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Belleville city council enters joint law suit

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

The Belleville city council met in special session at 6:30 p.m. Friday to approve joining an intergovernmental law suit against Republic Services and to chip in \$5,000 to pay the legal fees, which are estimated at \$45,000.

Mayor Ken Voigt said the communities of Canton, Sumpter, Romulus and Ypsilanti Township each have be asked to pay \$5,000 each, with Van Buren Township paying the rest.

The special council session was held with a bare quorum of three members: Mayor Voigt, Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Bates, and Councilman Jeremiah Beebe. Councilwoman Julie Kissell and councilman Randy Priest were absent and excused.

After the vote, James Bratby the only member of the public attending the 18-minute meeting, thanked the council for supporting this litigation. He said he is part of a local group that formed about two weeks ago when members first heard of the radioactive waste heading to the hazardous waste site on the N. I-94 Service Drive in Van Buren Township.

Bratby said this litigation only covers the radioactive waste and he said the 348 or 342 classified materials that aren't radioactive may be worse. He said when the public protested the waste coming two years ago, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers member said, "Don't worry about this stuff," indicating there was worse that the public didn't know about.

He questioned why the hazardous waste is being allowed when it is next to 10% of the world's fresh water.

Bratby said his team supports State Rep.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission posed for a picture with Building and Planning Director Dan Power, center, at the end of his last meeting with them in that position. Power has resigned and his last day on the job is Sept. 19. Commissioners from left are Peter Creal, Treasurer Sharry Budd, Bernie Grant, Brian Cullin, Power, Jackson Pahle, Medina Atchinson, and Jeff Jahr.

VBT planners OK Sheetz station for Haggerty/Ecorse

By Rosemary K. Otzman Independent Editor

After a delay following a rowdy public hearing on July 10, Skilken Gold/Premier-Dequindre II LLC received support from the Van Buren Township Planning Commission on Sept. 11 for a Sheetz gas station/restaurant on the southwest corner of Haggerty and Ecorse roads.

The commission sent the request for special land use on to the township board for the final decision, with a recommendation for approval. The special land use approval was limited to the present project and did not cover all the land owned by Sheetz at the site.

Under the present township ordinance, gasoline filling stations and drive-thru establishments require special land use approval and a public hearing with the

planning commission in the C-1 District.

At the Sept. 11 meeting, the commission also unanimously approved preliminary site plan approval, based on the township board's approval of the special land use.

After the public hearing in July, the commission had a series of questions for the Sheetz project and all were answered by the Sept. 11 meeting and the request was revised to address issues.

David Bruckelmeyer of Sheetz said the family company now has 750 locations. He showed the pictures of the 16 family members who make the decision.

He said Sheetz has an investment of from \$9 million to \$10 million in the Van Buren Township project. He said they are hiring local contractors and engineers and there will be 30 to 35 full-time positions.

He said Sheetz supports Special Olympics;

Sheetz for Kids, which is adopting 16 children at Christmas; and donations to schools, among other donations.

He said *Newsweek* had just named Sheetz as the second-best retailer in the nation to work for.

The project is a gasoline fueling station, convenience store, and drive-thru restaurant including a 6,139-square-foot convenience store and restaurant building and a 4,786.7-square-foot canopy with 12 fueling pumps.

Bruckelmeyer said last November Sheetz visited the site with Michigan EGLE [Energy, Great Lakes and Environment] and will be working with EGLE on plans for the wetlands and floodplains.

He said Sheetz checked out the market data to see if the development was needed

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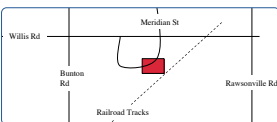
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City Council

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Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, who has introduced legislation to keep hazardous waste out of the state.

He said when he goes to a hotel, he pays state and local taxes for the hotel and if Rep. Miller's legislation doesn't work, the hazardous waste should have a local tax.

"I'd like to make pressure on this," he said.

"I agree with you 150%," said Mayor Voigt, noting the issue has many different aspects. He said he doesn't know why in 1979 the existing household waste landfill was allowed to become a toxic dump.

He said it is between two metro areas and as the crow flies it is 2,000 feet from Belleville Lake, which flows out to the Great Lakes.

He said Van Buren Township gets tipping fees of \$3 or so per ton and \$2.16 for hazardous waste. He said that is "bass-ackward" in his opinion. There was a fire every year for nine years and one fire burned for three days because they didn't know how to put it out.

Mayor Voigt said the local fire department does not have radioactive training and has wanted a second entrance to the landfill that is upwind. He said Belleville has a mutual aid agreement with Van Buren Township and city fire fighters would be there in case of an accident.

He said Western Wayne Hazmat may not be able to handle a radioactive accident. He said fires start because the wrong things are mixed together. He told of one landfill accident that had small pellets dropping from the sky and several hundred people had to be evacuated.

"The township gets \$800,000 a year [from the landfill]. I don't think it's worth it," Mayor Voigt said.

City manager Jason Smith, joined the meeting by zoom from the Michigan Municipal League conference on Mackinac Island. He said they would like to increase tipping fees for the hazardous waste, but the fee is locked in by the agreement and cannot change. The household waste fee increases 2% a year.

City manager Smith said House Bill 5923 was introduced in the Natural Resources Committee and Rep. Miller expects it to get to the full House before the lame duck session. He said Rep. Miller would like support for this bill which would block hazardous waste of any kind.

Smith said if that doesn't work, there is Plan B that is to increase tipping fees. He said HB 5923 is based on the New York outright ban on hazardous waste. He said he talked to the MML attorney at the conference who said the MML could file an amicus brief on the issue if it went to appeals court.

Mayor Voigt said the MML lobbying team would support it and he met with the Conference of Western Wayne earlier that day that will also support it.

This is the resolution passed by the city council on Sept. 13:

CITY OF BELLEVILLE

Resolution No. 24-028

Resolution regarding the radioactive waste scheduled to come to Wayne County

WHEREAS, the City of Belleville borders Van Buren Township and is adjacent to the Wayne Disposal Inc. Hazardous Waste Landfill that is preparing to take 6,000 cubic yards of soil and concrete and 4,000 gallons of ground water contaminated with elevated radiation from Niagara Falls Storage Site in Lewiston, New York, which from 1944 until 1952 served as a primary storage location for wastes and byproducts associated with uranium ore refining; and, WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working on a multiyear project to remove the elevated radiation wastes from the Niagara site with 25 semitrailer loads a week of the radioactive waste shipped on local highways and roads, beginning in late August through January 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Conference of Western Wayne, comprised of eighteen member communities representing over 730,000 residents in passed a resolution in opposition to the proposed plan; and WHEREAS, Belleville City officials were not notified of the upcoming transport of radioactive waste through and near our communities and public safety issues of this magnitude affect the entire region and surrounding communities in Michigan, putting our residents, motorists and infrastructure in harm's way; and WHEREAS, government officials and residents have no say in what occurs at Michigan Disposal, although it directly impacts the health and welfare of our communities; and

WHEREAS, questions about why the Wayne Disposal site was selected, why local officials and the public were not notified, what safety measures are being taken for the transport and disposal of materials, whether the waste will be tested before landfilling, what protocols and technologies are being used to safely manage and contain the waste, and what ongoing monitoring of materials all remain unanswered;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on this the 13th day of September 2024 the Belleville City Council approves authorization to enter into intergovernmental litigation against Republic Services with a coalition of local communities seeking injunctive relief from the acceptance of radioactive waste materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That

copies of this Resolution be distributed to Michigan Legislators and Governor Gretchen Whitmer seeking an immediate injunction by the State of Michigan for the acceptance of radioactive waste materials into the State until the conclusion of the legal process against Republic Services and the City supports a permanent remedy from the State of Michigan and its Agencies for receiving radioactive waste materials. Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer Ken Voigt, Mayor, City of Belleville Agenda Date: September 13, 2024

VBT meets in special session to join joint lawsuit against Republic

Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara called a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on Sept. 10 to consider joining a coalition of communities in a lawsuit against Republic Waste concerning bringing radioactive waste into its landfill for disposal.

After more than an hour in closed session with its attorney, the board came into open session and Supervisor McNamara read Resolution 2024-14 as a motion that was seconded by Trustee Sherry Frazier and passed by the full board.

McNamara said a core group made up of Canton, Romulus, Ypsilanti Township, and Sumpter, Belleville, and Van Buren have pledged to pay the cost of the lawsuit. He said some of those communities were having meetings to confirm participation.

"I don't want radioactive waste in my community," McNamara stated.

McNamara said he will go to Lansing in the morning to deliver the resolution and to speak on behalf of two bills on the issue being introduced by State Rep. Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township.

A member of the audience spoke during the Public Comment part of the meeting and he commended the board for passing the motion and said there is a lot of waste separate from the radioactive waste that is probably more threatening. He asked McNamara to look into that, too, but McNamara was sticking with the radioactive waste.

McNamara said the state has done a good job in managing the landfill. He said the state's current radioactive waste tipping fee is \$10 a ton. He said in 2010 the township negotiated a \$2.16 per ton fee on hazardous waste as a local tax.

Chris Donley, a township resident who is chairman of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority marketing committee, said the litigation is a step in the right direction and he will share information on the township's move with all who will listen.

When McNamara asked if any of the board members wished to comment,

Clerk Leon Wright said, "I think we've commented enough," referring to the hour in discussion behind closed doors.

This is the resolution that was adopted:

RESOLUTION 2024- 14

Authoring the township to join intergovernmental litigation against Republic Services

WHEREAS, Wayne Disposal Inc. (WDI) located at 49350 North Interstate Service Drive in Van Buren Township is a commercial hazardous waste landfill owned by Republic Services; and WHEREAS, WDI is designated to receive 6,000 cubic yards of soil and concrete and 4,000 gallons of groundwater contaminated with low-level radioactive waste for remediation from the Niagara Falls Storage Site in Lewiston, New York; and

WHEREAS, The hazardous waste landfill is located by numerous residential subdivisions and is in close proximity to a public school and the Van Buren Community Center; and

WHEREAS, The Township has in prior communications indicated to the owners and operators of WDI its strong opposition to the acceptance of radioactive materials; and

WHEREAS, The Van Buren Township Board of Trustees is primarily responsible for promoting the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Township continues to oppose the treatment, storage and disposal of radioactive waste materials at the WDI facility; and

BE IT RESOLVED, On this the 10th day of September, 2024 the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approves authorization to enter into intergovernmental litigation against Republic Services with a coalition of local communities seeking injunctive relief from the acceptance of radioactive waste materials; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be distributed to Michigan Legislators and Governor Gretchen Whitmer seeking an immediate injunction by the State of Michigan for the acceptance of radioactive waste materials into the State until the conclusion of the legal process against Republic Services and the Township supports a permanent remedy from the State of Michigan and its Agencies for receiving radioactive waste materials.

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Radioactive waste issue brings swirl of activity, law suit

Over the past two weeks or so, the passion over the radioactive waste coming to town has been gathering steam and on Monday the paperwork was filed for a restraining order against Republic Waste.

Mayor Voigt announced the filing at Monday's regular city council meeting. He said Belleville and Canton were the main filers because Van Buren Township found they had a contract with Republic and couldn't lead the pack.

VBT, Belleville, and Sumpter all had special meetings to discuss the filing and Belleville pledged \$5,000 of the cost and said others involved would pay that amount, too, with VBT picking up the rest of the cost. Also part of the filing were Romulus and the VBT fire chief.

Mayor Voigt attended State Rep. Reggie Miller's press conference last week to support her bill based on a New York law against radioactive waste and then the mayor went to Mackinac Island to seek support of lobbyists at the Michigan Municipal League conference. Then he came back early to meet with Conference of Western Wayne officials on Friday along with VBT Supervisor McNamara to get the 16 CWW members involved. And, they are reaching out to downriver groups. Also, an energetic group of residents has sprung up to support all their efforts. City manager Smith said there is a question of whether Republic's hazardous material license expired in 2021 which should help with a judge's decision on the litigation. Keep watch as the issue unfolds.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

Marie Krouse said that Betty Scott has been helping her for years in her volunteer project to put fresh American flags on veterans' graves in Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter cemeteries.

Marie is retiring from the project she has done for years and Betty is taking over. Just call the VFW Hall on Bemis Road and leave a message at (734) 697-0505 if you'd like to volunteer to help her.

Marie said when youth groups or scouts volunteered to help, she told them the stories of the veterans under the gravestones, sometimes using information from the local history book "Water Under the Bridge" for the older graves.

She has been a caretaker of veterans' graves for many years and sometimes takes soap and water to clean an old tombstone that is dirty that is not even a veteran.

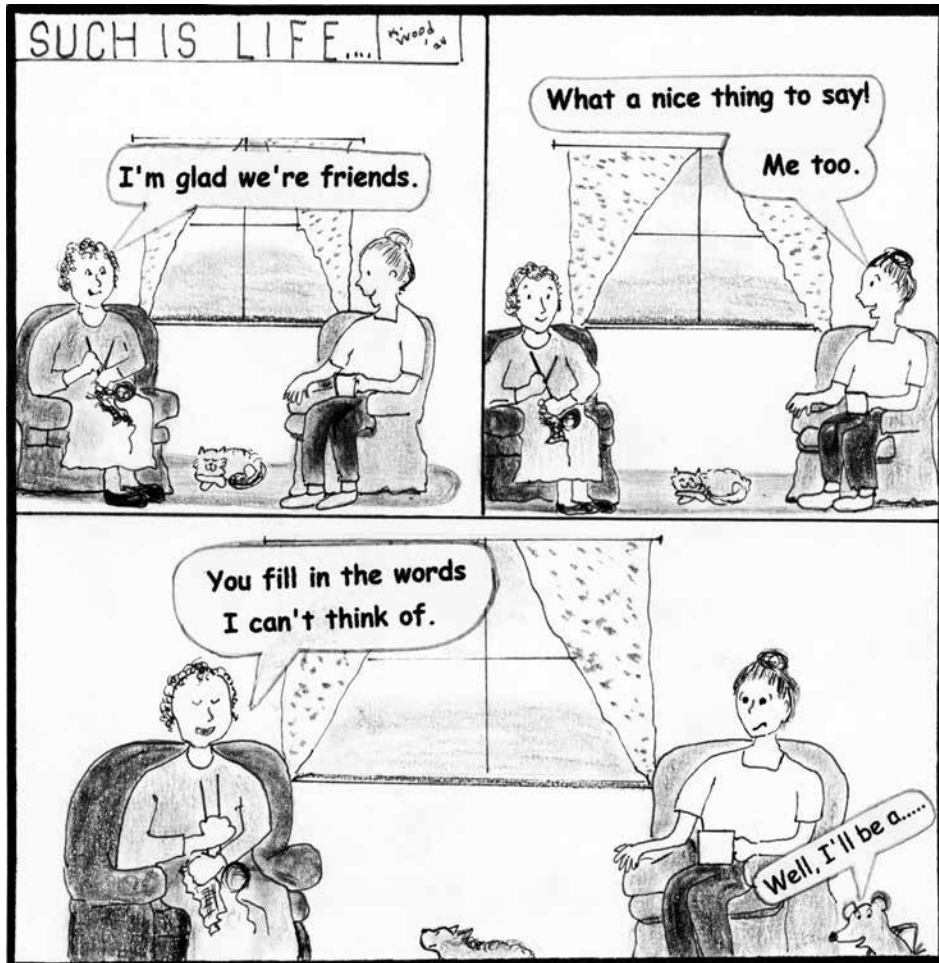
She said she can't help but get upset with plants on graves whose roots push up and knock down gravestones. She'd like to cut them all down, but can't.

The Washtenaw County Health Department said Friday that a harmful algal bloom has been reported in Ford Lake in Ypsilanti.

According to the county, testing on Sept. 10 confirmed the presence of microcystin toxin levels above the Environmental Protection Agency-recommended recreational limit, and an advisory was then issued by the health department.

The public health advisory will remain in effect for any areas with visible blue-green water or water with green shade.

Belleville Lake is downstream from Ford Lake and also is prone to algae blooms. A rank smell also is reported with the bloom.



On Sunday afternoon, the Sumpter Police Department issued a Nixle alert on a missing, at-risk person that it needed help locating. Jeremy Juajuan Williams, 47, was located safe in Grosse Pointe Farms on Monday morning.

He was described as having an intellectual disability and he was seen on Saturday walking away from the group home where he resides on Paris Drive after an argument with staff. He was described as 6'1", 185 pounds, and was last seen wearing blue pants and a white shirt.

On Monday, when we left work at 4 p.m. and headed home to Haggerty Road, we found a long train, slowly moving along the tracks over Savage Road that then just stopped. It blocked Savage Road, South Street/Sumpter Road, and Martinsville Road, leaving E. Huron River Drive open, with the end of the train just a few hundred feet from that crossing. We could get home. We don't know if the Elwell Road crossing was open.

This kind of incident is what I wonder about when the city officials talk about building the new city hall/police station on Savage Road next to the DPW yard - on the other side of the tracks from downtown Belleville. While the fire department would still be in Belleville's business area, and Van Buren Township's south fire hall could help beyond the South/Sumpter tracks, the

police station would be cut off from the downtown. VBT police would have to help on that side in the downtown if there was a need.

Belleville Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Bates told a story about her mother at Monday's regular meeting of the city council. It was after remarks by Valerie Kelley-Bonner about how Narcan saves lives when people have overdosed.

Bates said the printed report from Kelley-Bonner showed that most of the overdoses these days are not among teenagers, as you might think, but among mature adults.

She said her mother had knee surgery and had a prescription for an opioid pain killer. She said her mother also was given a prescription for Narcan. She said older adults who live alone may get mixed up on their medications and unintentionally overdose.

Kelley-Bonner told the story of being at a church function when she saw that a lady had blue lips and blue fingertips. The lady had never been in the hospital before in her life but had recent knee surgery and was given opioids for her pain. She accidentally overdosed and Kelley-Bonner was able to give her Narcan at the church supper and saved her life.



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Letters

World's worst waste in worst possible location

To the editor:
 How did we get here? Who on Earth thought it was a fine idea to permit a toxic waste dump facility mere feet from a public school, baseball fields, a County Fairground, churches, and less than a half mile from Belleville Lake (a direct tributary to Lake Erie)?

Republic Waste and our Dept. of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) bend over backwards to tell us how safe the nearby facility is and how Republic's safety record is just wonderful.

The facts tell otherwise. Republic's national safety record shows over \$158,000,000 in fines for environment-related offenses since the year 2000. They have been cited for 15 "self-reported" violations and fined more than \$461,000 at this site alone in just the last 10 years. These include spills, improper venting, tears in their primary liner and failure to control chemical reactions. They've had 9 fires in 9 years at this very location.

How did these violations get resolved? Through a Consent Order with the company containing a monetary fine, a compliance plan and the threat of additional fines if similar future violations occur. Each time they simply pay the fine, promise to do better and continue having hazardous violations. Just the price of doing business. There are NO SMALL NUCLEAR ACCIDENTS!

As a reward for this abysmal safety record, EGLE continues to reward Republic with ever-expanding permits to grow the acreage of the facility and, each time Republic asks, allowing them to accept higher classifications of more types of dangerous waste. It started with garbage, expanded to PCBs, then dioxins and heavy metals and now, out of state nuclear waste!

EGLE is supposed to be the stewards of our environment and, according to their mission statement, their vision is "A Michigan that respects people, treasures natural resources, and fosters thriving communities throughout our two peninsulas." I think we all read the story of the Township having to pay \$42,000 to move 4 lake weeds so we could continue rebuilding Denton Road bridge. That is their focus while allowing Republic Waste to demolish one of the last wet-mesic grasslands in our state to, you guessed it, expand Republic's acreage and

capacity once again. This is obscene when you think of the estimated 12,670 children living within a 30-mile radius of the site.

If it's really that safe, why not transport this atomic waste to the site in Utah (1 out of the 5 approved waste sites), where there are no schools within an 80+ mile radius, the nearest structure is a convenience store 25 miles away, and it's over 50 miles away from any major water sources? Even the best safeguards can fail and the safety record at Republic makes it very clear that it WILL.

We cannot take the chance of a nuclear spill, fire or air and groundwater leak in a populated area with so much environmental importance.

I commend the leadership of Belleville, VBT, Romulus, Ypsi, and Canton for agreeing to cost-share in a lawsuit to attempt to get an injunction to stop this latest nuclear shipment from New York. That group of contributing communities is growing as more realize what is actually happening here.

But this is not the root issue. Materials much worse than this have already arrived while we weren't looking. Nuclear materials from Luckey, Ohio and an Army nuclear burn pit came in while you were sleeping. We must be vigilant and demand to know exactly what is here, when it's coming and why it's being brought here instead of a much more remote location.

Our State Rep., Reggie Miller, is working hard to get permanent legislation passed to stop the movement of nuclear waste to Michigan forever. Please read Reggie Miller's House Bill 5923 by going to legislature.mi.gov and typing in House Bill # 5923. Then contact your State Reps. and tell them you expect their support to fast-track this bill.

This insanity won't stop unless we are all watching very closely and until we all say, "This madness MUST end!"

Concerned residents are encouraged to join the "Michigan Against Atomic Waste" Facebook page to join the conversation and get up-to-the minute news on upcoming public meetings and Republic Waste's expanding permit applications.

Chris Donley
 Van Buren Township

DTE power outage caused by big tree

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AG Dana Nessel to attend Sept. 26 meeting

To the editor and readers:

The Southwestern Wayne (County) Democratic Club is pleased to announce Attorney General Dana Nessel will join us for our Meet the Candidate event on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Doors open at 6:30 and the program will begin at 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome!

We also want to take this opportunity to remind you to be sure to vote the non-partisan part of your ballot. Who we elect as our judges can have a big impact on our daily lives. Don't forget to vote the entire ballot!

We hope you will join us to meet and mingle with the candidates that are asking for your vote this election cycle. Yard signs will also be available at the event.

Debbie Chamberlain
Correspondence Secretary
Southwestern Wayne (County)
Democratic Club

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 23 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS
- Tuesday, Sept. 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 1 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 2 – A special joint meeting to discuss the new Master Plan timeline will be held at 6 p.m. for the Belleville City Council, Planning Commission and DDA at city hall.
- Monday, Oct. 7 – Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 8 – Sumpter Township workshop/regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 10 – Keystone Academy School Board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 14 – Van Buren Township Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS
- Tuesday, Oct. 15 – Van Buren Township regular meeting, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Van Buren Township Commission, 6 p.m. Also, City of Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m.

Musings

By Janet Millard
Independent
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Another one bites the dust! Those other schools better just move out of the way for our Belleville Tigers who last Friday bested Livonia Churchill 65-0. On Sept. 20 they take on Dearborn HS, away.

The Belleville Area Museum will hold its monthly program with a second discussion by Dave Booher on the creation of French Landing and Belleville Lake, Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6 p.m. – pizza at 5:30 p.m., if you register ahead of time. Their monthly programs have been filling so fast that you better make that reservation now or you may be turned away at the door!

Don't forget that this is Third Thursday with popups today in the Fourth Street Square. Be sure to stop by between 5 and 8 p.m. There will be produce, sweets, bath and body products, jewelry, snacks, candles, crocheted items, custom tees and tumblers. Garden Fantasy on Main and BB's Belleville Boutique will have extended hours and, of course, your choice of restaurants.

I sure hope you remembered to make a reservation for the BHS All Class Reunion on Saturday, Sept. 21. There will be a tour of the high school at 2:30 p.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. in the cafeteria, or The Commons as the fancy people call it! The little town I'm from had an all-class reunion every five years until it fell on 2020 and we haven't had one since. The Class of '62 decided to have one at a local bar and gave an open invitation to alumni. So, on Sept. 28 my brother, sister-in-law, and I will travel to

Memphis, MI to have lunch and enjoy the company of old friends. Sure hope I recognize at least a few of them!

There are a lot of people in our tri-community area who read every word in the *Independent*. Knowing that and knowing also what wonderful plays the students at BHS have put on through the years, I expect some of those accomplished actors are going to audition for the Van Buren Players next offering – "Miracle on 34th Street." In last week's paper it was announced that auditions would be held on Sept. 23 and 24 from 7 to 10 p.m. at Van Buren Township Community Center on Tyler Road. Performances will be held in December.

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VBT Plan

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and they found there was a 60 percentile fuel demand at that site and a 70 percentile market need for food. This is based on the number of traffic and people.

"We are very confident of the need," he said.

Engineer Mike Leppek of Fishbeck said they are working with EGLE on wetlands and permits for the county drain and a water main under Haggerty Road. A sanitary sewer will go under the county drain on Ecorse, and they are working with the county on that. He said as Sheetz gets the county permits, they will share them with the township prior to construction.

Township treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the planning commission, said she went by the Sheetz site in Romulus. It was not yet opened when she went by the first time, but the next time she drove by it was very busy. She said the building was very nice looking.

Bruckelmeyer urged the rest of the commission to go down to Romulus to see its site before its review of the final site plan. Sheetz opened its first store in the state in Romulus and now has many approved for construction throughout the Metro-Detroit area.

Commission chairman Brian Cullin asked about the flooding that happens at that corner and Bruckelmeyer said they are figuring out how to address that. He said they assessed a high-water mark and they are raising the site so they can dig out to drain. He said Sheetz spent a significant amount of money on that so it will be appropriately designed.

Chairman Cullin said residents have determined that the sit-down restaurant at Sheetz will be the only one in that area and they would have to drive to Belleville and Tyler roads to find another sit-down restaurant.

In other business at the two-hour-14-minute meeting, the commission:

- Approved a final site plan amendment for Zippy Belleville Real Estate, LLC for relocation of its auto wash monument sign from the south side of its project to the north side of the property at 11600 Belleville Rd. The commission approved

the project last December. Commissioner Jeff Jahr had concerns about whether the size conformed to the sign ordinance and director of planning and economic development Dan Power said the sign would be brought back to the commission if there were any problems. The sign will have digital messages, but they can only change the words every hour, under the ordinance;

- Heard Ron Akers, director of municipal services, give a report on a legal opinion by township attorneys on the plan by Pulte Homes of Michigan to build homes on the northeast corner of Morton Taylor and Tyler roads in what is part of an old Planned Unit Development for Walden Woods. At first it was thought the PUD could be amended into a Planned Residential Development (PRD), but that doesn't seem legal. Akers said deliberations on the situation is a work in progress. "It would not be a PRD. It would stay one big PUD," Akers said, even though the township no longer has PUDs. Commissioner Jahr was concerned about which rules the commission would follow to assess development there and Akers said he would pass that concern on to the attorneys. Commissioner Medina Atchinson said residents say they want more open space and the planning commission needs to have flexibility. Akers said the final draft of the legal opinion in the commission packet is still being worked on, but they wanted the planning commission to know what was going on; and

- Heard Donovan Smith, a principal planner with McKenna Associates, explain a project he will be working on for the next year on "Missing Middle Housing." The township applied for a Michigan Housing Readiness Incentive Grant and was awarded \$45,000 for the study that he will do. It will review the VBT housing market for an update to the township's 2020 Master Plan. It will come up with a Middle Housing Plan, Zoning Ordinance Recommendations, and an Implementation Plan. He said they are in the kickoff phase now and he plans three workshops with the planning commission during their regular meetings and then in April they will set a public hearing. He will be sending out a survey and will hold monthly steering team meetings.

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Belleville City Council approves new look for winter tax bill

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt emphasized that the city taxes are not going up, but the public safety millage will just be allocated on the winter tax bill to make sure police and fire get the funds directly.

At Monday's regular meeting of the city council, city manager Jason Smith said the resolution setting the tax rate request for the winter billing is required and he recommended shifting the 11.25 mills for public safety into a direct millage to that department.

This is more realistic for the cost of public safety rather than taking public safety from the general fund, an extra step, the way the city has been doing, the mayor said.

Councilman Jeremiah Beebe asked why they are changing this now and city manager Smith said the way it is now the 7.25 mills is captured in full for public safety and the rest needed goes through the general fund. He said that means what goes through the general fund is among those funds up for capture by the Downtown Development Authority, the county, and other entities. The \$261,000 captured by the 11.25 mills now would go directly to police and fire without any capture.

"It will take a small chunk out of the DDA budget," Smith said.

"Nobody will lose any money," Mayor Voigt said. "This should have been done 25 years ago."

The operating millage on next summer's tax will be reduced to reflect the shift of public safety from the summer operating millage to the winter public safety millage.

Smith said the city is allowed to levy 20 mills total and if the city is "handcuffed" it could add a mill here or there for roads. He said now they are bumping 15.8 mills.

"We could add a mill without having to go to a vote of the people," Smith said.

Mayor Voigt said this makes it more clear where the money is going.

The council voted unanimously for the resolution outlining the change. Absent and excused were councilwoman Julie Kissel and councilman Randy Priest.

In other business at Monday's one-hour-47-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved paying \$23,196 for lease and repairs to the Sany front loader, which had been brought to the DPW on demo on the recommendation of former DPW director Tony Bollini. Smith said the former director told Sany the city would buy it. It was to be here two days on demo and the city kept it for two months and now it is dented, scratched, caked in mud inside, and has more than 50 hours put on it. The city received an invoice for pickup and to fix the damage. Instead the city could lease it at \$34,000 a year, or buy it outright at \$160,000. After much discussion, it was decided the city doesn't need that piece of equipment, a poor decision was made, and the city just needs to cut its losses and pay for the lease/repairs;
- Approved a \$156,000 quote from Hard

Rock to piggyback repairing Church Street while they are in town for their work on Harbour Pointe. Hard Rock offered \$250,000 to do both Church and Charles, but the city decided on just Church because it was worse. Mayor Voigt said the city can't pave all the city streets at once without an assessment, so they are doing it piecemeal. Church is expected to be done during the first two weeks of October;

- Approved the bid of Advanced Roofing of Westland at \$46,850 to remove and replace the fire department roof. A lower bid of \$41,800 from Tri-Star Roofing had an exception added that it would not remove the sign on the north side of the building. There were five quotes. The current roof is estimated to be more than 40 years old. The sign is very heavy;

• Heard city manager Smith say that while he and Mayor Voigt were at Mackinac Island for the Michigan Municipal League conference, the roadworkers in Harbour Pointe blocked traffic into the subdivision for several hours and they tried to handle it from Mackinac Island;

• Heard Victoria Robinson of Belle Villa explain the problems with the modular home park over the last nine years, including skirts not fixed, electrical, trees dying and the park saying the residents have to cut them down, a pond with the pump not working that is now swampy

with the park saying the pond is owned by the city, young families with children in the senior section, and over 280 people don't have security lights at their drives. "I don't know where to go for help, so I came here," she said to the council. Mayor Voigt said, for sure, the pond does not belong to the city and for Robinson to leave her phone number and the city manager would look into the situation and get back to her. He said mobile home parks have strong lobbying groups in Lansing and a state agency oversees the parks;

- Heard Valerie Kelley-Bonner of SOOAR give a presentation on Narcan, at the invitation of the mayor. She told how her group distributes Narcan, provided by Michigan Health and Human Services, for her harm-reduction activities. She told how they started with HIV and AIDs prevention

activities and now they also work with people who use drugs. It's not easy to stop drug addiction, but you don't have to die because you use drugs, she said. She presented a sample ordinance on addiction prevention. She said they meet people where they are and find out their needs and meet weekly with them, knowing their names. She put Ashley Shukait, who was home sick, on the phone and her comments supported Kelley-Bonner. Amy O'Brian, a friend of Shukait, said so far this year, SOOAR has reversed 631 overdoses. Kelley-Bonner gave the council a copy of an *Independent* story reporting on what VBT adopted in 2021;

- Hear Rick Lawson of the Huron River Watershed Council give a presentation on

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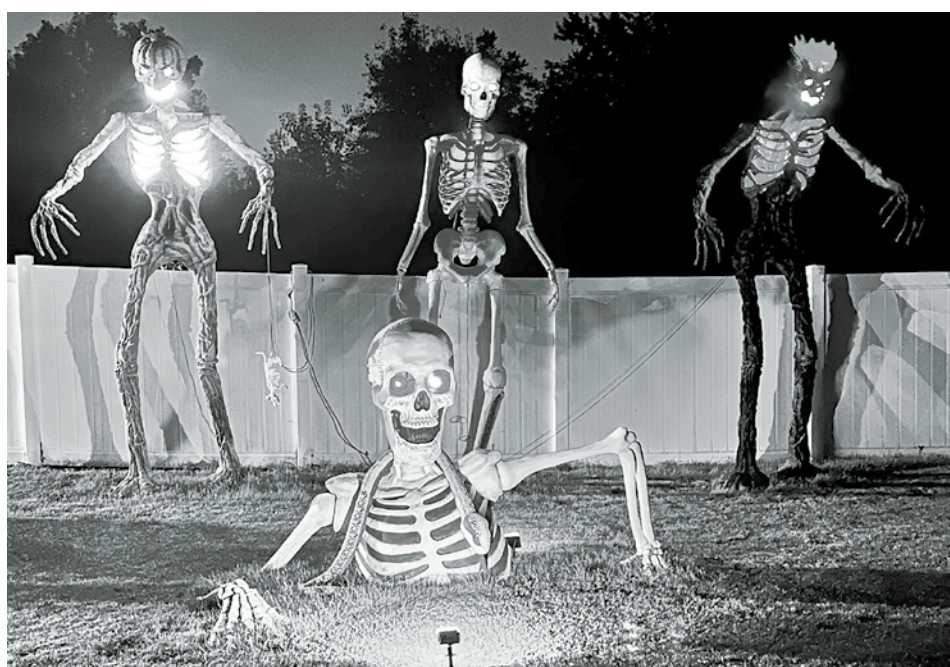
Rosenthals invite public to free BBQ to enjoy Halloween decorations

Misty and Mark Rosenthal of “Animal Magic” invite the public to their home at 46110 Judd Rd. in Sumpter Township for the afternoon to enjoy their extensive, interactive Halloween decorations and take some pictures.

“This is a fun, give-back to the community,” said Mark, who said most of his time is filled with Animal Magic shows for their non-profit business, but from 3-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 29, he has set aside the time to welcome the public.

He said he will barbecue some hamburgers and hotdogs to share with his visitors and it will be entirely free, with no donations. He said he has checked the schedule and there are no football games to interfere with the event.

Mark said the exotic animals he uses for his shows are not a part of the day’s activities, and unless they decide to put a costume on one of their big dogs there won’t be any animals involved.



Belleville PD to launch ‘Hope Not Handcuffs’ with Oct. 2 event

Three area police departments are holding special events to kick off their new “Hope Not Handcuffs” initiative.

Redford Township’s event was on Sept. 18, Inkster’s is on Sept. 25, and the city of Belleville Police event is at noon on Oct. 2 at the police department at Five Points.

In addition to the police chief, speakers will include representatives from FNA/“Hope Not Handcuffs.”

Face Addiction Now (FAN, formerly known as Families Against Narcotics), a Macomb County-based nonprofit organization founded in 2007, is teaming up with three Wayne County police departments to bring hope to people who struggle with a substance use disorder (SUD) and want to find recovery.

One of FAN’s most successful initiatives,

“Hope Not Handcuffs” is designed to give people who are struggling with SUD a safe and easy way to access help: by visiting their local police station.

The program’s concept is simple: Any person who is battling a drug or alcohol addiction can go to a participating agency and say they want help. They will be greeted with support, compassion, and respect, and one of FAN’s trained volunteer “Angels” will be dispatched to meet them. The Angel will then contact FAN’s Call Center and work with them to get the individual placed into treatment.

People seeking help for a substance use disorder can also reach out directly to

the Hope Not Handcuffs Call Center by phoning 833.202.HOPE (4673). The Call Center is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., seven days a week, 365 days a year.

“Hope Not Handcuffs” also provides trained and certified Peer Recovery Coaches for the individuals who participate in the program, as well as Family Recovery Coaches for family members or loved ones.

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Van Buren Township Police began its “Hope Not Handcuffs” program in March.

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the nonprofit that was organized in 1965 to protect the Huron River waters from Oakland County to Lake Erie, including Belleville Lake along the way. They are now working on a residential rain garden project for Belleville and Brighton. They have had some hearing sessions at the library in Belleville and are going door to door in some parts of town to survey the interest. He said they offer free rain garden assessments to people and the upcoming rain garden course in January and February

to show how to do it. They tried to offer the survey in Van Buren Township but were told there is a no-soliciting ordinance and they can’t go door to door, so they moved back to just Belleville for the project. The rain gardens capture water and it goes into the ground before it gets to drains. He said it’s not hard to do and collectively the gardens can do a lot in cleaning up the lake water; and

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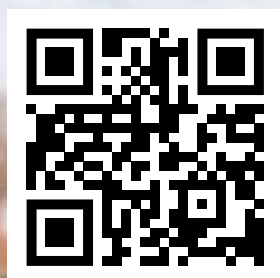
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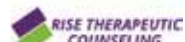
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Laura Bremer shares whimsical designs in 1st solo NY fashion show

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Laura Bremer of Van Buren Township showcased her fashion line of eight designs over the Sept. 6 weekend at New York Fashion Week in her first solo fashion show.

Her whimsical brand is called Alaura. Bremer, 31, upcycles items to create the designs, including vintage handmade quilts, bedsheets, window coverings, and fabrics she finds at garages sales, thrift stores, and on eBay.

She said some of the items are tattered and stained and she finds leaving the stains in place is charming, and makes her smile.

For this fashion show she turned napkins and tablecloths into a dress, window treatment and bed sheets into dresses, and a hand-stitched quilt into a jacket. Old costume jewelry is clustered together in one design and a vintage dickie and scarf in others.

The New York fashion show was put on the the Project Runway television show and was called “RISE NYFW” and was attended by people in the fashion industry, including photographers and reporters. She said she met people and made contacts in the industry.

She had done fashion shows with a partner in the past, but this was her first solo show.

Bremer is a self-taught sewist and has been costume designing for theatre, movies and clientele for more than ten years.

Bremer’s mother, Susan Simon Bremer, grew up in Belleville. Since 2012, Bremer has lived in the house that originally belonged to her grandfather, Drexel Simon, on Martinsville Road across from

Riggs Park.

Her mother taught her to sew, beginning when she was in the sixth grade when she made a simple top for herself. Then she went on to home economics and learned more.

She graduated from Farmington High School and earned a degree in costuming from Oakland Community College and then a recreation therapy degree from Eastern Michigan University. She said she thought she could be an art therapist but when she graduated, she couldn’t find a job because she needed a mental health background.

So, she went into retail. But she always wanted to do fashion.

She worked for Anthropologie in Ann Arbor, which offered women’s clothes. She liked working in clothing and feeling the fabrics.

Bremer went back to college for a degree in aesthetics, thinking skin care would work.

She planned to get a patterning job and did work for a year in a company that is a sister to Toyota, designing car interiors. After COVID she was moved to another department and now works from home doing data entry.

But designing is her love and her goal is costume designing. She hopes to get a position in that field.

Meanwhile, she is considering entering the Belleville Area Council for the Arts community art show, which has a fabrics category.

To see more of her designs, her Instagram handle is @alaura_bremeralis.



Laura Bremer adjusts her model’s dress before the fashion show.

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This dress was created from napkins and a sheet.

District Library Board approves millages for the Dec. 2024 tax bill

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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The Belleville Area District Library Board approved three millages to be placed on the December 2024 winter tax bill.

This was at the board's regular meeting on Sept. 10. The millages are:

- 6.864 mills for financial operations of the library that will bring a total tax of \$1,387,567 from real and personal property owners in the city of Belleville and townships of Sumpter and Van Buren. This was approved by voters in Aug. 2, 2022 and runs until Jan. 1, 2037;

- 7.318 mills for operational purposes of the library will bring a total tax in the amount of \$1,479,344 from real and personal property owners in Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren. The voters approved a levy of 7.5 mills on Nov. 8, 2016 through Jan. 1, 2037; and

- 4.8 mills to meet the payments for the \$14 million, 20-year general obligation unlimited tax bonds for the library, which was approved by voters on Nov. 8, 2016.

This will bring a total of \$970,327 in 2024.

In 2024, there is \$125,701,529 taxable value in the city of Belleville, \$448,601,508 taxable value in Sumpter Township, and \$1,447,210,931 taxable value in Van Buren Township.

Board chairperson Sharon Peters said this is an annual action the board takes to get the millage on the tax levy so the library can pay its bills.

In other business in the 35-minute meeting on Sept. 10, the board:

- Heard Library Director Mary Jo Suchy report that they have been looking at alternate options for taking care of the second flagpole light that has failed, but they have decided to replace it. The first light that failed needed only a lens and cover replacement. The second light needs to have the entire fixture replaced. She said the handicapped restroom doors to be installed on the five library restrooms will cost a total of \$50,000, which is about \$5,000 each plus installation. She said the building committee will be convened to discuss this;

- Heard Director Suchy report that they are trying new things, such as "Game Day

Game Day" on the Fridays there are home football games when teenagers hang out at the library between the end of the school and the beginning of the football game. She said teens weren't attending the things the library planned for them. She said they will actively funnel students into this Game room who have a energy level that might not be entirely appropriate for some of the library's other spaces. Chairperson Peters said she has come to the library after school to see what is happening and she reported there are "tons of kids" right after school in the library parking lot and in the area of the Crafted store and then they were gone. She commended the staff for its ingenuity in working with the young people. She noted that seven pages of code of conduct was reduced to one page so it could be distributed. The staff is setting up a library orientation for teens on Sept. 11 with free pizza to encourage them to come;

- Was informed the library's meeting rooms were booked 38 times in July and 39 times in August. The library's group study rooms were booked 424 times in July and 412 times in August;

- Heard Director Suchy explain that potential discrepancies have been discovered by some neighboring libraries in Wayne County regarding past distribution of penal fines. The Library of Michigan is working with the county to resolve the issue, but the Belleville library will most likely be required to pay back amounts from past years that were incorrectly distributed to it;

- Learned the library is restarting its adult literacy program and volunteer literacy tutors will be trained in November at the library by Washtenaw Literacy;

- Was informed the library has posted an opening for an additional library monitor in order to fill gaps within its existing schedule. Library assistant Justin Villa was promoted to librarian. Brendon Carr was promoted from shelving intern to shelving page. Circulation clerk Elizabeth Valicenti was rehired;

- Heard board member Joy Cichewicz say the library in Ypsilanti where she is librarian will finally reopen to the public on Oct. 12 with a 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. open house

that is youth oriented. It has been closed for repairs for a long time. She announced she will resign from her management position as of Feb. 22 and work at the library part-time;

- Heard board member John Juriga say the bees were at the farmer's market the previous day and one vendor got stung. Board member Linda Priest said it couldn't have been one of the library's bees because the library bees are happy bees. Cichewicz said after she retires from the Ypsilanti library she will take up raising bees again

on her farm in Sumpter Township. She said she has lots of garlic chives and the bees just love that plant and are all over them this season; and

- Heard chairperson Peters say she marvels at the farmers market that is held each Monday afternoon on Fourth Street Place. "There's a weekly gathering right in front of our library," she said, noting there is community use of the library on those days more than she could have imagined in the past.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Saturday, Sept. 21** – All-Class Reunion at Belleville High School, beginning at 2:30 p.m. for tours, shopping in the school store, and social gathering, with dinner at 5 p.m. Cost at the door is \$40 per person. For more info, email: BellevilleAllClass@gmail.com or phone landline no texting: (734) 481-0264.

- **Saturday, Sept. 21** – Faith Denton United Methodist Church invites you to a Paint in the Spirit event with a Christian artist from the Methodist Church. You paint what the spirit tells you to. Cost is \$25 for materials which will be provided by the artist. Register by Sept. 14 so supplies can be obtained. Call (734) 483-2276. The church is at 6020 Denton Rd., Van Buren Township.

- **Thursday, Sept. 26** – Southwestern

Wayne County Democratic Club invites everyone to a Meet & Greet of candidates in the 2024 election at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds dining hall, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township.

- **Friday, Sept. 27** – It's Oktoberfest from 5-8 p.m. at Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Menu: Brat or ham hock, German potato salad, sauerkraut, Spätzle (German noodles), red cabbage, bread/butter and dessert, \$15. German music by Crosstown Horn Band, cash bar, German beer, shotski. Call (734) 461-2498 for reservations. Sponsored by Keith and Ginger Bruder and Eagle Friends. Open to the public.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

(continued from page 18)

• **Saturday, Sept. 28** – Family Feud brought to you by the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78 Auxiliary, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., (734) 941-3030. Doors open at 6 p.m., game starts at 7 p.m. Teams of six players, \$5 per player. Everyone welcome; must be 18 or older to play.

• **Sunday, Sept. 29** – Misty and Mark Rosenthal of Animal Magic invite the public to their home at 46110 Judd Rd., Sumpter Township, from 3-8 p.m. to spend the afternoon, eat some free barbecue, and enjoy the interactive Halloween decorations which are in abundance. There is no charge and no donations. This is a fun, give-back to the community. No exotic animals are involved.

• **Thursday, Oct. 3:** Romulus Public Library offers a free, live music show from 6 to 7 p.m. by Matthew Ball, The Boogie Woogie Kid, a piano and song man of 5 million YT views. He will perform American songbook favorites from New Orleans and the Swing Era. The library is next to 34th District Court at 11121 Wayne Rd., phone (734) 942-7589, for more info/register.

• **Saturday, Oct. 5, and Sunday, Oct. 6** – St. Paul's Apple Fest 2024 at 19109 Craig St., New Boston. From 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday. Apple pies, \$10; Apple Shooters, \$2; food/drinks, vendors & crafters. Info at: (734) 625-0514 or (734) 753-9048.

• **Sunday, Oct. 6** – Bethany Bible Church celebrates the 50th anniversary of its daycare from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during church and its Fall Festival, with food, games, hayride, dunk tank.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 9** – Drive-Thru Chicken Supper, 4:30 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925

Willow Rd., New Boston. Call (734) 654-9020 and order your food before 4 p.m. and it will be ready when you arrive. For \$15 you get four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, dinner-style biscuits, and your choice of pie.

• **Saturday, Oct. 12** – Harvest Fest at the Belleville Area District Library, Belleville Area Museum, and Fourth Street Place, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. A Tractor Parade on Main Street is at 11 a.m. and a Harvest Market, music, and nickel dig.

• **Saturday, Oct. 12** – Van Buren Township Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m. to noon, at Fire Hall #2, 7981 Belleville Rd. Tickets: \$5. Menu includes pancakes, sausage links, and coffee, juice, or milk.

• **Sunday, Oct. 13** – Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra at 3:30 p.m. at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Rd., Ypsilanti. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students/ seniors/children, and \$30 per family. www.ypsilantisymphony.org


• **Friday, Oct. 18, and Saturday, Oct. 19** – Sumpter Township Vendor Market, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Community Center gym, 23501 Sumpter Rd. \$10 per table rental. Rain or shine. More information, call Sumpter Senior Coordinator Maryann Watson at (734) 461-9737; email maryannwatson@sumptertwp.org

• **Saturday, Oct. 19** – Van Buren Township Candy Loop from 4-6 p.m. at Quirk Park. Wear your costumes and make your way to each Halloween-themed station providing candy from local area businesses and non-profits. Free and open to the public.

• **Wednesday, Nov. 13** – Drive-Thru Chicken Supper, 4:30 p.m. until sold out at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. Call (734) 654-9020 and order your food before 4 p.m. and it will be ready when you arrive. For \$15 you get four pieces of chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, dinner-style biscuits, and your choice of pie.

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BOOville 2024

Categories

1. Families/Individuals	3. Adult Groups/Organizations
2. Youth Groups/Organizations	4. Businesses

Judging will take place on or before the **Harvest Fest** on October 12th.
Winners will be announced at the City Council Meeting on October 21, 2024

\$10 Entrance Fee

SCARECROW ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Category _____

I hereby agree to all the Scarecrow Contest rules. I also hereby release the Scarecrow Contest Committee and its employees, officers, and agents from all claims for loss, damage or injury incurred by Scarecrow Contest participants or their employees or agents.

Signature _____

Your name - the way it will appear on your sign (limit 5 words)


All entry forms must be received by Monday, Sept 30
at Belleville City Hall 6 Main Street, Belleville MI 48111.
Applications may be mailed or dropped off at City Hall,
or emailed to sjones@belleville.mi.us

City of Belleville

SCARECROW CONTEST

INFORMATION AND RULES

1. Scarecrow Contest Area will be Main Street (5 Points to Liberty). Placements will be determined by the Scarecrow Contest Committee. Entries in the "Business" category will be displayed as close to the Business as possible, based on the total number of entries and providing the business is in the Contest Area.
2. Decorations may be purchased or made. Decorations made of cardboard or paper are discouraged. Items must be tied or wired securely to resist high winds, rain and vandalism. **YOUR SCARECROW MUST CONTAIN SOME VISABLE STRAW OR HAY.**
3. No mechanical assistance, tiki torches or flammable objects may be used.
4. **DECORATIONS DESIGNED TO FEED WILDLIFE AND FOOD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED.**
5. Scarecrows must be in good taste and constructed to withstand the weather. Scarecrows will not be accepted that reflect controversial, social or political situations. We reserve the right to refuse any scarecrow we deem inappropriate.
6. The Scarecrow Contest committee and its affiliates are not responsible for loss or damage to entries.
7. **You must bring your scarecrow to City Hall no later than Thursday, October 3 for display placement. Scarecrows received after that date will not be considered for judging.**
8. Scarecrows must remain on display thru early November. Entries not picked up by November 8th will be discarded by the City.
9. Judging will take place on or before October 12th.
10. **Scarecrow frames will be provided for participants. All entries must be on a City supplied frame. NO STRAW BALES ALLOWED.**
11. Participant, Organization or Company's name will be displayed on the sign we provide. Please let that be the only commercialism. No handouts, promotional materials or free giveaways can be associated with an entry.



Sumpter Township board sets closed-door session on Sept. 17

The Sumpter Township Board of Trustees announced it would meet in closed-door session at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 17, to discuss its attorney's opinion on Republic Waste.

Officials at both Van Buren Township and city of Belleville have announced that Sumpter Township has agreed to join them in a joint lawsuit, with others, against Republic Waste and Sumpter will pitch in \$5,000 toward legal costs.

The closed-door session will be held after the *Independent's* deadline for this week's paper, so a report from the Sept. 17 meeting will be published in next week's edition.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES -- SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room. Zoom Meeting ID for public participation: 894 2765 4392. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Boynton, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Kelley. Late Arrival: Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Public Services Luckett, Director of Municipal Services Akers and an audience of eight.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

CLOSED SESSION: Kelley moved, Budd seconded to go into Closed Session pursuant to MCL 15.268(h) to discuss the contents of an attorney client privileged communication. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Frazier seconded to adjourn the Closed Session at 6:39 p.m. Motion Carried.

Frazier moved, Martin seconded to reconvene the Board Meeting at 6:41 p.m. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS: McNamara moved, Frazier seconded to walk on and consider approval of Resolution 2024-14: Authorizing the Township to Join Intergovernmental Litigation Against Republic Services. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: A resident commended The Board on passing the resolution and asked if other chemicals being brought into the facility will be reviewed and another resident thanked the board for passing the resolution.

BOARD COMMENT: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Kelley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Published: September 19, 2024

State Rep. Reggie Miller holds press conference on new bill introduced

State Rep. Reggie Miller, D-Van Buren Township, held a press conference Sept. 11 on her legislation to block efforts to move radioactive soil and water from New York state to Michigan.

"This legislation will ban radioactive waste dumping in Michigan to protect the health and safety of our residents," she said in a press release. "Our beautiful state is not a dumping ground. My constituents have told me again and again that they are worried and angry that radioactive materials from three states away are coming to their backyards.

"Let's continue Michigan's legacy as an environmental steward and protect our farms and lakes from dangerous pollution for generations to come."

During her "Not Your Dumping Ground: Keeping Michigan Clean & Safe" press conference, she discussed her recently

introduced legislation, House Bill 5923, to ban the dumping of radioactive waste in Michigan. The legislation was modeled after a New York state law that enacted a similar ban on radioactive waste.

"Michigan has always been a leader in environmental protection, and we won't allow our communities to become the dumping ground for radioactive waste. I stand with Rep. Miller in her fight, and I'm committed to ensuring Wayne County remains a safe and healthy place for all of us to live," said Wayne County Commissioner-elect Allen Wilson, D-Romulus.

BHS All-Class Reunion set for Saturday, Sept. 21, at BHS Commons

The annual Belleville High School All-Class Reunion is set for 2:30-8 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 21, at the BHS Commons, 501 W. Columbia Ave.

The reunion runs from 2:30 to 4:45 p.m.

for a social gathering, school tour, and shopping in the school store. Dinner is 5-8 p.m. Payment at the door is \$40 per person.

For more information, see Facebook: Belleville HS Alumni Reunion; email: BellevilleAllClass@gmail.com or phone landline with no texting to (734) 481-0264.

Van Buren Eagles to celebrate Oktoberfest on Friday, Sept., 27

Van Buren Eagles #3996 at 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, will celebrate Oktoberfest from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 27, and the event is open to the public.

The menu is Brat or Ham Hock, German potato salad, sauerkraut, Spaetzle (German noodles) red cabbage, bread/butter, and dessert for \$15. There will be German music by the Crosstown Horn Band, a cash bar, German beer, and Shotski.

Call (734) 461-2498 for reservations. The event is sponsored by Keith and Ginger Bruder and Eagle Friends.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

INVITATION FOR BIDS

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

IRON BELLE TRAIL SECTION D

Sealed proposals will be received by the Van Buren Township at the office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren, Michigan 48111 until **11:00 a.m.** local time (EST), on **October 2, 2024** for construction of this project. Proposals are to be delivered to the Township Clerk's Office in a sealed envelope marked on the outside as described in the Instruction to Bidders.

Project Description:

The project site is located along the east side of Denton Road south of I-94 Service Drive and within Van Buren Township Park. The project includes the construction of a variable width asphalt path (8'-12'), a 70' linear foot bridge and abutments, as well as sidewalk along Old Denton Road and within Denton Road. Restriping Denton Road is also proposed to add a bike lane/sharrow.

The drawings and specifications under which the work is to be performed are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

Van Buren Township
46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Twp., MI 48111

Or

PEA Group
7927 Nemco Way, Suite 115
Brighton, MI 48116

Digital copies of the bid package (drawings and specifications) are accompanied with this invitation via email. Hard copies may be obtained from **PEA Group, 7927 Nemco Way #115, Brighton, Michigan 48116** at a cost of \$150.00 to the bidder.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bid bond for a sum not less than five percent (5%) of the proposal amount. All questions regarding clarification or interpretation of the documents shall be directed to Jeffrey Smith, PLA, LEED AP, of PEA Group by the following means: Office: (517) 546-8583, Fax: (248) 689-1044, and e-mail: jsmith@peagroup.com.

The right is reserved by the Owner to accept any proposal, to reject any proposal, and to waive irregularities in proposals. No bid may be withdrawn after the above date and time for receiving bids for a period of one-hundred-twenty (120) days.

Van Buren Twp, MI
Leon Wright, Township Clerk

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Keystone wins four Eagle Awards from Nat'l Heritage Academies

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Every year, National Heritage Academies conducts an Eagle Awards ceremony where NHA recognizes and celebrates the achievements of their schools.

This year, Keystone Academy won four Eagle Awards in the categories of safety, parent satisfaction, staff satisfaction, and state accountability.

At its regular meeting on Sept. 12, the Keystone Academy Board of Directors celebrated their awards. Keystone is among the 100 schools that NHA manages across the country.

In other business at the Sept. 12 meeting,

the board:

- Reviewed a report by NHA representative Andrew Roth on the federal ESSER funds received and spent for Keystone. There was \$99,389 for ESSER 19-20, \$507,344 for ESSER II for 20-21 and \$1,140,232 for ESSER III for 21-22. Although the spending was spread over many areas, he said the bulk was spent on retention bonuses, stipends, and summer school. He said Nov. 29 is the final date everything should be spent;

- Was informed by Roth that Monday, Oct. 21, at 8:30 a.m. has been chosen as the time for an assembly at Keystone to thank former school board president Vesta

Losen who retired after more than 20 years of service. NHA founder J.C. Huizenga and other NHA officials will be present for the thank you, pictures, and applause. Roth said the bench in Losen's honor is still a possibility;

- Approved the Teacher Evaluation and Employee Certification Warranty Resolution that confirms that all personnel working at the Academy are properly licensed, certified, and endorsed in accordance with their employment status with all applicable and appropriate oversight bodies for the 2024-25 school year;

- Approved the Cardiac Emergency

Response Plan that tells the Automatic Defibrillator is located on the wall across the hall from the gymnasium;

- Approved the 2024-25 Course Offerings as presented;

- Approved the Reading Assessment System Selection Resolution naming the system as aimswebPlus;

- Approved the 2025-26 Offered Seats Schedule that would reduce by six seats the seats offered in grades seven and eight with a total school enrollment of 765. There will be no reduction in number of classes. Currently 725 students are enrolled at Keystone;

- Reviewed fourth-quarter financial statements. The audit presentation is scheduled for the Oct. 10 meeting;

- Discussed the 2023-24 Board Satisfaction Survey Summary;

- Heard Roth explain the the video series emailed to board members intends to tell them who's doing what in the NHA service department;

- Welcomed an official from Bay Mills Community College in the Upper Peninsula which charters Keystone Academy. He is visiting schools chartered by Bay Mills throughout the state;

- Learned there have been two students who had misconduct since the beginning of this school year. A first grader made threats against others on Aug. 29 and there was a parent/student/staff conference. A fourth-grader had malicious/willful behavior on Aug. 29 and was excluded from school activities;

- Was informed there were 66 families who attended the Kindergarten event, Barnyard Bash. All Young 5s and Kindergarten families were invited to spend an evening meeting their child's teacher, while enjoying a petting zoo and pony rides; and

- Was invited to Family Learning Night at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 17 and Trunk or Treat on Oct. 18. The National Junior Honor Society Coat Drive will be held Oct. 28-31.

BHS 65th Class Reunion set for Sept. 27 at Johnny's on the Lake

The Belleville High School Class of 1959 will hold its 65th class reunion on Friday, Sept. 27, from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Johnny's on the Lake in Belleville.

Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP to Bev Pink Brooks at (734) 679-0476 or Will Horchem at (734) 788-6755.

The BHS football game will follow at the high school with free seats reserved.

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City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - 7:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Beebe	Absent - Excused
Council Member Kissel	Present
Council Member Priest	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Absent - Excused
Mayor Voigt	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

a. Presentations
i. Coach Yamamoto and the BHS Varsity Dance Team members thanked the city for their generous donation to the team and thanked them for the opportunity to volunteer.

b. Citizen Comments

i. Darlene Slupski
1. Complained that the lot next to the Belleville Co-Op has a lot of overgrown weeds, equipment, building materials, etc. which are unsightly and also a health hazard.

ii. Chuck Johnson

1. Would like to understand more about the radioactive waste that is proposed to be dumped in Van Buren Township.

iii. Carol Caldwell

1. Asked why only a portion of Harbour Pointe Dr. is being paved.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

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

a. Approval of Minutes

i. August 19, 2024, Regular City Council Meeting

ii. August 26, 2024, Special City Council Meeting

b. Communications

c. Council Follow Up List

d. DPS Activity Report

e. Special Events

i. Pop-Up Market

ii. Witches Ball

iii. 2025 St. Patrick's Day Event

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest approving the consent agenda items as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. 5-Year Parks Plan Refresh

MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to open the Public Hearing at 7:54 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

• City Manager Smith stated that there were no major updates to the 5-Year Parks Plan refresh since last September. He also noted that holding the Public Hearing should be the last task needed in accordance with DNR guidelines to become eligible for grants.

• No comments from attendees.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to close the Public Hearing at 7:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

a. None.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

a. KCI Utility Billing and Newsletter Printing and Mailing Quote

i. City Manager Smith stated that the city intends to return to monthly water billing and will also be sending out a monthly newsletter to keep the residents apprised of events and notices. KCI provided a quote for these services, which Smith presented to the Council.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve the quoted cost from KCI for utility billing and newsletter printing, as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

b. City Hall rear parking lot repair quote from CB Asphalt Paving

i. Council deferred this item to a future meeting.

c. Fire Department Generator Bid

i. Council deferred this item to a future meeting, stating that they would like to see the cost to upgrade meters, as well as the cost to repair the department's roof, before deciding.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

a. Accounts Payable

b. Departmental Expenditures

i. Advanced Underground Inspection (2)

ii. Williams Emergency Vehicles

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Priest	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

a. Hard Rock began construction today and should be finished up by October.

b. River of Life Church will be holding a lunch for first responders on September 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

c. New trash bins are being distributed to residents; most residents should have received theirs already.

d. The alley between Wabash and Henry was torn up today and will be graded.

e. Leffler completed all the scheduled tree removal work in the city, and there are plans to look at additional trees in the city that may need to be addressed.

f. Repair work on sidewalks in the city has begun.

g. The kickoff meeting for the SEMCOG road safety audit will take place on Monday.

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve the scheduling of a meeting between the Planning Commission, DDA, and City Council to discuss the city's Master Plan, on Wednesday October 2nd, at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Priest	Aye
Council Member Kissel	Aye
Mayor Voigt	Aye

Motion Carried.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

a. Kissel

i. Thank you to Stevens Disposal for all their work.

ii. The clock in 4th St. Square is 15 minutes slow and needs to be addressed.

iii. Has been cataloging and archiving blueprints in the city's Building Department.

iv. There is a Planning Commission meeting scheduled for next week.

b. Priest

i. Thank you to city staff for the things being completed around city.

12. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

a. Looking forward to the monthly newsletter being created and sent out.

b. Happy to see that the Harbour Pointe road project is underway.

c. Glad to have a partnership with the BHS Dance Team.

d. Reminder that there will be a meeting tomorrow at 6 p.m. at Wayne County Community College regarding the transportation and dumping of hazardous waste in Van Buren Township.

e. Applications for this year's veterans' banners are now being accepted.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS

a. Otzman

i. Asked how the parking enforcement in Victoria Commons went with today being the first school day of the year.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

a. None.

15. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to adjourn at 8:34 PM.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 370 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 8:

0103 – repossession, Park Estates Dr.
0122 – 911 welfare check, Water's Edge Ln.
0210 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
0406 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0440 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Buren Estates
0626 – 911 welfare check, Frederick Ct.
1134 – family trouble, Sumpter Rd.
xxxx – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1305 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1320 – civil matter, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1322 – intrusion alarm, Winding Pond Dr.
1414 – civil matter, Park Estates Dr.
1455 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1623 – motorist assist, Sumpter Rd./Hull Rd.
1827 – assist other dept., Ironwood Rd.
1841 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1946 – shooting, Lenmoore Ave.
2019 – suicidal person, Hull Rd.

Monday, Sept. 9:

0037 – animal complaint, Arlene Ln.
0336 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Chandler Dr.
0614 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
0654 – hospice death, Tyler Rd.
0801 – assist fire dept., Bemis Rd.
0807 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0841 – animal complaint, E. Main St.
0846 – threat, Haggerty Rd.
1013 – welfare check, Arthur St.
1019 – prisoner transport, 34th District Court
1047 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Martz Rd.
1043 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1148 – prisoner transport, 34th District Court
1059 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.
1049 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1124 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1258 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1437 – welfare check, Sumpter Rd.
1443 – abandoned auto, Pebblebrook Dr.
1534 – vehicle lockout, Dewitt Rd.
1547 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1603 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1616 – civil matter, S. Bellridge Dr.
1712 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
1716 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

1726 – suicidal person, Kahla Dr.
1825 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1932 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Wildflower Ct.
1934 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2034 – road hazard, Martinsville Rd.
2116 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
2120 – welfare check, S. Woodbury Dr.
2148 – family trouble, Maple Dr.
2159 – family trouble, Savage Rd.
2335 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 10:
0002 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Walden Ct.
0059 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Walden Ct.
0340 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Country Walk Ct.
0704 – unattended death, Sumpter Rd.
1045 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, McBride

xxxx – repossession, Jackson St.
xxxx – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1130 – civil matter, Tyler Rd.
1243 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1403 – unattended death, Denton Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Denton Rd.

1445 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1627 – assist other dept., Kirkridge Park Dr.
xxxx – assist citizen, Rawsonville Rd.
1638 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1653 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Parkwood Dr.
1700 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1941 – found property/child, Tyler Rd.
2138 – felony assault, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 11:
0113 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Denton Rd.
0239 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – repossession, Richard Run Dr.
0700 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pine Dr.
0650 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse I-275 ramp S.
xxxx – repossession, Woodgrove Dr.
0911 – animal complaint, Fret Rd.
0946 – animal complaint, Daisy Blvd.
0958 – larceny from auto, Meadows Ct.
1102 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
1106 – vehicle lockout, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1118 – assist other dept., Harris Rd.
1225 – abandoned auto, W. Huron River Dr.
1314 – larceny, Parkwood Dr.
1352 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1405 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1440 – larceny from auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1433 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1440 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1456 – motorist assist, Morton Taylor/Tyler Rd.
xxxx – assist other dept., Fourth St.

1538 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1544 – welfare check, Cobblestone Creek Dr.
1548 – property damage accident, EB Michigan Ave. / bypass
1607 – mental subject, Chandler
1716 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1745 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bemis Rd.
1841 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd./S. Grove
1752 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1847 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Southport Apts.
1932 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx – personal injury accident, N. I-275/Ecorse
xxxx – repossession, Jeremy Rd.
xxxx – repossession, Maude Ct.

Thursday, Sept. 12:
0501 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
0849 – found property/child, Hickory Woods
0805 – civil matter, Van Born Rd.
0929 – motorist assist, S. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
0937 – domestic, Brookside Dr.
0955 – welfare check, Alden Ave.
1028 – animal complaint, Harmony Ln.
1108 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
1253 – 911 welfare check, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1303 – assist other dept., Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.

xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.
1328 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1342 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
1446 – missing person, Locust Dr.
1421 – fraud, Rebecca Ct.
1425 – vehicle lockout, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1445 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1512 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1503 – animal complaint, W. Walden Dr.
1557 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1516 – welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
1629 – civil matter, Edwards Rd.
1933 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1910 – suicidal person, Lake Point Blvd.
1932 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1945 – larceny, Ash Dr.
1956 – assist other dept., Reedgrass Ln.
2054 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

2144 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2240 – mental subject, Richard Run Dr.
2307 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Beck Rd.
2339 – intrusion alarm, Packard Ct.

Friday, Sept. 13:
0054 – motorist assist, Tyler Rd./Walden Blvd.
0058 – motorist assist, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
0423 – welfare check, Buchanan St.

0506 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Sadie Ln.
0636 – 911 welfare check, Bemis Rd.
0836 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0904 – abandoned auto, Old Michigan Rd. / Rawsonville Rd.
0934 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
1011 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1106 – civil matter, Meadows Cir.
1136 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.
1111 – domestic, Tyler Rd.
1150 – welfare check, Redwood
1204 – fraud, Tavistock Dr.
1308 – threat, Van Born Rd.
1351 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1349 – welfare check, Freeport Ct.
1546 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – fraud, Maple Dr.
1656 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1807 – animal complaint, Ross Pl.
1833 – intrusion alarm, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1956 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
2001 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.

2106 – civil matter, Rawsonville Rd.
2157 – neighbor trouble, Harmony Ln.
2314 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
2319 – civil matter, Redwood Dr.
2349 – property damage accident, Lohr Rd./Bemis

Saturday, Sept. 14:
0021 – road hazard, E. Huron River Dr./Haggerty
0133 – assist other dept., S. I-275/Ecorse
0344 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
0518 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./E. I-94
0559 – mental subject, Bemis Rd.
0839 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0931 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Chandler Dr.
1006 – fraud, Assembly St.
1039 – private property/property damage accident, Solitude Ln.
1048 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1137 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd.

1242 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
1245 – vehicle lockout, Village Center Dr.
1256 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
1258 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1402 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1423 – neighbor trouble, Denton Rd.
1533 – larceny, Endicott St.
1542 – vehicle lockout, Rawsonville Rd.
1642 – property damage accident, E. Archwood Dr./N. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – 911 welfare check, Parkside Dr.
1834 – assist citizen, Hull Rd.
1713 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Sunrise Ln.
1826 – fraud, N. Timberview Dr.
1828 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.

1939 – assist fire dept., Ecorse Rd./Visteon Way
2000 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – juvenile complaint, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
2106 – welfare check, Belleville Rd./Ayres Ave.
2122 – disorderly, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.

Also, on this week's log are 75 traffic stops, nine of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways. There also were 89 ordinance violations -- all 7300 MICR codes.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 8:
0157 – animal complaint, Carmell St.
0319 – assist other dept., Victorian Ln.
1034 – personal injury accident, W. Columbia Ave. / Church St.
xxxx – animal complaint, Carmell St.

Monday, Sept. 9:
0602 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0704 – welfare check, Oxford Ct.
0959 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.

1024 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.
1046 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Madelon St.
1436 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, Light Tower Ct.
1534 – threat, N. Biggs Ave.
2113 – follow up by officer, Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 10:
1411 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, W. Wabash Ave.
2355 – property check, Main St.

Wednesday, Sept. 11:
0014 – property check, E. Columbia Ave.
1101 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
1431 – property check, N. Edgemont Ave.
1500 – fight, Fourth St.
1647 – civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1703 – threat, Fourth St.
1935 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1956 – assist other dept., S. Liberty St.
2057 – intrusion alarm, South St.

Thursday, Sept. 12:
xxxx – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, E. Huron River Dr.
0950 – warrant arrest, Carmell St.
1019 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1142 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1159 – disorderly, South St.
1211 – misc. complaint, High St.
1311 – assist other dept., Main St.
1511 – mental subject, W. Columbia Ave.
1537 – property damage accident, N. Liberty/First
1623 – threat, E. Huron River Dr.
1752 – disorderly, Edison Ave.
1921 – juvenile complaint, Estrada
1930 – juvenile complaint, Anaheim
2100 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.

Friday, Sept. 13:
0951 – vehicle lockout, Potter Dr.
2117 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
2224 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
2235 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Brain St.

Saturday, Sept. 14:
0002 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
0007 – welfare check, N. Liberty St.
0348 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
0845 – intrusion alarm, W. Davis St.
0909 – PBT (preliminary breath test), Main St.
1038 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, South St.
1343 – trespassing, W. Columbia Ave.
2012 – welfare check, Savage Rd.
2020 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Main St./High St.

There are 65 reports on this week's log and 16 of those are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 8:
0048 – suspicious circumstance, Washington St.
0239 – noise complaint, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0638 – motorist assist, Willow Rd./Clark Rd.
0908 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
1055 – follow-up investigation, Edgewood Dr.
1130 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1311 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, 46000 bl. Judd
1402 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1416 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1452 – follow-up investigation, Washington St.
1657 – alarm, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1917 – breaking & entering report, Dogwood St.
2206 – assist other agency, New Mexico St.

Monday, Sept. 9:
0621 – alarm 18999 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0652 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1148 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1309 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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1915 – welfare check, Montana St.
2000 – breaking & entering report, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 10:

0340 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0711 – assault, Rustic Ln.
0807 – fraud complaint, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
0857 – civil matter, Country Club Blvd.
0923 – 911 hangup, Colorado St.
1120 – fraud complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1159 – assist other agency, Colorado St.
1349 – 911 hangup, Oregon St.
1525 – property damage accident, 8200 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1539 – juvenile matter, Virginia St.
1541 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1550 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1618 – civil matter, Edgewood Dr.
1630 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Rustic Ln.
1808 – animal complaint, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1816 – family trouble, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 11:

0137 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln./Timberlane
0309 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
0333 – suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln.
0823 – assist other agency, Magnolia Dr.
0845 – assist other agency, 41000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1032 – suspicious vehicle, Rustic Ln.
1048 – welfare check, Second St.
1050 – property damage accident, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1053 – suspicious circumstance, 39000 bl. Judd
1115 – mental health call, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

1232 – trespassing complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1306 – suspicious person, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1527 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1530 – suspicious circumstance, 8100 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.

1703 – neighbor dispute, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
1812 – civil matter, Tamarack Dr.
1829 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1840 – welfare check, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 12:

0020 – suspicious vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville
0043 – larceny, Timberlane Dr.
0220 – 911 hangup, Timberlane Dr.
0812 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0855 – suspicious circumstance, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1535 – suspicious circumstance, 47000 bl. Bemis
1625 – traffic complaint/hazard, Montana St.
1634 – follow up investigation, Timberlane Dr.
1707 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

1958 – animal complaint, Greenmeadow Dr. / Carriage Ln.

2106 – family trouble, Wyoming St.
2321 – 911 hangup, Knollwood Dr.

Friday, Sept. 13:

0003 – noise complaint, Nevada St.
0350 – noise complaint, Second St.
0835 – follow-up investigation, Wyoming St.
1031 – citizen assist, Willis Rd./Sherwood Rd.
1141 – family trouble, Wyoming St.
1206 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
1239 – larceny, Delaware St.
1442 – follow-up investigation, Wyoming St.
1912 – 911 hangup, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1917 – follow-up investigation, Wyoming St.
1930 – suspicious person, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2111 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2142 – 911 hangup, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 14:

0055 – civil matter, Washington St.
0250 – property damage accident, 51000 bl. Willis
0859 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1314 – animal complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1919 – missing person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1930 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1951 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1952 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2007 – civil matter, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
2108 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2256 – noise complaint, Willis Rd./Haggerty Rd.
2356 – noise complaint, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week's log are 178 patrol checks, 61 traffic stops, and 12 misc. details.



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- Sept. 20 - Stephanie Priess
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- Sept. 23 - Megan Holmes
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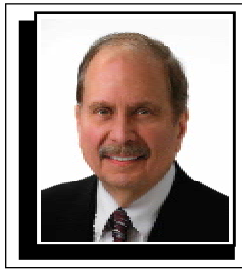
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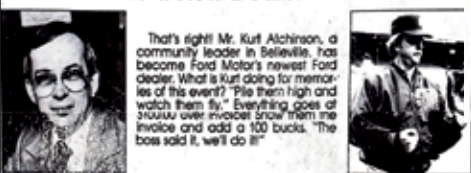
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