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A Pair of Winners

ABOVE: Landon Wilhide from Van Buren Township holds the stuffed tiger he won in the raffle held by the Belleville Area Independent booth during Belleville Lake Fest. LEFT: Chuck Nerswick from Van Buren Township with his son, Lucas. Chuck bought the winning ticket for the stuffed goat that the Independent gave away during Belleville Lake Fest.

Faull Takes Interim City Manager Role as Peck Prepares to Assume Position

Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

Police Chief and Director of Public Safety Kris Faull was appointed as interim city manager at the July 6 regular meeting of the Belleville City Council.

Faull will receive a stipend of \$500 a week for additional responsibilities and will serve in this position until Brady Peck assumes the role permanently on July 20.

Peck was selected as city manager at the June 22 special meeting. Councilmember Randy Priest acknowledged that there are people in the community asking questions about how the council arrived at their choice.

Councilmember Priest asked that the June 22 meeting minutes be amended to show a summarization of the council's discussion regarding the selection of the city manager, as well as the meeting minutes of June 13 to show a deferred

preliminary vote, as to "show a little more transparency and some enlightenment."

Approval of the minutes for the June 13 and June 22 meetings was deferred to the next council meeting.

In other business, the board: Heard Councilmember Priest ask about the status of sidewalk repairs and Director of Public Works Nathan Johnson respond that he does not believe it is attainable this year "on top of everything else we have, with limited staff";

Approved acceptance of the bid submitted by Highlands Services for the Horizon Park Slope Stabilization Project in the amount of \$698,105, expected to begin late August to early Sept. and be completed in December, which will prevent further erosion of the park embankment, protect infrastructure, and improve public safety;

Approved the appointment of Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Michelle Bellingham to the City of

Belleville Election Commission; Approved accounts payable of \$572,405.91;

Heard a question from Belleville resident Erin Oleszczak about the cause of multiple power outages at her home to which the council responded that these issues are being addressed and they would like to get a representative from DTE to attend a future meeting regarding these concerns.

Heard Councilmember Jeremiah Beebe say that he had the opportunity to be on Belleville Lake for the Fourth of July fireworks presented by the Belleville Yacht Club and remark that it was "intense," giving a special shout-out to the private shows put on by citizens on the lake;

Heard Mayor Ken Voigt state that "Lakefest was incredible," noting that there were no issues with violence, and that his only disappointment was with the donut-eating contest because "we let Van Buren take it again."

District Library Revises Public Comment Policy

Rosemary K. Otzman
Editor Emeritus

The bylaws for the Belleville Area District Library have had little revision since they were written in 2010. Now, with the help of the library's attorney the bylaws were updated and accepted with a roll-call vote at the board's regular meeting on June 9.

While they were at it, board members passed a resolution to adopt a new Public Comment policy that allows people three minutes to speak during the Public Comment portion of the agenda near the beginning of the meeting.

The board has always encouraged public comment during that part of the agenda but

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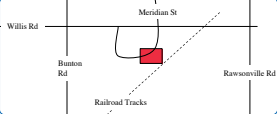
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BELLEVILLE LAKEFEST 2026

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Sights from the
Belleville Lake Fest which
was held from Friday, June 26,
to Sunday, June 28

Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Appoints Stephen Jones as Executive Director

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the appointment of Stephen Jones as its new Executive Director, effective July 6, 2026.

Jones has served on the Chamber's Board of Directors for several years, where he has been an active advocate for the local business community and has played an important role in advancing the Chamber's mission. Following the resignation of former Executive Director Dinara Strikis earlier this year, the Board recognized that Jones' leadership experience, knowledge of the organization, and dedication to the Belleville area community made him an outstanding choice to lead the Chamber into its next chapter.

Most recently, Jones served as Interim City Manager for the City of Belleville, where he demonstrated strong leadership, organizational management, and a commitment to serving the community. His extensive experience in municipal government, strategic planning, and relationship building will be valuable assets as he transitions into this new role.

"We are excited to welcome Stephen as our Executive Director," said Merrie Coburn, Chair of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. "Stephen has been a valued member of our Board for several years, giving him a deep understanding of our organization, our members, and the needs of our business community. His leadership skills, professionalism, and passion for the Belleville area made him the natural choice to help guide the Chamber forward. We are confident he will continue to strengthen relationships, expand member value, and build upon the Chamber's positive momentum."

Jones said he is honored to accept the position and looks forward to serving the Chamber in a new capacity. "I am grateful for the confidence the Board has placed in me," Jones said. "The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce plays a vital role in supporting our local businesses and bringing our community together. I look forward to working alongside our members, Board of Directors, volunteers, and community partners

to continue growing the Chamber and creating new opportunities for businesses to succeed."

The Chamber's Board of Directors also extends its sincere appreciation to Dinara Strikis for her service as Executive Director and wishes her continued success in her future endeavors.

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce remains committed to supporting local businesses through networking, advocacy, education, community events, and economic partnerships that strengthen the Belleville area.

The Board would like to thank its members, volunteers, sponsors, and community partners for their continued support during this transition. With Jones assuming the role of Executive Director, the Chamber looks forward to an exciting future focused on growth, collaboration, and delivering exceptional value to its membership.

For more information about the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, upcoming events, or membership opportunities, please contact the Chamber at 734-697-7151 or visit www.bacc48111.com.

O P I N I O N S

From the Editor

Belleville Area Independent Welcomes New Editor

The readership of the Belleville Area Independent said goodbye to long-time editor Rosemary Otzman June 30. I'm Sarah Rigg, the paper's new editor as of July 1.

Here's a bit of background about me! I'm not new to either Belleville or journalism. I started my adult career as a freelance reporter in the Kalamazoo area in the 1990s, later landing in Belleville at the Independent's rival paper, The Belleville View, from 1999-2004. I started as a reporter and later became the editor, regularly covering Belleville City Council and Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education meetings and writing a regular opinion column called "My Two Cents."

My experiences in Belleville were absolutely foundational to my later career and taught me so much. I've been reporting mostly on Washtenaw County, specifically on Ypsilanti since 2018, but it is great to be back in Belleville where it all started for me.

We have several other staffing changes on deck as well, with a new page designer and a part-time reporter, Emily Flesch, who will be helping cover the many municipal meetings in the greater Belleville area.

Additionally, we're switching up our delivery driver lineup and adding some stops. Thanks to Lavinell Puja, store director for Meijer, for agreeing to carry the paper in the store, and thanks to the many local businesses that have carried our paper for years. If any other local businesses would like to have a bundle of the Independent delivered each week, please reach out to our Advertising Manager, Janet Millard.

Though there are many new faces at the Independent, your hometown paper won't look too different for the next few months.



RIGG

We'll still be covering school board, municipal meetings, obituaries, local crime, and more.

Over time, though, I'd love to create a paper that more closely reflects what the community wants from its hometown newspaper. Do you want to see more about local high school sports? Less crime, more "soft" news and features? More crime and cops? More photos of local activities?

Soon, we will offer an opportunity for formal feedback from the community, but in the meantime, I encourage our readers to email me, stop in the office, call, or send me a letter letting me know what you value and hope will remain in the Independent and what improvements you'd like to see us make. Reach out to me by phone at 699-9020 or by email to baindependent@ameritech.net.

And finally, here's an introduction from our new reporter, Emily.

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Emily Flesch is a new reporter for the Belleville Independent. Emily comes to local journalism from a non-traditional background, having worked as an event coordinator, local actress and trivia host, giving her a seasoned background in public storytelling and community engagement.

Emily will be your eyes and ears at the Belleville City Council and Van Buren Township trustees meetings. As a



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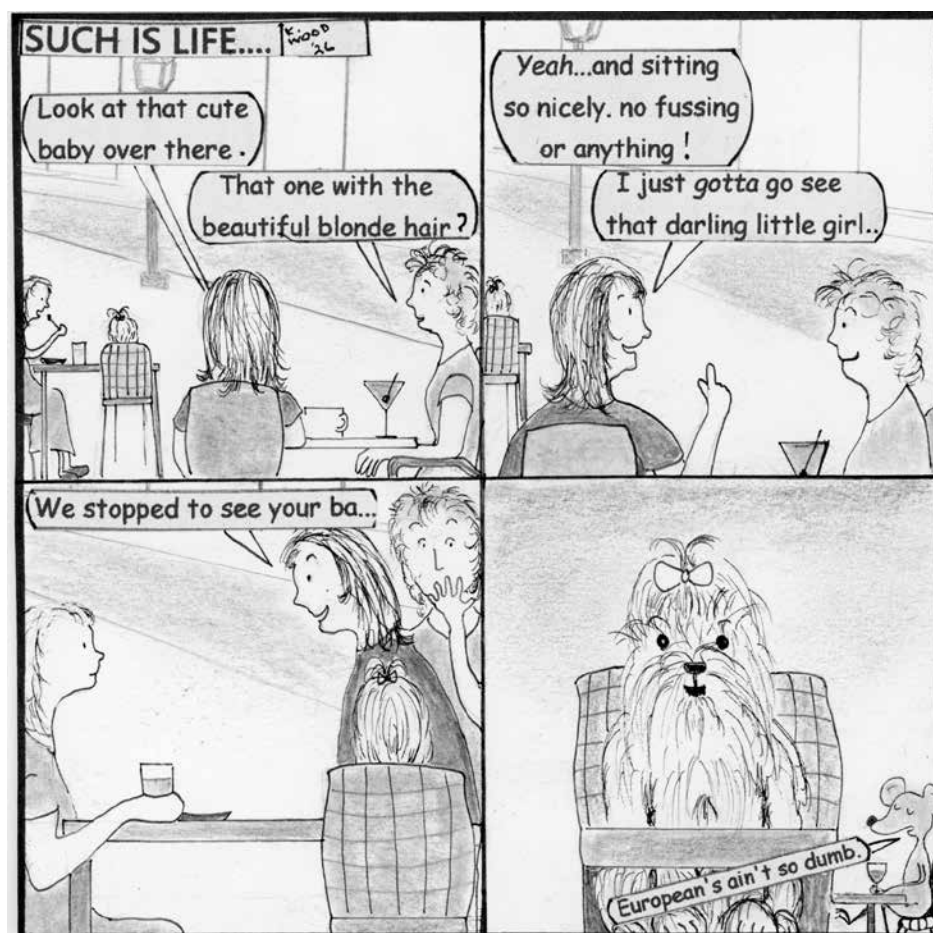
Belleville resident herself, she's beyond excited to be covering the outstanding residents, hidden-gem businesses, and organizations that make our community so

unique.

When she's not working, Emily is often chasing down thrills at amusement parks as a self-proclaimed roller coaster enthusiast, getting swept away in romance novels, belting out a few hits at karaoke, and searching for treasures at garage sales.

Emily is absolutely thrilled to join the Belleville Independent. Writing has always been a special passion and having the opportunity to bring the news that matters to her neighbors is a dream come true.

She looks forward to working closely with her fellow residents and collaborating directly with the community to share the stories that shape our town. If you have a story idea or would just like to say hello, you can reach her at emilyflesch219@gmail.com.



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VB T planners consider changing rules and procedures for meetings

Rosemary K. Otzman
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At its regular meeting on June 24, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission got to consideration of changing its rules and procedures for meetings.

The plan to make a change was set off by a seven-hour recent meeting with a lot of people who spoke over and over again under public comment. A man insisted the time they could each speak was five minutes and then another three. He said it was printed in their rules.

Although commission chairman Brian Cullin said he had been told the time was three minutes and then a minute and a half. He later learned he was wrong.

"I was not aware of what our bylaws said," Cullin said at the June 24 meeting. "I screwed up, so I apologize. I thought it was three and a minute and a half, but it was five minutes."

Director Akers had prepared ten pages of an updated set of bylaws for the commission to adopt, which included the



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three-minute maximum public comment and another minute and a half. The changes were based on the township board's procedures.

The proposed order of business had public comment at the beginning and end of the agenda, taking out the current public comments on each agenda item.

Commissioners questioned whether it was a good idea to take out each comment period after each agenda item. They did agree that speakers should identify themselves and where they live.

Akers said he would follow up with the township attorney on this, since he believes there is case law saying speakers don't have to give their addresses.

He said under law you need five votes to change the bylaws.

"I like being consistent with the township board, but we are a different group," Cullin said. "We deal with different things."

Commissioner Grant said the commission deals with building questions and their decisions affect people's lives.

A woman in the audience spoke under public comment saying she didn't like going with the board method and likes comments after each item is discussed by the commission, before a decision is made.

Jahr noted the commission has to propose what changes it wants to the township board.

He suggested directing the staff to do another draft before the commission approves any changes.

"We want to do it exactly right," Jahr said.

Akers said he would bring back a rough draft to the commission.

The commission discussed the rules and procedures for almost an hour before asking for another draft.

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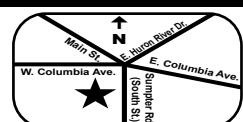
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Letters

Storms Couldn't Stop Sumpter's America 250 Celebration

Sometimes the best events are the ones that almost don't happen.

As volunteers busily prepared for the Sumpter Summer Jam, America 250 Celebration on July 3, dark clouds began rolling in. Before long, Police Chief Luke announced that everyone needed to take shelter in the gymnasium as winds approaching 70 miles per hour

threatened the area. It certainly wasn't the start any of us had envisioned.

After waiting out the storm safely, we stepped back outside to a completely different evening. The sweltering 92-degree heat had disappeared, replaced by a cool 70-degree breeze. We quickly spread the word on social media that the celebration was still on, hoping people would come.

They did.

Families filled the pavilion, lawn chairs covered the grounds, children laughed and played, and neighbors gathered to celebrate America's 250th birthday together. It was a reminder that a little rain can't dampen the

spirit of a community determined to celebrate.

The evening's entertainment was second to none. Midnight in Michigan and Daniel Harrison and the \$2 Highway showcased exceptional talent, providing an unforgettable evening of music for the crowd. Our food trucks served delicious meals and cool refreshments, while our raffle brought plenty of excitement as prizes found happy new owners just before the fireworks began.

Then came the grand finale.

Trustee Tim Rush treated the crowd to an incredible fireworks display that lit up the night sky and drew cheers from spectators of all ages. It was the perfect ending to an unforgettable evening.

Events like this don't happen by accident. They happen because volunteers donate countless hours, generous sponsors like J&T Crova and Atchinson Ford step up to support community events, talented musicians share their gifts, and residents come together to enjoy everything our community has to offer.

To everyone who helped make this celebration a success—and to everyone who came out despite the uncertain weather—thank you. You made the evening one to remember.

The Sumpter Summer Jam, America 250 Celebration proved once again that this community knows how to come together, overcome a few obstacles, and create lasting memories.

We hope you'll join us again for our next Parks & Recreation event—Family Fun Day on Saturday, July 18. We can't wait to see you there!

Anita Honey
Co-Chair Sumpter Twp Parks & Rec

people have been told for generations to hide, shrink, apologize, or disappear. When someone responds to a heartfelt letter about belonging with condemnation, it proves exactly why Pride still matters.

Belleville is made stronger by its diversity. Our neighbors include LGBTQ people, people of many faiths, people with no religious affiliation, families of every shape, and individuals with different life experiences. We do not all have to believe the same things to treat each other with kindness. But we do have a responsibility to make sure our community is not made unsafe by cruelty disguised as conviction.

To the Queer Belleville Resident: you are not alone. Your letter mattered. Your presence matters. Your life, your joy, your love, and your future matter.

To the allies who spoke up: thank you. Supportive voices help build the kind of community where young people, families, business owners, neighbors, and visitors know they are welcome. Belleville has an opportunity to be known not only for its lake, its downtown, and its small businesses, but for its heart. Let that heart be brave enough to choose compassion. Let it be wide enough to hold all of us.

With pride and support,
LeAnn Crouch,
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Van Buren Data Center Felt Like "Done Deal"

To the editor,

I attended the data center meeting at township hall. As the community spoke, it was apparent by the grins of some of the board members that the meeting was merely an appeasement because it was a done deal.

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Many communities have stopped the process, perhaps because the leaders listened to the people. Unfortunately, ours did NOT.

Gayle Harple
Belleville

A Community Where All are Welcome

To the editor,

As a local LGBTQ-owned business in Belleville, we feel compelled to respond in support of the "Queer Belleville Resident" who first wrote with honesty, vulnerability, and hope. We also want to thank Dee Crowe and Belleville Resident for speaking up as allies and reminding our community that love, dignity, and respect should never be controversial.

The original letter did not ask for special treatment. It asked for something beautifully simple: to be seen, to be safe, and to be allowed to exist openly in the community we all share. That should not be a radical request. It should be the foundation of any town that claims to value its people.

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Sumpter Board Hires Karen Armatis as Interim Administrative Coordinator

Karen Armatis, who has served Sumpter Township as a trustee and administrator in the past, was unanimously hired in a part-time position by the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees to fill in after the June 5 resignation of township manager Ken Marten.

Action was taken at the board's June 9 regular meeting. She will be paid \$35 per hour for three days of work weekly as interim township administrative coordinator. Her task list will be approved at the board table.

Maner Costerisan was hired for the interim payroll and finance needs of the township. He is filling the vacancy left when finance director Julie Campbell resigned, also on June 5.

Following their official hirings by the board, the board then accepted the resignations of Marten and Campbell, without comment.

The board also approved sending emails addressed to Marten and Campbell to treasurer Bart Patterson, supervisor Tim Bowman, and interim administrative coordinator Armatis.

Also, Armatis was directed to review the position descriptions on the two vacant posts and submit them to the board for approval to begin new searches.

In other business at the one-hour-14-minute meeting on June 9, the board:

- Heard a prayer for the board and community from Pastor Jim McKinnies of Willis Baptist Church and then held a moment of silence in memory of retired supervisor John Morgan, who died May 21. Armatis and trustee Matt Oddy also spoke of their memories of Morgan;
- Heard treasurer Patterson say he did not get a copy of the supervisor's report in

his packet. The board voted to receive and file it, although Patterson said he didn't know what it said;

- Heard an attorney, sitting at the board table who was not the usual township attorney Rob Young, say there was no attorney's report. He was not introduced;

- Heard public safety director/police chief Eric Luke report that there was an armed robbery during a drug deal in a mobile home community during May. He said this is the first robbery in the township in a very long time;

- Heard the fire department report from Chief Goode, who said that fire calls were up from this time a year ago. He also said the firefighters were presented with four different designs of a new logo for their uniform patch and had voted for the one

he presented to the board. The board put the patch on the agenda and later in the meeting approved the new patch;

- Heard Patterson ask the board to have workshops prior to each board meeting going forward, like they had in the past. He asked that it would start at 6 p.m.

and the regular meeting would continue immediately after the workshop ended. The item was put on the agenda and then unanimously approved;

- Voted 4-3 to authorize Carlisle Wortman Associates to audit and update the township zoning ordinances at a cost not to exceed \$21,000. Carlisle Wortman has worked on other ordinances for the township and is under contract. Voting yes were Patterson, Oddy, Rush and Honey. No votes were Bowman, LaPorte, and

Frazier;

- Approved a request for proposals for as-needed or emergency sewer and water repairs;

- Approved a Parks & Recreation fireworks display following the Summer Jam concert on July 3 at 10 p.m., with a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Trustee Rush said he and Honey will put on the display with fireworks they purchase;

- Approved publishing a request for proposals for a HVAC preventive maintenance and emergency service program;

- Approved directing township attorney Young to draft a "boiler plate" style legal document stating all general contractual terms and insurance requirements to be used in all future RFPs and contracts.

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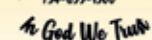
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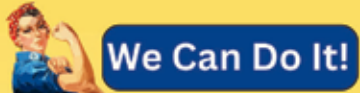
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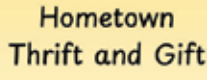
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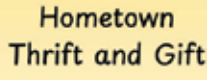
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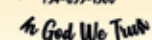
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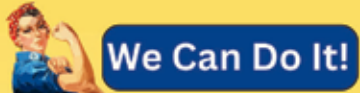
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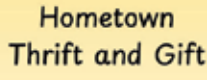
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Keystone Academy graduates 70 eighth graders with high praise

Rosemary K. Otzman
Editor Emeritus

At the 58-minute regular meeting of the Keystone Academy Board of Directors on June 11, principal Jorvana Drain announced the school had recently graduated 70 eighth graders.

She said that was an outstanding class and 52% of the class had been at Keystone since Kindergarten. She said the class had been outstanding over all its years at Keystone and when it took a recent trip to Washington, D.C. she got a phone call from the trip director to compliment the group for being so polite and good to work with.

Principal Drain said she has never had to concentrate on problems with that class and could direct her efforts elsewhere.

Keystone offers pre-K through eighth grade so now the students are going on to various high schools.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Learned 24 students have had perfect attendance for the entire school year and received cash awards;
- Was advised by Drain that 12 students have been retained in grades Kindergarten through second grade to repeat classes because they were really struggling. This is less than last year, she said. Some parents pushed back and didn't want their children to have to stay back, but "We showed them the data" and noted they would really be ahead by doing this. When asked if Keystone retains students in the fifth or eighth grades to make them older for future athletic teams, Drain said Key-

stone does not retain for athletics;

- Approved the 2026 Parent and Student Handbook and the Wireless Communication Device Policy, after a nine-minute closed-door session with the board's attorney. Drain said she approved the changes made by National Heritage Academies. The board had questioned words that seemed in conflict with the Keystone policy that no wireless communications devices are allowed on campus for students. There are some exceptions allowed;

- Approved the 2027 Children's Internet Protection Act Form 479 as required by law;

- Approved the 2025-26 final amended budget;

- Approved the 2026-27 alternate agreement on food service;

- Adopted the Continuous School Improvement Plan as required by law;

- Took no action on the NHA Board Fund Increase Proposal and Request to Amend the Services agreement. This rejects the NHA proposal that would give the board more money, but require it to pay for its own legal fees and auditing;

- Congratulated the boys' and girls' cross-country teams, who both captured first-place in the regional meet. Also, congratulated the girls' soccer team who remained undefeated for the second year in a row and earned first place in the championship game;

- Learned with the current re-enrolling and registered students, there are 725 students projected to enroll for this upcoming school year. Drain said, usually more will enroll in August and so she expects the total to be higher; and

State issues 'Eat Safe Fish Guide' for 2026, Belleville Lake warnings

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services released its "Eat Safe Fish Guide 2026" and there are warnings about eating fish in the Huron River and Belleville Lake.

Filets of fish from lakes and rivers throughout the state have been tested for chemicals. Because of limited funding, not all fish from all bodies of water listed in the guide are tested every year. Only the part of the fish a person would eat, typically the filet, is tested to determine the guidelines included in the report.

The report below is for the Huron River, downstream of Ford Lake Dam in Washtenaw County to where the river crosses I-275, including Belleville Lake:

- Bluegill, Sunfish, and Walleye contain PFOS, but it is considered safe to eat six per year;
- Rock Bass has PFOS, but it is

considered safe to eat two per month;

- Do not eat any Carp, Catfish, Gizzard Shad, Largemouth Bass, Smallmouth Bass, Suckers or any other species. They contain PFOS levels of concern.

Perfluorooctane sulfonate is used for waterproofing clothes, in fire-fighting foams, papers and packaging, cleaning products and pesticides. It is now rarely used in the United State.

With PFOS, fertility and immune system can be harmed; linked to high cholesterol, low birth weight, and pre-eclampsia in pregnant women; and liver and thyroid functions can be harmed.

The "Eat Safe Fish Guide" is not a rulebook, states the Michigan Department of Human Services. These are only guidelines to help people make safer choices for themselves and their families. There is no requirement to use it.

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this policy spells out the rules, if needed to keep everything in order should there be a crowd of people wanting to speak. Usually one or two members of the audience now offer brief comments.

Board president Sharon Peters said they have read in the newspaper about unruly crowds of people speaking at local meetings recently and they want everything to be spelled out to keep things orderly if it becomes necessary.

The board, at the recommendation of its attorney, pulled out the Public Relations / Media / Photography Policy from the bylaws document and approved it as a separate policy. This takes into account that people now carry cell phones and take pictures easily.

Library director Mary Jo Suchy said the library is a public facility and there are areas where individuals do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy from being viewed by other patrons. But, their privacy should include reading rooms, rest rooms, the stacks, and other areas where signs prohibit photographs or videos.

She said it is important that what books or materials that are being read by an individual be kept private.

Also, hand-held cameras are permitted, but no tripods or lights may be set up. A person must attain permission from the library director for photos out of public areas.

This policy does not apply to any public meeting being held in the library

that is governed by the Open Meetings Act.

After the bylaws were accepted, the board also voted to delegate to the director the actions of secretary and in another vote, also delegated financial expenditures to the director.

The standing Bylaws Committee is now ad hoc and will only be set up when needed. Other standing committees remain and will report monthly. These are the committees for Building, Finance, Outreach, Personnel, Policy, and Art.

In other business at the one-hour-20-minute meeting, the board:

- Held a one-minute public hearing on the budget during which no public spoke and then passed the proposed 2026-27 budget of \$3,112,300 in revenue with expenditures of \$2,891,816. A year-end fund balance of \$6,891,242 is expected. Treasurer Tanya Stoudemire explained the budget in detail before the vote;

- Also approved the amended budget for the 2025-26 fiscal year, which ends June 30. The board also approved the Debt Retirement Fund budgets for years ending June 30, 2026 and June 30, 2027;

- Approved a fund balance allocation of \$1.4 million as required by GASB 54 for expenses in 2026-27;

- Noted there was an expenditure in the check report that shows \$150 is being spent for a "Tort-tastic" birthday party for Tortellini, the tortoise who lives in the Kids' Hub area of the library. Tortellini will turn one year old on Friday, June 26, and the people of all ages are invited to join in the party from 2 to 4 p.m. It is still too young to determine its gender;

- Heard treasurer Tanya Stoudemire respond to board president Peters when Peters pointed out Stoudemire was doing a great job as chief financial officer for the City of Detroit. Peters asked Stoudemire to tell of the city's latest good news. Stoudemire said the

city, which had been in bankruptcy not long ago, went to an A-range bond rating last week. She said the city's finances are the best they have been in the last 20 years. Peters had pointed out that Stoudemire is responsible for that. She oversees 400 employees and reports to the mayor and is a treasure to both the City of Detroit and to the district library board, Peters said;

- Heard board secretary Joy Cichewicz say that she now has three grandchildren living with her. She also gave an update on her bee hives. She said she had brought in two new hives to replace the swarms lost in the winter and a swarm of wild bees now has moved into one of her empty hives;

- Heard trustee John Juriga announce that this season's Music Lakeside begins on June 18. There are nine concerts planned. When asked who puts on the free concerts, Juriga said it is under the auspices of the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, but actually just three people have put it on for the last 17 years: Mayor Ken Voigt, Steve Jones, and Juriga;

- Heard trustee Dan Fleming say he had a problem with downloading a book from a library site and the message he got said to wait until midnight and try again. He said he brought the issue to the library and it was explained that the library's number of e-books allowed per patron per day is limited because of its budget. The new day starts at midnight. Suchy said this is an ongoing problem because the e-books are so expensive for libraries to get;

- Heard Peters say that when someone wanted to talk with her, she took the person to the terrace at the library, where they sat outside on a beautiful day and talked with the lake in the background. She said she also has sat on the terrace to listen to Music Lakeside concerts. She said the library is a real resource for the community;

- Heard Peters say that the editor of the Independent is at her last library meeting and she thanked the editor for all she had done over the years.

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SEMCOG Seeks Community Input on Flooding, Resilience

The Southeast Michigan Flooding and Resilience Task Force is asking all residents and stakeholders to share how flooding has impacted them and what kinds of resilience efforts they would like to see.

Over the past several years, communities across Southeast Michigan have seen more frequent and intense storm events, leading to widespread flooding. To support communities in addressing flooding challenges, SEMCOG, the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments, has convened the Flooding and Resilience Task Force to develop a Flooding and Resilience Plan for Southeast Michigan. The plan will support local communities as they make decisions for the future and guide investments in resilience strategies.

To help guide development of the plan, SEMCOG



is conducting an online survey to understand how flooding impacts residents across the region and prioritize efforts to build resilience and what communities need to build resilience to flood events. Results from this survey will help inform the Flooding and Resilience Plan for Southeast Michigan, supporting investment in projects that enhance flood resilience and respond to community needs.

The survey is open through Aug. 11. Survey results will help shape the Flooding and Resilience Plan and guide local investment to support flooding resilience.

The survey can be accessed at www.surveymonkey.com/r/KQHY5XD or through SEMCOG's website, www.semco.org.

2026 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show Kicks Off July 17

Sarah A. Rigg
Managing Editor

The 2026 Thunder Over Michigan Air Show returns to Willow Run Airport, kicking off July 17 and running through July 19, with a bigger-than-ever show marking the United States' 250th birthday.

Each day will feature demonstrations by a variety of groups including the U.S. Marines and Air Force, flying number of different aircraft, from the F-16 Viper

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from home on Monday, July 6. DTE says we are to get it back tonight. If we do, you know we will scramble to get it to the printer Tuesday afternoon. I know many of you have become accustom to getting the paper hot off the press on Wednesday, and you will know DTE did its job if that happens this week.
We have been short on staff since our office manager went into the hospital last week. Hopefully she will be recovered enough to return sometime this week.

The Belleville Area Museum has been busy with the new coffee twice a month on Saturdays and their lecture this month looks very interesting, especially to those who love history. Mary Utz will be giving the lecture on “Historical Women of the Belleville Area” on Thursday, July 16 from 6 to 7 p.m. Don’t forget to register so you can get the free pizza at 5:30 p.m. These lectures are very popular so be sure to register early to get a seat.
July 16 is also the night when we kick

off our new non-profit newspaper at the BYC. We have a number of sponsors and some very supportive residents joining us for dinner. We are very grateful for the encouragement from our readers and those who know how important it is to have a local paper.
Music Lakeside has been struggling with the weather this year Hope the rain stays away this week. The performer on stage is Smoke Jones and Bubbies Pizza will be on hand with dinner.



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VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE ELECTION COMMISSION

TO BE HELD
Monday, July 13, 2026
4:00 PM
Van Buren Township Hall 46425 Tyler Road
Van Buren Township, MI 48111

For the purpose of conducting the Public Accuracy Test, Appointing Election Inspectors, and Appointing a Receiving Board for the August 4, 2026 Primary Election

In compliance with State Election Law 168 Section 798, a Public Accuracy Test will be conducted on Monday, July 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, Michigan. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law for the August Primary Election on August 4, 2026. Said meeting is open to the public and any concerned citizens may attend. The Charter Township of Van Buren will provide, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodations with advance notice to the Clerk's Office, 734.699.8909.

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■ Monday, July 13 – Van Buren Public
Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.,
administration building

■ Tuesday, July 14 – Sumpter
Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also,
Belleville Area District Library Board,
7:30 p.m.

■ Monday, July 20 – Belleville City
Council, 6:30 p.m.

■ Tuesday, July 21 – Van Buren
Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with
5 p.m. work/study as needed.

■ Wednesday, July 22 – Van Buren
Township Planning Commission, 5:30
p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

■ Thursday, Aug. 13 - Keystone
Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also,
Sumpter Township Planning Commission

at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning
Commission, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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Obituaries



Aronne
James
Goldkette

ARONNE JAMES GOLDKETTE
(September 3, 1934 -July 2, 2026)

Aronne James Goldkette of Delaware,
OH passed into the Church Triumphant
on July 2, 2026, after reaching 91 years
of age. He died peacefully in his sleep,
while dreaming of being the first man
on Mars. He was born in Detroit, MI on
September 3, 1934 to Iva Beatrice Bedell
and Henry Strong. He was later adopted
by Frank Goldkette.

He was always a hard-working young
boy and had a paper route from 12 until
17 years of age. He won many contests
from getting new customers for his paper
route and kept his mother in pots and

pans. He even won a trip to Atlantic
City, NJ and an engraved wristwatch.

While attending Mackenzie HS
he played the violin and clarinet. He
was in The Detroit Youth Symphony
playing the violin. He also played the
euphonium, tenor saxophone, and oboe
with various amounts of success. He was
the tenor soloist at Clarenceville United
Methodist Church for many years.

After attending a Billy Graham
Crusade in 1953, he accepted Christ.

He served in the Michigan National
Guard and the United States Army
from 1952-1958. He served in the Army
from 1955-1958 in Germany where he
graduated as "Honor Graduate" from
the 5th Core NCO School.

After the Army, he became a Union
Ironworker, Forman, and Superintendent
for 20 years. He then accepted a position
at Broad, Voght and Conant, a large
steel erection company, as a Tool and
Equipment Manager, Project Manager,
and retired as the Corporate Safety
Director.

Aronne was preceded in death by his
wife Margaret Stow Goldkette and wife
Carrie Annette Heasley Goldkette.

Aronne is survived by his two
daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl
Goldkette (Mark) Brynsvold, and
Dawn Goldkette (James) Carson; six
grandsons, Eric (Rachel) Brynsvold,
Kyle (Alyssa) Brynsvold, Jason (Irene)
Brynsvold, Alexander Carson, Michael
Carson, and Evan Carson and six great
grandchildren. Also, three stepsons,
Paul (Janet) Heasley, Phillip (Glenda)
Heasley, Scott (Patty) Heasley; one
stepdaughter Cheryl Heasley Neff;
Step grandchildren, Katie Neff, Brad
Fleming, Kelsey Fleming, Jade Heasley,
Seth Heasley, Eric Heasley, Benjamin
Heasley, Miles Heasley; and 13 step
great grandchildren.

He was looking forward to his next
adventure in heaven.

The family will receive friends on

Thursday, July 9, 2026 from 10:00 – 11:00
am at the Snyder Funeral Center, 101
Valleyside Drive at W. William Street,
Delaware, where services celebrating
Aronne's life will follow at 11:00 am. A
luncheon will follow at 12:00 noon.

The services will be livestreamed and
can be viewed by visiting www.facebook.com/DelawareSFH/

Memorial contributions in Aronne's
memory can be made to these ministries
he was passionate about: Common
Ground Free Store, 193 E Central Ave,
Delaware, OH 43015 or by visiting
www.commongroundfreestore.org or
Bluewater Thumb Youth For Christ,
7392 W Michigan Ave, PO Box 447,
Pigeon, MI 48755 or by visiting www.bluewaterthumbfc.org

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To share a fond memory of Aronne or
to offer condolences to his family, please
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She loved spending time with family.
She always had Christmas parties in her
basement and made traditional treats
for her family. She also loved gathering
family for barbeques and bonfires in
Fountain, MI. In her retirement, she had
many adventures with family and friends
alike. She truly enjoyed life and was
most happy listening to polka and being
surrounded by her family and her cats.

Margaret is survived by daughter
Cathy Ann (David) Gray of Ypsilanti
Township, MI, daughter-in-law Delta
Stokes, her grandchildren: Timothy
and Lizzie Gray, Joshua and Liz Gray,
Christopher and Cammorn Gray, Mike
and Sharon Makowski, Chenco and
Angie Covarrubias, James and Kim
Stokes, Tony and Christina King, Robert
and Tinnea Stokes; great-grandchildren:
Angelica Covarrubias Robert Jr., and
Tyler, along with great-great grands:
Valentino Covarrubias, Alejandro
Covarrubias and Audrey, Antonio
Covarrubias, Roberto Covarrubias, and
Connor Stokes, Jessica Nehm, Brandon
Nehm, Mason Nehm; along with
great-great-granddaughters: Calliope,
Rayanne and Cory Jolly, great-great-
grandsons: Brody and Benji Rosalie
and Nick Keyes, great-great-grandsons
Phoenix and Noah, also numerous
nieces, nephews, extended family and
friends. She was preceded in death by
two sons: Robert E. (Patricia) Stokes,
Sr., and James D. Stokes, granddaughter
Tonya Marie Stokes, brother Charles
(Yvonne) Loukinen, also a sister Marie
(Henry) Creps.

Visitation will be 11am-1 pm Thursday,
July 2, 2026, with a 1:00 PM Funeral
at David C. Brown Funeral Home,
460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI
48111-2764 (734)697-4500. Interment
will follow in Union-Udell Cemetery,
Ypsilanti Township, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made
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Things to do in Belleville Area

Horizon Park, downtown Belleville. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight's concert is by Smoke Jones.

■ **Saturday, July 11** – Steak Dinner from 5-7 p.m., or until they run out, at the Pvt. James D. Donovan/Romulus Post 78, 39270 W. Huron River Dr., Romulus, (734) 941-3030. Meal includes New York strip steak, potato, vegetable, salad, roll and butter for \$22. Proceeds benefit the Building Fund.

■ **Monday, July 13** – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

■ **Wednesday, July 15** – “A Brief History of American Music” at 7 p.m. at Jazz Night at the Library. Celebrate 250 years of American musical history with one-man band Rob Crozier. Selections from diverse genres, including jazz, blues, country, and folk.

■ **Thursday, July 16** – Belleville Newspaper Foundation fundraiser to keep the local newspaper publishing is 6-8 p.m. at the Belleville Yacht Club. Tickets are \$50 each and available through Independent advertising director Janet Millard, (734) 699-9020.

■ **Thursday, July 16** – 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 “Runnin’ on the Blues Band.”

■ **Thursday, July 16** – Historical Women of the Belleville Area presentation of the Belleville Area Museum, 6-7 p.m. Free pizza at 5:30 p.m.

■ **Friday, July 17** – Saturday, July 18; and Sunday, July 19 – Thunder over Michigan Air Show at Willow Run Airport, 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. thunderovermichigan.org

■ **Saturday, July 18** – Museum Coffee

Hours, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Belleville Area Museum.

■ **Saturday, July 18** – Museum Coffee Hours, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Belleville Area Museum; Donation-based car wash for Jacob's track chair, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Ypsilanti Missionary Baptist Church.

■ **Monday, July 20** – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m.; Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville; Lunch and Learn at the Van Buren Township Senior Center, 10:45-11:30 a.m.

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

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

■ **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.”

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

■ **Thursday, Aug. 6** – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains,

it's in the Methodist Church. Tonight it's “Stay Tuned.”

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

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

■ **Saturday, Aug. 15** – Join in for an Antique Tractor Poker Run to earn money for local chapter of Future Farmers of America and suicide awareness. Starts at Gotz Farm, 657 Labo Rd., Carleton, goes to JMI Dundee, 607 Main St., Dundee; then Maybee Farmers Co-op Holly, 7751 Blue Bush Rd., Maybee, to the Traskos farm at 44077 Willis Rd., Sumpter Township and then back to the Gotz Farm. Live music, food vendors, raffle prizes. Tractors need to run 13 mph. For information call (517) 403-5355 or email trolleyman@tc3net.com. Also, see: www.semichiganpokerrun.com.

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

■ **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.

■ **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.

■ **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** – 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.

■ **Monday, Sept. 28** – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

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



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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN NOTICE OF THE PRIMARY ELECTION-TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2026

In accordance with Michigan Election Law, Act 116 of 1954 Section 168.653 (a), notice is hereby given to the registered voters of the Charter Township of Van Buren that the Primary Election will be held Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

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

Precinct #1	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #2	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.
Precinct #3	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #4	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #5	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #6	Wayne County Community College	9555 Haggerty Rd.
Precinct #7	Van Buren Township Hall	46425 Tyler Rd.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the residents in the Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County Michigan will be voting on the following as presented and listed below:

State: Governor

Congressional: United States Senator, Representative in Congress 6th District

Legislative: State Senator 4th District, Representative in Stage Legislature 31st District

Proposal: Wayne County Transit Authority Proposal
Wayne County Transit Authority
Wayne County Public Transportation Millage

A proposal to authorize the Wayne County Transit Authority to levy a millage for the purpose of funding public transportation services in Wayne County, including operating, maintaining, improving, and expanding transit services; creating and expanding new fixed routes for bus service connecting local communities; expanding transportation services for seniors, veterans, people with disabilities, and the general public to access healthcare, education, and other daily needs.

The millage would be levied at a maximum rate of 0.9831 mills (0.98 cents per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of 10 years beginning with the 2026 tax year levy and ending with the 2035 tax year levy.
This millage would replace an expiring millage levied by the Wayne County Transit Authority supporting the Suburban Mobility Authority for Regional Transportation (“SMART”).

If this new millage is approved and levied, revenue will be distributed to Wayne County, SMART, Detroit Department of Transportation (DDOT), and other community and regional transit providers. It is estimated that \$57,616,329.00 will be collected in the first year.

Should this proposal be adopted?

Full text of the ballot proposition may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk’s office located at 46425 Tyler Rd, Van Buren Township, Michigan 48111, by contacting the Clerk’s office at 734-699-8909 or by visiting mivc.sos.state.mi.us where a sample ballot can be viewed.
Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act should contact the Clerk’s Office
To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions will be available in audio format and in Braille. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the Township Clerk in advance of the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Leon Wright, MMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Posted: June 24, 2026
Published: July 9, 2026

MEETINGS

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- Tuesday, Sept. 1 – Buren Township Board of Trustees daylong budget review meeting
- Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 9 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 10 - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission,

- 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 14 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- Tuesday, Sept. 15 – Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
- Monday, Sept. 21 – Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 22 – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

On July 17th 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.

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.

2013	DODGE	SW	2C4RDGDG0DR613520	26-6111
2015	KIA	4D	KNAFX4A6XF5364757	26-6326
2022	JEEP	SW	3C4NJDCB1NT134274	26-6951
2016	CHEVROLET	4D	1G1PG5SB2G7224418	26-6565
2013	FORD	SW	1FMCU9HX7DUB30410	26-7562
2010	FORD	4D	2FABP7BVAX132406	26-6694
2007	TOYOTA	4D	4T1BE46K07U549108	26-7582
2005	HYUNDAI	4D	KM8JN12D35U053427	26-5925
2009	FORD	4D	1FMEU73E29UA21072	26-6857
2014	CHRYSLER	4D	2C3CCABG5EH373224	26-7725
2005	DODGE	PU	1D7HW48K45S310054	26-7302
2009	FORD	PU	1FTRX12W79FA91739	26-5579
2011	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3BC1FG0BN545023	26-5749
2005	HONDA	4D	1HGCM56435A161390	26-6385
1998	HONDA	CY	JH2RC4310WM400126	26-6942
2020	KIA	SW	KNDJ23AU8L7077065	26-7401
2003	FORD	PU	1FTSF30L03EA02812	26-6858
2013	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3CCBCG1DN598508	26-6704
2007	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNDS13S072275288	26-7895
1995	GMC	PU	1GTEK19K7SE522379	26-7895
2003	HONDA	2D	JHMZE14763T000382	26-7895
1998	CHEVROLET	PU	1GCGK29K1WE214206	26-7895
2000	PONTIAC	2D	2G2FS22K6Y2147856	26-7895
2003	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNEC16Z83J103522	26-7895
2015	FORD	4D	1FA6P0H75F5129554	26-7880
2006	FORD	PU	1FTRF12276KE04064	26-7895
1993	CHEVROLET	VA	1GCEG25K1PF309202	26-7895
2002	FORD	PU	1FTZR45U72TA27150	26-7895
2002	GMC	SW	3GKFK16ZX2G337889	26-7514

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: On or before June 11th, 2026

Belleville Police
Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 28

0948 Alarm, High St
1918 Alarm, Owen St

Monday, June 29

0520 Disorderly, Main St/2nd St
1018 Ordinance Violation, Potter Dr
1229 Fire Dept. Assist, Robbe St
1248 Vehicle Lockout, N Liberty St
1336 Fire Dept. Assist, Loza Ln
1949 Family Trouble, Carmell St
2009 Welfare Check, Henry St
2127 Harassment Complaint, Main St

Tuesday, June 30

0242 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Sumpter Rd
0542 Fire Dept. Assist, W Columbia
Ave
2057 Family Trouble, W Columbia
Ave

Wednesday, July 1

(time not recorded) Threat, Main St
1205 Traffic Offense, E Huron River
Dr
(time not recorded) Fire Dept.
Assist, E Columbia Ave
1803 Domestic, Roland St/Madelon St
(time not recorded) Fight, High St
2024 Fire Dept. Assist, Carmell St

Thursday, July 2

0649 Fire Dept. Assist, Menlo Park
Dr
1324 Animal Complaint, Edison
Ave/W Columbia Ave
1932 Assist Other Agency, Quirk Rd

Friday, July 3

0724 Fire Dept. Assist, N Edgemont
Ave
1324 Welfare Check, W Columbia Ave
1341 Domestic, W Columbia Ave
1351 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, W Columbia Ave
1410 Property Damage Accident,
Main St/E Huron River Dr
1840 Fire Dept. Assist, Sumpter Rd

Saturday, July 4

0024 Fire Dept. Assist, Loza Ln
0143 Road Hazard, Main St
0158 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, High St
0353 Fire Dept. Assist, Potter Dr
1104 Fire Dept. Assist, Potter Dr
1151 Fire Dept. Assist, Loza Ln
1427 Fire Dept. Assist, S Industrial
Park Dr
1744 Domestic, Loza Ln
2141 Parking Complaint, N Edgemont
Ave
2311 Alarm, Sumpter Rd
2319 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/
Circumstance, Church St.
Also on the log are 16 property checks,
64 traffic stops and 4 misc. details.

Van Buren Township
Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 28:

0034 Noise Complaint, Peachtree Ln
0045 Welfare Check, Rawsonville Rd/S
Grove St
0149 Disorderly, W I94/Belleville
0227 911 Welfare Check, Brandi Dr
0249 Suspicious Person/Veh/
Circumstance, Parkwood Dr
0507 911 Welfare Check, S I94 Service
Dr
0535 911 Welfare Check, Assembly St
0802 Motorist Assist, N I275 Ecorse
Ramp
0816 Larceny from Auto, Meadows
Cir
0839 Found Property/Child, Michigan
Ave/Denton Rd
0928 Abandoned Auto, Belleville Rd/S
I94 Service Dr
0938 Property Damage Accident,
Ecorse/US 12
1050 Animal Complaint, Hannan Rd/
Huron
1143 Welfare Check, Lake Villa Dr
1143 Larceny From Auto, Quirk Rd
1152 Welfare Check, Beckley Rd
1224 Dumping Complaint, Belleville
Rd/N I94 Service Dr
1251 Motorist Assist, Rawsonville
Rd/S Grove St
1420 Trespassing, Tavistock Dr
1508 Property Damage Accident,
Cobblestone
1511 Motorist Assist, Belleville Lake
1611 Welfare Check, Maple Dr
1617 Weapons Violation, N I94
Service Drive
1647 Alarm Intrusion, Daniel Dr
1651 Property Damage Accident, S
Ponderosa Trl
1719 Parking Complaint, Belleville Rd
1722 Parking Complaint, Cobblestone
Ct
1726 Weapons Violation, S Ponderosa
Trl
1812 Property Damage Accident,
Belleville Rd
1812 Property Damage Accident,
Ecorse Rd
1834 Assist Other Dept, Lilac Ln
1835 Noise Complaint, Timberland
Dr
1849 Parking Complaint, Rawsonville
1921 Indecent Exposure, Belleville Rd
2012 Domestic, Oak Ln
2013 Animal Complaint, Marlowe Ave
2040 Juvenile Complaint, Rawsonville
Rd
2101 Assist Fire Dept, Parkwood Dr
2141 Alarm Intrusion, Samuel Barton
Dr
2204 Suspicious Person/Veh/
Circumstance, Haggerty Rd
2205 Ordinance Violation,
Martinsville Rd
2211 Assist Fire Dept, Riggs Rd
2215 Noise Complaint, Timberland
Dr

2318 Assist Fire Dept, Quirk Rd
2354 Family Trouble, Aspen Ln

Monday, June 29:

0153 Malicious Destruction, Village
Green Ln
0249 Malicious Destruction, Village
Green Ln
0702 Alarm Intrusion, Van Born Rd
0705 Alarm Intrusion, Belleville Rd
0728 Ordinance Violation, N I-94
Service Dr.
0735 Personal Injury Accident, E I94/
Belleville
0838 Welfare Check, Birch Dr
0843 Vehicle Lockout, Belleville Rd
0908 Animal Complaint, Bog Rd
0920 Leaving the Scene Property
Damage Accident, Beck Rd
0946 Assist Other Dept, Alba Ct
0946 Trespassing, Martz Rd
0953 Welfare Check, S I94 Service Dr
1016 Animal Complaint, Marlowe Ave
1042 Malicious Destruction, Village
Green Ln
1119 Animal Complaint, Elwell Rd
1204 Motorist Assist, Tyler Rd/
Haggerty Rd
1314 Traffic Offense, Belleville Rd
1335 Suicidal Person, Stanley Rd
1437 911 Welfare Check, Belleville Rd
1533 Malicious Destruction, Yost
1542 Missing Person, Quirk Rd
1550 Suspicious Person/Veh/
Circumstance, Yost
1700 Welfare Check, N I94 Service Dr
1735 Civil Matter, Haggerty Rd
1742 Property Damage Accident, E
Huron River Dr
1752 Property Damage Accident,
Haggerty Rd/Tyler Rd
1805 Trespassing, Belleville Rd
1905 Assist Fire Dept, Belleville Rd
1947 Welfare Check, Oak Ln
1954 Assist Other Dept, Carmell
2022 Welfare Check, S I94 Service Dr
2040 Welfare Check, Jackson Ct
2045 Welfare Check, Bemis Rd
2105 Suspicious Person/Veh/
Circumstance, Rawsonville Rd/Bog Rd
2308 Welfare Check, Belleville Rd
2353 Motorist Assist, Tyler Rd/Quirk
Rd

Tuesday, June 30:

0114 Assist Fire Dept, Bog Rd
0406 Welfare Check, Belleville Rd
0704 Welfare Check, Parkwood Dr
0806 Ordinance Violation,
Pebblebrook Dr
0845 Ordinance Violation, Ecorse Rd
0858 Alarm Intrusion, Basswood Cir
1035 Ordinance Violation, Lenomar
@ Walden Dr. West
1155 Parking Complaint, Anna Dr
1156 Alarm Intrusion, Sunset Pond
Cir
1254 Vehicle Lockout, Ecorse
1325 Parking Complaint, Andover
Farms
1503 Welfare Check, Belleville/Quirk
Rd
1512 Juvenile Complaint, Quirk Rd

1714 Property Damage Accident,
Ecorse/I275
1828 Larceny, Wildrye Ct
1828 Animal Complaint, N I94
Service Drive
1918 Family Trouble, S Ponderosa Trl
1932 Disorderly, Rawsonville Rd
1941 Property Check, Maple Dr
1949 Trespassing, Westlake
2019 Animal Complaint, Crowley Ave/
Morton Taylor Rd
2057 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
2115 Mental Subject, Belleville Rd
2127 Vehicle Lockout, Lighthouse Dr
2141 Suspicious Person/Veh/
Circumstance, Timberview Ct
2252 Assist Other Dept, N I94 Service
Dr
2254 Suspicious Person/Veh/
Circumstance, Roosevelt
2324 Alarm Intrusion, Belleville Rd
2359 Alarm Intrusion, Belleville Rd

Wednesday, July 1:

0025 911 Welfare Check, Bemis Rd
0202 Suspicious Person/Veh/
Circumstance, Lenmoore Ave
0219 Assist Other Dept, Rawsonville
Rd/S Grove St
0258 Road Hazard, Belleville Rd/
Westlake Cir
0554 Suspicious Person/Veh/
Circumstance, S I94 Service Drive
0649 Property Damage Accident,
Ecorse Rd/Visteon Way
0738 Animal Complaint, N I94
Service Dr
0753 Threat, Belleville
0855 Ordinance Violation, Ecorse Rd
0903 Parking Complaint, McKinley St
0914 Fraud, Rose Blvd
0918 911 Welfare Check, Harbor Ln
1017 Motorist Assist, Tyler Rd/Sage
Cir
1036 Civil Matter, Ironwood Dr
1047 Animal Complaint, Gilmore St
1100 Welfare Check, Belleville Rd
1102 Ordinance Violation, Ecorse Rd
1107 Ordinance Violation, Amanda
Dr
1108 Warrant Arrest, Ecorse Rd
1110 Ordinance Violation, Belle Pte.
1113 Ordinance Violation, Belle Pte.
1127 911 Welfare Check, Harbor Ln
1130 Property Damage Accident,
Belleville Rd
1204 Private Property Damage
Accident, Belleville Rd
1215 Animal Complaint, Bog Rd
1247 Retail Fraud, Belleville Rd
1302 Harassment Call, Gilmore St
1303 Larceny, Belleville Rd
1403 Ordinance Violation,
Martinsville Rd
1433 Parking Complaint, Timberview
Ct
1504 Parking Complaint, Rawsonville
1520 Welfare Check, N I94 Service Dr
1724 Suicidal Person, Martinsville Rd
1824 Trespassing, Cross St
1828 Fight, Belleville
1829 Property Damage Accident,
Rawsonville Rd/W Huron River Dr

- 1837 911 Welfare Check, Parkwood Dr

1842 Assist Other Dept, High St

1859 Noise Complaint, Elwell Rd/Lauren Ct

1908 911 Welfare Check, Tyler Rd

2026 Suspicious Person/Veh/Circumstance, Rawsonville Rd
- 2036 Suspicious Person/Veh/Circumstance, Belleville Rd

2041 Shooting, Holly Ln

2205 Suicidal Person, Montague Ave

2224 911 Welfare Check, Tyler Rd

2302 Animal Complaint, S Ponderosa Trl

2340 Alarm Intrusion, Belleville Rd

Public Notice

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the **demolition, removal, and disposal of the principal dwelling located at 14060 Martinsville Road (Parcel Number 83-105-99-0017-000)**. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk’s Office by **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with Van Buren Township general funds.

Posted and Published: July 9, 2026

Public Notice

Seeking Demolition Bids. The Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, MI will receive bids for the **demolition, removal, and disposal of the principal dwelling located at 7047 Haggerty Road (Parcel Number 83-003-99-0018-002)**. Bid forms and demolition work specifications are available at the Office of the Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111, from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday or on the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org. Bids shall be submitted to the Clerk’s Office by **11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026**, and will be publicly opened immediately following the closing of the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and reserves the right not to award a contract. Van Buren Township is an equal opportunity employer. This project will be funded with Van Buren Township general funds.

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Also on the log are 115 traffic stops and one misc. details.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, June 28

0024 Noise Complaint, Wyoming St

0252 Family Trouble, Elwell Rd

0424 Assault, Wayside Dr

1151 Welfare Check, Sherwood Rd

1621 PPO Violation, Sumpter Rd

1740 Follow Up Investigation, Elwell Rd

1759 Alarm, Martinsville Rd

1825 Follow Up Investigation, Kansas St

1939 Larceny, Knollwood Dr

1949 Fraud Complaint, Wear Rd

2135 911 Hangup, Sherwood Rd/Arkona Rd

2234 Suspicious Person, Nevada St

Monday, June 29

0504 911 Hangup, Wyoming St

0508 Fire Dept. Assist, Birch Dr

0742 Fire Dept. Assist, Washington St

0840 Property Damage Accident, Rawsonville Rd/Bemis Rd

0920 Suspicious Circumstance, Timberlane Dr

0957 Fire Dept. Assist, Wayside Dr

1011 Fire Dept. Assist, Kansas St

1112 Follow Up Investigation, Delaware St

1338 Personal Injury Accident, Savage Rd/Bemis Rd

1354 Civil Matter, Rustic Ln

1442 Fire Dept. Assist, Bemis Rd

1526 Assist Other Agency, Rawsonville Rd

- 1535 Alarm, Rawsonville Rd

1601 Animal Complaint, Judd Rd

1628 Civil Matter, Indiana St

1943 Fire Dept. Assist, Rawsonville Rd

2111 Fire Dept. Assist, Karr Rd

2200 Suspicious Circumstance, Sumpter Rd

2219 Welfare Check, Bemis Rd

2241 Citizen Assist, Wayside Dr
- Tuesday, June 30
- 0031 Noise Complaint, Karr Rd

0535 Property Damage Accident, Rawsonville Rd/Arkona Rd

1016 Animal Complaint, Delaware St

1227 Neighbor Dispute, Karr Rd

1235 Citizen Assist, Sumpter Rd

1302 Welfare Check, Nevada St

1308 Alarm, Sumpter Rd

1337 911 Hangup, Judd Rd/Fenster Ave

1406 Traffic Complaint/Hazard, Judd Rd/Elwell Rd

1425 Suspicious Circumstance, Sherwood Rd

1531 Follow Up Investigation, Karr Rd

1544 Traffic Complaint/Hazard, Bemis Rd

1548 Welfare Check, Rustic Ln

1549 Follow Up Investigation, Sherwood Rd

1643 Assault, California St

1730 Civil Matter, Willow Rd

1739 Harassment Complaint, Rustic Ln

1803 911 Hangup, Elwell Rd

1817 Traffic Complaint/Hazard, Savage Rd/Bemis Rd

1832 Property Damage Report, Savage Rd/Bemis Rd

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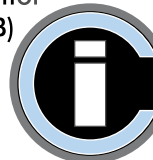
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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

JULY BOARD OF REVIEW
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS
OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday, July 21, 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting will be:

1) To correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact;

2) Poverty Exemptions.

Any property owner who believes they qualify should contact the Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734.699.8946 prior to July 21, 2026.

Leon Wright

Van Buren Charter Township

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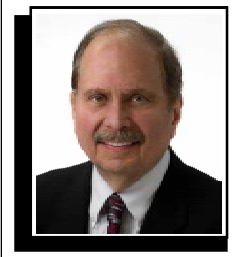
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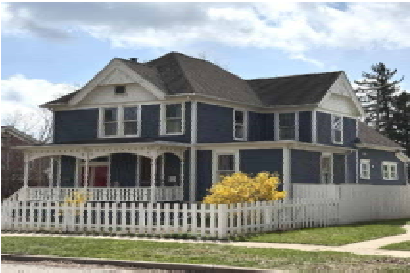
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