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Auditors say VBT is facing \$20 million payment in 2018

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

During the Van Buren Township financial audit report by Plante Moran auditor David Helisek at the July 7 board meeting, he pointed out calculations show that in 2018 the township may have to pay a \$20 million interest payment on the Visteon bonds.

He said the bonds are guaranteed by the Local District Finance Authority (LDFA), but more likely than not the township will have to pay.

He said circumstances change every year, and the situation will be evaluated by the township financial folks on an annual basis. Supervisor Linda Combs said the board is working on this Visteon problem.

Helisek said the auditors have given an "unmodified opinion" on the total audit of the 2014 fiscal year, "which is the highest level of assurance we are able to give."

He said the liability to the bond payments have to be noted.

The total general fund revenue for 2014 was \$12,486,000, up slightly from the 2013 revenue of \$12,283,000.

The property tax revenues, which grew by 1.56% from 2013 to 2014, are expected to dip by .38% in 2015 and grow by 1.78% in 2016.

Expenditures rose from \$11,684,000 in 2013 to \$12,071,000 in 2014, with \$7,862,000 of that going to public safety and also increased attorney fees.

The general fund's fund balance went from \$4,607,000 in 2013 to \$5,022,000 in 2014.

Erica Adams of Plante Moran, who led the board through the charts showing the 2014 finances, pointed out there were \$2.6 million in transfers from the landfill fund to the general fund.

Also, in the letter to the governing body, Plante Moran pointed out that the post-employment pension and health care liabilities as of Dec. 31 went to \$29 million.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

The annual Garden Walk to earn funds for the Belleville Area District Library went on as planned on a sunny afternoon Sunday, following a worrisome spritz of rain Sunday morning. The garden of Carolyn Hyde at 47697 Belmont was one of the five on the walk. With Hyde, center, are Luanne and Wilbur Winkle who help Hyde with her garden work. Behind the group is a young apple tree bearing five different varieties of apples. The lush garden in a subdivision setting was the result of seven years of work. Hyde called gardening her therapy while she cared for her aged mother. Other gardens on the walk were owned by: Julie Hardy at 14072 Deanna, Amy Schmitt at 15910 Hoeft Road, Erik and Susan Meland at 14655 Sunset Pond Circle, and Marge Jones at 42721 Riggs Road. A dozen vendors with garden items set up stands at the library during the walk.

Complaints about Cobblestone Ridge bring 49 violation tickets

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"Say the word and it'll be done," said Van Buren Township Police Lt. Charles Bazy during the July 6 work/study session of the VBT Board of Trustees.

VBT Supervisor Linda Combs told him

he had the go-ahead to issue ordinance violations at Cobblestone Ridge housing development at once – and he did.

The next day, Lt. Bazy, who is managing the ordinance department, reported 49 violations have been written for unsafe structures, property maintenance, blight, and discharge of storm water into the sanitary sewer.

Township attorney Patrick McCauley also has been informed of the violations cited, Supervisor Combs said.

At the work/study session board members

had been discussing the many unsecured open basements filled with water and other unsafe conditions at Cobblestone Ridge that have been a problem for at least five years at seven buildings. Three to four townhouses are planned for each building.

Recently, there had also been complaints about grass cutting and the township sent out a crew to cut the grass.

As the board discussed the situation, Cable Director Ally McCracken projected videos of the conditions at the development taken

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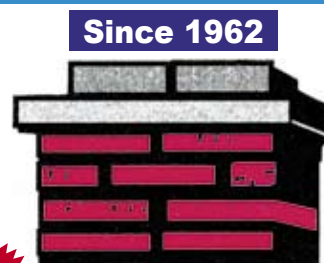
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Cobblestone

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from above with the township drone. Under the direction of Lt. Bazzy, she showed the decks over some of the basements that had holes in them and also were not shrink-wrapped to prevent deterioration, as agreed upon.

Attorney McCauley referred to the 2011 agreement between the developer and the township that prescribed what the developer should do to make the structures safe, including fencing around those that couldn't be decked. Pumping of water was prescribed, as well.

The drone photos showed a gate chained shut, but the gap at that point was big enough for a person to squeeze through. Cattails are growing in the water in some basements. Cracks are in the foundations. A fence goes around just three sides of an open basement with the fourth side unfenced.

"There are some security issues," Lt. Bazzy said.

Supervisor Combs said under the 2011 agreement with Brad Byarski, the township can go in and fill basements to secure them, but the cost estimate is \$600,000, which she said was more than the value of the land.

Attorney McCauley said, in his opinion, there were three options:

1. Bring Byarski back to the next work/study and tell him the township is taking steps to enforce the agreement;
2. Bring suit to make them fulfill the 2011 agreement, which allows the township to demolish the basements, fill with sand, and disable utilities (although the cost to do this is \$73,000 per basement); or
3. Start ticketing for unsafe structures, with each ticket a 90 days/\$500 fine for a misdemeanor and put the cost on the tax roll.

McCauley said it's possible the builder could finish what he's building and just walk away.

"It's obvious he's breeched the contract," said Trustee Brenda McClanahan. "What are we going to do?"

It was found that the builder has a bond of less than \$20,000 and that is just for roadwork.

McCauley said the township has to give him 30 days to appear before them.

"It's disappointing he is not complying," said Trustee Phil Hart. "Either he has no respect for the people there or us or he has no money ... We can give him 30 days to see if he will comply...."

Patrick Sloan, the planning consultant from McKenna Associates who is running the township's building and planning department, said the developer is seeking permits for single family homes.

"No more permits and see if that moves him," McCauley said, adding the township

has the legal ability to withhold permits."

Treasurer Sharry Budd said the township has a Feb. 16, 2015 letter from him seeking permits.

Cobblestone resident Ken Hunter asked the board who the owner of record was and Supervisor Combs said it was Sheldon Acquisitions and, "As far as we know Brad Byarski is Sheldon Acquisitions."

She said Trowbridge Companies is also Byarski.

"We should have been monitoring him..." said Clerk Leon Wright.

"It's gone on this long because many changed in the building department," said Supervisor Combs. "I switched ordinance over to the police department to make sure it was monitored."

"It's extremely unsafe," said Trustee Reggie Miller, suggesting the township put up some kind of fencing so children wouldn't fall into the flooded basements and drown.

Attorney McCauley said he'd like to talk to their attorney to see if something can be worked out.

"The main driver of this has been to help him stay in business," said Trustee Hart, referring to the 2011 agreement. "We should take a stand. I wouldn't dance with his attorney..."

Planning consultant Sloan said the builder was told by Lt. Bazzy about consequences of not complying with the agreement and he committed to putting a construction fence around those basements by July 8.

"I wouldn't want another contract with him," said Trustee McClenahan. "Not this township."

McCauley said the township could issue ordinance violations and he has ten days to respond.

"Could be he just doesn't have the money," Hart said.

McCauley said knowing the builder, he'll come back with promises and deadlines.

John Delaney asked from the audience if Lt. Bazzy would start writing tickets the next morning and Combs said that was Bazzy's direction.

"As of tomorrow, he gets nothing," said Treasurer Budd, referring to the builder's requests for building permits.

Combs said the board needs to wait for additional information and McCauley said he would give the board an update at its July 20 work/study meeting.



Independent photos by James Oztman

On July 6, at its work/study session, the Van Buren Township Board discussed at great length the ongoing problems at Cobblestone Ridge housing development, where unsecured, water-filled basements have been in place since before 2011. The board directed Police Lt. Charles Bazzy to have the ordinance officer write violation tickets and on July 7, Lt. Bazzy reported 49 tickets had been issued. This picture was taken on Sunday.

VBT signs agreement with Blue Country Walk for more than 136 new homes

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After work on County Walk housing development in Van Buren Township was stopped by economic conditions in 2008, phases 3 and 4 remained incomplete.

Jeff Gibbs of Blue Country Walk LLC said his company purchased 136 or 138 parcels in 2012 and want to complete the development.

But, they don't want to do everything agreed to between the township and Bernie Gliberman for the original Planned Residential Development (PRD), which included paving of Martinsville Road, a bike path, and other amenities.

Last fall, Gibbs worked with township officials trying to get an agreement on what amenities it would be responsible for and the homeowners associations of the two phases asked for input into any agreement. Residents said they bought homes in the development based on the promises in the PRD.

At the regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on July 7, the board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Country Walk that also had been approved by the two homeowners associations and Country Walk Blue.

This clears the path for the building department to issue four permits for new homes.

"You heard of our problems with other developments?" asked Trustee Phil Hart

and Gibbs said he was "blissfully unaware" of problems with other developments.

"We are taking steps to bring other developments into compliance," Trustee Hart said.

"We have a good reputation," Gibbs replied.

Trustee Reggie Miller asked for an explanation of the Savage Road situation, referring to previous plans for a turn lane at the development.

Gibbs said the original contractor pulled the county permits for the county road and the Country Walk Blue doesn't have them.

"It is not bound on us," said Gibbs. "It's a county road, off site."

When Trustee Brenda McClanahan asked about sidewalks, Gibbs said they will be constructed according to the PRD. The home-building partners will pull permits and put in sidewalks, street trees, and mailboxes at the time of construction.

Gibbs said they will finish the roads, the 205' wall by putting on a cap, and give \$360,000 to the homeowners associations to assign as they wish.

"That's up to them," he said about use of the money.

When Hart asked about his projections for sales, Gibbs said they'd like to see 20 sales a year. He said Gilbert Homes will build for \$106-\$110 a square foot, which should go well. He said all the lots should be built in six to eight years.

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Taxpayers wonder what is that 'judgment' tax?

Some Wayne County taxpayers are perplexed about the new, unexpected tax on the summer tax bill they just received. One exasperated lady called us to ask what this "judgment" tax was for.

It's kind of confusing, but we, the taxpayers of Wayne County, are left paying a one-time-only tax levy of 1.23 mill (about \$62 to the owner of a \$100,000 home) because the courts found the county didn't pay into the pension fund as it should have in 2010.

The "judgment" was by Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Lita Popke in June, which was set up by a Michigan Supreme Court decision in December.

It seems a handful of county employees' pensions, granted by former County Executive Bob Ficano, exceeded IRS guidelines. The payouts leave the county owing \$49 million to the retirement system, related to the so-called 13th check, an extra check issued to retirees.

The public learned of the pension payouts after an audit was ordered by the county's retirement system. The audit found that seven retirees, who sued, were receiving pensions that the IRS deemed too large. Each public pension given out needs to fall within IRS guidelines. Once it reaches a limit, it's capped and county taxpayers have to pay the rest. The largest of the seven payouts went to Matt Schenk, who retired at 41, who gets a \$96,000 a year pension. Too big, said the IRS. The people end up paying.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

A reader called to ask why Van Buren Township isn't suing the law firm that put together the township's deficient Visteon bond agreement and the township board that voted for it. He wants to sue them civilly and, maybe, criminally.

He is talking about the series of events that led to VBT taxpayers being held responsible for millions of dollars in bond payments coming due for the construction of Visteon Village.

VBT filed suit against Visteon on May 12 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Delaware, alleging the multinational auto supplier breached its contract over bonds tied to the construction of Visteon's 263-acre campus near Ecorse Road and I-275.

In a front-page story on May 18, Dustin Walsh wrote in *Crain's Detroit Business*: "The case isn't the first time economic development desires have burned municipalities, but experts say this case should serve as a cautionary tale. The biggest issue: vague language about shared risk and the dollars involved. Legal experts in this area of law say indemnity clauses in any contract like this must be ironclad."

Visteon Village opened in 2004 and no one knew Visteon would go into bankruptcy or the commercial real estate market would deteriorate after the national financial meltdown.

Walsh continued: "But questions remain about whether the 28,000-resident township did enough to protect its own interest in structuring the bond deal. Visteon is holding to its claim that the township alone took on the liability."

Walsh wrote in May, VBT Supervisor Linda Combs was quoted as saying,

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Visteon's inaction could lead the township to default on the bonds, "which would lead to financial chaos for the township."

Consultants hired by the township in 2013 estimated a shortfall ranging between \$23.7 million and \$36.4 million by 2018, barring any more tax revenue.

A history buff from Van Buren Township was surprised to read the letter on page five in last week's paper that included a suggestion that the name of Savage Road should be changed to "something less offensive."

Our caller said that she's sure that Savage Road was named after the Savage family that have lived in America for 300 years and in VBT since 1834. She said she pulled out the local history book "Water Under the Bridge" and found that pages 303 to 319 are devoted to the Savage family.

She said she can't prove the road was named after the Savage family, but where Savage Road, coming out of Belleville, ends on Haggerty Road, straight ahead is where the Savage family lived.

Another scam is reported by a reader. This one is a check that she got by UPS. She got one at her home and then the place where she works in Belleville got one, too, for the same dollar amount. The check seems legitimate, but it isn't and people who cash it will end up paying back whoever cashes it for them. She said local police are

looking into the bogus checks.

"This is one of those, 'If it seems too good to be true, it probably is' things," she said. She said she wants to warn people because someone might say, "This is just what I've been praying for," and then go out and cash it.

We received an anonymous letter that said, "Please have someone paint the wall across from the Lunch Box food service building. People coming to Belleville onto Main Street see that messy paint on the wall. Not a very good impression of the rest of the town. Please talk to someone who may help fix the problem. Thank you."

I've been told the couples whose anniversaries were printed on the same page in last week's paper (one for 50 years and one for 60 years) didn't know each other, but that changed. The two couples, one from Van Buren Township and one from Sumpter Township, eat breakfast at the Tin Pan restaurant in Sumpter.

A waitress pointed out to them that they were both in the paper at the same time and from there they got to know each other — and now are good friends.



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Letters

'...writing to apologize for my behavior...'

Dear Belleville Community:

I am writing you for the sole purpose of apologizing for my behavior during the last several years of my law practice. My behavior was shameful. I am very sorry for the harm that I caused to the entire Belleville Community.

The people I embezzled from were friends and neighbors. Each person and this community deserved better from me. Some day, if God permits, I hope to repay each person I have injured.

I humbly ask for forgiveness from the victims and community.

With regrets,
Thomas A. White
Inmate 950175
Chippewa Correctional Facility
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Editor's Note: Disbarred attorney Thomas White, who practiced law in the Belleville community for more than 20 years, pled no contest to 20 felony charges and is serving from 6-15 years in the Michigan prison system.

To get money for public safety, sell one fire hall

To the Editor:

When I read the front-page story in the *Independent* on the public safety millage proposal, I was disappointed in the township board members.

Why do we always have to clean up after them? They are holding us hostage. If we don't give them 6.25 mills, then we should give them 4 mills renewal.

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When I look at the police and fire millage, I think of Greece. Look at Greece. Look at Van Buren Township.

My suggestions are:

1. They could sell the fire hall that is paid off, or they could make a library out of it. It would be fine if all they want to have is computers and to play music.

2. They could get a police chief and a fire chief and forget a public safety director. Big savings.

3. If they can't balance the budget, then lay some guys off.

I'm offended about the way this recommendation was handled. The citizens committee met quietly in a meeting that was not publicly announced. Several board members were there. Then, the recommendation about the 6.25 or 6.5 mills was announced by the board. Then, they stopped discussing it publicly and will vote on something July 21.

They can't just keep asking for more money. Under Obamacare the working person's health insurance has gone up. They can't just keep asking for more.

If they need money that bad, sell the fire hall. And, stop training firemen for other departments. That's Chief Besson's thing and he is an at-will employee.

The board doesn't need a ballot proposal. Just fire some people.

Charles Tackett
Van Buren Township taxpayer

Who owns the property next door to city DPW?

To the Editor:

Could you find out who owns the property next to the city DPW? It looks terrible. The house on the location burned a few years ago. The out buildings are still there and are falling down. The people who own it should be ordered to do something with it. If the city owns it, it is even more disturbing that they let it set there looking like that with falling down buildings and weeds everywhere. I think the address is 420 Savage Road.

Thank you for your time.

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Obituaries



Mildred Jane Keelan

MILDRED J. KEELAN

(August 16, 1918 – July 8, 2015)

Mrs. Mildred Jane Keelan, age 96, of Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Glacier Hills Manor, Ann Arbor, MI. She was born on her parents' 80-acre farm just southwest of Ypsilanti, MI on August 16, 1918, daughter of Jay & Clara Mae (Norwood) Knapp.

Her mother came from Canada (to the Detroit area) as a housemaid for a teacher and her father came from the Plymouth, MI area. Millie was raised on her parents' farm along with two brothers. (Both of which have passed away at ages 82 and 88.) Millie's mother sold the family farm after her father died. That's when the family moved into the town of Ypsilanti.

After graduating from Roosevelt High School, Millie wanted to attend beauty school in Ann Arbor. Her oldest brother insisted that she learn to drive and taught her to do so at age 17. She drove herself to beauty school along with four other girls, who paid her \$1 a week for the ride. Back then, gas was 19 cents a gallon.

Millie met her husband Wayne at a dance sometime after the war. Millie's marriage to Wayne Keelan in 1944 blessed her with three children: Jerry, Jane and Jack. She also raised a step-son, Michael, from Wayne's previous marriage. Millie and Wayne moved from Ypsilanti to Belleville in 1955.

Millie was a member of Belleville First United Methodist Church and an active member of the United Methodist Women, serving as vice president and as president for seven years. While president, Millie arranged for a UMW group to visit the Penrickton Center for Blind Children, which touched her heart deeply.

Millie has enjoyed her life. Her practice and advice for longevity was "Pray. Always pray." She is survived by 4 children, Jerry (Dianne) Keelan of Traverse City, MI, Jane (Lindsay) Franklin of Ypsilanti, Jack (Micky) Keelan of Belleville, MI, and Thomas Michael Keelan of Howell, MI; 6 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; also several nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband Wayne John Keelan on February 2, 1989, also two brothers Jay Norwood Knapp and George Edward Knapp.

Visitation was 4-8 PM Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Services were 11 AM Saturday, July 11, 2015 at First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville, with visitation 10-11 AM. Rev. James Walker officiated. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to First United Methodist Church, American Diabetes Association, or Glacier Hills Manor would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her on-line guest book and share a story for her family to treasure at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Marian Grace Schindler

MARIAN G. SCHINDLER

(March 15, 1917 – July 8, 2015)

Mrs. Marian Grace Schindler, age 98, of Saline, MI and formerly Belleville, MI, passed away Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Saline Evangelical Home, Saline, MI. She was born March 15, 1917 in Sault Sainte Marie, MI, daughter of Thomas Alexander & Elizabeth (Holt) Forgrave.

Marian was an active member and Elder at the Milan Presbyterian Church. She was a housewife most of her life, but was able to work at Detroit Metro Airport for Capital and United Airlines during the 1950s. She enjoyed volunteering for the Milan Historical Society, especially working on the Hack House.

Mrs. Schindler is survived by two sons John Thomas Schindler of Fuquay Varina, NC and Dr. D. Fred (Linda) Schindler of Darlington, MD; two daughters Beth Ann (Dan) Kubiak of Florida and Kathleen Jean Wollenberg of Phoenix, AZ; 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 20 great-great-grandchildren; cousin Grace Forgrave of Pickford, MI; also best friends Jim and Joan Culip of Milan, MI and Betty Fulton of Belleville, MI.

Marian was preceded in death by her parents, first husband Darewood John Schindler in 1962, her second husband Stanley Traskos in 1983, two brothers Thomas and Donald, also two sisters Jean and Geraldine "Ann".

Cremation rites have been accorded. Interment of cremains will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville. Memorial contributions may be made to Milan Historical Society and would be greatly appreciated by her family.

Please sign her on-line guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidcbrownfh.com.



Shirley Ramacher Parker Beckley

SHIRLEY RAMACHER PARKER BECKLEY

1928-2015

Affectionately known as G.G. and Lovey, Shirley Ramacher Parker Beckley passed away peacefully July 1, 2015 at her home in Willis. Preceded in death by her son, Gary Parker (Deborah) and grandson Christopher, both parents and 7 siblings.

Survived by her loving husband Woodrow Beckley and 3 of her children Ray Parker (Danette), Cherie Parker Valdez, and Kathy Lutton (Bart); grandchildren Jessie, Matthew, Michael, Kim, Shawn, Charmaine, Andrew, Deanna, Jeff, and Kristy; 18 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

Shirley worked and lived in the states of NH, CA, and WA before retiring in Willis, MI. She loved to travel especially back home to where she grew up in Lincoln, NH. She was a very active and loving grandmother, never leaving anyone out and always putting others before herself. She will be deeply missed.

**More Obituaries
on pages 6 and 8**

Obituaries



Frederick A. Schonscheck

FREDERICK A. SCHONSHECK

(June 29, 1935 – June 28, 2015)

Frederick Albert "Fred" Schonscheck, 79, of Romulus, MI, passed away on June 28, 2015. Frederick was born June 29, 1935 in Romulus, MI. He was the son of the late Frederick Carl Schonscheck and Wilhelmine Christine (Dallmann) Schonscheck.

Fred enjoyed hunting, fishing, farming, gardening, riding his golf cart, and picking mushrooms. He loved spending time up north and snowmobiling.

To cherish his memory he leaves three sons Frederick D. (Laura) Schonscheck of Romulus, David B. (Robin) Schonscheck of Romulus, and Jeffrey A. (Janet) Schonscheck of Belleville; two daughters Cheryl L. (Michael) Lance of Westland and Linda J. Youtsey of Belleville; one sister Norma Poet of Romulus; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents, wife Nancy LaRue Schonscheck, and one brother Ronald Schonscheck.

Those who wish may contribute to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Boston. Online guests may leave condolences, share a photo, or light a memorial candle by visiting www.cranefuneralhome.net.

JOAN ELIZABETH GRIFFIS

(December 4, 1936 – July 9, 2015)

Age 78, of Van Buren Township, passed away with husband Paul, family and close friends by her side. Cremation rites. No services planned at this time. Memorials to Michigan Humane Society. David C. Brown Funeral Home.

JOHN W. KANDLER, JR.

(November 6, 1936 – July 14, 2015)

Age 78, passed away at home. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 2-8 p.m. Friday at David C. Brown Funeral Home. Visitation will be one hour prior to the 11 a.m. funeral on Saturday, July 18.

More Letters

Apology needed for Savage Road remark

To the Editor:

Sometimes when we speak or write we need more facts before we begin to complain about being politically incorrect. Patricia D. Myles wants the name of Savage Road changed as it is offensive to her. Obviously she doesn't realize that most old roads in southeast Michigan were named for the families who used and maintained by them to travel from their farms to town.

Savage Road was named for the family of Minor and Clarissa (Dunham) Savage who moved to Michigan in 1835 from the Waterloo Area of New York State. Minor's family name came through French and English being changed from Sauvage (silvatus) which means resident of the forest and was changed in English records in the mid-1300's after the descendants moved from France to Ireland. This is an old name that had nothing to do with the derogatory connotation that Patricia is claiming.

The 1st Bank of Boston and the 2nd in the United States were founded by James Savage in 1784. Captain Abijah Savage was an officer in the Guard for Lafayette during the Revolutionary War. Gideon Savage fought at Valley Forge. And Minor and Clarissa came to Michigan with nine of their children to farm along the Huron River.

Patricia needs to apologize for slamming the many fine families in our community with the name of Savage in their family trees.

Phyllis Smith
Belleville

Please help us honor Belleville's fire fighters

To the Residents of the City of Belleville:

It is with great pleasure and excitement that I am reporting to the community that the Roy Acho Family has volunteered to host the Fire Fighter / Fire Auxiliary Dinner

at his Pizza Parlor on Willis Road that I recently proposed we have to thank and to honor the servants of this community.

It is a sad time in this world today when we have to beg from citizenry for support to the providers of our community for service we receive -- all hours of the day and night.

In addition to the Acho Family offer, Barb Tomlinson of Van Buren Township and Sister Marty Cherney of St. Anthony's Church in Belleville have volunteered to help. I will be collecting donations, as well, to support the fire fighters in their endeavor to bring safety to Belleville.

I look forward to hearing from the businesses and citizenry of the city to help, as well, in return for the service of the Fire Department. Please look into your heart to see what you can and want to do. If you have questions or concerns, please call me at (734) 697-9376.

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Through its non-profit Visteon Fund, Visteon Corporation recently donated \$4,000 to support a leadership-building program for students at Tyler Elementary School. In back, from left, are Kathy Mastin of Visteon; Aleisa Pitt, Tyler principal; Kristine Cagney, Tyler teacher; Henriette Eles and Mark Laginess of Visteon. Front row, from left, are Jasmyn Ridgeway, Drew Spicer, Amber Spicer and Danny Mcdad, Tyler Elementary students.

Visteon Corp. donates \$4,000 to Tyler Elementary for 'Leader in Me' program

Through its non-profit Visteon Fund, Visteon Corporation recently donated \$4,000 to support a leadership-building program for students at Tyler Elementary School, which is located near the company's corporate offices in Van Buren Township.

The donation was facilitated by one of the company's employee resource groups, Women in Visteon, in support of the school's Leader in Me program. The school-wide model is based on the "7 Habits of Highly Effective People" created by the late Stephen R. Covey, which is designed to develop leadership skills and build confidence in students from childhood.

Tyler Elementary recently completed its second year of participation in the Leader in Me program, which teaches critical thinking, goal setting, listening and speaking, self-directed learning, presentation-making and the ability to work in groups – all skills designed to enhance the future workforce.

Aleisa Pitt, Tyler Elementary School principal, thanked Visteon for its ongoing support and said, "Things that we have done this year are proof that when children are given the opportunity to lead, great things happen. And great things have definitely happened at Tyler."

Visteon's donation reinforces the company's ongoing commitment to the communities where its employees live and work, according to a news release. Visteon employees in Van Buren Township have also partnered with Tyler Elementary for a volunteer reading program that recently completed its 11th year.

The Visteon Fund is a tax-exempt, non-profit organization that has funded programs around the world, primarily aimed at improving the lives of children by providing food, shelter, health care and mentoring activities.



A reader sent in this photo showing a construction truck parked in a handicapped space at Meijer in Van Buren Township on Sunday, July 5. He wrote: "... cement bags, shovels, welders, stakes – looks like he's handicapped." At 8:12 a.m. Saturday, July 11, the same truck was parked in a handicapped space at Meijer.

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The pond-stocking fish truck is coming to the **Willis Feed Mill** in Willis next Tuesday, July 21, from 4 to 5 p.m. Available fish include Catfish, Largemouth Bass, Bluegill, Minnows, Black Crappie and Koi. To place an order call **Arkansas Pondstockers** at 1-870-578-9773. The mill is offering 10% off all pond products on this day only. Call (734) 461-1111.

The **Belleville Moose** is celebrating its one-year anniversary at this location and the public is invited to **Doug's Party on the Patio** this Saturday, July 18, from 2 to 7 p.m. The Moose now is located at the former Sumpter PNA Hall. The menu will feature grilled steak and sides. Adult meals are \$10 and kids to 12 years old are just \$3 for a hamburger or hotdog. There will be horse shoes, tug-o-war, a treasure hunt, pony rides and other games. Live entertainment will be provided by Southern Express (3-7 p.m.) and Southern Heat (8 p.m. to midnight). There will also be new membership incentives available.

The **Belleville Area Council for the Arts' Music Lakeside Concert Series** continues tonight with **The Swank Club**, a Caribbean Jazz band, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Horizon Park. The concert is free. Rain location is inside Belleville First United Methodist Church.

The **Belleville Area Museum** is holding its annual **Garage Sale Fundraiser** today, July 16, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. inside the old Van Buren Fire Hall behind the museum. An **Antiques Appraisal** event will run

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Belleville Pediatrics, located at **355 Main Street** in downtown Belleville is accepting new patients and offering immunizations, flu shots, and school/sports physicals for children up to 21 years of age. For back-to-school specials and more information, call (734) 697-2595.

There are a handful of spots available for the **Space Adventure Summer Camp** for kids the week of July 27-31 at the **Wayne County Community College Western Campus** on Haggerty Road. Cost is \$20 for the daily class, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Two sessions will be held for kids in grades 1-3 and 4-6. The camp offers hands-on activities, such as experiments in all areas of the solar system and space exploration. Campers are asked to bring a bag lunch. Call (313) 496-2704.

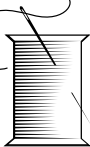
Master Gardener classes coming at WCCC on Haggerty Road

Michigan State University Extension is accepting registration for the fall session of the Master Gardener program. Classes will meet 6-10 p.m. on Mondays, Aug. 31-Dec. 7, in Room 201 at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road, Van Buren Township.

Cost is \$300, which includes a 1,000-page training manual. Registration deadline is July 31 for payment by check and Aug. 14 for credit card payment.

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The National Society of High School Scholars recently announced that Belleville High School student Alexandra S. Gajda has been selected to become a member of the national organization.

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The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Alexandra has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence," Nobel said. "Alexandra is now a member of a unique community of scholars – a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"We are proud to provide lifetime membership to young scholars to support their growth and development," stated NSHSS President James W. Lewis. "We aim to help students like Alexandra build on their academic success by connecting them with unique learning experiences and resources to help prepare them for college and meaningful careers."

NSHSS members become lifetime members. At each step along the way –from



Alexandra

high school to college to career – NSHSS connects outstanding young scholars with the resources they need to develop their strengths and pursue their passions, Lewis said.

Suzanne will be a senior at BHS this fall. She is the daughter of Suzanne and Peter Gajda of Van Buren Township and the granddaughter of Leonard Gajda of Pittsfield Township and Harry Dean of Belleville.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 20 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 21 – Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township regular board meeting, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

VBT LDFA meeting moved to Tues., July 21

The regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, previously set for 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 14, has been set instead for 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 21.

Birthdays

- July 10 – Robert Gora
- July 11 – Emmalyn Nota
- July 15 – Chase Diehl
- July 19 – Autumn Warren
- July 21 – Lisa Tyrrell
- July 24 – Tim Inman
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Richard, Diane Priebe celebrate 50 years

Richard and Diane Priebe celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, June 13, renewing their vows at St. Stephen's Catholic Church during a 4 p.m. mass.

A reception followed at the BYC with 140 family and friends. They were married June 19, 1965. Richard graduated from Belleville High School in 1962, and Diane graduated from BHS in 1965. They have remained Belleville residents.

Richard retired from Ford Motor

Company after 41 years and Diane worked at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital for 21 years before retiring.

They have three children, Laura Priebe Toth of Tennessee, Richard (Michelle) Priebe of Belleville, Robert (Jennifer) Priebe of Northville; 10 grandchildren, Robert Lintner, Stephen Toth, Richard Priebe Jr., Kayla Priebe, Drew Priebe, Nate Priebe, Matthew Priebe, Jacob Priebe, Mark Priebe, and one married granddaughter Alexandria (Michael) Bailey; and a great-granddaughter, Thalia. They also have one step great-grandson, Riley.

Prior to the anniversary they celebrated their 50th by going to Italy on a 12-day tour.

Moose Lodge celebrates one year at PNA Hall, invites public to join in

It's been one year since the Moose Lodge 934 moved into the former PNA Hall at the corner of Sumpter and Harris roads in Sumpter Township and members are inviting the public to help them celebrate.

The annual Doug's Party on the Patio will be held on Saturday, July 18, with food served from 2 to 7 p.m.

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VBT Board

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"We're very pleased you're taking on this project," said Supervisor Linda Combs.

Claudine Poole of Country Walk #4 said they bought a home in July 2007 and shortly after they moved in, the developer

disappeared. She said there were 17 homeowners "carrying the weight" for that phase.

"There are items we cannot pull out of the PRD and we've accepted that," she said.

Donald Boynton, who lives in Country Walk #4 and is the president of the homeowners associations for #4, said there

are 83 occupied parcels in #3 of the 108 lots and 82 are solidly behind their board. The president of #3 was present, he said.

"It was a long fight ... I may have been more heavy than necessary some times," Boynton said. "We're not ecstatically pleased with it. It is adequate. It is equitable."

In other business at the July 7 meeting, the board:

- Approved the second reading and adoption of rezoning a parcel on Tyler Road, across from the Meijer store, from C-1 (General Business) to R-1B (Single Family Residential). This was the 3.4 acres that had been rezoned with conditions for a medical clinic in 2007. When the project did not move forward, it was supposed to revert to its original zoning, but the agreement was not executed and there is no revision clause;

- Approved the 2014 Financial Statements as audited by Plante Moran;

- Heard Trustee Brenda McClanahan read a report on the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority meeting she attended;

- Approved extension of the 2015 summer property taxes without penalty through Wednesday, Sept. 30;

- Approved continuation of the Joint Management Committee through 2015;

- Approved the Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority;

- Heard Supervisor Combs say she was going to read a letter from Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman to the VBT Police

Department, but she failed to bring it to the meeting and will read it another time; and

- Heard Clerk Leon Wright say he was voted to be chairman of the Wayne County Association of Clerks and he is on the board of the Michigan Association of Municipal Clerks, and both groups are supporting an effort to pass "No-Reason AV." He said the Secretary of State and Michigan Township Association also are behind the effort to allow voters to request absentee ballots without a reason and to be put on a permanent absentee voters list. He asked the board to put together a proclamation to send to Lansing.

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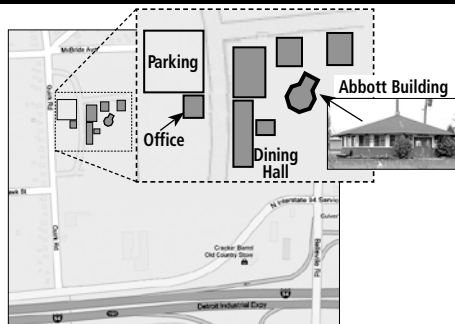
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Romulus asks residents, visitors, stakeholders to take online survey

The City of Romulus has contracted with New Moon Visions Place Branding and Marketing to guide the City's rebranding efforts.

The City is currently gathering data from the city leaders, stakeholders, residents and visitors. The information received will assist in the branding and marketing initiative to help boost the local economy.

The survey to give your views of the City of Romulus can be reached at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Romulus>

The deadline to submit the survey is 5 p.m., July 17. Anyone who completes the survey will be entered into a drawing for gift cards from local merchants.

The City of Romulus underwent a Visioning Process in 2014 that identified four key initiatives to guide future operations: Grow the Local Economy, Improve Transportation Infrastructure, Expand Recreational Opportunities, and Enhance the Local Image and Brand. This project is the first step in the Image and Brand initiative.

"By holding a branding campaign, we can create a sense of community that will strengthen the appeal of the City, encouraging both people and businesses to locate and stay in Romulus," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff.

The scope of the branding campaign will include research and discovery of the city's most essential and important features, analyzing and summarizing data, and developing a brand strategy including taglines and logos.

New Moon Visions has worked with a variety of cities and towns over the past 25 years for place-based branding and marketing including Fenton, Petoskey, Canton, and Milford.

If there are questions regarding the survey, call Tim Keyes, Economic Development Director for the City of Romulus, at 734-955-4537.

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, July 16** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with The Swank Club (Caribbean Jazz) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.
- **Thursday, July 16** – Antiques Appraisal Fund Raiser at the Belleville Area Museum, 3-7 p.m. \$10 covers admission and first item. \$5 every item thereafter (limit 4). Also, yard sale at the museum.
- **Friday, July 17** – Friends Church Family Drive-in Theater FREE Movie at 9:09 p.m. At Friends Field, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road at Bemis, Ypsilanti. BBQ & ice cream night, all free. Movie: “Alone Yet Not Alone.” (734) 482-5074, www.friendsfamilytheater.com
- **Saturday, July 18** – Family Fun Day at noon at Graham Park in Sumpter Township, put on by the Sumpter Parks and Recreation Commission.
- **Saturday, July 18** – Tai Chi for Health will be presented at 10 a.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Instructor John Plevinski will lead an introduction to this martial art that combines breathing and relaxation with soft, flowing movements. Learn about the origin and benefits of Tai Chi as well as some basic movements. Sign up at the library.

• **Saturday, July 18** – The public is invited to help Moose Lodge 934 celebrate its one-year anniversary at its new location at the old PNA Hall in Sumpter, at the corner of Harris and Sumpter roads. It's Doug's Party on the Patio and food is served 2-7 p.m. Grilled steak, baked potato, baked beans, corn on the cob, and cold salads. Adult meal \$10. Games. Two live bands: Southern Express, 3-7 p.m. and Southern Heat, 8 p.m.-midnight.

• **Sunday, July 19** – Off-leash playtime at 2 p.m. with other friendly Pugs and Pug owners in the Abbott Building at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Road, Van Buren Township. FREE, but donations accepted to help. Your Pugs will love you for their new social life! www.meetup.com/semichiganpugs

• **Monday, July 20** – Afternoon car show on Main Street, weather permitting. Sponsored by Bayou Grill.

• **Wednesday, July 22** – Van Buren Township's Summer Concert series features The Dan Rafferty Band playing the Top '40s at 7 p.m. at Quirk Park. Free concert.

• **Thursday, July 23** – Music Lakeside starts at 7 p.m. with George Bedard & the Kingpins (Rockabilly, Blues) at Horizon Park in downtown Belleville. Free.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Seeking Bids

INVITATION TO BID SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT SIDEWALK RAMP REPLACEMENT

**The Township of Sumpter is accepting proposals for the
POLICE DEPARTMENT SIDEWALK RAMP REPLACEMENT
in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan**

The proposed project consists of the removal and replacement of an existing sidewalk ramp and installation of miscellaneous concrete sidewalk per ADA requirements at the main entrance to the Sumpter Township Police Department located at 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111.

Sealed bids will be received by:

Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

Until Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 1:30pm (local time)

Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:

Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at 2:00pm (local time)

Sumpter Township Clerk's Office
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

The Contract Documents may be examined at the offices of the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30am and 4:30pm Monday through Friday.

Township of Sumpter
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk

Publish: July 16, 2015; July 23, 2015



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE

NOMINATING PETITIONS AVAILABLE

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE,
COUNTY OF WAYNE, STATE OF MICHIGAN:

Nominating Petitions for the Regular City Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2015, may be obtained from the office of the City Clerk, 6 Main Street, Belleville, Michigan, Monday – Friday from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the following offices:

Mayor – Term ending 2019
Two (2) City Council Members – Terms ending 2019

Deadline for submission of Nominating Petitions is Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 4:00 P.M.

Notice is hereby given in conformity with the Michigan Election Law and the City Charter of the City of Belleville, Michigan.

Lisa Long
City Clerk

Publish: July 9, 2015
July 16, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, July 29, 2015, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

1991	FORD	PU	1FTEF25H3MNA84886	15-0595
2006	FORD	4D	1FAHP34N86W131775	15-9476
2011	FORD	4D	1FAHP3FN0BW163580	15-10450
1994	JEEP	SW	1J4GZ58S9RC122756	15-11343
2001	CHEVROLET	2D	2G1WX15K419171243	15-11345
2000	FORD	4D	1FAFP56S1YG118174	15-11346
2003	MERCURY	4D	1MEFM55S43G622245	15-11370
2001	FORD	4D	1FAFP343X1W326050	15-11663

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

2004	PONTIAC	4D	1G2NE52F64C219527	15-9569
2000	DODGE	4D	1B3ES46CXVD824330	15-10208
2005	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WH52K159293542	15-10215
1998	BUICK	4D	1G4HP52K0WH469699	15-10234
2001	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3GR62H414102468	15-10325
2005	TOYOTA	4D	4T1BE32K75U054370	15-10345
2004	SATURN	4D	5GZCZ53494S860793	15-10440
2008	FORD	SW	1FMEU74E08UB00737	15-11464
1999	PONTIAC	2D	1G2JB1241X7563505	15-11728
1993	SATURN	4D	1G8ZG5595PZ219656	15-11751
1998	FORD	SW	1FMRU18W5WLB65250	15-12379
2004	TOYOTA	VN	5TDZA29C23S036233	15-13251

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

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: July 16, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Current Job Opening



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Current Job Opening



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

OPENING DATE: 07/01/2015

CLOSING DATE: Open until Filled

DEPARTMENT: Water & Sewer Division/Building & Grounds

SALARY: Annual Salary of \$56,840 plus Benefits Compensation Package

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Department of Public Works Superintendent

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and three professional references to:

vbthr@vanburen-mi.org

Only Qualified Applicants Need Apply

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer

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Van Buren Public Schools Public Notice

Public Notice Advertisement for Pizza Bid

The Van Buren Food Service Department is now accepting firm, sealed bids to provide fresh-made pizza for the 2015-16 school year. Bid specifications are available at Van Buren Public Schools Administration Office, 555 W. Columbia Ave., Belleville, from Deb Evans no later than July 31, 2015, 9:00 a.m. No determination of winning bid will be revealed at that time. Bids will not be accepted via oral, telephonic, email or fax.

Publish: July 2, 2015, July 16, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

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

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

- 1) to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;
- 2) Homestead exemption status; and
- 3) Poverty exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should call Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 20, 2015.

Leon Wright
Van Buren Charter Township

Publish: July 16, 2015
Post: July 8, 2015

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Job Vacancy Posting



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
JOB VACANCY POSTING



Position Title: Plan Reviewer and Building Inspector

Department: Planning and Development

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt

Union Affiliation: AFSCME

Opening Date: April 21, 2015

Closing Date: Open Until Filled

Starting Hourly Wage: \$19.76

91 Day Hourly Wage: \$20.77

18 Month Hourly Wage: \$21.77

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Plan Reviewer and Building Inspector.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

Current Job Opening



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Current Job Opening



Planning and Economic Development Director

OPENING DATE: 06/08/15

CLOSING DATE: Open until Filled

DEPARTMENT: Developmental Services

SALARY: Annual Salary of \$70,000 plus Benefits Compensation Package

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting resumes for Planning and Economic Development Director.

Detailed information can be found on the Van Buren Township website.

www.vanburen-mi.org/about-the-community/help-wanted

Please submit a cover letter, resume and current salary history to:
vbthr@vanburen-mi.org

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 683 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 5:

0012 – fireworks, Springfield Blvd.
0018 – fireworks, Riggs Rd.
0134 – loud party complaint, Harmony Ln./Fisher
0146 – fireworks, Haggerty Rd./McBride Ave.
0159 – suspicious person, Belleville BP
0327 – suspicious situation, Rawsonville Rd.
1237 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1242 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1343 – malicious destruction of property, Denton
1435 – property damage accident, Denton Rd.
1441 – assault & battery, Van Buren St.
1555 – assault & battery, Michigan/Wagon Wheel
1621 – narcotics crime, Park Estates
1626 – larceny, boat house
1745 – juvenile complaint, Haggerty/RR tracks
1803 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1842 – disturbance, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1856 – neighbor trouble, Hull Rd.
1917 – assault & battery, Riggs Rd.
1957 – fireworks, Lake Villa Dr.
2005 – overdose, N. Ponderosa Trl.
2127 – assault & battery, W. Walden
2142 – noise complaint, Oak Blvd.
2206 – assault & battery, Park Estates
2233 – fireworks, Savage
2301 – fireworks, N. Cumberland Dr.
2352 – fireworks, S. Bellridge Dr.

Monday, July 6:

1152 – missing person, Denton Rd.
1155 – suicide or attempt, Ashbury Dr.
1322 – fraud, Sheldon Rd.
1439 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1525 – harassment call, Belleville Rd./Venetian
1536 – larceny from auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1554 – private property accident, Belleville
1609 – intimidation threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1718 – juvenile complaint, Hayes St.
1919 – narcotics crime, Oak Ln.
2131 – fireworks, Parkwood Manor
2149 – fireworks, Beacon Trl.
2214 – disturbance, America

Tuesday, July 7:

0103 – assault & battery, Arborview Ln.
1005 – assault & battery, Park Estates
1103 – code enforcement, Cobblestone Ridge
1254 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Sadie Ln
1323 – larceny, Martz Rd.
1359 – personal injury accident, I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
1655 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. /Denton Rd.
1821 – assault & battery, Parkwood Dr.
2150 – fireworks, Sumpter Rd.
2201 – fireworks, N. Timberview Dr./Forestdale

Wednesday, July 8:

0106 – suspicious person, Arlene Ln./Savage Rd.
0253 – harassment call, Sylvia Dr.
0837 – larceny, Denton
0939 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0955 – assault & battery, Haggerty Rd.
1021 – malicious destruction of property, Outer Dr.
1111 – larceny, Bayshore Dr.
1252 – private property accident, Wildflower Ct.
1335 – disorderly conduct, Winchester St.
1629 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. Bellridge Dr.
1637 – fraud, Ash Dr.
2027 – fraud, Belleville
2130 – agency assist, I-94 WB/Haggerty
2133 – intimidation threat, Oak Ln.
2140 – fire investigation, Country Pond
2148 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Denton Rd
2152 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /N. I-94 Service Dr.
2248 – disturbance, Bradley Dr.
2318 – agency assist, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2345 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / W. Huron River Dr.
2348 – noise complaint, Country Walk

Thursday, July 9:

0118 – larceny from auto, Forestdale Dr.

0219 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0632 – agency assist, Huron Valley Steel
0727 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0944 – narcotics crime, Edward Jones
1146 – malicious destruction of property, Tyler
1743 – malicious destruction of property, Belleville Rd.
1920 – assault & battery, Redwood
1956 – private property accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2000 – hospice, Stratford Dr.
2004 – malicious destruction of property, Colony Ln.
2228 – intimidation threat, Pebblebrook Dr.
2254 – missing person, Ironwood Dr.
2346 – intimidation threat, Parkwood Dr.

Friday, July 10:

0155 – breaking & entering, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0330 – larceny from auto, Southport
0526 – disturbance, Lake Villa Dr.
0726 – larceny from auto, Anna Dr.
0835 – larceny from auto, Lacy Dr.
1107 – suspicious situation, Bemis Rd.
1226 – fraud, Rawsonville
1306 – intimidation threat, McKinley St.
1419 – mental, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1451 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lake Villa Dr.
1700 – ATV/ORV complaint, Martz Rd./Hoeft Rd.
1908 – assault & battery, Hull Rd.
1916 – larceny, Chandler
1958 – harassment call, Lenmoore Ave.
2037 – dumping complaint, Morton Taylor Rd.
2109 – assault & battery, Vernon St.
2249 – larceny, Pond Ridge Dr.
2332 – breaking & entering, Bradley Dr.

Saturday, July 11:

0106 – disorderly conduct, Birch Dr.
0108 – noise complaint, Parkwood Dr.
0243 – harassment call, Tyler
0331 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1049 – neighbor trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1141 – neighbor trouble, S. Bellridge Dr.
1230 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1252 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Martz Rd.
1254 – intimidation threat, Cumberland Ct.
1329 – disorderly conduct, Van Born Rd.
1503 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1505 – larceny, Laguna Dr.
1632 – juvenile complaint, Rawsonville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2015 – assault & battery, Rawsonville Rd.
2026 – suspicious situation, Rawsonville/Bemis
2115 – assault & battery, Kent Ln.
2212 – fireworks, Beacon Trl./Basswood Cir.
2213 – disturbance, Rawsonville Rd.
2208 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Michigan Ave.
2217 – fight, Michigan Ave.
2303 – assault & battery, Country Walk Blvd.

Also on this week's log are 219 traffic stops, 65 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 5:

0038 – fireworks, Belle Villa Blvd.
0059 – noise complaint, Oxford
0235 – suspicious situation, Robbe St./Biggs Ave.
0318 – fireworks, Loza Ln.
0352 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
0922 – harassment call, Potter Dr.
1426 – disorderly conduct, Sumpter Rd.
1630 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1816 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia
1924 – domestic assault, Victorian Ln.
1945 – animal complaint, Village Park
2131 – suspicious vehicle, Carmell St.
2226 – traffic complaint, Roland St./Madelon St.
2257 – mental, Church St.
2315 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.

Monday, July 6:

0542 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.
1313 – property damage accident, South St.
2309 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

Tuesday, July 7:

0315 – suspicious situation, St. Anthony's
0812 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.

1108 – welfare check, Victorian Ln.
1518 – property damage accident, Hayward's
1633 – juvenile complaint, High St./Edison Ave.
2144 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
2337 – warrant arrest, Washtenaw County Jail
Wednesday, July 8:
0116 – E-911 hang up/investigation, N. Liberty St.
0438 – assist citizen, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
1621 – suspicious person, Secretary of State
1731 – domestic assault, Robbe St.
1819 – suspicious situation, W. Wabash Ave.
1939 – suspicious situation, Menlo Park Sr.
1947 – found property, Main St.
2218 – suspicious situation, Belle Villa Blvd.

Thursday, July 9:

0302 – assist fire dept., E. Waterbury Ct.
0838 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
0856 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0943 – ordinance violation, Village Park
1158 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1714 – traffic complaint, Main St.
1843 – assault & battery, Carmell St.
2041 – suspicious vehicle, Menlo Park Dr.
2208 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
2228 – noise complaint, Carmell St.
2337 – noise complaint, Brain St.

Friday, July 10:

0203 – suspicious vehicle, Johnny's
0339 – suspicious person, Menlo Park Dr.
0847 – welfare check, Astor Pl.
1530 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1533 – assist fire dept., Victorian Ln.
1711 – miscellaneous complaint, South St.
1849 – property damage accident, Main St./1st St.
1852 – malicious destruction of property, Main St. / 1st St.
1940 – warrant arrest, Main St.

Saturday, July 11:

1323 – assist fire dept., S. Edgemont Ave.
1403 – code enforcement, Belleville Bridge
1407 – intimidation threat, Main St.
1531 – family trouble, E. Waterbury Ct.
1556 – civil matter, Marathon
1615 – vehicle lockout, Belle Plaza
1832 – intrusion alarm, Sumpter Rd.
1926 – operating while intoxicated, DNR boat launch
2209 – fireworks, South St.
2324 – civil matter, Carmell St.
2354 – suspicious person, Main St.

Also on this week's log are 103 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 5:

1104 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
1233 – breaking & entering, Walnut
1310 – noise complaint, First St.
1343 – violation public health code, Montana
1417 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1522 – suspicious incident, Rustic Ln.
1749 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1750 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1923 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2204 – well-being check, Carriage Ln.
2236 – fireworks complaint, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.

Monday, July 6:

0857 – abandoned vehicle, 21000 bl. Fenster Dr.
0909 – animal complaint, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0948 – fraud complaint, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1030 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1207 – malicious destruction of property, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1301 – abandoned vehicle, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1329 – alarm, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1400 – identity theft, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1537 – juvenile complaint, 18000 bl. Martinsville
1543 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1653 – malicious destruction of property, 11000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2224 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2254 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2307 – family trouble, 9300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.

Tuesday, July 7:

0112 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0426 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
0541 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oregon
1003 – malicious destruction of property, Judd / Karr

1241 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1409 – fire dept. assist, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1859 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1934 – assist other agency, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
Wednesday, July 8:
0107 – well-being check, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0207 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0620 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0809 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0921 – well-being check, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1123 – animal complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2028 – attempt warrant pick up, Rustic Ln.
2038 – attempt warrant pick up, Greenmeadow
2051 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2355 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Willis

Thursday, July 9:

0038 – citizen assist, Carriage Ln.
0048 – warrant pick up, Carriage Ln.
0142 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0236 – warrant pick up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0930 – breaking & entering, 50000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1452 – breaking & entering, 46000 bl. Weimer Rd.
1635 – warrant pick up, out of township
1645 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1922 – assist other agency, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
2058 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.

Friday, July 10:

0800 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1057 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1140 – animal c omplaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1515 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1910 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2210 – property damage accident, 50000 bl. Willis
2314 – malicious destruction of property, Rustic Ln.

Saturday, July 11:

0059 – fire dept. assist, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0359 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Sumpter
0550 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0605 – suspicious vehicle, Willow/Sumpter
0934 – well-being check, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1120 – civil dispute, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1128 – larceny, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1143 – civil dispute, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1604 – ORV complaint, 27000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1728 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Sully Dr.
2230 – shots fired, New Mexico

Also on this week's log are 17 follow-up investigations, 32 miscellaneous details, 116 patrol checks, and 42 traffic stops.

BHS Alumni Reunion set for Saturday, Sept. 19 in BHS Commons

The annual Belleville High School alumni reunion will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 19, in the BHS Commons, 501 W. Columbia Ave.

A social gathering and school tour is scheduled from 2 to 5 p.m., with dinner from 5 to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP and payment is due by Saturday, Aug. 22. After that, cost is \$30. Walk-ins are welcome, but are not guaranteed seating with their classmates.

For more information contact the reunion committee by Facebook: Belleville HS Alumni Reunion, by email: bellevilleallclass@gmail.com or by phone at (734) 787-4601.

Make all checks payable to BHS Alumni Reunion and mail check with reservation to: Lois Mida Zilka, 3226 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188-2453.

Also, reunion participants are asked to recommend a classmate for the Distinguished Graduate Award. Nomination forms can be found on the Van Buren Public Schools website, or call the phone number above.

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Drive is from June 20 – August 15, 2015

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JULY 7, 2015

Supervisor Combs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor Combs, Clerk Wright, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Hart, Trustee McClanahan and Trustee Miller. Excused/Absent: Trustee Jahr. Others in attendance: Secretary Montgomery, Development Services Consultant Sloan, Executive Assistant Clair, Public Services Director Taylor and an audience of seventeen (17).

Supervisor Combs requested the addition of a report by Trustee McClanahan on the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to approve the agenda as amended. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Session Minutes of June 15, 2015; Special Work study Session Minutes of June 18, 2015; Closed Session Minutes of June 18, 2015; Special Work Study Session Minutes of June 30, 2015; Regular Board Meeting Minutes of June 16, 2015; Prepaid List of June 18, 2015; Prepaid List of July 2, 2015; Voucher List of July 7, 2015; Extension of the collection of the 2015 Summer Property Taxes without penalty through Wednesday September 30, 2015; Resolution 2015-25 the continuation of the Joint Management Committee through 2015 and Resolution 2015-26 the Amended Articles of Incorporation of the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority.] Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Supervisor Combs stated she received notification from the Ordinance Department that 49 citations have been issued to the developer of Cobblestone Ridge.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the second reading of Ordinance 06-15-15 to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance by rezoning parcel V125-83-039-99-0009-014 from C-1 (General Business) to R-1B (Single Family Residential). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Combs, Budd, Wright, Hart, McClanahan and Miller. Excused Absent: Jahr. Motion Carried. The property is located on Tyler Rd., east of Belleville Rd. The

previous conditional rezoning approval was to accommodate medical offices however did not contain a reversion clause as was intended. No development of the property has occurred. This rezoning addresses the reversion.

Hart moved, Wright seconded to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Blue County Walk, Country Walk Home Owners Associations III and IV and the Township. Motion Carried. The agreement sets forth the entirety of Blue County Walks obligations going forward to complete the Country Walk development and has been approved by the Home Owners Association and the developer.

NEW BUSINESS: Budd moved, Hart seconded to approve Resolution 2015-28 and adopt the 2014 Financial Statements as audited by Plante Moran. Motion Carried. The audit is divided into the following three sections: (1) Internal control related matters Identified in an audit, (2) Required communications with those charged with governance and (3) Other recommendations and related information. A copy of the audit is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

REPORTS: The May 2015 Budgetary Report was received and filed. The report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

Trustee McClanahan read a report on the efforts of the Downriver Utility Wastewater Authority in negotiations with Wayne County regarding a mutually beneficial agreement for sewage collection and treatment. The report is available for review at the Clerk's Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Clerk Wright announced the Clerk's Office mailed out letters to registered voters eligible to be placed on the permanent absentee voter application list in early June. To date they have received over 600 favorable responses increasing the total list of permanent absentee voters by 30%. Registered voters interested in being placed on the list may contact the Clerk's Office at 734-699-8909, and requested the Board present a proclamation to the State of Michigan in support of "No Reason Absentee Voting".

AUDIENCE (Non-Agenda Items): None.

ADJOURNMENT: Hart moved, McClanahan seconded to adjourn at 8:19 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Linda H. Combs, Township Supervisor

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