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## Steve Jones now interim city manager

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

Steve Jones, assistant city manager, was promoted to temporary interim city manager at Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council.



Mayor Ken Voigt said Jones will get a \$10,000 per year raise, which will be prorated. According to information provided to the *Independent*, for the year 2024, Jones made \$73,624.96 base pay and with benefits it was \$87,881. The city manager at the time, Jason Smith, made \$86,923.08 base pay and \$107,859.12 with fringes.

The city parted company with Smith on June 19. Mayor Voigt said then that the city probably will do a search for a new city manager, but there is no hurry since they have an assistant city manager.

In other business at the 17-minute meeting on Monday, the council:

- Witnessed the ceremonial swearing in of Heather Holcomb of Garden City as a new Belleville Police officer. She has 17 years of police experience and came to Belleville from Center Line. Her parents Joann and Herb Holcomb of Westland were in the audience;

- Heard brief comments from Diane Blazek and Galen Gates from America in Bloom. The team was in Belleville Monday and Tuesday to assess the town's landscaping and community vitality and to write a report. Before the meeting, mayor Voigt gave them directions to John Juriga's home on East Huron River Drive, where the council apparently hurried to after its

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees accepted a check for \$1,794,428 of federal money through the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments for work on the sidewalks along Tyler Road from Quirk Road to McBride Road. From left are trustees Bryon Kelley and William Frazier; Clerk Leon Wright; trustee Donald Boynton who serves on the SEMCOG board; supervisor Kevin McNamara; SEMCOG executive director Amy O'Leary; trustee Kevin Martin; state representative Reggie Miller; and treasurer Sharry Budd.

## SEMCOG presents \$1.74 million check to VBT

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting July 15, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees was very happy to accept a check for \$1.74 million in federal funds obtained through the Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments.

The funds will be used to build a shared-use path along Tyler Road from Quirk Road to McBride Road to increase safety for those walking and biking. It will also have a HAWK signal to create a safer road

crossing near Walden Boulevard.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara had the board walk out of the meeting and down the hall to pose in front of a special backdrop that had been put in place near the front door of township hall.

The meeting wasn't officially paused, but the picture with the ceremonial check was taken with the board, the SEMCOG representative, and state representative Reggie Miller. Then they walked back down the hall and resumed the meeting.

Supervisor McNamara said he was

very excited about the check, saying the township had applied for the Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant two or three times and was turned down each time.

He said they were disappointed, but they applied again.

He said they ramped up their application, put trustee Donald Boynton on the SEMCOG board, he never missed a meeting, and there was a personal application. The township finally got the

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Children gathered for auditions on Monday at McBride Middle School for parts in "The Jungle Book" that will be presented on Saturday at 3 and 5 p.m. The Missoula Children's Theatre is back in town to offer children an opportunity to appear onstage. The cast will be rehearsing every day this week with the Missoula directors before their performances.

## Belleville DDA working on final proposal for business incubator

By Rosemary K. Otzman  
Independent Editor

Steve Jones, acting Belleville city manager and director of the Downtown Development Authority, reported to the DDA at its July 16 meeting that he is working to finalize a proposal with a consultant for a business incubator project in the former hardware store the DDA owns on Main Street.

He said Laura Sigmund of Best Practices consulting services, also works out of the Romulus Nest that uses small office space. She plans to run the Belleville program in cooperation with the Romulus project, using the Belleville retail space for businesses.

Jones said Sigmund thinks this is a perfect partnership, since Belleville is walkable, the location is on Main Street, and it has big windows.

DDA member Chris Donley said Romulus is not walkable downtown and the entrepreneurs leave Romulus once they are trained.

"The idea behind this is to give entrepreneurs a chance to begin," said mayor Ken Voigt, who added the city plans on working with universities as well, using their graduate students.

Jones said he is still working on the cost. He said there will be a graduated fee

schedule for rent, small at the beginning, going up to almost market-grade in seven months.

Mayor Voigt said they plan to guide the trained entrepreneurs into empty spaces and show developers we have people for them. He said there is no shortage of entrepreneurs in this area and all you have to do is walk through the farmers' market to see that.

DDA member Valerie Kelley-Bonner said they want to get the right kinds of businesses.

Mayor Voigt said they are seeking food-based and retail. He said if you study successful downtowns, "What I've been doing for 41 years," they have a critical mass of eating places.

Jones said he expects a successful venture because of Sigmund's experience.

When asked how many participants they can have, Jones said 15, but he has to get the bathroom facilities in place and get the place painted.

Donley said they could turn the outside covered area into an eating area.

"It's slow, but we want to make sure we're doing it right," Jones said.

He said the next step is to get the bathrooms done and finalize the proposal with Sigmund. Then it will be brought back to the DDA for final approval.

In other business at the July 16 meeting, the DDA:

- Unanimously approved the DDA budget for 2025-26. Mayor Voigt said the maintenance agreement with the city goes away and the DDA only pays for a portion of the director's salary;

- Heard Jones report that the clock was put up in the Fourth Street Square at around 3 that afternoon and Craig Atchinson dropped off a "sizeable donation" for the clock. Also, the pickleball court is up in Village Park. Mayor Voigt said a ribbon-cutting is needed;

- Was introduced to Antonio Harrison, an intern from Grand Valley State University where he is a political science major. He lives locally and wants to be a lawyer. He has been working on projects since May, including the base deterioration of the LaSalle statue in Victory Park and preparing the DDA office for the move to the new city hall;

- Discussed a proposal to replace the water truck that waters all the flowers downtown. Jones said the former fuel truck that had replaced the old water truck had a transmission failure so they are back to the old truck that is in bad shape. Needed is something to support a 5,000-pound tank filled with water. Mayor Voigt said all the flowers that have been planted, especially

the baskets, have to be watered every day. Jones presented a proposal for a truck from LaFontaine in Walled Lake. He said he didn't contact Atchinson but looked on its website and didn't see a truck they could use. Donley and Voigt said they would like to go local and Atchinson might be able to get a truck. Jones said he would call Atchinson and explore all options. Costs can come out of the fund balance, said secretary Denise Baker. Voigt said the truck they are using now is "pretty ratty-looking";

- Heard Donley, head of the Marketing and Community Engagement committee, report on the social media efforts through Kathleen Springer's group. They reported the Summer of Local Love promotion is a big hit with the businesses. Jones said the city is working with Jessica Thomas at Holiday Inn on a marketing of Belleville to motel residents. The DDA also bought pages in Van Buren Today magazine; and

- Heard Voigt say Belleville might be eligible next year for the Detroit Institute of Arts Inside/Out program, which has put up art in Van Buren Township this summer. He said municipalities can apply every three years and Belleville last had the DIA art a few years ago. Voigt said the city has a lot of public art now and they need to promote the public art with a map.



# OPINIONS

## Editorial:

### Thanks to Barbara Miller for bringing Missoula back

Barbara Rogalle Miller, one of the founders of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, is known for having good ideas and pursuing projects. She's likely to turn the projects over to others to complete, since she also has a knack for administration.

The Missoula Children's Theatre is one of her recent projects. It's under way this week at McBride Middle School, where local children are rehearsing for this Saturday's presentation of "The Jungle Book" under the direction of a team from Missoula, Montana.

Missoula had come to this area every year from 1992-1999, putting on the shows with local children in Sumpter, with Mary Herring making sure things were in place. Then it was gone until Nov. 14, 2018 when BACA approved Missoula to come for "The Pied Piper" in May 2019. That was a bad year for group projects and the show didn't happen and it's been gone since.

Now it's back and a large group of youngsters gathered on Monday to audition for parts in "The Jungle Book." They are practicing every day this week and presenting their shows on Saturday at 3 and 5 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$5 for adults and \$2 for children.

Harry Van Gelder is doing a lot of the work on this project and has put on fund-raisers to help pay for the hefty cost of the program. Thank you, Barbara and Harry, and all the other volunteers. Welcome back, Missoula Theatre. We missed you.

## EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

John Winter, who is chairman of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority and also one of the owners of Egan's Pub, thanked Belleville Public Safety for stabilizing a man who collapsed at Third and Main during the July 14 car show. Winter said the emergency workers stabilized the man for 20 minutes until Huron Valley Ambulance got there to take over.

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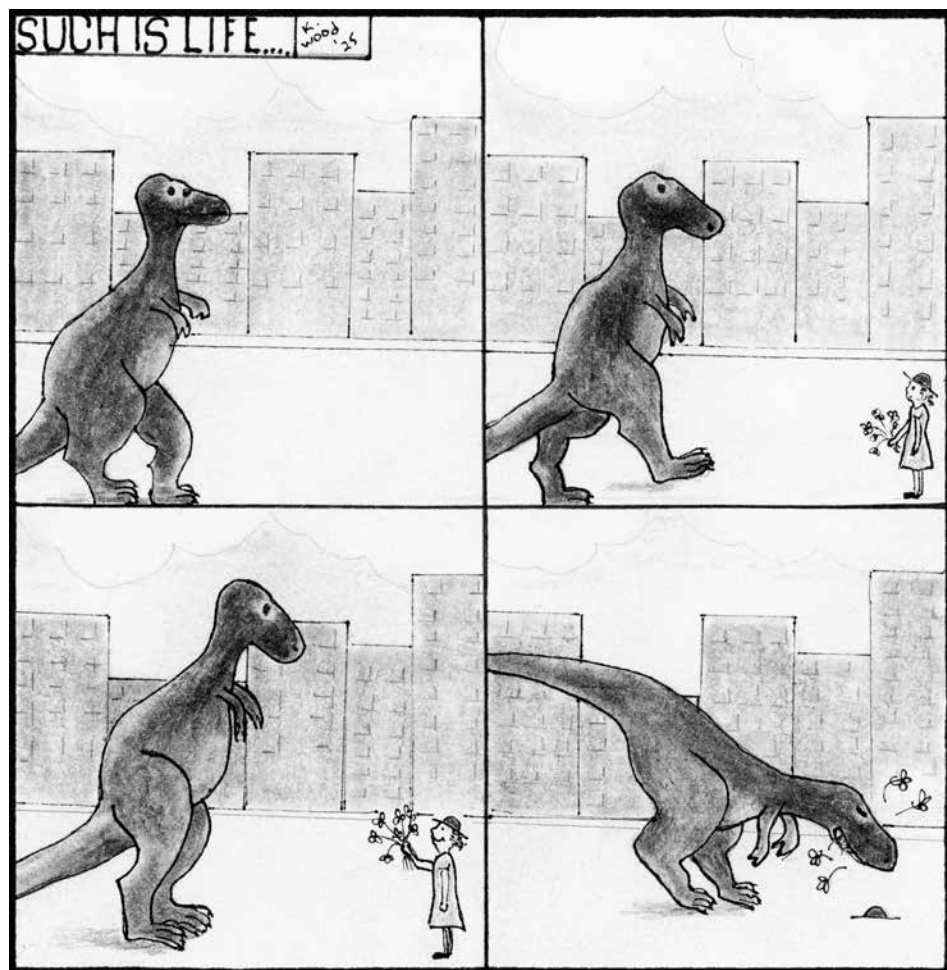
Travis Sheets, the president and CEO of the Sheetz family chain of convenience stores/gas stations, was in the area on Tuesday to preside over the second Sheetz store to open in Romulus. This one is at 29225 Smith Rd. The first store opened last August at 33380 Wick Rd. and is doing very well.

At Tuesday's celebration, Sheetz sponsored a food drive and everyone who brought a non-perishable item received a gift. And, there were a couple drawings for \$250 gift cards.

Sheetz is in the process of opening 50-60 new stores in Michigan and the first two are in Romulus.

The chain also plans to open a Sheetz location at the southwest corner of Haggerty and Ecorse roads in Van Buren Township. They are working on the drainage problems at that site before work can begin.

The Sheetz request to build at the site came in the same day as another one to build on the northwest corner of Haggerty and Ecorse, right across the street. There already is a truck stop at the northeast corner, so Van Buren Township put a six-month moratorium on fueling stations in



the township and just passed an ordinance amendment that requires them to be at least a quarter of a mile apart. The new law, of course, doesn't affect those who previously had applied at the Haggerty/Ecorse corner.

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The Michigan DNR sent out a news release about Pete Pitzen's grandson Codie Carlson of Newport who caught a state record-setting 64.46-pound flathead catfish while bow-hunting in the middle of the night June 29 in Plum Creek in Monroe County.

Of course, Pete had already announced this to our readers in a letter to the editor published last week. He's pretty proud of Codie, who grew up in Belleville and attended Tyler Elementary and North Middle School, Pete said in his letter.

Pete still lives here and gives out free American flags through the Belleville VFW. You see a lot of letters from him about flags.

We were glad to see the DNR news release because readers have been asking me where he caught that fish and Pete didn't know. The DNR said it was on Plum Creek in Monroe County. The secret's out.

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We're told someone mowed down the carefully planted Trilliums and Lady Slippers and a third of the Monarch Butterfly Garden in Banotai Park recently.

A handful of people have worked on the Sumpter Butterfly Garden over the past

few years to get it to where it was growing beautifully. Recently two visitors from France and one from Denmark came to view the garden.

We're told research on Monarch Butterflies was done in 2009 on the International Space Station to see how the loss of gravity affected them. They learned a lot of things, but concluded there is a lot more to learn about the Monarchs.

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Recently a resident of Canada who regularly visits Belleville brought us some Canadian papers to read. He said it was amazing how many of the things he reads in the *Independent* are also under discussion in Ontario.


For instance, *The Chatham Voice* reports the bridge in Wallaceburg, Ontario, that has been closed for nearly two years is now open to pedestrians, but more fixing is to be done before boats can go under.

The paper also had lots of discussion about the Dresden landfill, a toxic waste dump.

Another reader brought us five different newspapers from New Hampshire that were very interesting. I enjoy reading papers of all kinds to get new ideas. Thank you all.

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## Letters

### Belleville alumni to join tailgate party Sept. 12

To the editor:

Belleville High School, along with the Belleville High School Alumni Association, will be hosting a tailgate event for all B.H.S. alumni and their spouses and children.

The event will take place at the B.H.S. Commons on Friday, Sept. 12, before the home football game.

The tailgate will begin at 4 p.m. Plan to meet members of your class, other classes, athletes, musicians, club members, or just supporters of B.H.S.

A buffet tailgate will be available from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. Traditional tailgate food will be available free of charge, thanks to a special group of alumni. There may be a small cost for beverages. Entrance to the game is also at no cost.

We plan to have entertainment with cheerleaders, bands, and special guests. The school store will also be open. At 6:30 p.m., the tailgaters will join the BHS Marching Band and follow it to the football field. When we reach the home stands the tailgaters will go to the bleachers to cheer the Tigers on to victory.

Please RSVP to this event by Aug. 29. Your response allows the chef to plan for enough food for everyone. The response also guarantees entry into the event. You may still attend the tailgate without RSVP if the Commons have not reached its capacity.

Any questions: (734) 740-7464.

All other alumni RSVP to the website at <https://www.vanburenschools.net/o/belleville-high>.

Association Alumni members email @ [bellevilleallclass@gmail.com](mailto:bellevilleallclass@gmail.com).

Belleville High School Alumni Association

**Editor's Note:** This event is in place of the annual all-alumni dinner.

## A perfect day in Sumpter Township

To the editor:

What a perfect day we had in Sumpter Township! This past Saturday's Family Fun Day was a tremendous success, drawing around 300 attendees and filling Graham Park with smiles, laughter, and community spirit.

The weather was beautiful, and the bounce house with a water slide kept kids giggling all day. The Splash Tower was another crowd favorite -- children had a blast soaking their friends with a well-aimed toss. Cliff's Grab-n-Go provided delicious food and Rainey's Ice Cream Truck served up cool, tasty treats.

Activities were everywhere: cornhole, Jenga, hula hoops, ring toss, a three-legged race, a kiddie pool for the little ones, and even a cupcake walk where kids won sweet prizes. Families lined up for free vision screenings courtesy of the Lions Club. Sumpter Township's Fire Department brought out the fire truck, and the Police Department joined in the fun as well.

One of the highlights of the day was the watermelon seed spitting contest -- with Quentin stealing the show by launching a seed an impressive 48 feet! Another favorite was the face-painting tent, with Lorrie Honey and Savannah Sircey doing an outstanding job and keeping a steady line of eager kids and some grown-ups too.

And let's not forget the new placescape at Graham Park -- a big hit with children and families alike.

There are far too many people to thank in a short letter, but please know that every helping hand made a difference. This is what it's all about -- bringing our community together, creating memories, and enjoying the simple joy of being neighbors. All day long, I saw nothing but happy faces and heard the sound of laughter in the air.

Thank you, Sumpter Township, for making Family Fun Day truly unforgettable!

Anita Honey  
Secretary, Sumpter Twp. Parks and Rec.  
Photos of the day can be seen on FB Everything Sumpter.

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• Wednesday, July 30 – Joint meeting of tri-community planning commissions of Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township at 5 p.m. at the Belleville High School cafeteria.

• Wednesday, July 30 – Wayne County Drain Commission's Board of Determination meets at 6 p.m. at Wayne County Community College District's Ted Scott Campus, Room D100 lecture hall, 9555 Haggerty Rd., to consider maintenance and improvement of Hubbard Drain. A petition dated April 5 has been submitted to the county.

• Monday, Aug. 4 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Aug. 5 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., and workshop at 5 p.m. as needed



# Obituaries



Betty Hughey

## BETTY HUGHEY

March 3, 1937 – July 18, 2025

Betty Hughey, age 88, of Belleville, MI, passed away on July 18, 2025, at home in hospice care with her family by her side. She was born on March 3, 1937, in Mekinok, North Dakota to Oscar and Tonetta (Brattlie) Burtness. After high school she married her husband, Bernard Hughey, Jr. and they began their family. She was an amazing mother and grandmother. Betty was an extraordinary seamstress. In her spare time, she liked to travel and read books, while spending time with her dog, Leia. She loved to babysit the grandchildren. Betty was a very faithful woman. She belonged to the First United Methodist Church in Belleville and attended the Bible study there on Wednesdays. She also helped with the funeral luncheons. A great woman who will be missed.

She is survived by her children, Cynthia (Paul) Smith of Belleville, MI, David (Joyce) Hughey of New Boston, MI, and Bernard Hughey III of Belleville, MI; her grandchildren Jennifer (Ron Mann), David Jr. (Jenny) Blake (Lei), and Stephanie; her great-grandchildren, Daniel, Ella, Ronnie, Robbie, David III, Leon, Amelya, and Luna; her beloved and faithful puppy Leia; as well as many other nieces and nephews and friends and neighbors.

She is preceded in death by her husband Bernard in 2007 after 51 years of marriage, her parents, and her 6 siblings.

There will be a memorial at the First United Methodist Church on Saturday, August 2, 2025, from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Pastor Greg Buchner will officiate.

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# Tiggs sentenced to 18 years in prison for 2023 VBT shooting death

Matthew Torrey Tiggs, Jr., 24, of Eastpointe, has been sentenced to 18 years in prison for the Aug. 4, 2023 shooting death of 26-year-old Jean Thomas Butchart in the Van Buren Estates mobile home park in the 16800 block of Lohr Rd. in Van Buren Township.

The victim, who was pulling weeds on his first day on the job as a maintenance worker, was found dead with a bullet wound in the head. Nine charges were filed against Tiggs for this and two other incidents in the mobile home park.

On June 17, 2025 he pled guilty to second-degree murder, assault with intent to murder, and two felony firearm charges. Three charges of possession of a weapon by a felon were dropped, along with a charge of felonious assault and felony firearm.

On July 9, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Kelly Ramsey sentenced him to a prison term of 2 years to 20 years, with credit for time served of 703 days. Fees totaled

\$402.

A jury trial that had been set for Aug. 25 was canceled.

Van Buren Township Police said Tiggs had approached the victim, produced a handgun and fired it multiple times before fleeing the scene.

Tiggs also was accused of pulling a firearm after an argument with a 45-year-old man around 11:31 a.m. on the previous Friday, July 28, 2023 in the 30 block of Birch Drive in the mobile home park. He pointed the weapon at the man before fleeing the scene. This assault wasn't discovered until after a shooting on Aug. 6.

Van Buren police were at the mobile home park on Sunday, Aug. 6, investigating the Aug. 4 murder, when they were dispatched to a residence in the 40 block of Birch Drive for multiple gunshots. Officers found a 47-year-old victim suffering from gunshot wounds to the right upper arm and lower back.

Police said Tiggs approached the victim while he was in his vehicle and produced and fired a handgun multiple times, wounding the victim. The defendant then barricaded himself inside the next-door residence.

After a two-hour standoff with the Western Wayne SWAT team negotiating, Tiggs was taken into custody.

He is considered an habitual offender with a second-offense notice. He had pled guilty to a charge of carrying a concealed weapon on Jan. 27, 2019 in Macomb County and served two years in state prison. He was released July 29, 2021.

Butchart, who was born in Ypsilanti, was survived by his parents and two sisters, and was known for his love of the natural world, as he was nicknamed "Nature Boy" by many of his friends, according to his obituary. He earned a bachelor of science degree in environmental studies with an emphasis in hydrology.

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## Obituaries



James Jahr

### JAMES JAHR

September 27, 1980 – July 17, 2025

James Jahr, age 44, of Belleville, MI, passed away at Angela Hospice in Livonia with his family by his side on July 17, 2025. He was born on September 27, 1980, in Dearborn, Michigan to Jeffrey and Patricia (Callison) Jahr. James graduated from Belleville High School Class of 1999. He then attended Michigan State University and earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Information Technology. James moved to the Washington, D.C. area, where he built his career as an IT Professional at an advertising firm specializing in digital video production. He enjoyed working with computers, 3D printing, electronics, welding, and small engine repair. He truly was a MacGyver-type of guy, and was most happy when helping others and fixing things. James also enjoyed boating and being on the lake.

James is survived by his loving father, Jeff Jahr and brother Jeff (Rika) Jahr both of Belleville, Michigan, his dog "Ozzy" whom he adored, as well as his cousins, neighbors and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Jahr and his brother Daniel Jahr.

A visitation and funeral service is planned for Friday, July 25, 2025, from 4 p.m. until the time of service at 6 p.m. at The David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. The interment will take place at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville at a later date. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)

### SUZANNE LEICH

December 12, 1951 – July 15, 2025

Age 73, of Warren. Survived by daughters Anna and Jacqueline, 7 grandchildren, a great-granddaughter, nieces and nephews, and good friends. Memorial gathering at 4 p.m. Aug. 17 at Edward Swanson Funeral Home, Madison Heights, followed by 6 p.m. funeral service. [www.davidcbrownfh.com](http://www.davidcbrownfh.com)



Shirley Jean Werstein

### SHIRLEY JEAN WERSTEIN

February 6, 1937 – July 2, 2025

Shirley Jean Werstein, 88, passed away on July 2, 2025, surrounded by love and family. Born on February 6, 1937, to James and Monica Agney, Shirley lived a full and vibrant life rooted in resilience, family, and quiet strength. On December 21, 1967, she married the love of her life, Ronald Werstein. The two lived their life side by side, building a foundation full of devotion and a love for one another. He preceded her in death in 2019, but her love for him never wavered.

Shirley was one of five siblings: James, David, George, and Rick, all of whom preceded her in death. She carried their memories with her always.

She was a devoted mother to Suzette (Mark) Eggleston of McFarland, Michigan; Scott Dawson of Rogers City, Michigan; Tom (Ginger) Werstein of Watertown, Wisconsin; Dan (Rhonda) Dawson of Romulus, Michigan; and Joseph Dawson, who preceded her in death. She loved each of her children deeply, and they were the pride of her life.

She was fiercely proud of her family, which includes 8 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren. Each one brought her joy and laughter and carried a piece of her generous heart.

Shirley worked for three decades at General Motors' Fisher Body Plant, where she was known for her dependability, strength, and work ethic. She retired after 30 years of service.

Shirley had a true passion for bowling. She bowled weekly on three different teams at Lodge Lanes in Belleville and traveled to tournaments around the state and beyond. Bowling wasn't just a pastime, it was where friendships were formed, stories were shared, and strikes were celebrated. She loved the game and the people who came with it.

A woman of quiet faith, Shirley was a member of the Ypsilanti Free Church and took great pride in being part of the church's women's group. Her faith grounded her, and her community lifted her up.

Above all else, Shirley loved her people. Whether it was a visit with family, a tournament weekend, or just a simple phone call to catch up, she treasured her time with family and friends. Her door was always open, her table always had a spot, and her heart always had room for more. A very special thank-you goes out to Judy, Carol, Billie, Sharon, LeeAnn, and Lee, whose care, compassion, and presence meant the world to Shirley, and to her family, during her battle with cancer. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

To honor her memory, a celebration of Shirley's life, and her love of bowling, will be held on August 16 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Lodge Lanes. Bowling and pizza will be provided. We welcome family and friends to come, share stories, and throw a strike in her honor. She will be deeply missed, lovingly remembered, and forever in our hearts.

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# Obituaries



Shirley Anna Moore

## SHIRLEY ANNA MOORE

June 9, 1936 – July 17, 2025

Shirley Anna Moore, age 89, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away Thursday, July 17, 2025, at Angela Hospice Care Center, Livonia, MI. She was born June 9, 1936, in Dearborn, MI, daughter of Gerald & Edna (Krueger) Berlin. She graduated from Dearborn high school, class of 1954. She loved gardening, the water, boating and swimming, and watching Detroit Tiger Baseball. More recently, she enjoyed arts and crafts, playing cards, and spending time with friends and family.

Mrs. Moore is survived by son Rod Moore of Willis, MI; daughter Robin Currier of Canton, MI; grandchildren: Jennifer (Jason) Gardner of Canton, MI, Jeanette Currier of Westland, MI, Erin Moore of Adrian, MI, and Kaitlin Moore of Southgate, MI; great-grandchildren: Kyla, Connor, Ryan, Maxx and Brady; and a host of extended family, friends and neighbors. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 67 years, James Philip Moore on October 29, 2022, daughter-in-law Kim Moore on December 29, 2022.

A Memorial is planned for Sunday, July 27, 2025, from 1 PM to 3 PM, with a 3 PM service at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and would be appreciated.

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## Court Watching:

### Travis Alton Deal

Travis Alton Deal of Maybee is charged with domestic violence on March 8 in Sumpter Township. He failed to appear for a court date on June 30 and a warrant was put out for his arrest. He was due for his arraignment/pretrial on July 9. A final pretrial was set for July 30. Personal bond is \$5,000.

### Courtney Joy Hardrick

Courtney Joy Hardrick, 36, of Romulus was video-arraigned in custody on July 15 on a warrant concerning charges of operating with blood alcohol content of .17 or more – third offense and operating while intoxicated-third offense on March 28 in the city of Belleville. Her probable cause conference was set for July 23 and then changed to July 30 and personal bond set at \$1,000.

### Kameren Axzavier Wilson

Kameren Axzavier Wilson of Canton was scheduled for a probable cause conference on July 16 after failing to appear for his court date on charges of felonious assault, weapons, and domestic violence on July 6

in Van Buren Township. A probable cause conference was set for Aug. 6. Bond is \$5,000/10%.

### Augustin Lopez Hernandez

Augustin Lopez Hernandez of Van Buren Township was scheduled for probable cause conferences on July 16 on charges of criminal sexual assault and CSC fourth degree in Van Buren Township on June 19 and CSC third-degree (incapacitated victim) on May 11 in Van Buren Township.

He was arraigned out-county on July 5 and cash or surety bond set at \$50,000.

### Farhad Mohammed Sumo

Farhad Mohammed Sumo of Ypsilanti is charged with misdemeanor gambling violations on June 19 in the city of Belleville. He was scheduled for his remote arraignment/pretrial on July 16. On July 16 it was dismissed by the party and the case closed.

### Samir Mohamed-Ahmed Saad

Samir Mohamed-Ahmed Saad of Detroit

is charged with improper disposal of used oil in the city of Belleville on June 20. He was scheduled for his remote arraignment and pretrial on July 16. A remote pretrial is Aug. 13. Personal bond is \$1,000.

### Rodney Francis Pfeiffer

Rodney Francis Pfeiffer of Van Buren Township and previously of Sumpter Township was scheduled for his probable cause conference on July 16 on a charge of domestic violence-third offense notice in Sumpter Township on July 4. He was arraigned out-county on July 6 and personal bond was set at \$50,000. The preliminary exam was set for Aug. 27.

### Christina Marie Pniewski

Christina Marie Pniewski, 36, of Sumpter Township is charged with assault with a dangerous weapon (felony assault), assault of a police officer and domestic violence on July 2 in Sumpter Township. She was arraigned out-county on July 5. Her probable cause conference was set for

July 16 and personal bond is \$50,000.

On July 16, the conference was held and the charge dismissed. Case closed.

### Chiera Florence Palamar

Chiera Florence Palamar of Lincoln Park is charged with receiving and concealing a stolen motor vehicle and fleeing police in a vehicle on April 17 in Van Buren Township. She was arraigned out-county on April 18 and on April 23 was scheduled for a probable cause conference on April 30, but she failed to appear. She was set for a probable cause conference on May 21, but she was in treatment. The probable cause conference was scheduled for June 25. The court received a letter May 23 from Havenwyk Hospital that she would be in treatment for about two weeks. Personal bond is \$10,000.

She failed to appear for the court date and a warrant was put out for her arrest. On June 27, the court received a fax from

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Belleville Deputy Clerk Michelle Bellingham ceremonially swore in new Belleville Police Officer Heather Holcomb at Monday's meeting of the city council. Holcomb, of Garden City, has 17 years of police experience and came to Belleville from Center Line. Seated in the audience behind her are Officer Holcomb's parents, Joann and Herb Holcomb of Westland.

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Galen Gates and Diane Blazek spoke briefly before the Belleville City Council meeting on Monday. They were in Belleville on Monday and Tuesday before writing their report on the city's landscaping and community vitality. They will give some suggestions, which they said, the city doesn't have to follow.

## Romulus High School Class of 1975 sets 50-year class reunion

The Romulus High School class of 1975 will hold its 50-year class reunion from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Romulus VFW, 39270 Huron River Dr., Romulus.

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# VBT planners OK Autokiniton canopy, Ricardo extension

By Rosemary K. Oztman  
Independent Editor

The request for preliminary and final site plan approval for Autokiniton's new 6,600-square-foot, galvanized, aluminum canopy was approved unanimously at the May 28 meeting of the Van Buren Township Planning Commission.

Autokiniton is at 6201 Haggerty Rd. and is the former L&W site. Brandon Henderson, Autokiniton Corporate Facilities Manager, said Autokiniton was formed after Tower International and L&W were bought and merged together.

He said the firm mainly is a stamping plant auto supplier with some assembly. He said they have 32 facilities across the country, with sites also in Mexico, Brazil, and India.

He said they take large rolls of steel in their press line and huge or small parts are pressed, as needed. As the press comes down, the scrap goes underneath and finally into a dumpster. The scrap is not reused. The new canopy will cover the scrap until it is removed from the site, which will take about two days.

Henderson said the government requires the scrap to be covered to keep oily water out of the water table. He said the former owner didn't cover the scrap and Autokiniton is complying.

At the commission's May 8 meeting, Adam Tabit of Lee Contracting, Inc. was

present but unable to answer questions on all the outdoor storage piled all the way to I-275 at the site, which is a violation. No one from the company was present. Tabit is the contractor to erect the canopy.

The commissioners wanted someone from the company present to answer questions on violations so the canopy project was unanimously postponed until information was available.

At the May 28 meeting, Tabit showed pictures from earlier that day of how all the outdoor storage had been removed.

The commission was satisfied with Henderson's presentation. Tabit said the present "carport" that was put up in violation was to be removed that weekend.

Henderson said a Google map shows some trees in the landscaping need to be replaced and they will be replaced. The commission also approved cutting back the required amount of paved parking on site by 123 spaces since they don't need that many spaces for employees. Also, Autokiniton will change the address on its request from Belleville to Van Buren Township, as requested.

### Ricardo temporary land use

After a brief discussion, the commission unanimously approved extending the previously approved temporary land use for a mobile refueling station that was to expire on May 31. Now it will extend to Dec. 31, 2025.

This is at the Ricardo site at 40000 Ricardo Dr., northeast of the Haggerty Road/Tyler Road intersection.

Ken Strang, program manager for this particular project, said they have retrofitted three trucks with hydrogen and now Toyota wants one more truck retrofitted, the reason for the requested extension.

Ricardo also received temporary land use approvals in 2016, 2018, 2019, and 2024. In 2023 temporary land use was approved, but never implemented.

Commission vice-chairman Jeff Jahr asked if Ricardo has plans to do this permanently and Strang replied that Ricardo has bigger plans for that facility and will be coming to the planning commission with the project soon. He said there will be no room for the mobile refueling station at the site.

Commissioner Jahr said since Ricardo has done the same thing year after year without any problems and in a safe way that maybe the township staff could approve such temporary land uses in the future.

Vidya Krishnan of McKenna, head planning consultant for the township, agreed that some applications are the same year after year by the same people, such as the fireworks tents, and this could be approved by the administration, but there should be something in writing. She will prepare something and bring it back to the commission for review.

### "Pretty heinous scam"

Planning and Zoning Specialist Brittany Williams said she was going to stop putting copies of permit applications into the board packets because of a recent scam. She said emails that look like they are from the township, with a township logo, are being sent out to business people dealing with the township. She said the names and addresses and phone numbers are on the applications and they are being used as part of the scam.

"It's a pretty heinous scam," said Jahr, adding, "I hope law enforcement is working on this, and the FBI."

Williams said the police department is investigating and the FBI has been contacted. She said they have been getting calls from businesses about bills from the township that are not legitimate.

The commissioners agreed they don't need to see the applications in their packets and Jahr agreed they can be reviewed by the staff.

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The non-functioning, 30-year-old clock at the Fourth Street Square on Main Street in Belleville was replaced with a brand-new clock at 3:37 p.m. on July 17 and has shown the right time ever since. The \$26,000 clock was purchased by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority with a "sizeable" donation from Craig Atchinson at Atchinson Ford, said acting city manager/DDA director Steve Jones.

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# Musings

**By Janet Millard  
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The performance for the Missoula Children's Theatre is this Saturday, July 26, with two performances: at 3 and 5 p.m. There should be lots of room at McBride for either performance and for only \$5 (\$2 for children) it will be well worth your time to support these young actors. Tickets at the door.

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It is almost time for the 79<sup>th</sup> Wayne County Fair. So much to do and so many days to do it in. Taking the kids to see all the animals is always fun but getting to bid at the Youth Livestock Sale on Aug. 7 at 5p.m. is not only fun but you get to put some meat in your freezer. Family Fun Time is bringing

the carnival rides again this year starting Aug. 5. See their ad in the paper this week.

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July is the month that the Belleville Council for the Arts elects its board members. Continuing as president is Rhonda Dutton. Vera Hammer is vice president, treasurer is Harry VanGelder and secretary is Chery Harshaw. The Council is currently hosting Music Lakeside until Aug. 21 and will be turning its attention shortly to its 16<sup>th</sup>-annual Community Art Show by looking for artists. The annual show isn't until October but a lot of work goes into it to bring the community the best of the best in many different categories. Watch for the advertisement and don't be shy. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder after all and art is very subjective.

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Summer Beats in the Plaza at Van Buren Township ends next week. The ever popular Magic Bus will perform on July 30

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Music Lakeside on July 24 at 7pm brings more music to lift your soul with Smoke Jones - jazz, blues, funk and soul.

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Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Janet Millard at (734) 699-9020.



Photo courtesy of Randall Miller  
At 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 18, two men who live nearby pulled up at the intersection of Dunn Road (west) and Sumpter Road in Sumpter Township, and began filling the big potholes there with gravel from the back of their pickup truck. "It was much needed," said township resident Randall Miller. "This area (like many more) is pretty much neglected by the county."



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- D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Proceeds support the building fund.
- **Friday, July 25** – Van Buren Eagles #3996, at 9961 Beck Rd., hosts “Finish the Lyrics” at 7:30 p.m. Teams of 3-4 work best. Test your knowledge of song lyrics. Dancing and karaoke to follow. Membership promotion. Public welcome.
  - **Saturday, July 26** – Missoula Children’s

- Theatre presents “The Jungle Book” at McBride Middle School at 3 and 5 p.m. with an all-local cast. Tickets at the door are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. Sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts.
- **Monday, July 28, through Thursday, July 31** – Vacation Bible School at Open Arms Lutheran Church, 6:15 to 8:15 p.m., 7865 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Township. Dinner served between 5:15 and 6 p.m.

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## VBT

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grant.

McNamara said U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was a huge supporter and a regional review committee had been selected.

Rep. Miller said this shows good government in action. She said Tyler Road is a corridor for families. She said she was there to celebrate and congratulate Van Buren Township, her home community where she used to serve on the township board.

Clerk Leon Wright thanked Merrie Coburn for all her work on this grant. Coburn is executive director of the Downtown Development Authority and she did the extensive work needed for all the applications for the federal grant.

"We'll be able to do something for our residents," clerk Wright said. "There are a lot of homes on Tyler Road and it's not walkable now."

In other business at the July 15 meeting, the board:

- Went into a 46-minute, closed-door session at the beginning of the meeting to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation;

- Held a moment of silence in memory of retired Van Buren Township Police Captain Kenneth Brooks who died July 7. Captain Brooks also had served as 34<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge Lisa Martin's court officer.

Condolences were sent to the family;

- Heard a presentation by four representatives of Giffels Webster who will work to design a redevelopment project for the township's 181 acres it purchased from Ford Motor Co. at the northwest corner of Tyler and Belleville roads. A review committee selected Giffels Webster from the top four finalists of eight proposals. They will go through a series of steps to design a vibrant, mixed-use plan for a neighborhood that is economically and environmentally sustainable. They will identify what the community wants there through community engagement and come up with a master plan the community will like. McNamara said all the companies that applied are first-rate companies and any one of them would have been good;

- Approved the personal services agreement of Kevin J. Lawrence as water and sewer director. McNamara said Lawrence is returning to the position. He said the township let him get away and now it has him back;

- Approved the second reading and final approval of an ordinance amendment to create zoning regulations addressing Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). A developer said he is planning a BESS at the northeast corner of Rawsonville and Bemis roads; and

- Approved the second reading and final approval of a zoning ordinance amendment to require adequate spacing between Motor Vehicle Fueling Stations;

- Approved the recommendation from the attorney in connection with pending litigation;

- Heard Marlene Jones tell the board the township has been unwilling to help her take her son's English black labrador away from him, so she can take better care of it. McNamara referred to a report by Police Lt. Ken Floro on his investigation into the issue and it says the dog is well-cared-for. She asked for a copy of the report and McNamara said it was a public document and he would give her a copy. He also sent a copy to the *Independent*.

## VBT sends out 100 letters asking voters to confirm their residency

Van Buren Township has sent out 100 letters to specific voters asking them to conform their residency.

At the July 15 township board meeting, he said he was glad the *Independent* was

present so he could explain why and the paper could let the people know.

Clerk Wright said the township received a letter challenging these voters' legitimate right to vote because of their residency.

He said the township uses the state list about eligibility and so he sent out letters for those voters to come into the office and swear they live at the address listed.

"It's not something we wanted to do," he said. "... This is not something we are doing. We had to follow the law," Wright said.

## City Council

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17-minute meeting;

- Approved the annual citywide yard sale on Saturday, Sept. 6, and Sunday, Sept. 7. These are the days yard sales can be held without a permit;

- Approved the \$17,864 purchase from STE of Almont of a low-mount hitch and 10' tall, 36" plow for the newly purchased Mack dump truck. With the total labor and hydraulics installation, the total comes to \$28,657. DPW director Melissa Frierson said this would be used for clearing heavy snowfall. Mayor Voigt said the city should have purchased it at the beginning when it bought the truck, but the former city manager didn't recommend that. Voigt said the city hasn't had a major snow event lately and is lucky;

- Removed the Main Street Striping quote from the agenda, agreeing it needs to be placed on the Downtown Development Authority agenda, instead. The quotes were \$46,597.92 for option A and \$19,065 for option B from Al's Asphalt Paving;

- Approved the Interagency Audio-Visual Recording Standard Mutual Assistance Agreement with Van Buren Township. Public Safety Director Kris Faull said during the onsite state assessment of the police department, it was found Belleville did not have an interrogation room with audio/visual recording devices as mandated by law. She said Belleville uses Van Buren Township for dispatch and detainment of prisoners and uses its interrogation room when needed, but by law it has to be in writing that they can use that room. She said in the new city hall the police will have an interrogation room as required;

- Heard interim city manager Jones report the new clock has been installed on the Fourth Street Square. Snider Electric did the installation and Contract Welding modified the plates to make it fit. Jones said this clock lights up at night.

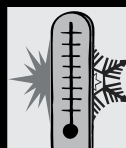


## They're reading the *Independent* Everywhere

From left are John, Patricia, and Alan Riemer of Belleville who visited Glacier National Park in Montana with their *Independent*. This area of the park is called West Glacier, where you can access the Going-to-the-Sun Road, the main 50-mile road which traverses the park.

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# Air Museum presents ‘Baseball Hall of Famers Who Served’ on Sept. 3

Steve Mrozek, executive director of the Selfridge Military Air Museum and a retired Army paratrooper, is the guest speaker at the 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 3, Historic Preservation Night at Michigan Flight Museum at Willow Run Airport.

He will speak on “Baseball Hall of Famers Who Served.”

Mrozek draws on his experience in military history and his time working closely with legendary Hall of Famers. He will share stories of professional baseball players who answered the call to serve our country – some as far back as the Civil War.

Museum doors open at 6:30 p.m., with the program beginning at 7:30 p.m. Entry is \$10 per person for non-members and free for museum members with registration.

The museum is at 47884 D Street at Willow Run Airport.

## Cameron Twiss earns BSN – Nursing Degree from N. Mich. Univ.

Northern Michigan University announces Cameron Twiss of Belleville satisfied degree requirements in May for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES -- July 15, 2025

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, and Trustee Frazier. Late Arrival: Trustee Kelley and Trustee Martin. Others in attendance: Recording Assistant Beaudry, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Recreation Gerhart, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Municipal Services Akers, DDA Director Coburn, Director of HR Sumpter, and an audience of 13.

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve the amended agenda moving New Business Item #1 To consider approval of Kevin J. Lawrence’s Personal Service Agreement to the Consent Agenda. Motion Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Boynton moved, Budd seconded to go into closed session at 4:03 p.m. pursuant to MCL 15.168(e): to consult with its attorney regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: Frazier, Boynton, Wright, Budd, and McNamara. Nays: None. Absent/Excused: Martin and Kelley. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Wright seconded to reopen the Board Meeting at 4:46 p.m. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Kelley seconded to amend the agenda again adding New Business Item #3: To consider approval of the attorney recommendations regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Work Study Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2025, Prepaid List of July 3, 2025, Prepaid List of July 10, 2025, Voucher List of July 15, 2025, and Approval of Kevin J. Lawrence’s Personal Service Agreement. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** A moment of silence was held to honor the passing of former Van Buren Township Police

Captain and 34<sup>th</sup> Court Officer Kenneth Brooks; the Clerk’s Office recently had to send challenges to about 100 voters after a resident submitted formal challenges on their residency; a presentation was given on the recommendation of Giffels Webster for the Township Property Development Project; and a presentation was given by SEMCOG’s Transportation Alternatives Program to support a shared use path on Tyler Road with HAWK Signal to create a safer and more comfortable road crossing near Walden Boulevard.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business):** None.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Martin moved, Boynton seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 07-01-25(1) which is a zoning ordinance amendment to create zoning regulations addressing Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Martin, Boynton, Frazier, Kelley, Budd, Wright, and McNamara. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Kelley seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 07-01-25(2) which is a zoning ordinance amendment to allow adequate spacing for Motor Vehicle Fueling Stations. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Martin, Boynton, Frazier, Kelley, Budd, Wright, and McNamara. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve the attorney recommendations regarding trial or settlement strategy in connection with specific pending litigation. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** A former Township resident expressed frustration over the decisions being made on behalf of a relative’s dog.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Clerk Wright thanked Director Coburn for her work in getting more sidewalks installed throughout the Township and thanked the work Trustee Boynton has done with SEMCOG to make Van Buren Township more walkable and bikeable.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
Publish: July 24, 2025

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the following variance request:

1. **Case # 25-015:** A request by HIP Enterprises, LLC, 6845 Denton Road (Parcel ID# 83-017-99-0002-705), for variances regarding fence height, variances regarding the number of monument signs, variances related to allowable square footage for wall signage, and variances related to the installation of sidewalks along the road right of way.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or via email at [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 and Economic Development Department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Published: 7/24/2025

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## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN ORDINANCE 07-01-2025(1) & ORDINANCE 07-01-2025(2) NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at the regular meeting of the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees, the second reading of the following proposed amendments to the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance 5-2-17(2) were approved and are hereby adopted:

**ORDINANCE 07-01-25(1): Battery Energy Storage System Ordinance:** Proposed amendments to create zoning regulations addressing Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Specific regulations include definitions, specific terms, signage, lighting, vegetation and tree-cutting, noise, decommissioning plan, decommissioning fund, setbacks, height, fencing requirements, screening and visibility, architecture, ownership changes, severability, repealer, savings clause, effective date and adoption.

**ORDINANCE 07-01-25(2): Motor Vehicle Fueling Stations:** Proposed amendments to Article 5: Development Standards for Specific Uses. Section 5.144 Gasoline or Automobile Filling Stations to provide separation distance between such facilities. The Amendments will include minimum lot area and width, front yard setback, side or rear yard setback, side or rear yard setback abutting residential zoned property, ingress and egress, driveway spacing, number of driveways, separation distance, pumps, off-street parking and loading, canopy structure, fueling operations, pedestrian circulation, signs, severability, repealer, savings clause, effective date and adoption.

A true copy of the proposed Ordinance may be viewed and inspected at the office of the Township Clerk located at 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan during recent business hours, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The adopted Zoning Ordinance amendment will be effective seven (7) days after the date of publication.

Adopted: July 15, 2025

Published: July 24, 2025

Effective: August 1, 2025



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES  
Monday, July 7, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

Present  
Present  
Present  
Present  
Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS  
ON AGENDA ITEMS

a. Presentations

i. Eamon Conner and Antonio Harrison, City Hall Interns – Introduction to Council

1. Eamon and Antonio spoke about themselves, their backgrounds, and their aspirations.

ii. MCOLES On-Site Assessment – Public Safety Director Faull

1. Public Safety Director Faull presented the results of the Police Department’s MCOLES on-site assessment.

iii. Discussion of Confidential Written Legal Opinion Regarding Long Term Contracts, Pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) and MCL 15.243(1)(g) (NOTE: City Council may elect to enter in to Closed Session by majority vote).

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to enter Closed Session at 6:48 p.m.

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to leave Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Priest to re-open the meeting to the public at 7:21 p.m.

Motion Carried.

b. Citizen Comments

i. Leanne Crouch

1. Requested an update on going before the Planning Commission to create a parking solution at her store, Twisted Willow.

ii. Therese Antonelli

1. Asked if the paint marks and flags can be removed from city sidewalks, as the project is no longer slated to be completed this year.

2. Asked if there was anything that can be done about speeders on Liberty St.

iii. Deidre Rivera-Creal

1. Requested a status update on the water billing issue.

2. Asked if there would be another City Manager appointed, and what that timeline would look like.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Approval of Minutes

i. June 16, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

ii. June 17, 2025 – Special Meeting Minutes

iii. June 19, 2025 – Special Meeting Minutes

iv. June 26, 2025 – Special Meeting Minutes

b. Budget Report

c. Communications

d. Council Follow Up List

e. Police Stats

f. Fire Stats

g. DPW Report

h. Special Events

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

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. Giffels Webster – Recreation Plan

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve the proposed agreement with Giffels Webster to complete the city’s Recreation Plan at a cost to not exceed \$6,200.

ROLL CALL

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

Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye

Motion carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable

b. Departmental Expenditures

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

ROLL CALL

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

Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye  
Aye

Motion carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• Thank you to the Public Safety Department and the Department of Public Works for their assistance with the set-up and clean-up of Lake Fest.

• The new clock for 4th Street Square has been delivered and is expected to be installed on July 16th.

• Pickleball courts have now been installed in Village Park.

• City administration is working diligently to correct issues with water billing.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Beebe

o No comments.

• Council Member Kissel

o Happy with how Lake Fest turned out.

o The last Planning Commission meeting was great, and the city’s Master Plan should be ready for review on September 11th.

o Looking forward to receiving feedback from the fire consultants.

o Kudos to the city staff for their hard work.

• Council Member Priest

o Thank you to Ordinance Officer Gueli for handling violations in the city.

o Lake Fest was great, as is the weekly car shows and farmers market.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Bates

o Thank you to city staff and fellow Council members for pitching in during this transitional period.

o The Van Buren Township fireworks show was great.

12. MAYOR’S COMMENTS

• Thank you to city staff for all of their help.

• Happy with the improvements to the High St. parking lot.

• Met with the city’s engineering firm regarding water and sewer-related road repairs. These projects are now listed on BidNet.

• Missed seeing the water-skiing squirrel at Lake Fest.

• Music Lakeside will be held this Thursday at 7 p.m.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM

a. None.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

a. None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Beebe to adjourn at 7:41 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted by  
Briana Hootman  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
Publish: July 24, 2025

## Court Watching

(continued from page 8)

Samaritan Behavior Center saying the patient will be in for two more weeks and a probable cause conference was set for July 16. The preliminary exam was set for Oct. 1.

### Ivan Nicholas Neal

Ivan Nicholas Neal of Brownstown is charged with driving without due care or caution causing an accident on May 20 in Van Buren Township. He requested an informal hearing which was set for June 10. It was scheduled for formal review on June 30 and then a formal hearing was set for July 16 and the previous formal review date of June 30 was removed for auditing purposes. On July 16 the hearing was held and the charge dismissed. Case closed.

### Mourice Neil Demmy

Mourice Neil Demmy, 35, of Sumpter Township is charged with operating while intoxicated on May 25, 2024 in Sumpter Township. A jury trial before Judge Oakley had been set for July 21. But on

July 21 he pled guilty to a reduced charge of OWIC (operating while impaired by controlled substance) and was disposed on the guilty plea. He was referred to the probation department for a sentence recommendation. Personal bond of \$5,000 was continued.

### Richard Ronald Slone

Richard Ronald Slone of Belleville was arraigned June 23 on a charge surrounding larceny under \$200 in Van Buren Township on Sept. 27, 2024. He was scheduled for arraignment/pretrial on Jan. 16, but he failed to appear. At his arraignment a July 21 remote pretrial was scheduled. His personal bond is \$3,000.

### Kevin Lynn Dixon

Kevin Lynn Dixon of Sumpter Township was due for arraignment on July 21 on a charge of possession of narcotic or cocaine less than 25 grams and driving while license suspended on Jan. 7, 2025 in Sumpter Township. The charge was entered on June 16. He was arraigned in custody and a probable cause conference set for July 30. Personal bond is \$100,000.

## Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

### POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On July 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2011	GMC	SW	1GKKVTED4BJ347193	25-6680
2020	SUZUKI	CY	JS1GN7FA1L7100641	21-5416A
2016	NISSAN	SW	KNMAT2MV7GP652094	21-5416B
2014	BUICK	SW	5GAKRBKD9EJ351843	25-6810
2005	HONDA	4D	1HGES26725L002291	25-8010
2015	TOYOTA	SW	2T3RFREVXFW284353	25-7689
2000	JAGUAR	4D	SAJDA01C7YFL49934	25-8469
2005	FORD	SW	2FMZA51635BA28607	25-7800
2003	FORD	VN	1FTSS34L73HA19434	25-8468
2015	CHEVROLET	SW	2GNALAEK6F6316943	25-7925
2010	FORD	SW	2FMDK3JC2ABB39760	25-6219

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

2004	HONDA	CY	1HFSC43024A403440	25-7399
2006	PONTIAC	4D	2G2WP552661291604	25-8216
2015	FORD	VA	1FBZX2ZM0FKA92006	25-7816
2006	CHRYSLER	PA	3C3HY75S46T210339	25-8360
2011	LANDROVER	SW	SALSK2D42BA706209	14-7924
2006	PONTIAC	SW	2CKDL63F266072841	25-7862
2002	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNEK13V82J213747	25-6171
2009	SATURN	SW	3GSCL33P09S508655	25-7248
2007	FORD	4D	3FAHP01187R147740	21-9129A
2006	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WM15K769253399	21-9129B

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

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,  
Published: July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025



## Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

*There were 366 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.*

### Sunday, July 13:

0014 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.  
0046 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Haggerty Rd.  
0222 – 911 welfare check, Village Green  
0226 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.  
0316 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.  
0328 – assist other dept., Westlake Cir.  
0900 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, N. Bellridge Dr.  
1047 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1127 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.  
1137 – intrusion alarm, Ironwood Dr.  
1346 – juvenile complaint, Stamford Rd.  
1411 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1446 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd.  
1541 – private property impound, Lancaster Dr.  
1602 – family trouble, Water’s Edge Ln.  
1652 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Van Born  
1735 – intrusion alarm, Tyler Rd.  
1815 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1815 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1917 – hospice death, Edison Lake Rd.  
2020 – motorist assist, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Van Buren St.  
2128 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
2204 – disorderly, Parkside Dr.  
2238 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Andover Dr.  
2230 – welfare check, Rawsonville Rd./Textile Rd.

### Monday, July 14:

0114 – property damage accident, Sumpter/Hull  
0142 – 911 welfare check, Lauren Ct.  
0307 – welfare check, Michigan Ave.  
0756 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
0914 – civil matter, Parkside Dr.  
0943 – intrusion alarm, McBride Ave.  
1158 – fraud, Daisy Blvd.  
xxxx – found property/child, E. Huron River Dr.  
1416 – civil matter, Assembly St.  
1440 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1440 – fraud, Christina Ln.  
1455 – larceny, Oak Ln.  
1552 – family trouble, W. Huron River Dr.  
1616 – assist other dept., Rawsonville/Snow Rd.  
1626 – malicious destruction of property, Dartmoor Cir.

1647 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.  
1700 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.  
1645 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton  
1829 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
1830 – intrusion alarm, Parkwood Dr.  
1851 – vehicle lockout, Bog Rd.  
2037 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.  
2001 – family trouble, Sondra Dr.  
2016 – 911 welfare check, Cumberland Ct.  
2020 – misc. complaint, Dewitt Rd.  
2033 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2039 – mental subject, Bog Rd./Rawsonville Rd.  
2126 – welfare check, Parkside Dr.  
2259 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2311 – welfare check, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.  
2339 – property check, Haggerty Rd.

### Tuesday, July 15:

0035 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd.  
0052 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.  
0100 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0213 – traffic offense, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0753 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Rebecca Ct.  
0814 – vehicle lockout, Anna Dr.  
1036 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sadie Ln.  
1138 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
1303 – welfare check, W. Huron River Dr./Beacon  
1428 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1442 – civil matter, Wildrye Ct.  
1449 – 911 welfare check, Park Estates Dr.  
1451 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1551 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.  
1650 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.  
1848 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Sheldon Rd.  
2109 – domestic, Victoria St.  
2156 – neighbor trouble, Ash Dr.  
2218 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln.  
2317 – assist citizen, Haggerty Rd.  
2336 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
2340 – assist fire dept., Oak Ln.

### Wednesday, July 16:

0654 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.  
0642 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.  
0751 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr./Elwell Rd.  
0832 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.  
1010 – civil matter, Assembly St.  
xxxx – animal complaint, Van Buren St.  
1327 – 911 welfare check, Solitude Ln.  
1413 – fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1431 – lost property/child, Rawsonville Rd.  
1506 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / Van Born Rd.  
1540 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne Rd.  
1550 – welfare check, Oak Ln.  
1655 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1744 – personal injury accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.  
1905 – civil matter, Martz Rd.  
2003 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.  
2214 – welfare check, Renton Rd.  
2214 – welfare check, Renton Rd.  
2249 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.  
2321 – warrant arrest, Wick/Vining

### Thursday, July 17:

0037 – threat, N. Sadie Ln.  
xxxx – repossession, W. Archwood Dr.  
0410 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Old Rawsonville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.  
0611 – assist other dept., Oak Ln.  
0905 – fraud, Hull Rd.  
0906 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.  
0917 – personal injury accident, Haggerty/Ecorse  
1012 – welfare check, Lincoln St.  
1128 – animal complaint, Chatsworth Dr.  
1226 – traffic offense, Harmony Ln.  
1340 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1409 – intrusion alarm, Liberty Ln.  
1601 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.  
1630 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Sage Cir.  
1726 – civil matter, Stamford Rd.  
1920 – harassment call, S. Cumberland Dr.  
1915 – fight, Rawsonville Rd./Bog Rd.  
1920 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/rest area  
2015 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
2152 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.

### Friday, July 18:

0035 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.  
xxxx – repossession, Water’s Edge  
0412 – domestic, S. Bellridge Dr.  
0506 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.  
0925 – intrusion alarm, Robson Rd.  
1210 – larceny, Lohr Rd.  
1242 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1250 – fraud, Monterey Dr.  
xxxx – threat, Martz Rd.  
1433 – domestic, Belleville Rd.  
1437 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1506 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.  
1533 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
1747 – family trouble, Kirkridge Park Dr.  
1807 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.  
1920 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
2103 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2114 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.  
2159 – intrusion alarm, Marlowe Ave.  
2209 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Rd.  
2244 – civil matter, McBride Ave.  
2309 – assist other dept., California/Iowa  
2343 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Denton Rd.

### Saturday, July 19:

0012 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
0015 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
0112 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.  
0121 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood  
0136 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr./Water’s

Edge Ln.  
0155 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.  
0206 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Lancaster Dr./N. Dartmoor Cir.  
0214 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Sadie Ln.  
0526 – domestic, Peachtree Ln.  
0642 – traffic offense, Van Born Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.  
0903 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Archwood Dr.  
0922 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.  
1224 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Riggs  
1342 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.  
1531 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Buchanan St.  
1602 – harassment call, Arlene  
1644 – assist fire dept., Washington  
1648 – assist other dept., rest area  
1715 – larceny, Belleville Rd.  
1857 – parking complaint, Wheeler/Coolidge  
1912 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.  
1916 – assist other dept., Elwell Rd./Hull Rd.  
2103 – assist fire dept., Tyler Rd./N. I-275  
2126 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.  
2114 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.  
2150 – vehicle lockout, Anna Dr.  
2220 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.  
2244 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.

Also, on this log are 134 traffic stops, 28 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also are 59 ordinance violations.

## Belleville Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, July 13:

0025 – noise complaint, Light Tower/Harbour Pte.  
1922 – property damage accident, Main St.  
1937 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St.

### Monday, July 14:

1106 – property damage accident, W. Columbia  
1205 – disorderly, San Carlos St.  
1336 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.  
1651 – juvenile complaint, Fourth St.  
1718 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Fourth St.  
1730 – property damage accident, High St.  
1950 – misc. complaint, Main St./Third St.

### Tuesday, July 15:

0150 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.  
0832 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.  
1142 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.  
xxxx – vehicle lockout, Charles St.  
1622 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.  
1706 – assist fire dept., Owen St.  
2005 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Charles St.  
2123 – domestic, Loza Ln.  
2244 – civil matter, Loza Ln.

### Wednesday, July 16:

1245 – private property impound, South St.  
1352 – animal complaint. W. Wabash Ave.  
1458 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.  
1728 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belle Villa Blvd.

### Thursday, July 17:

0939 – property check, Lifepointe Church  
0844 – property check, Hawaiian Grill  
0847 – property check, Owen St.  
0931 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.  
1421 – suicidal person, Charles Ct.  
1515 – follow-up by officer, Belle Villa Blvd.  
1710 – private property/property damage accident, Main St.  
2007 – repossession, Henry St.

### Friday, July 18:

0640 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.  
1347 – parking complaint, Potter Dr./E. Huron River Dr.

1616 – fraud, S. Industrial Park Dr.  
1822 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Main St.

1926 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.  
2310 – juvenile complaint, Main St./N. Liberty St.

### Saturday, July 19:

0009 – welfare check, High St.  
0912 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.

1407 – welfare check, Loza Ln.  
1915 – domestic, High St.  
There are 121 reports on this week’s log, 81 of which are traffic stops.

## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

### Sunday, July 13:

0205 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.  
0413 – assault, Arizona St.  
1331 – neighbor dispute, 19000 bl. Crandell Ave.  
1333 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.  
1421 – suspicious circumstance, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1449 – civil matter, Redwood St.  
1631 – civil matter, Redwood St.  
1631 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1740 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter  
1754 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1755 – 911 hangup, Harris Rd./Martinsville Rd.  
2018 – assault, Vermont St.  
2040 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
2155 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Talladay  
2239 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
2324 – follow-up investigation, Vermont St.

### Monday, July 14:

0017 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Martinsville  
0221 – breaking & entering report, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.  
1034 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1238 – fire dept. assist, Iowa  
1330 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1509 – follow-up investigation, Arizona St.  
1601 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1628 – civil matter, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.  
1648 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1709 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1836 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Willis Rd.  
2006 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

### Tuesday, July 15:

0244 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
0716 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.  
0738 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1446 – 911 hangup, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.  
1458 – assist other agency, 46000 bl. Reed Ave.  
2007 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.  
2025 – alarm, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
2042 – juvenile matter, Rustic Ln./Wayside Dr.  
2109 – 911 hangup, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.  
2158 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.

### Wednesday, July 16:

0000 – follow-up investigation, 48000 bl. Judd  
0146 – welfare check, Timberlane Dr.  
1201 – flee & elude police, Bemis/Martinsville  
1323 – 911 hangup, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.  
1338 – property damage accident, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.

1622 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.  
1633 – mental health call, Knollwood Dr.  
1721 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.  
1744 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
1836 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
1858 – juvenile matter, Washington St.  
1956 – felony warrant arrest, Delaware St.  
2300 – alarm, 50000 bl. Willow Rd.

### Thursday, July 17:

0119 – felony warrant arrest, Oregon St.  
0153 – follow-up investigation, Oregon St.  
0750 – property damage accident, Mulberry Dr.  
0808 – alarm, 26000 bl. Karr Rd.  
0940 – suspicious circumstance, Virginia St.  
1234 – animal complaint, Creekside Dr.  
1338 – welfare check, Brookview Dr.  
1459 – civil matter, Washington St.  
1532 – civil matter, Birch Dr.  
1612 – assault, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
1756 – follow-up investigation, Mulberry Dr.  
2027 – family trouble, Birch Dr.  
2222 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.  
2317 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.

### Friday, July 18:

0936 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.  
1132 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Willow  
1204 – felony warrant arrest, 29000 bl. Sumpter  
1311 – 911 hangup, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.  
1510 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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## Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1603 – suspicious circumstance, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.  
 1633 – neighbor dispute, Colorado St.  
 1804 – motorist assist, Judd Rd./Dale Dr.  
 1830 – suspicious circumstance, Montana St.  
 1843 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.  
 2203 – malicious destruction of property, Virginia  
 2305 – family trouble, Iowa  
 2336 – noise complaint, 17000 bl. Elwell Rd.

**Saturday, July 19:**  
 0310 – mental health call, 18000 bl. Martinsville

0339 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
 0529 – suspicious circumstance, 48000 bl. Sully  
 1304 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 1547 – follow-up investigation, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.  
 1614 – suspicious person, Judd Rd./Haggerty Rd.  
 1618 – 911 hangup, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.  
 1815 – felony warrant arrest, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.  
 2133 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.  
 2137 – mental health call, 18000 bl. Martinsville  
 2259 – noise complaint, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.  
 2302 – noise complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.  
 2306 – suspicious circumstance, Judd/Rawsonville  
 2334 – neighbor dispute, Mulberry

Also, on this week's log are 153 patrol checks, 62 traffic stops, and 11 misc. details.

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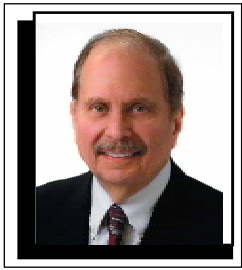
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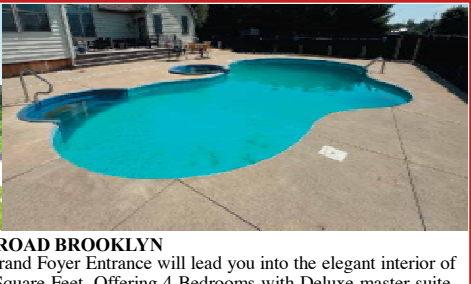
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