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F R E E

VBТ woman dies trying to save ducklings

By Rosemary K. Ozman
Independent Editor

The lifeless body of Karen Drotar, 66, of Van Buren Township was pulled by police from a large drainage pipe where she had fallen face-first, apparently in an attempt to rescue some baby ducklings.

On Monday at about 10:50 a.m., police were called to the pond with a large culvert tube in the 8000 block of Ironwood. She was found with her legs sticking out of the drain pipe.

"This is very tragic," said Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright. "Very tragic, sad, and unfortunate."

Drotar lived in the neighborhood. Chief Wright said her body was turned over to the Wayne County Medical Examiner to determine the cause of death. Chief Wright said no foul play is suspected.

He said VBТ Animal Control Officer Bob Queener got the ducklings out of the pipe.

Four valid petitions filed for three seats on Belleville City Council

Four valid petitions were filed for three seats open on the Belleville City Council as of the 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, deadline. The positions will be filled in the Nov. 5 election.

The four-year terms of Mayor Kerreen Conley and Councilmen Jack Loria and Tom Smith expire in December 2019. Smith is not running for reelection.

Filing the only petition for mayor was incumbent Kerreen Conley, 629 Light Tower Dr.

Filing petitions for the two open council seats were: incumbent Jack Loria, 118 S. Edgemont St.; Kelly Bates, 342 Victorian Ln.; Ken Voigt, 78 W. Wabash St.; and Aafrika Poole, 235 Main St.

Clerk Sherri Scharf said Poole will not be on the ballot because most of her signers were from Van Buren Township.



Alexander Landskroener swims with the dolphins in the Florida Keys.

VBТ boy gets wish to swim with dolphins

Alexander Landskroener, 13, who lives in Country Walk subdivision in Van Buren Township, traveled to the Florida Keys with his parents and brother Andrew on June 15.

He was having his dream come true with Kids Wish Network, a children's charity that grants wishes for kids with life-threatening illnesses.

Alexander has Chiari malformation, a structural defect of the skull that causes the bottom portion of the brain tissue to extend into the spinal canal. He also has additional conditions including craniocervical instability, platybasia and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome.

One of the highlights for Alex was his

dolphin encounter at Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder in Key Largo. He entered a natural ocean-water lagoon having one-on-one interaction with his new dolphin friend Alfonz. Alexander connected with the dolphin spending lots of time together playing catch, signaling him to perform tricks, petting Alfonz and giving him hugs and kisses. He also enjoyed a dorsal tow ride by two dolphins.

As a special memento, Alexander was presented with a shirt and the stuffed animal of his choice – he chose a dolphin.

"My favorite part was seeing his face and how happy he was with the dolphins," said his mom Andrea Sherwood. "He fell in love with them. Everyone went above and beyond for Alexander, and the experience is something he'll never forget."

Robbie's Marina of Islamorada offered the family options for a tropical touring adventure, and they explored the area's turquoise waters with a water sports activity. They also enjoyed luxurious

accommodations at the oceanfront Islander Resort, Mile Marker 82 in Islamorada. They were welcomed with a basket filled with gifts. They also dined in at Jimmy Buffet's Margaritaville Key West, Lorelei Restaurant & Cabana Bar in Islamorada, and were invited to Hungry Tarpon in Islamorada.

"He had a smile on his face the entire time," said his dad Richard Landskroener. Alexander's mom jokingly shared that he's ready to move there.

Despite the challenges, Alex is a fun, caring young boy who's good at art and loves to draw. He also enjoys swimming, watching Netflix and learning about history.

"He likes Pokémon and Star Wars, and he loves video games," Alex's mom said. "He's obsessed with dinosaurs and shark teeth. We've bought a few (shark teeth) since we've been down here."

Kids Wish Network Executive Director

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The Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transport (SMART) dedicated a new passenger bus to the Charter Township of Van Buren with a ribbon-cutting ceremony July 16 at the September Days Senior Center to help provide transportation to seniors and the disabled living in the township. VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara cut the ribbon. The new, 29-foot 2019 Eldorado Elite 290 passenger bus replaces a current aging vehicle, which holds 22 passengers. Many of the seniors and disabled in the area rely on this service as their only means of transportation. With this service, they are able to make shopping trips, day trips, and make it to their medical appointments. The service is able to transport residents, 50 years and older or the disabled, on a first-come first-serve basis, but doesn't charge a fare. The township gets the new bus for seven years without charge, except for maintenance and insurance, and then is eligible to get another free bus for another seven years. Photo courtesy of SMART.

VBT board approves purchase of new time-keeping system

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After a visit from the U.S. Department of Labor following a whistle-blower's complaint, the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees agreed to tighten up the township's oversight of time-keeping for hourly employees.

At the board's workshop session on July 15 and its regular meeting on July 16, board members discussed the situation and on July 16 voted unanimously to pay \$45,151 to install a Kronos system.

They also will pay an annual hosting fee of \$2,500.

"It's unfortunate we have to have Big Brother tell us every step we must take ... there are cameras everywhere," said Trustee Sherry Frazier. "Unfortunately, it's a part of modern society.

"I understand we owe the employees for a considerable amount of labor," said Trustee Frazier.

"Didn't happen," said Supervisor Kevin McNamara, explaining employees were punching in whenever, but starting work at 7:30. "If it's more than seven minutes early, we have to pay them.

"The union's not happy. We're not happy. But we have to follow the U.S. government timeclock rule," McNamara said. He added there is a fine of \$1,000 per person, per occurrence for violations, if they punch in eight minutes early instead of seven. "It's our job to enforce that rule."

Human Resources Director Nicole Sumpter said employees will not be able to punch in early with the new system.

McNamara said Trustee Kevin Martin was asked to look into a new system and he suggested Kronos, since that is what is used

successfully at his work.

Treasurer Sharry Budd said once they notified employees they could no longer punch in early, a couple didn't comply. They were spoken to and now they comply. She said there was a demonstration and it's a whole lot easier.

"We weren't at odds with the unions," McNamara said.

Clerk Leon Wright agreed that they weren't at odds with AFSCME but one union was not verified by punching in and out. They work 12 hours, but weren't in compliance with federal law, he said.

Trustee Reggie Miller said Kronos is nationally known. She asked when it would go into effect and Director Sumpter said she didn't know yet.

Sumpter said there will be eight timeclocks with battery backups, including one in the Van Buren Park polebarn and in the two fire halls, police department, water/sewer, township, and parks and recreation. And, there will be three days of mandatory training for everyone.

Carol Towles, who handles payroll, said she is sold on it. "All the questions will be answered before it comes to me and I won't have to hunt up the director and question it."

"It will streamline our payroll," said Trustee Miller. "It's not Big Brother watching, but a more efficient way of doing business."

Trustee Paul White asked how it would work and Sumpter said there are flags in the system that notifies the director if someone signs in early or late. She said it also asks if the employee took the required 30-minute lunch and if the employee didn't, there has to be approval by the director.

In other business at the 49-minute meeting

on July 16, the board:

- Approved an agreement with the Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) to advance funds for upcoming Visteon bond repayment. Supervisor Kevin McNamara said by federal law when the LDFA can't pay, "it has to be the first bill we pay ... This is protecting VBT residents" because it agrees the LDFA will repay the township money with interest. Trustee Sherry Frazier said, "The public needs to know we're fighting Visteon and will go to court." Supervisor McNamara said the township can't file suit again until after the first shortfall, which is Oct. 1. Treasurer Budd said deputy treasurer Sean Bellingham said this year's shortfall will be \$618,711. It is estimated roughly \$20 million totally is owed on the bonds;

- Approved LDFA bylaw revisions, as recommended by the LDFA to comply with new state changes. McNamara said he asked former Director Ron Akers to review the bylaws to make sure they were absolutely perfect because, "We'll probably be walking into a courtroom within the next couple of months." He said he would like to be the spokesperson for the LDFA and is getting a legal opinion;

- After a public hearing with no comments, approved a resolution to transfer \$76,581 in 2018 federal Community Development Block Grant funds from Public Facilities activity to Demolition activity. The \$76,581 had been programmed to be set aside and added to more expected funds in 2019 and 2020 for replacing a pavilion at Van Buren Park, but CDBG rules have changed and that money needs to be used by the end of the county's fiscal year, Sept. 31. Director Best provided a list of seven buildings all ready for demolition. The cost will be put

as a lien on each property and will be repaid when the property changes hands;

- Approved a resolution to be responsible for maintenance of the new water main in the Wayne County right of way when Romulus water service is installed for the VBT home at 35591 Price Rd. This service was approved by the board in May for a family with two special needs children whose well had failed. The township has no water service in that area. The county is requiring this from the township so the contractor can proceed;

- Heard Trustee Frazier say she is disappointed the board delayed putting the Communications Director position on the agenda and she looks forward to any changes suggested by those who delayed it so it can be on the next agenda. She also said they haven't posted the position of planning and economic development directors and there is no department so important. She said they need to get that posted ASAP. Frazier noted Ron Akers gave notice and his last day was July 10. "Today is July 16," she pointed out;

- Heard Trustee White agree with Frazier. "Our cable department has basically shut down," White said. "One employee was terminated, one walked out the door. Now high school students are running it." He said it is worse with Ron Akers. "We knew a month ago that he was leaving and there is no posting," White said, adding, the planning for this township is inadequate. Treasurer Budd said White doesn't need to criticize the township and she made a motion to adjourn before White was finished speaking. McNamara adjourned the meeting.

OPINIONS

Editorial

Sumpter Township to celebrate the life of Gabby Barrett

A special event is set for 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 23 in the area around the Rawsonville Woods clubhouse in Sumpter Township. It's "Gabby's Games."

This is replacing the Sumpter Township Parks and Recreation's annual Family Fun Day. This new event will remember four-year-old Gabrielle "Gabby" Barrett who was murdered by her mother and the mother's boyfriend on Jan. 1, 2018 in their Rawsonville Woods home.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke said the event will be for children ages 5 to 16 and will be put on by the police and fire departments in cooperation with Parks and Recreation.

He said it will be for fun and education and there will be free food.

Mark Rosenthal of Animal Magic, based in Sumpter Township, will put on at least one show. Chief Luke said Gabby's family will be involved and it is planned to be an annual event.

The community was stunned when hearing of the brutal death of this small child and the details of the crime. The court trials of the two accused brought forth tales of the utmost cruelty by those entrusted with the little girl's well-being.

Details of this new event are still being worked out. Best wishes to all those involved in this project. Let us pray we never see another situation like Gabby's anywhere.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A woman from Sumpter Township called on Monday to say she got a telephone call from the Social Security Department that said her Social Security Card was cancelled and was being recalled. She said she believes I have written that Social Security doesn't call you, so she called to confirm. I did confirm that, but urged her to call her police department so they could confirm it was a scam and also to call Social Security to ask them about it. If she got information from a more official source than me, it would be comforting, I thought.

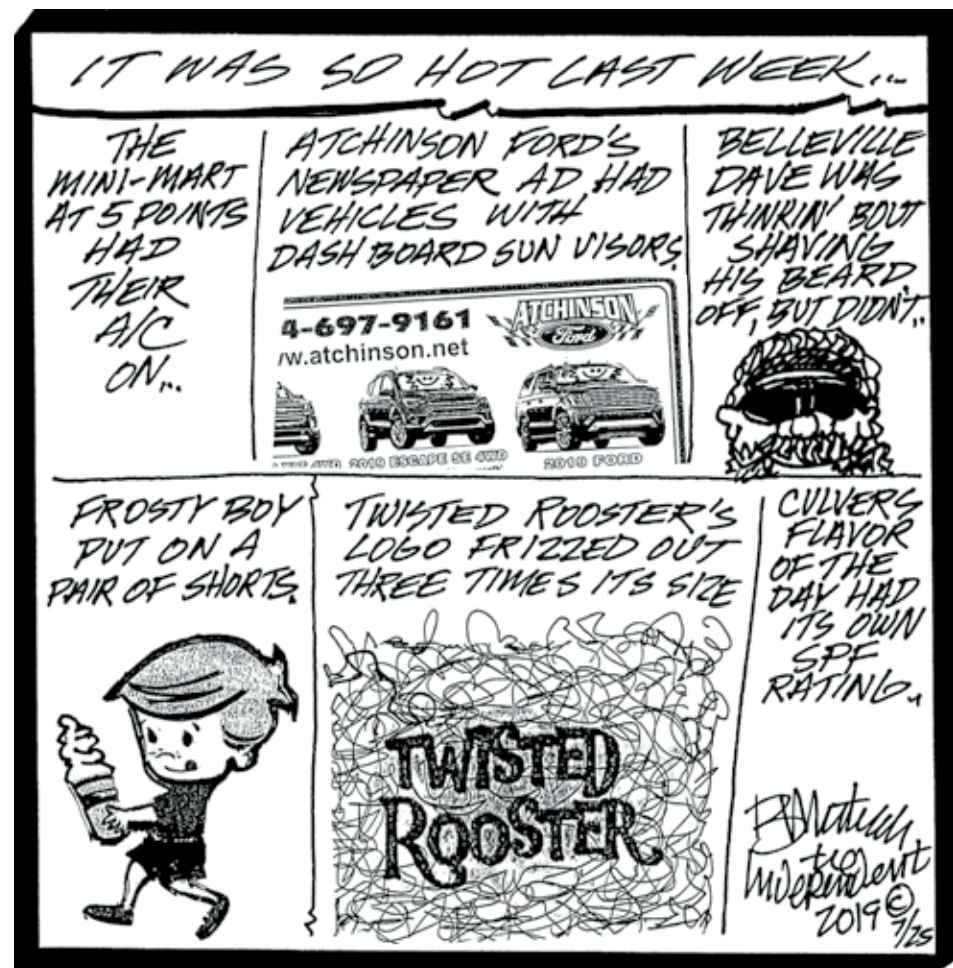
It's so unsettling for senior citizens to get such information on their phones. I'm glad people are sharing their experiences with us and we can share it with others. Makes them think twice about whether this can be a scam.

Richard Vandervoort, my BHS classmate who grew up in Sumpter and now lives in the Philippines, sent me some information on another scam that I think we should pass along. It has to do with credit or debit card purchases.

It seems some cashiers are adding "cash back" of \$20 to the total and then keeping the extra money or passing it on to a friend, so he or she doesn't get caught.

To divert this scam, it's important to ask for a receipt, if it's not offered, and to LOOK at the receipt to make sure that cash isn't being taken out if you didn't ask for it.

Cashiers will blame it on this or that if caught by the customer, but you can make them delete that cash-back order or delete everything and rescan your purchase to make the total come out right.



On Monday, trucks were going in and out of the 500 block of Main Street in the City of Belleville as construction activity began on the site of a new strip mall and grocery store. One lady said she had to wait a full 15 minutes in a traffic jam until she could get through.

We're going to have more traffic jams as construction progresses, so patience will be required. We have to focus on the goal. Remember: This, too, shall pass.

Belleville residents are eager for a grocery store so they don't have to cross over the bridge into Van Buren Township and go to Meijer or Aldi's or Walmart for groceries.

One said it wasn't the bridge, so much, as the stretch of Belleville Road between the I-94 bridge and the store. People don't watch where they are driving in that stretch and it's very dangerous, he said.

There are several mishaps recorded on our dispatch log each week for accidents in that area, especially at the North I-94 Service Drive / Belleville Road intersection.

Several people have noted that it's really too bad the Van Buren Township splash pad hasn't been open during all that 90-degree weather we've had. The pad is expected to be done by the end of August.

You have to get to the Belleville Farmers' Market early if you want to get those great breads with generous pieces of walnuts on top and inside. The nut breads – zucchini and banana – go fast. Those without nuts,

preferred by some, are available after all the nutty breads have been sold.

The Farmers' Market is running on Mondays between 4 and 7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville until the end of September, with the market closed on Labor Day. The different crops are starting to come in, so what they have changes each week.

(The Cruise Main Street Classic Car Show runs every Monday, too, in downtown Belleville from 6 to 9 p.m.)

In the roadside markets at Moe's in Sumpter and Budd's in Van Buren Township, as well as Rowe's in Washtenaw County, corn is now for sale.

The "knee-high by the Fourth of July" measure of cornstalks didn't work this year because of all the wet weather last spring, but now we've got Michigan corn at last!

There are several help-wanted ads in the classified section of our paper today, especially for work at the City of Belleville and one at Van Buren Township. There's also a call for a bid for a security company to protect Van Buren Public Schools.

We've seen several trees down from last week's storm. One reportedly went through a house's roof on Haggerty Road near Haggerty School. Strong winds.





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Letters

Author marries at Belleville Library

To the editor:

I have an interesting story about a wedding that I witnessed on Friday, July 19, at the Belleville Area District Library.

I happened to be at the library and was given permission to take pictures of the ceremony. It was to be held in the Garden of the Library, but had to be moved inside because of the rain. A beautiful wedding was held in the activities room where the wedding party gathered and the ceremony was held.

This is my first wedding I attended in the Program Room. You never know who you will meet as you travel around Belleville.

I thought this was a GOOD NEWS STORY to be shared, but my pictures didn't turn out.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Christopher McMahon. The wedding party and guest are visitors to this area and decided that they wanted to get married in a LIBRARY AND THEY CHOSE OUR LIBRARY!

Marian Caldwell
 Ypsilanti/Belleville

P.S. Mr. McMahon is the author of "I'll Get Back to You as Soon as I'm Me." It is available on Amazon.

Correction: James Allen didn't write letter

James Allen of Plymouth said he did work for the Department of Corrections and did get a DUI while there, but he didn't write the letter to the editor over his signature published on page 5 of last week's *Independent*.

"I never heard of the newspaper... I'm not appalled ... I don't know this guy Salajan. He could be a good guy. He could have saved somebody's life," Allen said.

He said he thinks he knows who wrote the letter because there's someone who has done so in the past.

"It's amazing that after all these years, he's still messing with my name," he said.

Allen said a friend of his told him about the letter.

The *Independent* apologizes for publishing the letter and thanks Allen for alerting us to the scam.

Rosemary K. Otzman, editor

"Gravitation is not responsible for people falling in love."

— Albert Einstein

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Visit Detroit, you may be surprised

To the editor:

Thursday, July 18 – Drove down Main Street this morning. Jones family making good progress on their project. Thank you, Jones Family.

Stop at Tim Hortons – the social event of the day. Pat and Lee in line – must be Thursday. Old ball player Don presides over his corner. Good people all and too many to name.

Nice surprise. Some of my family came in. Went to Detroit with daughter Kim. Met granddaughter Shelby at a place called Great Lakes Coffee on Woodward. Coffee and good conversation.

I don't know what funky is, but I think this place might be it. Parking attendant was generous and funny. I will always remember. Granddaughter had to go to work.

Drove down Woodward. Not like the old days, but a comeback in a modern way, with many people enjoying it. Went to visit the historical Trinity Lutheran Church. Beautiful building (you have to go inside). Went a couple miles north to St. Josaphat, another historic church. (People in Detroit must have been a God-fearing bunch – steeples everywhere.)

Lunch stop at Milano (Eastern Market area). Young lady named Chea made my day. Her kindness and humor will always be remembered. Thank you, Chea.

Started home. Mack and Woodward. Homeless guy I normally drive by. I thought the people of Detroit have been so good to me today, it's time to give back.

Visit Detroit. You may be surprised.

Mickey Widener
 Van Buren Township

London Township pursues municipal water

To the editor:

Years of frustration in dealing with the high sulfur content in ground water has motivated London Township residents. A group of them have organized in pursuit of a municipal water system.

Members of the group have been researching water systems in neighboring communities and gathering data since January. They visited Whiteford Township's newly launched water treatment plant and met with the City of Monroe. Exeter Township installed approximately 30 miles of water main over the past ten years and London residents are educating themselves on how this was accomplished. Group members believe this research will provide them the opportunity to build on their neighbor's experiences and implement best practices in London Township.

The London Township Board of Trustees is supporting this grass-roots effort and working with the residents to identify potential municipal water sources. The Township has contracted Mannik

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Smith Group to complete a Preliminary Engineering Report. When complete, the report will provide the community with details regarding a variety of topics. The report will include a recommended water source, maps of proposed distributions systems, and associated costs. It will take several months to finalize, but when complete, the residents will have a clear understanding of a proposed plan and associated financial obligations.

One resident commented, "We purchased our home thinking it had well water, as advertised in the listing. We very soon found out that the well had never been connected to the house. Neighbors informed us that many of their wells had gone dry, that before they went dry the quality was so poor that it was undrinkable and ruined appliances.

I only know of one neighbor who still uses a well. We were advised not to connect the well to use the water. We did have a cistern and quickly had to find a water hauler. It started out at \$40 every 3 weeks. Quickly increased to \$60 while we had 2 haulers quit in just a couple of years. For our water security we paid \$800 for our own trailer and started hauling 500 gallons every 4 days. With our first winter it became clear that our small, paid-off truck couldn't handle the task so we had to purchase a new, reliable and bigger truck. One time we ran out of water, burning up the pump, which we had to replace.

Expense after expense all because we don't have easy access to safe water. Then to add insult to injury, on the return trip hauling water on fresh gravel we had to go to the edge of the road to avoid two very large pieces of farm equipment that weren't stopping. The gravel on the edge gave way and our trailer ended up in the ditch, twisting the hitch, putting a major dent in the tank, but at least my husband and the truck were ok. Then we started looking again at commercial haulers and found that the price has gone up to \$70 per load (for us 1,500 gallons). Looking forward, this is our forever home and as we get older, we need the security of readily available safe water!"

Supervisor Gary Taepke points out, "London Township has some of the worst well water in Southeast Michigan, with

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Obituaries



Diane Ellen Hodges

DIANE ELLEN HODGES

January 4, 1963 - July 20, 2019

Age 56, of Ypsilanti. Died peacefully with her family by her side, Saturday afternoon at Beaumont Hospital (Wayne Campus).

Diane is the beloved mother of Marcus Shelton of Ypsilanti and Monica Beeson of Missouri; cherished daughter of Christine (Harold) Plots of Ypsilanti; beloved sister of William (Kelly) Hodges Jr. of Deerfield Township and Lawrence Hodges of Ypsilanti. Diane is also survived by her granddaughter, Hayley. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her sister, Katherine. A Ypsilanti resident, Diane was a longtime parishioner of St. Anthony's Church in Belleville. All her life, she displayed a deep faith in God. In her spare time, she enjoyed listening to music and was known for always laughing. Family gatherings were also a priority in her life.

A memorial service honoring Diane's life, was held at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, July 24, 2019 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734)697-4500. Visitation was from 11:00 AM until the 1:00 PM service time.



Barbara Kwiecinski

BARBARA F. KWIECINSKI

April 9, 1950 - July 19, 2019

Age 69, of Sumpter Township. Died peacefully at her residence on Friday morning, July 19, 2019.

Barbara is the wife of the late Jeffery (d.2013); loving mother of Keith (Sandra) Dudek of Belleville and Robert (Carri) Dudek of Belleville; cherished sister of Rosemary (Garland) Lafferty of Belleville and Joy Tyler of Port Huron.

A longtime Sumpter Township resident, Barbara had the honor of being a trustee of Sumpter Township for twelve years. In her spare time she enjoyed volunteering at local hospitals. Funeral services have been arranged for 11 AM, Saturday, July 27, 2019 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. 734-697-4500. Interment will follow at Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti Twp.

Barbara's family will greet guests from 9 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial tributes may be directed to the Willow Run Church of God or the Epilepsy Foundation.

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Kristen K. Kramer

KRISTEN K. KRAMER

March 30, 1970 - July 15, 2019

Kristen K. Kramer, age 49, of Fort Wayne, IN, and formerly of Ypsilanti, passed away Monday, July 15, 2019 at her mother's home. She was born March 30, 1970 in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Michael and Sharon (Wilson) Inmon. On March 30, 1996 she married Bryant Kramer in Belleville and he survives. Kristen was a licensed cosmetologist and a stay-at-home mom. She worked at Salsa Grille in Fort Wayne for five years. She was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt and cousin and she will truly be missed. In addition to her loving husband Bryant of 23 years, survivors include: her daughter Mikayla Kramer and her son Brayden Kramer; mother Sharon (Walt) Haines of Willis; her father Mike (Nancy) Inmon of Brooklyn, MI; brother Todd (Kara) Inmon of Ypsilanti; stepsister Jennifer (John) Cross of GA; two stepbrothers, Jeff (Susan) Haines of OH and Glenn (Tabitha) Haines of NC; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and her close cousin Rhonda Shelby of Belleville. The funeral service was at 11 am Monday, July 22, 2019 Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Road, Belleville, with Pastor Ronald Schubert officiating. Burial took place in Alban Cemetery following the luncheon.

Contributions in her memory may be made to the family for her children's college fund. Envelopes are available at Stark Funeral Service where the family greeted friends at 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Sunday. There also was visitation at the church from 10 a.m. until time of service Monday. Please sign her guest book at www.starkfuneral.com.

ELAINE BETTY JAHR

March 28, 1924 - July 20, 2019

Ms. Elaine Betty Jahr, of Rotonda West, Florida, formerly of Dearborn, MI and Houghton Lake, MI, passed away Saturday, July 20, 2019 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, while on vacation visiting family. She was born March 28, 1924 in Dearborn, MI, daughter of Henry & Ella (Bray) Jahr.

Ms. Jahr was born and raised in Dearborn, MI. She received her Master's degree in Special Education and taught at Detroit Day School for the Deaf for 30 years before retiring and moving to Houghton Lake, MI, where she enjoyed boating and was an avid fisher. When the winters became too difficult, Elaine moved to Florida, where she resided for over 25 years. She enjoyed crafts, crocheting and especially quilting, which she did all by hand. She was interested in politics from a young age and always loved a good discussion. Elaine also loved to travel, visiting family all around the country. She is survived by six nieces & nephews: Karen Kvalen of Palm Springs, Florida, Jeffrey L. Jahr of Belleville, MI, Alan McKenzie of Marshfield, Wisconsin, Jon Jahr of Palm Springs, Florida and Belleville, MI, Robert McKenzie of Columbia, Missouri and Mary (Jahr) Spencer of New Zealand. Elaine is also survived by many great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews, and her beloved Poodle, Jethro. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters Eve McKenzie and Viola Baker, also a brother Thurston Jahr.

A Graveside Service will be held Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 12 Noon at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions to Habitat for Humanity would be appreciated by the family.

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More Letters

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Supervisor Taepke added, "We are working on the final details of the water district and will publish those details when they become available. Over the last several decades many people pursued municipal water for London Township. This time it will become reality."

Updates are being provided to the public and the London Township Board of

Trustees at their monthly meetings which are held at the London Township Hall, 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of every month. The meetings are broadcast live on the London Township Facebook page.

Efforts are being made to engage residents throughout the entire Township and gain support for implementation of a safe, municipal water system for as many residents as possible at the lowest possible cost. A new Facebook page, "London Township Resident's Safe Water Initiative" has been launched and informational documents are posted for all to view.

The group can also be reached by email at londontownshipwater@gmail.com.

London Township residents are highly encouraged to visit the Facebook Page, stay informed, and share their thoughts.

Barb Odneal
London Township, Monroe County

Editor's Note: London Township is just southwest of Sumpter Township, which has municipal water for many of its residents.

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Demolition activity list targets 7 properties in Van Buren Township

Van Buren Township has identified seven properties that have remained vacant for a long time, are abandoned, and have been deemed to be unsafe for human occupancy by the township building official.

Director of Public Services Matthew Best said the township has followed due process on each of the cases, by appropriately

Speeding boat crashes into Fireworks Island Saturday night

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

After reportedly leaving Johnny's restaurant at a high rate of speed at about 11 p.m. Saturday, the driver of a boat was injured after crashing into Fireworks Island.

Van Buren Township Police Chief Jason Wright said his officers were dispatched by boat at about 11:05 p.m. and found the ski boat type craft run ashore with front end and side damage.

The driver, a 31-year-old male who does not live in the tri-community, had a leg injury. His 32-year-old male passenger, who was not injured, is a resident of the tri-community, Chief Wright said.

Chief Wright said no other boats were involved.

He said police are investigating the incident as possibly involving alcohol. The names are not being disclosed at this time because no charges have been filed.

tagging the property, sending out multiple written notices to the owner to correct the violations or demolish the property and providing an opportunity for the owner to appeal the notice.

In most cases the property owners have been completely non-responsive, Director Best said. Upon consultation with the township attorney it was determined that it is appropriate to proceed with demolition of the properties, he said.

The available funding will be used to demolish the following properties:

- Tyler Road barns -- two barns in severe disrepair, at the southeast corner of Tyler and Morton Taylor
- 7537 Beck Rd. -- two detached sheds/garage
- 50725 Michigan Ave. -- principal dwelling and two detached accessory structures
- 44440 Hull Rd. -- principal dwelling
- 6935 Belleville Rd. -- principal dwelling and detached garage
- 50115 Bog Rd. -- dwelling and barn demo incomplete and left unsafe
- 13970 Haggerty -- detached garage and lean-to

This is the list for demolitions presented to township board members at the July 16 meeting to answer their question about which demolitions Best was planning that included use of \$76,581 in federal Community Development Block Grant funds they were approving. The cost of the demolition will be put on the property as a lien and repaid to the township when the property changes hands.

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Court Watching:**Tony Duncan arrested on VBT warrant for cocaine possession**

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Tony Keith Duncan, 50, was arrested at his home in Van Buren Township on July 16 on an outstanding warrant for possession of crack cocaine, less than 25 grams, on Feb. 27.

He was arraigned at 34th District Court by video from the VBT lockup at 2 p.m., July 16. His probable cause conference was set for July 24 before Magistrate Lisa Martin and his preliminary exam set for July 31

before Judge David M. Parrott.

He is free on personal bond of \$10,000.

On information the *Independent* obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, detectives from the VBT Police Department assisted the FBI with a search warrant executed on Feb. 27 for child pornography, to include media devices, computers, and other things.

During the search warrant, an FBI special agent located suspected cocaine in a box and VBT Detective Michael Long photographed and collected the suspected cocaine. Det. Long also located a white substance, suspected cocaine. It appeared to be residue from the cocaine being cut up.

Det. Long submitted the evidence to

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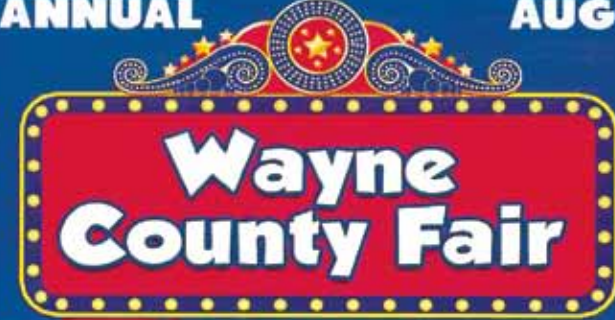
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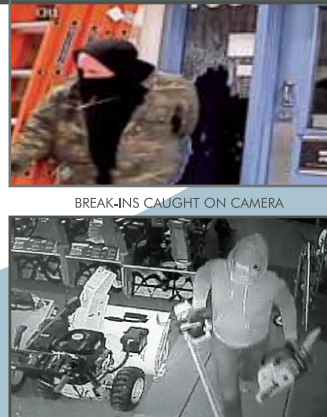



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Court watching

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the Michigan State Police lab for analysis and on March 11 got the lab report. The analysis showed it was 1.2505 grams of cocaine. A warrant was obtained on April 22 and entered into LEIN (law enforcement information network).

Another report, received under FOIA, was written by VBT Officer M. Edge,

who said that on July 16 at 4:05 a.m., he and Officer Michael Rini were dispatched to assist Western Wayne Narcotics with executing a search warrant at Duncan's home. Sgt. Smith advised the officers that they had Tony Keith Duncan in custody



Duncan

and Duncan had a valid felony warrant for his arrest out of VBT.

Duncan was handcuffed and transported to the VBT Police Department where he was photographed, fingerprinted and lodged pending arraignment.

There is no information available on the investigations by the FBI and Western Wayne Narcotics.

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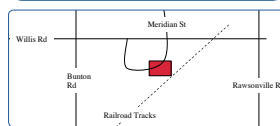
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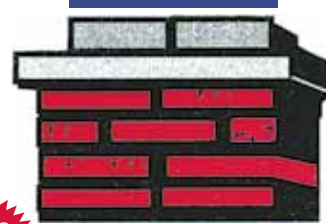
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Local residents suffer with massive power outages as temps soar

As of Tuesday morning, some tri-community residents had been without electrical power for five days since storms and winds disrupted electrical lines beginning on Friday.

Some 600,000 businesses and residents in Southeastern Michigan lost power since Friday, when the mass outages began. That number was down to 91,000 on Tuesday morning. DTE plans to have all power restored by the end of the day on Wednesday.

The temperatures were in the 90s some days, making the loss of electricity harder to take. Over the week end the temperatures dropped, which helped somewhat.

On Friday there was a live wire in the parking area in front of an apartment complex in the 400 block of North Liberty Street in the City of Belleville. DTE said it was from a lightning strike. There also was a reported lightning strike of the flag pole at Five Points with no damage.

A house on Harris Road between Martinsville and Savage in Sumpter Township reportedly was struck by lightning and burned. The family and pets made it out without injury.

Residents along South Street in Belleville were without power until Tuesday morning.

On Tuesday morning the DTE outage map showed electrical power outages at 17 scattered locations in Van Buren Township, each with 100 or fewer residents.

More than 650 residents were without power along Savage Road in Van Buren Township and in Sumpter Township, Rawsonville Woods and locations north along Rawsonville Road were without power. The southeastern sector of Sumpter Township, running into Huron Township, also was without power Tuesday morning.

DTE said about 2,000 workers, 1,100 from DTE and about 900 from elsewhere, have been working staggered, 16-hour shifts since the storms hit. Most of the outages relate to tree-damaged power lines.

At a press conference Monday at DTE headquarters in downtown Detroit, Heather Rivard, senior vice president of electric distribution for DTE, called the mass outages “unacceptable.”

Those who have been without power for 120 hours or more may be eligible for a \$25 reliability credit, said DTE. Those claims can be made through its website. Consumers Energy customers can do the same.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

TOWNSHIP OF SUMPTER NOTICE OF ACCURACY TEST

A Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on the following date and time for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the tabulation equipment and programs which will be used to tabulate voted ballots for the Special Election to be held on August 6, 2019 in Sumpter Township, Wayne County.

**The Public Accuracy Test will be held on
Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 9:30 am**

**Located at:
Sumpter Township Hall
Board Room
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, MI 48111**

This notice is posted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Public Act 267 of 1976, as amended, (MCL 41.72a(2)(3)) and the Americans With Disabilities Act.

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Esther Hurst
Clerk
Sumpter Township

Publish: July 25, 2019
Posted: July 25, 2019

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AUCTION

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2005	Pontiac Grand Am	1G2NE52E55M244017
2013	Ford Fusion	3FA6P0HR7DR257256
2003	Toyota Sequoia	5TDZT34A93S165467
2009	Ford Escape	1FMCU03G99KC04481
2003	BMW 3 Series	WBAEV33463KL86033
2010	Dodge Grand Caravan	2D4RN5D14AR205114
2003	Volkswagen Jetta	3VWSE69M53M089310
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2015	Mazda CX-5	JM3KE4CY2F0512958
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The bidding documents consist of the RFP prepared by Van Buren Public Schools which includes a mandatory Bid Form and Survey to Qualify Contract Security Service Bidders. The documents can be obtained by following the link below to the school district website.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2019

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Martin, Trustee Miller, and Trustee White. Others in attendance: Secretary Beaudry, Director of Public Services Best and Executive Assistant to the Public Services Director Renaud, Director of Human Resources Sumpter, Director of Information Technology Rankin and an audience of two (2).
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Frazier moved Miller seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Frazier moved Budd seconded to approve the Consent Agenda. [Work Study Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2019, Board Meeting Minutes of July 2, 2019, Prepaid List of July 3, 2019, Prepaid List of July 11, 2019, Voucher List of July 16, 2019, Approval of Resolution 2019-12: to install water service for the residence at 35591 Price Road in Wayne County ROW]. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Miller moved Martin seconded to go into public hearing to receive public comment on Resolution 2019-11 to reprogram (transfer) CDGB funds from a Public Facilities activity to a Demolition activity. Motion Carried.

No comments were made.

Budd moved Miller seconded to exit the public hearing. Motion Carried.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:
Announcements included the following: Van Buren Township, in conjunction with Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, with be hosting an Opioid Awareness Forum and Narcan Training on September 12th at 5:30 p.m. at Wayne County Community College;

today the September Days Senior Center took official possession of the SMART bus which will be used to transport local seniors to medical appointments and shopping trips; on August 3rd and 4th Thunder Over Michigan is taking place at the Yankee Air Museum; there is a Special Election on August 6th for voters living in the Washtenaw Intermediate School District and the last two performances of the free Concert Series are taking place on July 17 and 24 in the Senior Activity Garden at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Miller moved, Wright seconded to approve an agreement between the Township and Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) to advance funds for bond repayment. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Miller seconded to approve the adoption of the Van Buren Township Resolution 2019-11: to reprogram (transfer) CDBG funds from a Public Facilities activity to a Demolition activity. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, White seconded to approve the need for an updated time keeping system for all employees as regulated by the Department of Labor. Motion Carried. Kronos was the selected vendor to provide time keeping for all hourly employees.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Board members expressed disappointment on delay of passing the Communications Specialist job description; the timing of the job posting of the new Director of Planning and Economic Development was inquired about and Budget Review dates were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Miller seconded to adjourn at 6:47 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
Publish: July 25, 2019

Van Buren Twp. man arresting in carjacking at Wyandotte gas station

Hussain Sabir Foxworth, 22, of Van Buren Township, has been charged in connection with an attempted carjacking at the Marathon gas station at the corner of Biddle and Ford avenues in Wyandotte.

On Sunday, July 14, at about 4:59 p.m., Wyandotte police officers were dispatched to the gas station and when they arrived, the officers saw two men detaining a man near a vehicle.

Witnesses said that Foxworth came out of the gas station, punched the face of the owner of a vehicle who was getting gas, and attempted to drive off in the truck.

An off-duty police officer, the owner of the truck, and other bystanders caught Foxworth before he could get away in the truck, according to authorities.

The gas station is across the street from the Wyandotte Police Department.

Foxworth was charged with one count of carjacking. He was arraigned July 17 before 27th District Court Judge Elizabeth Disanto. His probable cause conference is scheduled for 8:30 a.m., July 25. The preliminary examination is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. Aug. 2. Both hearings are before Judge Disanto at 27th District Court in Wyandotte.

Foxworth is being held on \$500,000 cash bond.



Foxworth

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- Steven Wright

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**DATE: July 22, 2019 BELLEVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
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PUBLISH: July 25, 2019 BELLEVILLE, MICHIGAN 48111
BY SHERRI SCHARF, CITY CLERK**

City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE Notice of Adoption Ordinance No. 19-001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NUMBERS 99-007 AND 99-010 WHICH PROVIDE FOR OUTDOOR CAFES ON PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE

The City of Belleville, Wayne County, Michigan, hereby ordains:

- Section 1: Purpose
- Section 2: Definitions
- Section 3: Applicable Zoning
- Section 4: Standards for Outdoor Cafes on Private Property
- Section 5: Licensing Procedures for Outdoor Cafes in Public Right-of-Way
- Section 6: Standards for Outdoor Cafes in the Public Right-of-Way
- Section 7: Appeal Upon Denial or Revocation of a License or Permit
- Section 8: Violations
- Section 9: Saving Clause
- Section 10: Severability
- Section 11: Conflicting Ordinances
- Section 12: Penalties

Ordinance No. 19-001 was adopted by the Belleville City Council on July 15, 2019 and will become effective on August 5, 2019. A complete and true copy of Ordinance No. 19-001 is available for inspection and may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office, 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: July 25, 2019



City of Belleville Public Notice



Job Posting

City of Belleville ACCOUNT CLERK



The City of Belleville is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Account Clerk in the Clerk/Treasurer's Office. Successful candidate will have working knowledge of accounts payable processing, accounts receivable processing, excellent customer service skills, experience with general office work including proficiency in Microsoft Office and the ability to communicate effectively, verbally and in writing. BS&A software experience a plus. Duties will also include water and tax billing.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and have a valid Michigan Driver's License.

Salary and benefits as per Union contract which is available on our website at www.belleville.mi.us.

A background investigation may be required as a condition of employment.

Please apply in person or submit resume with application to City Clerk Treasurer at clerk@belleville.mi.us or 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. The City of Belleville is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled.

Sherri Scharf
City Clerk/Treasurer

Publish: July 25 and August 1, 2019



City of Belleville Public Notice



Job Posting

City of Belleville DPW/LABORER II



The City of Belleville is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Laborer II in our Department of Public Works. Qualifications include a high school diploma, GED equivalent or any equivalent combination of education and experience. Applicant must possess a working knowledge of basic arithmetic including the ability to perform and record arithmetic computations accurately and quickly; ability to accurately read and record data from various type of meter dials; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; ability to work in inclement weather; ability to establish successful working relationships with co-workers, supervisors and the public; skill in operating hand tools, calculator, motor vehicles and backhoe. Qualified applicant must possess a current and valid CDL. Physical demands include the ability to sit, stand, walk, climb or balance, stoop, kneel, crouch and crawl, talk, hear and see; and to routinely use hands to operate objects, tools and controls; position routinely lifts and/or moves up to 50 pounds and occasionally lifts and/or moves more than 100 pounds. While performing the duties of this job, the employee regularly works inside and outside including frequent exposure to hot, cold, wet and/or humid conditions.

Salary and benefits as per Union contract which is available on our website at www.belleville.mi.us.

A pre-employment drug test, physical exam, psychological exam, criminal history and background investigation may be required as a condition of employment and the failure to successfully complete any of these may be cause for an applicant to no longer be considered.

Please apply in person or submit resume with application to DPS Director, dps@belleville.mi.us or 6 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. The City of Belleville is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices.

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City Clerk/Treasurer

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JOB VACANCY



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN JOB VACANCY

Position Title: Director of Planning and Economic Development

Department: Public Services

Classification: Regular, Full-time

FLSA Status: Non-exempt **Union Affiliation:** Non-Union salary position.

Salary: \$77,367 based on experience and qualifications

Benefits Package: Health/Dental 90% Employer Paid

Blue Cross Blue Shield and Blue Care Network

Vision Employer Paid

Short/Long Term Insurance Employer Paid

Retirement 12% Employer Matched/100% Vested after first contribution Life Insurance \$50,000

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Education Tuition Assistant Plan

General Duty Statement:

Van Buren Charter Township is now accepting applications for the Director of Planning and Economic Development

Position Summary

This is administrative division head directing the activities of the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development Division. As Director, the employee is responsible for overall direction and management of the division and performs professional and administrative work in planning, reviewing, organizing and coordinating development activities. This position also oversees building code enforcement and staff in coordination with the Public Services Director, the Township Engineer, Township Supervisor and other department heads and consultants. Additionally, the Director oversees contract and Township employees responsible for planning and development related operations to protect the health and safety of the public. Significant emphasis is placed on maximizing the efficiency and effectiveness of operations. Although general direction is received from the Public Services Director, the duties and responsibilities require considerable independent judgment and initiative. Interacts in a consistently pleasant and helpful manner with fellow employees, visitors and residents of the Charter Township of Van Buren, and demonstrates the highest standards of internal and external customer service.

- Oversees the administrative functions of the Planning & Economic Development Division including; personnel, budgeting, financial, and general administration.
- Oversees all planning and zoning functions of the Township.
- Oversees the Township's building department.
- Jointly oversees the Township's condemnation and demolition activities.
- Acts as Zoning Administrator for the Township and is responsible for the administration and enforcement of applicable local ordinances and State laws.
- Provides staff support for the Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Local Development Finance Authority, Township Board of Trustees, and attends other meetings as may be required.
- Receives and processes variance requests, land division requests (in coordination with Assessing Dept.), and development plans; prepares case files and is responsible for publication notices and notifying property owners, as necessary; makes recommendations to Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Local Development Finance Authority and Township Board based on professional planning principles and the comments of other reviewing agencies.
- Acts as coordinator of the site plan review and building plan review processes which involve external agencies, departments, and consultants.
- May conduct site plan reviews, variance reviews, or any other necessary reviews of planning/zoning applications.

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

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

Please submit a cover letter, resume and application to:

nsumpter@vanburen-mi.org.

The Charter Township of Van Buren is an equal opportunity employer

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, July 25** – Bunco, 6-9 p.m., Van Buren Eagles, 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. (734) 699-8836

• **Thursday, July 25** -- Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m., The Stubbs Girls, Motown.

• **Saturday, July 27** – Friends of Michigan Animals Golf Outing, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Green Oaks Golf Course, 1775 E. Clark Rd., Ypsilanti. Also, PETCO meeting and greet for FMAR, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., 35725 Warren, Westland.

• **Sunday, July 28** – September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., offers free Sunday music from 2 to 5 p.m. This week it's Cool Birds. For information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, July 29** – State Rep. Joe Bellino, R-Monroe, Sumpter Township's representative in Lansing, invites residents of Monroe and Wayne counties to join him for his monthly coffee hours from 3 to 4 p.m. at Tim Hortons, 404 S. Monroe St. in Monroe. Those unable to attend may contact his office at (517) 373-1530 or JosephBellino@house.mi.gov.

• **Monday, July 29** – Belleville Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Also, Cruise Main Street Classic Car Show, 6-9 p.m. on Main Street in Belleville, sponsored by Egan's Pub.

• **Tuesday, July 30** – Meijer at 9701 Belleville Rd., Van Buren Township, will host the Detroit Red Wings for a free street hockey clinic for children ages 7-9 at 10 a.m. and for children 10-12 at 1 p.m. Must register online in advance at <https://www.nhl.com/redwings/community/youth-hockey/street-hockey-summer-tour>.

• **Thursday, Aug. 1** -- Music Lakeside at Horizon Park at 7 p.m., The Paxton Spangler Band featuring T-Bone Paxton, jazz.

• **Friday, Aug. 2** – Battle of Belleville with World War II reenactors coming from Willow Run Airport's Air Show. They will arrive around 6 p.m. and leave at 7:30 p.m. There will be a battle around the museum on Main Street and then the WWII vehicles will be set up for visits from the crowd.

• **Saturday, Aug. 3** – Van Buren Township Shred Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Van Buren Township Hall parking lot, 46425 Tyler Rd. VBT has teamed up with Iron Mountain. Please limit to five cartons or medium sized bags of documents per vehicle. Questions? Call the Clerk's office at (734) 699-8909.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, July 29 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., Administration Building

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start in your own community*

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 487 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, July 14:

0046 – family trouble, Vine St.
0058 – noise complaint, Parkwood
0135 – assist other dept., Ecorse Rd.
0249 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0259 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Mida Dr.
0259 – juvenile complaint, Denton Rd.
0552 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
0857 – 911 welfare check, rest area
1251 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rolan Meadows Dr. / Tavistock Dr.
1439 – motorist assist, Belleville Lake/Johnny's
1503 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1509 – domestic, Mantauk Ct.
1530 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
1613 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1623 – assist other dept., Beck Rd.
1706 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1915 – domestic, Daniel Dr.
1942 – traffic offense, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2025 – suicidal person, Jeannette Ave.
2029 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harmony Ln.
2048 – neighbor trouble, Crowley Ave.
2047 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Dalton
2240 – juvenile complaint, Kirkridge Park Dr.

Monday, July 15:

0158 – personal injury accident, E. I-94/Belleville
0200 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0636 – larceny, Haggerty Rd.
0919 – follow up by officer, Beck Rd.
0939 – harassment call, Buchanan St.
0959 – assist other dept., Beck Rd.
1004 – larceny, Elwell Rd.
1123 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ S. I-94 Service Dr.
1242 – fraud, Bog Rd.
1303 – assist other dept., N. Bellridge Dr.
1317 – assist other dept., Ladonna
1336 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1425 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N.
I-94 Service Dr.
1508 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton
1548 – shooting, Denton Rd.
1603 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1606 – private property impound, Belleville Rd.
1620 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1712 – animal complaint, Edwards Rd.
1745 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ironwood Dr.

1756 – suspicious person/vehicle, Cedarhurst Dr.
1914 – larceny, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1946 – mental subject, Belleville Rd./Van Born
2148 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2156 – suspicious person/vehicle, Maude Ct.
2218 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodbury Dr. /
Haggerty Rd.

2227 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2340 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service

Tuesday, July 16:

0346 – assist other dept., Melody Ln.
0925 – larceny from auto, Meadows Cir.
1115 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rayna Ct.
1132 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1235 – missing person, Rolan Meadows Dr.
1251 – animal complaint, Ashbury
1302 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1318 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1317 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service Dr.
/ Rawsonville Rd.
1333 – ordinance violation, Elwell Rd.
1455 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tyler Rd. / N.
I-275
1606 – private property/property damage accident,
Ecorse Rd.
1817 – follow up by officer, Tyler Rd.
1917 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1950 – larceny, Amanda Dr.
2137 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Sheldon Rd.
2245 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.

Wednesday, July 17:

0248 – malicious destruction of property, N. I-94
Service Dr./Oak Ln.
0656 – larceny, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.
0934 – domestic, Pine Dr.

1104 – unauthorized driving away of auto, S. I-94
Service Dr.
1138 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1217 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1228 – family trouble, Jackson St.
1502 – assault & battery, Wheeler St.
1512 – property damage accident, Belleville/I-94
1529 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1716 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.
1720 – civil matter, Madison Dr.
1726 – property damage accident, Maple Dr.
1851 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Blvd.
1946 – suspicious person/vehicle, Briar Dr.
1956 – suspicious person/vehicle, Riggs Rd.
2007 – traffic offense, Lohr Rd.
2056 – suspicious person/vehicle, Michigan Service
Dr./Denton Rd.
2113 – civil matter, Hull Rd.
2117 – trespassing, Red Oak Dr.
2123 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2230 – operating while intoxicated, S. Ponderosa Trl.

Thursday, July 18:

0026 – threat, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0035 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenbriar Dr.
0406 – parking complaint, Pebblebrook Dr.
0413 – 911 welfare check, Harbour Pointe Ct.
0742 – animal complaint, Bog Rd.
1013 – malicious destruction of property, Elwell
1024 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1126 – civil matter, Denton Rd.
1252 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1306 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1318 – noise complaint, S. Bellridge Dr.
1351 – miscellaneous complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1354 – harassment call, Maple Dr.
1452 – animal complaint, Pebblebrook Dr.
1455 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.

/ Bemis Rd.
1559 – road hazard, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1624 – assist other dept., Martz/tracks
1647 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1807 – animal complaint, Hamilton St.
1817 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd.
1857 – parking complaint, Marina Dr./Reene Dr.
2025 – family trouble, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2117 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd./Ayres Ave.
2125 – larceny from auto, Andover Dr.
2300 – threat, Wildrye Ct.
2319 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.

Friday, July 19:

0031 – suspicious person/vehicle, Reene/Elwell
0048 – suspicious person/vehicle, Savage Rd.
0112 – noise complaint, Shelley Dr.
0123 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0256 – malicious destruction of property, Hannan
0552 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0552 – larceny, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0750 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beacon Trl.
0831 – parking complaint, Vista Dr./Paloma Dr.
0838 – abandoned auto, Tyler Rd.
0859 – larceny from auto, Kirkridge Park Dr.
1013 – road hazard, Van Born/Hannan Rd.
1306 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ryznar Dr.
1335 – larceny from auto, Robson Rd.
1352 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.

1354 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.

1419 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.

1521 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1616 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.
/ Martz Rd.

1713 – civil matter, Maple
1727 – fraud, Village Green Ln.
1752 – disorderly, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1902 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
1957 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
2012 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
2143 – road hazard, Richard Run Dr.
2214 – property damage accident, Bemis Rd. /
Rawsonville Rd.

Saturday, July 20:

0046 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Independence Ln.
0057 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0251 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-275/Ecorse
0420 – disorderly, Lake Villa Dr.
0422 – suspicious person/vehicle, Stratford Dr.
0511 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sumpter/Hull
1014 – larceny from auto, Anna Dr.
1251 – larceny, Elwell Rd.
1334 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1335 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.
1502 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1725 – animal complaint, Martinsville Rd.
1741 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1821 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1847 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1857 – disorderly, Village Green Ln.
1923 – neighbor trouble, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1932 – domestic, Peachtree Ln.
1934 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E.
Huron River Dr.
2007 – mental subject, Pond Bluff Dr.
2112 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2128 – civil matter, Hull Rd.
2200 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N.
I-94 Service Dr.
2242 – disorderly, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2305 – lake emergency, Belleville Lake
2343 – harassment call, Rogers Ave.
Also on this log are 159 traffic stops, 86 of which were
on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 14:

0714 – intrusion alarm, South St.
0911 – larceny, Carmell St.
1937 – fight, High St.
2127 – parking complaint, E. Waterbury Ct.
2145 – suspicious person/vehicle, Victorian Ln.

Monday, July 15:

1129 – parking complaint, S. Aberdeen Ct. /
Victorian Ln.
1420 – animal complaint, High St.
1533 – road hazard, Main St./E. Columbia Ave.
1606 – civil matter, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
1745 – mental subject, Menlo Park Dr.

Tuesday, July 16:

0037 – found property/child, Main St.
0224 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0327 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Blvd.
1314 – civil matter, S. Industrial Park Dr.
1322 – threat, W. Columbia Ave.
1703 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1759 – road hazard, Main St./Second St.
2002 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2015 – miscellaneous complaint, High St.

Wednesday, July 17:

0926 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont
1119 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
1208 – civil matter, W. Davis St.
1410 – larceny, Belle Villa Blvd.
1900 – miscellaneous complaint, Loza Ln.
1944 – miscellaneous complaint, Carriage
1957 – traffic offense, Menlo Park Dr.

Thursday, July 18:

0327 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bay Pointe
0412 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
1101 – warrant arrest, S. Wayne
1828 – intrusion alarm, Oxford Ct.
2202 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.

Friday, July 19:

0713 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1136 – disorderly, Belle Villa Blvd.
1222 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1257 – property damage accident, South St.
1519 – assist fire dept., N. Liberty St.
1641 – 911 welfare check, S. Edgemont Ave.
1709 – miscellaneous complaints, High St.
1844 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Edgemont
1903 – vehicle lockout, High St.
1923 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
2206 – intrusion alarm, E. Huron River Dr.

Saturday, July 20:

0526 – suspicious person/vehicle, Harbour Pointe
0733 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Industrial Park
Dr.
1058 – traffic offense, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1202 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belle Villa Park
1407 – animal complaint, Biggs Ave.
1633 – assist fire dept., Main St.
1716 – animal complaint, E. Huron River Dr. /
Madelon St.
1720 – parking complaint, E. Huron River Dr.
1754 – operating while intoxicated, Sumpter/Hull
1933 – neighbor trouble, N. Liberty St.
2015 – fight, Main St.
2028 – neighbor trouble, N. Liberty St.
Also on this week's log are 21 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 14:

0025 – civil dispute, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0258 – citizen assist, 47000 bl. Willow Rd.
0913 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1147 – threats complaint, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1729 – fight, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1754 – ORV complaint, Clark/Judd
1814 – family trouble, Knollwood
1939 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1956 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Carriage Ln.

Monday, July 15:

0710 – suspicious person, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0838 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1221 – found property, Elwell/Bemis
1222 – citizen assist, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1308 – animal complaint, Carriage Ln.
1355 – civil dispute, Carriage Ln.
1409 – fire dept. assist, 12000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1534 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1616 – breaking & entering report, 25000 bl.

Martinsville Rd.

1629 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Clay Rd.
1727 – alarm, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1800 – alarm, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1901 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1923 – 911 hang up, 46000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2042 – family trouble, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
2143 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
2209 – assist other agency, out of township
2323 – property damage accident, Savage/Harris

Tuesday, July 16:

1002 – odor complain, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1031 – alarm, 13000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1103 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Judd Rd.
1515 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1603 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1654 – family trouble, Brookview
1712 – harassment complaint, Carriage Ln.
1719 – 911 hang up, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1818 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1941 – suspicious incident, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2224 – juvenile complaint, Judd/Karr
2234 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.

Wednesday, July 17:

0145 – civil dispute, Redwood
0809 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
0828 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Lohr Rd.
0939 – fire dept. assist, Redwood
1041 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1205 – suspicious person, Sherwood/Wear
1245 – mental health commitment, 21000 bl.
Sumpter Rd.

1644 – mental health commitment, 42000 bl. Bemis
Rd.

2126 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 19000
bl. Haggerty Rd.

2356 – larceny, 8700 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.

Thursday, July 18:

0210 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
1016 – larceny, Carriage Ln.
1026 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1319 – civil dispute, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1337 – assist other agency, Carriage Ln.
1347 – civil dispute, 8700 bl. Meadow Springs Ln.
1554 – traffic hazard, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1748 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2103 – warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
2207 – warrant arrest pick up, Bemis/Rawsonville
2224 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Friday, July 19:

0006 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0811 – animal complaint, Willow/Sherwood
0954 – larceny, Wayside Dr.
1010 – harassment complaint, California
1143 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
1340 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1438 – subpoena service, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1452 – 911 hang up, Rustic Ln.
1610 – suspicious person, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1746 – traffic hazard, Willow/Carleton West
2146 – reckless driver, Carriage Ln.
2207 – property damage accident, Bemis /
Rawsonville

Saturday, July 20:

0008 – family trouble, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0719 – civil dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

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Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

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0950 – traffic hazard, Wear/Martinsville
1105 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
1306 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1547 – disorderly person, Brookview
1834 – assist other agency, out of township
1942 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
2018 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2206 – suspicious incident, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2221 – down wires, 21000 bl. Fenster
2231 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
2332 – fight, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.

Also on this log are six follow-up investigations, 14 miscellaneous details, 40 patrol checks, and 39 traffic stops.

Minding Your Business

with Bob Mytych



The Belleville Area Council for the Arts has extended its deadline to submit a wooden fish to be displayed at Horizon Park this summer. The wooden fish blanks are available at the Belleville Area District Library and there's a \$10 donation per fish, but not required. Artists of all ages can paint and decorate one and return it to the library by Aug. 15. The fish project is part of a community art venture that started last year. Last year's fish are already up and now the council would like to add more. The exhibit will remain on display through October.

Tickets are on sale for the Van Buren Eagles Hoedown set for Aug. 17, from 3 to 10 p.m. at the Eagles on Beck Road. Tickets are available at the Eagles and cost \$15 for ages 13 and up and free for children 12 and under. Live music will be provided by country bands Taylor Tucky and Southern Heat. Doors open at 3 p.m. A cash bar and food will be available for purchase. Call (734) 699-8836.

The Music Lakeside Concert Series continues Thursday, July 25th with the Stubbs Girls beginning at 7 p.m. at Horizon Park on High Street. Next week, the Paxton Spangler Band featuring T-Bone Paxton. In case of rain the concert will move across the street inside Belleville First United Methodist Church. Visit www.bacaart.org and www.musiclakeside.com.

The Belleville Community Band's summer concert is this Saturday, July 27. 7:30 p.m. at the Belleville First United Methodist Church on Charles Street. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Threads 'n' Treasure Quilt Shop is now offering over 50% off everything in the store during Kay's Retiring Event on South Street near 5-Points. Everything must go, including fabric, patterns, books, notions, samples, quilts, even fixtures and shelving. Call (734) 697-9376.

The Rotary Club of Belleville will be holding a golf outing fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 23, at Fellows Creek Golf Course in Canton. The cost is \$115 per golfer. Player check-in starts at 7:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. and dinner at 3 p.m. Sponsorships are also available, from Hole Sponsorships at \$100 to the Event Sponsorship at \$2000 and a whole lot more in between. Call Dennis Davidson at (313) 590-9485 or email dennisd227@comcast.net.

All the best to Leonard Armstrong who's still on the mend following hip surgery and will not be opening Armstrong's Funland Mini Golf and Ice Cream on Belleville Road this summer, as he had hoped. Their Facebook page says they'll be back next spring. Continue getting well, Leonard. We miss you.



We want to hear from you!



This is your opportunity to help determine the future of Van Buren Township!

The Township is in the process of updating its community-wide Master Plan. This plan establishes a vision and guides decision-making processes for the future use of land, transportation, and commercial corridors within our Township.

The Van Buren Township Master Plan will be rooted in the desires and vision of Township residents and stakeholders. This is why we need you to share your opinions and great ideas for Van Buren Township's future.

Take the online survey by August 6! www.surveymonkey.com/r/3G8XJDS

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