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## County Election Commission OKs wording for VBT recall

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
 Independent Editor

On June 23, the Wayne County Election Commission reviewed two proposals for recall wording against the seven elected officials in Van Buren Township over their approval of the data center.

One wording proposal for a reason for recall was denied and one was approved.

The Election Commission determines whether each reason for recall is factual and of sufficient clarity.

An attorney for Van Buren Township said he plans to appeal the decision. Under law he has ten days to appeal and then another 40 days to get the court's decision. If the court does not issue a decision within 40 days, the language is considered approved.

If the appeal to circuit court is unsuccessful, recall supporters have 180 days from the time of wording approval to gather signatures on petitions. Each person targeted for recall must be on a

separate petition. The petition circulators must gather at least 25% -- 3,404 -- of the number who voted in the last governor's election in the township.

Then the petitions are filed with the County Clerk who checks the validity of the signatures for no longer than 22 days.

If there are enough valid signatures, the County Clerk calls a special election to be conducted on the next regular election date that is at least 95 days after the date the recall petition was filed and falls on the May or November regular election date, whichever occurs first.

The recall effort is being led by Jennifer Smith, who is also seeking township residents to run for the offices that will be vacated if the recall is successful.

Targeted for recall are supervisor Kevin McNamara, clerk Leon Wright, treasurer Sharry Budd, and trustees Donald Boynton, William Frazier, Bryon Kelley, and Kevin Martin.

## City Council approves city manager base salary of \$125,000 for Peck

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
 Independent Editor

A base salary of \$125,000 a year for new Belleville City Manager Brady Peck was unanimously approved at Monday's 10-minute special meeting of the city council. Benefits will be on top of that.

City clerk Brianna Papin said the council is sending the approved contract to the city attorney for review before releasing it to the public to see.

Councilwoman Julie Kissel questioned the additional \$400 a month for all mileage and suggested a city vehicle be made available to him to use.

Mayor Ken Voigt said that \$400 was the low end of the average for communities

the size of Belleville. He said the \$400 a month equaled about 554 miles a month and 6,600 miles a year.

Councilwoman Kissel said she was not opposed to this stipend, but the city had purchased a vehicle for use by the city manager. Mayor Voigt said the DPW director is using that one.

Peck is scheduled to start his new job on Monday, July 20.

When asked what he would do on the first day, he said he would fill out all the paperwork required on day one and then look at the budget which has a deficit. He said he will plan one-on-one meetings with staff to see what they need.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Danielle Wright, at right, attended her first Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority meeting on June 23, about a month after she started work as DDA administrative assistant. She is shown with DDA executive director Merrie Coburn. Wright said she worked at the Romulus Athletic Center for 13 years and had worked at Loranger Chiropractic Center in Belleville. She said she has two children, aged 10 and 8.

## Van Buren Twp. DDA approves scout for grants for another two years

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
 Independent Editor

At its regular meeting on June 23, the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to renew the Wade Trim Professional Services Funding Scout for two years at a cost of \$24,000.

DDA executive director Merrie Coburn said under the last contract, the township was able to get \$2.3 million in grant funding.

The state and federal funds were for transportation and mobility planning and improvement projects, a return of more

than \$28 in grant funding for every \$1 invested in fees.

The Funding Scout Wayne Hofmann was unable to attend the meeting.

In other business at the 52-minute meeting, the DDA:

- One by one introduced themselves to Danielle Wright, the new DDA administrative assistant. This was her first meeting since being hired a month ago;

- Accepted the clean financial audit from Plante Moran for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2025. "We are in really good

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## City Council

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Clerk Papin said they currently hold department head meetings at 9 a.m. every Tuesday.

The last city manager, Jason Smith, was hired in October 2023 with a base salary of \$85,000. In 2024, his base salary was \$86,923 and then \$95,000 before he left in 2025. At that time, Smith's total compensation with fringes was \$107,859.12.



Interim city manager Peck Steve Jones was named to that position on July 24, 2025 with a \$10,000 pro-rata raise. He made a base salary of \$76,730.78 in 2025, and \$92,482.86 with fringes.

City Manager Peck earned his Bachelor of Arts in Recreation, Parks, and Leisure Services Administration from Central Michigan University. He earned a Master's degree in Local Government Administration from Oakland University.

He worked for the town of Prescott Valley, AZ from October 2016 to August 2019 as Recreation Coordinator.

He has been employed by Washtenaw County, MI, since December 2019 until the present, first as Business Operations and Strategy Analyst, then Finance Reporting and then as Special Projects Administrator. He has been Director of Operations since May 2023.

He told the council that when his work day is complete, his two "pitty bulls," Dolly and Romeo, welcome him home.

## Arielle Tenner, Michael Wright on Kalamazoo College Deans' List

KALAMAZOO, MI – Arielle Tenner and Michael Wright, both of Van Buren Township, have been named to the Kalamazoo College Dean's List for Spring 2026.

Dean's List recognition is earned with a grade point average of 3.5 or better with a full-time course load.

## Amelia Metzcus on dean's list at NMU

Northern Michigan University announces that Amelia Metzcus of Belleville qualified for the Dean's List for the Winter 2026 semester. She qualified with a grade point average of 3.50-3.99.



Photo courtesy of Elena Manalop

Officers gathered for a group shot after the donut-eating contest Saturday during Lake Fest activities.

## City Council opts for no new taxes in 2026-27 budget

By Emily Flesch  
Special Writer

Belleville residents will see no new taxes this year as the City Council unanimously approved the \$3.3 million 2026-27 budget at its regular June 15 meeting.

After a public hearing, at which no public spoke, the budget was formally adopted. It had been discussed at the June 1 meeting with three options.

The council went forward with Option Three, which could resolve an estimated \$106,144 deficit with a transfer from the fund balance or a reduction of proposed purchases, rather than the other options of proposed tax increases.

The council also adopted the 2025-26 budget amendments as presented.

Additionally, DPW Director Nathan Johnson presented updates on the department's work with Waterworth, a municipal utility forecasting platform, stating that it was brought to his attention that there will be some sort of rate increase, but there is not a set percentage at this time. Full discussion will take place at the July 6 regular city council meeting.

When asked if the program was meeting his expectations, Johnson replied, "It's exponential. It's a perfect program where we can decide what we should do with our budget for the water and sewer funds."

In other business at the 41-minute regular meeting on June 15, the council:

- Approved the request of the Belleville PLAV/VFW to hold a screening of a Flag

Day movie at city hall on July 2. The screening will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and will be open to all who wish to attend;

- Approved changes to city employee health, dental and vision benefit plans for the 2026-27 plan year to make coverage more flexible. Interim city manager Steve Jones said this goes from a plan nobody wanted and would age out and close, to a plan very desirable for certain employees;

- Passed a resolution approving an amendment to the water services contract between the city of Belleville and the Great Lakes Water Authority. The agreement came after a reported 45-minute closed-door meeting of city officials with GLWA officials. The numbers for the city's water use had been skewed by the 2022 filling of the high school pool and so the city was put at a higher rate of use. The agreement depends on no maintenance of the pool between July and Aug. 31 each year, when the GLWA rates are determined. The school district must contact the city if there is an emergency fill needed and they could go for one-fourth the agreed total per day. Jones said when the laundromat burned down that also reduced water use in the city;

- Passed a resolution to approve and adopt the Belleville Police Department Citizen Complaint and Internal Investigations Policy which fulfills the city's desire to provide a fair, consistent, transparent and legally compliant process for receiving,

documenting, investigating, and resolving citizen and internal complaints regarding members of the Belleville Police Department;

- Appointed Gerald Keeder III as primary representative and James Courage as alternate representative to the Huron River Watershed Council Board of Directors to serve as a liaison between the city and the HRWC. "We have, to our knowledge, never had anyone on the Watershed Council and well should have," commented mayor Ken Voigt;

- Passed a resolution approving the Liberty Street and Main Street Intersection Reconstruction Project, awarded to E.C. Korneffel Inc., the same contractor as the bridge, with the project expected to take four to six weeks. The contract is for \$573,955 for the work, with a 10% contingency to make a total project budget of \$631,350. This contract is using the competitively bid unit prices obtained through the Wayne County Denton Bridge Project with Korneffel being the low bidder. Two-way traffic is to be maintained during the process; and

- Approved a resolution approving disciplinary action for an employee with the code of #01298. The resolution said the council has reviewed the facts and circumstances surrounding this personnel matter and has determined that disciplinary action is warranted. A closed-door session on the matter that was on the agenda had been canceled.

# O P I N I O N S

**Editorial**

## July 4 marks 250 years of the United States of America

On Saturday, July 4, we can all celebrate 250 years of the United States of America. It was a bumpy road to this place, but anything worth having in life is worth working for.

Our U.S. Constitution stands tall among nations in the world as we show them how to let people govern themselves, hopefully with more dignity and honor than arguing.

People, being as different as they are, are both praising and criticizing the Declaration of Independence and Constitution. Are the documents old-fashioned? They are old, but ethics and morality and debate are still very important to our way of life.

Some people want the government to take care of them with other people's money. We believe that each person has the right to earn his/her own way. If you work hard and make money, you should be the one to decide how to spend it.

We are delighted that there is a rise in patriotism for this special holiday. Communities all over the country are celebrating and waving American flags. We should be proud of our heritage and teach our children how special it is to be an American.

God bless America: Land of the free and home of the brave. Long may she thrive.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Dec. 3, 1994, there was a double rainbow over Belleville Lake as about a dozen people gathered to create the Belleville-Area Independent newspaper. Each supporter put in \$1,000 and we went out and bought the necessities to get it going.

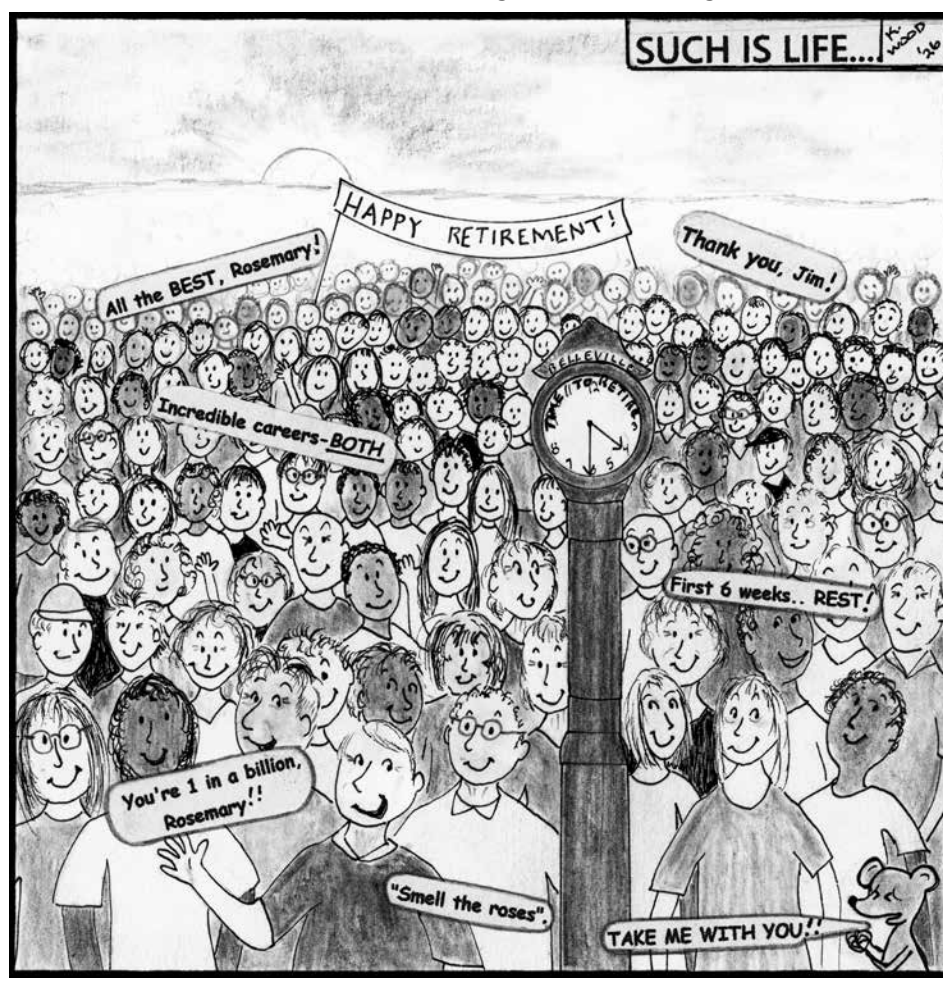
Designer Chesley Odom, who also saw the double-rainbow, created the design for our masthead. Over the past few years, we've been asked if the paper is gay because of the rainbow. I tell them we had the rainbow before gay got it.

At the beginning, I was the only one who knew how to make a newspaper, so I got to be editor and stayed the editor for more than 30 years until I got tired. I retired officially at the end of the day on Tuesday, July 30.

Over the years we published this local paper for the tri-community every Thursday without fail since our first edition on Jan. 5, 1995. It grew from 5,000 issues each week, to 7,000 where it has remained.

The paper carries local advertising, obituaries, local events, and reports on what our local municipalities, schools, and the district library are doing. Especially important are stories that affect your pocketbook.

In the early days, before social media, we had large papers with lots of room for stories on interesting people. We even had a travel writer who traveled all over the world and lived on E. Huron River Drive. We had a column on pets and another that was about a variety of subjects and was very charming. I had written the "Extra Things I Know"



column for almost ten years at the *Richmond Review* and then took a break when I worked as an editor at the *Longmont Daily Times Call* in Colorado. When we started the *Independent*, I resumed writing the column each week. After more than 30 more years of writing the weekly column, this is my final column.

This time, for good. I am really going home to sit on my couch and rest. I figure I've been a journalist for 70 years, starting as a fourth-grader when I created my first little newspaper. I got my sister to sell it for a penny apiece.

Good-bye. And, thank you for reading our local paper.

The new editor, Sarah Rigg, will introduce herself in next week's edition. She is sure to do a great job.

We want to thank everyone who has contacted me to wish me well on my retirement. I was celebrating my last-ever evening meeting in life as the three-hour VBT planning commission ended on June 24. Not to be. The city of Belleville set a special meeting on June 29 to approve the contract for the new city manager. So now, unless something else happens, my last evening meeting in life was Monday.

Before the special city council meeting started on Monday, Mayor Pro-Tem Kelly Bates said she had received a letter for the council and nobody else had. So, they copied it off.

It was from a man who informed them he

was going to start a new weekly paper in town. That surprised them, but I told them that at one time there were five weekly papers in Belleville and four of them were trying to put the *Independent* out of business. We survived.

We were happy to see the comment about last week's front-page story on our webpage from city manager finalist Darwin McClary, who was not selected as city manager. He graciously congratulated the winner, Brady Peck:

"Congratulations to Brady on the offer for this exciting position. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet and talk with staff during the meet-and-greet and the council during the interview. I wish the city all the best as it moves forward."

We see that Van Buren Township police officer Kurtis Mowbray was the winner of Saturday's police donut-eating contest at Lake Fest.

Sumpter Township Fire Chief Goode called Monday to say our information from a neighbor that we reported about the Willis Road fire was incorrect. He said it was a Sumpter fire and Sumpter got there six minutes after the call and eight minutes ahead of Huron Township. We stand corrected and apologize.



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 A community celebration has been planned for July 16, at 6 p.m. at the BYC (details in the ad elsewhere in this paper). For a nominal fee, all are welcome to support the paper, meet the new editor, dine and enjoy ourselves!  
 See y'all there,  
 Sharon C. Peters  
 Belleville Area Newspaper Foundation  
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**We do not want Waverly property developed**

To the editor:  
 We do not want the Waverly property developed. We bought our property across from the proposed site because at the time it had a golf course. We don't mind that it had become a wildlife area. We are extremely concerned about our property being subjected to flooding, the destruction of wildlife and the heavy burden of traffic on Denton Road that this project would cause.  
 The company spokesperson lied at the meeting saying that the development of the area was part of the original plan when they bought it. I had called the Van Buren Building Department when I saw people taking soil samples. After speaking with a couple of people there they told me that they (the Waverly owners) had just found

out that they owned the property. They bought the apartments over a year and a half prior to finding out that they owned that area so it could not have been part of the original plan.

Does this company plan on reimbursing us for the potential damage to our property, damage to the value of our homes and the traffic issues? I don't think so.  
 So no, we do not want the area developed, especially more rental property.

Laura Loepp  
 Van Buren Township

**Modern science affirms being Queer is not sinful**

To the editor:  
 Before I respond to the letter printed June 25 and submitted by Thomas Clayton, may I compliment the positive attitude expressed by the "Queer Belleville Resident" in the June 11 *Independent*. In that letter the writer spoke of Pride Month as a time of celebration and increased understanding, not as a request for sympathy.  
 Mr. Clayton's explanation for calling out homosexuality as sinful is based solely on his acceptance of the Bible as the authority on the matter. However, the content of the Judeo-Christian Bible was written by our ancestors who lived some 4,000 years ago, and the content is much older, reflecting mythology passed on orally by Hebrews over the generations.

We live in more enlightened times with access to DNA and behavior sciences. Some of our friends and relatives are short, tall, near-sighted, left-handed, and LBGTQ. These characteristics result from many factors, including inheritance via genes, which were unknown to Scripture writers.

Please do not judge individuals based on 7,000-year-old opinions. Just as we realize now that left-handedness is not "sinister," and is not longer subjected to attempts to make a person try to become right-handed, so modern science affirms that being Queer is not sinful.

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 Briana Papin  
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## Belleville residents deserve answers on city manager selection

To the editor:  
This is to the Belleville community and City Council:

I am writing to express serious concern about the recent decision by the Belleville City Council to select Brady Peck as the new City Manager over Darwin McClary.

Based on what was reported in your previous issue, Vol. 32.25, Mr. McClary has 36 years of experience as a city and business manager. The article also referenced a councilmember being impressed with his master's thesis, which strongly suggests he has obtained a master's degree.

By contrast, councilmembers described Mr. Peck as someone with "a lot of potential," an "opportunity for growth," and acknowledged that this position would be a "learning experience" for him - in other words, learning on the job.

That raises an obvious question: Why would the council choose someone who needs to grow into the role over someone who appears to already have decades of direct experience and advanced education?

This question becomes even more important because the council itself acknowledged that "suggested requirements from the International City Manager Association and the Michigan Municipal League place education and experience at the top of the list." Mayor Voigt also stated that the "city charter states the city manager should be selected solely on the basis of his executive and administrative qualifications, with special reference to his training and actual experience in municipal administration." (Vol. 32.26)

If that is the standard, then the public deserves a clear explanation for why Mr. McClary was passed over.

I do not make this next point lightly, but it cannot be ignored. The same article (Vol. 32.25) also noted that Mr. McClary has a husband. Given Belleville's political and social climate, it is not unreasonable for residents to wonder whether his sexual orientation played any role, directly or indirectly, in the council's decision. If it did not, then the council should have no problem clearly explaining why the candidate with 36 years of experience and apparent advanced education was deemed less qualified than a candidate described as needing "on-the-job learning".

This is not about attacking Mr. Peck personally. He may very well be capable and dedicated. But "potential" should not outweigh proven experience when selecting the chief administrative officer of a city.

Isn't this the same concern many people claimed to have with DEI -- that qualifications and experience should matter most? If so, this decision appears to be the strict opposite of a DEI hire: passing over a highly experienced candidate from a marginalized group in favor of someone with far less experience. That contradiction deserves to be addressed.

Belleville residents deserve leadership chosen through transparent, merit-based decision-making -- not vague statements about growth opportunities.

The council should explain, plainly and publicly, why Mr. Peck was considered the better choice under the city charter's stated

standard of executive and administrative qualifications, training, and actual municipal experience.

If there were legitimate reasons Mr. McClary was not selected, the public deserves to hear them.

Until then, many residents will be left questioning whether the most qualified candidate was truly chosen -- and whether all candidates were judged fairly.

Deeply Concerned Belleville Resident

## Religious belief is protected, not imposed

To the Editor:

This letter is to: Thomas G. Clayton.

In response to Thomas G. Clayton's letter in Vol. 32.26: The United States was not founded on "God's law" as civil law, but on a constitutional system grounded in popular sovereignty, natural rights philosophy, and secular legal authority.

The Declaration of Independence uses religious language, but the Constitution -- the actual legal foundation of the nation -- does not establish God, Christianity, or biblical law as the source of government power.

It begins with "We the People," not "God," and it explicitly forbids religious tests for public office while protecting religious freedom.

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but that belief is not the legal foundation of the United States and cannot be imposed on everyone else. This country protects the right of all people to hold their own views, especially when those views do not align with someone else's Bible.

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# School Board approves final budget, union employee agreements

By Sarah Rigg  
Special Writer

A large chunk of the June 22 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education focused on the district's proposed budget. The board also approved two contracts with unionized employees.

The session began with an explanation from district Finance Director Priya Nayak of the purpose of a hearing on the budget and a chance for public comment. The board is required by state law to approve a budget before July 1 each year.

Director Nayak's presentation covered

the timeline of when state and national funds are sent to schools, when schools typically start drafting a budget and how long it takes to create a final version, a look at the dozens of subcategories covered in the district's budget, and a discussion of how much is coming in from an education millage and other funding sources. The general fund final revenue total for the 2025-2026 was a little over \$78.3 million while outgoing general funds were about \$80.6 million.

The presentation also covered separate

funds for food service, student activities, community education, and special education, as well as the district's sinking fund.

Nayak also presented the first draft of the 2026-2027 budget that will undergo several public reviews before it's finalized.

The board was unanimous in its vote to accept the 2026 Final Budget Amendment approval, the 2026-2027 original budget adoption, and the 2026-2027 L-4029 resolution that sets the allocated operational millage and debt service rates that appear on tax bills. Vice President Dionne Falconer and Treasurer Calvin Hawkins were absent from the meeting.

The board also authorized a special payment for additional Chromebooks for the district. IT/Network Administrator Sean Garland explained that funds for replacement Chromebooks were already approved in the board's consent agenda, but because of changes at the state level, students are no longer able to use their own devices for schoolwork.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed a "smartphone ban" in February that means cellphones, tablets and other personal devices must be put away during class time. This means the number of available Chromebooks available for class instruction and tests has to be increased.

Garland says the number of Chromebooks was already "padded" to cover for broken devices or instances when students have left a device at home. All students must take tests on school devices now, so the margin has to be slightly larger.

The board also approved a one-year contract with the Van Buren Education Support Team (VBEST), a union representing custodians, paraprofessionals, and transportation staff and a three-year contract with VBAES, the union covering educational secretaries.

The next meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education will take place at 7 p.m. Monday, July 13 at the district's administration building

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Approved the layoff of two employees, because of dipping enrollment. Laid off

were Norah Borgdorff an English Language teacher at McBride, after one year of service, and Craig Otter, a Belleville High School physical education teacher, after two years of service;

- Approved hiring Jason Bodnar as assistant principal at Owen Intermediate School as of Aug. 1;

- Approved the retirement of Kim Richardson as a districtwide ELL facilitator after four years of service as of Dec. 19, and the resignation of Vanessa Lamar, a paraprofessional at Edgemont Elementary, after a year of service as of June 9;

- Approved a renewal of its cooperative agreement with Wayne Westland Community School District;

- Approved changes to its five-year Strategic Planning Process and discussed how that might align with the expiration of Superintendent Peter Kudlak's contract with the district in 2028; and

- Went into a closed session to discuss a student discipline issue. The student had been expelled and was reinstated with conditions. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



- June 27 – Jeff Schonacheck
- July 2 – Linda Anne Mitchell
- July 5 – Anthoony Richendollar, Joe Sixbey
- July 8 – Haidyn Gray
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 By Janet Millard  
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p.m. for the auditions. By 3:15 p.m. that day, the first rehearsal will run until 5 p.m. with rehearsals every day that week. The production of "Rapunzel" will have two performances on Saturday, July 25. This production is always great fun for our budding actors and something to look forward to during the hiatus from school.

Many of you know, and probably many don't, that there is a large convention center for Jehovah's Witnesses on Ecorse Road. This summer their 2026 Convention is being held July 10 through July 12 with sessions starting at 9:20 a.m. each day. Here is a big Belleville welcome to all the out-of-town visitors.

The Belleville Area Museum started having a Coffee Hour on the first and third Saturdays during the summer months. For July 4 and July 18 from 10:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Moody Brews will be sponsoring the refreshments. So plan on stopping by to have some treats, meet some old friends and hopefully make some new ones.

Here is something else I know - There will be a tribute to Elvis and Roy Orbison at the Eagles Hall on Aug. 2. Be watching for more information.

We had great fun at our space during Belleville Lake Fest. Thanks to the Belleville Central Business Community for the loan of the tent, table and chairs, to



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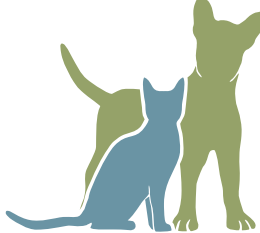
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Every week is so busy with activities for the whole family. The Farmers Market and Egan's Classic Car Show every Monday, Music Lakeside every Thursday, fireworks on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July, and to top it off this week on July 4 Sumpter Township celebrates America 250 Celebration with Sumpter Summer Jam. The Jam starts at 6 p.m. at the Community Center Pavilion with free concerts featuring Daniel Harrison and The \$2 Highway and Midnight in Michigan, plus fireworks & food trucks. Sumpter Parks & Recreation Committee members have been busy people.

Music Lakeside in Horizon Park this week features the Johnny Little Band and great food by Vera's Kuntry Bakery.

**Things to do in the Belleville area...**

- **Thursday, July 2** - Flag Day movie screening by the VFW/PLAV at 6:30 p.m. at Belleville City Hall, 330 Charles St. Donations accepted.
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# Belleville DDA puts out request for proposals for former hardware store

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

At the June 17 regular meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority, interim city manager/DDA director Steve Jones said a request for proposals has been put out for the former hardware store at 458 Main St. that the DDA owns.

He said he hopes to get proposals for the DDA board to look at its next meeting on July 15.

DDA member Whitney Beaubien, who serves on the committee concerning what to do with the land the DDA owns, said the committee will review the proposals and then bring the top two or three to the DDA to consider.

DDA vice chairman Chris Donley, who was presiding at the meeting in the absence of chairman John Winter, said he would like to see copies of all of the proposals.

The call for proposals prepared by the committee is seeking proposals for the lease or purchase of the commercial space at 458 Main St., which has been vacant since the hardware store closed in 2023 and was purchased by the DDA.

The entire building is about 7,700 square feet, containing one large commercial space and also three small commercial units along Fifth Street, which are currently rented.

The lease option pertains to only the single, large commercial space. A lease is anticipated to begin in the third quarter of this year for a rate of \$18-\$24 per square foot.

The commercial space has been largely gutted and is considered a blank slate.

The DDA's goal is to secure a tenant, such as a restaurant, retailer, or other high-traffic business, that will drive customer engagement and support further development in the area.

Committee member Phil Miller said the July 15 deadline could be extended.

In other business at the 47-minute meeting on June 17, the DDA:

- Granted the request of Atwater Tacos,

which has moved into the building that formerly was the Bayou Grill, for a \$20,000 façade grant, with \$10,000 of that a grant that doesn't have to be paid back and \$10,000 of that a loan to be repaid. The grant will cover siding, painting, and caulking, as well as the repainting of the alligator on the roof in the Mexican style. It was mentioned a mini sombrero might be added, as well. Atwater also has taco restaurants in Flat Rock and Monroe;

- Heard a presentation of the proposed 2026-27 DDA budget of \$832,550 by DDA secretary Denise Baker. It was then approved as presented;

- Took no action on the full-time/part-time DDA manager position being considered. Donley said he would like to get that locked down by the third or fourth quarter, after the city concludes its business of naming a permanent city manager. Jones currently serves as the full-time interim city manager and also the part-time director of the DDA;

- Heard DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner report on the June 6 Civic Duty Education Day at the library that was very successful, despite threatening rain all day. The event was sponsored by the DDA, Survivors Speak, and SOOAR, which Kelley-Bonner directs. She said politicians showed up to speak to people and she got to hold a snake.

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# VBT DDA

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shape,” Coburn said;

- Agreed to set a subcommittee meeting to discuss the 2027 fiscal year budget, with no more than five DDA members present to prevent a quorum;
- Heard Coburn announce that the county has scheduled the resurfacing of Tyler Road between Haggerty and Belleville roads for 2026 and the resurfacing of Belleville Road from the I-94 N. Service Drive to the Belleville Road Bridge in 2027;
- Learned that Walmart has appealed its

taxes to the Michigan Tax Tribunal and it has gone to trial. Coburn said to date the township has spent \$32,274.98 in attorney and appraisal costs;

- Learned that Wayne County is preparing to sign off on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) for the Belleville Road widening project that has a spring 2027 construction date. That means the NEPA approval for the Tyler Road Pathway isn't far behind, Coburn said;
- Heard Coburn announce that DDA staff is attending bi-weekly meetings with Giffels Webster for development of the township property at Belleville and Tyler

roads. The consultant currently is working on renderings that reflect the survey results that the township board will consider. Coburn said it is a work in progress;

- Learned a new business is coming to the district soon. Liquidation Wonderland will open at 11740 Belleville Rd., near Dos Pesos in the former Coldwell Banker office;
- Was informed the sprinkler system repairs have been completed and landscaping restoration begun at the corner of Ecorse and Belleville roads. This is being paid for by DTE since it is the result of the work they had done last winter;
- Learned the DDA is promoting a business retention and attraction strategy through TechTown Detroit, working on a gift card program, and working to create

a data base of district businesses to send out information to as well as the quarterly newsletter; and

- Heard supervisor Kevin McNamara say this wasn't an agenda item, but he wanted to ask DDA members for support of the July 16 special event at the BYC to keep the local newspaper running. Donations are needed for the new non-profit paper. He asked members to get the word out and to distribute a brochure he said is coming. Angelica Renaud of A-Design Line Embroidery said that she has provided 150 clips that say “Keep the Press Running” and she and Janet Millard are splitting the cost. The clips were to be distributed with information about the July 16 event at a booth at Lake Fest.



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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

**Case 26-008: Waverly Single Family Development – Rezoning Request.** A request by Pepper Pike Capital Partners to rezone parcels V-125-83-077-99-0002-002 and V-125-83-077-99-0002-007 from R-1B – Single Family Residential to RM – Multiple Family Residential. The subject parcels are located East of Beckley Road between I-94 Service Drive and Denton Road.

#### Zoning Ordinance Text Amendments:

- o **Belleville Road Overlay District (BROD) Height**
  - Article 6 Section 6.309(C)(2)(i) Additional building height, except hotels and adding Section 6.309 (C)(2)(j) Additional Building height requirements for hotels within our Belleville Road Overlay District. The amendments include height increase and façade requirements.

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

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

Posted: June 29, 2026  
 Published: July 02, 2026

## Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, July 6 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, July 7 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed.

• Wednesday, July 8 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

• Thursday, July 9 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

• Monday, July 13 – Van Buren Public Schools

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# VBT planners approve expansion of DTE Denton Rd. substation

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

During a three-hour meeting on June 24, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission unanimously approved a final site plan amendment to expand the existing DTE substation at 6845 Denton Rd.

This was a request by applicant YIP Ecorse BTS Partners Development, LLC on behalf of owner Wayne County Airport and is part of Project Venture/Stellantis.

On Jan. 28, the applicant received final site plan approval to construct a 2.1-million-

square-foot building with 9.7 acres of outdoor storage during a single development phase upon an undeveloped 354.85-acre parcel owned by the Wayne County Airport Authority.

The site is located on the north side of Ecorse Road, south of Van Born Road, east of Denton and west of Beck Road.

The applicant first amended the final site plan on April 8 to increase the footprint of the guardhouse by 88 square feet and increase the height of the guardhouse by six inches.

This substation expansion was the second amendment sought by the developer.

The expansion will include 9,130 square feet and is within a DTE easement on the site just east of Denton Road and immediately south of Van Born Road. The rest of the site outside of the DTE easement will remain unchanged from the previous site plan reviews and approvals.

The plan proposed the extension of the six-foot-tall chain link fence with a foot of barbed wire at the top. Although McKenna planning

consultant Lauren Sayre recommended a black metal security fence instead, after discussion the commission approved the barbed wire fence requested for security.

When asked why this expansion wasn't part of the original plans, a representative of the developer said they didn't know how big the substation had to be at the beginning and it was found not to be big enough. He apologized.

A DTE representative said the barbed wire isn't coiled, but a flat wire mesh that looks like a V when installed.

Fishbeck consulting engineer Paul Kammer said the overall drainage was improved to include this area and they will make sure Wayne County approves the drainage before expansion.

## Food truck at gas station

The commission was also asked to approve a temporary land use permit to operate a food truck in the parking lot at the gas station at 41001 E. Huron River Dr. for a year, each Friday through Monday.

Applicant Robert Kecskes, owner of 734 Hibachi and More food truck has been at that corner serving customers for a month, he said.

Under the township ordinance, those seeking approval for temporary land use for more than seven consecutive days or two weekends need to go before the planning commission for permit approval.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson said food trucks are being used throughout the area and the township needs to keep up with the trend that started after COVID. She said the township should be business-friendly and changes are needed in the ordinance. She said nothing in the township's ordinances specify food trucks.

Commissioner Atchinson said the city of Belleville has food trucks at Five Points and Hayward's. She said the trucks don't have the overhead of brick and mortar and businesses are changing.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr said a year isn't "temporary land use" and it's an accessory structure. He pointed out the parking lot at that site is crowded now. When the party store put in gas pumps its parking became non-compliant.

He said food trucks are supposed to move around and their appeal is in the variety. He said this request doesn't meet the requirements and probably should be denied. He said he has nothing against food trucks, but this is not in the right place.

Brittany Williams, planning and zoning specialist, said the ordinance says the township can grant a temporary land use for up to a year.

Commissioner Peter Creal said there has to be a way to make this work. He suggested the staff work with the food truck owner to hopefully get it going.

Ron Akers, director of municipal services, said staff would meet with them the next day and grant a permit for the holiday weekend. Then they would come back to the July 8 commission meeting to spell out the details.

Jahr made the motion to postpone action until the staff can revisit the siteplan and reveal unknown issues. He asked them to act quickly. The motion was seconded by commissioner Bernard Grant and unanimously passed by the commission.

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- Assisting with website and digital publishing coordination

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Not a lot of teams, but hope to have a lot of turnout next year. The day was beautiful weather and all enjoyed.

Again, a big Thank You to all the sponsors and attendees. See you again next year.

Your Belleville Rotary Chair  
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Featured artists are Daniel Harrison & The \$2 Highway and Midnight in Michigan.

Food trucks will be available from The King of Ribs & Soul Food, Cookin' with Passion, and Infinites. There will be free prize drawings.

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# 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 Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall, 330 Charles Street, Belleville, MI.

This test will certify the program used in tabulators that process voter ballots in the Tuesday, August 4, 2026 State Primary Election. Test 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 Papin  
 City Clerk

Posted: July 1, 2026  
 Publish: July 2, 2026

# Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

## Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library Board Candidates who wish to seek office at the November General Election must file with the Wayne County Clerk (2 Woodward Avenue, Suite 502, Detroit, MI) before July 16, 2026 at 4pm.

A candidate may run for a four-year term or to fill the vacancy of a departing board member (2 years).

Nonpartisan nominating petitions can be obtained from the Wayne County Clerk or from local municipal clerks on a general form, accepted by Wayne County. Signatures from each community (Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren) must be on separate petitions. The total number of signatures on the petition(s) shall be no less than 40 nor more than 100. In lieu of filing a nominating petition, a candidate may file a \$100 non-refundable fee, to have their name placed on the ballot. In addition to the fee or petition, the candidate must file an affidavit of identity.

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# VBT planners recommend denial of battery storage facility

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

During the four-and-a-half-hour regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on June 10, the commission voted 5-1 to recommend

denial of special land use for the proposed Battery Energy Storage System.

Commissioner Medina Atchinson opposed the motion and commissioner Peter Creal was absent.

The recommendation by the planning

commission now goes to the township board for a final decision.

Commissioner Atchinson asked the applicant, Stag Horn BESS, LLC, if it would back off plans for the development if the township board agreed with the

commission's recommended denial of special land use.

The applicant's attorney said the proposed site is immediately adjacent to a substation and this is very important to the project. She said the applicant wants to be in partnership with the township and has agreed to many amenities as part of this partnership.

But, if the township board turns down the special land-use request, her client is willing to pursue application through the Michigan Public Service Commission.

Atchinson said this was a really tough decision, but she would like to see the township in charge of the development, not the state which has the power to approve it. Then the many amenities requested by the township would not be required.

The project would install a 200 MW/800 MWh Battery Energy Storage System with supporting infrastructure on a 22.27-acre parcel located north of Bemis Road, west of Brown and Rounds Drains, east of Rawsonville Road and south of Martz Road.

Action on the special land use and preliminary site plan had been postponed from a previous commission meeting to give the developer time to get more information that commissioners wanted, including monitoring of sound levels.

On June 10 there were two-and-a-half hours of discussion, which included almost an hour of public comment on the BESS project. Several people who live in Augusta Woods, across Rawsonville Road near the site, were present to voice their disapproval.

This followed about 40 minutes of public comment on items not on the agenda, some being about the data center which has already been approved and others about the Waverly project that will put housing on what was supposed to be land dedicated as a golf course.

Commissioners Jackson Pahle and Bernard Grant were the only commissioners to vote against approving the data center at a previous meeting. They both spoke up with new issues against the BESS project and after almost two more hours of discussion by the commission, Grant made the motion to deny the special land use and it was seconded by Pahle.

After that was passed 5-1, Grant made a second motion, this time seconded by commissioner Jeff Jahr, to postpone action on the preliminary site plan request until after the township board makes a decision on the special land use. Without special land use, the development could not be built.

That motion passed unanimously. Since it was 8:46 p.m. and the 5:30 p.m. meeting had been going on for more than three hours, the commission agreed to a ten-minute break.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

#### IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN, MICHIGAN 48111

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified electors of the Charter Township of Van Buren in the State of Michigan who are not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated State agency. Registration can be completed online at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) or forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the Township Clerk

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is Monday, July 20, 2026.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 68.492) at the Charter Township of Van Buren Clerk's Office, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 at the following day and times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Additional Early Voting Hours: Saturday, July 25 through Monday, August 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday August 4, 2026 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Qualifications for Registration:**

- Applicant is at least 18 years of age
- Resident with the Charter Township of Van Buren for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Citizen of the United States

**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:

**State:** Governor

**Congressional:** United States Senator, Representative in Congress 6<sup>th</sup> District

**Legislative:** State Senator 4<sup>th</sup> District, Representative in State Legislature 31<sup>st</sup> District

**Proposal:** Wayne County Transit Authority Proposal

Wayne County Transit Authority

Wayne County Public Transportation Millage

A proposal to authorize the Wayne County Transit Authority to levy a millage for the purpose of funding public transportation services in Wayne County, including operating, maintaining, improving, and expanding transit services; creating and expanding new fixed routes for bus service connecting local communities; expanding transportation services for seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and the general public to access healthcare, education, and other daily needs.

The millage would be levied at a maximum rate of 0.9831 mills (0.98 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 10 years beginning with the 2026 tax year levy and ending with the 2035 tax year levy.

This millage would replace an expiring millage levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority supporting the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation ("SMART").

If this new millage is approved and levied, revenue will be distributed to Wayne County, SMART, Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), and other community and regional transit providers. It is estimated that \$57,616,329.00 will be collected in the first year.

Should this proposal be adopted?

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](http://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.

**Posted: June 24, 2026**  
**Published: July 2, 2026**

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## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 374 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.*

### Sunday, June 21:

0200 – 911 welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
0209 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0420 – noise complaint, Fairfield Dr.  
0424 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.  
0505 – welfare check, Southport Apts.  
0518 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Hardwood Dr.  
0527 – welfare check, S. Sadie Ln.  
0755 – intrusion alarm, Bemis Rd.  
0947 – larceny, Tavistock Dr.  
1032 – parking complaint, Kent Ln.  
1237 – road hazard, Belleville Rd.  
1321 – threat, Rose Blvd.  
1358 – missing person, Westlake Cir.  
1637 – 911 welfare check, Ecorse Rd.  
1838 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1916 – trespassing, Milton Dr.  
1958 – welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
2200 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
2251 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.  
2314 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lake Villa Dr.

### Monday, June 22:

0019 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville  
0258 – family trouble, Lake Point Blvd.  
0406 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0849 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Arthur St.  
0957 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ecorse Rd.  
1001 – missing person, Quirk Rd.  
1119 – suicidal person, Parkwood Dr.  
1153 – 911 welfare check, Coca-Cola Dr.  
xxxx – welfare check, Denton Rd.  
1413 – animal complaint, Martz Rd.  
1423 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Quirk Rd.  
1600 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville Rd.  
1643 – malicious destruction of property, Quirk Rd  
1853 – civil matter, Laguna Dr.  
1854 – runaway, Quirk Rd.  
1855 – shooting, Brookside Dr.  
2042 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
2301 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.

### Tuesday, June 23:

0011 – welfare check, E. Sadie Ln.  
0044 – warrant arrest, E. Jefferson St.  
0123 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Westlake Cir.  
0624 – animal complaint, Barkley St.  
0834 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.  
0920 – 911 welfare check, Borgman Ave.  
0937 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ecorse Rd.  
xxxx – private property impound, Ecorse Rd.  
1157 – assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.  
1213 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.  
xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1259 – domestic, N. Ponderosa Trl.  
1303 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
1326 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1414 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1415 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.  
1422 – suicidal person, Haggerty Rd.  
1430 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1510 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1514 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
1556 – shooting, Savage Rd./Martinsville Rd.  
1646 – assist fire dept., Jeremy Rd.  
1654 – parking complaint, Kent Ln.  
1653 – intrusion alarm, Pebblebrook Dr.  
1843 – domestic, Assembly St.  
xxxx – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1938 – assist other dept., Pine Dr.  
1943 – assist fire dept., Rose Blvd.  
2018 – assist other dept., Assembly St.  
2054 – welfare check, Walden Blvd.  
2108 – welfare check, Winchester St.  
2115 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.  
2153 – missing person, Westlake Cir.

2147 – intrusion alarm, Hannan Rd.  
2148 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
2345 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
**Wednesday, June 24:**  
0544 – intrusion alarm, Van Born  
0825 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Tyler Rd.  
0941 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ecorse Rd.  
0951 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1019 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1044 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1132 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
1126 – assist other dept., Wexford  
xxxx – private property impound, Lighthouse Dr.  
1214 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ayres Ave.

1217 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.  
1304 – animal complaint, Buchanan St.  
1347 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Michigan Ave. / Dellor St.  
1356 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Morton Taylor Rd.  
1409 – assist other dept., Main St.  
1453 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.  
1546 – civil matter, Stamford Rd.  
1552 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd.  
1557 – assist other dept., Winchester St./Vernon  
1622 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Mission Pointe  
1651 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ventura Dr. / Peninsular Dr.  
1752 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
1943 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, N. I-275/Ecorse Rd.  
2015 – misc. complaint, Bog Rd./Rawsonville Rd.  
2044 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.  
2116 – assist other dept., Sheldon Rd.  
2156 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr./Martinsville Rd.  
2153 – traffic offense, Lauren Ct./Elwell Rd.  
2137 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.  
2151 – noise complaint, Village Green Ln.  
2226 – fireworks, E. Huron River Dr.  
2239 – noise complaint, Martinsville Rd.

### Thursday, June 25:

0000 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0107 – 911 welfare check, Bradley Dr.  
0752 – parking complaint, Andover Farms  
0735 – family trouble, Westlake Cir.  
0758 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.  
0811 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride Ave.  
0907 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Ecorse Rd.  
1013 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Montague Ave.  
1035 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Buren St.  
1057 – property damage accident, Bayshore Dr.  
1133 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.  
1206 – 911 welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
1228 – felony assault, Denton Rd. Apt.  
1332 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1337 – harassment call, Old Michigan Rd.  
1417 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
1448 – court detail, Tyler Rd.  
1454 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Walden  
1500 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Walden Blvd.  
1525 – vehicle lockout, Oak Ln.  
1531 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1541 – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.  
1609 – property damage accident, Denton Rd. / Michigan Ave.

1600 – family trouble, Beck Rd.  
1642 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1800 – welfare check, Southport Apts.  
1828 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.  
1929 – civil matter, Locust Dr.  
1932 – traffic offense, Elwell Rd./Martz Rd.  
1945 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
2050 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2328 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Hannan

### Friday, June 26:

0045 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.  
0114 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Anna Dr.  
0141 – intrusion alarm, S. Timberview Dr.  
0350 – noise complaint, Lancaster Dr.

0716 – parking complaint, Kent Ln./Fairfield Dr.  
0718 – larceny from auto, Hannan Rd.  
0740 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0918 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.  
0947 – animal complaint, Chaney Ave.  
1018 – threat, Rawsonville Rd.  
1035 – found property/child, Ecorse Rd.  
1146 – warrant arrest, Main St./Fifth St.  
1307 – 911 welfare check, Rawsonville Rd.  
1320 – parking complaint, Sonrisa St./Nautica Dr.  
1331 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Lake Point Blvd.  
1355 – assist fire dept., Lake Crest Dr.  
1416 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1450 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1515 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.  
1522 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1639 – shooting, E. Huron River Dr.  
1711 – domestic, Van Born Rd.  
1853 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1853 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1910 – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.  
2040 – retail fraud, Michigan Ave.  
2116 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Westlake Cir.  
2207 – larceny, Hannan Rd.  
2223 – fireworks, Colonial Rd.  
2338 – warrant arrest, Tyler Rd.  
2332 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Martinsville Rd.  
2321 – 911 welfare check, S. Timberview Dr.

### Saturday, June 27:

0003 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.  
xxxx – welfare check, Van Buren St.  
0220 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0326 – welfare check, Renton Rd.  
0400 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0454 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Holly Ln.  
0944 – assist other dept., South St.  
0956 – weapons violation, Park Estates  
1048 – domestic, Oak Ln.  
xxxx – traffic offense, High St./W. Columbia Ave.  
1201 – parking complaint, Nautica Dr./Sonrisa St.  
1320 – assault & battery, Ecorse Rd.  
1335 – welfare check, McBride Ave.  
1338 – assist fire dept., Belleville Rd.  
1403 – fraud, Stamford Rd.  
1404 – intrusion alarm, Harmony Ln.  
1425 – domestic, Pinewood Ln.  
1456 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
1510 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.  
1546 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1622 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ecorse  
1645 – parking complaint, Sonrisa St./Nautica Dr.  
1652 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
1656 – domestic, Ironwood Dr.  
1840 – parking complaint, Sonrisa St.  
1901 – intrusion alarm, Chester Ct.  
1928 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1954 – parking complaint, Nautica Dr.  
2013 – mental subject, Assembly St.  
2045 – motorist assist, Water's Edge  
2059 – fight, Belleville Rd.  
2201 – personal injury accident, W. I-94 Service Dr./Haggerty Rd.  
2257 – fireworks, E. Huron River Dr.  
2247 – background investigation, Tyler Rd.  
2317 – lost property/child, Beck Ball Fields  
Also, on this log are 165 traffic stops, 50 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, June 21:

0226 – property check, Victorian Ln.  
1215 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1809 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Henry St.  
2006 – welfare check, S. Biggs Ave.

### Monday, June 22:

0030 – property check, High St.

0110 – property check, Village Park  
0136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.  
1411 – warrant arrest, N. Aberdeen Ct.  
1419 – misc. complaints, Menlo Park Dr.  
1437 – follow up by officer, Main St.  
1805 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Victorian Ln.  
1826 – assist fire dept., S. Biggs Ave.  
1932 – assist other dept., Quirk Rd.  
2106 – assist other dept., Menlo Park Dr.

### Tuesday, June 23:

0955 – property check, Horizon Park  
1001 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1054 – found property/child, Charles St.  
1825 – follow up by officer, Main St.  
2025 – harassment call, Wexford Ave.  
2059 – property check, High St.

### Wednesday, June 24:

0402 – intrusion alarm, South St.  
1028 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.  
1125 – shooting, Wexford Ave.  
1825 – welfare check, Fourth St.  
2041 – abandoned auto, S. Biggs St.  
2055 – abandoned auto, Potter Dr./E. Huron River  
2110 – disorderly, Henry St.  
2200 – property check, High St.  
2229 – motorist assist, Water Works  
2320 – property check, Village Park

### Thursday, June 25:

1924 – larceny, Menlo Park Dr.  
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.  
2108 – traffic offense, Victorian Ln./Savage Rd.  
2152 – property check, Main St.  
2200 – property check, Village Park  
2359 – noise complaint, Carmell St.

### Friday, June 26:

0154 – welfare check, Henry St./Church St.  
0851 – domestic, Harbour Pointe Dr.  
0936 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1003 – property check, S. Biggs Ave.  
1025 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1043 – property check, Owen Nature Trail  
1121 – civil matter, E. Huron River Dr.  
1133 – property check, S. Edgemont Ave.  
1227 – harassment call, Robbe St.  
1451 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave.  
xxxx – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.  
1735 – missing person, E. Columbia Ave.  
1739 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1820 – 911 welfare check, Main St.  
1926 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.  
2158 – assault & battery, Main St.

### Saturday, June 27:

0214 – property check, N. Liberty St.  
0941 – domestic, South St.  
0954 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.  
1425 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.  
1435 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.  
1823 – welfare check, Savage Rd./E. Columbia  
1953 – parking complaint, Main St.  
2111 – civil matter, Main St.  
2235 – vehicle lockout, Fourth St.

There are 144 reports on this week's log, 84 of which are traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, June 21:

0213 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.  
1217 – animal bite, Indiana St.  
1309 – family trouble, Walnut St.  
1714 – neighbor dispute, Texas St.  
1906 – juvenile matter, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1930 – civil matter, Mulberry  
1958 – neighbor dispute, Greenmeadow Dr.  
2100 – suspicious person, 47000 Wear Rd.  
2334 – mental health call, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

### Monday, June 22:

0213 – suspicious vehicle, Arkona Rd./Sherwood  
0255 – family trouble, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
0910 – suspicious circumstance, Willis/Sherwood  
0939 – civil matter, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1050 – welfare check, Birch Dr.  
1517 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1715 – shots fired, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

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# Flag Day

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**Thursday, July 2nd**

**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Please join the Belleville VFW and PLAV for this exclusive screening! Donations will be accepted to go towards maintenance of the War Memorial in Horizon Park.

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>	<b>HOSTED BY</b>
Belleville City Hall	330 Charles Street, Belleville, MI	Belleville VFW Post 4434 PLAV Post 167
<b>RSVP</b>	RSVP to jebstone63@gmail.com	

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1740 – follow-up investigation, 41000 bl. Harris  
 1742 – follow-up investigation, Indiana St.  
 1900 – juvenile matter, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.  
 1958 – follow-up investigation, 41000 bl. Harris  
 2012 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Clay  
 2028 – death investigation, 10000 bl. Rawsonville  
 2034 – 911 hangup, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
 2219 – suspicious circumstance, Nevada St.

**Tuesday, June 23:**  
 0027 – suspicious person, New Mexico St.  
 0108 – noise complaint, Utah St.  
 0525 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.  
 0941 – follow-up investigation, 51000 bl. Arkona  
 1041 – neighbor dispute, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.  
 1515 – harassment complaint, Ohio St.  
 1545 – citizen assist, Greenmeadow Dr.  
 1606 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1624 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1637 – citizen assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1729 – disorderly person, Magnolia Dr.

**Wednesday, June 24:**  
 0325 – suspicious person, Judd Rd./Elwell Rd.  
 0338 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
 0457 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 0757 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.  
 0912 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
 0918 – animal complaint, 27000 Martinsville Rd.  
 1018 – animal complaint, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 1158 – follow-up investigation, Greenmeadow Dr.  
 1233 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Wear Rd.  
 1238 – fire dept. assist, Utah Ct.  
 1327 – fire dept. assist, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
 2014 – follow-up investigation, Nevada St.

**Thursday, June 25:**  
 0113 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
 0427 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1018 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
 1326 – 911 hangup, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
 1327 – 911 hangup, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1332 – animal complaint, Delaware St.  
 1341 – 911 hangup, Sumpter Rd./Clay Rd.  
 1418 – follow-up investigation, Ohio St.  
 1720 – citizen assist, Arizona  
 1800 – welfare check, Washington St.  
 1812 – civil matter, Washington St.  
 1824 – harassment complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

1850 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
 1959 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.  
 2009 – family trouble, Kansas  
 2044 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
 2116 – suspicious vehicle, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.  
 2214 – noise complaint, Magnolia Dr.  
 2345 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.

**Friday, June 26:**  
 0134 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
 1059 – animal complaint, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.  
 1113 – harassment complaint, Brookview Dr.  
 1434 – animal bite, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.  
 1818 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.  
 1931 – suspicious circumstance, Kansas St.  
 1948 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
 2026 – follow-up investigation, 29000 bl. Elwell  
 2027 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
 2212 – possession of narcotics, 19000 bl. Sumpter  
 2315 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
 2340 – noise complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.

**Saturday, June 27:**  
 0056 – mental health call, Haggerty Rd./Wear Rd.  
 0103 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Colorado St./California St.  
 0107 – fire dept. assist, Haggerty Rd./Wear Rd.  
 0608 – welfare check, Timberlane Dr.  
 0920 – follow-up investigation, out of township  
 1228 – suspicious circumstance, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1316 – citizen assist, 45000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
 1325 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
 1402 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.  
 1415 – damage to property report, Nevada St.  
 1549 – traffic complaint/hazard, 20000 bl. Sumpter  
 1608 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.  
 1644 – 911 hangup, Greenmeadow Dr.  
 1725 – noise complaint, Birch Ct.  
 1756 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1848 – follow-up investigation, Kansas St.  
 1932 – traffic complaint/hazard, 42000 bl. Wear  
 1955 – suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr.  
 2119 – 911 hangup, Country Club Blvd.  
 2320 – family trouble, Creekside Dr.

Also on the log are 111 patrol checks, 55 traffic stops and 11 misc. details.

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**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 21, 2026 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 21, 2026.

Leon Wright  
 Van Buren Charter Township

Post: July 2, 20256  
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 July 16, 2026



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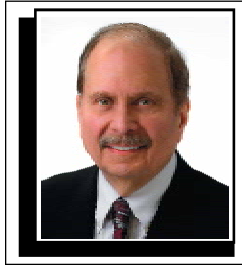
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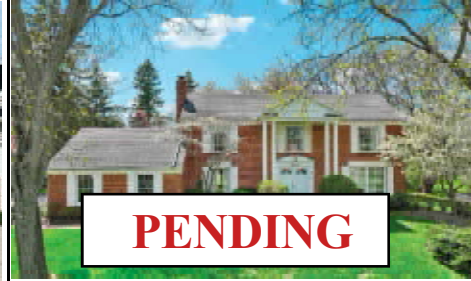
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