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## Raising the Curtain on ‘Rapunzel’



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Students gathered for auditions on Monday, July 20th, at McBride Middle School for parts in “Rapunzel” that will be presented on Saturday, July 25th, at 3 and 5 p.m. The Missoula Children’s Theatre is back in town to offer students an opportunity to appear onstage. The cast will be rehearsing everyday this week with the Missoula directors, Dakota Wayne and Jamie Allen, before their performances. This program is sponsored by The Belleville Area Council for the Arts.

## Belleville Council Honors First Responders at July 20 Meeting

**Emily Flesch**  
*Independent Reporter*

Four of Belleville’s finest and bravest were honored at the July 20 regular meeting of the Belleville City Council. Officers Chad Adam, Matt Vandeweghe, Nicholas Hill and Firefighter Ray Martin were presented with Life Saving Awards by Police Chief Kris Faull for demonstrating “extraordinary courage, compassion, and selfless concern for the life of a Belleville business owner during a critical emergency.”

Faull noted that the life-saving call had occurred on Officer Nicholas Hill’s first day on the job; Hill was officially sworn in at the opening at Monday’s meeting.

July 20 also marked City Manager Brady Peck’s first day on the job. Peck spent the day with Mayor Ken Voight, getting shown around and introduced to local officials. “I didn’t meet with everyone today, but thank you to everyone I did meet with, it’s been great,” reported Peck.

Peck’s selection process was brought up during the

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## Sumpter Township Board Clashes Over Deputy Supervisor Vote

**Sarah Rigg**  
*Managing Editor*

At its July 14 meeting, the Sumpter Township board of trustees voted on approval of the appointment of T.J. Bowman as deputy supervisor for the township, effective July 14 at a salary of \$82,000 per year.

Trustee Matthew Oddy said he was “on the record” as saying he doesn’t believe the township needs a deputy supervisor.

There was a lengthy discussion of whether he could be

appointed when the scope of his duties was unknown. Oddy also noted that the optics on past deputy supervisor appointments weren’t good, as they tended to appoint a spouse, child, or other relative as their deputy.

At first, deputy supervisor duties were describe as “statutory,” meaning only the duties mandated by law. Oddy pointed out that a very limited scope of activities is included in the statutory duties like passing a budget and signing contracts and did not include acting as a delegate to meetings such as those with the Conference of Western Wayne. Bowman then asked if the title could be “deputy supervisor

plus” to encompass more duties.

The motion failed on a 3-3 vote, and when it failed, Supervisor Timothy Bowman said he was through with the meeting and asked another trustee to take over.

Oddy said that he wasn’t saying that Bowman couldn’t serve as Bowman’s deputy, only that there needed to be a description of the expected hours and scope of duties and a discussion of pay and benefits before they could approve paying someone \$82,000 per year for a position that isn’t full-time.

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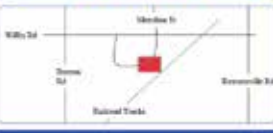
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BANF President Harry VanGelder



Editor Emeritus Rosemary Otzman



Managing Editor Sarah Rigg

## Celebrating a Local Journalism Legacy

The Belleville Area News Foundation, the nonprofit that supports the newspaper, hosted a charity banquet on the evening of July 16 at the BYC. Dignitaries in attendance included State Rep. Reggie Miller, U.S. Rep Debbie Dingell, and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, who along with other trustees, awarded editor emeritus Rosemary Otzman with a plaque. The new managing editor, Sarah Rigg, introduced herself and reporter Emily Flesch.

PHOTOS | ELENA MANALP



Pete LaFramboise



# O P I N I O N S

## From the Editor

### *Fundraising Party July 16 Marked Transition, Introduced New Team*



**Sarah Rigg**  
Managing Editor

The Belleville Area News Foundation (BANF), the nonprofit created to run the Belleville Area Independent, held a fundraiser party at the BYC on the evening of July 16. The event was to celebrate retired editor Rosemary Otzman's decades of service to the community and introduce the new team at the downtown office, assuring the community that the news will continue to be printed for the foreseeable future.

More than 100 people attended, from local dignitaries like Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin MacNamara to state Rep. Reggie Miller and U.S. Rep Debbie Dingell, along with dozens of supportive readers. You can see photos from the event on page 3 of this issue of the paper!

I have to say, you could feel the positive energy flowing through the room. Everybody was thrilled that Rosemary showed up for part of the program, though she might have stayed home if she knew that Rep. Miller would give a beautiful, heartfelt speech about Rosemary's 31 years covering the community and that local government officials would gift Rosemary with a plaque honoring her service.

The food was amazing, the gift baskets from local companies were so creative, and everybody seemed to be having a lot of fun. I was able to catch up with a few folks I knew from "back in the day" when I reported on Belleville from 1999-2004 and meet dozens of new people who told us how much they love the paper and wished me well in captaining the publication in the future.

I was called upon to give a little speech about my background and how I ended up back in Belleville. I also introduced the long-standing and new members of our team at the Independent. I also gave credit to the BANF board for being the

real MVPs of the transition, but I failed to single out our tireless volunteer, Elena Manalp, by name, and I should have.

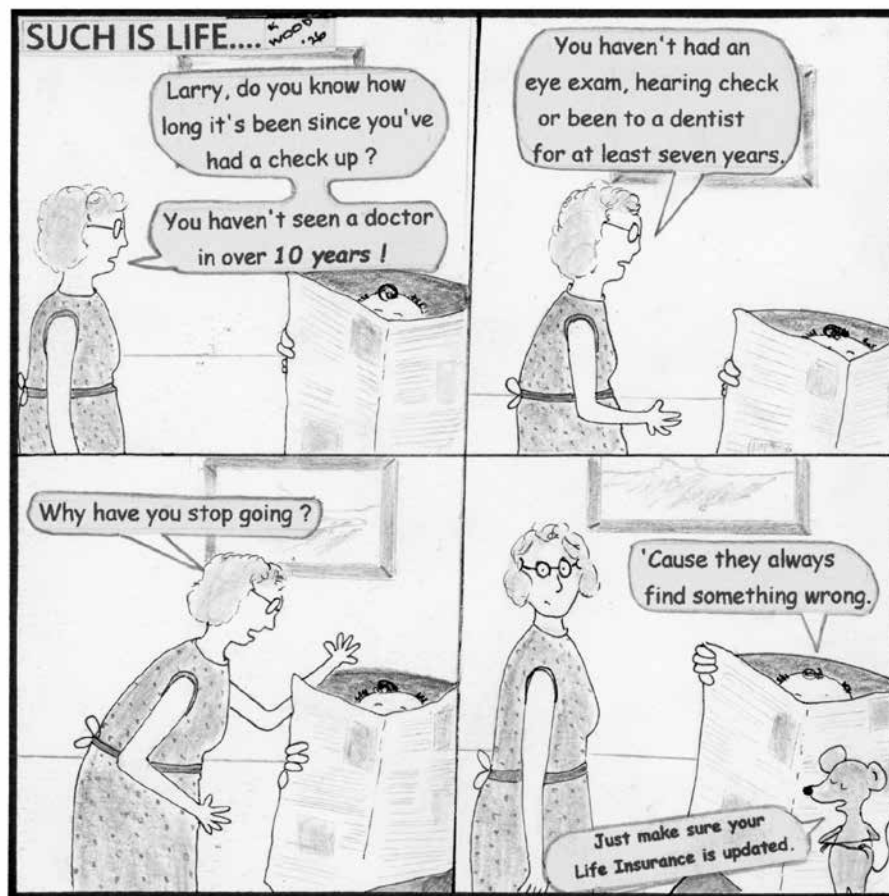
Elena has provided photos of community events, helped with technical difficulties, beefed up our Facebook page, and filled in with some page designer duties when our new page designer, Blair Temple, was out of town. So if you see her out and about or online, please say something nice to her.

And finally, thanks to all who came to support us on July 16. We had so much fun that we aren't going to wait too long to throw another party. Watch for the next one, come meet me and the rest of the team, and maybe win a fabulous prize!



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State Rep. Reggie Miller offered a heart-felt speech and presented a plaque to editor emeritus Rosemary Otzman during the Belleville Area Independent's Charity Banquet July 16.



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Growing Season Brings Growing Need

**Letter to the Editor,**

As the growing season starts to provide fresh vegetables, anyone who may have an abundance, may like to share with the clients of the Emergency Food Closet located at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St. If anyone would like to donate, Tuesdays, between 9 and 10 am, is a good drop off time. Since we are closed Thursday-Monday, we want to preserve freshness and our storage is limited. Our clients would be appreciative!

From January 1st-June 30th, 1,591 bags of food have been distributed. We have had 98 new clients, served 10 non-residents one time, and 8 homeless. On July 7th & 8th, 79 bags were distributed in 6 hours, had 8 new clients, and served one non-resident. The numbers continue to grow!

We are blessed to be able to help so many in our community! Thank you for your continued support.

**Marilyn Wood**  
*Coordinator,  
Emergency Food Closet*

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**Letter to the Editor,**

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teams and never missed a game for them or his grandkids. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and watching Westerns. He meticulously planned, planted and enjoyed a large garden every year. He was a big entertainer and loved to cook and loved to host a good barbeque. He even had a collection of cookbooks.

Mr. Gebhardt is survived by son Scott (Tamara) Gebhardt of Willis, MI, daughter Karrie Gebhardt of Belleville, MI, granddaughter Hannah (Jacob Bennink) Gebhardt, grandson Luke Gebhardt, also several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Virginia Kay (Rinne) Gebhardt, also his brother Frederick Gebhardt.

Visitation will be 5-8 PM Wednesday, and Thursday, July 23, 2026, from 10-11 AM with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Interment will be Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Angela Hospice and would be appreciated.

Thank you for keeping Edward and his family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

CLASHES

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Bowman then threw his pen and agenda on the floor and said, “I’m out of here,” and left the other trustees to finish the meeting.

*In other news, the Sumper Township board:*

- Presented a commendation for 25 years of volunteer service with the Sumpter Senior Center to Christine Wenderski.
- Heard a complaint from the owner of Sammy Auto Sales at 17450 Savage Rd. about unclear instructions from the planning commission about changes to the site use plan. Trustee Oddy proposed a meeting to collect the necessary information and provide the requested changes in writing to the owner.
- Received and filed department reports including the supervisor’s report, the attorney’s report, a finance report, a police/

ordinance report, a building report, and a fire report.

- Discussed the success of the township’s Sumpter Summer Jam celebration despite severe weather interrupting evening events. Township staff reported over 500 in attendance.
- Put a moratorium on department purchases until all department heads go through a training on how to properly make purchases and submit invoices to the township for reimbursement. The fire and police departments are exempt from the temporary moratorium.
- Accepted the non-duty disability retirement of Elizabeth Egerer.
- Approved a zoning compliance form and fee schedule.
- Approved a final separation PTO/Vacation payout of \$5,600 for Ken Martens.
- Accepted a Courts and Law Enforcement Management Information System (CLEMIS) Authority resolution and agreement.
- Approved replacing the township hall’s women and men’s restroom walls for \$8,600.
- Approved an application by Brian Messer for an annual private fireworks display at his Judd Road residence for July 18.
- Went into a private session to discuss three issues, including the township’s lawsuit against Republic and negotiations with unionized township employees.

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# Library Programs See Record Growth as Community Engagement Climbs

**Emily Flesch**

*Independent Reporter*

Library Director Mary Jo Suchy presented the board with a year-end report, highlighting library visits, information and technology usage, item checkouts, and program participation at the regular meeting on July 14.

While circulation and visits to the library remain relatively stable, participation in library programming surged, with adult programming up 59% and youth/teen programming climbing 39% from the previous year.

Internet usage is also on the rise with youth/teen log-ons increasing from 3,100 in 2024-25 to 3,799. Chairperson Sharon Peters stated that the library worked to develop policies to “assure that youth and teens are well-served, but also well supervised” and that other library patrons are able to work undisturbed.

These growing engagement numbers sparked a discussion among board members concerning how to

raise awareness of the many services the library offers beyond books, such as digital assistance and community workspaces, as well as the potential to utilize the library as a cooling/warming station during power outages.

In other business at the 66-minute meeting, the board:

Heard Chairperson Peters share her experience attending the Memory Café art show, on behalf of the art committee, remarking that it was “so joyful” and that she likes that “we are blending our programmatic work with our building capabilities to show off art;”

Received an update that work continues on the upcoming website redesign, including an accessibility statement and data privacy policies;

Learned that the library is currently obtaining quotes for new self-check and print-release kiosks, as the existing kiosks will not be supported beginning September 2026;

Was updated that following the October 2025 closing of main distributor Baker & Taylor, the library has been

ordering materials primarily through Ingram as well as Brodart and has a conference call scheduled with Follett Content Solutions to discuss their services;

Was encouraged by Trustee John Juriga to attend the Magic Bus concert at Music Lakeside on July 30, noting that the event usually draws 600 to 700 attendees (with some even dancing in the street) and called it “really cool, especially if you like Woodstock music;”

Heard Trustee Dan Fleming praise the library staff for their efforts in locating a copy of the 2026 film A Salute to Our WWII Generation: Let Us Not Forget, which the library is now attempting to secure public performance rights to show;

Acknowledged that the African American Book Club is celebrating its milestone 20th anniversary this year;

Announced that the next Belleville Area Library Board Meeting, originally scheduled for Aug. 11, is canceled;

All board members were present for the meeting, which concluded at 8:36 p.m.

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# Taste of Belleville Returns July 20, Annual Bridge Walk Canceled

**Sarah Rigg**  
Managing Editor

During the Belleville Central Business Community (CBC) meeting in July, members heard a report from Belleville Police Chief and interim city

manager Kristin Faull that ongoing road construction near the Belleville bridge will mean the annual bridge walk that typically takes place during the Taste of Belleville festival has to be canceled this year. Faull said that construction at the intersection of Denton and Main is

expected to continue through early September, making it too hazardous to allow the bridge walk this year. In 2026, Taste of Belleville coincides with Third Thursdays celebrations and takes place from 6-8 p.m. July 20 in Belleville’s Horizon Park.

The event will include tastings from dozens of local food businesses, a Rubber Ducky Race at 6:30 p.m., and lakeside music. More information is available at [bellevillecentralbusinesscommunity.com/taste-of-belleville](http://bellevillecentralbusinesscommunity.com/taste-of-belleville).

# DTW Debuts New Parking Guidance System at McNamara Terminal

Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) recently announced the implementation of a new parking guidance system at the Edward H. McNamara Terminal Parking Garage, with the goal of using advanced technology to enhance customer experience. The \$25 million project, which includes the parking structures at both the McNamara and Warren Cleage Evans terminals, allows arriving customers the opportunity to review availability by level, aisle, and individual space in real time. The newly installed technology supports a more efficient and streamlined parking process while also adding an extra layer of security. “The launch of our new parking guidance system at the McNamara Terminal marks a significant milestone in our ongoing commitment to delivering a world-class

experience for every traveler passing through Detroit Metro Airport,” said Wayne County Airport Authority CEO Chad Newton in a press release. “This investment brings real-time visibility down to the individual space, giving our customers the information they need to make decisions quickly and confidently.” The guidance system uses a color-coded light configuration to help guests identify parking availability throughout the structure. A green light indicates an open space, red represents an occupied spot and blue highlights available handicapped parking. The McNamara parking deck is convenient for customers flying Delta Air Lines, the largest carrier at DTW, and its partners. As an additional benefit, the new system is integrated with the exist Park Assist app, which allows users to view

live parking availability before arriving at the airport. The app, which interfaces with the new technology, also helps users easily locate their vehicle upon returning from their trip. DTW offers more than 16,000 spots in its parking garages. Installation of the parking guidance system for the Big Blue Deck, which supports parking at the Evans Terminal, has begun and is expected to go live later in 2026. Once the system is fully implemented, customers should anticipate an overall improvement in traffic flow and a decrease in the time required to navigate both parking garages. Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport (DTW) welcomed more than 33 million passengers in 2025. Visit [www.metroairport.com](http://www.metroairport.com) for more information.

# Roadwork in Sumpter to Start Aug. 3

**Wayne County, MI** – Wayne County Department of Public Services will perform bridge reconstruction including culvert replacement, concrete pavement, guardrail, signing and pavement markings on Willow Road east of Sumpter Road in Sumpter Township. Construction is scheduled to start on Monday, Aug. 3 and is estimated to be completed by late fall 2026, barring any unforeseen delays or inclement weather. This work will require closure of Willow Road between Sumpter Road

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On Monday, July 20, the alligator on top of the former Bayou Grill got a new paint job, preparing for the opening of the new business taking over the space, Atwater Bar & Grill, run by the same owners as several Atwater Tacos locations in the downriver area.

Business Briefs for the Belleville area

Little Caesars announced July 16 the opening of its newest restaurant in Belleville, located at 6055 Rawsonville Rd. The new location will serve guests Sunday through Thursday from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., with extended hours on Friday and Saturday until midnight. The grand opening celebration for this new Little Caesars will be held in August, details TBA. This free, public event will include giveaways, free entertainment, and a variety of exciting activities for guests of all ages. Additional details about the celebration will be announced soon.

Basement Risk Check, an independent Michigan homeowner resource based in Livonia, recently released its annual basement flooding report, which showed that conditions in Belleville have worsened since the last report. Belleville was one of the biggest movers in the latest update,

with its score rising from 28 to 37 out of 100 and into the Elevated risk band, the second-largest genuine increase among all 116 metro Detroit communities. The report reran its Basement Risk Index on the newest Census housing data (ACS 2020-2024) and spot-checked Belleville's move directly against data.census.gov to confirm the change. The index weighs each neighborhood's housing vintage and the region's soil and drainage characteristics against documented metro Detroit flood history. The largest single driver is housing age, and the second is metro Detroit's heavy clay soil.

Haggerty Nutrition Cafe, 9830 Haggerty Rd, is hosting an ongoing Back to School supply donation drive through Sept. 1. Those who donate an entire bag or set of supplies will receive a coupon for a free large tea, redeemable on Sept. 5 only.

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# Belleville Group Protests Against Recent ICE Killings

**Emily Flesch**

Independent Reporter

As the sun set over Belleville Lake, a group of concerned citizens gathered in Horizon Park on Sunday to honor two men who were killed earlier this month by officers of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

The intimate vigil, one of over 70 happening this week as part of a national call to action, began with a prayer led by Margery Kauth-Karjala.

Following the prayer, attendees took turns reading the names of people who lost their lives at the hands of ICE or while in custody. After each name was spoken, the group responded together with the refrain, "Say their name."

This memorial came together quickly. It wasn't planned until Friday afternoon when news of a nationwide call for grassroots groups to host local vigils was brought to the attention of Belleville Area Friends Indivisible (BAFI) Group Leader Madonna Mrocca.

The national movement was sparked by two fatal shootings by ICE agents. On July 7, 52-year-old Lorenzo Salgado Araujo was driving his construction crew to a jobsite in Houston when he was shot and killed in



his own vehicle by an ICE agent. Only six days later, on July 13, 25-year-old Johan Sebastián Durán Guerrero was fatally shot during an attempted traffic stop at an intersection in Biddeford, Maine.

The Department of Homeland Security has confirmed that nei-

ther of the men was the intended target during the stops.

"It is clear that they are ramping up once again and they are acting lawlessly and without regard for human life," said Mrocca, emphasizing the urgency to call on federal and local leaders for transparency

and accountability. "We haven't really been hit in Belleville by ICE," she explained, "but our ask and our demand is that they do not get support from the police."

Councilman Randy Priest attended the event and stated that he had brought these concerns directly to Belleville law officials and had been assured that "nobody's doing anything in this town without a warrant."

BAFI joins grassroots groups across the United States as well as the families of Salgado Araujo and Durán Guerrero with these demands:

**Immediate Transparency:** DHS must immediately release the key witnesses to Salgado Araujo's death and halt their deportation proceedings so they can safely participate in any investigation and legal process;

**Independent Investigation:** A full, independent investigation into these killings that includes cooperation from all law enforcement agencies and accountability for any officer found to have committed misconduct;

**Safety Over Surveillance:** For Belleville and Van Buren Township leaders to end the use of state resources to support federal immigration enforcement, end the use of mass surveillance technologies, and prioritize com-



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munity safety;

**Corporate Accountability:** For businesses and corporations to exercise their Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights to protect employees and refuse to cooperate with ICE's attempts to access private property or customer information.

"We should remember them and hold them up and fight for what we can," BAFI member Bethany St. Andrew said.

BAFI invites residents to join them in weekly meetings via Zoom at noon through the summer and in person at the Belleville Area District Library on the third Tuesday of the month. Information can be found at [bafindivisible.com](http://bafindivisible.com).

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# Union Protests Stellantis Project Over Local Jobs

The United Union of Roofers, Waterproofers & Allied Workers Local 149 is picketing the Stellantis project with “local jobs for local workers” signs. The union’s business manager, Brian Gregg, says there are at least 200 workers on the picket line. “I haven’t seen a picket line this big since the 90s,” Gregg said. In a written statement for the press, Local 149 reps wrote: “Stellantis claims they’re ‘just leasing’ this building. Yet they’re still receiving massive tax breaks tied to ownership. So we’re asking Michigan’s investigative reporters ... to dig in. Find out who really owns this land, who really owns the building, and why Stellantis is getting tax incentives if they’re not the owner. Michigan deserves answers. When you hire out of state, Michigan loses.”

## Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, July 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., administration building

■ Tuesday, July 28 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.

■ Monday, Aug. 3 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

■ Tuesday, Aug. 4 – Van Buren Township meeting cancelled due to election.

■ Monday, Aug. 10 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., administration building

■ Tuesday, Aug. 11 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Aug. 12 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

■ Thursday, Aug. 13 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Aug. 17 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Trustees daylong
- budget review meeting

■ Tuesday, Aug. 18 –Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed

■ Monday, Aug. 24 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., administration building

■ Tuesday, Aug. 25 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Aug. 26 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

■ Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Buren Township Board of Trustees daylong budget review meeting

■ Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

n Thursday, Sept. 10 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 14 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

■ Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed

■ Monday, Sept. 21 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

■ Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Sept. 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

■ Monday, Oct. 5 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

■ Tuesday, Oct. 6 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed

■ Thursday, Oct. 8 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 12 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

■ Tuesday, Oct. 13 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Oct. 14 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Oct. 19 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

■ Tuesday, Oct. 20 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed

■ Monday, Oct. 26 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

■ Tuesday, Oct. 27 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.

■ Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

■ Monday, Nov. 2 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.

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## MUSINGS



**Janet Millard**  
Advertising Director

Well, it is finally here. Rapunzel will be presented by the Missoula Children's Theatre on Saturday, July 25 at McBride Middle School. There will be two performances at 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. I hope many of you will be able to attend one of the performances to see what a

wonderful play can be accomplished in five days!

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I know many are exasperated that the Denton Road Bridge won't be open until the City gets the intersection and some sidewalks replaced. It has been much too long but the bridge is looking beautiful and before September the street and sidewalks will be perfect again. Since it is what it is everyone take a deep breath and know it will be worth the wait!!

The Belleville Central Business Community is knee deep in plans for the annual Taste of Belleville. However, because of the above construction project, there will be no Bridge Walk this year. On August 20 at 6:00 p.m. High Street and Horizon Park will be buzzing with activity with great food, a DJ, facepainting for the kids, and at 7:00 p.m. Music Lakeside with the DTour Band. Lucky Ducky tickets are available with the RotaZry Club members and that race will take place at 6:00 p.m. This is our last hurrah before we have to

settle down for school to start.

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So glad that Cedar Woods had a great turn-out last week despite the darn fire from Canada. See their full page this week thanking their sponsors.

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Music Lakeside had to cancel their concert last week because of the air quality but with any kind of luck we will be to hear Rock 22 this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. on High Street. Providing the food this week is Unco Chad's Hawaiian Flavaz.

## Things to do in Belleville Area

■ Thursday, July 23 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "Rock 22."

■ Friday, July 24 – Taco Margarita Night, 5-7 p.m. VFW Post 82 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron Dr. Proceeds support building fund.

■ Saturday, July 25 – Sumpter Township Family Fun Day, Graham Park, noon-3 p.m. Face painting, bounce house, games for all, and more. Free.

■ Monday, July 27 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Wednesday, July 29 – Summer Beats at the Plaza 7-8:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chairs or blanket, south lawn of the Van Buren Community Center. Free.

■ Thursday, July 30 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "Magic Bus."

■ Friday, July 31 – Harper Strong Foundation fundraiser, 6-11 p.m. at the BYC, featuring the Dan Rafferty Band.

■ Saturday, Aug. 1 – Bowling with the Bots Cosmic Bowling fundraiser, registration at 12:30, bowling at 1 p.m., Lodge Lanes. [www.tigerrobotics.net](http://www.tigerrobotics.net).

■ Monday, Aug. 3 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Thursday, Aug. 6 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "Stay Tuned."

■ Monday, Aug. 10 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Wednesday, Aug. 12 – Mid-Week Music at Harris Park 7-9 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy this free outdoor concert with JOVI & Poison Tribute Bands.

■ Thursday, Aug. 13 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's

"The Kreellers."

■ Saturday, Aug. 15 – Join in for an Antique Tractor Poker Run to earn money for local chapter of Future Farmers of America and suicide awareness. Starts at Gotz Farm, 657 Labo Rd., Carleton, goes to JMI Dundee, 607 Main St., Dundee; then Maybee Farmers Co-op Holly, 7751 Blue Bush Rd., Maybee, to the Traskos farm at 44077 Willis Rd., Sumpter Township and then back to the Gotz Farm. Live music, food vendors, raffle prizes. Tractors need to run 13 mph. For information call (517) 403-5355 or email

trolleyman@tc3net.com. Also, see: [www.semichiganpokerrun.com](http://www.semichiganpokerrun.com).

■ Monday, Aug. 17 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Wednesday, Aug. 19 – Mid-Week Music at Harris Park 7-9 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy this free outdoor concert with Packin' Heat Band.

■ Thursday, Aug. 20 – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's "DTour Band." Also, Taste of Belleville

night.

■ Monday, Aug. 24 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Wednesday, Aug. 19 – Harris Park Birthday, 5-7 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and enjoy this free outdoor concert with Flue Cocktail & the Renegades Band.

■ Monday, Aug. 31 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

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# Birthdays

July 23 – Dee Crowe  
July 27 – Michael Ramey  
July 27 – Marlina Gerick  
August 1 – Joyce Bates-Edwards

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## Charter Twp. of Van Buren Public Notice

### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **August 12, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room. The Planning Commission will consider the following item:

**Case 23-031: Crossroads North Building 10 Distribution Center:** A request by Ashley Capital to construct Building 10 at their Crossroads North site which is classified as a Distribution Center. This Distribution Center consists of one (1) building with a ground area of approximately 799,668 square feet of space and affiliated site improvements. The distribution center and auxiliary improvements will be constructed at the Crossroads North property which is located on the south side of Van Born Road, west of Haggerty Road, (parcel ID 83-005-01-0004-703), in property zoned M-T – Industrial Transportation District.

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

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

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## Charter Twp. of Van Buren Public Notice

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

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, August 11th, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held in person at Van Buren Township Hall, located at **46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111**, in the Board Room.

**Case # 26-014** - Request for a dimensional variance by owner Tony Gioutsos to construct a pool and fencing enclosure surrounding the perimeter located at 41841 S. I-94 Service Drive, parcel ID# 83-056-99-0012-702.

- Section 7.205(B): Fences, Walls and Other Protective Barriers:
- Location:
    - o “Fences and walls shall not extend toward the front of the lot nearer than the front of the principal building or the required minimum front yard setback, whichever is greater...”
    - o Fencing is proposed to extend 13 feet, 1 inch beyond the front of the principal building
    - o **13 feet, 1 inch variance requested**

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

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# Sumpter Planning Commission Considers Wetland Bank Ordinance

Sarah Rigg  
Managing Editor

The Sumpter Township planning commission has been considering a new Wetland Bank Ordinance, with discussions about the matter taking place in both the June and July meetings of the commission.

A wetland bank, sometimes called a mitigation bank, is a wetland area managed to offset ecological damage caused by a development project somewhere else. When the habitats are restored, the bank generates “credits” that developers or farmers can purchase to fulfill legal compensatory mitigation requirements.

Matthew Oddy, Sumpter Township trustee and liaiaison to the planning commission, says that when a mitigation bank was done on Judd Road in 2024, there was “no real process” to follow.

The township placed a moratorium on the banks so that the planning commission can formalize that process as a township ordinance.

Oddy noted that Sumpter Township has the highest concentration of wetlands of any municipaliy in Wayne County, and nobody can “create a wetland on wetlands,” so that means turning “prime property” into wetlands and reducing the available tax base in the community.

“We end up housing the wetlands and don’t get the benefit of tax base,” Oddy said. “This is a great start to have control over what happens and not allow the state to do whatever it wants whenever it wants.”

The Wetland Bank Ordinance will return to the Aug. 13 Planning Commission meeting that will include a public hearing. After the public hearing, the commission will make their recommendation for the Board of Trustees. Deputy Clerk Samantha Herman said the earliest meeting that the comission’s recommended decision will most likely be placed on is the Aug. 25 agenda.

- In other Sumpter planning news, the commission:*
- Considered a site plan for 50637 Bemis, the former site of Mount Hermon Missionary Baptist Church. The planning commission requested several corrections including replacing invasive species with native ones in the landscaping plan.
  - Discussed a moratorium on data centers. Oddy said a 205-acre site on Bemis is under consideration.

## RESPONDERS

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Citizen Comment portion of the meeting, with a question regarding why they chose him over other candidates with more experience. There was also a concern that a candidate’s personal life and sexuality may have influenced their decision.

Mayor Ken Voigt responded that the decision was ultimately based on qualifications, education and experience, as well as which candidate would stay in the position long-term, given the recent city manager turnover.

“It’s a very difficult decision and it’s not one that we want to take lightly,” said Voigt, noting that any candidate’s personal life “wasn’t a factor in the decision.”

Councilmember Randy Priest voiced that he had some concerns that the community might not understand the process and previously requested that the meeting minutes of June 13 and June 22 be amended. While they do not detail the entire process, Priest said they give insight into what each council member was thinking. These minutes are available at [bellevilleonthelake.com/meetings](http://bellevilleonthelake.com/meetings).

- In other business at the 1-hour and 44 minute meeting, the council:
- Saw a presentation by Waterworth representatives regarding water/sewer rate

- findings and three possible rate increase scenarios;
- Approved the purchase of two Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the Municipal Building in the amount of \$240 per month (\$2,880 per year) from Cintas to replace the current outdated models;
  - Entered a closed session to discuss pending litigation with legal counsel and took no formal action upon returning;
  - Was updated that DTE is open to attending a future council meeting to answer questions regarding power outages. Councilmember Kelly Bates noted that DTE customers who experienced outages and damages may be eligible for reimbursement credits and can file a claim at [dteenergy.com](http://dteenergy.com) (Business & Emergency Services > Damages & Reliability Credits);
  - Responded to a citizen concern regarding people parking in a no-parking zone in front of the Veterans Memorial at Horizon Park and discussed possible solutions
  - Heard Councilmember Julie Kissel announce that tickets for the Belleville Public Safety Auxiliary “Touchdown for Safety” Tailgate Raffle are on sale for \$10
  - Heard Mayor Voigt thank the police chief and city employees who helped distribute masks last week to aid residents dealing with smoke from the Canadian wildfires and stated that “this is something that we need to stay prepared for.”

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, July 12:**  
1735 Animal complaint, Menlo Park Dr  
1842 Animal complaint, N Edgemont Ave/E Huron River Dr  
(missing time stamp) Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave  
2254 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, High St

**Monday, July 13:**  
2117 Personal injury accident, N Liberty St/ Main St

**Tuesday, July 14:**  
0107 Assist fire dept, N Liberty St  
0204 Animal complaint, Industrial Park Dr/ Sumpter Rd  
1050 Welfare check, Menlo Park Dr  
1850 Property damage accident, South St/E Wabash Ave  
2207 Welfare check, South St  
2238 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Main St

**Wednesday, July 15:**  
1254 Juvenile Complaint, N Liberty St  
1533 Family trouble, Charles St  
1902 Civil matter, Charles St  
1935 Property damage accident, E Huron River Dr  
2145 Assist citizen, Village Park

**Thursday, July 16:**  
0331 Welfare check, Carmell St  
0904 Harassment call, High St  
0932 Alarm intrusion, Huron River Dr  
0947 Private property impound, South St  
1436 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Denton Rd/N Liberty St  
1501 Leaving the scene property damage accident, N Biggs Ave  
1805 Follow up by officer, Main St  
2031 Welfare check, Carmell St  
2112 Assist other dept, W Columbia Ave  
2138 Assist other dept, Main St

**Friday, July 17:**  
0111 Assist fire dept, Menlo Park Dr  
1746 Welfare check, W Columbia Ave  
2025 Parking complaint, N Liberty St/Main St (missing time stamp) Parking complaint, N Liberty St

**Saturday, July 18:**  
0257 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, W Columbia Ave  
0421 Alarm intrusion, Victorian Ln  
1035 Alarm intrusion, Main St  
1155 Mental subj, San Carlos St  
1750 Welfare check, Carmell St  
1909 Assist fire dept, High St  
2022 Neighbor troub, Menlo Park Dr  
2128 Ordinance violation, Menlo Park Dr

These logs also contained 54 traffic stops and 7 property checks.

Van Buren Twp. Police Dispatch Log

**Sunday, July 12:**  
0005 911 welfare check, Briarcliff Dr/ Briarwood Dr  
0020 Parking complaint, Robson Rd  
Sunday, July 12 (continued):  
0041 Welfare check, Sadie Ln  
0119 Noise complaint, Daisy Blvd  
0133 Alarm intrusion, S I-94 Service Dr  
0149 Assist other dept, Quirk Rd  
0236 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Tyler Rd  
0339 Noise complaint, N Ponderosa Trl  
0522 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Haggerty Rd  
(missing time stamp) Welfare check, Laguna Dr  
0926 Civil matter, Bog Rd  
1111 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville Rd  
1124 911 welfare check, Holly Ln  
1311 Malicious destruction, Tyler Rd  
1336 Trespassing, Rawsonville Rd  
1401 Ppo violation, Aspen Lane  
1548 Assist other dept, Haggerty Rd  
1633 B&E, Sheldon Rd  
1707 Motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd/W Huron River Dr  
1718 Property damage accident, DNR Boat Launch Rawsonville  
1809 Welfare check, Tyler Rd/Beck Rd  
1824 Warrant arrest, Michigan/Belleville  
1827 Civil matter, Woodwall Ct  
1843 Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd  
1852 Assist fire dept, Hull Rd  
1908 Larceny, Haggerty Rd  
1951 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd  
2014 Threat, Denton Rd  
2118 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Tyler Rd  
2146 Personal injury accident, S I-94 Service Dr/Denton Rd  
2152 Animal complaint, Harmony Ln  
2216 Unauthorized driving away of automobile, Parkwood Dr  
2247 Fireworks, Park Estates Dr/Brandi  
2305 Civil matter, Ventura Dr  
2309 Noise complaint, Greenbriar Dr  
2311 Trespassing, Mission Pointe  
2338 Assist fire dept, S I-94 Service Dr

**Monday, July 13:**  
0118 Disorderly, N I-94 Service Dr  
0130 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S I-94 Service Dr  
0206 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr  
0353 Alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd  
0414 Assist other dept, Pebblebrook Dr  
0637 Animal complaint, Aspen  
0657 Noise complaint, Holly Ln  
0838 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd  
0933 Bank detail-VB only, Tyler Rd  
1141 Property damage accident, Tyler Rd/ Haggerty Rd  
1221 Welfare check, Revere Dr/Dorchester Dr  
1420 Malicious destruction, Jackson St  
1508 Family trouble, Holly Ln  
1518 Property damage accident, Ecorse Rd/

Denton Rd  
1523 911 welfare check, Ruthan Dr  
1608 Animal complaint, Purple Sage Ct  
1612 Road hazard, Haggerty Rd/E Huron River Dr  
1627 Traffic offense, Belleville  
1924 Welfare check, Presidential Dr/Liberty Ln  
1934 Animal complaint, Harmony Ln  
1951 Suicidal person, W I-94/Belleville Rd  
2108 Family trouble, Locust Dr  
2138 Traffic offense, Hull Rd/Sumpter Rd  
2138 Juvenile compl, Arlene Ln  
2209 Welfare check, Van Born

**Tuesday, July 14:**  
0325 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S I-94 Service Dr  
0709 Animal complaint, Jackson St  
0817 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd  
0839 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd/Coca Cola Dr  
0907 Ordinance violation, Van Buren St  
0931 Ordinance violation, Lighthouse Dr  
0948 Animal complaint, America  
0958 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank  
0959 Ordinance violation, Belleville Rd  
1047 Ordinance violation, Oak Lane  
1120 Ordinance violation, Belleville Rd  
1124 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Ivy Dr  
1208 Property damage accident, Denton Rd/Ecorse Rd  
1234 Animal complaint, Parkwood Dr  
1305 Alarm intrusion, Pebblebrook Dr  
1330 Malicious destruction, Belleville Rd  
1429 Leaving the scene property damage accident, Van Born Rd/Belleville Rd  
1506 Domestic, Rose Blvd  
1509 Welfare check, Richard Run Dr  
1555 Mental subj, Oak Ln  
1632 911 welfare check, Lake Point Pass  
1732 Trespassing, Belleville Rd  
1845 Animal complaint, Belleville  
1935 Animal complaint, Denton Rd  
2011 Suicidal person, Quirk Rd  
2131 Vagrant, Belleville Rd  
2145 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Alba Ct  
2341 Alarm intrusion, Harmony Ln  
2345 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Parkwood Dr  
(missing time stamp) Retail fraud, Belleville Rd

**Wednesday, July 15:**  
0648 Animal complaint, Presidential Estates  
0754 Welfare check, McKinley St  
0812 Unauthorized driving away of automobile, Anna Dr  
0905 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd  
0916 Traffic offense, Haggerty Rd/McBride Ave  
0932 Welfare check, Timberview Ct  
0932 Ordinance violation, Sumpter Rd  
1036 Trespassing, Harmony Ln  
1043 Ordinance violation, Pond Ridge Ln  
1048 Larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr  
1056 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd  
1138 Neighbor troub, Lake Point Pass  
1200 Larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr  
1212 Assist other dept, Bayshore Dr  
1221 Larceny, Stonebridge Dr

1322 Animal complaint, Belleville Rd  
1344 Assist fire dept, N I-275/Ecorse  
1400 Personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd/ Denton Rd  
1438 911 welfare check, Elwell Rd  
1449 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, W Archwood Dr  
1510 Civil matter, Van Born  
1518 Larceny, Belleville Rd  
1535 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank  
1638 Mental subj, Elwell Rd  
1753 Traffic offense, Ecorse Rd/Hannan Rd  
1955 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville Rd  
2015 Mental subj, Parkwood Dr  
2130 911 welfare check, Stamford Rd  
2158 Larceny, Country Ln  
(missing time stamp) Repossession, Pinewood Ln

**Thursday, July 16:**  
0001 Disorderly, Belleville  
0002 Noise complaint, Martinsville Rd  
0159 911 welfare check, Village Green Ln  
0531 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Haggerty Rd  
0811 Dumping complaint, Belleville Rd  
0826 Ordinance violation, Vista Dr  
0908 Animal complaint, Holly Ln  
0925 Fraud, Oak Ln  
0934 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank  
1054 Larceny, Ecorse Rd  
1154 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Lenmoore Ave  
1244 Civil matter, Tyler Rd  
1258 Welfare check, N I-94 Service Dr  
1346 Larceny, Chloe Ct  
1402 Parking complaint, Fay Dr  
1417 Parking complaint, Solitude Ln/ Stonebridge Dr  
1446 Alarm intrusion, Celestine Dr  
1510 Domestic, Belleville Rd  
1511 Assist other dept, Haggerty Rd/N Haggerty I-94 Ramp E  
1519 Ordinance violation, Tyler Rd  
1648 Animal complaint, Brookside Dr  
1836 Animal complaint, Denton Rd  
1858 Assist fire dept, Belleville Rd  
1901 Animal complaint, Ashbury Dr  
2000 Civil matter, Ecorse Rd  
2045 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Sylvia Dr  
2140 Alarm intrusion, S I-94 Service Dr  
2156 Malicious destruction, Belleville Rd  
2200 Disorderly, Western St  
2227 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Michigan Ave  
2229 Juvenile compl, Beacon Trl  
2311 Domestic, Peachtree Ln  
2316 Suicidal person, Timberview Ct  
2347 Unauthorized driving away of automobile, W Archwood Dr  
(missing time stamp) Repossession, Ash Dr

**Friday, July 17:**  
0009 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S Sadie Ln  
0048 Trespassing, Belleville Rd  
0218 Alarm intrusion, Tyler Rd  
0621 Alarm intrusion, Bemis Rd  
0956 911 welfare check, Belleville Rd  
1058 Trespassing, Belleville Rd  
1134 Pp pda, Belleville Rd

1221 Neighbor troub, Renton Rd  
1324 Trespassing, Belleville Rd  
1355 Civil matter, Oak Ln  
1507 Leaving the scene property damage  
accident, Belleville  
1520 Leaving the scene property damage  
accident, Belleville Rd  
1536 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd  
1621 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance,  
N I-94 Service Dr/Jackson St  
1713 Malicious destruction, W Huron River  
Dr  
1844 911 welfare check, N I-94 Service Dr/  
Belleville Rd  
1847 911 welfare check, Maple Dr  
2210 Property damage accident, E I-94/  
Belleville  
2322 Property damage accident, Haggerty  
Rd/Ecorse Rd  
2337 Shooting, Sumpter Rd/Hull Rd  
(missing time stamp) Repossession, Anna  
Dr  
(missing time stamp) Parking complaint,  
Belleville Rd

**Saturday, July 18:**  
0338 Threat, Denton Rd  
0417 Shooting, Sadie Ln  
0850 Animal complaint, Barnwell Dr  
0913 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance,  
Peachtree Ln  
0954 Domestic, Winchester St  
1218 Trespassing, Burlwood Ln/  
Woodgrove Dr  
1234 Property damage accident,  
Rawsonville  
1314 Animal complaint, Belleville Rd

1428 Assist other dept, Elwell Rd  
1456 Assist fire dept, Kahla Dr  
1703 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd  
1816 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd  
1904 Assist fire dept, High  
1915 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance,  
Anna Dr  
2005 Welfare check, Stonebridge Dr/  
Forestdale Dr  
2102 Traffic offense, Martinsville Rd/Riggs  
Rd  
2121 Vehicle lockout, S I-94 Service Dr  
2135 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance,  
S Ponderosa Trl  
2139 Family trouble, Mott  
2226 Fireworks, Park Estates

*These logs also contained 102 traffic stops  
and 1 property check from July 12-18.*

**Sumpter Police  
Dispatch Log**

**Sunday, July 12:**  
0247 Neighbor dispute, New Mexico St  
0423 Assist other agency, Clark Rd/Judd Rd  
0537 Shots fired, Sherwood Rd/Willow Rd  
0926 Civil matter, Willow Rd  
0937 Alarm, Rawsonville Rd  
1116 Assist fire dept, Meri Dr  
1229 Suspicious vehicle, Harris Rd  
1414 Suspicious circumstance, Magnolia  
Dr  
1525 Assist fire dept, Bohn Rd  
1641 Civil matter, Sumpter Rd  
1642 911 hangup, Judd Rd

1751 Civil matter, Elwell Rd  
1751 Civil matter, Rustic Ln  
1949 Follow-up investigation, Rustic Ln  
2217 Suspicious person, Willis Rd/  
Rawsonville Rd  
**Monday, July 13:**  
0017 Family trouble, Washington St  
0109 Suspicious person, Sumpter Rd  
0110 Welfare check, Washington St  
0134 Suspicious circumstance, Washington  
St  
0202 Suspicious person, Sherwood Rd  
0522 Suspicious circumstance, Virginia St  
0647 911 hangup, Haggerty Rd  
1139 Civil matter, Sherwood Rd  
1159 Assault, Washington St  
1205 Citizen assist, Harris Rd/Haggerty Rd  
1323 Assist other agency, Dunn Rd  
1429 Citizen assist, Out of township  
1440 Suspicious circumstance, Willow Rd  
1501 Welfare check, Rustic Ln  
1503 Citizen assist, Sumpter Rd  
1539 Animal complaint, Oakville Waltz Rd  
1545 Personal injury accident, Birch Dr/  
Arbor Ln  
1618 Citizen assist, Sumpter Rd  
1901 911 hangup, Sumpter Rd  
1917 Citizen assist, Oregon St  
1942 Mental health call, Arkona Rd  
1944 911 hangup, New Mexico St  
2051 Civil matter, Willow Rd  
2129 Animal complaint, Willow Rd  
2132 Civil matter, Arkona Rd  
2140 Juvenile matter, California

**Tuesday, July 14:**  
0407 Assist fire dept, Willis Rd  
0659 Motorist assist, Sumpter Rd/Dunn Rd  
1440 Alarm, Brookview Dr  
1451 Welfare check, Sumpter Rd  
1519 Alarm, Collyer Ln  
1542 Larceny report, Edgewood Dr  
1922 Assist fire dept, Sumpter Rd  
2110 911 hangup, Willow Rd  
2129 Family trouble, Judd Rd  
2152 Misdemeanor warrant arrest, Rustic  
Ln/Rawsonville Rd  
2302 Assist fire dept, Carleton West Rd

**Wednesday, July 15:**  
0623 Suspicious person, Colorado St  
1304 Welfare check, Mulberry Dr

1328 Juvenile matter, Sumpter Rd  
1454 Civil matter, Oregon St  
1618 Civil matter, Sumpter Rd  
1732 Assist fire dept, Rawsonville Rd  
1742 Suspicious circumstance, Mulberry Dr  
1858 Welfare check, Judd Rd  
1954 Assist fire dept, Brookview Dr  
2033 Citizen assist, Brookview Dr/Rustic  
Ln  
2257 Traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter Rd/  
Willis Rd

**Thursday, July 16:**  
1200 911 hangup, Sumpter Rd  
1244 Alarm, Willow Rd  
1705 Open burning, Kozma Trl  
2050 Citizen assist, Sumpter Rd  
2313 Suspicious circumstance, Nevada St  
2323 Assist fire dept, Sumpter Rd  
0003 Animal complaint, Judd Rd

Friday, July 17:  
0024 911 hangup, Haggerty Rd  
0927 Traffic complaint/hazard, Judd Rd  
0941 Welfare check, Willis Rd  
1141 Property damage accident, Sumpter  
Rd/Willis Rd  
1144 Suspicious circumstance, Carleton  
West Rd  
1157 Harassment complaint, Edgewood Dr  
1321 Assist fire dept, Bemis Rd  
1428 Neighbor dispute, Greenmeadow Dr  
2322 Traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville  
Rd/Oakville Waltz Rd  
2326 Family trouble, Oregon  
2343 Noise complaint, Elwell Rd

**Saturday, July 18:**  
0040 Welfare check, Bohn Rd  
0054 Noise complaint, Elwell Rd  
0241 Assist fire dept, Oregon St  
0435 Assist fire dept, Sumpter Rd  
1052 Citizen assist, Nevada St  
1349 911 hangup, California St/Alaska St  
1440 Assist fire dept, Tamarack Rd  
1844 OWI arrest, Willow Rd/Elwell Rd  
1921 Welfare check, Willis Rd  
2204 Noise complaint, Judd Rd  
2228 Suspicious circumstance, Sumpter Rd  
2230 Suspicious circumstance, Birch

*These logs also contained 77 traffic stops,  
10 misc. details, and 144 property checks.*

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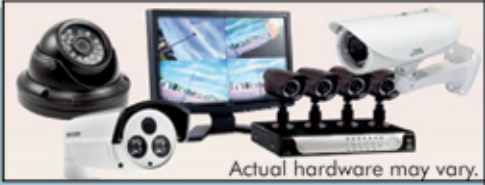
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## Upcoming Meetings

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■ Tuesday, Nov. 3 – Van Buren Township meeting canceled due to election.  
■ Wednesday, Nov. 4 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.  
■ Monday, Nov. 9 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons  
■ Tuesday, Nov. 10 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.  
■ Thursday, Nov. 12 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter

Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.  
■ Monday, Nov. 16 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.  
■ Tuesday, Nov. 17 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed  
■ Wednesday, Nov. 18 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.  
■ Monday, Nov. 23 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons



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