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F R E E

5 candidates file for 4 seats open on Van Buren Schools brd of education

Five candidates filed to be on the ballot in the Nov. 3 election for four, four-year seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education.

Filing by the 4 p.m., July 21 deadline, were incumbents Simone Pinter, Kelly Owen and Susan Featheringill, along with newcomers Donne Nicole Falconer and Terrance Cordell Goff. All five candidates live in Van Buren Township.

Keith Johnston did not file for reelection.

5 candidates file for 4 seats open on Belleville Area Library Board

Voters will be asked to fill four seats on the Belleville Area District Library Board in the Nov. 3 general election. There are three 4-year seats open and one 2-year partial-term open.

Filing for a place on the ballot for the four-year terms by the 4 p.m., July 16 deadline, were three incumbents: Joy Cichewicz of Sumpter Township, John Juriga of Belleville, and Alma Hughes Grubbs of Van Buren Township; and one newcomer, James Chapman of Van Buren Township.

Filing for the two-year term is former board member Tanya Stoudemire-Phillips of Van Buren Township, who on July 14 was appointed to fill the seat recently vacated by Barbara Gates, who has moved from the library district. Stoudemire-Phillips is running to retain that seat.

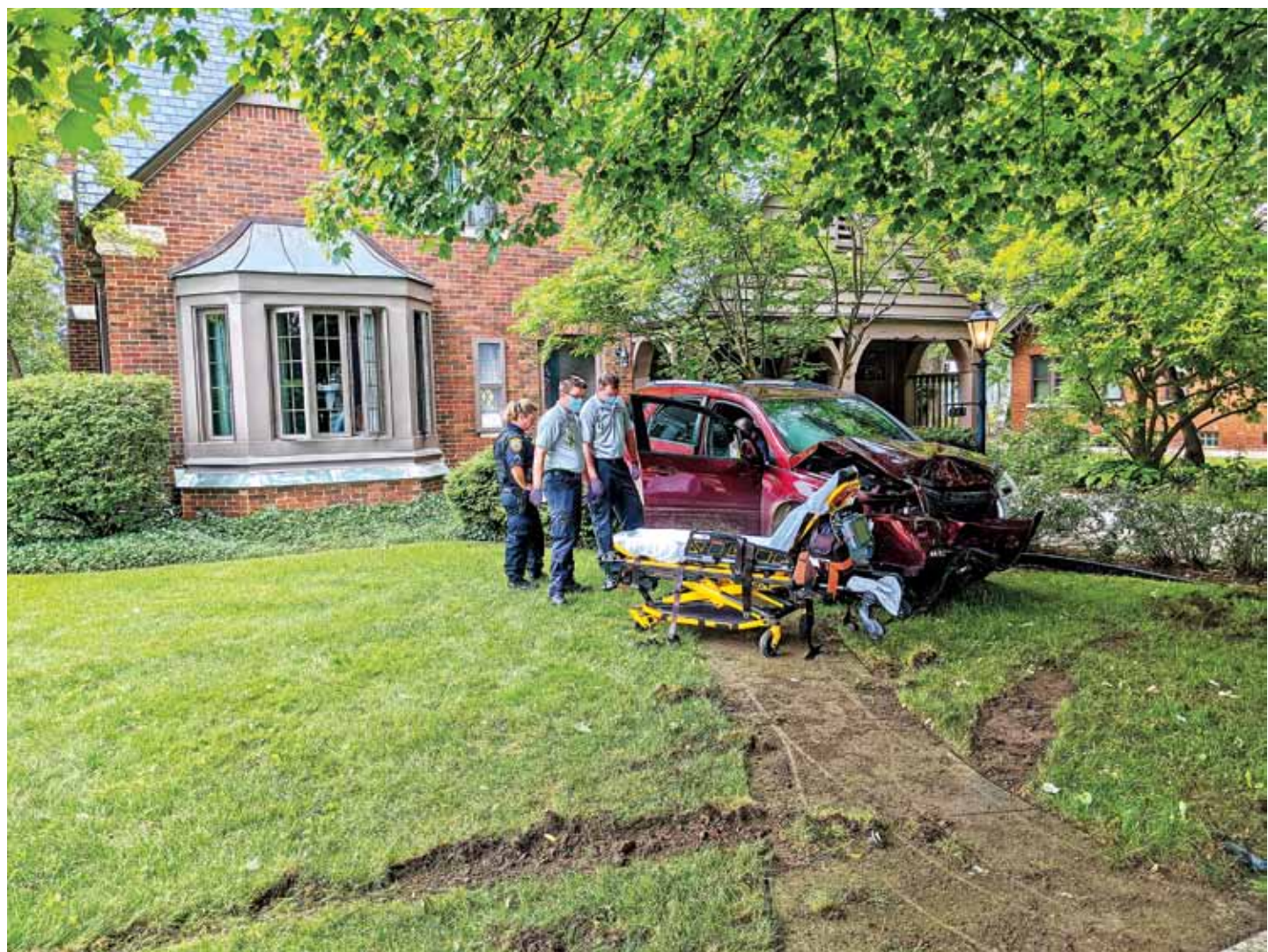


Photo by Richard Smith

On Tuesday morning, just after 8, a male driver, possibly in his 20s, lost control and ended up backwards in the front yard of Richard and Phyllis Smith on East Huron River Drive in the city of Belleville. He suffered a gash to his head and was spitting blood and was taken to a hospital by HVA. The driver was eastbound and left the road two doors down from the Smith's home, hit a ditch and culvert, missed an electric pole, went down the sidewalk and the lawn and hit the maple tree head on, turning the car 90 degrees and landing 15 feet backwards on the house sidewalk. Air bags did not deploy and the house was not damaged. He said he swerved to miss a squirrel. No one else was injured.

Brownlee resigns from Environmental Commission after 34 yrs

By Rosemary K. Oztzman
Independent Editor

David Brownlee has resigned from the Van Buren Township Environmental Commission after serving on it for 34 years. He has been the chairman for most of those years.

At the regular meeting of the commission

on July 15, via Zoom, chairman Brownlee announced his resignation.

He said his service had been a labor of love since the early 1980s. He said he had been fortunate enough to be associated with a lot of people associated with the Environmental Commission. He said vice chairman Norm DeBuck will take over for him after he leaves.

"Belleville is home to me," Brownlee said, adding he has lived in Van Buren Township for 65 years.

He said he and his wife have purchased a home out in the country in Wake Forest,

NC. He said his grandchildren are there.

Brownlee said he hopes to serve in a similar way in that area.

Trustee Paul White, township board liaison to the Environmental Commission, thanked Brownlee for his service to VBT and for "the battles you have fought to make the township have a better quality of life."

"You've done a wonderful job for the residents of VBT," agreed DeBuck and the other commissioners joined in with their thanks.

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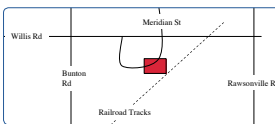
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

VBT DDA to offer Wayne County a deal to fix Belleville Road

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Members of the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority want Belleville Road fixed between the Belleville Bridge and I-94, but they don't want to spend \$4.5 million to completely redo a county road.

At its June 23 meeting via Zoom the DDA heard a report from Wade Trim Engineers that Belleville Road will be used as a detour when work begins on the East Huron River Drive bridge over the Huron River between North and South Haggerty roads.

Dave Nummer of Wade Trim said Wayne County told him they plan to start that work in August or September. That means there's not enough time to get the work done before it becomes a detour. Any road work would be better for next spring or summer, he said.

Also, Nummer reported about 39.7% of the Belleville Road surface is damaged and cutting out sections and repairing them will cost an estimated \$1.7 million. Reconstructing the whole roadway with removal of the current surface and replacement with 10 inches of concrete would total about \$4.2 million.

Nummer said the DDA had been interested in whether there was Alkali-Silica Reaction (ASR) in the Belleville Road concrete that was making it crumble. As part of Wade Trim's \$28,500 analysis of the road project, it was to determine the presence of ASR.

Nummer reported a Wade Trim expert looked at the roadway and does not believe ASR is present. This is not for sure, he said, and they could get material for testing, at additional cost, if the DDA wanted them to drill for material for testing.

DDA executive director Susan Ireland asked how much traffic would wreck the road during the detour, causing repair costs to rise.

Carmelle Tremblay of Wade Trim said she could confidently say it could rise to 50 to 60% damaged, instead of the present 40%.

VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who sits on the DDA, asked who paved the road last time and Ireland said it was Wayne County that did the paving and the DDA did the sidewalk.

Chairman Atchinson said the sidewalks on the bridge are in pretty-bad shape.

Ireland said the DDA can go in the first quarter or third of the bridge, which is in the VBT DDA District, but not the whole bridge.

"Ripping up 50% of the road and spending our money... If you rip up 50%,



On June 26, Jim Wigginton, at left, of Van Buren Township dove 7 miles below the earth's surface. He also has skydived from 7 miles up, making him the "Seven-Mile Man." With him is the sub's pilot Victor Vescovo.

Wigginton dives 7 miles below earth's surface near Guam

On June 26, Jim Wigginton of Van Buren Township dove in the submersible "Limiting Factor" to the deepest part of the earth -- the Challenger Deep section of the Marianas Trench about 240 miles southwest of Guam.

He set two new World Records in the process: The only person to have skydived from 7 miles up as well as dove, in a submersible, 7 miles down.

He is also the oldest to have reached the bottom of Challenger Deep and the 13th person in history to have completed this dive.

Wigginton performs extreme challenges for the Punya Thyroid Cancer Endowment Fund at the University of Michigan, for the advancement of research and treatment to substantially increase the life expectancy and quality of life of stage 4 thyroid cancer

patients, in memory of his wife.

Since 2013, the doctors being helped by this fund have been able to increase the life expectancy from an average of about 2 1/2 years, to over 3 1/2 years, while at the same time, substantially proving their quality of life, he said.

Contributions can be made to the Punya Thyroid Cancer Endowment Fund at the University of Michigan.

why not do the whole thing?" Supervisor McNamara said. "But why would we spend \$4.5 million when the county would have to repair the road anyway because it's theirs?"

McNamara said he's just had the worst seven days of his life. He said he learned Wayne County started furloughs -- "that means not come back" -- and they cancelled all grants.

"I don't think they're ever going to do the road," he said. "Spend our money? It's their road."

DDA member Joyce Rochowiak said although the Huron River Drive bridge is not like the New Boston bridge that took so long to complete, "I don't know how long it will take to repair," she said.

Ireland said the DDA has the bonding authority to raise the \$4 million and the rates are really low, but she doesn't have

a crystal ball. With COVID, she said, it might be better off with cash funding.

Ireland said the DDA tax revenue for 2020 is \$1.9 million and she guessed it wouldn't be higher for 2021.

DDA secretary Chris Brown, who owns a construction firm, was asked if repairing the road rather than replacing it was a silly thing to do.

"Forty percent is silly," Brown said. "Forty percent. It should be full reconstruction."

McNamara asked if they should consider capping the whole thing with asphalt.

"There's not a long life out of an overlay," Nummer said, noting the base underneath is failing and it would last 3, 5, or 7 years, depending. It wouldn't be as long as a replacement.

"It doesn't look like a project in 2020 and we couldn't start anything until 2021," Ireland said. "It's not going to hurt anything

to consult with a financial consultant. Are we all going to die?"

DDA vice chairperson Carol Bird said although the new part of the road will be good, the old part of the road will need to be patched later. "What are we gaining?"

"Brand-new concrete next to old concrete," Nummer said.

"I just think it's crazy," Bird said.

Rochowiak said it would be like Haggerty Road north of the freeway that was half done.

McNamara said if the township repaired the road it would go down on the county's list of roads needing repairs. As an example, he pointed to the South I-94 Service Drive that was partially repaired and then pushed down the list.

The road will continue to deteriorate, said DDA member Mark Laginess. "What will

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Belleville, VBT officials unhappy with DTE failures

On Monday, the Belleville City Council discussed the failures of DTE in Sunday's storm that plunged the tri-community into darkness. On Tuesday, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees also complained about the power loss, which continued.

The VBT hall was closed for the second day on Tuesday because it was without power.

"I talked to them for 20 minutes today," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara on Tuesday. He said DTE informed him that the Willow Run conduit and the French Landing conduit had major wire problems. He said electric poles were put up temporarily in the south part of the township.

Supervisor McNamara said DTE will not allow any of its representatives to attend a board meeting.

Clerk Leon Wright said he was on the phone with someone from DTE who was on his homeowner's board. He said DTE has spent millions of dollars in this area, but there are some things they can't control. His friend is going to buy a generator, Wright said. "The utility company gives you promises and charges you a bill," Wright said.

Treasurer Budd said she got four telephone calls from DTE this time and it seems they are being more responsible. She asked about requiring underground lines. The township is looking into it.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy recently released the list of untruthful police officers in the county, called the Gigilo-Brady list. The officers on this list are not to be called by prosecutors because they would mess up a prosecution because a defense attorney could cut them to pieces because of their history.

When cops lie, criminals go free.

Among the 35 officers on the list was Christopher Fey, who was identified as of the Van Buren Township Police Department.

VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain said, "We caught him in lies and called him in and he resigned before we could talk to him." He said his department notified the county prosecutor's office like they were supposed to.

"This puts a black eye on us," said Director Laurain, who said he called Channel 2 to explain the situation because they were airing a story on the list.

Laurain said Fey now works for another police department.

Last October, Prosecutor Worthy said her workers contacted all police chiefs and asked them to provide a list of their current or previous officers that committed offenses including theft, fraud, false statement, bias, or bribery.

"We are taking the additional step of releasing the list to the public because in an era of criminal justice reform, it just makes sense," Worthy said. "We will repeat this process quarterly and expect to release an updated list in September."

I told VBT PD Lt. Charles Bazy that I saw a posting on Facebook that said the VBT Police have turned the Egypt Covington murder case over to the Michigan State

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



Police to solve.

He said the MSP has been helping VBT since Day 1, but there is nothing new now. The case is still in Van Buren hands.

An irate resident of Harmony Lane called me last Thursday to say that she just got a political post card from VBT Trustee Reggie Miller with 35 cents postage due. She said she told the postal carrier, "I'm paying Reggie's salary. Why should I pay for her postage, too?"

Trustee Miller later explained that stamps were put on the 3x5" post cards and things got snarled at the post office. She has some cards that have most of the stamp torn off. And they must have stuck together in the piles of mail at the post office, maybe because of the humidity.

"I wouldn't put anything in the mail without postage," said Miller, who is running for reelection.

Others commenting on the incident said Miller is too careful to do anything like that.

At last Wednesday's DDA meeting in Belleville, Interim City Manager Tracey Kobylarz said the Ford Motor Company was going to shoot a video for a national commercial on Main Street between 5 and 9:30 p.m. on Friday, July 17, and part of the street would be closed.

On Friday, Van Buren Township put out an alert about intermittent road closures "to accommodate work in the area" on Belleville Road between I-94 and the lake.

On Saturday there was a Facebook clip from a boat on the lake of a guy with a camera riding in the back of a pickup, facing backward, and video recording a red pickup behind him. The group went back and forth several times over the bridge. Can hardly wait to see it on TV.

On Monday morning we got a call from a resident in the Bak and Hull road neighborhood in Van Buren Township. His complaint about the tree that had fallen over and hidden a fire hydrant for months was published in last week's column.

He called to say the people in that neighborhood are all very happy, "ecstatic," that somebody came out late Friday or early Saturday and cleared all the branches away from the fire hydrant. Now the hydrant is there, a beautiful bright red, easy to see for any emergency crew. He and the other neighbors send a big thank you to those who did the work.

The heavy storm on Sunday brought widespread power outages to the tri-community. If that wasn't enough, there was a water line break in front of the police department in downtown Belleville, cutting off water to city hall. VBT was closed Monday due to no electric power.



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Letters

Pandemica Band to play Aug. 11 at Harris Park

To the editor:

The Pandemica Driveway Band will be playing a short outdoor show, weather permitting, at Van Buren Township's new Harris Park at 7 p.m., Tuesday Aug. 11.

The band has been playing more or less weekly outdoor "driveway" shows in Ann Arbor and Canton since the beginning of May. The band, consisting of a clarinet, French horn, tuba, drum set and guitar, plays a mix of ballads, rock, and upbeat pop from the '60s and '70s.

These shows are very informal. Audience members are welcome to drop in for a few minutes or bring a chair and stay for the whole show. It would be highly appreciated if audience members wore masks as they moved around and if they made sure to sit at least six feet away from any other audience members.

Almost all of the band members have some deeper history with Belleville. Four of us have played with Belleville Community Chorus in several of their Christmas or spring concerts. Gloria and Bill lived in Belleville for 15 years, and they and their children played in Belleville Community Band and in many Belleville-area brass quintet shows.

This is our first public show in Belleville since the start of the pandemic. (The Crosstown Horn Band, which is almost the same staff, played at the new library in mid February.) We are really excited about returning to Belleville.

Bill (and Gloria) Wilson

Thank you to local businesses for flag help

To the editor:

THANK YOU LOCAL BUSINESSES.

Just wanted to give a shout out to Sumpter ACE Hardware.

My refurbishing of "replace flags" from veterans' graves (done twice a year) require assembling new flag staffs, repainting finials and cleaning/washing many, many flags.

The new flag staffs are fabricated from 3/8" hardwood dowels, and typically I used 250-400 dowels per event.

Thankfully, recently the Sumpter ACE Hardware donated 60 dowels which means I will have 60 more flags to be given away.

Over Memorial Day, Independence Day and Flag Day, more than 150 free flags were picked up by local citizens. Also on Flag Day, approximately 180 flags were used to line S. Biggs Street on both sides of the street.

The local businesses that have supported my project in the past include: Belleville Hardware (Mike Windiate), Sumpter Hardware (Janet Targgart), Mans Lumber (John Vredevelde), and Contract Welding

(Tom Tinsley).

Thank you, local business owners.

Pete Pitzen

"Flagman of Belleville"

I've Had It

(A parody, sung to the tune of Stevie Wonder's "I Just Called to Say, I Love You") Altered lyrics by Kathryn Wood.
My apologies to Stevie!

No 4-H Fair, no Lakeview pub,
And soon there won't be even any
Lunchbox grub.
The restaurants closed, no fun tonight.
We're stuck at home with nothing else to do but fight.

The family's nuts, bought lots of beer,
And Donald J. is sure the bug will disappear.
The folks protest, they all behaved.
But will our statue of La Salle be saved?

I just called, to say, I've had it!
Tested positive for Covid here in town.
Belleville took, a hit, on every thing,
From losing work to watching bricks crash down.

The kids got jipped, the end of May,
When they were told there'd be no graduation day.
Officials nixed, lots of events. So,
disappointment all around, but it made sense.

Our book place gone, "Remember when?"
And then the new one opened up and closed again.
We've all endured, the light and dark,
But most of all we miss the Music in the Park.

I just called, to say, I've had it!
Tested positive for Covid here in town.
Belleville took, a hit, on everything,
From losing jobs, to buildings crashing down.
Crashing down, craaaaashing down.

Thanks to those who stopped to help

To the editor:

I want to thank Eric Delamater, Matthew Baxter, and Charles Houser for stopping and helping us to get a tree that fell onto Sumpter Road and blocked traffic, and my neighbor Nancy Summers for helping direct traffic.

She is 75 years old and I am 71. We did the traffic for about an hour until the road was almost clean. I am very happy that there are still people to help and they care enough to stop and help.

So, thank you very much to the boys for all their help.

Freda DerStepanian
Sumpter Township

More Letters

Sumpter Township fails senior citizens again

To the editor:

To the good people of this community it's with sadness that our current elected officials have failed our Senior Citizens again during this unprecedented hot weather season we have witnessed in the last two weeks. Our seniors and other tax payers have had no notification as to the use of that big gym across the street from the municipal building for the use as a Cooling Center. Why?

This writer called on Monday, July 6, 2020 at 12:56 to ask the question why was not the gym opened for a cooling center during all this hot weather that the township has been experiencing and spoke to Mrs. Karen Woodington in the supervisor's office as the Supervisor John Morgan, Clerk Esther Hurst, Deputy Karen Armatis were not available nor were any of our other current elected officials.

Mrs. Woodington seemed to not know anything about the use of the gym for a cooling center for our township residents and tax payers. Why? At that time I told her I was going to call the Wayne County Health Department and make a complaint. At that time our conversation concluded.

About one hour later an alert went out from the police department. We, the tax payers, paid over \$68,000-plus for that generator that cools the senior center, gym, police department and other offices over two years ago.

Prior it had been stored on wooden pallets behind the senior center for over 10 months with one excuse after another from the John Morgan team as to the delay of installation. After many complaints from the tax payers, it was installed. During that entire time the township experienced extreme HOT weather again and a total black-out so the people had no place to go. The tax payers again spent thousands of dollars to buy and install air conditioning to the municipal building across the street. It only took less than two weeks to install. Why?

We the tax payers have spent millions of our hard-earned dollars, but constantly get left behind by the current administration. They all must be defeated in 2020. We must elect people that care about the hard-working men and women who live in this township.

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Obituaries



Joshua Ryan Jarvis

JOSHUA RYAN JARVIS

(July 24, 1998 – June 29, 2020)

In Loving Memory

Joshua Ryan Jarvis, 21, gained his wings on June 29, 2020. A son, brother, grandson, cousin, uncle, friend, partner and A Proud MSU graduate. Joshua was always smiling, had a kind heart, loving, caring, polite and understanding. He was so strong, dedicated, hardworking, supportive and such a good friend to so many. Joshua was so full of Love and Laughter and has so much love for his family.

A celebration of life will be held on his birthday, July 24, from 12-8 p.m. at Silver Lake. Pinckney Recreational Park is a state park located at 8555 Silver Hill Rd., Pinckney, MI 48169.

Joshua is survived by his parents Don and Amy Skelly (Currier-Jarvis), George Jarvis Jr. and Anne Bowers. His siblings Amber Jarvis, Tecole Ruiz, Eric Beckman and Jenny Price. His grandparents Cliff and June Olson and Barbara Jarvis. His best friend Chris Jiordano and his soulmate Sara Ridenour.

Joshua was born on July 24, 1998. He resided in Belleville where he was involved in several sports, boy scouts and made many memories and friends. He graduated from Crestwood high school in 2016 where he played football and found his love for wrestling. He was so proud and dedicated to his wrestling family. He won many medals, reached his 100 wins and went to district finals. We will always be proud of Joshua for all his accomplishments; there were so many. His biggest was graduating from MSU Eli Broad College of Business in May of 2020 with a Major in Business Management.

Shortly after Joshua graduated, he moved to North Carolina. He followed his heart to be with his soulmate and to start his new career. An unplanned and unexpected tragedy took place and he took his own life. He felt lost in this huge world with no place to go, but God took care of him and had other plans for him. He was needed elsewhere. Until we meet again. We will always love, forever miss and never forget Joshua Ryan Jarvis.



Karen Ann Cochenour

KAREN ANN COCHENOUR

(October 16, 1951 – July 11, 2020)

Mom and Granny. Passed peacefully at home with family and friends at her side. Thanks to all who enjoyed her wonderful life.

The Michael Cochenour Family

More Letters

Confidence in leadership important in downturn

To the editor:

With the looming effects of the COVID-19 crisis on families in the state of Michigan, and our families far and near, residents in Sumpter Township look to leadership that will continue to advocate for the well-being of its residents.

Over the last few years I have observed the positive improvements to the foundation and core services that directly benefit the residents of Sumpter Township: police presence, fire fighter response, emergency preparedness, balanced budget, storm ready certified, senior center programs that include transportation and snow removal, food pantries, warming center, cooling center and voted the 52nd safest place to live in Michigan.

Beautified parks, recreations sites, and youth programs for our children and grandchildren will be the common denominator for families in the months to come. Michigan now braces for the economic downturn, isolation/quarantine, increased substance use, insomnia and a lack of community gate keepers of approximately two million families effected by COVID-19 that are furloughed or unemployed.

Mass evictions of families from their homes, increased risk of death by suicide attempts, increased acts of crime in local communities, mental health events and family separations are inevitable due to this pandemic.

During this time of pandemic, Sumpter Township must have leaders in office with current experience to navigate and advocate through these tough times for our residents and effectively implement changes as the world develops its new normal.

As quoted by John Maxwell, "The pessimist complains about the wind. The optimist expects it to change. The leader adjusts the sails." Vote on Aug. 4 for the current team that will continually adjust to the needs of the community.

Sumpter Township Resident
Vincent Warren

COVID-19 positive cases rising, death rate for 48111 remains at 30

As of Tuesday, the number of deaths from COVID-19 remains at 30 in the tri-community, which includes Belleville, Van Buren, and Sumpter in the 48111 zip code. The tri-community hasn't had a COVID-19 death since June 22.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 was 486 on Tuesday, July 21, up from 449 the previous Tuesday, July 14.

On Tuesday, July 21, the separate numbers released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 270 positive cases, 15 deaths; City of Belleville, 159 positive cases, 14 deaths, and Sumpter Township 57 positive cases, 1 death.

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Ron Manley is owner of Ron Manley Appraisal Services, LLC and is a Certified Residential Appraiser serving the tri-community and Southeast Michigan. See his ad in today's paper and call (248) 688-8536.

With social distancing guidelines in place the Belleville Farmer's Market is going on every Monday, from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the Fourth Street Square off Main Street. Last Monday, they had over a dozen vendors offering items like home-made syrup, jams, soap, crafts, baked goods, and fresh vegetables. The market runs every Monday through September and there's room for additional vendors, too. Call Janet Millard, event coordinator of the Belleville Central Business Community at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m. The event is sponsored by Genisys Credit Union, Sumpter Collision, Express Tire Automotive Repair, and Belleville

Downtown on the Lake. For up-to-date vendor info, visit the market's Facebook page @ BellevilleFarmersMarket.

Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter is looking for votes, now through Aug. 21 in the latest shelter challenge -- All Grown Up Birthday Shelter Challenge -- as they celebrate 18 years of finding homes for sheltered pets. FMAR has given the equivalent of more than 779,309,962 bowls of food and helped donate more than \$60 million to causes everyone cares about. Prizes the shelter can win include the grand prize of \$5,000 cash, \$2,000 critical supplies, and other cash amounts and supplies. Ten runner-ups will get \$1,000 in cash and \$500 in supplies. Voting started July 8 and runs through Aug. 21. Visit their Facebook page Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue and click on the links. Visit shelterchallenge.com for other contest info. The shelter has also reopened for adoptions but by appointment only. Call (734) 461-9458 and visit www.fmar1.org to view available dogs and cats. FMAR's website is being updated, too, and is looking very nice. Good job, Pete & Marcy.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020 with your suggestion. There is no cost to be in this column.

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It is with sadness that our last day of serving Lunch Box favorites to you will be August 1 when our doors close as the building gets prepped for demolition to make way for even greater things for this side of town. There's new and exciting opportunities coming your way in our beautiful city. We've been blessed.

The past ten years have put me in a place in life I've never dreamed of, with all the friends I've made at these former businesses, the customers that followed me when I was 18 while working as a chef at Paula's Home Cookin', working my first family business when I was 20 at Tornado's Pizza, Up n' Smoke in two locations, Hen House, and the former owner of Miami Tan. I owe my success to this city and its people as you shadowed me everywhere I went. So, from the top of my lungs and all the love inside, I will miss you.

Thank you people of Belleville, Sumpter and Van Buren Townships, and everyone in between, from the passer-by that stumbled upon us while turning around in our parking lot, to public safety for keeping our communities safe. If you simply walked through my doors at any of my businesses, you became family. Thank you for believing in me and please continue to support other small businesses like mine.

As we move forward, I can't wait to share with you what's next. Stay tuned. In the meantime, I'm planning to be at Lunch Box as much as I can during these final days so please stop in and visit before we close. Don't forget to wear a mask as we continue to practice self-distancing. We'll share a laugh, perhaps an elbow bump, and you'll get a personal thank you from the bottom of my heart.

God Bless you and keep you safe!

-Rodney

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Yours in Service,
Jewell Jones, State Representative, District 11

"I believe that Antoine Jordan's background in helping the youth in the community, helping the seniors in his church, and his background in business, makes him an excellent candidate to be supervisor and continue to grow Sumpter into "country living at its finest"."

Yours in Service,
Jimmie Wilson Jr., Ypsilanti Township Trustee, UAW Local 898 Trustee

"Mr. Antoine Jordan has been a Coach at Belleville High School the past several seasons. During his time, Antoine has been everything an Athletic Director could ask for! He can best be described as engaging to work with, intelligent, and knowledgeable of coaching strategies in multiple sports. He is a model coach and often aids his fellow coaches, eager to share his ideas during practice and in games. He is extremely dedicated and always puts in extra time to build positive relationships with his student-athletes. His fellow coaches have also expressed similar feelings about Antoine. His mentorship to the student-athletes of other sports programs in our District is also valued and goes above and beyond his requirements. I am confident in recommending and endorsing Antoine knowing he is deserving of time and consideration. He would represent any program well."

Mr. Joseph Brodie, Belleville High School Athletic Director

"My name is Bishop Harvey Beavers Jr. I am a District Bishop and Assistant Overseer in The Spiritual Israel Church and Its Army. I am writing this endorsement letter to endorse Mr. Antoine Jordan for Supervisor of Sumpter Township. I have known Mr. Jordan all of his life and he is a young man with a great work ethic and has a personality that brings people together. He has lived in Sumpter Township all of his life and is aware of the needs of the community. I believe he can work with all disciplines to achieve the goals of the township and is willing to listen to all who have the best for Sumpter Township as their priority. He has a vision for the future of the township and I believe through his leadership Sumpter Township will experience a bright future for all residents. Please join me in endorsing Mr. Antoine Jordan for Supervisor of Sumpter Township."

Bishop Harvey Beavers Jr.
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"Mr. Antoine Jordan has spent the last several summers as a site manager for various youth baseball and basketball tournaments sponsored by FFAST (Fun Amateur Athletic Sports Tournaments). He is entrusted to manage all aspects of his site with little to no necessary oversight. Not only is he passionate about what he does he also does an outstanding job coordinating all aspects of the event throughout the day. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to coordinating registration of teams and players, supervising officials and making sure no issues arise with scheduling or the facilities. Additionally he may also at times run concessions. He constantly maintains a professional approach to things and I feel very confident that he can handle any issue that may arise and is in control of the situation at all times. I am confident in recommending and endorsing Antoine knowing he is deserving of time and consideration. He would represent any program well."

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Letters

Cornell Anton's letter on LaSalle was excellent

To the editor:

I am writing in regards to the letter from Cornell Anton and his excellent historical information about the statue of LaSalle in Victory Park that was donated by Park and Edna Gregory who also loved true history.

Mr. Anton's knowledge of the facts for the dates and people groups and nations that reflect our U.S. history. No matter what anybody tries to do, you cannot change or erase history.

It is unfortunate that we have many people who do not educate themselves about our U.S. history or world history. It is so sad that they want to rewrite and revise our history. Over all the year the Bolshevik Revolution, Naziism, Communist regimes of Mao in China, Stalin's and Kruschew's Russic destroyed the true histories and freedoms of speech and freedom of religion. We are blessed to have the U.S. Constitution to protect all of our citizens. Stop the Communist Infiltration now.

Also, on April 29, 1607 in the Virginia colony, a cross was planted by Robert Hunt and others on the shores of Cape Henry, Virginia, dedicating our nation to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thank you, Cornell Anton, for the great history lesson and may God Bless You as you continue teaching history today.

Sincerely,
Mary Ban
Sumpter Township

Rep. Kristy Pagan: 'I believe in Ranjeev'

To the editor:

Serving as your state representative for these past six years has been an honor of a lifetime. Thank you for being with me every step of the way. Now, due to Michigan's term-limits, I can no longer seek re-election. The next person to represent us in the Michigan House could be decided in less than two weeks.

After careful consideration, Ranjeev Puri will receive my vote. As a dad, Ranjeev knows the decisions our elected officials make today will have a direct impact not only on our lives, but the lives of our children. As someone with an advanced degree in business administration, Ranjeev understands the dynamics of our economy and how small businesses play an important role. And as a manager at Chrysler, Ranjeev sees everyday how the auto industry is the backbone of Michigan's economy.

Ranjeev is the right person for the job. He is uniquely qualified to lead our community and will hit the ground running. In the era of term limits, it's even more important to have a representative who can be ready on day one.

It is without reservation that I offer my full public endorsement of Ranjeev Puri to become our next state representative. I ask that voters take this into consideration when casting their ballot by mail or on Election Day, Tuesday Aug. 4.

Kristy Pagan, State Representative
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Vote for 'Trusty Trustee' in Sumpter

To the editor:

Greetings, Sumpter Residents. I am Eric Partridge running for a Sumpter Township Board seat under the moniker, "The Trusty Trustee." This is my first attempt to navigate these rough political waters of my beloved community after 30 years as a homeowner.

I have been an owner of a small, artistic and detail-oriented, construction company. I have never declared bankruptcy as a business owner, and never had to change my business name (Outdoor Amenities). I have always operated my business within my means, never needing to "rob Peter, to pay Paul." I wear many hats as a small businessman. I sell all my projects, design them, place all material orders, pull all necessary permits, write up all of the contracts, more and more dealing with Home Owner Associations (HOA), and trying to trust MISS DIG. I usually do not take deposits from my projects, as to reassure my clients, that payment is only due after satisfied completion.

Many of my clients have become good friends. Running this business transparently, trustworthily, and diligently has contributed greatly to a long-running enterprise. I could not have done this by myself, however. I have been very fortunate to have a skilled and knowledgeable crew, whom I have always physically worked beside, to collaboratively bring each project to fruition. I am passionate about my career choice, even after 25 years of doing so.

I will be sharing these successful business and personal attributes, if elected as your "Trusty Trustee." I am adept at researching what I do not know or fully understand, in order to make the best informed decisions. I am not scared to ask questions. I have always been a logically oriented person. If something does not make sense, I will figure out why, if possible. Dealing with the present Sumpter Board has been a great example of how I would not operate as your trustee.

I strongly believe switching our "Official Newspaper of Record" was a disservice to our community, while it is only officially required to "post" (no longer a print product) Sumpter Township legals; the coverage of our community has been sparse to nothing at all. If elected I would push to get it put back to "Belleville-Area Independent".

After reading an article about awarding a contract to a unlicensed citizen in this paper, my interests were piqued. As a contractor I first requested a FOIA on the agenda item that awarded him the project. After reading the results of the FOIA I requested a meeting with the supervisor, John Morgan. I was scheduled to have a meeting, when I showed for the meeting on time, Karen Armatis said there would not be a meeting.

After doing more research on this matter, I decided to attend board meetings to let

the public know the current township board was not being transparent or honest. After regularly attending meetings for the past 16 months I decided that the only way to get transparency and honesty is to run for office.

If elected, I will vote as a fiscal conservative, and consider voting on expenditures based on infrastructure priorities having the greatest benefit to the community. I am concerned about the dependency of tipping and other fees from Carleton Farms Landfill. I am also concerned about legacy costs and the proper funding of such costs.

Some voters may be thinking that the present board has many, many years experience, everything seems fine. I believe the current board has become complacent and are on auto-pilot. They are just like my construction competitors can be ... just good enough, "That's the way we always have done it!" There is no growth with a company or township board of this mindset, which is a disservice to all.

One of my community focuses is an updated, more-timely, grand, annual event to put Sumpter Township on the map. I am brainstorming on what type of event would be prideful to our citizens and possibly create a new revenue stream. I keep entertaining the idea of a possible country/bluegrass festival to tie into our "Country Living at its finest" motto. Adding a rodeo and barrel racing event, would showcase our equestrian community. Something involving wildlife and agriculture, everything Sumpter Township has to offer. A small town in the thumb area (Caseville, MI) of less than 800 residents has an annual event called the "Cheeseburger Festival" which draws thousands to it annually. I just believe the Sumpter Country Fest is in need of a new face and energy.

Please consider my passionate request for your vote for me, Eric Partridge the "Trusty Trustee."

Eric Partridge
Sumpter Township



July 25 – Paula Cripps
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Letters

Here's what Sumpter Twp. did to my wife

To the editor and the people of Sumpter Township:

I want the people of Sumpter Township to know the truth about what inspired me to run for supervisor. I had the opportunity to work directly with the administration. What I witnessed was unprofessional and made me very suspicious. What I learned after a short investigation, I became more suspicious about how our township is handled, and who gets hurt in the process.

When I look at these articles from when Pokerwinski took property tax money from seniors in the name of Sumpter Township, it feels very similar to exactly what they have done to my wife and me. In 2016, they arrested my wife without a warrant, and without even a case filed against her. She was locked in a holding cell for three days without a shower, toothbrush, or clean clothes to change into. They took all of her money, including her pension from 34 years of nursing at Annapolis Hospital.

Now her life accomplishments are all gone and all she has left is her monthly social security. How many other residents have had their lives ruined by Robert Young and his weaponized township?

In the very beginning, September of 2015, Sumpter PD came to my home for a routine inspection of my medical marijuana operation. They confiscated my newly harvested marijuana with no reason or warning, no ticket and no citation. Then three months later, in November, they came back and offered to sell the marijuana back to me for \$40,000. This was a very unusual proposition, which felt more like extortion than a penalty.

I spent 18 months investigating Rob Young. He has his hands on every button and lever for the township. Instead of attorney oversight, Rob Young is his own checker and balancer. He is not alone, either. Everyone who has been operating the political sphere in Sumpter together for 35+ years plays a role. Altogether, the Rob Young and Karen Armatis dynasty has been a misfortune to countless residents.

What peaked my interest was the point where politics and peoples' lives collide. This township belongs to the community, not the administration. I have spoken with

numerous residents who have been hurt by the Sumpter Township legal group. The legal action is way too personal, and less than professional. This is unacceptable for Sumpter citizens who cherish their legal rights and love their home.

If I am elected supervisor, I know exactly where to start. I will dislodge the long seated administration and recover our township from years of wasted revenue. The royalties are misappropriated, the salaries are exorbitant, the legal fees are endless, and these administrative officials have been here far too long for all of these interests not to be conflicted.

I will continue with the next half of this story in my following letter to the people and the editor. I also encourage anyone to look into the settlement documents and archived issues of the Belleville Independent which covers my situation and lawsuit with the township. I trusted them at one point in time, and that was my biggest mistake.

Thank you,

Nelson S. Po

Sumpter Township

Any comments are appreciated and you can send me a note here: P.O. Box 2293, Belleville, MI 48112, or NelsonPo8822@gmail.com

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Census 2020 announces self-response rates for tri-community residents

As of July 16, the following self-response rates for the 2020 U.S. Census have been recorded for the following areas:

- U.S.A. – 62.1%
- Michigan – 68.3%
- Wayne County – 63.4%
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More Letters

Writer agrees with Anton, Aimone letters

To the editor:

Once again, the *Independent* has published a “small town” newspaper that I want to congratulate and say: Job well done, most newsworthy!

There appeared in last week’s issue, July 16, a very thoughtful and informative letter, written factually by Cornell Anton, Jr. of Belleville. The letter carried the title “Leave LaSalle statue alone in Victory Park” and was an admirable and historically correct reply/challenge to Patricia Myles of Ypsilanti Township.

She has appeared several times in front of the LaSalle statue located in Victory Park while haughtily advocating the removal of Belleville’s own (gifted) statue. You, Ms. Myles, have no legal right to “take down” the LaSalle statue or any other gifted monument/statue!

Tri-Community Note: NOW is the time. Stand-up and pray! My dad always said “nip IT in the bud” while emphasizing NOW, while IT is a small issue. If we Americans do NOT act, it will only get bigger and WORSE! Ms. Myles is the “SMALL” issue but most assuredly, the “mob rule” is the “WORSE” issue!

I wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Anton and I would like to urge all who may not

have read his letter to please read it once and re-read it again. It is a factual history lesson that I do not believe our current Belleville students are being taught. (I hope I’m wrong and if so I hereby invite our current school board and superintendent to prove otherwise.)

Note to parents: Do your homework, investigate thoroughly, and become totally aware of WHO is “teaching” WHAT! Ask yourselves: Who is publishing your children’s textbooks? Who gives the final approval to teach it? Do you know (or care) what your children are being “taught?”

The second reason for writing this letter is in response to the letter written by Mr. Mike Aimone (in the same July 16 issue) entitled “Are you the generation that gives up freedom?” I cannot agree more with Mr. Aimone’s own words when describing the current “mob rule” effect “fostered by Marxist antifa and BLM, and funded by Soros.”

I question what precisely is this generation being taught? American history or socialism? Then again, I question what precisely has the previous generation taught (or haven’t taught) their children?

We Americans, are living in a very dangerous era. If we continue down this same road and SAY NOTHING or DO NOTHING, we Americans can soon wave goodbye to our God-given and God-blessed America, our Constitution, and freedoms! The radical left wing is hell-bent on destroying our lawfully elected president Trump, our historical monuments, our U.S. Flag, law and order,

police and “first responder” protection, and our Constitutional freedoms.

Thanks also to Van Buren Township Board members who approved a \$1,000 each bonus to all first responders. Wouldn’t it be great if the City of Belleville mayor and council members could (would) follow suit? Our residents need and deserve the very best experienced firemen and equipment available to effectively perform their assigned jobs.

Is this, once again, a “Rob Peter to pay Paul” situation, along with a budget problem? Then, may I suggest, please, someone initiate voluntary contributions or -- a “Go Fund Me” campaign? GOD BLESS AMERICA.

Thank you,
(Mrs) Ruth E. Bleeker
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Megan Martin earns bachelor’s degree from Northern Michigan Univ.

Megan Martin of Belleville has earned a bachelor of science in public relations from the Communications and Marketing Department of Northern Michigan University. She satisfied the requirements for the degree in May 2020.

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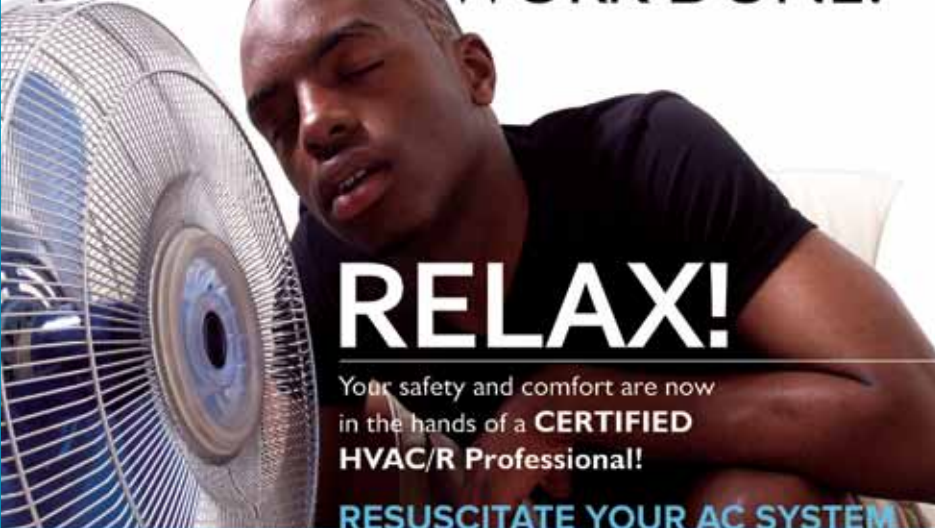
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VBT Board OKs Ashley Capital's industrial district on 6-1 vote

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On a 6-1 vote, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees approved Ashley Capital's request for an Industrial Development District for its huge new development north of Ecorse and west of Haggerty.

This was following a public hearing at its July 7 virtual Zoom meeting. No member of the public spoke. Treasurer Sharry Budd cast the only no vote.

Two buildings in the new development, Crossroads Distribution Center North, are now under construction.

In an April 28 letter to the township, Ashley Capital senior vice president Susan Harvey said they are working at pre-leasing the property and some of the prospective tenants they are talking to may qualify for a tax abatement.

"Additionally, we have an appreciation for the types of tenants the township is hoping to attract to the community, and we believe our ability to sign up first-rate tenants will improve if the Industrial Development District is granted," Harvey wrote.

"Unlike many developers, Ashley Capital's investment strategy contemplates maintaining ownership and management of its properties for a long time. Therefore, just as Van Buren Township is concerned about the quality of the tenants we bring to the community, we are equally concerned about issues such as job creation and longevity of our tenants," she wrote.

Harvey said if the proposed tenants have the option of applying for a tax abatement, Ashley Capital is confident they will be more successful in attracting them.

Trustee Reggie Miller said Ashley Capital has 293.81 acres and is only developing 114 acres and it wants the development district over all the land.

Harvey said the intent is to have a large industrial area, but they don't want to build more than they can fill right now.

"The township can always say no," Harvey said. "Maybe we'll get a build-to-suit, but that's not on our radar right now. We are not developing the northern part currently."

Trustee Miller said she was apprehensive of approving all of the property at this time. She said Haggerty Road is terrible.

Harvey said they have been talking with the township and county about improving Haggerty Road.

She said these are very flexible buildings and they could have one big tenant or as many as eight separate tenants. It's a speculative development and they started construction without tenants in place.

Harvey said they are working on buildings #4 and #5, and #6 already has site plan approval. She said their buildings #1, #2, and #3 are south of Ecorse.

"Our grand plan is to go north on the site," Harvey said.

Treasurer Budd said she has a problem with approving the industrial district for all the property, but she has no problems with #4, #5, and #6.

"It's a plus for us and they can proceed when the economy starts growing," said Trustee Sherry Frazier.

Harvey said the property is already zoned Industrial and she doesn't see any downside to having all the property in the district now.

"We're just getting ahead of it," Harvey said, adding if they had to delay one to two months to set up another district, they might lose the project.

Supervisor Kevin McNamara asked Assessment Coordinator Linda Stevenson if there was a downside to the request.

"The only downside would be if the person comes in and the township doesn't want to give the abatement – and it would have to give a good reason," Stevenson said. "They could appeal to the State of Michigan and the state would grant the abatement."

She said there are 31 parcels and it could have been combined into one big parcel and maybe that was delayed by the COVID-19.

"Is it too late to combine the parcels now?" asked Trustee Kevin Martin.

Stevenson said it wasn't too late and they would be required to combine them before they plan the next buildings.

"That is our intention," Harvey said.

Trustee Paul White asked how many parcels along Haggerty and Ecorse are now occupied and Harvey said they knew but she didn't have that information in front of her right then to answer.

Trustee White said he wanted to make sure the residents next to the development are taken care of, because they would only be able to sell their properties to one person – Ashley Capital.

Trustee Miller said those parcels are still zoned residential and she asked if there

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Belleville DDA to go out for bids to remove one tree from 4th St. Square

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The Belleville Downtown Development Authority voted unanimously to go out for bids to relocate the middle tree at the back of the Fourth Street Square and move the electric line next to it.

This was at the DDA's July 15 virtual Zoom meeting.

DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson had presented a report on the prior request by Steve Jones to remove or move the center tree at the back of the Fourth Street Square to make room for a stage area.

She estimated costs to remove the tree grate and grate foundation, disconnect and

move or remove electrical service, remove the tree or relocate it (preferred time autumn for relocating), install concrete, and install 8 to 12 new 24" square brick pavers.

The estimated range to remove the tree was \$1,325 - \$1,675 and to relocate the tree, \$2,400.

Thompson added that a stage rental for a 8'x20' platform, placed at the back of the square could be \$500 to \$650 a day. She noted the trees in the original design were placed to conform with city ordinance for parking lot screening.

Thompson said in 2011 there was a request to remove all three trees, but there was not enough information for the proposed plan to have trees removed.

Jones, who is president of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce as well as chairman of the Belleville Planning Commission, said with the middle tree removed they could fully use the entire square, with the staging on outside of the square.

"When they were first designing the square, I brought it up," said Jones, adding there would be more opportunity for people to do things downtown.

DDA treasurer Sabrina Richardson-Williams said she didn't want to tear out money they've spent for a couple of events.

DDA member Jason Mida said when Fourth Street is redesigned in front of the library, the stage could be put there.

He asked if the stage would be used for Booville and things like that.

"All of the above," said Councilman Ken Voigt. He said the audience would be in the square and there would be more useable area. He said before the "stuff hit the fan" this spring, they were planning a blues festival in that area. He said the center tree was three-quarters dead last year and it made a comeback.

Voigt said it would cost \$350 to do this.

Mayor Kerreen Conley said the plan seems to fit well. She said you can't put the stage by the street at the square because of the walkway. She said that tree is in the way of more things than not.

"If it had died, I wouldn't have asked to replace it," Mayor Conley said, adding they can move it.

Thompson said the electrical connection would have to be moved to all three trees because they are connected, as well as the concrete work and flagstones.

Voigt said they could put a shrub there which wouldn't block the stage.

"I wouldn't put a bush there," said chairwoman Alicia McGovern.

Mayor Conley said you could mount the electricity on the fence to get it away from the ground where it could be a trip hazard.

"Can we get a price?" Mida asked and secretary Denise Baker pointed out Thompson did get prices.

Jones said he could go out and get donations if cost was a problem.

Thompson pointed out they would have to go out for bids.

Voigt said Randy Brown said he would move the tree for \$350.

"I want to make sure we do it right," McGovern said.

Mida made the motion to go out for bids to relocate the tree and move the electricity and Valerie Kelley-Bonner seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

In other business at the 51-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Heard Thompson report on the BORA

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- Heard Belleville Police Chief Dave Robinson introduce himself, saying he started in the job in March, about a week before COVID-19 arrived. He said he will be introducing the Nixel alert system at the next city council meeting. "I want to get to know everyone and will give you my cell number," Chief Robinson said;

- Heard Thompson say she is waiting for the prices for the redesign of Fourth Street and the customized street grates approved have a lengthy wait time. She said she will wait until she has prices from all the contractors and will bring them all back to the board;

- Heard treasurer Williams say she saw a letter in the July 2 *Independent* that said the city bailed out the DDA for the seawall and that was incorrect. "I expected the editor to correct that," Williams said. "The DDA is solvent and 'bail out' is incorrect." McWilliams said the DDA was not related to that project. Mayor Conley said the city actually got a grant for the seawall;

- Heard Mayor Conley say the city has summer jobs available for those under the age of 24; and

- Heard Voigt say the Belleville Area Council for the Arts is canceling all Music Lakeside this year, but the Blues Fest will be held from 12:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 25, as a drive-in event at Belleville High School. There is a charge of \$20 per car and that covers as many as you can fit into a car, he said. There will be a 20'x27' space for each vehicle, so people can bring their chairs and sit outside to listen.

Governor reappoints Hill to Law Officers Memorial Commission

On July 17, Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer reappointed Deodge M. Hill, of Canton, to the Michigan Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Monument Fund Commission.

Hill is a physician assistant and the CEO and co-owner of I Am Health and Wellness of Belleville. She holds a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies from Wayne State University.

Hill is reappointed to represent a member nominated by the chief of police of a municipal police department of a municipality with a population of more than 500,000 who is a survivor of an officer of that police department killed while on duty. She will serve for a term commencing July 17, 2020 and expiring June 30, 2024.

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Belleville City Council hires two new law firms to represent city

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Monday at a regular meeting via Zoom, the Belleville City Council voted unanimously to hire two new law firms to represent the city.

Interim City Manager Tracey Schultz Kobylarz had put together a committee with the police chief, fire chief, DPS director and clerk to review the proposals and they unanimously recommended the firms.

As of Aug. 1, Shifman, Fournier of Bingham Farms will be the labor attorney and Cummings, McClorey, Davis and Acho of Livonia will handle all other municipal legal services.

City Manager Kobylarz said Shifman, Fournier was selected for personnel/labor issues. She said it is a smaller firm with a boutique style.

She said the recommendations were unanimous from all department heads.

Councilman Ken Voigt said he has worked with Cummings, McClorey and they're a good firm, but he is not familiar with the other firm.

Councilman Tom Fielder said he wanted to be sure the council was comfortable with who they would send to court as city prosecutor.

"I would like to see who they use to cover the courts," said Police Chief Dave Robinson. "I would love to sit down and talk to them about it."

He said Cummings McClorey has an extremely good reputation in law enforcement and even those municipalities with their own attorney sometimes use them to handle some of the more complicated cases.

"I've worked with these firms and have no problem with them," said Mayor Kerreen Conley.

Shifman Fournier's hourly rates are \$145 per hour and Cummings McClorey charges \$150 an hour.

The city went out for proposals after the interim city manager came on board because the city hadn't looked at its contracts for a while. Current city attorney Steve Hitchcock did not submit a proposal because he said he did not know the city was seeking proposals.

In other action at the 32-minute meeting, the council:

- Heard Mayor Conley thank Randy Brown's father, Doug Brown, for putting all the information from the cemetery into an Excel spreadsheet. She also thanked a mother and daughter team that planted flowers outside city hall. She also thanked City Manager Kobylarz for working with Ford Motor Company on plans for the commercial they were shooting around the Belleville Bridge on Main Street last Friday. Ford compensated the city and that

money has been put aside for now. She said, maybe, they could put some in the capital improvement fund and carve out some for employee recognition, which could be done because it is not tax funds. They won't do this in the middle of COVID, she said. Kobylarz said the commercial for Ford's autonomous vehicle, is expected to be aired sometime this winter, perhaps January;

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger ask for the pedestrian crossing sign to be put back up on Main at Fourth Street. He said with the farmers' market so popular it is really needed. Earlier that afternoon he saw a person standing in the middle of the street waiting for traffic to clear to cross because traffic wasn't stopping for pedestrians. Nobody seemed to know where the sign is. Councilman Fielder,

who had originally asked for the sign, said it wasn't at the museum. He said it had taken a couple of hits and wasn't looking good. He said the Downtown Development Authority is planning an enhanced, push-button crosswalk there when the upgrades to Fourth Street are done;

- Heard Michael Renaud say he read about Van Buren Township Supervisor McNamara arranging for bonuses for first responders and asked if the city couldn't do that, too. Mayor Conley said the hazard pay and reimbursement for expenses is in the pipeline and the city has applied. It's a first-come, first-served funding through the CARES Act;

- Heard Patricia Myles of Ypsilanti Township ask for a place on an upcoming

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agenda to discuss removal of the LaSalle statue at Victory Park. She said she hoped Belleville would stop glorifying this

person who took possession of 530 million acres of land from the indigenous people for the King of France. Greg Olszta said he was with Myles and he, too, was calling for removal of the statue of this white man responsible for torture and thievery, who

wasn't the image you'd want to glorify;

• Heard Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte speak about the power outage from Sunday's storm. He said last fall DTE said they would do things to improve service. He said he has lost power six times this

year and he would like to have DTE attend a meeting to explain what they are doing. Mayor Conley said when they were having power problems on her side of town, DTE put in another power station. She said she will get someone from DTE to join a future meeting;

• Heard Chief Loranger ask if they have heard any dates for the DORA district from the state. Kobylarz said they hadn't but Belleville was the first city in the state that submitted all the paperwork;

• Heard Voigt say the farmers' market has become a pretty nice market and the Central Business Community is doing a good job with it. He said Steve Jones is acting as a DJ and playing tunes at Egan's outside area and last Wednesday every table was filled. Also, he said, the Blues Festival at Belleville High School parking area on Saturday will be a great event;

• Read in a report from Kobylarz that the Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) has retracted the violation issued to the city on Oct. 11, 2019 for the Disinfection Byproduct (DBP) reports. DBP data will be collected again by Aug. 31 and reported to EGLE within ten days of the monitoring period, she wrote; and

• Read in Kobylarz's report that initial proposals have been exchanged between the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters and the city.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 4, 2020

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653(a); notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of the City of Belleville that the PRIMARY ELECTION will be held TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020. Polls are open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. EST.

Polling place locations for the City of Belleville:

Precinct #1 and Precinct #2 are located at St. Anthony's Church (Father Folta Building), 409 W. Columbia

Each person voting in the election must be:

- A citizen of the United States of America over eighteen (18) years of age.
- A registered elector of the City of Belleville.

The following offices will be on the ballot:

United States Senator
United States Representative in Congress 12th District
United States Representative in State Legislature 21st District
Prosecuting Attorney
County Sheriff
County Clerk
County Treasurer
Register of Deeds
County Commissioner 11th District
Delegates to County Conventions
Judge of Circuit Court, 3rd Circuit, non-incumbent
Judge of District Court, 34th District, incumbent

PROPOSALS:

Proposition O: Operating Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 2009, shall Wayne County be authorized to continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2019 rollback rate of 0.9529 (about 95 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for 10 more years (2020 – 2029), and proceeds used to continue existing County services, including programs for arrest, detention and prosecution of criminals, juvenile court and related services, public health, recreation, County parks, job training, senior citizen services, and programs for meeting the medical needs of the poor, the disabled, and the aged?

Proposition P: Parks Millage Renewal

To renew the millage authorized in 2016, shall Wayne County levy this millage at the estimated 2020 rollback rate of 0.2459 mills (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2021 – 2025) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including Hines Park, Elizabeth park, Chandler Park, and improvements to municipal parks in the 43 communities as provided in an implementing ordinance through an annual allocation by commission district of the greater of \$50,000 or 15% of the total funds generated from that district, on the condition that, for any year for which this continued levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-1996 fiscal year appropriate for parks?

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, by the City Clerk in accordance with Section 168.653 of the Michigan Election Law, as amended, and Section 208 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that all polling places located in the City of Belleville to be used at the August 4, 2020 primary election are accessible to voters who are elderly or handicapped.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any voter who requires assistance to vote by reason of blindness, disability or inability to read or write may be given assistance by a person of the voter's choice other than the voter's employer or agent of that employee or officer or agent of the voter's union.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the August 4, 2020 Primary Election is Saturday, August 1, 2020 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk

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More Letters

Go beyond yard signs to make informed decisions

To the editor:

As we have learned in recent years, our judicial system will be effected negatively or positively by OUR CHOICE of judges. It is difficult to find information about judicial candidates, except for information found on websites such as vote411.org or ballotpedia.org.

I'd like to share a rating on judicial candidates based on what the Detroit Bar Association thinks of these candidates that might be useful in our selection of judges.

"The mission of the Detroit Bar Association is to serve its members and the legal community in Southeastern Michigan by supporting the ethical and successful practice of law and the fair administration of justice."

The Association's rating of judicial candidates can be found at: <https://www.detroitlawyer.org/judges-2020/>.

You'll be directed to an explanation of the Bar's rating system on a second page. Look for the red link above the candidates names.

I find the Detroit Bar's ratings useful because I don't have the background or experience to make these kinds of judgments that can have far-reaching impact on the lives of everyday citizens.

This information might help us be less influenced by the "name recognition" which is the purpose of ALL the yard signs. Do the research!

Barbara Zysk-Berman
Sumpter Township

INDEPENDENT CLASSIFIED ADS

AUCTION

NOTICE OF AUCTION AT J&T CROVA TOWING

**287 Industrial Park Dr.
Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 699-0584
Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 10 a.m.**

Year	Make/Model	VIN
1988	Ford truck	1FTCR14T1JPA58270
1999	GMC Sierra	2GTEK19T8X1558535
2004	Cadillac Escalade	1GYEK63N44R259905
2002	Ford Taurus	1FAFP55U82G152543
2004	Chrysler PT Cruiser	3C4FY48B84T353224
2013	Chevrolet Equinox	2GNALDEK2D6254195
2007	Ford Econoline	1FMYU03127KB27581

These vehicles were towed by Sumpter Police Department.
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GARAGE/YARD SALE

6957 COUNTRY LANE in Capital Hills off Rawsonville. July 24, 25, & 26, 10am-6pm. Household items, clothing & lots of misc. 07/23

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WAGNER’S Carpentry & Construction is hiring flooring crews to install all hard surface flooring. Also, crew leaders & individual laborers. Weekly pay is based on experience. (734) 879-0108 08/06

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– P.T. Barnum

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Three from tri-community drawn for redistricting group

The 200 semi-finalists for Michigan's first Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission were randomly-selected June 24 by the Michigan Department of State (MDOS).

Three of the 200 selected are from the tri-community. They were selected from the 9,367 applications, 1,450 of which were from Wayne County.

Selected from the tri-community were:

- Glen A. Shaw, 71, a white male, of Van Buren Township, not affiliated with either major party;

- Amy Jeng, 53, a white female, of Belleville, Republican; and

- Cassandra McDonald, 61, a black female, of Van Buren Township, Democrat.

The random selection was performed by Rehmann LLC, the independent accounting firm hired through public bidding process to facilitate the random selection. The 200 applications are now available to the public on RedistrictingMichigan.org.

"We are extremely grateful for the thousands of Michiganders who have been excited and engaged in this process from the very beginning," said Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson. "With this semi-finalist selection we've moved to the next phase of the process and are one step closer to making Michigan history and having fair and representative legislative maps drawn by the people."

The semi-finalists were drawn from

the pool of 9,326 applications. Per the Michigan Constitution, the semi-finalist pool must be representative of geographic and demographic makeup of the state. The group was required to have 60 applicants who affiliate with the Democratic Party, 60 applicants who affiliate with the Republican Party, and 80 applicants who do not affiliate with either major party. Data to determine the demographic makeup of the state, and thus the criteria for the selection software, was pulled from the 2018 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimate, which is available to the general public via the American Community Survey Data Profiles online search tool.

The entire selection process was conducted via livestream, with Stephen Blann of Rehmann LLC operating the selection software and then matching the 200 selected applicant ID numbers to the corresponding applicants in real time. Video of the process is available on the website and archived on MDOS's Youtube channel and social media platforms.

The semi-finalist applications will now be delivered to the Legislature where leaders in both chambers and parties will have the month of July to each strike up to five applicants from the pool, also per the Michigan Constitution. The final selection for the 13 commissioners will take place in August.

For a more detailed breakdown of the selection process methodology and answers to other frequently asked questions regarding the semi-finalist pool, visit RedistrictingMichigan.org.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

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

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.** Pending extensions to the State of Michigan Governor's Executive Order #2020-129, which allows for remote public meetings, this meeting will take place electronically due to health concerns associated with COVID-19. Alternatively, if the meeting is to occur in person at the on-site location of 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI, 48111, advance notice will be provided via mail. The BZA will consider the following variance requests related to 8470 Belleville Road (Parcel ID# 83 036 99 0002 702), zoned C-2 – Extensive Highway Business District and also in the Belleville Road Overlay District (BROD):

Case # 20-009- A request by Beth Ernat of Clover Communities Van Buren LLC for, for variances from the following sections of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance:

- **Architectural standards** of section 6.309(C) (Belleville Road Overlay District - Architectural and Site Design Standards) of the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance and relatedly section 5.143(I)(5), which requires that senior housing buildings located within the BROD shall comply with the architectural standards set forth in Section 6.309:
 - o **Required:** Use of use of unpainted red brick, brown brick, natural stone, or similar high-quality materials as the primary building material.
 - o **Proposed:** Application of hardieplank siding to approximately 70% of the building façade.
- **Accessory building requirements** of 7.202(a) (Accessory Structures and Buildings – All Districts) of the Zoning Ordinance, which limits the size of detached accessory buildings:
 - o **Required:** The maximum lot coverage of all detached accessory buildings on any lot shall be 4,800 square feet.
 - o **Proposed:** 9,600 square feet of total detached accessory garage building area.

Members of the public may access the agenda materials via the Township website – www.vanburen-mi.org beginning **August 7, 2020**. On this website, members of the public will also gain access to **means of participating in the electronic meeting**, including a unique Zoom weblink and dial-in phone number with a meeting ID for meeting videoconference or teleconference access. The meeting will be available to view live on the Van Buren Township YouTube Channel which can be reached from the live meeting link located on the Van Buren Township website home page (www.vanburen-mi.org). Closed captioning will be available after YouTube fully renders meeting video.

A complete **procedure for public comment by electronic means** is provided on a guide which is accessible on the Van Buren Township website (www.vanburen-mi.org). Participants may also choose to submit written comments that will be read into record during public comment by the Chairperson. Submit any written comments via e-mail to dpower@vanburen-mi.org by **Noon, Monday, August 10, 2020**, which is the day before the meeting. Members of the public may also contact dpower@vanburen-mi.org to be connected with members of the Planning Commission prior to the meeting by e-mail.

To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any citizen requesting accommodation to attend a meeting, and/or to obtain this notice in alternate formats, please contact the Clerk's Office at 734.699.8900 extension 9205.

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"You can observe a lot just by watching."
– Yogi Berra

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18.

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Environmental

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Public Service Director Matthew Best thanked Brownlee personally and for the township.

"The commission wouldn't be what it is today without you," Director Best said and then read of letter of thanks from Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

He held up a glass plaque engraved 1986-2020 and Brownlee said he would pick it up at the township hall on Friday.

Brownlee said he's seeing algae clumps and a lot of milfoil at his dock off Ryznar Drive. He said this the first time he's seen milfoil around his dock. A large growth of milfoil is at the far western part of Belleville Lake.

Best said at Kent Lake in Kensington

Metropark milfoil is starting to become an issue along the shoreline.

In other business at the 31-minute meeting, the commission:

- Heard Best report that the rip-rap has been put in place on the earthen part of French Landing Dam. Best said the French Landing earthen berm is wider than most and two trucks can ride on it, side by side. Brownlee said local resident Bittenbender sent out a diagram of that berm on Facebook; and

- Heard Best remind everyone about the PFAS fish advisory that advises everyone to avoid eating fish from the Huron River, although preliminary tests show a decrease in PFAS in fish. Brownlee said the fish stay contaminated until they die, so it might be a while before the advisory is over. Best also warned everyone and their pets to stay away from foam on the lake. He also said because of the weather there also could be some algae blooms and it's best to stay away from blue green algae.



Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN-VAN BUREN SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION-TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that a Primary Election will be held TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2020.

Polls are open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. EST. Polling place locations for Van Buren Township:

Precinct #1	McBride Middle School	47097 McBride
Precinct #2	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #3	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #4	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #5	Tyler Elementary School	42299 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #6	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #7	Belleville High	501 W. Columbia
Precinct #8	Haggerty Elementary School	13770 Haggerty Rd
Precinct #9	Savage Elementary School	42975 Savage Rd
Precinct #10	Owen Intermediate School	45201 Owen St.

All polling place are handicap accessible. To obtain election instructions in an alternative format (audio or Braille), contact the Clerk's Office prior to Election Day.

UNITED STATES SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS 12TH DISTRICT, REPRESENTATIVE IN STATE LEGISLATURE 12TH OR 21ST DISTRICT, WAYNE COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, WAYNE COUNTY SHERIFF, WAYNE COUNTY CLERK, JUDGE OF CIRCUIT COURT 3RD CIRCUIT NON -INCUMBENT POSITION, JUDGE OF DISTRICT COURT 34TH DISTRICT INCUMBENT POSITION, WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER, WAYNE COUNTY REGISTER OF DEEDS, WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER 11TH DISTRICT, VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR, CLERK, TREASURER AND TRUSTEES, DELEGATE TO COUNTY CONVENTION.

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL O- OPERATING MILLAGE RENEWAL TO RENEW THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2009 TO CONTINUE TO LEVY AT THE ESTIMATE 2019 ROLLBACK RATE OF 0.9529 FOR TEN MORE YEARS (2020-2029) AND PROCEEDS USED TO CONTINUE EXISTING COUNTY SERVICES INCLUDING PROGRAMS FOR ARREST, DETENTION AND PROSECUTION OF CRIMINALS, JUVENILE COURT AND RELATED SERVICES, PUBLIC HEALTH, RECREATION, COUNTY PARKS, JOB TRAINING, SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR MEETING MEDICAL NEEDS OF THE POOR, THE DISABLED, AND THE AGED?

WAYNE COUNTY PROPOSAL P- TO RENEW THE MILLAGE AUTHORIZED IN 2016 AT THE ESTIMATED 2020 ROLLBACK RATE OF 0.2459 MILLS FOR FIVE MORE YEARS (2021 THROUGH 2025) TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE AND OPERATE SEVERAL PARKS AND RELATED FACILITIES, INCLUDING HINES PARK, ELIZABETH PARK, CHANDLER PARK AND IMPROVEMENTS TO MUNICIPAL PARKS IN THE 43 COMMUNITIES AS PROVIDED IN AN IMPLEMENTING ORDINANCE THROUGH AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION BY COMMISSION DISTRICT OF THE GREATER OF \$50,000 OR 15% OF THE TOTAL FUNDS GENERATED FROM THAT DISTRICT, ON THE CONDITION THAT, FOR ANY YEAR FOR WHICH THIS CONTINUED LEVY WOULD BE IMPOSED, WAYNE COUNTY MUST BUDGET FROM OTHER SOURCES AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO ITS 1995-1996 FISCAL YEAR APPROPRIATION FOR PARKS?

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk's office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org where a sample of the ballot may be viewed.

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats' can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JULY 14, 2020 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID 892 9695 2704 at 6:00 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller and Trustee White. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Communication Specialists Albrecht and Nichols and maximum audience of fourteen (14).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved; Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Frazier moved; Martin seconded to approve the First Responder Hazard Pay. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. Frazier moved; Martin seconded to approve an amendment to the motion to include that the First Responder Hazard Pay is to be funded through the fund balance until it is reimbursed. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Martin, Miller and White. Motion Carried. Funding is available through a grant, on a first come first serve basis, from the State of Michigan in the amount of \$1000.00 for each first responder to include Dispatch personnel. The Township will incur the payroll tax share of .0725.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Clerk Wright requested each Trustee reach out to the public on their social media platforms to encourage voters to return their absentee ballots.

ADJOURNMENT: Miller moved; Frazier seconded to adjourn at 6:18 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk

Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE Regular City Council Meeting Minutes Monday June 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

A regular called meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Conley asked for a moment of silence and to remember Mr. George Floyd with a heavy heart, and that we keep his family, those that are unjustly impacted, and the law enforcement officers who are doing their jobs to protect all people in our hearts

2. ROLL CALL

Mayor Conley	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro Marcotte	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Presentations None
B. Council follow-up list
1. Councilman Voigt
a. Condition of cemetery including gate
b. Condition of Main Street and lack of maintenance regarding weeds and debris
c. Utilization of banner poles across Main Street
d. Viewing area at Welcome to Belleville sign needs landscape maintenance.
e. Bridge repairs are necessary
f. 3rd & Main brick work needs repair
g. Fence at "Sam's place" needs repair
h. Landscape blocks that are strewn about need to be removed.
i. General attention
2. Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte
a. Clean city properties especially the former store near city hall
b. Buildings owned by Chelsea Odum and Frank's Diner need to be encouraged to care of fair and acceptable condition of their property
c. Update on Doane's Landing
3. Council Member Bates
a. Cemetery overgrowth of trees and shrubs
b. Broken gravestone
c. Flower arrangements from fall
C. Citizens comments None

4. APPROVAL OF AMENDED AGENDA

MOTION BY BATES, SECOND BY MARCOTTE to approve the amended agenda and add item #8H.
AYES: MARCOTTE, VOIGT, FIELDER, BATES, MMARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

5. APPROVAL OF AMENDED MINUTES

MOTION BY FIELDER, SECOND BY BATES to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2020 as amended.
AYES: VOIGT, FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

6. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION BY BATES, SECOND BY VOIGT to open the Public Hearing at 7:56 p.m. to receive comment on the FY 2020-21 Budget.
AYES: FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, VOIGT, CONLEY
MOTION PASSED

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

8. GENERAL BUSINESS
A. Adoption of FY 2020-2021 Budget
MOTION BY FIELDER, SECOND BY MARCOTTE to approve Resolution No. 20-044 to approve the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget.
AYES: MARCOTTE, VOIGT, FIELDER, BATES, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

B. Approval of Millage Rate with Headlee rollback

MOTION BY FIELDER, SECOND BY MARCOTTE to approve Resolution No. 20-045 to approve the 2020 Millage Rate with Headlee rollback as presented
AYES: VOIGT, FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

C. Authorization to levy public safety special assessment FY 2020-21

MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE to approve Resolution No. 20-046 as presented.
AYES: FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, VOIGT, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

D. Approval of Fee Schedule

MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY BATES to approve Resolution No. 20-047 and associated Fee Schedules as presented
AYES: BATES, MARCOTTE, VOIGT, FIELDER, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

MOTION BY FIELDER, SECOND BY MARCOTTE to approve Resolution No. 20-045 to approve the 2020 Millage Rate with Headlee rollback as presented
AYES: VOIGT, FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

E. Accept and approve BCN contracts effective July 1, 2020

MOTION BY MARCOTTE, SECOND BY BATES to approve accept and approve BCN rates effective July 1, 2020 as presented
AYES: MARCOTTE, VOIGT, FIELDER, BATES, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

F. Belleville Cares for Businesses Resolution to assist local business owners with financial recovery as a result of COVID-19 pandemic

MOTION BY VOIGT, SECOND BY MARCOTTE to approve Resolution No. 20-048 as presented
AYES: VOIGT, FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

G. RFP for Legal Services – municipal, labor and employment law.

MOTION BY FIELDER, SECOND BY BATES to the approve the request to seek proposals for municipal, labor and employment law.
AYES: FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, VOIGT, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

H. Appointment of Jennifer Winters to the DDA Board.

MOTION BY MARCOTTE, SECOND BY BATES to the approve Resolution No. 20-049, the appointment of Jennifer Winter to DDA Board as requested by Mayor Conley
AYES: FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, VOIGT, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

I. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION BY BATES, SECOND BY VOIGT to approve Resolution 20-050, Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures for \$48,627.99 and the following purchases in excess of \$500.00

Everbridge (Nixel)	\$2808.00
ElectionSource	\$2245.50
Superior Auto	\$ 707.04

AYES: FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, VOIGT, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

10. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Michael Kolle thanked the City and Mayor Conley for recognizing award recipients and members of the BAAC.
Steve Jones provided additional information on the video which was developed by Ryan at Van Buren Township and encouraged people to watch it online.

11. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BATES, SECOND BY VOIGT to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Schultz Kobylarz
Interim City Manager
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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE Special City Council Meeting Minutes Friday, June 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE

A special called meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order by Mayor Conley at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom teleconference.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Conley	Present
Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Mayor Pro Marcotte	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
MOTION BY BATES, SECOND BY VOIGT to approve the agenda as presented.
AYES: VOIGT, FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: NONE
MOTION PASSED

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Consider designated outdoor recreation area
MOTION BY FIELDER, SECOND BY MARCOTTE to approve Resolution No. 20-056 for a Designated Outdoor Recreation Area (DORA) in the City of Belleville.
AYES: FIELDER, BATES, MARCOTTE, CONLEY
NAYS: VOIGT
MOTION PASSED: 4-1

5. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

A. Post DORA as follows:
1. Main Street beginning at 3rd Street continuing to
2. High Street including 4th Street and 4th Street Square
3. High Street to Roys Street
4. Including Horizon Park up to and inclusive of
5. The gazebo
B. Police Chief to contact Methodist Church for input
C. Define hours of DORA
D. Design a DORA logo – Council member Voigt to present concept
E. Confirm DDA's intent to provide signage

6. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY BATES, SECOND BY VOIGT to adjourn meeting at 11:21 a.m.
MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.
Respectfully submitted,
Tracey Schultz Kobylarz
Interim City Manager
Approved: July 6, 2020
Published: July 23, 2020

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VBT DDA

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the county do to address this?"

McNamara explained the Pacer system rates every county road that is Class A, like Belleville Road. It has to do with condition of the road and traffic count.

"There's a chance that Belleville Road will have a chance to be on there and then it takes three or more years to get done," McNamara said.

Bird suggested they "dangle the carrot of \$1.75 million and say we'll contribute that" if the county repaves Belleville Road.

"They might do it," said McNamara.
"Bribe them to do us first," Bird said.

"We do have time," said DDA chairman Craig Atchinson.

Bird suggested sending Ireland to talk to the county because they like her.

Ireland asked if the road project is important to the DDA members and McNamara said fixing the county road is not important enough to him to spend \$4 million in township money.

"The sidewalks are important and it already has funds," Laginess said, referring to the other project being handled by Wade Trim.

"What would it hurt to ask?" Atchinson asked of the proposed deal.

"I would go with Susan if she'd take me," said McNamara.

Ireland said she would have a financial expert analyze the project, since it wouldn't be until next year.

DDA member Victor Delibera said it can be put on the back burner.

"It's not a major project with the residents," said DDA member Joe Baskin.

McNamara said they could ask Wade Trim to do a Pacer study for Belleville Road and with Wade Trim's help maybe they can prove their point.

He suggested doing a traffic study during the Huron River bridge detour.

Nummer said rating were put on hold

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On July 29th, 2020, 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.

2014	PIONEER	MC	LAEMBZ467EG060025	20-6683
2007	TOYOTA	PU	5TEPX42N67Z408796	20-6496
2011	FORD	4D	1FAHP3EN2BW162061	20-6527
1997	FORD	4D	1FALP13P1VW395341	20-7475

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

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,
Published: July 23rd, 2020

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 426 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police for last week, including the following.

Sunday, July 12:

0045 – noise complaint, N. Bellridge Dr.
0248 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood Dr.
/ N. I-94 Service Dr.
0409 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr. / Belleville Rd.
0644 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1134 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1302 – assist other dept., Sondra Dr.
1343 – traffic offense, McBride Ave./Quirk Rd.
1353 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1516 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1628 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
1728 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
1957 – lake complaint, Potter Dr.
2139 – traffic offense, Martz/Rawsonville

Monday, July 13:

0124 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0211 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0822 – harassment call, Haggerty Rd.
0839 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
0905 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0925 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1234 – fraud, Hull Rd.
1423 – narcotics crime, Village Center Dr.
1452 – 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd.
1509 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1516 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1627 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1704 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1719 – personal injury accident, W. Huron River Dr. / Cobblestone Creek
1727 – disorderly, Lake Point Pass
1745 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / tracks

1833 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1853 – domestic, Mantauk Ct.
1917 – ordinance violation, Denton Rd.
1941 – trespassing, Haggerty Rd.
1953 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2029 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
2308 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Tuesday, July 14:

0006 – breaking & entering, Greenbriar Ct.
0046 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bellridge
0130 – noise complaint, Lake Villa Dr.
0225 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0234 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0325 – breaking & entering, Parkwood Dr.
0718 – malicious destruction of property, Walden Ct.
0936 – animal complaint, Basswood Cir.
1010 – animal complaint, Sheldon Rd./Savage Rd.
1201 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Auto Zone
1321 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1436 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1517 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Belleville Rd.
1526 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Hannan
1538 – disorderly, Denton Rd.
1620 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Green
1649 – larceny, W. Adams
1924 – private property impound, Rose Blvd.
1926 – felony assault, Belleville Rd.
1928 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2052 – family trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2120 – family trouble, Maurice Dr.
2134 – traffic offense, Parkwood
2140 – personal injury accident, Haggerty
2143 – threat, Edwards Rd.
2153 – assist other dept., S. I-94 Service Dr.
2333 – suicidal person, Lighthouse Dr.
2351 – family trouble, Martz Rd.
2358 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.

Wednesday, July 15:

0115 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0210 – threat, S. Bellridge Dr.
0336 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0720 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1110 – lake emergency, Edison Lake Rd.
1129 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kouza Ct.
1302 – fraud, Village Green Ln.

1321 – civil matter, Parkwood Dr.
1337 – civil matter, Togowtee Pass
1513 – malicious destruction of property, Fret Rd.
1634 – civil matter, Outer Dr.
1735 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ruthan Dr.
1847 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1922 – threat, Ecorse Rd.
2004 – trespassing, Edison Lake
2043 – civil matter, Park Estates
2138 – property damage accident, Haggerty/tracks
2143 – trespassing, Park Estates
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.

Thursday, July 16:

0041 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Savage Rd.
0202 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. I-94 / Belleville Rd.
0327 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0409 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0800 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
0852 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
0904 – motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd. / W. Huron River Dr.
1003 – larceny, E. Archwood Dr.
1111 – civil matter, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1115 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1228 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1334 – suspicious person/vehicle, Togowtee Pass
1344 – trespassing, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1540 – private property/property damage accident, Hannan Rd.
1602 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1621 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1838 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1907 – animal complaint, Brandi Dr.
1958 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2330 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.

Friday, July 17:

0704 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0807 – disorderly, Bak Rd.
0849 – trespassing, Townplace Suites
0851 – suspicious person/vehicle, McBride Ave.
0938 – civil matter, Bak Rd.
1004 – fraud, Martinsville Rd.
1129 – assist other dept., Christina Ln.
1151 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1221 – fraud, W. Walden Dr.
1428 – lost property/child, Belleville Rd.
1446 – larceny, Parkwood
1505 – fraud, Parkwood Dr.
1532 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1652 – malicious destruction of property, Daisy Blvd.

1829 – property damage accident, Edison Lake
1836 – trespassing, Ecorse Rd.
1846 – civil matter, Hamlin St.
1918 – animal complaint, Beck Rd.
1919 – 911 welfare check, Briarwood Dr.
1922 – breaking & entering, Haggerty Rd.
1925 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty/Ecorse
1949 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.
2135 – suspicious person/vehicle, Union St.
2204 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2356 – breaking & entering, Patriot Ln.

Saturday, July 18:

0033 – noise complaint, Van Buren St.
0423 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan
0434 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Van Born
0654 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hannan Rd.
0922 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1056 – harassment call, Marina Dr.
1233 – fraud, Quirk Rd.
1241 – fraud, Rawsonville Rd.
1313 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1317 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. Ponderosa Trl.
1359 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ S. Grove St.
1555 – fraud, N. Dartmoor Cir.
1632 – larceny, Oak Ln.
1844 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1921 – misc. complaint, DNR boat launch / Rawsonville Rd.
2038 – threat, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2113 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Mission Pointe
2146 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Ave.
2303 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
/ W. Huron River Dr.
2329 – domestic, Clayton Rd.

Also on this week's log are 183 traffic stops, 79 of which are on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 12:

0301 – juvenile complaint, Edison/W. Columbia
1037 – welfare check, 275 W. Columbia Ave.
1913 – traffic offense, 54 N. Biggs Ave.
1955 – lake complaint, 163 Potter Dr.
2321 – family trouble, 50 Clarence St.

Monday, July 13:

1542 – trespassing, 250 N. Liberty St.
2328 – harassment call, 6 Main St.

Tuesday, July 14:

1415 – found property/child, 6 Main St.
1709 – misc. complaints, 6 Main St.
1828 – lost property/child, 6 Main St.
2033 – trespassing, 250 N. Liberty St.
2319 – assist fire dept., 36 Main St.

Wednesday, July 15:

1202 – follow-up by officer, 61 Carmell St.
1349 – animal complaint, 871 Sumpter Rd.
1757 – assist fire dept., 79 Carmell St.
1802 – suspicious person/vehicle, 504 Main
1823 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd./Anaheim
2037 – assist fire dept., 1 San Carlos St.
2133 – vehicle lockout, 146 High St.

Thursday, July 16:

0629 – intrusion alarm, 201 Third St.
1529 – assist fire dept., 51 Menlo Park Dr.
1625 – disorderly, Main St./High St.
1730 – suspicious person/vehicle, 504 Main St.

Friday, July 17:

1054 -- fraud, 123 Carmell St.
1928 – assist other dept., 14887 Haggerty
2049 – suspicious person/vehicle, 104 Carmell
2106 – parking complaint, 146 High St.

Saturday, July 18:

0024 – assault & battery, 565 Main St.
0549 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Cemetery
1306 – suspicious person/vehicle, 342 Victorian Ln.
1812 – disorderly, 573 Main St.

Also on this week's log are 12 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 12:

0032 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0245 – 911 hang up, 25000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0315 – shots fired, Knollwood Dr.
0701 – alarm, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
0947 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Clark Rd.
1112 – 911 hang up, 18000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1147 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1247 – civil matter, 19000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1825 – follow-up investigation, 193 Knollwood
2144 – family trouble, Mulberry Dr.

Monday, July 13:

0319 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Clark Rd.
0809 – suspicious circumstances, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0915 – assist other agency, Rawsonville/Willis
1119 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1131 – larceny, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1258 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Willis Rd. / Wilmot Rd.
1332 – shots fired, Judd Rd./Rawsonville Rd.
1627 – larceny, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1811 – welfare check, Rustic Ln.
1954 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2051 – assist other agency, Grove St./Rawsonville
2213 – suspicious person, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, July 14:

0027 – follow-up investigation, out of township
0900 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
0940 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1403 – civil matter, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1408 – alarm, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1414 – welfare check, Timberlane Dr.
1428 – fire dept. assist, 26000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1439 – property damage accident, Karr/Judd
1505 – suspicious circumstances, 42000 bl. Judd
1551 – suspicious vehicle, Elwell Rd./Willow Rd.
1825 – death investigation, Oregon St.
1839 – welfare check, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.

2150 – assault, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
2256 – suspicious vehicle, Lohr Rd./Harris Rd.

Wednesday, July 15:

0211 – welfare check, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
0752 – property damage accident, 18000 bl. Elwell
0823 – suspicious person, Rawsonville/Willow
1017 – larceny, 48000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1053 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1134 – assist other agency, Nevada St.
1442 – breaking & entering, Delaware St.
1628 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1635 – neighborhood trouble, 24000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1659 – ORV complaint, Elwell Rd./Judd Rd.
1705 – fraud complaint, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
1912 – fire dept. assist, 27000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2025 – neighborhood trouble, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2105 – disorderly person, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2240 – alarm, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2311 – suspicious person, 11000 bl. Rawsonville

Thursday, July 16:

0007 – assault, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0121 – follow-up investigation, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0232 – family trouble, 21000 bl. Martinsville
0610 – suspicious vehicle, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
0836 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
1603 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1648 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1657 – noise complaint, 21000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1739 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1937 – narcotics arrest, 51000 bl. Judd Rd.

Friday, July 17:

0434 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Karr Rd.
0847 – follow-up investigation, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1529 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Harris
1549 – fire dept. assist, Maine St.
1950 – welfare check, 43000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2031 – welfare check, Edgewood Dr.
2316 – fire dept. assist, Elwell Rd.

Saturday, July 18:

0134 – assist other agency, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
0709 – follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr.
1043 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1308 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1356 – follow-up investigation, Carriage Ln.
1409 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1500 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1505 – ORV complaint, Sherwood Rd./Willow Rd.
1740 – follow-up investigation, 25000 bl. Sumpter
1938 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Carleton West
1941 – shots fired, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
2103 – shots fired, 19000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2153 – fire dept. assist, Knollwood Dr.
2333 – alarm, 40000 bl. Bemis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 63 patrol checks, 20 traffic stops and three miscellaneous details.

VBT DDA

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this year, but they could have one of their people do a ratings for VBT. The regular ratings have the participation of MDOT and SEMCOG.

McNamara asked the DDA if they wanted him and Ireland to try and do a deal with Wayne County and everyone agreed.

In other business at the one-hour-and-15-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Heard Wade Trim report that 5-10%

of the Belleville Road sidewalks from Tyler Road to the Belleville Bridge need replacement and it would cost \$100,000 to do that. There is \$250,000 in the budget for sidewalk repairs, so they will look at sidewalks in the remainder of the district to add to the project. Wade Trim will provide a map and cost estimate for this year and/or future years.

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would be buffers set up.

"We worked with the township a lot and the buffers are more than adequate ... We bought several homes ... We want to be good neighbors," Harvey said.

"It's not a win-win right now," Budd said. "It would not take that long to create a district ... I would recommend just the 114 acres ... not every property they own ... There are still people living in [some of the adjoining properties] ... I still have a problem bringing the whole thing to a district."

"I don't see the downfall to doing the whole thing," said Frazier. "It could attract another business... We should just move forward and do the whole thing ... Maybe attract someone right away."

Clerk Leon Wright asked why they wanted to do it all at one time.

"It's already zoned Industrial," Harvey said. "The advantage is when a company is looking to develop and bring a lot of jobs – high-paying jobs – and some company is doing a national search ... This would make it on their list."

"I don't see an issue," Clerk Wright said.

"If we don't establish the district, would it stop a business from coming?" Martin asked.

Harvey said that was possible.

Supervisor McNamara asked if having the district would stop the township from having a Local Development Finance

Authority (LDFA) district on that property and Stevenson said she didn't know.

"Haggerty Road needs a little bit of love," McNamara agreed. He explained the LDFA would capture five mills from the school tax and that could be moved over.

The board then voted 6-1 to approve Industrial Development District #25 for the whole property.

In other business at the one-hour-and-33-minute meeting on July 7 the board:

- Unanimously passed the first reading of ordinance 07-07-20 (1) to add clarifications to distinguish commercial and residential/non-commercial land uses in the C, Local Business, zoning district with respect to maximum building size and to clarify restrictions on dwellings in a non-residential zoning district. These changes were necessary to move forward the assisted living project planned for the southeast corner of Morton Taylor and Tyler roads on property owned by Walt and Joyce Rochowiak; and

- Unanimously approved a special land use request by Camping World to demolish 15,633 square feet on the east wing of their existing building, retain 28,239 square feet of the existing building, and create new RV parking and storage area at the site at 43646 N. I-94 Service Dr. Budd said this will make it a much more attractive area to people traveling on the roads. Frazier suggested Camping World look into rentals, which they do not offer now. She said she'd like to try one out before purchase.

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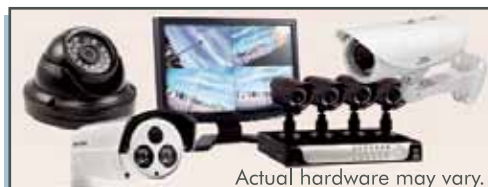
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Drawing Time: 7:30-8PM Chosen by Daily 3

Daily Prize: Cabelas Gift Card for the amount of gun listed for that day! Contact Kimberly @734.536.8881 to pick up prize!

Each Ticket

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Deadline to Purchase Tickets is July 31st, 2020!

ONLY 1000 Tickets will be sold!

For Tickets email: info@fireauxiliary.org

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