former DPW site at 100 Davis St. for \$50,000. Buyers Sam Arndt and Leah Stempky, on behalf of an entity to be formed, agree to take over responsibility for the contamination left on the site, which has test wells. The parcel adjoins their Burhop’s Collision site;

- Approved placing four amendments to the Belleville City Charter on the Nov. 5 ballot including: allowing the council to set the time and date of the meetings, roll-call votes eliminated, except for financial spending; allowing the council to set the purchasing policy and when bids are necessary; and removing completely

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE STATE PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2024

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Belleville, State of Michigan, who is not already registered may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State Agency. Registration to vote can be completed online at Michigan.gov/voterregistration. Physical forms can also be obtained at the City Clerk’s office. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Tuesday, July 22, 2024**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (per MCL 168.492) at the City Clerk’s office, located at 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111 as follows:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, August 6th from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Qualifications for registration are:

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- City of Belleville resident for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election
- United States citizen

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the City of Belleville will be voting on the following:

- UNITED STATES SENATOR
- REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS, 6TH DISTRICT
- REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE, 31ST DISTRICT
- WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY
- WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF
- WAYNE COUNTY CLERK
- WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER
- WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS
- WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER, 11TH DISTRICT
- DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION
- JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT, 3RD CIRCUIT, NON-INCUMBENT
- JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT, 34TH DISTRICT, NON-INCUMBENT
- WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSITION P, PARKS MILLAGE RENEWAL
- WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSITION A, AUDITOR SELECTION AMENDMENT

Sample ballots are available at City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville and on the City’s website: www.bellevilleonthelake.com.

Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the City Clerk’s office: 734-697-9323, extension 7010.

Briana Hootman,
City Clerk/Treasurer

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the civil service commission, which now only covers the police chief and the clerk/treasurer;

- Approved lease of a Tymco 300 sweeper;
- Tabled for more information a proposal to buy a new tornado siren for \$27,900 from Westshore Services, which is the same company used by Van Buren and Sumpter townships. Smith said that would put 48111 all with the same sirens. Smith had been asked to look at grants available and he said the MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) didn't get back to him and other grants open in October for Homeland Security and private grants. Mayor Voigt asked him to at least put it out for bids;

- Approved accounts payable of \$61,703.65 and departmental expenditures of \$500 or more: to City of Williamston, \$779 for outer carry ballistic vest for Officer Michael Pearl; to Core and Main, \$555 for sewer cover replacement rings; to Harold J. Love and Associates, \$1,500 for psych evaluation for Officers Charles Brooks and Michael Pearl and \$750 for psych evaluation for Officer Marc Boudreau; to Monroe County Firefighters Association, \$3,400 for 2024 association dues and chief dues and firefighter training; and to R&R Fire Truck Repair Inc., \$5,239 for fire truck lettering;

- Heard a presentation on AirSpace Link UAS (uncrewed aircraft system) by Michael Healander, president of the company that manage space for drones for the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration). He presented a study on drone use in the city of Belleville and said the Council of Western Wayne paid for this regional deployment and there is \$18 million set aside for drone grants. He said his office is on the 12th floor of the Michigan Central building. He said Belleville is at level zero, with the city having no drones and no policies. He said he doesn't think Belleville should buy a lot of drones, but apply for a grant for \$15,000-\$20,000 to buy drones and license a drone pilot on staff. He said

Camp Grayling bought 450 drones and, "You can go up there and train as pilots and crash their drones";

- Heard a presentation from a representative of Geese Chasers who told how they have eliminated geese from Horizon Park with their border collies. He said in March, assistant city manager Steve Jones called them and he, his wife, and their dog Bracken got to work to get the Canada Geese off Horizon Park to make it cleaner for the summer lakeside concerts;

- Heard Mayor Voigt read a proclamation celebrating the 20-year anniversary of the Belleville Co-Op apartment building;

- Heard resident Larry Holmes ask about when the High Street/Main Street street corner will be fixed. He said it's all bumpy and he has a bad back and it hurts when they hit that hole. Mayor Voigt said fixing that is high on the city's radar. Mayor Voigt said has a bad back, too, and is having surgery;

- Heard a resident speak up for the geese, saying she can't justify paying \$800 a month to let his border collies run. She said she knows someone with a pooper scooper who has a business cleaning up and she would do it for a whole lot less so they could have their concerts without geese droppings. She said the geese were nesting when the Geese Chasers first came and if they didn't get the DNR certificate required for demolishing the nests and eggs, they should be prosecuted and, "It makes me sick. When they're nesting, they can't fly because that's when they're molting." She said there are other ways to get the park clean;

- Heard city manager Smith answer Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Bates' question on progress on updates to Victory Park. He said they just got the contracts with the county and the calls for bids may be out soon. Assistant city manager Jones was not present to give the exact information;

- Heard Smith also report that repair work on the Harbour Pointe streets starts the next week, the water and sewer lines have been televised and cleaned, a used leaf vac was ordered and it needs work and should be ready by mid August for leaf

pickup, the summer work program with students is working well and they have GIS mapped curb stops and fire hydrants, the BHS dance team will paint fire hydrants and the city will donate to them based on what they've done, and he would take a vacation day on July 3 and then the city office is closed July 4 and 5;

- Heard Councilman Randy Priest say he toured the cemetery that day and it needs a clean up. Smith said the DPW crews have been busy with "heavy lifting" and they will ask Pioneer Landscaping to clean the cemetery;

- Heard Councilwoman Julie Kissel say she went to Growth Works in Plymouth for an event and was very impressed with its work;

- Heard Smith say three bids were soliticted for refuse pickup and two bids were received, with no bid from the third. The two companies will give presentations at the July 15 council meeting;

- Heard Mayor Voigt say Lake Fest was phenomenal and the water ski show was really cool. He said it looked like twice as many vendors as last year. He called it a nice, low-key family event going for quality not quantity. He said the BYC fireworks was set for July 6; and

- Heard Assistant Fire Chief Chris Zweng say the previous Saturday, after six medical runs and two fires, the fire fighters were able to watch the fireworks across the lake on Harmony Lane. He said the newly renovated pumphouse area, across the street from the firehall, was a good place to watch.

Court Watching:

Judge Cylenphia Miller accused of carrying loaded gun at airport

Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Cylenphia LaToye Miller of Flat Rock was scheduled for a July 1 arraignment/pretrial at 34th District Court on a charge of a check-point violation at Detroit Metro Airport at 10:01 a.m., June 8.

The arraignment/pretrial was adjourned until July 15 before Judge Lisa Martin.

Transportation Safety Agents reported she carried a loaded firearm through Detroit Metro Airport. They alerted airport police who levied the charge.

She has been a judge in Detroit since 2006 when she was appointed to the position. She spent 13 years on the bench at 36th District Court and the last five at Third Circuit Court where she now presides over juvenile court.

On June 8 while she was on her way to catching a flight, Miller passed through security at Metro Airport and the TSA found a gun in her purse on the x-ray scanner. It was a loaded .380 caliber Smith and Wesson firearm.

Miller's defense attorney Todd Perkins, who said he was a personal friend, told channel 7 news that Miller is a licensed CPL holder and can lawfully possess, in a concealed fashion, a firearm in the state of Michigan.

But the law prohibits a person from carrying a loaded firearm in carry-on.

Channel 7 reported that sources told it that Miller told airport police that the gun had belonged to her brother, who lives in Ohio and Ohio does not require that firearms be registered.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

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

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Poverty Exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should contact the Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 16, 2024.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Post: June 27, 2024
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July 11, 2024



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

In compliance with State Election Law 168, Section 798, a test will be conducted on Monday, July 22, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI.

This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, August 6, 2024 State Primary Election.

Testing will be open to the public and citizens may attend.

The City of Belleville will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office (734-697-9323, extension 7010).

Briana Hootman
City Clerk/Treasurer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES - JULY 2, 2024

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, Trustee Frazier and Trustee Kelley. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development Power, Deputy Police Chief Monte and an audience of four.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier

moved; Budd seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of June 18, 2024, Prepaid List of June 20, 2024, Prepaid List of June 27, 2024, Voucher List of July 2, 2024, and Approval of a subrecipient agreement for community development block grant (CDBG) funding with Wayne County for \$20,000 for senior services salary support. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Township Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday July 4th in observance of Independence Day; absentee ballots were mailed out last Thursday so be on the look out for those; Trustee Boynton was recently elected to the Executive Committee of SEMCOG; Van Buren Township's Downtown Development Authority was awarded a \$200,000 grant for the

Safe Streets For All project; and the Township is receiving a \$341,000 reimbursement from the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Frazier moved; Boynton seconded to approve a quote of \$68,336 by W.J. O'Neil to replace HVAC units at Township Hall. Motion Carried. Kelley moved; Frazier seconded to approve an Inter-governmental Agreement with the City of Romulus for services at the Romulus Animal Shelter. Motion Carried.

Wright moved; Martin seconded to approve a special land use request for a retail store with outdoor display and sales for Tractor Supply (Planning Case 23-049), to be located at the southeast corner of Hull Road and Sumpter Road. Motion Carried.

Martin moved; Boynton seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 07-02-24 to amend

the Zoning Ordinance to provide definitions and regulations for Agricultural Retail and Tourism (Agritourism). Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: The Board thanked Community Services Director Renaud and Deputy Director Dohring for their hard work getting the VBC up and running. The Board also reported that they have received many compliments from members in the community on how the VBC turned out and the amenities offered.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved; Boynton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township, Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 17, 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. Water Meter AMI RFP Interviews – Each company was given 5 minutes to provide an overview of their bid; followed by council presentations.

i. ETNA Supply

- ETNA Supply Representative Al Weber gave a presentation on Sensus Meters, which use a tower, giving a 6-9 month installation window.

ii. SLC Meter

- SLC representative Aaron Bennett gave a presentation on Badger Meters, which use a cellular network, giving a 3-6 month installation window.

iii. Ferguson Water Works

- Ferguson Waterworks representative Steve Daniel gave a presentation on Neptune ultrasonic meters, giving a 4-6 month installation window.

b. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

i. Tim Pranker of 236 Aberdeen expressed concerns about Village Park, including ivy and drainage issues.

ii. Teresa Patton of Van Buren Township introduced herself to community members and asked for support as she will be running for 34th District Court Judge.

iii. Ray Martin, of the Victoria Commons HOA, thanked city representatives for attending their HOA meeting.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Approval of Minutes

i. June 3, 2024 Regular Meeting

b. Communications

i. MMRMA Monthly Acknowledgement

c. Council Follow-Up List

d. DPS Activity Report

e. Special Events

i. Redemption Bible Church Outdoor Worship Night

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

a. FY 2024-2025 Budget

i. Opened at 8:19 pm by Kissel, supported by Priest. No changes since last meeting, info unchanged.

ii. Closed at 8:21 pm by Bates, supported by Priest.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Water Meter AMI Contractor Selection

Motion: Motion to defer by Bates, supported by Kissel to table the decision until the regularly scheduled Council meeting on July 1, 2024.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried/Tabled.

b. Resolution # 24-023 – FY 2023-2024 Budget Amendments

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Kissel to approve budget amendments as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

c. Charter Amendments Update

i. Per City Manager Smith, the State has requested that the city scale back the number of amendments to a total of four. The four that they plan to continue with are as follows:

- Ability of City Council to change times of meetings.
 - Eliminate every vote having roll call.
 - Amend contracts for city improvements, except city expenditures.
 - Repeal of the civil service commission.
- d. **FIRST READING** – Ordinance No 24-005 – Amendment to 3.1.6 of Zoning Code.

i. The proposed Ordinance # 24-005 which would amend Section 3.1.6 of the city's Zoning Code to include banquet spaces, with a maximum capacity of 50 people, was read for the first time.

e. Tornado siren quote from Westshore Services

i. The city currently has a push button system, which is outdated and not efficient. With the new system, Van Buren Twp would be able to access and sound the siren on our behalf.

ii. The DPS yard is being considered as a possible siren site.

f. Resolution # 24-024 – FY 2024-2025 Budget Adoption.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Beebe to approve the FY 2024-25 budget as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable

b. Departmental Expenditures

i. BN Heavy Equipment

ii. Belle Tire (2)

iii. Mr. Muffler

iv. Osborne Concrete

v. Osborne Trucking

vi. Williams Emergency Vehicles & Equipment

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

a. City Works training will be held on Thursday, and the full rollout will be by July 1, 2024.

b. The BHS Summer Interns have completed a lot of GIS mapping thus far.

c. Contract books will start October 1st.

d. On the July 1st agenda, refuse and recycling will be discussed.

e. Victoria Commons signs are being put up, which will be bigger and brighter as well as ADA compliant.

f. The high-pressure cleaner is up & running, along with bathroom repairs for parks systems.

g. There will be a cooling center in Council Chambers this week, except on the Juneteenth holiday, in which the library will be open to the public as a cooling

center.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

i. Thanked Al, Steve, and Aaron from the water meter companies. Stated that a leak alert system would be great to have with the new water meters.

ii. Excited about a waste and recycling program in the city and hopes to offer recycling to apartment communities.

b. Council Member Beebe

i. No comments.

c. Council Member Kissel

i. Excited about the progress with purging and shredding of archived records that have met their retention requirements.

ii. Appreciated "Goat Day" and wanted to give a special thank you to Officer Gueli and the DPS Guys for wrangling the goats that were on the loose today, June 17th.

d. Council Member Priest

i. Thanked the water meter companies for their presentations and thanked the citizens for attending.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

a. Announced the sale of Goat t-shirts at the Farmer's Market and Music Festival. The shirts will be priced at \$20, and all proceeds will be donated to the Food Closet.

b. The car show turnout was great, noting that Steve Jones did a great job.

c. Had a nice time attending the 20th anniversary party at the Senior Co-op.

d. Wished DPW employee Stephen Adams a happy retirement.

e. Attended the Wester Council.

f. Happy about construction date with Harbour Pointe.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

a. John Juriga

i. Asked if residents can drill their own well in their backyard for water.

b. Tara Edwards

i. Stated that the retention pond in Victoria Commons is looking rough and could use some attention.

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe, to adjourn at 8:57 pm.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

Submitted respectfully by Kristy Doe, Police Records Clerk

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 259 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, June 30:

0009 – breaking & entering, Oak Ln.
0011 – all 4100 MICR codes (liquor), Denton Rd.
0126 – 911 welfare check, Locust Dr.
xxxx – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Kennedy Ct.
0903 – abandoned auto, Morton Taylor Rd./Tyler
0939 – operating while intoxicated, Rawsonville
1005 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1009 – intrusion alarm, Brookside Dr.
1025 – neighbor trouble, W. Adams
1101 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1129 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1158 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1323 – assist other dept., Ecorse/bypass
1325 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1452 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1614 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1645 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
1815 – domestic, Locust Dr.
1908 – property damage accident, W. I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1936 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Snow Rd.
1949 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2031 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2205 – welfare check, Belmont Dr.
2210 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
2228 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2234 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
2234 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Monday, July 1:

xxxx – threat, Price Dr.
0039 – family trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
0128 – noise complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
0203 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0340 – welfare check, Greenbriar Dr.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0617 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.
0932 – warrant arrest, N. Winter
1200 – welfare check, Louisa Dr.
1210 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hardwood Dr.
1257 – abandoned auto, Tyler/Morton Taylor Rd.
1313 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1434 – misc. complaint, Bayshore Dr.
1439 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1523 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
1549 – misc. complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1603 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty Rd.
1627 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.
1844 – civil matter, Lake Villa Dr.
1915 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1925 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
2254 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Country Ln.
2357 – road hazard, N. I-275/Tyler Rd.

Tuesday, July 2:

0114 – domestic, Pond Bluff Dr.
0755 – intrusion alarm, Riggs Rd.
0727 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
xxxx – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0922 – civil matter, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1008 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1010 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.
1153 – private property/property damage accident, Van Born Rd.
1221 – trespassing, Village Center Dr.
1228 – domestic, America
1423 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1254 – assist other dept., Holly Ln.
1357 – road hazard, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
1414 – malicious destruction of property, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1526 – road hazard, Rawsonville Rd./W. Huron River Dr.
1517 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.
1559 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1558 – harassment call, Sonrisa St.
1616 – road hazard, Cross St./Western St.
1824 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave.
1646 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1644 – animal complaint, Ormond Dr.
1647 – follow up by officer, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1844 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
1841 – parking complaint, McBride Ave.
1836 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2034 – welfare check, Michigan Ave./Dellor St.
2045 – shooting, E. Huron River Dr.
2217 – operating while intoxicated, Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, July 3:

0227 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.
0338 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0401 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Quirk Rd.
0803 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Pond Bluff Dr.
1125 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1158 – unattended death, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1229 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1237 – missing person, Brandi Dr.
1258 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1349 – family trouble, Sylvia Dr.
1429 – vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd.
1419 – animal complaint, Brookside Dr.
1438 – suicidal person, Florence Ln.
1449 – welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
1558 – assist fire dept., Stoneybrook Ct.
1619 – sexual assault, Endicot St.
1629 – suicidal person, Hayes St.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1827 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1846 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
2029 – assist other dept., E. I-94/S. Haggerty I-94 ramp E.
2123 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
2226 – assist other dept., Jamestown Ave.
2234 – breaking & entering, Bayshore Dr.
2307 – road hazard, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.

Thursday, July 4:

0031 – welfare check, Sawgrass Ct.
0242 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0410 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
xxxx – repossession, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0533 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1057 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1115 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.
1217 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1324 – harassment call, America
1254 – assist fire dept., Van Buren St.
1421 – family trouble, Chaney Ave.
1649 – assist fire dept., N. Timberview Dr.
1834 – intrusion alarm, Cobblestone Ct.
1950 – parking complaint, N. Cumberland/Dover
2014 – parking complaint, Tyler Rd./Lancaster Dr.
2049 – animal complaint, Maurice Dr.
2055 – neighbor trouble, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2128 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Pointe Dr.
2159 – fireworks, Belleville Rd.
2205 – 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd./Jackson St.
2207 – assault & battery, Lake Pointe Pass
2239 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
2345 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.

Friday, July 5:

0030 – assist other dept., Fifth St./Avalon St.
0157 – shooting, Greenwood Dr.
0706 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0727 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
0941 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Villa Dr.
1123 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1151 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1232 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1245 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1504 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1520 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1545 – intrusion alarm, Laguna Dr.
1630 – family trouble, Maurice Dr.
1652 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave.
1720 – property damage accident, Country Walk Blvd.
1920 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1942 – traffic offense, Lohr Rd./Martz Rd.
2003 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.
2103 – missing person, Victoria St.
2134 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
2215 – civil matter, Alba Ct.
2241 – juvenile complaint, Lake Pointe Pass
2321 – noise complaint, Arlene Ln.

Saturday, July 6:

0106 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0042 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0213 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
0351 – personal injury accident, Grove Rd.
0430 – 911 welfare check, Martz Rd.
0721 – assist citizen, N. Cumberland Dr.
0850 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0940 – welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Beacon Trl./Christina Ln.
1222 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1240 – fraud, Quirk Rd.
1301 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bog Rd.
1521 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1508 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1610 – civil matter, Barkley St.
1833 – welfare check, Beckley Rd.
1827 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1917 – shooting, E. Huron River Dr./Edison Lake Rd.
2013 – larceny, Beck Rd.
2025 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2154 – noise complaint, Ecorse Rd.
2237 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton Dr.
2342 – disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Also, on this week's log are 79 traffic stops, 26 of which were on the I-275 and I-94 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 30:

0047 – assist citizen, Main St./Fourth St.
0202 – traffic stop, South St./E. Wabash Ave.
0223 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0305 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Main St.
1034 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
1249 – follow-up by officer, High St.
1319 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.
1417 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr.
1517 – larceny, South St.
2030 – traffic stop, High St./W. Huron River Dr.
2109 – welfare check, Anaheim St.
2149 – property damage accident, Menlo Pk. Dr.
2239 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, July 1:

0312 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.
0404 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
1101 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1631 – larceny, Anaheim St.
1733 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
2114 – assist fire dept., Main St.
2205 – juvenile complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Carmell St.
2300 – misc. complaint, Bait Shop
2351 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St./W. Columbia Ave.
Tuesday, July 2:
0008 – traffic stop, Church St./Third St.
0151 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.
0625 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1558 – missing person, Owen St.
1648 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.
2005 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Huron River Dr.
2038 – traffic stop, High St./Church St.
2109 – traffic stop, Church St./Roys St.
2312 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
2346 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance,

Victorian Ln.

Wednesday, July 3:

0110 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service
0545 – traffic stop, South St./Henry St.
0926 – follow up by officer, Willow
1007 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
1408 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1549 – follow up by officer, Winding Pond Trl.
1753 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd.
2101 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.
2118 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2244 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Sumpter Rd.
2309 – motorist assist, E. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, July 4:

0229 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
0759 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1034 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1139 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1306 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
2006 – assist fire dept., S. Biggs Ave.
2019 – civil matter, Main St.
2227 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
2311 – traffic stop, Belle Villa Blvd./Estrada Dr.
2328 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.

Friday, July 5:

0113 – traffic stop, High St./Edison Ave.
0152 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0152 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0439 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Roland St.

0854 – misc. complaint, Harbour Pointe Dr.
1222 – civil matter, E. Waterbury Ct.
1241 – malicious destruction of property, Main St.
1533 – traffic stop, High St./W. Huron River Dr.
1605 – traffic stop, High St./W. Huron River Dr.
1622 – traffic stop, Brain St./High St.
1640 – traffic stop, High St./Brain St.
1814 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1818 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
1950 – missing person, Main St.

Saturday, July 6:

0150 – disorderly, San Carlos St.
0349 – assist fire dept., Bedell St.
0625 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
0649 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
1302 – traffic stop, High St./W. Columbia Ave.
2027 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church
2103 – traffic stop, High St./W. Columbia Ave.
2257 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Second St.
2305 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
2327 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2348 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.

There are 40 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 30:

0148 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
0232 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0414 – fire dept. assist, Dakota Ct.
0559 – property damage accident, California St.
1038 – fire dept. assist, Birch Dr.
1202 – citizen assist, Texas St.
1235 – 911 hangup, Montana St.
1256 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Meadow Springs
1256 – fire dept. assist, 8200 bl. Meadow Springs
1257 – alarm, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1322 – suspicious circumstance, Texas St.
1450 – civil matter, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.
1542 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1705 – suspicious circumstance, 39000 bl. Judd
2022 – family trouble, Hampshire Dr.
2113 – welfare check, Montana St.
2314 – felony warrant arrest, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Monday, July 1:

0240 – family trouble, Timberlane Dr.
0504 – follow-up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
1333 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd. / Oakville Waltz Rd.
1453 – 911 hangup, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1510 – civil matter, Arizona St.
1837 – family trouble, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1921 – motorist assist, Willis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1929 – 911 hangup, Washington St.
1931 – follow-up investigation, 47000 bl. Wear
1953 – welfare check, Birch Dr.
2018 – family trouble, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.

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Tuesday, July 2:

- 1045 – civil matter, Timberlane Dr.
- 1046 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Arkona
- 1142 – mental health call, Carriage Ln.
- 1235 – suspicious person, Texas St.
- 1328 – fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1406 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
- 1521 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1536 – 911 hangup, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1551 – juvenile matter, Texas St.
- 1603 – suspicious circumstance, Karr Rd./Judd Rd.
- 2259 – 911 hangup, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
- 2330 – suspicious vehicle, Edgewood Dr.

Wednesday, July 3:

- 0109 – noise complaint, Elwell Rd./Bemis Rd.
- 1256 – welfare check, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
- 1336 – civil matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 1424 – follow-up investigation, California St. / E. Arizona St.
- 1540 – follow-up investigation, Alaska St.
- 1606 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1749 – alarm, Texas St.
- 1921 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
- 2028 – civil matter, Utah St.
- 2053 – family trouble, Utah St.
- 2144 – property damage accident, Utah St.
- 2153 – follow-up investigation, Utah St.

Thursday, July 4:

- 0142 – family trouble, Hickory Dr.
- 0940 – property damage accident, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 0946 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 1054 – assist other agency, Country Club Blvd.
- 1140 – animal complaint, 9200 bl. Rawsonville
- 1148 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 1245 – welfare check, Oregon St.
- 1303 – follow-up investigation, Georgia St.
- 1418 – death investigation, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1556 – 911 hangup, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 1636 – suspicious circumstance, 44000 bl. Willis
- 1728 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
- 1826 – larceny, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
- 1846 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1914 – 911 hangup, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
- 1941 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2113 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rustic Ln.
- 2235 – noise complaint, Walnut St.

Friday, July 5:

- 0031 – family trouble, Wyoming St.
- 0228 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd./Bemis
- 0501 – civil matter, Washington St.
- 0919 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 1027 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 1534 – suspicious circumstance, Utah Ct.
- 1537 – assist other agency, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Clark Rd.
- 1646 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1712 – suspicious circumstance, Wyoming
- 1801 – family trouble, New Mexico St.
- 2041 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.
- 2235 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
- 2244 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 0000 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.


Saturday, July 6:

- 0031 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./Willis
- 0539 – mental health call, California St.
- 0611 – assault, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
- 1326 – follow-up investigation, 22000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
- 1346 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.
- 1505 – 911 hangup, Oregon St.
- 1559 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
- 1752 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Willow Rd.
- 1805 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd./Bemis Rd.
- 1914 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming St.
- 1928 – 911 hangup, Mulberry Dr.
- 2014 – welfare check, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 2049 – 911 hangup, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
- 2138 – family trouble, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
- 2201 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
- 2253 – 911 hangup, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
- 2355 – civil matter, Arizona St.

Also on this week's log are 125 patrol checks, 57 traffic stops, and 13 misc. details.

Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent Advertising Director



Elvis will be in the building at Wayne County Fairgrounds on Quirk Road on Friday & Saturday (see the Elvisfest ad). Back in the mid '50s. Elvis was my first concert when he played at Olympia Stadium in Detroit. My mother and one of the other teachers took us and we were pretty close to the stage. It was really a miracle that I got to go because back in the day grown-ups thought we should be listening to Pat Boone, never Elvis! Anyway, I'm sure the Tribute artists will take you back to when you were young and a lot more carefree!

The Ted Scott Environmental Terrace, at Wayne County Community College District on Haggerty Road will host Detroit's favorite local band, Power Play Detroit on Wednesday, July 24 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. They play a wide variety of genres and travel with a complete professional sound system and light show. Open to the public at no cost!

Then on Thursday, July 25, at 6:30 p.m. the Ted Scott Campus of WCCCD will host an all-new Disney and Pixar movie "Elemental." The film is set in Element City and introduces Ember, a tough, quick-witted and fiery young woman. Bring your blankets, chairs and coolers! Open to the public at no cost.

Thunder over Michigan Air Show has announced their ground display lineup for the July 20 and 21 air show. Highlighted by the inclusion of The Viper Pit, it includes nine F-16 Flight Falcons from five different military bases around the country. They also have announced the addition of a Grumman FM-2 Wildcat and a Supermarine Spitfire LF Mk Ixe to the list of Famous Fighters. They will have quite a few other military aircraft on display, as well a great mix of vintage aircraft. Time is definitely getting short – get your tickets now!

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, July 11 – Special school board meeting of Van Buren Public Schools at 4 p.m. at administration building to train board on superintendent evaluation tool under new law (expected to last three hours). Also, Keystone Academy School Board, 5 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.



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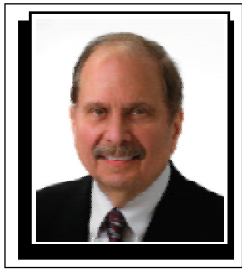
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