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N. Liberty St. upgrades postponed until next year by city council

By Rosemary K. Otzman
 Independent Editor

The bids to replace the aged water mains on N. Liberty Street in the city of Belleville this year came in too high, so the city council on Monday voted to rebid the project in November for work at the beginning of the next construction season in the spring.

City manager Jason Smith said 50 companies took specifications for the work and just two returned bids. He said the city engineer said they were on the high side and recommended rebidding at the end of the season.

Mayor Ken Voigt said he agreed with the engineer's proposal.

City manager Smith said in having the work done this year the contractors would be tacking this project on the end of their construction season and scrambling for crews. The asphalt company that was to repave the street after the pipes were replaced said it would honor this year's price and do the resurfacing next year.

"We're disappointed it's not this season, but the engineer gave his expert opinion,"

mayor Voigt said.

Smith said the engineers believe the city will get a better price. He said the project was estimated at \$1 million and the two bids came in 50% higher.

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

- Reviewed budget calculations through June 30 for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 budgets;

- Held a public hearing on putting delinquent utility accounts on the summer tax roll as special assessments, with no public speaking. Then the council unanimously approved the 55 water bills that have been unpaid for six months to be put on the property taxes;

- Approved the second reading and final adoption of the new ordinance amendment on trees. Smith said this final version has no permit fee needed to plant trees in your own yard, residents don't have to replace dying trees or those on the prohibited list, and a donation for tree replacement instead of replanting will be not more than

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Independent photo by James Otzman

The goats are back to trim up the shores of Belleville's Horizon Park before Lakefest and Goat Day is set for noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 22. Belleville Mayor Ken Voigt said those who come to Goat Day and donate money to the Belleville Food Closet will get a free Goat Day t-shirt. Mayor Voigt said the goats will stay until they are done, about a total of 10 days.

James C. Wigginton of VBT earns ninth world record on June 1

James C. Wigginton of Van Buren Township earned his ninth world record after completing the climb of the 2,226 stair steps of One World Trade Center in New York City on June 1.

He received his certificate for the latest world record.

He said all of his nine world records have been achieved since he turned 70 and, with the exception of one, they all are competing against people of all ages.

"If a simple country boy can do big things,

anyone can," he said. "You just have to want it bad enough, adapt and overcome, and never, ever give up."

He is the first person to climb the stairs of the tallest building in each of the 50 states in the U.S.A.

Wigginton climbed the 104 floors and 2,226 steps of what was previously known as the Freedom Tower -- finishing a three-year pursuit that combined his passion for extreme physical feats with an unshakable commitment to purpose.

With this final climb, Wigginton adds his ninth world record and dedicates the achievement to two causes close to his heart: fighting cancer and supporting

the families of fallen military and first responders.

"You do something big enough, and people will ask why," said Wigginton. "Then you get to tell them."

Wigginton said he has multiple leg injuries and took two hydrocodone before he began this last climb.

"And still, after the fifth floor, pain was like being stabbed with a Kbar every step," he said. "I had to climb with just my left leg, so my time was horrible at one hour and six seconds."

But he iced his leg and rested before the flight home to Michigan. An MRI later showed he had two ligament tears and

sciatica in his right leg.

Why he does the climbs is personal for Wigginton.

He lost his wife Nancy to thyroid cancer in 2013 after 46 years of marriage. In her honor, he launched the Punya Thyroid Cancer Foundation and has helped raise \$6 million of a \$10 million goal to help researchers extend the lives of Stage 4 thyroid cancer patients.

That research -- led by Drs. Megan Haymart and Frank Worden at the University of Michigan -- has now helped more than 5,000 stage 4 thyroid cancer patients live five times longer than previously expected,

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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Independent photo by James Oztzman

The Van Buren Township “No Kings” anti-Trump demonstration on Saturday stretched from Harris Park at the south to past Aldi’s on the north on the sidewalk on the east side of Belleville Road. Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said his officers kept an eye on things and the demonstrators had their people keeping them back from the street. He said they were able to give their opinion and they had no problems. The demonstration was from 3-5 p.m. and was one of almost 2,000 demonstrations planned across the country. There were reportedly 70 locations in Michigan.

Van Buren Community Center to celebrate first anniversary

Press release

Van Buren Township announces the first anniversary of the Van Buren Community Center (VBC).

To commemorate this milestone, the VBC will host a birthday celebration on Tuesday, June 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Community Center located at 46425 Tyler Rd.

Since opening in June 2024, the VBC has become a cornerstone of local life — a place where friendships are formed, goals are achieved, and memories are created.

In the first year, the center has celebrated major milestones, including receiving the Facility Award from the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association (MParks). In addition, Recreation Director Nicole Gerhart was honored by the organization for her outstanding leadership and contributions to the profession.

“It’s been a phenomenal first year,” said Supervisor Kevin McNamara. “This building isn’t just a space; it’s a vibrant part of the community. It’s a place for children to learn and play, for adults to stay active, and for seniors to thrive.”

The Van Buren Senior Center, located within the VBC, has experienced a record-breaking increase in membership, recently surpassing 1,000 members.

With a diverse array of programs -- including fitness classes, theater, teen hangouts, and educational workshops -- the community center has something for everyone, regardless of age.

“Our vision was to build more than just walls; we wanted to build connections,” said Community Services Director Elizabeth Renaud. “This celebration is a thank-you to our residents for embracing it.”

The event on June 24 will feature music, activities, and birthday cupcakes. Residents of all ages are invited to join the celebration.

To learn more about the VBC visit vbtmi.gov.



Photo courtesy of Elena Manalp, Van Buren Township Communications Dept.

Retired Belleville Fire Chief Brian Loranger was honored with a May 22 event at the Belleville Yacht Club, which brought some other retired chiefs for a picture. From left in back is Matthew Loveland, now a fire fighter in Dearborn Heights, Van Buren Township Fire Chief Dave McNally, retired Belleville Fire Chief John Loria, former Van Buren Township and Belleville Fire Chief Darwin Loyer, retired Belleville Chief Loranger, retired Assistant Belleville Fire Chief Kris Rix, and retired Belleville Fire Chief Bill Emerson. In front, from left, are unnamed person and Belleville Fire Fighters Mike Harper, Garrett Kissel, and Justin Reed.

VBT planners hold public hearings on Stellantis mega project

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

On June 11, after holding two public hearings on the Stellantis-Mopar auto parts distribution mega-hub planned for Van Buren Township, the planning commission recommended special land use and granted preliminary site plan approval.

The only input at the public hearings on special land use was a written statement from Christopher Girdwood, director of Detroit Region Aerotropolis who recommended the project. He said it has a minimum use of sewer and water and all the truck drivers are employees of the company and they will follow directions as to routes.

The construction is being called Project Venture on the township paperwork.

Under township ordinance, the 9.71 acres of outdoor storage requires the public hearing for special land use. Maximum height for outdoor storage is 14 feet, she said.

The project will be constructed on property owned by Wayne County Airport Authority on the north side of Ecorse Road, south of Van Born Road and the railroad, east of Denton Road and west of Beck Road. It is in the airport’s runway protection zone.

The applicant is HIP VI Enterprises on behalf of the owner to construct a 2,111,200-square-foot warehouse building to house Stellantis-Mopar, where some

187,000 auto parts will be stored and distributed nationwide.

Vidya Krishnan, planning consultant from McKenna Inc., produced the site plan that showed the facility across Ecorse Road from a runway at Willow Run Airport.

She said the property is already zoned M-2 which is the most intense industrial category. The project will use only 180 acres of the 350-acre site, with the rest filled with trees and wetlands. Just 2.5% of the wetlands will be disturbed, she said.

Krishnan said because of the distance back on the property planned for the construction and all the vegetation, old and new, whatever noise generated by
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OPINIONS

Editorial:

Students, staff, parents plan to keep coming back

It wasn't long ago that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education was patting itself on the back for having no controversy in its meetings, although other school board were having crowds that complained about things.

All the VBPS board meetings had unanimous votes on everything and people only occasionally complained during public comment.

At last week's school board meeting, however, that changed. A crowd of about 30 showed up to protest the decision to move all three high school counselors to positions in the elementary schools. This had never been announced by the administration at a board meeting and members of the audience asked it to be explained. The answer "We're going in a new direction" just doesn't cut it.

That issue has grown since the June 9 meeting and there are other school issues being discussed on social media. We've been informed that some parents and staff that showed up to that meeting, plan to come back and push for answers.

A local grandfather also is pushing for information on the recruiting of students from schools in Detroit to beef up the high school football team through the schools of choice program. He wants to know is having a top sports team more important than having high academic scores so the students know something? And then there's the speeding bus drivers. No more quiet board meetings for a while.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

On Saturday just before 3 p.m., a man wearing a red Shriner's cap going to shop for groceries at Aldi's was approached by one of the men at the Anti-Trump demonstration on Belleville Road. He said the man told him to take off his "Trump" hat or he'd take it off for him.

Our reader said he had to bend the man's fingers back to get his Shriner's cap out of his hands. He said he went into Aldi's and told them what happened and said he wasn't shopping there. Then he left. He told us the story on Monday, adding, "If they said it was peaceful, it wasn't."

He said he participates in the Shriner unit in parades. He's the clown with the flashing red nose, he said.

When we came to take a quick picture of the peaceful-looking demonstration on Saturday, we parked across the street in the Menards parking lot and were approached by Van Buren Township Police who said we had to move or be towed away by Menards. The officer said, "Menards wants nothing to do with this," indicating the demonstration across Belleville Road.

Jim took some quick pictures of the group on the sidewalk from Harris Park north to beyond Aldi's and we went on our way before we could be towed.

Although Saturday was Flag Day, we only saw a few American flags at the demonstration. The ones I saw were flying upside down.

Pete Pitzen got volunteers to help him put American flags all along Clarence Street in the city of Belleville, as he likes to do every year for Flag Day. There were flags



throughout the community, as well.

We were wondering about why the Gypsy moth has its name changed to Spangy moth and we wrote about it in this column last week.

We received an email from Kevin Nelson, who wrote: "Found this online: The new common name for Lymantria dispar, spangy moth, replaced the prior name of this insect, 'gypsy moth.' This change was necessary because the word 'gypsy' is an ethnic slur for the Romani people and the former common name equated people with insects."

We had no idea and we learn something new every day. Thanks for the information.

Saline High School won its first-ever Michigan High School Athletic Association state softball championship in Division 1 on Saturday when it beat South Lyon, 5-2. Saline also is rated one of the top schools in the state in academics.

Some BHS students are attending Saline High School as schools-of-choice students because, I'm told, it was impossible for them to get a place on a sports team on their home team because of the district's recruitment program.

While some think the new artificial intelligence technology development planned at Textile and Rawsonville roads in Ypsilanti Township will be a big plus for

development in Belleville, opponents in Ypsilanti Township have their doubts and planned a demonstration at Hydro Park last Saturday.

Besides the high use of water and electrical power, they said a huge data center would produce noise and visual pollution. Also, it would not bring local employment, since those working there will be specially trained for the positions and brought in from elsewhere.

The University of Michigan Board of Regents recently approved buying more than 124 acres of land in Ypsilanti Township for up to \$8.1 million. The property will be used to build two AI supercomputing facilities in partnership with Los Alamos National Laboratory.

The board voted to acquire the land at 10455 and 10635 Textile Rd., where the university plans to establish research and computing centers focused on AI.

The nearly 36-year-old joint operating agreement between *The Detroit News* and *The Detroit Free Press* is expiring at the end of the year and they will be handling their businesses separately. I couldn't be happier. I never understood how two competitive newspapers could be joined at the hip.



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Letters

Ask school board to keep BHS counselors

To the editor:

Please join in calling on the Belleville High School administration, specifically Principal Nicole Crockett, to reconsider this decision and keep our current counselors on staff at the high school.

Their presence to OUR HIGH SCHOOLERS is crucial to maintaining the health, happiness, and academic success of our children. Sign this petition to show your support and make a difference in our school community.

For those of us who care deeply about the education and well-being of the students at Belleville High School in Belleville, MI, the recent decision to remove the current counseling staff is alarming. As a parent deeply invested in the success of your children, I've witnessed firsthand the incredible dedication and care these counselors have shown. It is disheartening that the administration seems intent on letting go of those who genuinely care about the students in this district.

For years, these counselors have provided invaluable support to students, helping them navigate the complex challenges of high school life. From offering guidance on academic paths to lending emotional and psychological support, their contributions cannot be understated.

Removing them denies students access to these proven resources. The student body's mental health and academic success should be the utmost priority.

Statistics indicate that schools with strong counseling teams see better student outcomes, including higher graduation

rates and improved mental health among students.

The American School Counselor Association (ASCA) advocates for a ratio of 250 students per counselor, yet many schools fail to meet this standard. BHS should indeed strive to not only meet but exceed these recommendations by retaining the skilled counselors it has.

We understand the need for administrative strategies and budget considerations, but not at the expense of our students' futures. Instead of replacing dedicated staff, the school should invest in training and better resources for these counselors so they can continue to excel in their roles.

Upcoming School Board Meetings:
June 23 @ 7 p.m., BHS Commons
July 14 @ 7 p.m., Admin. Building
July 28 @ 7 p.m., Admin. Building
Aug. 11 @ 7 p.m., Admin. Building

Sign the petition:
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Nicole Nelson
BHS parent

Gene, Elayne Taylor put 200 flags on S. Biggs St.

To the editor:

In honoring Flag Day June 14 for 2025, I scheduled posting the flags on both sides of the street on South Biggs Street, from Huron River Drive to Robb Street.

Starting about 4:20 p.m. on the 13th my brother-in-law Gene Taylor and his wife Elayne stopped by and volunteered for their job. After about 40 minutes the job was complete, posting approximately 200 refurbished flags. The flags were from local veterans' graves.

Gene and Elayne have volunteered for the past several years and I just wanted to publicly thank them.

Pete Pitzen, Belleville
Chairman, VFW Flag Committee

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, June 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, June 24 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 3 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township board, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 25 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission at 6:30 p.m. (moved from its regular date of June 12)

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More Letters

We should get behind all our sports teams

To the editor:

It is with sadness that I read the *Van Buren Today* and the headline was "Fans sparse as ladies triumph (state title)". These are hard-working athletes.

I may understand the challenge of going to Breslin, but why can't the schools step up? We are running buses up, following our team. Just let us know so can have enough buses up behind the team to support them.

I worked at the Winter Classic. They had police escort. Could not a police car escort them up? These are our kids, neighbors, classmates. Let's rally up to support and cheer them on.

It would have been great to have a banner on Main: "Welcome Home, State

Champs!" With football, basketball, now track and field, that banner will get a lot of use.

Let's support and rally behind our teams.

Patrick McNally
Van Buren Township

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\$100. Dangerous, dead trees on private property may be removed by the city and costs charged to the property owner, if the property owner does not take the tree down as requested. The city's tree fund will be no less than \$5,000;

- Tabled for review the second HydroCorp quote delivered earlier that day on residential cross connections, which are required by the state;

- Approved authorization for this year's taxes: 8.517 mills for operation on the July 1 tax and 11.5 mills for public safety on the Dec. 1 tax;

- Confirmed the Summer 2025 Special Assessment Tax Roll;

- Approved a proposal to buy back graves in Hillside Cemetery from those who own them at half the original cost they paid. Clerk Briana Hootman said the city has had no full graves to sell for a year. A regular plot now would sell for \$1,100 if available;

- Reviewed the results of a study on notary service charges by several communities and decided what Belleville charged was fair and to leave any training of notaries up to the clerk. The city provides free notary service to residents and charges \$5 each for non-residents. There are four notaries presently on staff;

- Asked for copies of accounts payable and departmental expenditures which had not been provided in the council packet and then waited for copies to be run off and delivered to council members at the council table by the city manager;

- Heard Smith report High Street resurfacing is completely done from Main to Roys and completion of the resurfacing up to W. Huron River Drive will start in July. He said 88.54% of the new water meters have been installed, with 127 to go. The city took its first readings from the meters and found a few that weren't quite right. He reported the Safe Streets for All grant application should be done by the end of the week and the Transportation Alternatives grant application will go to the state next week. He said he will put the changes for 330 Charles St. before the planning commission. Smith said the request is before U.S. Senator Gary Peters

to allocate \$3 million in discretionary spending to the city, but, "I'm not holding my breath";

- Heard the mayor announce that Goat Day will be from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 22, at Horizon Park. Those who donate money to the Food Closet will get a free goat t-shirt, he said. He also thanked the Garden Club, DPW, and volunteers for planting the free roses the city got throughout the city. He said Janine Houle of the Garden Club coordinated the planting. Mayor Voigt also said the representatives of America in Bloom will be in town July 21 and 22; and

- Heard Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Commander John Blackstone thank the city council for its support of the VFW and PLAV. He said the Memorial Day service was a huge success along with their distribution of poppies on the street. He said last year the VFW Post was honored for being third in the state in Community Service and last Monday it was named an All-American Post. He said on Memorial Day he had asked the mayor why "a crapper" was put on the site of the Memorial Day ceremony, since the veterans feel the memorial site is a sacred place. He said the mayor said the restrooms were not open and they had to do something for the crowd. Blackstone also pointed out problems with the flagpoles at the memorial.

Wayne County Commissioner Allen Wilson was on the agenda to present a resolution, but he did not come to the meeting.

Wigginton

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and with a correspondingly higher quality of life.

He also climbs to raise awareness and support for Folds of Honor, an organization that provides scholarships to the spouses and children of fallen or disabled service members, and first responders. That mission is personal too: Wigginton was part of the first Red Cross team deployed to Ground Zero after 9/11.

"To finish this journey where so many heroes made the ultimate sacrifice -- there's no more meaningful place," Wigginton said.

Though not a runner by trade, Wigginton holds the world record for fastest time to climb or descend 1 million stairs, and has made a name for himself scaling skyscrapers—often taking 15-hour travel days for a five-minute climb.

Wigginton, who turned 76 this year, is a Kentucky country boy, and Vietnam era Marine, who now lives in Van Buren Township.

His past records include:

- Highest Tandem Skydive – 42,018 feet (2024), 37,417 feet (2019)
- First to Skydive from 7 Miles High and Dive to the deepest part of Challenger Deep (2020)
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Well here we are at the third Thursday again. The theme for the extended shopping day is "Rosie the Riveter" bringing special attention to Thunder Over Michigan at Willow Run Airport. There will be pop up crafters in Main Street businesses and in the Fourth Street Square. Watch for the A-frames.

At 7 p.m. today Music Lakeside will present the ever-popular Paul Keller. Lots to do in downtown Belleville.

The third Thursday this month is also Juneteenth. The library will have a special presentation on Monday, June 23, at 6:30 p.m. called Juneteenth: "What happened June 19, 1865?" Bring your kids to hear this because I sure don't remember anything in the history books.

Wayne Historical Museum Director, Tyler Moll, will be the April 26 speaker at the Belleville Area Museum on "How to Date your House." Pizza is at 5:30 p.m., if you get your reservation in, and the program is at 6 p.m. RSVP to bam@vbtmi.gov.

Our Ted Scott Campus at WCCCD on Haggerty Road offers a lot of free continuing education classes that are open to the public for anyone 18 years or older. On Tuesday and Thursday, June 24 and June 26, from 6 to 10 p.m., they are offering a Boating Certificate Seminar. Boat America is a boating certificate class that offers an in-depth and interesting boating safety course, and provides the knowledge needed to obtain a boating certificate. Some insurance companies will also offer discounts on boating insurance to boaters who successfully complete this course. Let your family know this is available for free!

Speaking of free, Van Buren Township is inviting you to its VBC Birthday Bash on Tuesday, June 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at 46425 Tyler Rd. The community center has been open for a year, so join your neighbors in this celebration.

See the ad in the paper this week on the meeting at Wayne County Community College – Ted Scott Campus on Thursday, June 26, at 6 p.m. This public forum is the time to get official information on the proposed license renewal for Wayne Disposal. It also offers concerned citizens a chance to voice their opinions to those who are making the decisions on the toxic waste being accepted at the landfill on the North I-94 Service Drive.

Next week's paper will have a full page advertisement on Belleville Lakefest activities that start on Friday, June 27.

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN starts tomorrow.

Morgan Vaughn named to Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University

Morgan Vaughn of Belleville has been named to the 2025 spring semester Dean's List at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Aiden Miller of VBT named to Dean's List at Olivet University

Aiden Miller of Van Buren Township is among the 364 students named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2025 semester at Olivet University in Olivet, MI.

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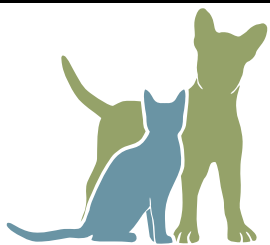
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District library board approves \$2.9 million budget for 2025-26

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After holding a public hearing at its regular meeting June 10, the Belleville Area District Library Board unanimously approved a budget that included \$2,946,300 in expected revenues, \$2,814,838 in expenditures, and a \$6,313,310 fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.

The library's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30.

The board also approved the amended budget for the 2024-25 fiscal year and the fund balance allocation required by GASB 54. The GASB 54 requirement is to authorize an allocation from funds collected in December 2024 to spend in the second half of 2025, to reconcile the difference in fiscal years.

Secretary Alma Hughes-Grubbs was the only board member absent and excused from the meeting.

In other business at the one-hour-and-14-minute meeting, the board:

- Learned the first-ever staff art show is on display for a month, showing the talents of staff members and to fill in a gap in the scheduled art displays for the year;

- Was informed a tortoise has taken up residence at the children's reference room desk. The baby tortoise is just a few months old and can live to be 50 years old. The tortoise was loaned by a reptile rescue group and it is up for adoption. A contest is being held to name the tortoise and some of the finalists are: Shelly, Tank, and Tortolini;

- Heard library director Mary Jo Suchy report Otis Elevator is performing the 5-year maintenance and testing of the elevator to pass the state inspection. Otis brought a door lock monitoring proposal to their attention in response to a new State of Michigan code. The proposal costs \$27,000 and Suchy is checking into the details and whether the library elevator qualifies to comply with that new code;

- Was informed that Wayne County has been alerted to the library's intention to apply future penal fine revenue to the amount it owes. A written waiver and release proposal was written by the library's attorney and given to the county and a counter proposal had been received and is being reviewed;

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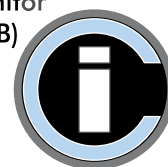
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CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 28, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 No action taken.

4. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS
 a) Presentations

i. 2025-2026 FY Proposed Budget
 City Manager Smith presented the proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-26 to the Council.

5. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
 a) Special meeting to be held June 17, 2025 to approve the proposed budget.

6. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Priest to adjourn at 8:27 PM.
 No objections were noted.
Motion Carried.
 Respectfully submitted by
 Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer
 Published: June 19, 2025

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 2, 2025 - 6:30 pm

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS
 • Presentations
 • Citizen Comments

Motion carried.

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES
 • Accounts Payable
 • Departmental Expenditures
MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures in excess of \$2,500, as presented.

ROLL CALL

Council Member Kissel	Aye
Council Member Priest	Aye
Mayor Pro-Tem Bates	Aye

Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION: Motion by Priest, supported by Kissel to approve the agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

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

• Approval of Minutes
 i. May 19, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes
 • Budget Report
 • Communications
 i. MMRMA Monthly Acknowledgements
 • Council Follow Up List
 • DDA Follow Up List
 • DPW Report
 • Special Events
 i. BADL Comic Fest
 ii. Music Lakeside Concert Series
MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve the consent agenda as presented.
Motion Carried.

10. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS
 • It is the Council's prerogative as to whether or not they wish to move delinquent water bills to the city's tax roll.
 • Water meter replacements throughout the city now stand at 86.8%, with 180 residences receiving final notices and door hangers.
 • Training on the GoGov app will be taking place on Wednesday.
 • Bids for the Liberty St. water main project are due on June 10th.
 • Paving on High St. will continue tomorrow, with the road re-scheduled to reopen on Wednesday. Striping is expected to take place on Wednesday into Thursday.
 • The contract books for the property at 330 Charles are pending, as the city waits to receive them.
 • Paving on Liberty St. is slated to begin after the completion of the High St. repaving project.
 • Repairs of the parking lot at Horizon Park have been completed.
 • Congratulations to Bryce Underwood for his appearance on the cover of EA Sports College Football 25.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS
 • None.

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES
 • First Reading - Ordinance 2025-02 – Amendment to Code of Ordinances Chapter 34 – Trees
 i. City Manager Smith presented the first reading of the ordinance amendment to the Council.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION
 a. HydroCorp Quote
 a. Paul from HydroCorp presented their residential cross-connection program to the Council, whom elected to table a decision on this item.
 b. Resolution 25-010 – City of Belleville Poverty Exemptions
MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve **Resolution # 25-010**, regarding poverty exemptions.
 c. DPW – Lease or Purchase of a 500-Gallon Diesel Fuel Tank
MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to approve the lease of a diesel fuel tank for the Department of Public Services.

11. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS
Council Member Priest
 • No comments.
Council Member Kissel
 • Thank you to HydroCorp for their presentation.
 • DTE will be installing new poles throughout the area.
 • The closure of High St. in conjunction with the car show on Main St. created a heavy traffic flow today.

12. MAYOR PRO-TEM'S COMMENTS
 • Thanked those in attendance at the meeting.
 • There is now a plaque displayed at the Pocket Park on Liberty, along with great-looking landscaping.

13. CITIZENS COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEM
 • Pauline Iwao
 i. Noted that DTE installed equipment on her home in a less-than desirable location, and would like it moved to a better spot.

14. ACTION ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING
 • None.

15. ADJOURNMENT
MOTION: Motion by Kissel, supported by Priest to adjourn at 7:29 PM.
 No objections were noted.
Motion Carried.
 Respectfully submitted by
 Briana Hootman, City Clerk/Treasurer
 Published: June 19, 2025

District Library

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• Learned signing up began June 16 for the library's summer reading incentive programs set for June and July. This year's theme is "Color Our World" and there are giant crayons in the children's area. Suchy said it is imperative that children read during the summer months so they do not lose all of the reading skills they learned during the school year;

• Was informed the library will host two programs in honor of Juneteenth. "History Trivia Night: African American History Edition" took place June 12 and "Juneteenth: What Happened June 19, 1865" will take place at 6:30 p.m., June 23; and

• Got introduced to Deb Green who retired as library director 10 years ago in May. She was passing by the meeting and dropped by to talk.

Court Watching

Craig Nathaniel Croom
Jaylen Malik Paschal

Craig Nathaniel Croom, 24, and Jaylen Malik Paschal, 21, both of Greensboro, NC, were video-arraigned in custody on June 16 on identical charges of fleeing and eluding a police officer 4th degree – felony and assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer on June 12 in Van Buren Township. The probable cause conference is June 25 and bond set at \$500,000 cash or surety each.

Christopher Ladelle Tubbs

Christopher Ladelle Tubbs of Ypsilanti was video-arraigned in custody on a charge of armed robbery and larceny from a person on May 3 in Van Buren Township. Judge Teresa Patton set a probable cause conference for June 25 and bond is \$10,000/10%. He is not to have any contact with the victim and must not return to Lodge Lanes as part of his bond.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **July 8th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

Case # 25-022 - Request for a dimensional variance by owner Aaron Zehel to construct a detached accessory structure located at 12800 Martinsville Road, parcel ID# 83-088-99-0061-000.

Section 7.202(A) Table 3: Dimensional Regulations of Accessory Buildings and Structures:

- Maximum Lot Coverage of Detached Accessory Buildings:
 - 640 square feet maximum permitted
 - 960 square feet proposed
 - **320 square foot variance requested** (50% larger than permitted)
- Maximum Height of Detached Accessory Buildings:
 - 14 feet maximum permitted
 - 15 feet proposed
 - **1 foot variance requested** (7% taller than permitted)

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

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

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Clinic teaches 4-H members how to nurture their livestock

By Ashleigh Klein
4-H Program Coordinator
MSU Extension, Wayne County 4-H

The Wayne County 4-H Livestock Clinic is an educational event designed to prepare youth for success in livestock projects and exhibitions. Open to all 4-H members, the clinic provides hands-on learning opportunities with a focus on animal care, showmanship, and industry best practices. Youth participants engage with experienced presenters and industry professionals to gain valuable knowledge on topics such as feeding and nutrition, grooming, animal health, and proper handling techniques.

The clinic offers species-specific sessions, including beef, swine, goats, rabbits/cavy, and poultry, ensuring youth receive targeted instruction relevant to their project animals. In addition to hands-on skill-building, youth practice show ring etiquette and receive feedback to help build their confidence and abilities ahead of fair season. Now in its third year, the Wayne County 4-H Livestock Clinic has continued to grow in size, scope, and impact, serving as a key educational opportunity for youth engaged in livestock projects. What began as a single-day clinic has evolved into a two-day event, with small animal sessions

this year held Friday evening and large animal programming offered all day Saturday, May 16-17, at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. This expanded format allowed for deeper learning and better scheduling for families and volunteers. In 2025, 40 youth participated, up from 26 in 2024, marking a 54% increase in attendance. Participants ranged in experience levels, from first-year members to seasoned showmen, and they engaged in both species-specific sessions and broader livestock project workshops. This year's clinic included: showmanship sessions for beef, dairy, swine, goats, rabbits/

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VOTING PRECINCT UPDATE

A **Township Hall | Precincts 1, 2 & 7**
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B **Wayne County Community College | Precincts 3, 4, 5 & 6**
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cavies, and poultry. It also included educational classes on breed and market classes, nutrition and illness, halter breaking and training, animal first aid, and marketing your 4-H project.

Participants were excited, engaged, and eager to apply the knowledge they had learned.

One youth, after attending the Marketing Your 4-H Project session, shared, "This was my second-favorite class. Pigs were my first. It's hard to beat pigs." Another noted, "I didn't know there were different ways to talk to buyers. I feel more confident now that I know how to explain my project."

When asked what they enjoyed most about the clinic, one participant enthusiastically responded, "The hands-on aspect! Having the opportunity to touch and interact with the small animals was awesome."

This sentiment reflects the clinic's commitment to experiential learning, providing youth with genuine opportunities to connect with animals and develop practical skills through direct interaction.

The impact of the clinic extended beyond the youth as well, thanks to a committed team of more than 10 volunteers and MSU Extension staff, who contributed nearly 100 combined hours to planning, preparing, and leading the sessions. Their dedication ensured a high-quality experience, and their presence helped model leadership, teamwork, and knowledge-sharing.

Additionally, the clinic received financial support from the Michigan Farm Bureau 4-H Excellence in Agriculture Grant, awarded to Wayne County volunteer Donna Budd in 2024.

This funding allowed for the addition of new sessions and supplies as well as covering the cost of clinicians, ultimately enriching the overall program experience for youth.

We would also like to give a special thank you to the sponsors for the 2025 Wayne County 4-H Livestock Clinic T-shirts: A Design Line Embroidery LLC, Budd Farm, Cadillac Asphalt LLC, Garden Fantasy on Main, Parkway Services Inc, and Robson's Greenhouse.

The Wayne County 4-H Livestock Clinic is more than just a learning event; it's a transformational experience for youth, fostering confidence, deepening their knowledge, and strengthening their connection to agriculture. By offering both species-specific and project-based learning opportunities, the clinic equips youth with practical skills, encourages responsibility, and prepares them to be confident representatives of their 4-H projects. Each year, the clinic continues to grow "bigger and better," proving its value in developing the next generation of livestock leaders and ag-savvy

youth in Wayne County.

With strong volunteer support, grant funding, and a commitment to excellence, the clinic stands as a shining example of what's possible through the 4-H program in Wayne County.

Join us at the 2025 Wayne County Fair! Come see all the hard work and dedication of our 4-H youth on display at the Wayne County Fair, Aug. 4-9, 2025. From livestock to creative arts, 4-H'ers will be showcasing the projects they've worked on all year.

Don't miss the Wayne County Youth Auction on Thursday, Aug. 7 at 6 p.m., where you'll have the opportunity to support local 4-H members in their market animal projects. It's a great way to invest in the future of agriculture and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth!



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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 346 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week including the following.

Sunday, June 8:

0003 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Pond Bluff Dr.
0202 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0226 – welfare check, Lighthouse Dr.
0854 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd.
0914 – intrusion alarm, Maude Ct.
0914 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1017 – 911 welfare check, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1158 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1158 – welfare check, Martz Rd.
1227 – family trouble, Parkwood Dr.
1353 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1456 – civil matter, Frederick Ct.
1508 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Menards
1548 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
xxxx – civil matter, DNR boat launch/Rawsonville
1639 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1706 – assist citizen, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1817 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
1833 – traffic offense, Martinsville Rd./Riggs Rd.
1838 – assist fire dept., Marina Dr.
1958 – juvenile complaint, Bog Rd.
2047 – fight, Belleville Rd.
2146 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2221 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Locust Dr.

Monday, June 9:

0403 – welfare check, Oak Ln.
0752 – welfare check, Bak Rd.
0755 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0900 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
0924 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Florence Ln.
xxxx – misc. complaint, Tyler Rd.
1012 – neighbor trouble, Parkside Dr.
1049 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Van Buren St.
1126 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1132 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
1158 – property damage accident, W. I-94/rest area
1200 – property damage accident, Freedom Way
1222 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1324 – welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1416 – 911 welfare check, rest area
1414 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1504 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1452 – threat, Ecorse Rd.
xxxx – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1515 – parking complaint, Bristol
1617 – leaving the scene of the property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
1621 – personal injury accident, Tyler/Belleville
1648 – holdup alarm, Belleville Rd.
1713 – fraud, Savage Rd.
1716 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Stanley Rd.
1910 – threat, N. Cumberland Dr.
1925 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2011 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
2030 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2110 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service/Beckley
2136 – intrusion alarm, Kouza Ct.
xxxx – repossession, Parkwood Dr.

Tuesday, June 10:

0122 – warrant arrest, Michigan Ave./Holmes
0328 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
0336 – animal complaint, Van Buren Estates
0826 – larceny from auto, Meadows Cir.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
0951 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
1035 – parking complaint, Sunrise Ln./Belleville
1101 – larceny, Harmony Ln.
1104 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1300 – animal complaint, Country Ln.
1321 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Jeannette Ave.
1423 – assist other dept., Richard Run Dr.
1348 – lost property/child, W. Huron River Dr.
1402 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1443 – welfare check, S. Ponderosa Trl.

1504 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Ecorse Rd.
1539 – animal complaint, Country Walk Blvd.
1628 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1816 – parking complaint, Milton Dr./Camden Rd.
1749 – 911 welfare check, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1757 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1757 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1814 – welfare check, Tyler Rd./Belleville Rd.
1826 – domestic, Marina Dr.
1841 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1924 – domestic, Sugarbush Ln.
1947 – trespassing, Parkwood
2054 – traffic offense, Riggs Rd./Martinsville Rd.
2111 – larceny, Savage Ct.
2119 – fight, Sawgrass Ct.
2220 – harassment call, America
2222 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2227 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2256 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Red Oak Dr.
2334 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Harmony Ln./Harbor Ln.
2327 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Haggerty

Wednesday, June 11:

0048 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0346 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
0412 – assist other dept., Parkwood Dr.
0448 – intrusion alarm, Rawsonville Rd.
0738 – property damage accident, Rolan Meadows Dr. / Tavistock Dr.
0815 – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1104 – malicious destruction of property, Assembly St.
1151 – welfare check, McBride Ave./Pierce St.
1216 – vehicle lockout, Holly Ln.
1416 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1444 – civil matter, Freedom Way
1458 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1505 – larceny, Ironwood Dr.
1518 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1526 – domestic, Briarwood Dr.
1525 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
1558 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1718 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1928 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1954 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
2111 – civil matter, Brandi Dr.
2153 – civil matter, Jackson St.
2343 – noise complaint, Arlene Ln.

Thursday, June 12:

0049 – welfare check, Ecorse Rd./Hannan Rd.
0322 – assault & battery, Martinsville Rd.
0529 – intrusion alarm, Van Born Rd.
0713 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
1020 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1058 – welfare check, Elwell Rd.
1102 – civil matter, Belmont Dr.
1317 – animal complaint, Beck Rd./Tyler Rd.
1714 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Morton Taylor Rd.
1734 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Savage Rd.
xxxx – disorderly, Tyler Rd.
xxxx – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

2102 – property damage accident, Lilac Ln.
2022 – property damage accident, Oak Ln.
2123 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2152 – animal complaint, Burtrig St.
2144 – road hazard, Martz Rd.
2248 – neighbor trouble, Outer Dr.
2245 – intrusion alarm, Ecorse Rd.
2246 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Friday, June 13:

0003 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oak Ln.
0034 – sexual assault, Maple Dr.
0111 – welfare check, Denton Rd.
0122 – fight, S. Bellridge Dr.
xxxx – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
0733 – motorist assist, W. Huron River Dr.
0721 – larceny from auto, Brandi Dr.
0733 – assist other dept., Sunset Pond Cir.
1109 – malicious destruction of property, Maple
1210 – fraud, Edgedale Dr.
1209 – juvenile complaint, Green Meadows
1253 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275

1436 – intrusion alarm, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1551 – prisoner transport, Romulus Police
1551 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Woodgrove Dr.
1604 – holdup alarm, Dorchester Dr.
1619 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1715 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Bak Rd.
1841 – traffic offense, S. Ponderosa Trl.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1828 – civil matter, Belleville Rd.
1852 – welfare check, Rose Blvd.
2009 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2108 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
2138 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Westlake Cir.
2240 – suicidal person, Sylvia Dr.
2243 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, S. I-94 Service Dr.
xxxx – assist other dept., Meadowlark

Saturday, June 14:

0101 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
0130 – hospice death, Ryznar Dr.
0354 – assist other dept., S. Bellridge Dr.
xxxx – welfare check, Belleville Rd.
0816 – disorderly, Elwell Rd.
0820 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
0852 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1450 – malicious destruction of property, McBride
0946 – personal injury accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1202 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.
1159 – holdup alarm, Cobblestone Ct.
1244 – welfare check, Westlake Cir.
1256 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
xxxx – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1327 – vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd.
1533 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Beck
1819 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Winchester St./Victoria St.
1909 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1811 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1811 – welfare check, Ecorse/I-275
2010 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood
2012 – juvenile complaint, Country Ln./Freedom Way
2044 – intrusion alarm, Haggerty Rd.
2140 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.
2144 – breaking & entering, Senate St.
2205 – welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2246 – intrusion alarm, Belleville Rd.
2312 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
Also, on this log are 141 traffic stops, 31 of which are on the I-94 freeway. There also are nine ordinance violations.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 8:

0837 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.
0849 – ordinance violation – all 7300 MICR codes, E. Columbia Ave.
1412 – suicidal person, Estrada Dr.
1604 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty St.
1714 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Oxford Ct. / Victorian Ln.
1910 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
1859 – welfare check, Loza Ln.
2034 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, N. Liberty St.
Monday, June 9:
0123 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
1126 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Carmell St.
1209 – property damage accident, Main St.
1418 – retail fraud, South St.
1413 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Sumpter Rd.
1730 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2008 – welfare check, S. Liberty St.
2345 – 911 welfare check, Harbou Pointe Dr.

Tuesday, June 10:

0023 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
0831 – 911 welfare check, McBride
1512 – animal complaint, E. Columbia Ave.
1604 – juvenile complaint, Owen St.
1729 – private property impound, Belle Villa Blvd.
1748 – harassment call, Henry St.
1812 – 911 welfare check, Madelon St.
2002 – domestic, Carmell St.
2247 – motorist assist, South St./E. Columbia Ave.

Wednesday, June 11:

0114 – assist other dept., W. Columbia Ave.
0801 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
0937 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, W. Columbia Ave.
1109 – fraud, Menlo Park Dr.
1541 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.
1724 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Main St.

Thursday, June 12:

0230 – family trouble, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1841 – assist other dept., Haggerty/N. I-94 Service
2041 – parking complaint, S. Liberty St.

Friday, June 13:

0112 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, High St.
0858 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0943 – parking complaint, N. Edgemont Ave. / Potter Dr.
1033 – assist fire dept., Clarence St.
1254 – suspicious person/vehicle/circumstance, Owen St.
1432 – found property/child, High St.
1550 – fraud, Henry St.

Saturday, June 14:

1039 – parking complaint, South St.
xxxx – repossession, Carmell St.
1358 – breaking & entering, Edison Ave.
2158 – welfare check, Main St.
2216 – welfare check, Carmell St.
2309 – welfare check, Loza Ln.

There are 95 reports on this week's log, 49 of which are traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 8:

0324 – larceny report, Colorado St.
0348 – family trouble, Nevada St.
0609 – 911 hangup, Montana St.
0849 – assist other agency, 13000 bl. Rawsonville
0958 – citizen assist, Oakville Waltz/Sumpter
1145 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
1232 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
1326 – family trouble, Magnolia Dr.
1327 – civil matter, 29000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1353 – personal injury accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Willis Rd.
1956 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Harris Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2259 – suspicious circumstance, 45000 bl. Judd
2310 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

Monday, June 9:

0702 – suspicious circumstance, Georgia St.
1030 – animal complaint, 42000 bl. Harris Rd.
1137 – missing person, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1239 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd. / Bemis Rd.
1349 – assault, Rustic Ln.
1544 – suspicious circumstance, Judd Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1737 – assist other agency, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
1755 – suspicious person, Carriage Ln.
1813 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
1940 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2121 – neighbor dispute, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2143 – assault, Iowa St.
2201 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
2359 – welfare check, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.

Tuesday, June 10:

0016 – follow-up investigation, 45000 bl. Dunn
0124 – suspicious circumstance, 21000 bl. Bohn
0137 – civil matter, Carriage Ln.
0222 – noise complaint, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0930 – animal complaint, Bemis/Martinsville
1148 – citizen assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1205 – 911 hangup, Arizona St.

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Sumpter Township
Police Dispatch Log

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1219 – civil matter, Arizona St.
1340 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Bohn
1416 – 911 hangup, Delaware St.
1653 – welfare check, Willow Rd./Sherwood
1816 – ORV complaint, Magnolia/Butternut
1839 – animal complaint, Dakota/California
1856 – family trouble, 45000 bl. Clay Rd.
2030 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Wednesday, June 11:
0232 – resisting officer, 46000 bl. Traskos St.

Things to do in the
Belleville area...

- **Thursday, June 19** – Third Thursday in the Ville is from 5 to 8 p.m. when popup crafters are in the Fourth Street Square and inside retail businesses in downtown Belleville. It's the Third Thursday of each month, from March through December.
- **Thursday, June 19** – Music Lakeside in Belleville, 7-9 p.m. Tonight is Paul Keller Quintet.
- **Friday, June 20** – Eagle Riders Steak Roast at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Starts at 5 p.m. until gone, followed by entertainment.
- **Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 20, 21 and 22** – Thunder over Michigan at Willow Run Airport features the Blue Angels, along with USAF F-22 Raptor Demo Team and the Altus Joint Demo Team, plus much more. Get your tickets early.
- **Sunday, June 22** – BBQ Under the Pavilion is from 2-4 p.m. (or until we run out) at Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus VFW Post 78, 339270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. \$10 includes all sides and two hot dogs OR a hamburger OR +50 cents for a cheeseburger. Proceeds benefit the Honor Guard.
- **Monday, June 23** – A presentation, "Juneteenth: What Happened June 19, 1865?" begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Anthony Brogdon will lead the discussion. Sponsored by Friends of the Library.
- **Wednesday, June 25** – Van Buren Township DDA concert, 7-9 p.m., Harris Park with Infinity and Beyond Journey Tribute.
- **Thursday, June 26** – Music Lakeside in Belleville, 7-9 p.m. Tonight is Tall Cool One (Led Zeppelin Tribute Band).

0637 – animal complaint, Willis Rd./Lohr Rd.
0759 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
0826 – 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr.
0957 – assist other agency, New Mexico St.
1413 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1715 – 911 hangup, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1725 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
1926 – 911 hangup, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2020 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2058 – citizen assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2204 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
2324 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.
Thursday, June 12:
0014 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.
0017 – civil matter, Rustic Ln.
0327 – suspicious circumstance, 46000 bl. Judd
0728 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
0815 – civil matter, Georgia St.
0940 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
1002 – assist other agency, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1204 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
1231 – suspicious circumstance, California St.
1311 – harassment complaint, Iowa St.
1412 – welfare check, 8200 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1519 – fraud complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville
1718 – personal injury accident, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1811 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1941 – civil matter, Brookview Dr.
2020 – follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln.
2159 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2258 – suspicious circumstance, Utah St.
Friday, June 13:
1151 – welfare check, Country Club Blvd.
1211 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell
1228 – 911 hangup, 27000 bl. Sherwood
1349 – fire dept. assist, Alaska St.
1459 – alarm, 24000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1708 – neighbor dispute, Colorado St.
2200 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter

2210 – suspicious circumstance, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
2250 – family trouble, Knollwood Dr.
Saturday, June 14:
0053 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Clark Rd.
1001 – assist motorist, Oakville Waltz Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1247 – assist motorist, Birch Ct.
1344 – ORV complaint, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
1348 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
1621 – 911 hangup, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2021 – misdemeanor warrant arrest, Judd Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
2040 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2250 – 911 hangup, Rustic Ln.
2310 – noise complaint, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
2323 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
Also on this week's log are 187 patrol checks, 65 traffic stops, and 10 misc. details.



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VBT Plan

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the beeping as trucks back up should not disturb residents on the other side of Beck Road, whose properties are zoned M-1.

She said she is working with the company on its tree listings, which number 2,403, and how to replace the 1,708 trees that must be removed. The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) is working with developers on the wetlands, she said.

Applicant Danny Sampson of Sterling Development Group said they had a meeting with neighbors on May 1 and it was good to meet them and hear their

concerns. The traffic route to and from the site is to stay on Ecorse Road to Michigan Avenue to I-94 to keep trucks from their homes.

Fishbeck engineers, consultants to the township, and Wayne County have determined no signal is needed at the entryway on Ecorse Road. A Michigan Left might be considered on Ecorse, said Paul Kammer of Fishbeck, noting the Michigan Left at Ecorse and Belleville roads is not working very well.

"I can't promise a truck won't make a wrong turn," Sampson said, noting the truck drivers work for Stellantis and have GIS and know to go west on Ecorse. "We have the three-strike rule."

He said they plan to start work on the site during the Third Quarter.

Krishnan said the nearest home is 1,000 feet away from the outside storage area.

When asked about hours, Sampson said it is a 24-hour facility with two shifts. He said there will be no noise from the site as loud as a train on the tracks to the north or an airplane taking off to the south.

When asked what is stored outdoors, Sampson replied it was mostly vehicle frames and they will not be stacked more than 14 feet high.

After the commission voted unanimously to send a recommendation to the township board to approve the special land use, it moved on to the request for a preliminary

site plan for Project Venture.

Krishnan said the project is identified as a "truck terminal." It has a water tank on the northwest side to provide water for the fire loop. There also is a guard house to check trucks into the secure facility, she said. Employees enter the northwest entrance with cards.

Developers had presented a May 2025 traffic study and Krishnan said in the future, Wayne County could put a light at the Ecorse/Denton intersection.

She said they probably will need a deceleration lane for the turn into the site since Ecorse is a "fast road." She stated the eastbound truck turns would block Ecorse on both sides of the boulevard, since the trucks are 75 feet long.

The fire department asked that emergency access be put in at the northwest and northeast parts of the project. Also, the fire department required a bypass lane east of the guardhouse so fire apparatus could get to the site in an emergency.

Treasurer Sharry Budd, who sits on the commission, suggested that the service drive along the north side of Ecorse at the site should be abandoned by the county since it will serve no purpose and it is ugly.

Sampson agreed and said he and the township will talk to the county about that.

After much more discussion, the preliminary site plan was unanimously approved with 15 conditions. Project Venture will go to the Board of Zoning Appeals to seek variances for a second monument sign for the employee entrance, a larger sign than allowed, and a 10-foot security fence.

Sampson said the 10-foot fence is the height globally for the business to protect the millions of dollars of auto parts inside.

The necessity of sidewalks that "go to nowhere" will be reviewed for deferral before the final site plan.



Van Buren Housing and Neighborhood Survey

Van Buren Township is currently undertaking a comprehensive planning effort to guide the future of housing, redevelopment, and community design and your input is essential. As part of this effort, residents are encouraged to complete the Housing Readiness Survey, which is open through June 27, 2025. The survey is an important opportunity for the community to share feedback on housing needs, preferences, and priorities that will help shape future development in the Township. This planning process, which began in Fall 2025 with stakeholder engagement which places focus on promoting walkable, mixed-use neighborhoods, expanding housing choices, and enhancing connectivity across public spaces. Resident feedback will directly inform zoning updates and redevelopment concepts, particularly for key sites such as the Belleville Road corridor and the 181-acre Ford Land Parcel.

The Township's goal is to create vibrant, inclusive neighborhoods that reflect the needs of both current and future residents. By diversifying housing types, encouraging commercial reinvestment, and aligning zoning regulations with community priorities, Van Buren Township aims to strengthen its identity and economic vitality. Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, your voice will help guide decisions that impact how and where people live, work, and connect.

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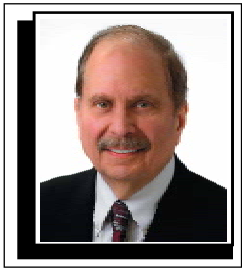
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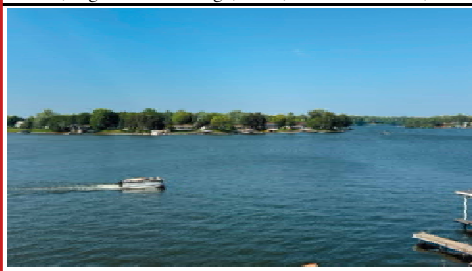


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