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Van Buren Twp. Trustees Hear Report on Lake Weeds

*Belleville Lake update leads
busy July 21 board meeting*

Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

Municipal Services intern Adam Haase presented on the Belleville Lake Aquatic Weed Management Program to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees at the regular meeting on July 21.

Haase stated that long-term algae blooms, high phosphorus levels and invasive species in the lake are the concerns being targeted. He also noted challenges that Edison Lake is facing, primarily sediment build-up that is causing lower water levels and limited navigation.

Three treatments have been administered by Aquatic Weed Control (PLM Lake & Land Management) so far this season. The first on June 10 and the third on July 13 were herbicidal treatments for Eurasian milfoil and aquatic coastline weeds. The second treatment on June 30 used mineral compounds to target algae.

Public notice signs are posted within 100 feet of all treated areas. Van Buren Township is currently funding the program for one year.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Extended the moratorium on accepting applications for private prisons, large industrial projects meeting certain criteria and power generation facilities, amending it to include data centers and hyperscale data centers, which were discussed during public comment;
- Authorized the 2027 Suburban Mo-

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Development Debate Continues



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TOP: The sixth hole of the former Harbour Club Golf Course, photographed from the green looking back toward the tee box.
BELOW: A photo shows the sixth hole when Harbour Club Golf Course was still open for play. The property is part of the proposed Waverly Development project. Developers have submitted a revised rezoning request after withdrawing an earlier proposal that had been scheduled for a public hearing on July 22.

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A Peaceful Scene, With Growing Concerns

Belleville’s Hillside Cemetery was looking lovely on a recent sunny day in July, and we saw more than one resident tending graves and setting out flowers. However, a concerned resident called The Independent to complain about tree saplings growing on some graves or right next to headstones. The resident said that when he complained to the city last year about a tree growing from a grave, they came and cut it down. However, the city didn’t treat the roots with weed killer, and the tree is back. He expressed the concern that saplings left unchecked could topple over headstones at the cemetery. The Independent reached out to Belleville’s Department of Public Services for comment but did not hear back by deadline for this issue.

PHOTOS | SARAH RIGG

Remodeling Project Turns up Local Couple’s Special Memorial Rock

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

A recent home renovation in Van Buren Township turned up a mystery and led to an adventure.

Homeowner Sarah Turner says she and her husband moved into their house on Riggs Road in 2024 and are currently in the middle of a kitchen renovation.

“A few weeks ago, during the widespread power outages, our contractors needed to shut off the gas before continuing their work. While digging to locate the gas valve along the side of the house, they uncovered the rock.”

“At first, none of us knew what it was, but once they cleaned it off and realized it was an anniversary marker, we knew we had to find the family it belonged to,” Turner says.

The rock is painted to say, “June 28, 1975,

Janice G. Exchanged vows with Gerald E. LaVaute. 34 years of Marital Bliss.” The rock also is also painted with words describing the couple’s marriage: Fun. Dogs! Happy. Trust. Passionate. Eternal. Xoxo.

“What started as a routine kitchen renovation quickly turned into an incredible search that connected us with the original homeowners and uncovered a piece of our home’s history,” Turner says. “It really feels like everything lined up perfectly, from the



buried for years.”

Turner says the contractors also joked about wanting “archaeological credit” for the find.

“Jim and Allen from Hammerhead Services deserve recognition for making this heartwarming discovery possible,” Turner

spur of the moment decision to renovate, to the power outage happening while the contractors were already there. If any one of those things hadn’t happened, the rock might have remained

says.

Turner turned the painted rock into Garden Fantasy on Main since the owners had said they knew the LaVaute family well and would pass the rock on.

The Independent reached out to Jerry LaVaute, who worked for Ford for 31 years and then served as a reporter and columnist with The View newspaper in Belleville for many years until it ceased publication in 2014.

LaVaute explained the background of the rock, saying, “It was given to us years ago by my sister-in-law as a wedding anniversary present.”

He said he and his wife planned to pick the rock up soon.

“I’m glad we not only found an anniversary rock, but found one that belonged to a very special couple who have left an impression on many people,” Turner says.

O P I N I O N S

From the Editor

Crime Logs, Birthdays and Other “Little” Things Aren’t so Little



Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

I knew the transition from having Rosemary Oztzman as editor to me taking over as managing editor would be a challenge, and it has been. But, what has surprised me the most is how tricky some of the “little” things are.

For example, it’s possible I owe a couple of community members an apology for failing to print an upcoming birthday. We have been short-staffed and I didn’t know exactly how we handled those, so it’s possible some didn’t make it in.

Even though the birthday listings only take up an inch or two in each paper, they aren’t “little” to the birthday boy or girl and their families, so I apologize if any of

these slipped through the cracks. If this happened to you, please call or email and we’ll reprint a “belated birthday” with an apology in a future issue.

Speaking of “little,” we had a complaint about the size of the font in the crime logs/police blotters. What happened is that the former editor, for quite some time, has been running them in 8-point font, which is quite small.

The first week I published a paper as managing editor, we increased the font, and then we took it back down to the original size the week afterward. We received a complaint by phone that we’d made the font smaller, but we really hadn’t – aside from that one week, they’re running at the same size they always have.

We also had a suggestion that I return to posting the total number of traffic stops and property checks. I had left them out and just put in a line that “this log also contained property checks and traffic stops” but I’ve added the number of those back in now.

The biggest issue with the police dispatch logs is that people have a very

divided opinion about them. Some readers really want them to remain. I’ve been told, “I always look at those,” and, “I think people moving to a new area should know where the crime happens.”

On the other hand, I’ve had three or four people say they don’t like seeing so much crime in the paper and they’d prefer we print more stories about high school sports and photos of children doing activities and get rid of the police logs altogether.

One option I’ve considered is just printing the first day of police logs for each municipality, and then posting the full logs on our website, but I know that some older readers would prefer to read them in the paper rather than go looking for them online.

I always invite readers to write me

letters to the editor on any topic, but I’m especially eager to hear from our readership how you feel about those police logs – stay or go? Or some kind of middle ground?

If you want to have a letter printed in our paper, I’m also especially interested in finding out what our local readers think about the following topics:

- Sumpter Township politics, both trustees and planning commission.
- The proposed data center in Van Buren Township.
- How you think our local schools are doing and what could be improved.
- Anything else that you think we should be covering but that we might not already know about!

CORRECTIONS:

We have two corrections from our last issue.

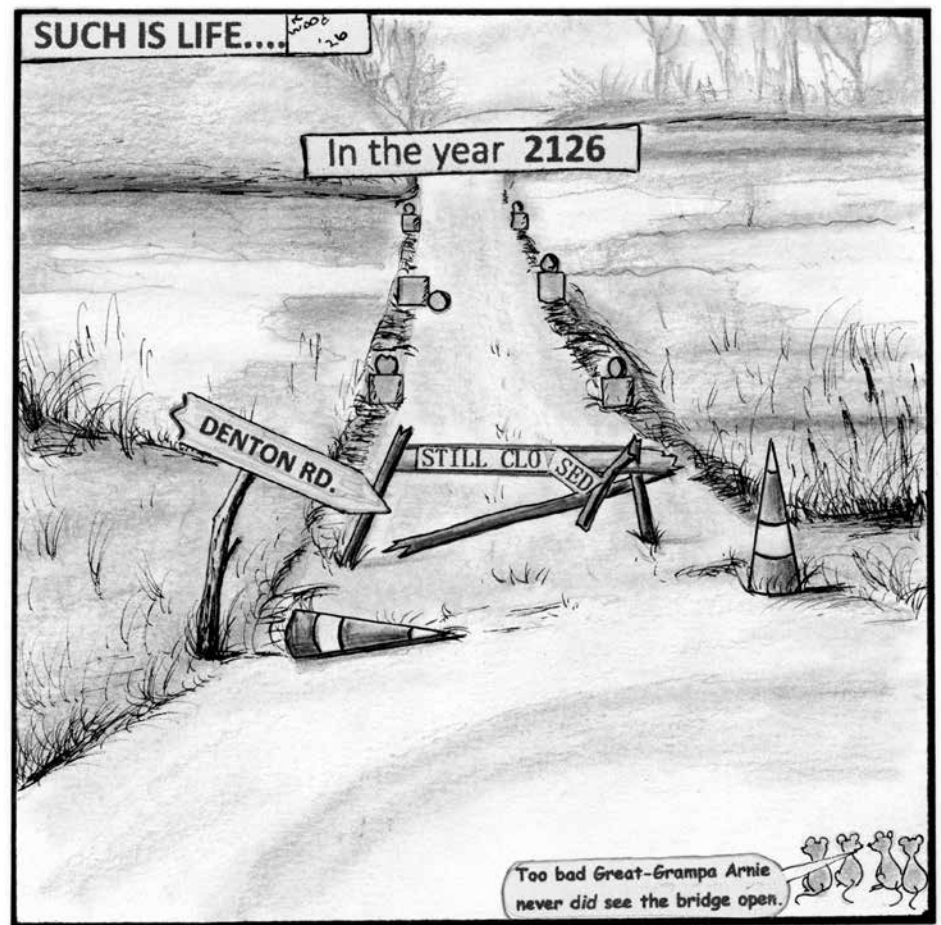
(1) The date of the Taste of Belleville festival is Aug. 20. (2) We published the wrong number for the the proposed salary for deputy supervisor in Sumpter, a proposal which did not pass. The salary that was proposed was \$8,200.

We aim for accuracy at the Belleville Area Independent, but if you spot an error, please call or email us with the correct information, and we will publish it in the next issue.

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At the **Belleville Area Independent**, we welcome letters to the editor on almost any topic, but especially anything local. Feel free to email **editor@bellevilleareanews.org**. We also accept written letters by postal mail at **152 Main St. Suite 9**.

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Wayne County government began a ditching project along Clark Road from Oakville Waltz to Savage Road July 20 and expects the work to wrap up by early September. The affected section of road is at the border of Sumpter and Huron Townships.

The project will include vegetation removal, ditch and culvert cleanouts, and a small culvert replacement along both sides of the road where necessary.

The work will include excavators, dump trucks and other large construction equipment. Two-way traffic is expected to be maintained, but culvert replacements might require temporary detours.

Residents can contact the 24-hour customer service center at 1-888-762-3273.

Local Voters can Vote Early for Aug. 4 Primary Election

Van Buren Township is updating its Parks & Recreation Master Plan and is asking for community input.

The township wants to know: What do you love about the township's parks, trails, playgrounds, programs, and facilities? What would you like to see added or improved?

The township's current parks and rec master plan covers plans from 2022-2026 and is available on the township's website at vbtmi.gov/community/parks__recreation

This is a chance to help shape the future of recreation in our community. The township invites residents to share your ideas and help prioritize future improvements.

Take the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/92DYTNR.

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bility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract, which provides low-cost transportation to predetermined destinations for residents age 50 and older or physically disabled;

- Approved a walk-on motion for the 2027-2029 contract with the Senior Alliance Agency on Aging, which includes an annual \$14,900 grant for the senior center and related services;
- Entered a four-year Memorandum of Understanding with Van Buren Public Schools to provide a School Resource Officer, with the township being reimbursed for 75% of the cost annually. Deputy Chief Joshua Monte commended current SRO Juan Vargas for his attentive and meaningful work;
- Adopted an update to the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure, taking effect immediately, which largely mirrors the board of trustees' code of conduct to ensure that policies are consistent between boards;
- Heard Clerk Leon Wright report that 284 absentee ballots have been returned so far, while reminding citizens that absentee ballots are due by 8 p.m. on Election Day and noting that this is a party primary election, and voters may only vote for candidates in one political party;
- Voted to establish a job description and budget for a Parks Superintendent position to replace the Director of Parks position immediately, with the department stating that its "needs are better served by a more specialized, field-oriented role"; and
- Were told by Clerk Wright that Tyler Road is being repaved, a project which he said he has been trying to initiate for almost four years, adding, "hopefully we'll have an uncracked, safe road to ride on soon."

The meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m. Trustee Frazier was absent and excused.

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Public Hearing on Waverly Development Delayed

Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

The Van Buren Township Planning Commission was originally scheduled to hold a public hearing on the Waverly Development rezoning request at its July 22 regular meeting, but the hearing was postponed as the developers withdrew their request.

Commissioner Jeff Jahr opened public comment to anyone wishing to speak on the matter.

Resident Wendy Winnie spoke in opposition, stating that documentation her husband Andrew Winnie has obtained indicates that the golf course parcels are to remain green space permanently.

At the June 10 Planning Commission meeting, Andrew Winnie spoke during the public comment period for items not on the agenda. He told the commission at that time he was there to ask the planning commission to deny the proposed development of 285 rental units and 92 single-family homes on the former Harbour Club Golf Course, originally known as Lemon Tree Golf & Apartments.

Area residents say that the agreement with

Lemon Tree had included keeping the golf course as open land, not for development.

The Waverly developers have submitted a revised rezoning request, and a new public hearing will be scheduled and announced.

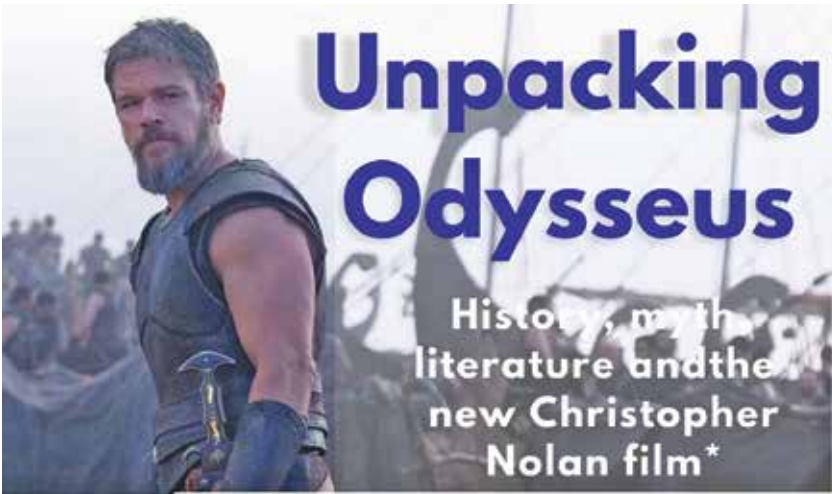
In other business at the meeting, the commission:

- Approved a motion to recommend the Belleville Road Overlay District (BROD) Height Zoning Ordinance text amendment to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, concerning height requirements for hotels, senior housing and hospitals;
- Acknowledged a phishing scam targeting business owners and emphasized that the township will never ask for money to be wired to them;
- Approved the preliminary and final site plan for Planet Oil at 10645 Belleville Rd.;
- Discussed a proposed amendment to the Child Care Institution Ordinance and delayed scheduling a public hearing pending commission feedback and a revised draft;
- Announced the Joint Planning Commission meeting with Belleville and Sumpter on July 29 at 5:30 p.m. at Belleville City Hall, 330 Charles St.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Commissioners Brian Cullin and Peter Creal were absent and excused.



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Unpacking Odysseus

History, myth, literature and the new Christopher Nolan film*



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Gary Burrelle

GARY BURELLE
(May 31, 1958 - July 9, 2026)

Gary Burelle passed away on July 9, 2026, at the age of 68, Mr. Gary Burelle of Dalhousie Junction, husband of Cindy (Johnston) Burelle. Gary was born on May 31, 1958, in Garden City, Michigan, to the late Richard Burelle and Barbara Bourgea.

The family moved to Belleville in the mid 70's where Gary went to Elwell, Belleville Jr. High and High Schools. In 76 they moved to Canada where he and his Dad, Richard, were in business, Burelle Millwork Inc., for 30 yrs. He met the love of his life, Cindy. In 2010 they moved to New Brunswick where he peacefully ended his days.

Always looking a challenge in the eye and figuring it out, Gary was a beautiful, creative carpenter, faceting many creative designs in homes and businesses. He loved fishing and going out on the Restigouche River with his boat. He was also a lover of unusual interests from rocketry, NASA interests, had his pilot's license and his scuba diving designations. He loved the Lord with all his heart. And his generosity and kindness was unmatched. He was quiet in all his dealings with life as in death. He was a phenomenal husband, step dad and "Gump" to his sweet grandchildren.

Besides his wife Cindy he leaves behind his mother Barbara, his siblings Larry (Pam), Mark, Karen (Henri) and Brian. He also leaves behind his step children Jeremy (Canel), Aaron (Laura), Chelsea (Dominic) and Alexandre (Kate).

He will also be missed by his step grandchildren Jordan, Kaiya, Sanford and Alora. Gary is also survived by many nieces and nephews and many cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Richard in 1994.



**Mike
O'Kelley**

MIKE O'KELLEY
(Nov. 12, 1956 - July 18, 2026)

Jeffrey Michael "Mike" O'Kelley, age 69, passed away suddenly, in an automobile accident, Saturday, July 18, 2026, in Lenawee County, MI. He was born November 12, 1956. He graduated from Huron High School, New Boston, MI. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army just after the Vietnam Conflict. He retired from General Motors Lansing Plant, after more than 35 years of loyal service as a painter. He was an active member of both the Lansing and Saline American Legion. He enjoyed working on cars, spending time on the lake, and playing darts. Mike was always on the go, never sat still, and loved to travel.

Mike is survived by children: Jaime (Dan) O'Kelley-Ezell, Angela Farnstrom, and Jacquillin (David Sauers, Jr.) O'Kelley; bonus children: Stacey (Ken) Wood, Chris (Christy) Waterhouse; grandchildren: Courtney (Moe) Hannoui, Daniel Ezell II, Michael Sauers, Lily Sauers, Zach Kalak, bonus grandchildren: Joe Brackman; Sara Dexter, Taylor Waterhouse, Kris Waterhours, Victoria, Raven Mollette, and Emilee McKellar; siblings: Larry "Dean" O'Kelley, David (Deb) Quillen, Donna (Rob Jones) Towers, Dorothy (Tim) Wiggle, and Deanna (Fred) Money, Gary O'kelley (family); several great-grandkids, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Cindy O'Kelley, his parents Darlene Francis (Delmar Lee) O'Kelley, Monroe Quillen, grandchildren: Christian Michael, Seth Michael, and Sammuel Joseph Franklin, also brothers Darren Quillen and Larry Lee O'Kelley.

Visitation will be 1-7 PM Monday, July 27, 2026, with a 3:00 PM Time for Sharing at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Dignified cremation rites will be accorded.

Memorial contributions may be made to K9s for Warriors at donate.k9sforwarriors.org and would be appreciated.

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

MICHAEL LEWIS NAPIER, SR.
June 27 1959 – July 22, 2026)

Michael Lewis Napier, Sr. of Willis, MI, passed away on July 22, 2026. He was born June 27, 1959, in San Francisco, Calif., to Billy Napier Sr. and Beverly (Day) Napier. He is survived by wife, Patricia Napier of Willis; his children, Crystal (Alan) Gregory of Ypsilanti., Tiffany Napier of Van Buren Township, Michael (Samantha) Napier Jr. of New Haven, MI; and Katrina (Devin) Humphrey of Detroit, MI, as well as several grandchildren and his siblings. He was preceded in death by his parents, Billy Napier Sr. and Beverly Napier Price, and his stepfather, I.W. Price. Funeral services at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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I-94 Traffic Pattern Shift Begins Aug. 1

The Haggerty Road exit in Van Buren Township will be affected by the next phase of the Restore 94 project, which is to work on the road and bridges of eastbound I-94, from east of I-275 to west of US-12/ Michigan Ave.

Crews plan to switch eastbound I-94 traffic pattern across the median into shared lanes on the original westbound I-94 side with barrier wall between them.

They'll begin Aug. 1, and it's expected to remain in this configuration through mid-2027.

From 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, eastbound I-94, east of I-275, will be shifted to the shared westbound lanes in the morning. It's expected to take most of the day to open the on/off ramps as pavement markings, etc. must be added to the roadway. Drivers may want to plan extra time to detour during the ramp closures.

Airport traffic will need to use I-275 to Eureka Rd to access the airport during this traffic switch.

Once the traffic is shifted, the following ramps remain closed through mid-2027:

- SB Wayne Rd ramp to EB I-94; detour: WB I-94 to Haggerty Rd to EB I-94
- SB Merriman Rd ramp to EB I-94; detour: WB I-94 to Vining Rd to EB I-94
- EB I-94 ramp to Ecorse Rd; detour: EB I-94 to SB US-24 to Ecorse Rd

Additionally, Beach Daly Road will be closed both northbound and southbound at I-94 for demolition starting Aug. 3. To detour, use Ecorse or Van Born roads to US-24/Telegraph or other local routes.

Information regarding the Restore94 project can be found at Restore94.com. Construction locations can be found at Michigan.gov/drive.

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Obituaries

**Ingrid Ramey****INGRID RAMEY**

June 17, 1955 - July 22, 2026)

Ingrid Ramey, age 71, of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on July 22, 2026, surrounded by her family at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She was born on June 17, 1955, to Imre and Maria (Glanzner) Pocze. Ingrid grew up in Romulus, Michigan, and later moved to Belleville, where she made her home and built a life centered on family and care for others.

She was married to her husband, Michael Ramey, for 34 years. Their life together spanned 42 years of shared memories, and companionship. Family was the center of Ingrid's world, and she treasured every moment spent with those she loved. Ingrid earned an associate degree and devoted much of her working life to nursing and the home health care industry. Outside of her work, Ingrid found joy in the simple and beautiful things in life. She loved butterflies and tulips. Ingrid was a wonderful cook, and her amazing buttercream frosting became a treasured part of family traditions. She loved playing "Hair and makeup" with her granddaughters, as well as rescuing local stray cats to have them spayed/neutered. Ingrid's family and friends will remember her for the many ways she gave of herself; she was supportive, kind, and a very generous person.

She is survived by her husband, Michael Ramey; her daughter, Anna (Chris) Smolinski of Belleville, MI; grandchildren, Steven (Jillian) Cinnamon , of Taylor, MI, Allison (Kevin) Cinnamon-Robertson of Romulus, MI, her siblings, Peter Pocze, Kathy Deel, and Fritz Pocze, her grandchildren, Addison Cinnamon, and Sophie Smolinski of Belleville, MI; and her great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Adrienne Cinnamon.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her siblings, Jasmine Keel and Jimmy Pocze, and her in-laws Elmer and Ethel (Stallings) Ramey.

According to her wishes, dignified cremation rites have been accorded with the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI, 48111. Please keep Ingrid and her family in your prayers at this difficult time.



**Harlan E.
Davenport**

HARLAN E. DAVENPORT

(Nov. 29, 1949 - July 26, 2026)

Harlan Eugene Davenport, age 76, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away Sunday, July 26, 2026, at Trinity Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born November 29, 1949, in Detroit, MI, son of Aubrey Chamus & Christine (Prater) Davenport. Harlan graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1967. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. during the Vietnam conflict. Harlan was the President of Davenport Brothers Construction Company, Inc. His knowledge, leadership, strong work ethic, and commitment to quality helped shape countless projects, businesses, and careers over the years. Harlan enjoyed fishing, hunting, classic cars, baseball, and going out to eat, especially breakfast. Most of all, Harlan cherished time spent with his family, kids, grandkids, and many friends. His legacy will continue through the many lives he touched and the work he helped build throughout his community.

Mr. Davenport is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sara Mae (Beachum) Davenport, 5 children: Stacie (Dwight) Jackson of Romulus, MI, Stephanie (Nick) Lyos of Manchester, MI, Michael (Nicole) Davenport of Belleville, MI, Drew (Karli) Davenport of Livonia, MI, and Nick (Leah) Davenport of Belleville, MI; 20 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren, a sister Diane (David) Holland of Clermont, Florida, two brothers: Steve (Becky) Davenport and Mark (Theresa) Davenport, both of Belleville, MI; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Harlan was preceded in death by his parents, nephew Mark Davenport, Jr., and grandson Bronson Lyos.

Visitation will be 12-8 PM on Wednesday, and 11-12 Thursday, July 30, 2026, with a 12noon Funeral Service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Pastor Wayne Jacobs will officiate. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the wishes of the family and would be appreciated.

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

VBT Seeks Input on Parks & Rec Master Plan

Van Buren Township is updating its Parks & Recreation Master Plan and is asking for community input.

The township wants to know: What do you love about the township's parks, trails, playgrounds, programs, and facilities? What would you like to see added or improved?

The township's current parks and rec master plan covers plans from 2022-

2026 and is available on the township's website at vbtpmi.gov/community/parks_recreation

This is a chance to help shape the future of recreation in our community. The township invites residents to share your ideas and help prioritize future improvements.

Take the survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/92DYTNR.

Tyler Road Property Draws Complaints from Neighbors



Neighbors of a Van Buren Township property are upset about the blight on this residential parcel on Tyler Road near Haggerty and what they feel is a slow response from township officials. Van Buren public safety vehicles were seen, along with people in protective clothing, on the night of July 7 and into the morning of July 8. Unofficial reports from neighbors suggest that a tenant wrecked the property in retaliation for being evicted. Neighbors are also saying they called township officials with blight and ordinance violation complaints for months.

Video sent to the Independent show several barrels with unknown substances on the property, a trailer that has been torn apart for parts, and a severely damaged outer wall of the building that sits on the property. The property has been cleaned up since these video stills were taken. The Independent reached out to Van Buren Township for comment but did not hear back by deadline for this issue.

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Local Women's Flag Football Team to Compete at AAU Junior Olympics

Dave Merchant

Special to the Independent

Excitement is in the air for several female athletes in the local area after a big qualifying win for the 17U Motor City Misschief flag football team.

Six Belleville athletes will compete at the AAU Junior Olympics beginning Friday, July 31 in Des Moines, Iowa. The team plays three pool games on Friday and will play in the elimination games on Saturday with hopes of making the finals on Sunday.

This team will be the only Michigan high school-aged team competing at the national tournament.

Team manager Jen Kelley is very excited about this opportunity.

"The teams we have an opportunity to play against have been on ESPN," Kelley whose husband Bryon is the head coach, said. "It is really an honor to compete in this tournament."

The six Belleville athletes will join five players from other Michigan high schools to compete as the 17U Motor City Misschief.

The six Lady Tigers competing are seniors Ariel Hawkins, Chloe Miller, and

Jamia Stevens. The lone sophomore is Dakota Caudill along with freshmen Grace Kelley and Kylee Tibbs.

The five other standout players according to Kelley are Kamari Burks a sophomore from Summit Academy; junior Devin Dietrich from Powers Catholic High School; freshman Bria Thurmand from Wayne Memorial High School; senior Amaya Tigney from Redford Union High School; and freshman Zarine Kittle from Lincoln High School.

The team will be led by members of the Belleville High School Flag Football coaching staff with additional coaching and logistical support from the Detroit Prowl Women's Tackle Football team in the AWFL. The coaches have helped to prepare the athletes to represent Michigan and compete against top programs from across the country.

"Competing at the Junior Olympics allows these athletes to showcase Michigan's growing talent on a national stage," she said. "Their participation also demonstrates the continued expansion of girls' flag football and the increasing demand for additional high school opportunities throughout the state."

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The preliminary investigation revealed that Michael James Przytula, a 37-year-old resident of Van Buren Township was struck and killed by a motor vehicle.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team and Evidence Technicians located, preserved, and collected evidence at the scene that pointed to the suspect vehicle being a blue General Motors truck or sport utility vehicle. Officers patrol activity in the area and witness statements led Investigators to a narrow

Van Buren Township officers made contact with the occupants of the residence and impounded the suspect vehicle for further investigation and evidence collection.

timeline for this incident.

Investigators used physical evidence at the scene and the narrow timeline to check FLOCK cameras in the area for a suspect vehicle. Through this camera search, Investigators were able to swiftly develop a suspect vehicle that matched with physical evidence located at the scene. Officers were then able to quickly locate the vehicle in the City of Romulus.

Van Buren Township officers responded to the address in Romulus to contact the

registered owner of the vehicle. While approaching the residence, officers noted that there was damage on the suspect vehicle parked in the driveway that was consistent with physical evidence collected at the scene.

Van Buren Township Officers made contact with the occupants of the residence and impounded the suspect vehicle for further investigation and evidence collection.

Investigators spoke with another wit-

ness that verified the incident timeline and other elements of this accident. Additionally, Investigators collected video footage of the suspect vehicle from private security cameras just prior to the accident.

All the physical evidence in this incident and follow up investigation led to the development of a suspect in this fatal accident.

On July 25, a 17-year-old male from the City of Romulus was arraigned in the Family Division of Wayne County 3rd Circuit Court for Failure To Stop At the Scene of an Accident When At Fault and Resulting in Death. He was given a \$10,000 10% bond with the following conditions: GPS tether, no contact with the victim's family, no operation of a motor vehicle while the case is pending, no substance use, must attend all court proceedings and no new criminal charges.

First Confirmed West Nile Virus Sample Found in Wayne County

Wayne County Public Health has confirmed the presence of West Nile Virus (WNV) in a mosquito sample in Out-Wayne County (Wayne County excluding Detroit) as part of routine mosquito surveillance, marking the first detection in Wayne County for the 2026 season. Statewide, 13 mosquito samples from Bay, Kent, Midland, Ottawa, St. Clair, and Wayne counties have tested positive for WNV. Currently, no human cases have been reported in 2026.

"Finding West Nile Virus in mosquitoes is expected during mosquito season, but it is a reminder that the virus is active in our area and that preventing mosquito bites is the best way to protect yourself," said Dr. Avani Sheth,

Chief Medical Health Officer for Wayne County Public Health in a news release. "A few simple steps—using insect repellent and emptying standing water around your home—can make a big difference in preventing mosquito bites."

WNV is spread through the bite of an infected mosquito and is the leading cause of mosquito-borne illness in the United States. It is not spread from person to person. Most people infected do not develop symptoms, but about 1 in five may experience fever, headache, body aches, joint pain, vomiting, diarrhea, or rash, two to 14 days after a mosquito bite.

In rare cases, particularly among adults 65 years and older, people with weakened immune systems, and those with certain chronic medical conditions, WNV can cause severe, potentially deadly illnesses such as meningitis or encephalitis (brain infection and swelling). Residents who develop symptoms after mosquito exposure should contact their healthcare provider.

There is no specific treatment or vaccine for WNV, making prevention the best protection. WNV activity in Michigan typically peaks in late August and early September, although infections can occur anytime from summer through early fall.

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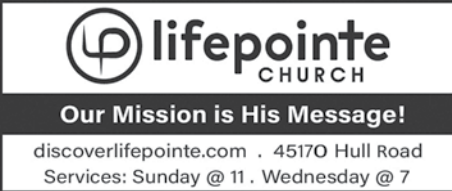
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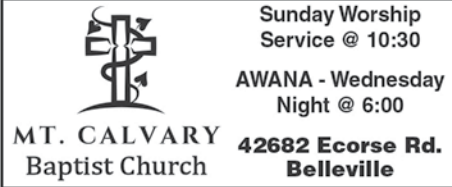
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Public Safety Briefs

CAR THEFT TURNS INTO FOOT CHASE

On July 20, 2026, at approximately 10:15 p.m., a Van Buren Township officer was investigating a potentially stolen vehicle at the Speedway gas station located at the corner of Tyler Road and Belleville Road.

As the officer approached the vehicle, which was occupied by three individuals, the driver fled on foot into the wooded area east of the gas station. The vehicle was confirmed to be stolen, and officers established a perimeter while requesting assistance from our regional law enforcement partners.

A Michigan State Police helicopter and K-9 officer was in the area and was able to assist in the search. The suspect was located within the perimeter police set up in the wooded area south of the mobile home park. Deputy Chief of

Police Joshua Monte said in a message to the Independent that the case has been submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office, and charges are pending.

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SAFETY RESPONDS TO MEDICAL INCIDENT AT MARINA

On Thursday, July 23, 2026, at approximately 5:30 p.m., Van Buren Public Safety responded to a medical emergency involving a person fishing from the shore of Belleville Lake. The individual experienced a medical emergency while fishing near the water and collapsed.

Public safety officers responded to the scene along with HVA and the fire department, where they located the individual lying on the shoreline near the water. The individual was transported to

the hospital for medical treatment. The Van Buren Police Department did not provide further details on the case.

MCPHERSON GUILTY OF 2ND DEGREE MURDER

Sumpter Township Police Chief Eric Luke reports that, following a nine-day jury trial in the 3rd Circuit Court, the jury returned its verdict this afternoon, finding David Paul McPherson guilty as charged with 2nd Degree Murder and Felony Firearm, in the death of his girlfriend, Haley Paige, on June 29, 2025.

Following an investigation into the reported suicide of 24-year-old Haleigh Pace at her home on Montana Street in the Holiday West Mobile Home Community on June 29, 2025, her 39-year-old live-in boyfriend, David Paul McPherson, was arrested and charged with her murder. He was held on \$1 million bond.

Sentencing will occur at a later date.

BELLEVILLE MAN DIES IN JACKSON-AREA CRASH

Michigan State Police report that a 62-year-old Belleville man was killed on the evening of July 25 in a single-vehicle crash in Jackson County.

Troopers responded about 7:20 p.m. July 25 to an incident in the area of Territorial and Mount Hope roads in Waterloo Township.

Preliminary investigation indicates the man was driving a tan sedan east on Territorial Road when the vehicle drifted onto the gravel shoulder, causing him to lose control. Police said the car crossed back over the roadway, ran off the road, struck a traffic sign and then hit a utility pole.

The driver was pronounced dead at the scene.

Upcoming Meetings

- 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.
- Wednesday, Aug. 19 – Belleville DDA board meeting, 6 p.m.
- 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. Also, Van Buren DDA board meeting, 3 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 Town-

- ship Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- 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.
- Wednesday, Sept. 16 – Belleville DDA board meeting, 6 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 21 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren DDA board meeting, 3 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

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- 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.
- Wednesday, Oct. 21 – Belleville DDA board meeting, 6 p.m.
- 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. Also, Van Buren DDA board meeting, 3 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Nov. 2 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 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
- Tuesday, Nov. 24 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 1 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
- Monday, Dec. 7 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 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, Dec. 14 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Dec. 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
- Wednesday, Dec. 16 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Monday, Dec. 21 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Jan. 14, 2027 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, Feb. 11, 2027 – Keystone Academy school board, 5p.m.
- Thursday, March 11, 2027 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, April 8, 2027 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, May 13, 2027 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.
- Thursday, June 10, 2027 – Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m.

Musings



Janet Millard
Advertising Director

Sumpter Senior Center is gearing up for their next Vendor Market scheduled for Aug. 21, 22 & 23 at the Sumpter Community Center. Vendor spaces are both inside and out. Give them a call at (734) 461-9373 to reserve your crafter space.

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Bethany Bible at 810 E. Huron River Drive will be hold their Vacation Bible School on Aug. 9 through Aug. 13 from 6-8:30 p.m. Ages K through 6th grade are welcome to register.

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Faith Community Church at 894 E. Huron River will have a Vacation Bible School on Aug. 21 & 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will also be a bonus Kids Service on Sunday, Aug. 23 at 11 a.m. Call

Katie at (734) 560-8331 to register your K through 5 th grade child.

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Check out the announcement from Augusta Fire Department. Kids big and little love fire trucks and their open house looks like great fun this Saturday.

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Then we have the Wayne County Fair in just over a week away. See their announcement plus an insert this week with everything you need to know. Again, what

a great family outing, praying for good weather – no rain and under 80 degrees is what keeps me happy!

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We have every hope that the weather will be beautiful for Music Lakeside on Thursday at 7 p.m. because everyone is ready for Magic Bus to perform. This concert brings a crowd from all over to enjoy their upbeat music. Serving dinner will be Bro-rittos. Should be a fabulous night by the lake.

## Things to do in the Belleville Area

■ 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); also, Post Picnic at VFW Post 82 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron Dr.

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

■ Wednesday, Aug. 5 – Historic Presentation Night at the Michigan Flight Museum, 7:30 p.m., \$10. Tonight's topic: 1936 Second Army Maneuvers. [Miflightmuseum.org](http://Miflightmuseum.org).



■ 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."

■ Saturday, Aug. 8 – Steak Dinner, 5-7 p.m. VFW Post 82 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron Dr. Proceeds support building fund.

■ 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 Kreeellers."

■ 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](mailto: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 – 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.

■ 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.

• Tuesday, Aug. 28 – Steak Dinner, 5-7 p.m. VFW Post 82 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron Dr. Proceeds support building fund.

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

■ Friday, Sept. 11 – 110 Stories with the Van Buren Community Players, 7:30 p.m., at the VBT Black Box Theater.

■ Friday, Sept. 11 & Saturday, Sept. 12 – Rummage sale, 3-8 p.m., VFW Post 82 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron Dr. Proceeds support parking lot replacement for the post.

■ Saturday, Sept. 12, Sunday, Sept. 13, Friday, Sept. 18, Saturday, Sept. 19, and Sunday, Sept. 20 – The Sweet Delilah Swim Club with the Van Buren Community Players, 7:30 p.m. evening performance, 2 p.m. matinee, at the VBT Black Box Theater.

■ Monday, Sept. 14 – The Belleville Lakeside Singers start their Monday night practices for their concert on Sunday, Dec. 6. Weekly Sept. 14-Nov. 30, 7-9 p.m. at Faith Community Church, 894 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville.

• Monday, Sept. 14 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ Monday, Sept. 21 – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

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City of Belleville  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
CHANGE OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Notice is hereby given that the regularly scheduled Council Meeting originally set for Monday, August 3, 2026, has been rescheduled.

Due to the election being held in the Council Chambers on August 2nd and 4th, the meeting will now be held on:  
**Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.**

The meeting will take place in the Council Chambers at its regular location.

This notice is provided to inform the public of the change in accordance with applicable meeting notice requirements. The Council will conduct its regular business at the rescheduled meeting.

Briana Papin,  
City Clerk/Treasurer

Posted: July 25, 2026  
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City of Belleville Public Notice

CITY OF BELLEVILLE  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3.6, OF THE BELLEVILLE  
ZONING ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing will be held in person at the Belleville Planning Commission meeting on:

**Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.,  
At City Hall, 330 Charles St., Belleville, MI 48111**

The purpose of the public hearing is to discuss an amendment to Chapter 3, Section 3.6, of the Belleville Zoning Ordinance, titled “Belleville Lake”.

All interested persons are invited to attend and will be given opportunity for public comment. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services at the meeting should contact the City Clerk’s office at least 2 days prior. The agenda and pertinent documents will be available at <https://bellevilleonthe lake.com/meetings/>.

Briana Papin  
City Clerk/Treasurer  
Publish: July 30, 2026

Van Buren Township 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 items:

**Use 26-015: Crossroads North Building 10 Distribution Center:** A special land use request Ashley Capital to construct Building 10 at their Crossroads North site which is classified as Distribution Center. This Distribution Center consists of one (1) building with a ground area approximately 799,668 square feet of space and affiliated site improvements. The distribution center and auxiliary improvements will be constructed at 6100 Haggerty Road, (parcel ID 83-5-99-0004-703) as known as the Crossroads North Distribution Center, on property zoned -T – Industrial Transportation District.

**Use 26-010: Shell Gas Station Rebuild:** A special land use request by Belleville Real Estate, LLC to demolish and rebuilding an existing gasoline filling station. This gasoline filling station consists of an approximately 3,400 square foot retail building, a fueling canopy, and affiliate site improvements. The site is located at 11530 Belleville Road, at the southwest corner of the Belleville Road and S. I-94 Service Drive intersection. The site is currently zoned C-2 and is located within the Belleville Road Overlay District (BROD).

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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Birthdays

BELATED BIRTHDAYS:

**July 14 – J.C. Honey**

**July 19 – Shae Millard**

**July 19 – Autumn Warren**

**July 22 – David Mitchell Jr.**

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS:

**July 31 – Happy 60th Birthday**

**Colette McClinton! Love Mom & Dad**

**August 5 – George-Eddie Long**



Sincere apologies if any birthdays were missed during the transition. Please let our office manager know, and she will see that they get in next week’s edition.

*Do you or does someone you know have a birthday soon? Call the Independent and we will publish it as soon as possible.*

Van Buren Township Meeting Minutes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
July 21, 2026

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Clerk Wright, Trustee Kelley, Trustee Boynton, and Trustee Martin. Absent/Excused: Trustee Frazier. Others in attendance: Deputy Supervisor Selman, Recording Assistant Beaudry, Director of Community Services Renaud, Deputy Director of Community Services Dohring, Director of Municipal Services Akers, Municipal Services Coordinator McWilliams, DDA Director Coburn, Director of Water and Sewer Lawrence, and an audience of nine.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA:** Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Budd moved, Wright seconded to approve the amended agenda adding Consent Agenda Item# 6: To consider approval of The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, FY 2027-2029 Contract for Services to the Aging and New Business Item 3#: To consider approval of the Parks Superintendent Job description. Motion Carried.

**ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:** Boynton moved, Wright seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of July 7, 2026, Prepaid List of July 15, 2026, Voucher List of July 21, 2026, Approval of the 2027 Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (SMART) contract, Approval of the Planning Commission Rules of Procedure 2027 update, and Approval of The Senior Alliance, Area Agency on Aging 1-C, FY 2027-2029 Contract for Services to the Aging. Motion Carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS:** Director Akers was thanked for looking into the Housing Rehabilitation Program through Wayne County where he found that the program was suspended and not accepting applications currently, Clerk Wright reminded voters the August 4th is a closed primary where voters can only vote for Democrat or Republican candidates but not both, and an update was given on Belleville Lake’s Aquatic Weed Management/Phosphorus Inactivation Treatment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Unfinished and New Business): An emailed comment was read referencing hyperscale data centers, a resident inquired on who to contact about the landfill, and a resident expressed support for resolution 2026-18.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Wright moved, Budd seconded to approve entering into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Charter Township of Van Buren and Van Buren Public Schools for a School Resource Officer. Motion Carried.

Martin moved, Wright seconded to approve Resolution 2026-18: to extend the deferment of accepting applications for private prisons, large industrial projects meeting certain criteria, and power generation facilities with the amendment to add hyperscale data centers to the resolution verbiage. Motion Carried.

Wright moved, Kelley seconded to approve the Parks Superintendent Job description. Motion Carried.

**REPORTS:** None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** residents thanked the police for keeping air show traffic off their street, commented on the data center, inquired on construction workers at the Stellantis program, expressed support for mixed use zoning and affordable housing in Van Buren, and an email was read about Clemis, Ice, and Flock opinions.

**BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:** Clerk Wright announced Tyler Road was going to be repaved after years of board request to Wayne County.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk  
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor  
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Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 19:

0617 Welfare check, Main St  
1056 Alarm intrusion, Sumpter Rd  
(missing time stamp) Assist fire dept, Sumpter Rd

**Monday, July 20:**  
0232 Alarm intrusion, 3rd St  
0641 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave  
0945 Warrant arrest, Russell  
1243 Harassment call, Sumpter Rd  
1503 Vehicle lockout, East Columbia  
1517 Indecent exposure, E Columbia Ave  
1630 911 welfare check, Main St

**Tuesday, July 21:**  
0013 Personal injury accident, High St  
0800 Found property/child, Charles St  
(missing time stamp) Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Aspen  
1103 Repossession, Main St  
1143 Lost property/child, Sumpter  
1339 Found property/child, Owen St  
1458 Civil matter, Charles St  
2100 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, W Columbia Ave

**Wednesday, July 22:**  
0932 Neighbor troub, N Edgemont Ave  
2328 Leaving the scene property damage accident, South St

**Thursday, July 23:**  
1938 Vehicle lockout, W Columbia Ave

**Friday, July 24:**  
0106 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, High St  
0925 Vehicle lockout, Main St  
0940 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave  
1127 Fraud, Victorian Ln  
1135 Property damage accident, Main St/Roys St  
1527 Parking complaint, Estrada Dr  
1626 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave  
1928 Found property/child, Charles St  
2139 Assist other dept, San Carlos St  
2253 Assist citizen, San Carlos St

**Saturday, July 25 (partial):**  
0057 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Main St  
0531 Welfare check, Main St  
0724 Civil matter, Charles St  
1207 Traffic offense, E Huron River Dr  
1433 Follow up by officer, Estrada  
1731 Found property/child, E Columbia Ave  
1919 Disorderly, Main St

These logs also contained 73 traffic stops, 7 property checks, and 3 misc. details.

Van Buren Twp. Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 19:

0052 Alarm intrusion, Hannan Rd  
0146 Noise complaint, N I-94 Service Dr  
0314 911 welfare check, Colony Ln  
0830 Alarm intrusion, Rawsonville Rd  
0900 Welfare check, Montague Ave  
1014 Civil matter, N Bellridge Dr  
1039 Welfare check, Sumpter Rd  
1040 Malicious destruction, N Ponderosa Trl  
1058 Trespassing, Belleville Rd  
1103 Welfare check, McBride Ave  
1413 Assist fire dept, Truman  
1424 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd  
1619 Runaway, Quirk Rd  
1645 Civil matter, Winchester St  
(missing time stamp) Ordinance violation, Denton Rd  
1734 Civil matter, S Ponderosa Trl  
1825 Missing person, Quirk Rd/Ayres Ave  
1834 911 welfare check, W I-94/Belleville  
1834 Civil matter, S Ponderosa Trl  
2027 Motorist assist, Belleville Rd/Ecorse Rd  
2116 Welfare check, DNR Boat Launch Rawsonville  
2118 Fireworks, Denton Rd  
2125 911 welfare check, S I-94 Service Dr  
2142 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville Rd  
2250 911 welfare check, Richard Run Dr  
2258 Alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd  
2323 Suicidal person, W Huron River Dr

**Monday, July 20:**  
0002 Harassment call, Tallgrass Ct  
0031 Assist fire dept, Kirkridge Park Dr  
0113 Civil matter, N I-94 Service Dr  
0157 Vehicle lockout, Ecorse Rd  
0207 Disorderly, N I-94 Service Dr  
0342 Civil matter, Stonebridge Dr  
0734 Threat, Ecorse Rd  
0822 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank  
0906 Trespassing, Belleville Rd  
1011 Disorderly, Kirkridge Park Dr  
1044 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Denton Rd  
1110 Missing person, Quirk Rd  
1119 Property damage accident, Haggerty Rd/N I-94 Service Dr  
1147 Warrant arrest, Michigan/275  
1336 Motorist assist, Belleville Rd/N I-94 Service Dr  
1349 Assist other dept, Parkwood Dr  
(missing time stamp) Private property impound, Old Rawsonville Rd  
1436 Assist other dept, Turtle Cove  
1454 Ordinance violation, Briarcliff Dr  
1558 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Landmark  
1700 Civil matter, Packard Ct  
1733 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd  
1740 Civil matter, Alden Ave  
1818 Malicious destruction, Sumpter Rd  
1830 Domestic, Wildflower Ct  
1846 Traffic offense, Belleville  
2049 Disorderly, N I-94 Service Dr  
2148 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance,

S Ponderosa Trl  
2215 Unauthorized driving away of automobile, Belleville Rd  
2232 Threat, N I-94 Service Dr  
2324 Domestic, N I-94 Service Dr  
2357 Family trouble, Richard Run Dr

**Tuesday, July 21:**  
0031 Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd  
(missing time stamp) Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, E Walden Dr  
0145 Neighbor troub, Outer Dr  
0222 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville  
0454 Domestic, S I-94 Service Dr  
(missing time stamp) Repossession, Belleville Rd  
(missing time stamp) Repossession, Meadows Cir  
0827 Property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd/Martz Rd  
0836 Pp pda, Ecorse Rd  
0845 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd  
0946 Ordinance violation, Zachary St  
0947 Ordinance violation, Zachary St  
1011 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Aspen Ln  
1042 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank  
1138 Ordinance violation, Zachary St  
1239 Motorist assist, Tyler Rd/Parkwood Dr  
1311 Larceny, Cherry Ln  
1338 Malicious destruction, W Huron River Dr  
1338 Susp activity rept-van buren, Haggerty Rd  
1414 Larceny, Brandi Dr  
1436 Ordinance violation, Arborview Ln  
1520 Mental subj, S I-94 Service Dr  
1547 Mental subj, Denton Rd  
1557 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S Ponderosa Trl  
1703 Animal complaint, Country Ln  
1837 Civil matter, Holly Ln  
1847 Traffic offense, Riggs Rd/Martinsville Rd  
1854 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Edison Lake Rd  
1912 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S I-94 Service Dr  
1949 Alarm intrusion, Martz Rd  
1951 Welfare check, Belleville Rd  
2006 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Daisy Blvd  
2016 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Landmark  
2027 Missing person, Anna Dr  
2130 Welfare check, Savage Rd/Martinsville Rd  
2237 Personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd/Savage Rd  
2313 Alarm intrusion, Martz Rd  
2328 Alarm intrusion, Dorchester Dr

**Wednesday, July 22:**  
0113 Background investigation, Tyler Rd  
0140 Domestic, Denton Rd  
0302 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S Ponderosa Trl  
0530 Civil matter, S I-94 Service Dr  
0752 Malicious destruction, Meadows Cir  
0815 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank  
0821 Civil matter, Denton Rd

0828 Domestic, Belleville Rd  
0848 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd  
0915 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd  
0931 Threat, Victoria St  
0956 Alarm intrusion, Peninsular Dr  
0959 Threat, Ecorse Rd  
1028 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd  
1049 Ordinance violation, Edwards Rd  
1059 Ordinance violation, Sheldon Rd  
1104 Parking complaint, Bristol Dr/Chandler Dr  
1217 Juvenile compl, Quirk Rd/N I-94 Service Dr  
1252 Ordinance violation, Quirk Rd/Ayres Ave  
1256 Ordinance violation, Venetian Ave  
1326 Ordinance violation, Vista Dr  
1608 Parking complaint, Marina Dr  
1612 Assist other dept, Belleville  
1857 911 welfare check, Brandi Dr  
1918 Leaving the scene property damage accident, E Huron River Dr  
2025 Juvenile compl, Park Estates  
2100 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Bradley Dr  
2157 Civil matter, Amanda Dr  
2310 Fireworks, N I-94 Service Dr  
2331 Leaving the scene property damage accident, Sumpter Rd/Bemis Rd

**Thursday, July 23:**  
0058 Noise complaint, Oak Ln  
(missing time stamp) Repossession, Oak Ln  
0324 Alarm intrusion, N I-94 Service Dr  
0617 Disorderly, Ayres Ave  
0640 Domestic, Ayres Ave  
0801 Alarm intrusion, Rawsonville Rd  
0902 Leaving the scene property damage accident, Michigan Service Dr/Michigan Ave  
0906 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd  
0958 Domestic, Village Green Ln  
1037 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank  
1233 Ordinance violation, Ayres Ave  
1241 Ordinance violation, Ayres Ave  
1250 Animal complaint, Andover Dr/Tyler Rd  
1405 Ordinance violation, Belleville Rd  
1559 Property damage accident, Andover Dr/Tyler Rd  
1624 Civil matter, Oak Blvd  
1635 Welfare check, Richard Run Dr  
1655 Fraud, S I-94 Service Dr  
1719 Assist fire dept, Edison Lk  
1830 Larceny, Rawsonville Rd  
1848 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Oak Ln  
1947 Domestic, Richard Run Dr  
2130 Animal complaint, Senate St  
2130 Sexual assault, McKinley St  
2216 Animal complaint, Denton Rd  
(missing time stamp) Animal complaint, Denton Rd  
2242 Assist citizen, Haggerty Rd  
2257 911 welfare check, S I-94 Service Dr  
2326 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Arthur St

**Friday, July 24:**  
0000 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, N I-94 Service Dr  
(missing time stamp) Vehicle lockout, Parkwood Dr

0048 Civil matter, Kirkridge Park Dr  
0618 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Jackson St  
0725 Alarm intrusion, Van Born  
0736 Animal complaint, Haggerty Rd/S I-94 Service Dr  
0807 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Jackson St  
0808 Alarm intrusion, Waters Edge Ln  
0903 911 welfare check, Holly Ln  
0930 Abandoned auto, Celestine Dr  
1149 Civil matter, Oak Ln  
1248 Welfare check, Lake Villa Dr  
1340 Welfare check, Lake Point Blvd  
1427 Traffic offense, Belleville Rd/N I-94 Service Dr  
1457 Trespassing, Belleville Rd  
1528 Malicious destruction, N Cumberland Dr  
1644 Property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd  
1834 Property damage accident, Briarwood Dr  
1856 Larceny, Dover Ct  
2029 Welfare check, Country Walk Blvd  
2038 Traffic offense, Riggs Rd  
2111 Neighbor troub, Richard Run Dr (missing time stamp) Welfare check, Denton/Denton Rd  
2255 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Barnwell Dr/N Cumberland Dr  
2311 Welfare check, Ecorse Rd

**Saturday, July 25 (partial):**  
0119 Disorderly, Parkwood Dr  
0151 Warrant arrest, N Territorial  
0312 Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd

0343 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Westlake Cir  
0709 911 welfare check, N Ponderosa Trl  
0849 Personal injury accident, Tyler Rd/Haggerty Rd  
0916 Alarm intrusion, Rawsonville Rd  
1018 Property damage accident, Belleville Rd  
1029 Trespassing, Riggs Rd/Martinsville Rd  
1030 Malicious destruction, Denton  
1049 Welfare check, Sumpter Rd  
1203 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Tyler Rd/Haggerty Rd  
1303 Leaving the scene property damage accident, Timberview Ct  
1303 Alarm intrusion, Marlowe Ave  
1350 Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd  
1452 911 welfare check, Linda Vista Ct  
1530 Trespassing, Parkside Dr  
1624 Assist fire dept, W Adams  
1726 Mental subj, Richard Run Dr  
1801 Welfare check, Belleville Rd/S I-94 Service Dr  
1802 Property damage accident, Beck/Ecorse  
1804 Lake emergencies-van buren, DNR Boat Launch Rawsonville Lake  
1828 Civil matter, Rawsonville Rd/Bog Rd  
1851 Follow up by officer, Dover Ct  
1910 Missing person, Belleville Rd  
2002 Mental subj, W Adams  
2030 Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd  
2126 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Bradley Dr  
2129 Alarm intrusion, S Cumberland Dr  
2200 Mental subj, Alba Ct

2225 Assist other dept, Elwell Rd

Totals for this log: 159 traffic stops, 2 property checks, 3 misc. complaints removed

These logs also contained 159 traffic stops, 2 property checks and 3 misc. details.

Sumpter Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, July 19:

0140 911 hangup, Wayside Dr  
0316 OWI arrest, Rawsonville Rd/Bemis Rd  
0811 Follow-up investigation, Out of township  
0844 911 hangup, Sumpter Rd  
1040 Follow-up investigation, Out of township  
1146 Assault, Rustic Ln  
1412 Citizen assist, Bemis Rd  
1654 Neighbor dispute, Magnolia  
1747 Family trouble, Rustic Ln  
1812 Juvenile matter, Clark Rd  
1819 Welfare check, Edgewood Dr  
2228 Suspicious circumstance, Mulberry

Monday, July 20:

1113 Assist fire dept, Rawsonville Rd  
1241 Civil matter, Judd Rd  
1315 Citizen assist, Sumpter Rd  
1428 Juvenile matter, Edgewood Dr  
1547 Civil matter, Willis Rd  
1608 Suspicious circumstance, Reed Ave  
1930 Traffic complaint/hazard, Rustic Ln  
2138 911 hangup, Texas St

Tuesday, July 21:

0348 Citizen assist, Edgewood Dr  
0811 911 hangup, Washington St  
0900 Harassment complaint, Arizona St  
0918 Prisoner check, Huron Twp Pd

1050 Down wires, Oakville Waltz Rd/Haggerty Rd  
1051 Prisoner transport, Out of township  
1127 Suspicious circumstance, Wear Rd  
1317 Citizen assist, Lohr Rd/Bemis Rd  
1543 Assist fire dept, Sumpter Rd  
1549 Suspicious circumstance, Martinsville Rd  
1719 911 hangup, Arizona St  
1908 Follow-up investigation, Wayside Dr  
1908 Assist fire dept, Martinsville Rd

Wednesday, July 22:

0026 Suspicious vehicle, Judd Rd/Haggerty Rd  
0406 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr  
0435 911 hangup, Utah St  
0438 Suspicious circumstance, Florida St  
0724 Traffic complaint/hazard, Rustic Ln  
0744 Assist fire dept, Willis Rd  
0851 Property damage accident, Willis Rd/Lohr Rd  
1058 Family trouble, Magnolia Dr  
1443 Animal bite, Mulberry Dr  
1540 Fraud complaint, Wyoming St  
1658 911 hangup, Haggerty Rd  
1716 Citizen assist, Judd Rd  
1727 Family trouble, Nevada  
2004 Assist other agency, Glenwood  
2057 Assault, Willow Rd  
2131 911 hangup, Rustic Ln

Thursday, July 23:

0146 Assist fire dept, Magnolia Dr  
0942 Assault, Willis Rd  
1146 Animal complaint, Sumpter/Harris Rd  
1208 Suspicious person, Willow Rd  
1234 Retail fraud, Sumpter Rd  
1245 Follow-up investigation, Willis Rd  
1315 Missing person report, Wear Rd  
1318 Civil matter, Sumpter Rd  
1353 Follow-up investigation, Willow Rd  
1431 Suspicious vehicle, Willow Rd  
1438 Follow-up investigation, Sumpter Rd  
1523 Civil matter, Utah St

Van Buren Township Police Auction

On August 7th 2026, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:30am, at J&T Towing and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

|      |           |    |                   |         |
|------|-----------|----|-------------------|---------|
| 2011 | FORD      | SW | 1FMCU9D76BKA80629 | 26-7837 |
| 2011 | CHEVROLET | 4D | 2G1WG5EK2B1330896 | 26-8214 |
| 2018 | KIA       | 4D | 3KPFK4A77JE168461 | 26-7039 |
| 2022 | FORD      | SW | 1FMCU9G61NUA78198 | 26-8506 |

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

|      |         |    |                   |         |
|------|---------|----|-------------------|---------|
| 2006 | BUICK   | 4D | 2G4WD582261209878 | 26-9160 |
| 2015 | FORD    | VN | 1FTNR1YG9FKB09461 | 26-9072 |
| 2008 | BMW     | SW | 5UXFE83588L162274 | 26-9359 |
| 2008 | FORD    | SW | 1FMCU03158KB04193 | 26-8529 |
| 2013 | FORD    | SW | 2FMDK3JC7DBE17234 | 26-8575 |
| 2009 | HONDA   | SW | 5FNRL38429B021809 | 26-8418 |
| 2009 | FORD    | SW | 1FMCU03709KA29621 | 26-8117 |
| 2010 | FORD    | 4D | 1FAHP2EW4AG156533 | 26-8112 |
| 2020 | HYUNDAI | SW | KM8J3CAL9LU174809 | 26-5214 |
| 2004 | FORD    | PU | 1FTPW14544KB60367 | 26-7895 |
| 2013 | JAGUAR  | 4D | SAJWJ0EF1D8S87443 | 26-7874 |

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

Leon Wright MMC, CMMC., Van Buren Township Clerk,  
Published: July 30th, 2026



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11112 JACKSON VAN, BUREN TOWNSHIP

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