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Harbour Pointe house decoration winner is Christopher and Tracee Kloian, 253 Harbour Pointe Dr.



Victoria Commons winner is Herbert Happke, 235 Aberdeen Court.
Independent photos by Bob Mytych



Mobile Home Parks winner is Stephen Massa, 111 Carmell.



Balance of Belleville winner is Harold and Elizabeth Kelsey at 237 Robbe.



Business winner is Barber Bob, 151 Main Street.



A special, surprise award was given by Mayor Kerreen Conley, left, at the Dec. 15 city council meeting, to Carol Thompson and John Hoops of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. Mayor Conley said, "This is the most beautiful Belleville has ever looked."

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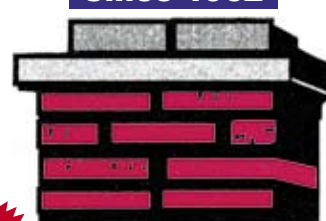
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Fire at Water's Edge apartments brings help from community

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A fire at Water's Edge apartments on the I-94 South Service Drive in Van Buren Township the afternoon of Dec. 10 brought lots of fire fighters to put out the blaze that displaced about 50 residents.

The fire also brought out help from the Red Cross, Salvation Army and the community, who reached out to help those put out of their homes.

The fire started around 5 p.m. and VBT police and fire were dispatched to a report of a structure fire.

VBT police arrived first and confirmed the south side of the structure was on fire and immediately began evacuating residents from the building. Officer Ryan Bidwell injured his foot kicking in a door to help with the evacuation. He was off work for just a day.

The fire department arrived and saw white smoke at first that suddenly turned to black. Fire fighters assumed evacuation efforts and started fighting the fire. The department requested mutual aid and fire fighters arrived from the City of Belleville, the City of Romulus, Ypsilanti Township and Sumpter Township.

The driveway around the building is narrow, so motorists reported seeing a large number of fire trucks parked along the South I-94 Service Drive at the apartment buildings.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said there was a lot of teamwork and that was important since the scene was chaotic with

more than 40 apartments being evacuated – more than 50 people.

Since it was shift-change time, VBT dispatchers coming off work volunteered to drive the VBT Senior Van back and forth from the apartments to a warm, safe location at the township hall, where Hungry Howie's pizzas, Tim Horton's coffee and hot chocolate, and water and fruit from the Recreation Department was available.

VBT Animal Control Officer Robert Queener was called to the scene to assist with the safe removal of several pets and to provide safe lodging for them.

At the township hall, one resident had her cat in a carrier. It was looking grumpy and she said the cat had whiskers that were singed.

Another woman cradled her dog Otis in her arms and a Red Cross representative gave her a blanket to wrap around the shaking dog.

A resident said when she saw the fire burning her apartment she didn't know what to do, so she stayed in the parking lot in her vehicle. Another resident joined her and they waited for a while and then she found a place to stay with her son. On Thursday, she went to the township hall and talked to the Red Cross.

"There was huge confusion," Director Laurain said.

VBT Chaplains Greg Zurakowski, pastor of the Belleville Presbyterian Church, and Deacon Pete Cornell from St. Anthony Catholic Church were called in to help



Independent photo by James Otzman

On Thursday morning crews were putting up plywood to secure the Water's Edge apartment building that burned the day before.

counsel the evacuated people.

The apartments' maintenance crew spread salt out over the freezing water from the fire suppression efforts after it was requested by the department.

Fire Chief Dan Besson said while the lakeside building was being evacuated, the doors to apartments and the building were left open and that acted "like a chimney" encouraging the flames.

He said cross-trained Police Officer Dave Champagne was patrolling with his fire gear in his patrol car's trunk and pulled it out and put it on to help fight the fire.

The fire started on the first floor and so people were trapped on the balconies and fire fighters rescued two off the east side. The apartment complex's maintenance crew put up a ladder on the west side and three came down the ladder from that balcony.

Fire Chief Besson said the front building was unaffected, except for smoke, and fire fighters removed smoke from the front after the fire was extinguished.

Police Sgt./Fire Fighter Mike Moening began feeling ill while helping with fire efforts and was taken to the hospital where it was determined he had heart blockage. Emergency surgery immediately implanted a stent. He was doing well after surgery, Laurain said.

Police Lt. Ken Floro said the VBT Department of Public Safety is conducting an investigation into the origin of the fire and the Michigan State Police fire investigators were at the scene.

Some displaced residents were put up in local motels with housing vouchers and food and clothing from the Salvation Army

and Red Cross.

On Friday, Amanda Gupta of the Red Cross said the Red Cross assisted 22 families and on Thursday it was still interviewing residents to see what help was needed. Some residents had temporarily spent the night with family and friends.

Gupta said those from other apartments on the second floor of the burned building who hadn't talked to the Red Cross should call 1-800-774-6066.

Unit #204 in Belleville Pointe Apartments at 46020 Lake Villa Drive, has been set aside to house non-monetary donations. Gupta said people are invited to bring non-perishable food, clothing, holiday gifts, appliances, and furniture, "anything to help them get back on their feet."

Those with non-monetary donations may call Kristein at (734) 697-4100.

On Thursday, many donations had been brought to the township hall for distribution to the fire victims, but they were packed up and taken over to the Belleville Pointe apartment for distribution.

Displaced residents are invited to come into the unit to pick up items they need.

Donors can send monetary donations to: 47001 Water's Edge Lane, Belleville 48111. For more information, call Teresa Isley at (734) 276-6987.

Both the Belleville Pointe apartment unit and Isley will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

The township reports there were five children who lived in the apartments that burned: two boys, ages 4 and 8; two girls, 4 and 5; and a girl aged 15.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Patricia Dubicki holds onto her dachshund Otis at the room at the Van Buren Township Hall provided to those put out of their homes by the Water's Edge apartment fire last Wednesday night. She wasn't home when the fire broke out and it took about an hour and a half for her rescued dog to be returned to her. A Red Cross worker gave her a blanket to wrap around the shaking dog. It later was pointed out the evacuees were all in the township hall's Otisville Room. Dubicki pointed this out to her dog Otis, who was unimpressed.

OPINIONS

Editorial

VBТ postpones public hearings, votes on budget

It looked like a game of "gotcha" at Van Buren Township's regular meeting on Tuesday, when a member of the audience and a board member got together to shut down a public hearing on the general fund budget.

Allen Babosh and Trustee Reggie Miller worked together to announce that that evening's budget sessions hadn't been properly posted and therefore were not legal. Miller stated the specific number of the law governing the posting and Babosh read the words of the law.

Board members were embarrassed and moved to shut down the budget votes for the evening, removing seven items from the agenda.

A Dec. 30 meeting was set up and arrangements made to publish the notices in the newspaper of record more than six days before the special budget meeting.

It would have been more professional of Miller to quietly inform the supervisor and clerk that they needed more notice instead of playing a game of gotcha. The board members elected by the voters need to work together, not try to embarrass each other to score points on cable TV.

Babosh also stated he was unable to get a copy of the proposed budget to study and the law requires copies to be made available to the public six days previous to the hearing. No budget to study?

Hiding the budget from the public until after it is passed is not a good idea. Let's get serious here.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

If you wonder what happened to the sign that used to block the middle of Main Street to mark a pedestrian walk at Fourth Street — it's been put away for the winter so the snow can be plowed.

The sign is the product of former Mayor Tom Fielder's imagination, since he reported that was the busiest crossing on Main Street. It seemed the museum director was out sick one day and Tom filled in at the museum. He watched people crossing Main and he said there were a lot of them.

So, he pursued the crossing sign and it was erected. Sometimes motorists have deliberately run over it, but it popped back up.

We've seen trucks and cars veer to the side to avoid the marker and sometimes cars just stop, not knowing what else they are supposed to do.

We're glad it's been put in mothballs for the winter. No more traffic obstruction at Fourth Street.

Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman told the city council on Monday that on the day after Thanksgiving the Goodfellow donations out on the streets of Belleville were one of the biggest collections ever. He said they were out of candy canes by 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

He marveled at the generosity of the Belleville community.

Mary Talaga told the city council that the Angel of Hope at Hillside Cemetery has a problem with its bricks. He said they are starting to deteriorate.

Mary said the names and dates on the bricks are wearing away. Those are the



names of deceased children who are named on the bricks surrounding the angel statue.

Mayor Kerreen Conley told Mary they will have someone from the city go out and look at the bricks to see if something needs to be done.

Councilman Fielder said the bricks in the city streetscape were redone when Main Street was done. He said after the engraving, a black paint is put inside and maybe the bricks need to be cleaned or redone.

He said now you don't have to send the bricks away to be engraved. An engraver comes out with a grinding wheel and does it where they are.

At Monday's city council meeting, Mayor Conley said, "It was a little lighter than I thought it would be, but it was dark by the end of the parade." At a recent meeting Mayor Conley had said with finality that it would be dark by 4:30 p.m. when the Winter Fest parade began on Dec. 6.

She said the whole city is looking great because of all the decorations by the city and by the businesses and residents.

Paul Henning is the interim director of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce until the final director is decided upon. Karen LaBelle left Dec. 8 for her new job with Wayne County Community College in downtown Detroit. She said it was an offer she couldn't turn down.

Almost everybody got 1.5% raises at Van Buren Township in the 2015 budget approved on Tuesday. The brand-new employee didn't get a raise.

During discussions last week, the four trustees said they didn't want raises and questioned why the three, full-time elected officials needed raises. Well, it all worked out and everybody got raises.

Supervisor Combs said they can always donate the money if they don't want the raises and Trustee Regina Miller said she already donates her salary to worthy causes.

Clerk Wright, who was the spokesman for the pro-raise side, said Sumpter elected officials gave themselves raises recently. He said this is the first raise for him since he was elected in 2008.

Some of the discussion at Monday's work/study session of the board was on the budget and it was noted that Allie McCracken, the cable department director with two part-time employees, will be getting an \$8,000 raise. Allie had said she was vastly underpaid and I guess they agreed with her. Her new salary is \$45,000.



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Letters

Why donated ornaments weren't used on tree

Letter to the donors of cash and/or decorations of 2012 toward the Tri-Community CHRISTmas Tree located at Doane's Landing, in the city:

I am sure our residents discovered last year CHRISTmas season that the original, donated ornaments were NOT hung on the Tri-Community CHRISTMAS Tree.

I would like to explain why the original ornaments and lights were not used. The City of Belleville decided that our donated ornaments were unsatisfactory (their words: "AWFUL") and therefore decorated with their City ornaments and lights.

I was happy that our volunteer labor force did not have to take time off last year, as they did in 2012, but I was terribly disappointed that our donated ornaments were NOT hung on our tree.

I'm very sorry our original ornaments were not used by the City but I would like to offer those people who donated cash and/or keepsake ornaments the opportunity to contact me so I can repay your cash offerings.

And, for those who would like to retrieve your ornaments, Mike, owner of Belleville Hardware on Main Street, has agreed to allow you entrance into his "gated" storage. Many thanks again for helping restore memories of a very special CHRISTMAS tree.

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker, Belleville
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Mayor shirks responsibility

To the Editor:

Mayor shirks responsibility, doesn't even read the safety proposal submitted by residents.

At the Nov. 3, 2014 council meeting, the city told residents of Harbour Pointe, "that if they come up with a better way to provide safety in the subdivision to let them know." "Safety" as related to the parking restrictions set out in Parking Order 14-3.

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The citizens did just that. They developed a 5-page document (proposal) that provided clear scientific data, along with examples of safe street design. Surprisingly, the data clearly supported that "a 24-26 ft. street (curb to curb), (Harbour Pointe is 25-27ft), WITH parking on both sides, is considered ideal."

This proposal and request for rescission were discussed at the Nov. 17, 2014 city council meeting.

At the Dec. 15 meeting (after providing the council 28 days for review) we requested a follow-up to our discussion and request for rescission. The Mayor stated that she had not read the proposal, but she and council found no reason to rescind.

It is unfortunate that the uninformed Mayor neglected her responsibility to read the extremely important safety proposal, but even more detrimental, is the Council's inaction that will lead to increased risk of accidents, injury, and potential death of its residents.

A Government for the people? I hardly think so.

Jeff Harris
Belleville

We've had similar problems with VBPS

To the Editor:

I am contacting you after reading your article about Lisa Echols and her disabled son. I feel that the details in your article mirror my experience with the Van Buren School District nearly word for word.

I have a 10-year-old autistic son with A.D.H.D. I have been dealing with the same discrimination from Van Buren School District over several years with my autistic son.

I have met dozens of parents that have faced the same discrimination.

Reading your article gave me hope in regard to the school district's behavior coming to light.

Thank you,
Gordy and Tiffany Falconer

Army Pvt. Austin J. Belcher graduates from basic training in GA

Army Pvt. Austin J. Belcher has graduated from Basic Combat Training at Fort Benning, GA.

During the nine-week training period, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremony, weapons, rifle marksmanship and bayonet training, chemical warfare, field training and tactical exercises, armed and unarmed combat, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history, traditions, and core values.

Belcher is the son of Bernie and Krissy Rich of Belleville.

More Letters

Learning what is true well worth the effort

To the Editor:

The sentiments expressed by the letter writer in the Dec. 4, 2014 *Independent*, concerning such things as Bible reading and praying in schools, does indeed motivate me to speak up in defense of our U.S. Constitution. But first, a note about the misnamed "Lord's Prayer." After searching the *USA Today* archives, I was unable to locate the piece. I did discover on Scopes.com that the writing has been on the internet, with various changes and additions since 1999, all without reference to authors.

The "Separation Clause" in the First Amendment to our Constitution was placed there after careful debate among our Founding Fathers. When settlers came to America to escape religious persecution, Colonies continued to entangle their governments and their beliefs. When it came time to form our United States and to write a Constitution, change was needed to prevent fear, indoctrination, and discrimination. It was religious leaders who found a way to assure our religious freedom. The Constitution makes no mention of God, Jesus, or Christianity, and the First Amendment clarifies that we are not a Protestant, Catholic, Buddhist, Islamic, or Jewish nation. (Hmm, women make up the majority of citizens, but much as we might like it to be, we are not a "Women's Nation.")

In everyday life we have a responsibility to maintain religious freedom. Churches in America have always been numerous and healthfully active. To a large degree America is the most religious of nations

because of religious liberty. Those who are trying to breach the "Wall of Separation" seem not to realize how necessary it is for religious vitality.

It is important to note here that the Constitution by no means prevents anyone from reading the Bible or praying in school. Supporters of the Constitution cannot control our inner thoughts. (Though teachers might prefer that you pay attention to your

math lesson.) It is just that public schools are not the place to proselytize. Religious teachings belong in homes and churches, not where children of many differing faiths may be influenced. For example, would Baptist parents and grandparents be happy knowing that their child is having to listen to Hindu Scripture readings? The Supreme Court Justices got it right in 1963.

Finally, it is my hope that some of you

have become curious enough to research these issues. Look up the "under God," and "in God we trust" phrases to see how and when they were added to the Pledge and to coins. There is much misinformation out there and even some deliberate rewriting of history. Learning what is true is well worth the effort.

Dee Crowe, Van Buren Township

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WILLIAM THOMAS COOPER, JR.

(February 26, 1945 - December 8, 2014)
Age 69. Memorial service set for February 2015.
Belleville High School class of 1964. Survived by children Angelique (Christian) Whitt of Belleville and William Cooper III of FL. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

DONNA L. HARPER

(March 2, 1942 - December 12, 2014)
Age 72, of Belleville. Was daughter of Elvis Smith & Nellie Delilah (Corbin) Alford. Survived by daughters Deborah Eisemann and Kimberly Harper, 4 grandchildren, 4 siblings.
David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

MICKEY LITTLE

(September 17, 1937 - December 13, 2014)
Age 77, of Inkster. Survived by 5 children, Peggy, Patricia, Harold and Darrell, Tammy; 7 grandchildren; brother James. Service Dec. 17 at Morning Star Old Regular Baptist Church in Sumpter Twp. David C. Brown Funeral Home.



John R. Cavill



JOHN R. CAVILL

(July 19, 1931 - December 14, 2014)
John Raymond Cavill passed away Sunday, December 14, 2014 at his home surrounded by his family. He was born July 19, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan, son of Louis and Mary (Blair) Cavill. On September 17, 1955 he was married to Anna Marie Willemssen in Detroit, moving to Belleville from Taylor in 1972.
Mr. Cavill proudly served his country during the Korean Conflict from 1950-1954 in the U.S. Navy. Mr. Cavill was a faithful member of St. Anthony Catholic Church for many years. He enjoyed gardening, fishing, traveling and building and fixing things at home. His #1 passion was that of a family man. Prior to his retirement in 1985 he had been employed as an engineer at McLouth Steel in Trenton for many years.
Mr. Cavill is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Anna M. Cavill. Dear father of 4 children, Susan (Steven) Bakkila, John (Diane) Cavill, Kathleen Stewart and William (Belle) Cavill. Fond grandfather of 9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Brother of Richard Cavill. Numerous extended family also survive. Mr. Cavill was preceded in death by his parents, 4 sisters, 2 brothers, and 1 granddaughter. Cremation rites have taken place. There will be a private graveside service at a later date.
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More Letters

It only takes one person to make a difference

To the Editor:

It only takes one person to make a difference. If everyone did just one thing, one act of kindness, we would become a more loving, caring community. Making a difference in anybody's life is kind of special. They say that giving to others can improve your mood and outlook on life. If we got a thank-you card to match the size of the generosity of the donors, it wouldn't fit in their mailboxes.

Many thanks to the many donors (some of whom wish to remain anonymous) who donated to the local Christmas for Kids Project for families in the tri-community: Janet Pepe, Jean Morris, Rev. Deb Semon Scott, Denise Partridge, Karen Mickens, Shirley Truxal, Cheryl Ross, Hubert & Sharon Stubbs, Linda Luke, Kathy Florence, Sabrina Young, Roxann Baker Family, Jessica Patton, Joann Beetschen, Peggy Curtis, Arleen Nodwell, Sue Gretka, Sharon Sosa, Ruth Kessell, Virgie Harden, Rita Sass, Genieve Sorrell, Roberta Rinaldi, and Madi Mulleague.

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Bayou Grill helps those displaced by apt. fire

To the Editor:

As some know, there was a fire last night (Dec. 10) at Water's Edge apartments in Belleville. This fire displaced 40 families.

He was not going to say anything public, but I will. Our good friends Brain Copsey and Mary Couperthwaite from the Bayou Grill are giving meal passes for a month to those that were displaced so at least they can be fed.

Brian approached the management company from the apartments last night to arrange this for the residents. Kathy and my hats go off to Brian and Mary for their selfless act of kindness.

I feel Brian and Mary are doing a great thing and deserve people knowing about it.

Thank you for your time,
Keith Barthauer

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More Letters

Almost 11 years later, no progress on roads

To the Editor:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Bryce Kelley, who was Director of Planning & Economic Development in Van Buren Township at the time.

That was almost 11 years ago and here we are still with no progress. And, the roads are much worse.

The meeting he refers to below was never held. It was the third cancelled meeting and we never got an update.

I did go to the Van Buren Township offices on Tyler Road and asked him when we were going to get an update and he replied, and I quote, "Call Wayne County."

Tori Long, Jeannette Street
Van Buren Township

18 August 2004

To: Property owners on Venetian (addresses 40751-45271)

Property owners on DeWitt, south of I-94 (addresses 11451-11595)

Abutting property owners to DeWitt and Venetian:

45107 Jeannette, 45116 Jeannette and 45109 South Service Drive, 11575 Belleville Road and 11603 Belleville Road.

Re: Repaving Project for Venetian Street and DeWitt Street south of I-94

Dear Property Owner:

I will be holding a meeting regarding the engineer's quote for the improvements to Venetian and DeWitt Street and the Special Assessment Roll.

This meeting will be held on Thursday, Aug. 19, 2004. The day after tomorrow.
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Place: Van Buren Township Hall, Otisville/Sheldon Room

Re: Review of Engineer's quote and other neighborhood matters.

If cannot attend and can [sic] call me at 699-8913 I would be glad to review the information I have received.

Sincerely,

Bryce Kelley

Director of Planning and Economic Development

Good to be passionate about freedom

To the Editor:

I read the impassioned letter that was presented by Mrs. Ruth Bleeker in your newspaper today (Dec. 4 edition) regarding her personal opinion about the ACLU and the issue of religious protections framed within the context of the United States Constitution. Thank goodness the Revolutionary Colonialists were inclined to be more thoughtful and argued more strenuously than we Americans do today. No disrespect intended to anyone.

I can appreciate Mrs. Bleeker's Christian philosophy as I share these same beliefs myself, up to a point. The American Constitution was written in order to guarantee that the newly formed revolutionary government would provide guidance to the individual states through a federalist system of independent governance with federal oversight.

On June 21, 1788, 12 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed by the newly formed nation of the United States of America, and immediately after New Hampshire's State Convention ratified the original wording of the then-proposed U.S. Constitution, the ninth and final state needed to adopt the original Constitution provided the final answer for our fledgling independence from Britain.

The Revolutionary War was initially waged against England over the massive accumulated war debt and subsequent taxes placed on the 13 colonies to recover the costs associated with the Seven Years' War (The French and Indian War). The tariffs that were imposed by England against the commerce between Great Britain and the colonies was therefore mostly considered arbitrary and unconstitutional according to British law ... or so the Americans thought.

On Sept. 25, 1789, Congress proposed 12 amendments to the Constitution, ten of which become the Bill of Rights. Amendment 1 was worded thusly: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or the press; or the freedom of the people to peaceably

assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances. This, of course, has been interpreted to guaranty that no one secular religion would be privileged above any other in our country, thus protecting the rights of everyone to follow their individual religious beliefs unfettered from indoctrination.

Parochial Schools, by mere definition, are considered narrow-minded institutions that were originally privately funded with great emphasis placed on religious teachings. This is how the Constitution protects the religious freedoms of everyone without denying anyone. Public schools would not be considered held in disobedience of the intent of the constitution unless the administrations forced students and staff to participate in a particular religious belief or practice. Seems pretty clear to me.

However, there is no provision in the Constitution, or any law for that matter, that would prevent anyone from silently praying or practicing individual religious beliefs in solitude as long as it didn't interfere with or offend anyone else.

It's good to be passionate about freedom!

Thank you very much,
CeJay Marshall

CRAFT will keep on fighting against Fermi

To the Editor:

While I was reading the license that the Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued for the Fermi 3 nuclear reactor to be built, I could not help but think about Nazi Germany issuing new laws before they committed their crimes. Everything they ever did was legal.

And now it will be legal for DTE Energy to rapidly increase the algae blooms that Fermi 2 and DTE's coal fired are now causing. It will be legal for more cooling towers to suck in live fish and millions of fish larvae and fish eggs, and then heat the waters to attract more invasive species.

During construction of Fermi 3, it will also be legal to block the entrances where fish and eels swim inland to spawn. It will be legal to store all the high-level radioactive waste onsite forever. It will be legal to kill Lake Erie.

So, now that the government will license Fermi 3 – and the extension of Fermi 2's operating license will be coming shortly, one would think Citizens' Resistance at Fermi Two (CRAFT) would just stand down and give up the fight. However, our whole region is endangered; therefore we have no option but to continue doing our part to save it.

Sincerely,

Jessie Pauline Collins

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jessiepauline@gmail.com

I'm dreaming of a Christmas of Peace...

To the Editor:

I am not dreaming of a White Christmas but rather a Christmas of Peace, Love and Understanding.

We as a society sometimes forget why we are celebrating Christmas. It is a time to settle down and think about the great wonders of the world and what it means to have the freedom to worship as we wish.

It is a time for all people of like minds to be humble and realize that there are many who have lost their homes through a myriad of circumstances. It is a time to share with others the blessings you have received.

Christmas is a time to respect each other and not loot, burn and destroy because of anger. Stop and think about the Messiah who was born in humble abode but wears the crown of Divinity.

With that being said, Merry Christmas, Joyeux Noel, Froehliche Weidnachten, Buoni Feste Natalzie, Feliz Navidad and Wesolych Swiat Bozego Nardzenia.

A Joyful Holiday to all.

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Belleville to start evaluation process on whether to sell city hall

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At the beginning of Monday's Belleville City Council meeting, Councilman Tom Fielder gave a statement encouraging city officials to consider selling city hall at 6 Main Street and moving the city operations to another location.

He said 6 Main, at Five Points, is a prime location and not on the tax rolls. Maybe it would be a good location for a commercial venture, he said.

He said they have to consider where they would go if they leave that building.

"Are we sitting on something that has value?" Fielder asked. "It's the most traveled corner in the city."

Fielder said they should look at alternative sites, noting that the city does own an unused property between the DPW yard and Victoria Commons.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said last year, during budget discussions, they had talked about this. She said it would be a great thing to put on the agenda in January sometime and move forward.

Fielder said city hall and the fire department have issues with their buildings and maybe they could "solve two issues with one solution."

He said rather than putting money into expensive repairs on the two buildings, maybe they could move to a new place.

Later in the meeting, Mayor Conley said she had been at a meeting at the new

Westland City Hall and, "WOW." She said it is a great reuse of a Circuit City building. The 65,000 square feet has an open floorplan, she said.

She said that move was made without a raise in taxes for Westland citizens.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Held a three-minute public hearing on a new Snow Emergency Ordinance and then unanimously passed the ordinance. DPW Director Keith Tackett said it was a compilation of the Southgate and several other municipal ordinances and it is to get cars off the street just long enough to get the city streets plowed and safe. A number of ways will be used to let the public know when the Snow Emergency is in effect;

- Held a two-minute public hearing on use of 2015 federal Community Development Block Grant funds and then unanimously passed the motion to approve. The expected \$57,000 was approved to be used for \$9,830 for Senior/ Disabled Services; \$40,470 for ADA park projects at Horizon Park at the Canoe/Kayak Launch; \$1,000 for senior chore services; and \$5,700 for Program Administration/Strategic Planning;

- Approved the report on the 2014 Strawberry Festival and approved the dates of June 18-21 for the 2015 Strawberry Festival, with the carnival and food vendors setting up at 6 p.m. on June 18 to begin closure of Main Street for the event. The proposed 2015 Responsibility

/ Administrative Policies submitted by the Strawberry Festival was taken by the council, but not approved. Mayor Conley said there were a lot of issues last year and the city will get the issues together and then share them with the festival committee and bring it back to the council for a vote at a future meeting;

- Approved the 2016 SMART Specialized Services agreement that provides funds to help to subsidize the operation of a service that provides transportation of the elderly and disabled in the city;

- Approved closing a part of High Street at Horizon Park for Music Lakeside on the following dates: June 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; and Aug. 6, 13, 27. Taste of Belleville is scheduled for Aug. 20;

- Approved the following mayoral reappointments: Planning Commission, Henry Kurczewski, Rebecca Hasen, and Matthew Wagner, with terms to expire Dec. 31, 2017; Board of Review, James Graham, term to expire Dec. 31, 2017; Cemetery Advisory Committee, Bob Stoner with term to expire Dec. 31, 2018; and Parks and Recreation Commission, Thomas Fielder with term to expire Dec. 31, 2018. The reappointment of John Hoops to the DDA with a term to expire Dec. 31, 2018 was removed from the agenda and Mayor Conley said it would be resubmitted in January;

- Heard Jeff Harris, a resident of Harbour Pointe, ask if the council had read his "compelling evidence" on why the parking ordinance change in his subdivision should be rescinded. Those who were present at the Nov. 17 meeting replied it had been read to them, so they heard it. Mayor Conley had been absent and she indicated she had not read the long document. She gave Harris five minutes to talk. He insisted the document be included in the minutes of that meeting, but the minutes had already been approved. He said if there is an accident, he wants to be able to pull that up from the minutes. Harris also asked that the subject of permit parking be put on the next agenda. Mayor Conley said if any councilperson asks that subject to be put on an agenda, it will be;

- Heard Police Chief Hal Berriman say that three police vehicles will be put up for bids. He said they had a hard time starting the two at the DPW yard, but they wanted them running when they sell them; and

- Approved accounts payable of \$136,675.51 and the following departmental

expenditures in excess of \$500: Blue Ribbon, repair, \$2,503.95; Hennessey, plan review, \$1,911.31; Morton Salt, salt, \$6,109.23 (half of seasonal supply); SLC, supplies, \$1,295.65; and Belfor, insurance deductible, \$1,000.

Mayor Conley explained the absence of Councilman Tom Smith, saying his significant other, Michael, had a heart attack a couple of weeks ago.

City Hall will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the Friday after Christmas. It will then be closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day and be open Jan. 2.

More Letters

Strip-bar billboards are proliferating here

To the Editor:

Strip-bar billboards are proliferating: three are located in Van Buren on I-94. None of these establishments are actually in Van Buren. However, the signs are located adjacent to residential districts, school bus routes and bus stops.

These establishments are damaging to individuals, our children and our community. They exploit women by asking them to demean themselves, becoming nothing more than raw meat. In order to endure this humiliating experience, many "dancers" rely on drugs and alcohol. After age and drugs have ravaged their bodies, the operator relieves them of their duties. They are left to find employment by continuing to sell themselves; this times as a prostitute. Have we no compassion?

And the men who attend, I guess they somehow think that this is "manly." But the operator is snickering under his sleeve as he profits by exploiting their fallen nature. There is nothing manly about losing all self-control, foolishly exposing your own weaknesses.

Our children are seeing this abusive practice advertised as though it was normal. This isn't normal. And how many of the boys in those school buses will respond by thinking that it is OK to treat women like something to be consumed for their own base urges instead of as a person created in the image of God deserving of respect? And how many of these young girls sitting at the bus stop will somehow think that becoming such a "dancer" will gain her acceptance and value, only to be abused and ruined almost beyond repair?

I urge the men of our community to boycott these establishments (and let the proprietor know why) until they cease this ruinous practice. I urge parents to teach your children that this is a perverse view of human sexuality: something quite different from what God intends.

To our Supervisor and Board: Nearly 40 pages of our zoning ordinance are dedicated to regulating signs and "Adult" proprietorships. Surely we have an ordinance that you can use to rid our community of this insidious influence. I urge you to help us preserve our community.

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District Library spent \$165,000 on push to build on DNR site

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Dec. 9, the Belleville Area District Library board was told it had spent \$165,000 so far over the last few years in the drive to get a new library on the lake.

CPA Ron Traskos gave a draft of the audit to the board members and although the amount spent on expenses and consultants on the library building project wasn't separated out in the documents presented, Traskos had determined the requested figure for them.

The total had been some \$67,000 before the present fiscal year and the total rose to \$165,000 in the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2014 when the architect, bond attorney, attorney, and other costs were paid.

Traskos gave a draft report on what the board should expect in the final audit report which gives \$1,039,347 as total expenses in the 2013-14 fiscal year. Auditor is Alan C. Young & Associates.

The 0.7 mill property tax paid by property owners in Belleville, Van Buren Township and Sumpter Township in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 totaled \$859,974. Library fines and fees were \$70,421 and "Other" was \$37,558 for total revenue of \$967,953.

Traskos said expenditures were in excess of revenue, resulting in a decrease to the fund balance of \$35,503, under the modified accrual method of accounting. Per board resolution, \$433,667 of the fund balance has been committed for use in the library's 2014-15 fiscal year budget.

"Financially, you're in very good shape ... You've really managed well," Traskos told the board.

In other business at the Dec. 9 meeting, the board:

- Approved the regular meeting dates for 2015 as the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the library;

- Discussed the two-page, both sides, survey prepared by secretary Joy Cichewicz that was put on line with Survey Monkey for people to fill out. It will also be put in the library newsletter, printed out and put out at the library, and possibly as an insert in the *Independent*. March 31 is the



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

Honored at their last meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board on Dec. 9 were elected trustees, from left, Christina Brasil, Elaine Gutierrez, and Joe Monte. Three new board members will be sworn in by 34th District Court Judge David Parrott prior to the Jan. 13 meeting.

deadline to complete the survey, which seeks to determine the public's opinions on the library since voters turned down the 45,000 square foot new building proposed for the DNR property on the lake. When asked, Cichewicz said it is possible to vote twice, but there is no way to control that. Community service volunteers will be used to enter comments written out, so the comments will be included in the results presented to the board in April;

- Approved hiring Wallside Windows, which had the low price quote of four companies, to replace and do lead abatement for 21 windows and trim (put up in the 1950s) at the present library, 42"x24" in size, and dispose of the old windows. Wallside's quote was \$7,524, but they can't do it until February, but they could do it on a Sunday when the library is closed. Other quotes were: Lowe's, \$10,532; George Meyer, \$9,542; and Home Depot, \$8,225;

- Reviewed a report from Library Deputy Director Mary Jo Suchy on the actual use of total 19 library computers for the month of November that showed 1,752 hours

in 3,016 sessions. The average session is about 35 minutes and on the average day computers in the system are used 10:25 hours. Suchy said the computers are used so much that, "The letters actually get worn off the keyboards" Trustee Michael Boelter had asked for the report;

- Heard Director Deb Green say the library held a vegan/non-gluten feast for Maria

LeBron as she left library employment to follow her nursing career. Green said they are considering creating a part-time, intern-type position;

- Heard Suchy announce that the new people-counter was to be installed Dec. 11. The old one counted two people coming in together as one, she reported. She said 230 people were present for gingerbread decorating event at the library during Winter Fest; and

- Heard Green say if the library decides to stay at the present site and put on a new addition, she would hate to put on the new needed roof before that is decided and then have to tear the roof down.



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VBT Board of Trustees wants Bryce Kelley removed from LDFA

Bryce Kelley, the former Van Buren Township Planning and Economic Development Director who resigned from the position in 2008 after Paul White was elected supervisor, was the topic of discussion at Monday's VBT work/study session.

His name was placed on the work/study agenda for discussion by Trustee Regina Miller, along with two other items she wanted to talk about.

Kelley had been appointed to VBT's Local Development Finance Authority by Wayne County to fill a position that needed to be filled

by a county representative. He had attended one regular LDFA meeting and a long closed-door LDFA meeting on the Visteon problem before his name was given to the township board for approval.

"What was his role in Visteon?" Trustee Miller began. "Did he bring in Visteon?"

Supervisor Linda Combs said the township supervisor [which was Cindy King at the time] "and this board brought in Visteon."

Supervisor Combs said Kelley worked on the Visteon project and, "Who better to have on the board to bring about a solution?"

There was a disturbance in the audience as residents Barbara Miller and John Delaney called out their disagreement.

"We have to have a Wayne County appointment and they appointed someone else, but Kelley's the only one available now to come," Combs said, noting he works for the county EDGE.

Trustee Jeff Jahr said it was not correct to suggest Bryce Kelley didn't know anything about the Visteon project. Trustee Jahr said Kelley boasted about Visteon and it was "a feather in his cap."

"I question if Bryce is too involved to be objective," Jahr said.

"He was very involved in it and others were, too, up to the state level and the governor," Supervisor Combs said.

"We can say no," Miller said, adding, "Bryce attended a closed session of the LDFA before being approved by the board."

"We don't appoint," Combs said. "We accept or not accept. When they called people for that special meeting, they called everyone on the list. It was a mistake."

She said she's sure Kelley wouldn't do anything inappropriate with the information, but some weren't so sure.

"He cost us millions," Delaney said, adding comments about "that debacle with Dave Frankling" on Harmony Lane. He said he called Frankling to come to the meeting the next day.

"OK, you object to Bryce Kelley," Combs said. "We'll take it off the agenda and we'll call the county and tell them to send somebody else."

"He was in a closed session. It was wrong," Miller said, agreeing that she was against Kelley for that appointment.

Trustee Phil Hart said Kelley's appointment was too controversial. Trustee Jeff Jahr agreed.

Combs asked about Robert Carlesso, financial director of the Van Buren Public Schools, who was the other LDFA appointment up for approval the next day.

"He didn't want to do it," Combs said. "His boss forced him to do it."

Board members asked if they should appoint him if he didn't want to do it.

Combs said he did come to both LDFA meetings held since his appointment by the school district.

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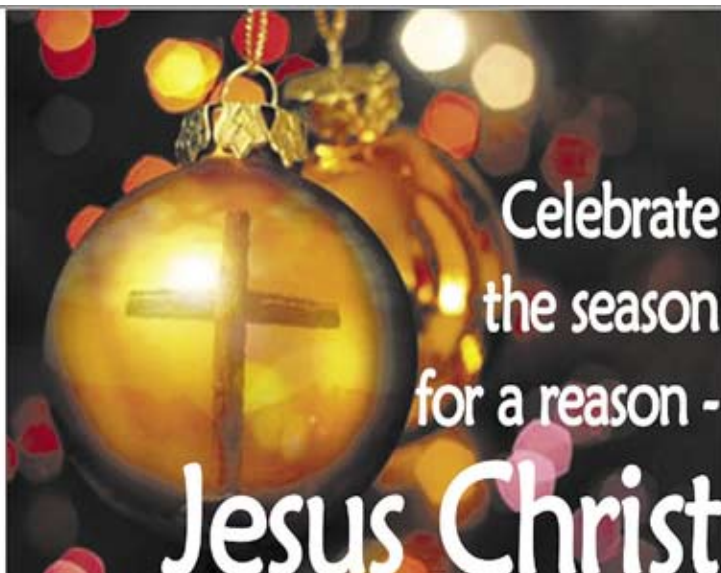
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Public hearing held on new building for former Big Boy site

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

A public hearing was held Dec. 10 before the Van Buren Township Planning Commission to hear plans for a new building to fill the old Big Boy restaurant site on Belleville Road, north of the I-94 North Service Drive.

The commission will hold a second public hearing in January since the mailing to property owners within 300 feet was sent out later than the 15 days required by law.

However, the public hearing announcement was published as required in the newspaper of record.

Architect Thomas H. Dumond, vice president of Boss Engineering of Howell, presented the plans proposed for Belleville Retail Center on 1.98 acres.

He said Bellevue Development LLC purchased the site of the vacant Big Boy restaurant at 10705 Belleville Road. That was in May.

He said they are proposing to demolish the existing building and parking lot in order to construct a new commercial development.

The new building will be about 10,000 square feet with restaurants at the north and south ends and a commercial development in the middle.

Included in the end cap at the north end of the building is a drive-through window which requires a special use permit from the township.

The development also includes two outdoor seating areas for patrons of the commercial center. One is located at the northwest corner of the building and the other is located at the southwest corner of the property.

Dumond said elements within this park will match the fixtures currently located along Belleville Road. A pedestrian

connection is proposed from the urban park to the center to allow pedestrian users easy access to the building.

Dumond said the developer has agreed to maintain the two existing cross-access points on the property – one to CVS at the south and one to the strip mall at the north.

In addition, the project has proposed two access points onto Belleville Road. The southern access point is a full in/out drive approach lining up with the commercial center across the street.

The northern approach is for exiting the development only. This has been proposed to allow vehicles exiting the drive-through window easier access out of the center.

The developer would like to start construction this spring once all the approvals have been received.

Steve Alexander of Bellevue Development told the planning commission that the coffee house on the north end of the building has a drive-through along the north end of the building that would exit onto Belleville Road at the second drive.

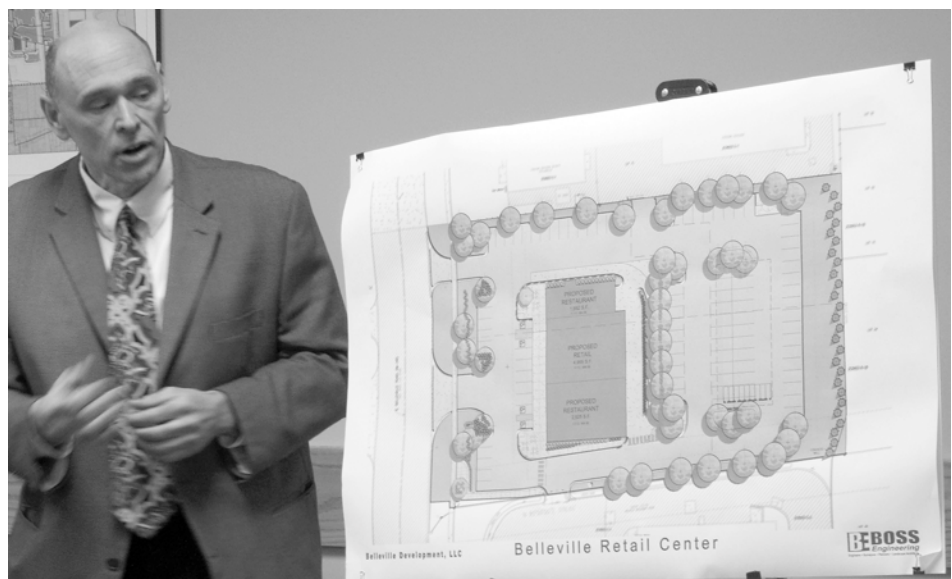
He said this will be a four-sided building with glass awnings, the township's kind of bricks, and lots of windows on the front side.

He said six weeks ago they went to Wayne County and, "They said they are working with us and, informally, they are in support." He said he knows he has to get that in writing.

Alexander said the second drive onto Belleville Road would be right-turn-only.

John Delaney from the audience said a second drive there is a public safety issue. "It's suicidal to turn left from there," he said, adding, "It's a mad zone there."

Commissioner Carl Johnson said what is planned is a nice addition and would really



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

A drawing of the proposed Belleville Retail Center on the site of the former Big Boy restaurant was presented to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at a public hearing on Dec. 10. The business is proposed to have a restaurant at the south end of the building, a retail store in the middle, and a drive-through restaurant at the north end. A controversial second exit to Belleville Road for the drive-through was proposed by architect Thomas Dumond of Boss Engineering/Architects, at left.

spruce up that area.

"My main concern is the turns," said Commissioner Joan Franzoi.

Commissioner Bob McKenna said it would be the county's decision on the second drive, but planning consultant Sally Hodges said the county only has control over the right of way.

She said driveways should be 500' apart, which these aren't, and even "right turn only" is a violation.

Dave Nummer of Wade Trim Engineers said their recommendation is to reduce the plan to one driveway access.

"The county will work with them, but we have to consider the safety," Nummer said, pointing out that area is considered the sixth most dangerous area in Wayne County.

Commission chairwoman Carol Thompson said the cross access drives in the rear are not clearly marked and she thought there were ways to make that more user-friendly.

Delaney said maybe the VBT Downtown Development Authority could put in some signage so it's not a full burden on the applicant.

Alexander emphasized they are looking at the right turn out only drive. He said the

cross access is in the rear, behind where the drive-in goes through. Drivers would have to go all the way around the building to exit the site by cross access.

"Are you open to working for the best solution?" Thompson asked and Alexander said he was.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

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James R. Pierce earns Medal of Valor for work on Detroit Police Dept.

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The officers were given the citations during the 2014 Above & Beyond Awards Ceremony on Dec. 3 honoring City of Detroit First Responders at the Grand Riverview Ballroom at Cobo Center.

The Police Department awards were presented by Detroit Police Chief James E. Craig.

On June 24, 2014, at about 7 p.m., Eighth Precinct Police Officers Jason Kite, James Pierce, Brandon Catlin, Johnny Strickland, and Eric Blackwell responded to a police run to Braile, for "family trouble, person armed with a weapon," Chief Craig read at the awards ceremony.

"Upon arrival, Officers Kile, Pierce, and Catlin remained at the front of the house while Officers Strickland and Blackwell positioned themselves at the rear. In an attempt to make contact with someone inside, Officer Kile knocked on the door several times but received no response.

"While at the location, a family relative pulled up and informed the officers that her mother and two sisters were inside of the home and were being held against their will, by an armed suspect. She stated that her sister called her on a cell phone and informed her of what was happening.

"Based on the information provided, Officer Kile requested a supervisor to the location and advised dispatch that he was going to force-enter the residence. Officers Pierce and Catlin followed Officer Kile through the front door, while Officers



Detroit Police Officer James R. Pierce

Strickland and Blackwell remained at the rear of the house, to prevent escape of the suspect.

"Once inside, the officers located the three females and the armed suspect. The officers immediately took the suspect into custody and recovered a .38 caliber blue steel revolver.

"The heroic actions of the officers displayed an element of courage and bravery above and beyond the call of duty. Their actions undoubtedly prevented the death and serious injury to themselves and others.

"The Detroit Police Department is a model of sustained policing excellence that places our neighborhoods and people first," said Chief Craig.

Officer Pierce also has awards for Officer of the Year, Meritorious Achievement, and four citations for Exemplar Service.

Officer Pierce is the son of Sumpter Township Police Chief James Pierce, Jr. and Regina Pierce.

Belleville Independent to celebrate 20 years of publication with free ads

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The *Independent* started publishing its weekly newspaper on Jan. 5, 1995. The 20th-anniversary party will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Jan. 9, and everyone is invited.

Besides the free classifieds on the day of the party, there will be a contest that has a Dec. 30 deadline with cash prizes.

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While you're there, check out the **Festival of Holiday Trees** in the museum. Admission is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6-17. The museum is located at **405 Main Street**.

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Belleville Basketball at Bethany is taking registrations for its children's basketball league Jan. 10-March 7 at the **Bethany Bible Church** in Belleville. The league is for children K-6th grade. The cost is \$30 if signed up by Jan. 8; \$40 after. For registration forms, times and other information, visit www.bethanybiblechurch.com or call **(734) 697-7456**. ***

Grandma's Attic opened this week at **354 Main Street** in the big white house. They offer antiques, collectibles, and cool miscellaneous recycled treasures. Welcome to our downtown, **Pat Jamison!** ***

Menards complex gets preliminary site plan approval in VBT

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Members of the small audience applauded after the Van Buren Township Planning Commission voted Dec. 10 to give preliminary site plan approval to Menards to build its home-improvement store.

Menards has been seeking approval, since early this year, to build a 162,340-square-foot heated store area on the 24.08 acres it has contracted to buy on the west side of Belleville Road just north of Walmart.

Scott Nuttleman of Menards Real Estate said it takes a year to build a store and if all goes well they would like to commence grading on the property on April 1 and begin store construction on June 1, opening the new store in early February 2016. It is expected to bring 200 jobs to VBT.

Nuttleman said, "Summer is our Christmas," referring to the home-improvement business.

There still are a few hurdles for the Menards project.

Nuttleman has to seek some variances from the Board of Zoning Appeals for its special use approval for outdoor sales and storage and if the BZA doesn't approve one or more of the variances, Menard will have to change its plans or do something else, said Sally Hodges of McKenna Associates, the township's planning consultants.

Besides the BZA, which had tabled Menard's last request for variances and never went back to the request, there is a problem with Walgreen's Drive owned by Walgreen's.

"If it was up to us, we'd close it today," Nuttleman said of the drive onto Belleville Road just north of Walgreen's that would interfere with the Menards exit with the new traffic light.

"I don't have a project if it's conditioned on Walgreen's," Nuttleman said.

Dave Nummer of Wade Trim, the engineering consultants for the township, recommended Menards preliminary site plan approval with two stipulations: one was revising site plan documents to show improvements and the second, "The existing boulevard entrance drive be vacated."

Nummer explained in a memo to the commission: "The primary issue with the site layout is the existing boulevard entrance onto Belleville Road. When Walgreen's was constructed, this access was also built with the anticipation that this would be the primary entrance into the undeveloped site."

"With the construction on the new traffic signal the primary entrance has shifted, thus, the existing access is no longer needed. We understand that Walgreen's has an access easement over the existing pavement that must be released before that access can be removed. The applicant has indicated that they are working with Walgreen's to vacate that easement."

As part of her recommendation, planning consultant Hodges also recommended that the Walgreen drive be closed

Nuttleman said so far Walgreen's has been unwilling to close that drive.

The commission also recommended approval to the township board for the requested special land use for outdoor sales and storage, but is holding that approval in abeyance until the BZA finishes its work.

The BZA is expected to take up the Menards variances at its regular meeting on Jan. 13.

Nuttleman said there are fewer variances requested this time, so maybe the BZA won't be so overwhelmed.

The planning commission had resolved some of Menards' previous variance requests. Instead of seeking a variance for the 14' fence surrounding most of the structure, since the ordinance limit is 6', the planning consultants have decided that 14' fence is a wall. No variance is needed.

And, the 14' wrought iron fence at the garden center also is a wall. No variance needed.

The planning commissioners agreed that washed river rock instead of grass would be fine in the parking islands and the 421 parking spots, instead of the 684 spaces required by the ordinance, also would be fine.

Nuttleman had presented detailed documents on the parking question and the numbers for every store it owns, with most new stories providing between 400 and 450 spaces.

Previously, BZA members had criticized Menards' plan to have lights on the inside fence pickup Entry and Exit signs, so the lights have been removed by Menards. Also, the signs for "Cart Corral" that were criticized have been removed. Menard also moved the lights from the top of the fence/wall, where they are in every other Menards store built, and put them down under the roof, so they won't inadvertently disturb the nearby residential area.

Since the township had required a sidewalk through the buffer from the residential area to the north, the drainage pond in the rear is now visible to the neighbors and a decorative wrought iron fence must be erected around the pond.

"They've been very cooperative," said engineer Nummer. "We've been very happy with what they've given us."

He said the Downtown Development Authority has been working on a regional pond and if it comes along in time, Menards won't need to dig its ponds.

In other business at the 2½ hour meeting on Dec. 10, the commission:

- Approved the request of Harmon Sign, Inc. to construct an on-site directional sign that exceeds the height and area permitted in the zoning ordinance. The site is on a berm at Grace Lake Corporate Center on the east side of I-275, south of Ecorse Road and north of Tyler Road. John Venglarcik of Harmon Sign said people are coming from around the world to this facility and are having trouble finding the right turnoff; and
- Gave preliminary site plan approval to

Contractors Steel Company to construct an 80,608-square-foot addition to the east side of its existing building at 48649 Schooner Drive. They have five bays and this would be the sixth bay out of seven planned, if needed, said architect Jeremy Irvin. Nummer said there is a sanitary pump station problem on Schooner Drive

allowing storm water to get into the sanitary sewer. He said the sanitary sewer is leaking under the driveway, which was found with a smoke test. Contractor Steel said it will inspect the situation, televise it if necessary and take care of it along with the construction of the building.

Lydia Marvaso named Miss Michigan Amazing in 2015 pageant

Lydia Marvaso, 11, a sixth-grade student in the Gifted and Talented program at Owen Intermediate School, recently competed in The Amazing Girl and Miss Pageant.

Lydia won the 2015 title of Miss Michigan Amazing in the Young Miss Division.

She is the daughter of Larry and Marianne Marvaso of Van Buren Township.

The pageant is a program of the Thelma Clarke Organization for Youth Advancement, named after the late mother of Michigan Congressman Hansen Clarke.



Lydia competed in three events held over two days where she was measured on her abilities to effectively communicate during a panel interview session with judges. She also modeled a high-fashion outfit in a runway-style event and walked the stage in her formal-wear dress.

The mission of the organization is to offer girls a unique experience by providing them opportunities in community leadership, development, volunteerism, public speaking, and public relations.

Lydia is a recent graduate of the John Robert Powers School and Model Agency. She has been competing in Michigan pageants since 2013 when she was a state finalist. She finished as fourth runner-up and advanced to the Nationals held in Hollywood CA later that same year. In 2014, she finished in the top 15 and won fourth

place in the Top Model competition.

Lydia enjoys travel and being exposed to diverse cultures. She has traveled to Germany, Spain, Italy, France, England, Mexico, Canada, Florida, and her favorite, California.

She enjoys spending her free time Hip-Hop dancing at the local studio, practicing her clarinet, studying, crafting, or simply spending time with friends. In addition, she enjoys giving back to the community by volunteering at the local Gleaner's Food Bank and participating in Arthritis Walks.

She will be representing Belleville in a variety of parades and charity events.

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Sumpter board puts moratorium on MJ provisional centers

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Just before the end of a half-hour regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on Dec. 9, newly appointed Trustee Matthew Oddy gave a statement which led to a vote.

Although it was not on the agenda for board action, the vote was taken to approve a moratorium on marijuana provisional centers and dispensaries. No time for the moratorium was stated.

Oddy is chairman of a township committee studying a proposed ordinance dealing with placement of marijuana provisional centers and dispensaries, in case the state approves them.

"It's a huge task," Oddy said, noting that committee members are investigating the marijuana laws in a lot of states and the laws are 100 to 200 pages long.

"We're trying as a township to mirror

what states do," Oddy said. "We definitely see a need for provisional centers and dispensaries ... But we need to be having that so patients don't go in residential areas, but to a place like a doctor's office ... It's been a benefit to places that have it ... We found it a huge task."

Oddy said township attorney Rob Young said that the state House Bill on the subject looked like it would pass by the end of the year. He said he hopes the state passes regulations so the township doesn't have to.

Oddy said he would like to see a moratorium on any provisional centers until the state passes its House Bill and, "We can get our ordinance together."

Supervisor John Morgan asked if he wanted a vote on the moratorium that evening.

Oddy seemed surprised that the board could vote on it immediately.

"It would be appropriate, although they are not legal now," said attorney Young. "But we want to be proactive. If the state doesn't take action by the end of the year, we'll go ahead with our ordinance."

The committee studying the township ordinance is made up of Oddy, Young, and planning commissioners Jane Stalmack and Jim Clark.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said she went into a provisional center to look it over and it was just like a doctor's office.

"It's very educational to visit," Trustee

Morgan said, adding it is nothing like you would imagine it to be.

"All the research on line shows a lot of these place are very professional ... Go see them or see them on line. Come to the meetings and give us your opinions," Oddy said.

The next meeting has not been set.

The board passed the moratorium motion unanimously.

In other action at the Dec. 9 meeting, the board:

- Referred the proposed revocation of a special exception use for the Sumpter Roller Rink, 19750 Sumpter Road, to the planning commission. The board was going to hold a public hearing on the permit for the roller rink on Dec. 9, but attorney Young said it needed to go to a public hearing at the planning commission first, since that is the body that recommended it to the board. It is expected to be on the Jan. 8 planning commission agenda. After the planners make a recommendation, it will go to the board for action. The special exception use permit allowed the roller rink to hold other kinds of gatherings at the rink besides roller skating. Activities at some of the gatherings have led to involvement of the police;

- Approved the supervisor's reappointment of Jim Clark to the planning commission with a term to expire Nov. 9, 2017;

- Approved the supervisor's recommendation to move Virginia Belinski from being an alternate to a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals;

- Approved amendment No. 2 to the water service contract between the City of Detroit and Sumpter Township. This year Sumpter paid \$20,000 less than the previous year because of less use. Young said these amendments are mostly minor engineering and technical changes, which he has no problem with;

- Approved the termination of fire fighter Kyle Simmons as recommended by Fire Chief Joe Januszyk. Simmons was approved as a paid per call fire fighter on Aug. 9, 2011;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan say Deputy Treasurer Karen Armatis, who will be moving to the position of Deputy

Supervisor, will do both deputy jobs during the tax season. Once new Treasurer Alan Bates gets up to speed, Bates will hire a new deputy treasurer, Supervisor Morgan said;

- Heard Supervisor Morgan appoint Treasurer Bates as liaison to the water and sewer department, Trustee Oddy as liaison to the planning commission (on which he had been sitting), and Trustee Bill Hamm as liaison to the senior department. The rest of the liaison appointments will remain the same, he said. Morgan said there will have to be a new appointment to the planning commission;

- Approved the Wayne County annual permits for special events, annual maintenance, and pavement restoration; and

- Approved warrants totaling \$155,199.53 on a roll-call vote.

St. Anthony Men's Club presents annual holiday dance on Jan. 31

Tickets are now on sale for the St. Anthony Men's Club annual holiday dance. This year it is a Mardi Gras on Jan. 31 in the Fr. Folta Building behind the church.

Cost is \$30 per person and tickets may be obtained from Brian McClinton, (800) 835-1023; John Zaroff, (734) 578-8315; Eric Christopherson, (734) 770-2716; Mickey Dore, (810) 813-5315; Garden Fantasy, (734) 699-7370; or any Men's Club member.

Cocktails will be from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; dinner from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.; and dancing from 8:30 p.m. until midnight.



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Last pay telephone in Belleville to stay where it is – on the library porch

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

The last pay telephone in Belleville is going to stay where it is, on the porch of the library for the public to use.

At the Nov. 18 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library Board, Trustee John Juriga questioned paying the \$78 per month it takes to keep the pay phone in service. He complained that it was dirty.

He said most people have cell phones and those without phones could go inside the library and ask to use one of their phones for a necessary call.

He asked for the issue to be placed on the agenda of the Dec. 9 meeting and it was.

“I can’t see us spending this money,” Juriga said at the Dec. 9 board meeting, noting the taxpayers of Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter are paying for this.

“There’s more and more cell phones and cell-phone usage,” he continued. He said a kid outside the library asked to use his phone once and he let him use it. They can also go inside and use the library phone to call home, he said.

Juriga said in his experience he’s seen the phone used only once. He said paying \$78 a month for 12 months costs the library \$936. For the four years it has been a district library that’s \$3,744.

“It’s not cost-effective,” he said. “I can’t see spending that.”

It was determined there are from 50 to 80 phone calls made each month on that phone. It cost 50 cents to make a call.

Library Director Deb Green said when you go to downtown Detroit for jury duty the court has pay phones to use.

“You have to leave your cell phone in the

car because of court rules. That’s why they have the pay phones,” Juriga said.

“It will be noticeable when it’s gone,” said



Notice of Seizure and Intent to Forfeit

To: William Justin Ritchie

You are hereby notified that on 12-08-14 pursuant to MCL 333.7521, The Sumpter Township Police have seized the following described property: \$12,200.94.

If you claim an interest in the currency you must within twenty (20) days of the first publication of this notice you must file a written claim and post a bond in the amount of 10 percent (10%) of the value of the property or two-hundred fifty dollars (\$250), whichever is greater, with the Sumpter Township Police Department, at 23501 Sumpter Rd, Belleville MI 48111, 734-461-4833.

Failure to file a written claim and post a bond will result in the forfeiture of the seized items to the Sumpter Township Police Department.

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Dec. 18, 2014
Dec. 25, 2014

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees Notice of Public Hearing

The Charter Township will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday December 30, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Township Hall to receive comment on:

- The 2014 Amended General Fund Budget
- The 2015 Proposed General Fund Budget
- Special Revenue Funds
 1. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
 2. Downtown Development Authority (DDA)
 3. LDFA Fund
 4. Landfill Fund
 5. Belleville Area Museum
 6. 9-1-1 Service Fund
 7. Federal Forfeiture Fund
 8. State Forfeiture Fund

Copies of the amended and proposed budgets and Special Revenue Funds are available at the Clerk’s Office 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township, MI 48111

In Compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations will be made with advance notice.

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Trustee Joe Monte.

“I think it’s a service the library provides to the community,” said Trustee Michael Boelter.

Juriga said the library could put in a fourth line inside the building for the public to use and that would cost less than the \$78 per month.

“It’s the only one in town,” Monte said.

“We can’t take it away,” said Boelter, asking if the library knew what time the 50-80 calls



Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting Minutes November 25, 2014

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Treasurer J. Morgan showing present: Clerk Hoffman, Treasurer J. Morgan, Trustees: Hamm, Bates, Swinson & P. Morgan. Excused Medical Supervisor Vawters. Also present: D. Bowman, Attorney Young and approximately 22 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by P. Morgan, Supported by Hamm to approve the agenda correcting Item. 16.Q remove Donald Swinson because he is the Board liaison. Motion carried.

4. Public comments on agenda items only - None

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by P. Morgan , Supported by Hoffman to accept the minutes of the regular board meeting October 28, 2014. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by P. Morgan, Supported by Swinson to approve the warrants totaling \$118,554.96. Roll call vote: Ayes: Hoffman, J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, Swinson, P. Morgan. Nay: None. Motion carried unanimously.

7. – 13. Department Reports: Motion by P. Morgan, Supported by Swinson to receive and file the reports from the all Departments as submitted. Motion Carried

Trustee Hamm reported on the Building Department and the cars stored on Willow Road.

14. Board Response

15. Old Business:

A. Motion by P. Morgan, Supported by Hoffman to approve the correction to the Warrant amount from the October 28, 2014 meeting to be \$127,121.60. Motion carried

16. New Business

A. Motion by Hamm , Supported by Swinson to approve the signing of the Smart Contract Specialized Services for the 2015 fiscal year. Motion carried.

B. Motion by P. Morgan, Supported by Swinson to approve the Sumpter Board meeting dates and times for 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Hoffman , Supported by Hamm to approve the Planning Commission dates and times for 2015 as presented. Motion carried.

D. Motion by P. Morgan , Supported by Swinson to approve the sale of the Building Department 2000 Ranger to the Deputy Fire Chief. Motion carried.

E. Motion by Hoffman , Supported by P. Morgan to approve the adoption of the 2012 Michigan Building Codes. Motion carried.

F. Motion by Hoffman, Supported by P. Morgan to appoint Joseph Wilson to the Senior Advisory Board. Motion carried.

G. Motion by Swinson , Supported by Hoffman to approve a one year leave of absence for Anthony Spitznagel firefighter. Motion carried.

H. Motion by P. Morgan , Supported by Swinson to approve the termination of Stacy Hayes from the Fire Department. Roll Call: Ayes: J. Morgan, Bates, Hamm, Swinson, P. Morgan. Nays: Hoffman. Motion carried.

I. Motion by P. Morgan , Supported by Hamm to approve the resignation of Josh Talbert from the Fire Department. Motion carried.

J. Motion by P. Morgan , Supported by Swinson to direct the Attorney to investigate and bring back to the Board the violations of the Special Exception for the Sumpter Roller Rink, 19750 Sumpter Road and set a Public hearing for December 9, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Motion Carried.

K.1 Motion by P. Morgan , Supported by Hoffman to accept the resignation of Johnny Vawters as Sumpter Township Supervisor with deep regrets, effective

per month were made. Suchy said they didn’t know.

One board member said kids don’t know how to use a pay phone.

Secretary Joy Cichewicz said it could be kept as an artifact for the teens to study.

To put closure to his idea, Juriga made a motion to eliminate the outside payphone. There was no second, so the motion died.

“That answered that problem,” Juriga said.

immediately and instruct Peggy Morgan head a committee to organize a Retirement Party for Mr. Vawters. Motion carried.

K.2 Motion by P. Morgan, Supported by Hoffman to appoint John W. Morgan as Sumpter Township Supervisor, effective immediately, term to expire November 20, 2016. Motion carried.

K.3 Motion by Hoffman, Supported by P. Morgan to appoint Alan Bates as Sumpter Township Treasurer, effective immediately, term to expire November 20, 2016. Abstained: John Morgan. Motion carried.

K.4 Motion by Hoffman, Supported by Swinson to appoint Matthew Oddy as Sumpter Township Trustee, effective immediately, term to expire November 20, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes: Hoffman, J. Morgan, Swinson. Nays: Hamm, P. Morgan. Abstained: Bates. Motion carried.

L. Motion by P .Morgan , Supported by Bates to approve the appointment of Brenda Bukis to the Board of Review to replace Sandra Todd. Motion carried.

M. Motion by Swinson, Supported by Hamm to approve the purchase of 4” Storz X100 fire hose from West Shore Fire Inc. at a cost of \$5,350.00. Motion carried.

N. Motion by Hamm, Supported by P. Morgan to approve the purchase of 10 sets of Turn Out gear from West Shore Fire Inc. at a cost of \$22,740.00.00. Motion carried.

O. Motion by P. Morgan, Supported by Bates to approve the purchase of 2015 Ford F-250 4x4 Styleside pickup from Atchinson Ford , cost not to exceed \$30,000.00. Abstained: Swinson. Motion carried

P. Motion by Hamm, Supported by Swinson to approve the resolution authorizing Sumpter Township Fire Department to apply for a grant through Michigan Township Participating Plan Risk Reduction Grant Program. Motion carried.

Q. Motion by Hoffman, Supported by Bates to approve the reappointments to the Parks & Recreation Commission as follows: Kim Toms, Holly Swinson, Sharon Pokerwinski, Richard Pokerwinski, Mary Carter and Virginia Belinski, terms to expire October 2017. Motion Carried.

17. Announcements: Treasurer Morgan advised the Senior Christmas luncheon will be December 16th at 1:00 at the Community Center. The Children’s Christmas Party will be held at the Community Center on December 17th at 6 p.m. Sumpter Township residents must sign up any child 12 years of age and under who will be attending the party at the Supervisor’s Office no later than December 11th.

18. Open Floor: Mary Ban – 1) Questions regarding Item 16.J and question regarding the library Board agreement.

19. Adjournment: Motion by Hoffman, Supported by P. Morgan to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:12 p.m. . Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk

CERTIFICATION

I, Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk of Sumpter Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of minutes taken at a Regular Board Meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees on November 25, 2014 at 6:30 pm at the Sumpter Township Hall, 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, County of Wayne, and that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meeting Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be available as required by said act.

Clarence J. Hoffman Jr., Clerk
Publish: Dec. 18, 2014



City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2014

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

Council follow-up list

Item No. 6 Special Events Ordinance – Make a correcting to the opening date on the follow-up list.

Citizen Comments

Judge David Parrott was present to express his

gratitude for the support of City Council and Belleville residents during the election.

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of November 17, 2014 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

A. Snow Emergency Ordinance.

Motion by Fielder, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-141** to call a Public Hearing on December 15, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss an ordinance to amend Chapter 78, Streets, Sidewalks, and certain other public places, by adding Section 78-153, Snow Emergency in the Code of ordinances for the City of Belleville, for the purpose of adding a provision for declaration of a "Snow Emergency".

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. 2015 CDBG Funds – Call Public Hearing

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve **Resolution No. 14-142** to call a Public Hearing on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. to discuss 2015 CDBG Funds.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Wayne County – Annual Maintenance Permit

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-143** to approve resolution authorizing execution of annual maintenance permits. City agrees to fulfill all permit obligations and conditions for the current year. To the extent allowed by law, indemnifies, hold harmless and defends Wayne County and its officials and employees against any and all damage claims, suits or judgments of any kind or nature arising as a result of the permitted activity. Designates and authorizes Keith Tackett, Director of Public Services to sign the permit on the City's behalf.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Wayne County – Annual Special Events Permit – A 15134

Motion by Fielder, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-144** to approve resolution authorizing execution of annual special events permits. City agrees to fulfill all permit obligations and conditions for the current year. Indemnifies, hold harmless and defends Wayne County and its officials and employees against any and all damage claims, suits or judgments of any kind or nature arising as a result of the permitted activity. Designates and authorizes Keith Tackett, Director of Public Services to sign the permit on the City's behalf.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

D. Wayne County – Annual Pavement Restoration Permit

Motion by Smith, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-145** to approve resolution authorizing execution of an annual pavement restoration permit. The City will fulfill all permit requirements and to the extent permitted by law, will save harmless, represent and defend the County of Wayne and all of its officers, agents and employees. Designates and authorizes Keith Tackett, Director of Public Services to sign the permit on the City's behalf.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

E. 2015 City Council Meeting Dates

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to approve **Resolution No. 14-146** to approve the 2015 City Council meeting dates as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 14-147** to approve accounts payable and payables over \$500.00 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

Public Hearings to discuss the Snow Emergency Ordinance and 2015 CDBG Funds.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Pursuant to MCL 15.268(e) to consult with the Attorney regarding strategy for pending litigation, on the basis that an open meeting would have a detrimental financial impact on the position of the City in the litigation.

Motion by Tindall, Second by Smith to approve **Resolution No. 14-148** to defer Executive Session until the next regularly scheduled meeting of December 15, 2014 to discuss the status and strategy of pending litigation.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 P.M.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Long

City Clerk/Treasurer

Approved: 12/15/14

Published: 12/18/14

Public Notice

State of Michigan Probate Court
 County of Wayne
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO. 2014-803070-DE

Estate of Christian Tyler Lorinczy, deceased. Date of birth: 2-28-2001

TO ALL CREDITORS: The decedent, Christian Tyler Lorinczy, who lived at 305 Edgewood Drive, Belleville, Michigan, died 10-2-14.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Peter and/or Elizabeth Lorinczy, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 1307 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center, Detroit, MI 48226 and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 12-15-14

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Published: 12-18-14



PUBLIC NOTICE
City of Belleville's Use of 2015
Community Development Block Grants



The City of Belleville expects to receive \$57,000 in year 2015 CDBG funds. Projects must meet HUD regulations and Wayne County's program guidelines. A public hearing was held on December 15, 2014 to receive comments on proposed uses of these funds.

At the December 15, 2014 City Council meeting, after considering the input from the public hearing, the City Council determined to use the 2015 CDBG funds to meet the City's program objective by funding projects and programs as follows:

1. Senior and Disabled Citizens Services

Location: city-wide

Activity: senior and disabled program services

Amount:	Senior Transportation	9,830
	TOTAL	\$9,830

2. Barrier Free Improvements

Location: city-wide

Activity: ADA Park Projects

Handicap/Disabled Horizon Park
 Canoe/Kayak Launch

Amount:		40,470
	TOTAL	\$40,470

3. Senior and Disabled Citizens Services

Location: city-wide

Activity: Senior/Disabled Chore Services

Amount:		1,000
	TOTAL	\$1,000

4. Program Administration

Strategic Planning

		5,700
	TOTAL	\$5,700

GRAND TOTAL		\$57,000
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This notice is being published in compliance with CDBG regulations.

Lisa Long, CMC
 City Clerk/Treasurer

PUBLISH: December 18, 2014



CITY OF BELLEVILLE
Notice of Adoption
Ordinance No. 14-004

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 78, "STREETS, SIDEWALKS, AND CERTAIN OTHER PUBLIC PLACES, BY ADDING SECTION 78-153, "SNOW EMERGENCY" IN THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING A PROVISION FOR DECLARATION OF A "SNOW EMERGENCY".

Section 78-153	Snow Emergency
Section 2	Severability
Section 3	Repeal
Section 4	Effective Date

Ordinance No. 14-004 was adopted by the Belleville City Council on December 15, 2014 and will become effective on December 26, 2014. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 14-004 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Lisa Long, CMC
 City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: December 18, 2014

Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.
Sunday, Dec. 7:
0055 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Haggerty
0226 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0229 – assault & battery, WB I-94/Rawsonville
0820 – larceny from auto, E. Archwood Dr.
0837 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0940 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1003 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1252 – suspicious person, Rawsonville Rd.
1418 – private property accident, Belleville
1509 – disturbance, Ventura Dr./Peninsular Dr.
1523 – suicide or attempt, Lakeview Ct.
1535 – assault & battery, Truman
1628 – property damage accident, Haggerty/I-94
1635 – property damage accident, Haggerty/I-94
1727 – suspicious person, Coolidge/Wheeler
2118 – private property accident, Park Estates
2203 – retail fraud, Belleville
2242 – assault & battery, W. Huron River Dr.
Monday, Dec. 8:
0241 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell Rd.
0420 – operating while intoxicated, I-94/Belleville
0846 – suspicious person, McKinley St.
1125 – suspicious vehicle, Vista Dr.
1233 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1334 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
1359 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1532 – fraud, Harbour Club
1804 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Oak Ln.
1834 – vagrant, Belleville Rd.
2000 – larceny, E. Walden Dr.
2041 – traffic complaint, Belleville/Atchinson
2256 – breaking & entering, Bemis Rd.
Tuesday, Dec. 9:
0046 – fight, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0145 – traffic complaint, W. I-94/Haggerty
0711 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1045 – fraud, Fairfield Dr.
1055 – suspicious person, Jackson St.
1416 – disturbance, Belleville Rd.
1715 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1931 – fight, W. Huron River Dr.
1935 – panic alarm, Pebblebrook Dr.
2007 – disturbance, Oak
2228 – private property accident, Belleville Rd.
Wednesday, Dec. 10:
0358 – assault & battery, Doree Ave.
0733 – breaking & entering, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0908 – missing person, Borgman Ave.
0927 – disorderly conduct, McBride/Van Allen
1000 – suspicious vehicle, Christina/Beacon Trl.
1057 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood
1200 – animal complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1428 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1507 – suspicious person, Holly
1514 – fraud, Deanna Dr.
1716 – assist fire dept., Water’s Edge Ln.
1751 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. Dartmoor
1817 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1832 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1834 – personal injury accident, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
2028 – shots fired, Marlowe Ave.
2131 – intimidation threat, Denton Rd.
2320 – traffic complaint, Belleville Rd./Venetian
Thursday, Dec. 11:
0109 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0143 – suspicious situation, Denton Rd.
0719 – assist citizen, Morton Taylor Rd.
0838 – assist fire dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
0933 – abandoned auto, Hamilton Ct./Hamilton St.
0950 – juvenile complaint, McBride Ave.
1213 – animal complaint, Ecorse/Belleville
1235 – assist fire dept., Mida Dr.
1243 – assist fire dept., Sadie Ln.
1351 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
1416 – property damage accident, Tyler Rd.
1452 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.

1509 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1509 – personal injury accident, Sumpter/Bemis
1511 – suspicious vehicle, Beacon Trl.
1531 – vehicle lockout, Belleville
1559 – property damage accident, Victoria St.
1612 – suspicious person, Belleville/I-94
1711 – intrusion alarm, Ventura Dr.
1720 – breaking & entering, Bemis Rd.
1717 – suspicious vehicle, Kirkridge
1726 – missing person, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1735 – retail fraud, Belleville
1859 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1902 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Country Walk Blvd.
1941 – property damage accident, Belleville/Shell
2106 – property damage accident, Coolidge St.
2149 – E-911 hang up/investigation, Haggerty Rd.
2248 – suspicious situation, Martinsville Rd.
Friday, Dec. 12:
0136 – traffic complaint, WB I-94/Belleville Rd.
0445 – suspicious situation, EB I-94/Rawsonville
0617 – suicide or attempt, Rogers Ave.
0743 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd.
0925 – private property accident, N. I-94 Service
0941 – missing person, Jeannette Ave.
1219 – property damage accident, EB Michigan / Denton
1259 – larceny, W. Huron River Dr.
1300 – assist fire dept., McBride Ave.
1315 – animal complaint, Fay Dr.
1333 – suspicious situation, Amanda Dr.
1820 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1821 – agency assist, Belleville
1918 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2003 – larceny, Tyler Rd.
2115 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
2200 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2211 – assist fire dept., Harmony Ln.
2250 – suspicious person, Anna Dr.
2331 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
Saturday, Dec. 13:
0004 – assist fire dept., Holly Ln.
0013 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0036 – suspicious person, Lighthouse Dr.
0047 – intrusion alarm, Samuel Barton
0047 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0206 – suspicious person, Belleville Rd.
0225 – assault & battery, Oak Ln.
1052 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1142 – traffic complaint, Belleville/Ecorse
1625 – suspicious person, Belle Square Cleaners
1641 – malicious destruction of property, Sumpter
1826 – suspicious person, Main/Denton
1956 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2240 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
2250 – disturbance, S. Bellridge Dr.
2304 – property damage accident, Tyler/Quirk
Also on this week’s log are 137 traffic stops, 11 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

2129 – animal complaint, Light Tower Ct.
2230 – assist citizen, E. Huron River Dr.
Wednesday, Dec. 10:
1722 – suspicious vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd. / Sumpter Rd.
Thursday, Dec. 11:
0021 – intrusion alarm, Owen School
0214 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1104 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1106 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1220 – animal complaint, Potter Dr.
1304 – animal complaint, Tuscan Manor
1736 – assist citizen, W. Columbia Ave.
1847 – operating while intoxicated, Main St.
2011 – warrant arrest, Main St.
2327 – animal complaint, Loza Ln.
Friday, Dec. 12:
0335 – traffic complaint, Belle Villa Blvd. / Estrada
1241 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1317 – disorderly conduct, W. Columbia Ave.
1317 – malicious destruction of property, W. Columbia Ave.
1853 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1916 – agency assist, Carmell St.
2110 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
Saturday, Dec. 13:
0309 – suspicious situation, Potter Dr.
0406 – E-911 cellular, E. I-94/Rawsonville
0631 – civil matter, Santa Clara St.
1127 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1354 – malicious destruction of property, Dos Rios
1404 – suspicious person, Huron River Dr. / Wexford Ave.
1408 – disturbance, Dos Rios St.
2220 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
2243 – assist fire dept., Dos Rios St.
Also on this week’s log are 32 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Dec. 7:
0113 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Bemis / Rawsonville
0950 – citizen arrest, Redwood
1203 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Dale Dr.
1352 – assist other agency, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1415 – larceny, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1549 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Monday, Dec. 8:
0828 – civil dispute, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1014 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1104 – animal complaint, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.
1300 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
1727 – flee & elude, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2134 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2147 – down wires, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
2151 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Sumpter / Harris
2200 – operating while intoxicated arrest, New Mexico/California
Tuesday, Dec. 9:
0053 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1626 – animal complaint, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1902 – breaking & entering report, Mulberry
1953 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2148 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Clark Rd.
2335 – traffic hazard, Harris/Savage
Wednesday, Dec. 10:
0728 – family trouble, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
0922 – assault, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1136 – citizen arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1836 – suspicious vehicle, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1839 – juvenile complaint, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1901 – threats complaint, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1926 – fire dept. assist, First St.
1948 – mental health commitment, 44000 bl. Paris
Thursday, Dec. 11:
0823 – alarm, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1140 – animal complaint, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1510 – assist other agency, Sumpter/Bemis
1511 – property damage accident, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1540 – suspicious incident, 8700 bl. Rawsonville
1957 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2327 – suspicious person, Sumpter/Bemis
Friday, Dec. 12:
0037 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1139 – citizen arrest, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1311 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1406 – 911 hang up, Martinsville/Harris
1413 – malicious destruction of property, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1815 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1849 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1935 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1936 – well-being check, Pecan
Saturday, Dec. 13:
0059 – disorderly person, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0105 – alarm, 8200 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0312 – larceny, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1043 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1330 – reckless driver complaint, Sumpter/Bemis
1433 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
2115 – flee & elude, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2253 – suspicious vehicle, 20000 bl. Martinsville
Also on this week’s log are 22 follow-up investigations, 31 miscellaneous details, 237 patrol checks, and 57 traffic stops.

Belleville Police Officers
to get body cams by way
of grant, donations

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor
The Belleville Police Department will be getting 10 body cameras and supporting equipment if it can come up with \$2,750 in donations by April.
At Monday’s regular meeting of the city council, Police Chief Hal Berriman announced that on Nov. 20 he got word that a grant of \$2,750 was approved by the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) for body cameras.
The department has to come up with a matching amount within six months to get the grant. He said he believed the community would help with donations.
Chief Berriman said former Police Chief Gene Taylor had originally gone out for the grant and then he reapplied.
Chief Taylor said, “I was working on it and couldn’t find the extra money to do it.” He said the application went dormant and then Chief Berriman reapplied.
Chief Berriman said the total is \$4,000 for 10 body cameras and \$1,500 for the support equipment.
City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said former Van Buren Township Fire Chief Al Smolen is one of the Risk Managers for the MMRMA and he has been very helpful.
Kollmeyer said, with his help, the city is going to apply for a grant for security equipment for city hall.

Birthdays

Dec. 19 – Cheryl Toms
Dec. 20 – Jenny Hawkins
Dec. 21 – Craig Moody

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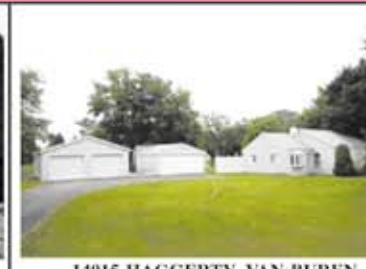
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