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School Board Updates Policies, Honors Long-Serving Teachers at Aug. 10 Meeting

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

During the Aug. 10 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, board members heard the first reading of policy updates for the district provided by Thrun Law Firm. Policies reviewed during the meeting included topics such as entering into contracts, outlining school board member duties, complying with the Open Meetings Act, handling requests for service animals, tobacco and alcohol use, ensuring non-discrimination and anti-harassment procedures are followed, cell phone use, communication between teaching staff and students, and more. The policy updates help school boards stay compliant with state law and district policies. A subcommittee of the board of education had already gone over the policies to update them before presenting a “first reading” of the changes at the meeting. The public will be allowed to comment on the changes at a second reading of the policy changes at a future school

board meeting. While giving a summary of some of the major policy changes, board president Amy Pearce noted that some of the policy changes they were looking at were directly relevant to that night’s meeting. For instance, the policy on board officers’ duties “establishes a clear chain of command when a board officer is absent or unable to perform his or her duties.” That came into effect since both the secretary and treasurer of the board were absent. Pearce appointed trustee David Shall as the secretary of record for the evening in accordance with the board’s bylaws. In other educational news, the board accepted a human resources report that included the resignation of five teachers or administrators and the retirement of one teacher, along with the recommended hiring of a school psychologist and four elementary school teachers. It also included the resignation or retirement of five non-teaching staff and the hiring of one paraprofessional and one school secretary. Trustee Victor DeLibera suggested that the HR report not be passed as part of the consent agenda but that it can be separated so the board can look at the reasons why teachers and non-teaching staff leave the district, whether it was a resignation or retirement or something else. Pearce noted that this is exactly what their HR director was looking into. During the July 13 meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board heard a presentation from Director of Human Resources John Leroy about employee retention. Leroy’s presentation showed that VBPS retention rates of around 88% are higher than the state average but still lower than the national average. During his time for comments, Superintendent Pet Kudlak made note of several long-serving staff mentioned in the HR report. “We have three non-instructional staff with double digit years of service

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Belleville Residents Will See Water and Sewer Rate Hikes

Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

The Belleville City Council approved a water and sewer rate increase for the city at their Aug. 5 regular meeting. This is the first time water rates have needed to be raised since 2015.

Three options for the increase were presented at the July 27 meeting. City Manager Brady Peck recommended going with “Option 2”, a 40% increase on both the fixed rate and consumption charges for water and sewer, starting with the October 2026 bill. The same charges and rates will increase by 15% on July 1, 2027, 5% on July 1, 2028, and July 1, 2029, and by 3% on July 1, 2030. At this time, the council is only approving the 2026 increase. The proposed numbers for 2027-2030 will be evaluated and can be adjusted in the

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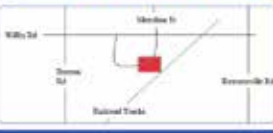
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PAGE THREE *(Formally known as the Second Front Page)*

ELECTION RESULTS IN

Sumpter Police Millage Fails, Transportation Millage Approved

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

While the bulk of Aug. 4 voting focused on primary voting for each party, there were several important millages on the ballot as well. The ballot proposal for a Sumpter Township police millage renewal did not pass, with 57% voting no, but a Wayne County transportation millage was approved.

A release from the Sumpter Township Police Department noted that the loss of all millage funding has reduced the department's operating funds by over 40%.

"As you can imagine, this is devastating to our ability to provide the level of police services that you, our residents, expect and deserve," the statement read. "In the coming days and weeks, the township Board will determine how to proceed."

The Independent reached out to Sumpter Police Chief Eric Luke who said the department would have to "figure out the best way forward soon, which will likely result in another ballot question in November."

The last millage increase request of 1 mill went before the voters 15 years ago, in August 2010. Before that, the department was operating on 2 mills, and that 1-mill increase, which took effect in 2011, brought the department to 3 mills they've been operating under until last year, Luke says.

"That's why each time those 3 mills have come up for renewal since then, in 2016 and again in 2022, they've been on two ballot questions. The first ballot question was renewal of the 2 mills, and the second was renewal of the 1 mill," Luke says. He says separating them is necessary for them to be labeled as "renewals" but says he believes that may also have contributed to voter confusion.

"What most people don't realize is that very little of the property tax revenue comes back to local municipalities, at least in common-law townships like Sumpter. The vast amount goes to schools, county operations and jail, and other regional millages such as Metroparks, WCCCD, RESA, the Detroit Zoo, SMART, etc."

Luke says he doesn't have current numbers, but research in preparation for the 2022 renewal showed that only 1% of each property tax dollar came back to Sumpter.

Luke says all township departments, not just police, have seen a "never-ending onslaught of rising costs."

He says that the set royalty fund payments from the Carleton Farms landfill, which have been at approximately the same amount for 15-20 years or more at around



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Jessica Krueger, Joy Jones and Kendra Garafola

\$2 million per year, means that available "non-millage generated" funds for operations, not just for police, but DPW and other township operations, lose more and more ground each year.

"Without the landfill royalties, the township would be hard-pressed to provide many services, let alone police services,



Karen Spirl and Mel-Ray Leonard

without voter-approved millages to bridge the gap," Luke says. "I am confident in saying that for those who, like us, utilize millages, we are (or were) one of the lowest, if not the lowest, police operation mileage rates in Wayne County."

Based on information provided by the Conference of Western Wayne, out of 37

municipalities, Sumpter had the third-lowest police operating budget at \$3.4 million.

Luke says he thinks a millage will have to go back on a future ballot because the department "can't survive" without any millage money at all and describes operations as "barely hanging on" when they were operating with the fund from just the three mills.

"With 18 officers to service approximately 12,500 residents, we're covering a lot with the budget we have, something I and the department are very proud of," Luke said. "The township board will soon decide the path they wish to take. In the meantime, we will continue to serve our residents at the highest level, with honor, dedication, and integrity."

On the other hand, Wayne County voters approved a transportation millage proposal 67% to 33%. The millage will generate revenue to expand mass transit in Wayne County, including 17 communities that previously opted out. Van Buren Township is one of the affected communities.

Other results:

In the primary for Governor, Republican John James defeated Perry Johnson, while Democrat Jocelyn Benson won with more than 85% of votes in her race against Chris Swanson.

In the U.S. Senate primary, Abdul El-Sayed won over Rep. Haley Stevens by less than 1% (740,963 for El-Sayed vs. 726,065 for Stevens). Republican Mike Rogers is running unopposed.

State Senator Darrin Camilleri ran virtually unopposed for the Democratic primary, with less than 1% going to a write-in candidate. The same was true for Republican candidate Marcie Grzywacz in her primary for state senator.

OPINION

From the Editor

Updates on Hillside Cemetery and Blighted Property

I thought readers might be interested in updates on two stories that ran in our July 30 issue. They were both stories told through photos: a page 3 story was about



Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

Hillside Cemetery, and the page 10 story was about a blighted property in Van Buren Township near the intersection of Tyler and Haggerty Roads.

In our July 30 issue, we reported that neighbors of the Van Buren Township property were upset about the blight on this residential parcel. They told us they felt they received a slow response to months of complaints about ordinance violations on that property.

Unofficial reports from neighbors suggest that a tenant wrecked the property in retaliation for being evicted. Video sent to The Independent shows 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.

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.

We reached out to Van Buren Township



for comment but didn't hear back before deadline for our July 30 issue. Since then, we received an update from the township's Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers via email.

"Our Ordinance Department hired a contractor to clean up the property after the date they were granted the ability to do so in the court order," Akers said in his message.

"We have since obtained the ability to enter the house to conduct an inspection of its condition. After inspection, our Building Official condemned the property and have sent formal notice to the property owner for the condemnation."

Akers said that if the owner fails to respond or provide a plan to remedy the issues, the township can move forward with formal demolition notices.

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The page 3 story we reported was about

conditions at Hillside Cemetery. An area resident called saying that a friend's grave had a tree sapling growing out of it. When he reported it to the city last year, they cut it down, but it has grown back.

When the Independent visited the cemetery, we found at least four or five saplings growing on graves or right next to grave-stones. The resident who contacted us said he was concerned that, left unchecked, the saplings would topple over gravestones and cause damage.

An email to Belleville's Director of Public Services wasn't returned in time for our July 30 issue, but since then, we had a fascinating conversation with Director of Public Works Nathan Johnson.

Johnson says it's a challenge to maintain the cemetery that has experienced "years of neglect" with a small staff of three at the department of public services. Plus, there are rules and regulations around use

of weedkillers and other chemicals. He says there's only one permitted weed killer that won't send phosphates into the local watershed, and it's very expensive.

On the plus side, he says a local high school student is working on a new website dedicated to Hillside Cemetery using a Geographic Information System (GIS) that will map graves in the cemetery and potentially even allow out-of-state loved ones to order flowers for a particular grave. When the website is about to be launched, you can be sure we'll write a story about that for the next issue of the Independent.

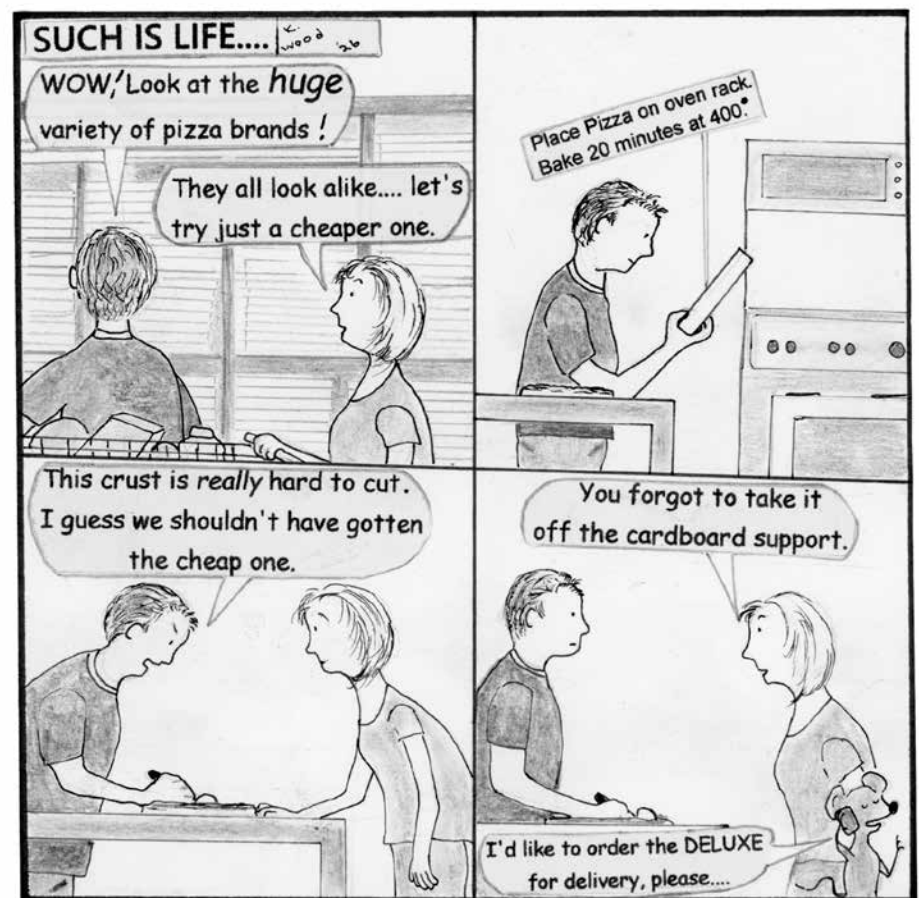
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On this day, if you purchase a \$10 Simply Give Card, located at the end of each cashier check-out lane, Meijer will match with \$20 for a total donation of \$30. This is the Emergency Food Closet’s biggest fundraiser which supports the work we do to provide food for those experiencing food insecurity in Van Buren and Sumpter Townships and the City of Belleville.
From Jan. 1 through July 31, 1,868 bags



of food have been distributed at a cost of \$57,374. We have had 115 new clients, 15 non-residents served one time only, and 10 clients who are Homeless. The Emergency Food Closet is open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Thank you for your continued support!

Marilyn Wood - Coordinator
Emergency Food Closet

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Aug. 19 – Steve Jones
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Belleville's African American Book Club Marks 20 Years

The sound of warm laughter and energetic discussions heard from the second floor of the Belleville-Area District Library on the last Thursday of every month belongs to the African American Literature Book Group (AALBG), a cornerstone library organization celebrating its 20th anniversary this October.

Former Library Director Deb Green founded the group in 2006 in response to demand from library patrons. She personally selected “Dreams from My Father” by Barack Obama as their inaugural read.



Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

The first meeting was small, but attendance continues to grow every year. It is an open, welcoming and empowering environment encouraging all members of the community to join. Neither reading the book nor even being physically present are requirements, as Green recalls a friend of a local member attending via Zoom from Colorado.

Green went on to say that leading the group was her favorite part of her job when she was serving as library director because it was “so positive and fun” compared to her other duties.

Administrative Assistant Nikki Pickeral joined Green in managing the group a few years ago, taking over the administrative side of things such as email reminders, and allowing Green to focus on leading the conversation. “It’s her baby, I just was privileged enough to join her,” Pickeral said.

While libraries are often quiet places, this crowd is anything but. Affectionately referred to as “the loud reading group,” both Green and Pickeral mentioned that they always need to shut the door of the conference room during meetings.



“It’s welcoming, it’s happy, it’s exuberant,” says Assistant Library Director Hillary Savage, who often overhears the monthly meetings from her seat at the reference desk.

“There’s conversation the whole time. It makes you want to go in that room.”

Choosing the next read can be a slightly chaotic (but fun) process. Members suggest books on an ongoing basis, and Pickeral creates a packet with a description of each book, projecting it on the conference room

TV. The group then discusses, debates, and agrees on their next few selections.

The group focuses on African American voices and unique perspectives. Though fiction is their favorite genre, they also read nonfiction, which leads to insightful discussion. A recent selection detailing Detroit’s civil unrest in 1967 provided a unique opportunity for sharing, as a few members lived through the events themselves.

Providing that safe space for open discussions (as well as an abundance of tasty

snacks at every meeting) is exactly why the group has been thriving for two decades. In October, the library will honor the milestone with a special celebration for current and past members.

The gathering planned is going to be “just a chill evening of hanging out,” giving current and past members a chance to get reacquainted. There will be plenty of special touches, as Pickeral is planning to stage

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CHARLES L. "CHUCK" FROELICH
(Aug. 31, 1942 - Aug. 4, 2026)

Charles L. "Chuck" Froelich, age 83, of Belleville, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2026.

Chuck was born on August 31, 1942 to the late Donald and Mary Catherine (Limpach) Froelich. He spent his formative years with two brothers and three sisters at the family residence on Latty Street in Defiance, Ohio.

In his later high school years, his uncle Fr. James Froelich, CPPS, encouraged Chuck to think about going to college. As a result Chuck spent an extra year in high school, after graduating, to take some extra classes which would allow him to be more prepared for college.

In 1961 Chuck was named National Junior Technician for building and displaying a binary computer at the local science fair, and then at the Junior Engineering Technical Society Exposition in East Lansing, Michigan. As a re-

sult of a coordinated engineering program between two colleges, in 1967 Chuck graduated from the University of Detroit with a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering Degree and from St. Joseph College Rennselaer, Indiana with a Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics-Physics. He then graduated from the University of Detroit in 1971 with a Master of Engineering Degree.

Chuck married the love of his life, Sophia (Pietrykowski) Froelich on August 5, 1967 in Defiance, Ohio. During his first few years out of college, Chuck started working with computers, which were in their infancy at the time, and ended up with a career as a Computer Programmer/Analyst.

Chuck and Sophia spent a year helping to build their dream home on Belleville Lake near Belleville, Michigan, and moved in during the month of November 1977. Around 1980 Sophia talked Chuck into buying a metal detector and they both enjoyed the hobby from that time forward. They would even take the detectors on vacations down south in order to hunt for goodies on the saltwater beaches, especially Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Sophia retired from Ford Motor Company in 1999 and Chuck retired from the government in 2003. They enjoyed many years of fishing, boat rides and just enjoying the lake until Sophia passed on January 19, 2015 from a malignant brain tumor.

Chuck was a long-time member of St. Anthony Church in Belleville, Michigan, and also a member of the Michigan Treasure Hunters and the Silver Seekers Metal Detecting Clubs.

He is survived by his brothers, Roger Froelich of Defiance, his sister Karen (Christopher)

Graham of Fayetteville, Georgia, and many nieces and nephew. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife Sophia, and sisters Ruth Froelich and Mary Rose Dell and brother Raymond Froelich.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Schaffer Funeral Home in Defiance, with a Rosary Service at 4:00 pm. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, August 14th at the funeral home, with Fr. Kevin McGraw officiating. Chuck will be laid to rest in Riverside Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society, or to a charity of the donor's choice. Online condolences can be given at www.Schafferfh.com.

VICKIE LEA BYARD

(July 16, 1953 - July 23, 2026)

Vickie Lea Byard, age 73, of Romulus,, passed away July 23, 2026. She was born July 16 1953, in Winston-Salem, NC., to Albert and Joyce (Powell) Lusk. She is survived by her daughter, Jessica Ann Lusk, of Wayne, Mich., her stepson Richard (Richie) Dean Byard Jr., of Gladwin, Mich., her surrogate daughter Shannon Sandlin, of Detroit, grandchildren, and siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Joyce, her husband Richard Dean Byard Sr. (Feb. 2025), her son Jason Dean Byard, her brother Tommy Lusk and her grandson Devan Felt. A memorial gathering will take place at The David C. Brown Funeral Home.

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Restaurant Patron Saved by Belleville First Responder

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

A firefighter who has been a first responder for years but only recently hired into the Belleville department is already putting his training to work in the community.

While off duty Saturday, Aug. 1, Jason Pitman was dining with his wife and noticed another diner having difficulty.

Pitman's father, Jim Pittman, says his son was about to leave when a woman began having difficulty and another patron tried pushing on her stomach but in a way that showed he didn't know first aid.

"Jason jumped up, grabbed her around the waist, and gave two really hard jerks,



Pitman

and she lost her food," Jim Pittman says. "If he hadn't been there, she would have died."

Jim Pittman notes that Jason has been a firefighter and paramedic in Romulus for years but only recently was hired for the Belleville Fire Department.

"He's been doing that sort of stuff for years in Romulus, but this was a lot closer to home," Jim Pittman says.

Belleville Fire Chief John Thiede said

he has worked with Jason Pittman in the past and specifically called him to come on board in Belleville shortly after Thiede was hired as chief.

He said he expects Jason Pittman to be sworn in during a City Council meeting in August.

Thiede also had some thoughts about the importance of knowing the Heimlich maneuver and other kinds of first aid.

"I think as a lay person, knowing basic CPR and basic first aid and the Heimlich is very important," Thiede said.

You never know when you might need to save a coworker or loved one, Thiede said.

"It's a vital thing to move fast. Sometimes if you do nothing except call 911

and wait for them to get there, that four or five minutes can be a real deficit," Thiede says.

He says it's better to jump in immediately and then hand off the life-saving efforts to professionals when they arrive, if you can.

Thiede notes that the fire department offers training to the public on CPR, how to use an Automated External Defibrillator (AED), and other first aid techniques.

"It's just four hours out of your life, and that's not that much to help somebody else out," Thiede said.

More details about first aid classes offered through the BFD is available at bellevilleonthelake.com/departments/fire.

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Public Support Gives Main Street Gator New Life

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

A new paint job for the iconic alligator on the roof of the former Bayou Grill at 404 Main St. in Belleville honors the heritage of the building's new owners and caused a small sensation on social media.

The new business coming into that location is Atwater Bar & Grill, run by the same owners as two other Atwater Tacos locations downriver. The co-owners are husband and wife, Gerardo and Monica Melgarejo.

Monica Melgarejo says she and her husband bought the building knowing the alligator was a "staple in downtown Belleville" but not knowing how to incorporate the animal decoration that fit the theme of the Cajun restaurant, but not the taco theme as much.

She said she and her husband have known the artist for the gator, New Boston-based graphic artist Tyler "Sketchy" Graves, for years and says that he has done work for her family's business in the past.

"This spring, right after they closed on the building, the community expressed that they very much wanted to keep the gator around," Graves says. The challenge was to "rebrand" the gator so that it fit the new business, he says.

The Melgarejos challenged him to paint a design that would clearly point to Gerardo's parents' heritage. The Atwater menu is based on Gerardo parents' recipes, which they developed living in Mexico City, Monica says.

Gerardo and Monica Melgarejo showed Graves animal figurines they were already displaying in their existing locations. The figurines were in the style of a Mexican

folk art called alebrijes, brightly colored sculptures of fantastical creatures, and Graves took his inspiration from them when painting the alligator.

Client needs are the most important, of course, but he says when he's basing something on a culture that isn't his own, he likes to think about the impact it will have on the community.

"I wanted to make sure I approached it appropriately and did it in a respectful fashion," Graves says. "I think this allowed it to come to life and highlight a business that I hope lasts for another 30 years."

Graves says he posted videos of him painting the alligator that attracted more than 60,000 views on TikTok. He was encouraged by followers to reach out to The Independent to talk about the experience. *(Editor's note: Graves was previously featured for painting a sign and mural on the new Laundry Day business on Sumpter Road in the Aug. 1, 2024 issue of The Independent.)*

Monica Melgarejo says that she and her husband are "very happy" with the new paint job.

She says they hope to have the Belleville location open sometime in September. Each location features the Melgarejo family recipes, but each one has its own flavor.

She says Belleville's menu will offer some seafood and steak and other hearty options they're not offering at their other locations. They're also hoping to wow patrons with their soft-serve Margaritas.

"The community has been fantastic, the City, the people, the DDA have been so great with us. We've been welcomed with open arms and it's been a phenomenal, warm feeling."

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Q&A with Belleville City Manager Brady Peck

Peck: Breaking Down Silos, Building up Belleville

New city manager discusses infrastructure, teamwork and earning the community's trust

Emily Flesch

Independent Reporter

Following a 4-1 vote by the Belleville City Council, Brady Peck officially stepped into the role of City Manager on July 20, after serving as Washtenaw County's Director of Operations.

The Independent sat down with Peck at Crafted Beanery after his first few weeks on the job to talk about his background, his transition into municipal leadership, and his administrative priorities for Belleville. (This interview was edited for length and clarity.)

INDEPENDENT: What initially drew you to public service? And for residents who haven't met you, how would you describe your leadership style?

PECK: What drew me to public service is the ability to give back and make a difference in the community. I've always wanted to work for public entities and I pretty much have. I don't know too much about the private sector world, which I'm okay with.

Seeing a lot of the different sides of government and public service has helped me and my leadership style. Understanding what a lot of the departments need, and helping them get that, and knowing when to say "Okay, this department has this, so why aren't we working together?"

A lot of departments will be very siloed in public service, so [I want] to break down silos and work together a little bit better; cross-train, utilize some of the same services or equipment instead of having multiples of the same thing.

[I try] to empower staff to do their job and come up with ideas and bring those ideas forward to the top of the organization, not have them filtered through department heads all the time. Everyone [in Belleville] has been great and really supportive of that kind of style. Anyone and everyone's able to come to me in the city and say, "Hey, I have this idea!"

INDEPENDENT: What is one major priority on your radar?

Peck: I'd say infrastructure, like Liberty Street. If you've driven down Liberty Street, it's brand new, and that was largely because the water main was replaced.

The roads are in okay shape, but there's



a lot of places that do need to be redone or improved. [In our] Department of Public Works, we have four full-time people and they manage the cemetery, all the water, sewer, stormwater, roads; I'm not touching on everything, it's a lot.

[On Aug. 6] we had a resident email that a storm sewer collapsed, so we sent someone out to make sure that we didn't have people falling in the storm sewer overnight. It's little things like that that can have a big impact. If we don't maintain and improve the infrastructure, it causes a lot of issues.

We need to get a lot better understanding of our assets and plan around upgrading and maintaining them, so that we can do that long-term instead of stopgap measures.

INDEPENDENT: What does earning the trust of the community look like to you over your first year on the job?

PECK: It's meeting with community organizations, meeting with the school district, making sure that we're treating everyone fairly and equitably, so people understand that the city might make a decision that they don't like or agree with, but can [also] understand that they were treated fairly and equitably throughout the entire process.

Also making sure people understand the correct process, so they don't just call city hall to complain about issues. If it's a safety hazard, call dispatch so that we can get someone out there sooner.

INDEPENDENT: Some residents publicly questioned the choice to offer you the City Manager contract. What would you say to community members who still have doubts?

PECK: I said in my interview, I'm happy to be here as long as council is happy

“My job titles may not have matched the other candidates’, but my experience when you look at it is aggregate.”

Brady Peck,
Belleville City Manager

to have me.

My job titles may not have matched the other candidates’, but my experience when you look at it is aggregate. I worked all the way from a temporary employee, to running summer camps, aquatics coordinator, budget analyst, finance administrator, director of operations, and there's something to take from every level of that.

It transfers over no matter where you fit in the municipal world because it makes you stop and think, “Yes, it's different, but how do we approach it?”

Part of the interview process was a meet-and-greet with staff before the public interview and I asked what the major issues were. There were a lot of issues where I thought, “Okay I can actually make a difference, and this is how I can make a difference because I've dealt with similar things.”

I might not have been a city manager before, but I would say that my experience is very similar to someone that has been a city manager.

INDEPENDENT: How do you approach working alongside the townships of Van Buren and Sumpter?

PECK: By making sure that we are all talking, all working together. We might not all have the same ideas or goals on everything, but we all do need to work together. They're partners and we really can't go-it alone.

If we succeed together, it can almost feel like we're not part of the big urbanization of Wayne County, we're not quite Ann Arbor, we're not quite Wayne County proper, we're our own little slice in between and I'd like to keep it that way.

INDEPENDENT: Is there anything you'd like Belleville residents to know as

you settle into the role?

PECK: Don't be shy. Give me a call, shoot an email. Come on down to City Hall (but call first because sometimes I'm in meetings off-site.) I'm happy to meet with people and really understand what residents have as their top issues.

INDEPENDENT: You mentioned you were a fan of NBC's Parks and Recreation. As a City Manager, are you more of a hands-on motivator like Chris Traeger or a pragmatic, ride-or-die-by-spreadsheets guy like Ben Wyatt?

PECK: You know, I think it's a balance. There are some things that spreadsheets are needed for, but you can't translate a lot of city work into spreadsheets. Sitting in an office all day doesn't move the needle on a lot of things for me because I can't describe to council like what's actually happening.

Not that I need to go out and micro-manage, but I like to see what happened and why it happened. I can also really recognize the hard work of all of our employees because I see that they're out there working their butts off every day.

I could be either Chris or Ben. I'm a little bit of Ron too.



QUICK-FIRE QUESTIONS:

First Job: Newspaper Delivery in 6th grade

Pets: Pitbulls Romeo and Dolly

Latest Binge-Watch: Criminal Minds and The Mandalorian

Favorite Food Spots in Belleville: The Bait Shop and Rusted Crow (but open to suggestions)

Go-To Coffee Order: Iced Latte, usually large!

Alternate-Universe Job Choice: Air Traffic Controller



BOOK CLUB

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a timeline of past book selections around the room, compile a slideshow of photographs to share, and even invite a few special guests, including a favorite local author.

The anniversary isn't the only exciting event coming up for the group. Every November, a "Super Book Group" forms to accommodate holiday schedules, merging the AALBG with The Other Book Group, led by Savage. This meeting combines the best of both groups, with members of the AALBG picking the book and the meeting taking place in a restaurant, a standard of The Other Book Group.

In addition to the AALBG and The Other Book Group, which reads a little bit of everything, the library is home to five other book groups across various genres, so there is something for every reader. The Evening Book Group serves up classic book club fare; The Witching Hour specializes in horror; Cook the Book allows members the opportunity to test and taste recipes; tweens and teens can read comics and create their own in the Comic Book Club; and those who would prefer not to have assigned reading can gather with the Quiet Reading Club in the fireside reading lounge.

The library does book groups a little differently than other places, as they make sure that books are always available to check out. If they do not have enough copies, they will arrange holds at other libraries and purchase additional copies to ensure everyone can participate. They also display current selections on a dedicated shelf to the left of the circulation desk so that patrons are up to date and can easily see what sparks their interest.

Support from library is invaluable to the group's longevity, Green notes that it's the enthusiastic members that bring the meetings to life. "They come for the joy."

When asked what she would like the future of the group to look like, Green replied that she hopes it's "just as loud in another 20 years."

The African American Literature Book Group's next meeting is Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Belleville-Area District Library at 167 Fourth St. They will be discussing "Did You Hear About Kitty Karr?" by Crystal Smith Paul.



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all retiring: Jeanne Riley, Diana Reinhard, and Dianna Reinhard. All three are great,” Kudlak said.

“We also have two instructional staff who have been here a long time that not going to be working with us anymore. Brent Held, after 28 years, is retiring. He’s been a great teacher for a long time for us, and I know he’s looking forward to retiring. We also have Kristine Miloser, who is resigning after 24 years because her husband got transferred to Seattle. She was a great teacher as well, and she’s done that teacher negotiating.”

In other news from the Aug. 10 meeting, the school board members:

- Discussed the Michigan Association of School Board annual meeting and whether

VBPS would send a delegate to the MASB assembly.

- Heard a suggestion from trustee Wade Fields that school board meetings rotate through different school locations throughout the district to allow trustees to see how their bond money has been spent on various building projects. Pearce said she liked the idea and suggested an optional trustee tour of the building before the official session started.

- Went into a closed session to discuss pending litigation related to Moorehead and Jenkins vs. Van Buren Public Schools. When the board returned from closed session, the board approved a motion 4-0 that the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education accept the attorney’s recommendation in regards to case No. 23-005269-CD Consolidated with No. 25-006858-CD as presented. The meeting ended at 8:11 p.m.

RATE HIKES

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future.

A 40% increase is the lowest increase that would allow the water and sewer fund to remain solvent and maintain a sufficient cash balance for operations and emergency repairs.

“We simply cannot be insolvent,” stated Councilmember Julie Kissel. “It’s not an option for us, so anything to keep us from that is going to be necessary.”

Mayor Ken Voigt acknowledged that 40% is a large increase but said that if you consider compounded interest in both directions, it’s a benefit to the community.

“If we had been raising the rate 4% every year for 11 years, it would be a lot more,” he explained, adding that, “this is an enterprise fund and we are just trying to basically break even on it.”

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*In other business at the 37-minute meeting, the board:*

Heard Police Chief Kristin Faull commend Officer Mike Pearl, Officer Heather Holcomb, and Reserve Officer Nicole Battaglia for their service at the scene of a late-night traffic collision on Aug. 1 during which they improvised the use of roadside debris to free a male passenger from a vehicle, likely saving his life;

Appointed Michelle Bellingham to serve as interim clerk/treasurer following the resignation of Briana Papin, effective Aug. 7. Bellingham will receive a weekly stipend of \$250 for additional duties until a new clerk/treasurer is hired and through

a transition period;

Approved a 10% raise for Department of Public Works Director Nathan Johnson, increasing his salary from \$75,000 to \$82,500 retroactive to his six-month anniversary and recognized his outstanding service, particularly saving the city at least \$90,000 during his tenure by bringing several services in-house.

- Heard Planning Commissioner Tara Edwards comment on the neglected condition of Village Park, citing the basketball courts, ponds and footbridge specifically, and noting that the signage is hard to read. DPW Director Johnson responded he would send a crew out, contact the lawn maintenance company and pursue quotes to repave the basketball court;

- Was informed by Social Media Team representative Jennifer Camilleri that the Downtown Hot Wheels and Deal Scavenger Hunt is happening now through Oct. 12, giving residents the opportunity to find car/automotive-themed items in 15 local businesses and submit photos to be entered to win a Motor City Experience Grand Prize package (Full contest information available at [www.kspringermediamanagement.com](http://www.kspringermediamanagement.com));

- Thanked election officials for a long day of dedicated work during the primaries on Aug. 4, with Councilwoman Kissel reporting that “everyone was in good moods and I don’t think we had any real hiccups with the election process.”

Councilmember Kelly Bates moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m. Councilmembers Jeremiah Beebe and Randy Priest were absent and excused.

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HUGE 2-FAMILY GARAGE SALE. 41440 Fret Road, VBT. Household, bedding, clothing, twin bedroom set, books, purses. August 13 thru 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
08/13

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1995 20' HURRICANE FUN DECK BOAT & TRAILER-reliable engine & clean interior. Well maintained inboard Volvo Penta 5.0-liter marine engine. Pontoon style deck seating, upholstery is in great shape with no rips or tears. Tons of storage, snap in removable carpet for easy cleaning. Bimini top is in good condition and it has a new custom-made snap-on mooring cover. Eagle Spirit heavy-duty trailer. \$7,500 (734) 699-3023  
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08/27

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## POPCORN



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This adorable little guy came to us alongside his two sisters and patiently waited his turn to get all of his veterinary care completed. Now that he's ready for adoption, he's been busy making new kitten friends and showing everyone just how lovable he is.

Popcorn is an incredibly affectionate boy who enjoys attention and doesn't let anything slow him down. It is suspected that he has a condition called Cerebellar Hypoplasia (CH), more commonly known as Wobbly Cat Syndrome. CH occurs when the cerebellum—the part of the brain responsible for balance and coordination—doesn't fully develop before birth. The condition is not contagious, not painful, and does not get worse over time. Cats with CH can live long, happy, and healthy lives; they simply move through the world a little differently.

For Popcorn, this means you'll often see him wobble as he walks or occasionally plop right onto his little bottom while he's exploring or playing. He may be a bit clumsy, but that certainly doesn't stop him! He loves to play with toys, make new kitten friends, and soak up all the affection he can get. His determination and happy spirit are truly inspiring.

Because of his wobbles, Popcorn can sometimes make a bit of a mess in his litter box and may need a little extra help keeping things tidy. He'll thrive in a home that understands his unique needs and is happy to provide a little extra patience and care. In return, he'll reward you with endless love, laughter, and one of the sweetest personalities you'll ever meet.

If you're looking for a truly special companion who will fill your home with joy and remind you every day that differences make us extraordinary, Popcorn is ready to wobble his way right into your heart.

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## SUPPORT THE POLICE KEEP SUMPTER SAFE VOTE YES ON THE BALLOT NOV 3 POLICE PROTECTION MILLAGE PROPOSAL

THIS PROPOSAL ENSURES  
SUMPTER TOWNSHIP  
REMAINS SAFE.

Our two police millages,  
equalling three mills, expired  
in 2025

Without renewal, our  
funding ends this year.



THE PROPOSAL:  
**5 MILLS FOR 4 YEARS**  
2026 - 2029

**VOTE  
YES**

#### WHAT WILL IT COST?

Based on the average Sumpter Township  
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PER YEAR  
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That's less than  
\$1.25 a day for  
your safety and  
peace of mind.



YOUR VOTE | OUR COMMUNITY | OUR FUTURE

**VOTE YES IN NOVEMBER 2026**

## TASTE OF BELLEVILLE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2026

Rain Date: Friday, August 21, 2026

Horizon Park - High Street



Belleville Central  
Business Community  
invites you to an  
evening lakeside.

Taste Tickets \$1  
50/50 Drawing and  
Door Prizes  
Menu in the  
Independent on 8/20

#### Schedule of Events

**6pm - 8pm** Taste of Belleville on High Street  
Including Unlimited DJ &  
Face Painting

**6:30 pm** Rubber Ducky Race  
Sponsored by Belleville Rotary

**7pm - 9pm** Music Lakeside featuring  
DTour Band

Special Thanks to the City of Belleville and Belleville CBC Sponsors



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# Musings



**Janet Millard**  
Advertising Director

Are you looking every week at our Help Wanted classified?? Lonnie's at 5-points needs a mechanic, Faith United Methodist on Michigan Avenue needs an Administrative Assistant, and the Eagles are looking for a bartender. Do you know people who need work? All three positions need applicants with skills but there must be someone you know who could qualify!!

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For all you Buffett fans, it is time for Margaritas in the Ville. This Saturday, Aug. 15, the party starts at 6 p.m. in the Fourth Street Square, with a Hawaiian theme, until 9 p.m.

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Belleville Public Safety Auxiliary is having a Touchdown for Safety Cooler Raffle. The coolers are packed full of goodies and tickets are only \$10/ea. Currently they sell the tickets during the Classic Car Show on Monday nights, the Music Lakeside on Thursday nights and this month they will also have a table at Taste of Belleville on Aug. 20. This is a win/win fundraiser. However, if you

are unable to attend any of these events but want to support Public Safety, please email: [publicsafetyauxilliary48111@gmail.com](mailto:publicsafetyauxilliary48111@gmail.com)

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Still looking for a Vacation Bible School? Faith Community Church at 894 E. Huron River Drive has one scheduled for Aug. 21 & 22 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. K through 5 th grade. Unless I read differently, this is the last one for the summer.

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Mid-week Music in Harris Park will have the Packin Heat Band on Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m.

I watched their video and they have a great mix of dancing music. Praying that the weather holds so we can enjoy these great concerts as the summer comes to an end.

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The performers at Music Lakeside on Thursday are The Kreellers, a gritty Celtic & bluegrass leaning roots rock band, and Mela's Taquitos will bring your dinner. This summer the Council for the Arts has rescheduled two performances that were rained out earlier. This means we will get to enjoy the Thursday concerts into the first week of September.

Things to do in the Belleville Area

■ **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.

■ **Aug. 15 & 16** – Smithsonian Screenings at the Michigan Flight Museum, 10 a.m. in room 121, free with museum admission. This week: America's Secret Space Heros, PG, 44 min.

■ **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 Packin' Heat. Free bingo at 6 p.m.

■ **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.

■ **Aug. 22 & 23** – Smithsonian Screenings at the Michigan Flight Museum, 10 a.m. in room 121, free with museum admission. This week: The Day We Walked on the Moon, PG, 44 min.

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

■ **Monday, Aug. 24** – The Belleville



Community Chorus invites adult males & females to join their rehearsals that begin on Monday, Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. at Belleville First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles, Belleville.

■ **Wednesday, Aug. 26** – 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. 27** – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Rescheduled from earlier in the summer due to weather.

■ **Tuesday, Aug. 28** – Taco & Margarita Night, 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.

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 2** – Historic Presentation Night at the Michigan Flight Museum, 7:30 p.m., \$10 per person.

Tonight: Apollo 11: The First Manned Lunar Landing. Miflightmuseum.org.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 3** – Music Lakeside in Horizon Park, downtown Belleville, 7 p.m. Free concert on the lake. If it rains, it's in the Methodist Church. Rescheduled from earlier in the summer due to weather.

■ **Friday, Sept. 4** – Community Resource Day at the Belleville Area Library, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register to vote, process documents, and get research help.

■ **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, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., VFW Post 82 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron Dr. Proceeds support parking lot replacement for the post. (Donations of gently-used items for the sale accepted Sept. 8 & 9 from 3-8 p.m.)

■ **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.

■ **Thursday, Sept. 17** – Zion Well instructors host sunset yoga at the Michigan Flight Museum's Roush Aeronautics Center, 7-8 p.m., \$35 per person. Repeats Oct. 15 and Nov. 19.

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

■ **Wednesday, Sept. 26** – The Future of Comedy Show, 8 p.m., \$25. VFW Post 82 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron Dr. Proceeds support building fund.

■ **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.

■ **Saturday, Oct. 10** – Van Buren Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, 9 a.m.-noon, Van Buren Fire Station 2. Meet a firefighter, participate in a raffle, eat pancakes and sausages, and celebrate the fire department's 75th anniversary.

■ **Monday, Oct. 12** – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.

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■ **Monday, Oct. 19** – Main Street Auto Show in downtown Belleville, 5-8 p.m.

■ **Monday, Oct. 26** – Main Street Auto Show in downtown Belleville, 5-8 p.m.

Business Briefs for Belleville Area

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with **HealthMarkets**, hosts a monthly networking session from 8-9 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at different locations each time. The events are free and include light refreshments. The Sept. 3 networking event takes place at the Sumpter Media Center, 23465 Sumpter Rd.

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**The Belleville Downtown Development Authority (DDA)** is hosting a Hot Wheels & Hot Deals scavenger hunt that started Aug. 3 and runs through Oct. 12. Visit participating downtown businesses, find the hidden car or item, take a photo with what you find, and submit your photo online for a chance to win prizes. Visit [springermediamanagement.com/peep-hunt](http://springermediamanagement.com/peep-hunt) for more information.

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Haggerty Nutrition hosts a Back to School Bash starting at 2 Sept. 5 until food and supplies are gone. The event includes bounce houses, food trucks, drink



discounts, and a school supply giveaway.

The Tractor Supply Co. store in Van Buren Township hosts a Friends of

Michigan Animals Rescue pet adoption event this Saturday, Aug. 15, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Adoptable cats and dogs will be available. Double B's Freeze & Teas

and Nectar Coffee will be on site during the event. Tractor Supply is also accepting monetary donations to FMAR now through the day of the event.

Upcoming Meetings

- **Thursday, Aug. 13** - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission at 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Aug. 17** - Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Trustees daylong budget review meeting
- **Tuesday, Aug. 18** - Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
- **Monday, Aug. 24** - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., administration building
- **Tuesday, Aug. 25** - Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Aug. 26** - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 1** - Buren Township Board of Trustees daylong budget review meeting
- **Tuesday, Sept. 8** - Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 9** - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 10** - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 14** - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- **Tuesday, Sept. 15** - Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
- **Monday, Sept. 21** - Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 22** - Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 23** - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Sept. 28** - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- **Monday, Oct. 5** - Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 6** - Van Buren Township Board of

- Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
- **Thursday, Oct. 8** - Keystone Academy school board, 5 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township Planning Commission, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Oct. 12** - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
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- **Wednesday, Oct. 14** - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Oct. 19** - Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 20** - Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m., with 5 p.m. work/study as needed
- **Monday, Oct. 26** - Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons
- **Tuesday, Oct. 27** - Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 28** - Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 p.m.
- **Monday, Nov. 2** - Belleville City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- **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, 5 p.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.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, August 2:
0019 Motorist assist, South St/W Davis St
0153 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, N Liberty St
0220 Personal injury accident, Main St
0306 Traffic offense, Main St
1800 Alarm intrusion, Sumpter Rd
2249 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, High St/W Huron River Dr

Monday, August 3:
0111 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Henry St
1244 Motorist assist, South St/E Davis St
1256 Alarm intrusion, W Davis St
1339 Mental subj, San Carlos St
1423 Larceny, Sumpter Rd
1828 Assist other dept, Bedell St
1844 Disorderly, Harbour Pointe Dr
2030 Assault & battery, Victorian Ln
2219 Assist fire dept, Santa Clara St
2339 Follow up by officer, Main St

Tuesday, August 4:
0958 Fraud, N Liberty St
1031 Motorist assist, High St/Roys St
1414 Welfare check, N Liberty St
1537 Follow up by officer, Northline Rd
1648 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
1808 Assist fire dept, Robbe St
1922 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Sumpter Rd
1935 Domestic, Church St
2004 Malicious destruction, Carmell St
2251 Repossession, Henry St

Wednesday, August 5:
1415 Private property impound, Robbe St
1654 Private property impound, Estrada Dr
1753 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, 5th St
1906 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Main St
2116 Property damage accident, Main St/High St
2243 Assist fire dept, Menlo Park Dr

Thursday, August 6:
0234 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Main St
1306 Welfare check, W Columbia Ave
1953 Parking complaint, Roys St
1958 Parking complaint, Roys St
2003 Parking complaint, Roys St

Friday, August 7:
1201 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
1247 Larceny, San Carlos St
2158 Welfare check, San Carlos St
2219 Noise complaint, Carmell St
2345 Mental subj, Potter Dr

Saturday, August 8 (partial):
1014 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
1302 Parking complaint, Main St
1313 Assist fire dept, Sumpter Rd
1537 Harassment call, High St

These logs also contained 84 traffic stops, 6 property checks, and 3 misc. complaints.

Van Buren Twp. Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, August 2:
0137 Family trouble, Cobblestone Ct
0227 Assist other dept, E Main St
0726 Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd (missing time stamp) Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd
0948 Civil matter, Martinsville Rd
1110 Malicious destruction, Denton Rd
1158 Vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd
1301 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Pinewood Ln
1449 Missing person, Quirk Rd
1511 Assist fire dept, N Sunset Ln
1542 Domestic, W Adams
1721 Animal complaint, Dalton Dr
1911 Domestic, Capitol Dr
2023 Welfare check, E Huron River Dr/Martinsville Rd
2146 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Lighthouse Dr
2239 Alarm intrusion, Cedarhurst Dr
2304 Welfare check, Sadie Ln
2317 Shooting, Pine Dr

Monday, August 3:
0356 Welfare check, Belleville
0711 Larceny from auto, Basswood Cir
0800 Abandoned auto, Celestine Dr
0853 Ordinance violation, W Walden Dr
0910 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd
1014 Ordinance violation, Celestine Dr
1015 Ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd/S I-94 Service Dr
1110 Fraud, Maude Ct
1125 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd/Haggerty Rd
1137 Found property/child, Belleville Rd
1201 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank
1254 Traffic offense, Woodbury Dr/Haggerty Rd
1337 Ordinance violation, Waverly, Denton Road
1455 Indecent exposure, Waters Edge Ln
1538 Ordinance violation, Tyler Rd
1551 Unauthorized driving away of automobile, E Schooner Dr
1608 Assist fire dept, Belleville
1754 Fraud, Bak Rd
1837 Welfare check, S I-94 Service Dr
1845 Motorist assist, Belleville Rd/N I-94 Service Dr
1902 Alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd
1950 Leaving the scene property damage accident, Sumpter Rd/Owen St
2122 Ordinance violation, Belleville Rd
2228 Alarm intrusion, S I-94 Service Dr
2237 Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd (missing time stamp) Mental subj, Rolan Meadows Dr
2322 911 welfare check, Anna Dr

Tuesday, August 4:
0011 Alarm intrusion, Haggerty Rd
0038 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville

0213 Warrant arrest, Michigan/Belleville (missing time stamp) Repossession, Vernon St
0322 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Lighthouse Dr
0533 911 welfare check, Elwell Rd
0621 Property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd/Robson Rd
0759 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S Adams
0824 Civil matter, Kahla Dr
0919 Trespassing, McKinley St
0944 Abandoned auto, Morton Taylor Rd/Robson Rd
0952 Trespassing, S I-94 Service Dr
0958 Animal complaint, Tyler Rd
1025 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd
1056 Animal complaint, W Huron River
1126 Civil matter, Pinewood Ln
1141 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Endicott Ave
1151 Fraud, Ironwood Dr
1207 Fraud, Belleville Rd
1335 Welfare check, Melody Ln
1454 Assist fire dept, N Timberview Dr
1454 Family trouble, Outer Dr
1606 Disorderly, Belleville Rd
1641 Assist fire dept, S I-94 Service Dr
1642 Traffic offense, Holly Ln
1947 Mental subj, W Huron River Dr
1957 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Ecorse Rd/Denton Rd
2013 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Savage Rd/Martinsville Rd
2017 Threat, Tyler Rd
2259 Assist other dept, Rawsonville Rd/Presidential Dr
2311 Mental subj, S I-94 Service Dr

Wednesday, August 5:
0119 Unauthorized driving away of automobile, Denton Rd (missing time stamp) Repossession, E Archwood Dr
0619 Mental subj, S I-94 Service Dr
0657 Motorist assist, Ecorse Rd/Haggerty Rd
0906 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd
1024 Animal complaint, N I-94 Service Dr
1044 Road hazard, Haggerty Rd/Ecorse Rd
1106 Ordinance violation, Madison Dr
1114 Ordinance violation, Ross @ Madison
1133 Road hazard, Rawsonville Rd/S Grove St
1148 Assist other dept, S I-94 Service Dr
1239 Fraud, N I-94 Service Dr
1242 Fraud, N I-94 Service Dr
1331 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank
1707 Assist other dept, Bog Rd/W Adams
1818 Domestic, W Huron River Dr
1844 Property damage accident, N I-94 Service Dr/Morton Taylor Rd
1905 Fraud, Martinsville Rd
2044 Assist fire dept, S I-94 Service Dr
2108 Welfare check, N I-94 Service Dr
2154 Disorderly, DNR Boat Launch Rawsonville
2209 Retail fraud, Belleville

2258 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Parkwood Dr
Thursday, August 6:
0659 Alarm intrusion, Belle Pointe Dr (missing time stamp) Repossession, S Woodbury Dr (missing time stamp) Mental subj, Rolan Meadows Dr
0841 Ordinance violation, Ecorse Rd
0850 Property damage accident, Michigan Ave/Dellor St
0856 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank
0931 Civil matter, Sylvia Dr
1102 Domestic, Beckley Rd
1121 Road hazard, Ecorse Rd/Haggerty Rd
1131 Ordinance violation, Van Buren St
1135 Ordinance violation, McBride Ave
1143 Ordinance violation, Wheeler St
1152 Ordinance violation, Van Buren St
1210 Welfare check, Belleville Rd
1314 Welfare check, Walden Blvd
1401 Welfare check, Belleville Rd
1407 Warrant arrest, Tyler Rd
1410 Warrant arrest, Tyler Rd
1511 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville Rd
1520 Welfare check, Lincoln St
1551 Warrant arrest, Tyler Rd
1601 Alarm intrusion, Revere Dr
1853 Animal complaint, S Ponderosa Trl
2036 Domestic, Lake Villa Dr
2038 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Southport Apartments (missing time stamp) 911 welfare check, Bristol Dr
2346 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Rawsonville (missing time stamp) Repossession, Lake Villa Dr

Friday, August 7:
0220 Alarm intrusion, Lake Point Pass
0658 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Oak Ln (missing time stamp) 911 welfare check, Tyler Rd
1007 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1012 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Ecorse Rd/Visteon Way
1033 Alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd
1104 Traffic offense, Belleville Rd/Tyler Rd
1203 Welfare check, Belleville Rd
1343 Family trouble, Cross St
1535 Property damage accident, Ecorse Rd/Beck Rd
1547 Assist other dept, E I-94/Belleville
1619 Animal complaint, Belleville Rd
1729 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Quirk Rd/Ayres Ave
1835 Assist other dept, Holly Ln
1849 Fraud, Oak Ln
1951 Property damage accident, Ecorse Rd/Denton Rd
1956 Welfare check, Denton Rd
2007 Threat, Oak Ln
2017 Property damage accident, Haggerty Rd/S I-94 Service Dr
2028 Civil matter, Lake Villa Dr
2044 Welfare check, Rogers Ave

2112 Welfare check, Ecorse Rd
2143 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Quirk Rd
2214 Alarm intrusion, Sumpter Rd
2228 Parking complaint, Beckley Rd
2310 Parking complaint, Oak Ln
2354 Pp pda, Belleville Rd

Saturday, August 8 (partial):
0022 Domestic, Washington
0049 Assist other dept, Sumpter Rd
0904 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, N Woodbury Dr
(missing time stamp) Disorderly, Rawsonville
1000 Vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd
1052 Assist fire dept, N Ponderosa Trl
(missing time stamp) Missing person, S Bellridge Dr
1214 Alarm intrusion, Monterey Dr
1306 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Cobblestone
1401 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Tyler Rd
1437 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Rolan Meadows Dr
1453 Abandoned auto, Linda Vista Ct/W Huron River Dr
1500 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1633 911 welfare check, Brandi Dr
1638 Vehicle lockout, N Woodbury Dr
1644 Alarm intrusion, Ricardo Dr
1717 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd
1903 Alarm intrusion, Hannan Rd
1903 Disorderly, Quirk Rd
2021 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Locust Dr

2035 Trespassing, Haverhill Rd/Martinsville Rd
2049 Disorderly, N I-94 Service Dr
2101 Welfare check, Oak Ln
2153 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Sylvia Dr
2208 Found property/child, Outer Dr
2215 Larceny, S Ponderosa Trl
2259 Ppo violation, Cross St
2350 Assist other dept, W Archwood Dr

These logs also contained 100 traffic stops and 4 misc. details.

Sumpter Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, August 2:
0038 911 hangup, Sully Dr
0200 Assist fire dept, Wilmot Rd
0758 Welfare check, New Mexico St
0830 Larceny report, Clark Rd
1125 Follow-up investigation, Willis Rd
1138 911 hangup, Willis Rd
1416 Family trouble, Utah Ct
1544 Larceny report, Virginia St
1628 Suspicious person, Wear Rd
1919 Citizen assist, Rawsonville Rd/Meadow Springs Ln

Monday, August 3:
0231 Suspicious vehicle, Sumpter Rd/Willow Rd
0309 Suspicious person, Rustic Ln
0713 Follow-up investigation, Timber Creek Dr

0831 Follow-up investigation, Timber Creek Dr
1008 Citizen assist, Arizona St
1311 Animal complaint, Washington St
1348 Alarm, Willow Rd
1433 911 hangup, Magnolia Dr
1439 Animal complaint, Bemis Rd
1801 Civil matter, Willow Rd
1921 Suspicious person, Dale Dr
2018 Assist fire dept, Savage Rd
2131 Noise complaint, Dunn Rd

Tuesday, August 4:
0736 Citizen assist, Sumpter Rd
0947 Suspicious person, Rustic Ln
1010 Traffic complaint/hazard, Judd Rd/Elwell Rd
1443 911 hangup, Oregon St
1543 Mental health call, Bohn Rd
1833 Civil matter, Willow Rd
1858 Follow-up investigation, Rawsonville Rd
1906 Suspicious circumstance, Oakville Waltz Rd
1950 Animal complaint, Sherwood Rd
2141 Suspicious circumstance, Creekside Dr

Wednesday, August 5:
0820 Follow-up investigation, Willis Rd
0907 Follow-up investigation, Out of township
0936 Follow-up investigation, Willis Rd
1141 Motorist assist, Rawsonville Rd
1144 Family trouble, Judd Rd
1210 Lost property, Elwell Rd
1413 Traffic complaint/hazard, Sumpter

Rd
1430 Civil matter, Rustic Ln
1451 Suspicious circumstance, Haggerty Rd
1511 Follow-up investigation, Sumpter Rd
1711 Orv complaint, Sully Dr
1718 Assist fire dept, Willis Rd
2050 Family trouble, Willow Rd

Thursday, August 6:
0039 Suspicious person, Sherwood Rd
0123 OWI arrest, Rawsonville Rd/Bemis Rd
0310 Suspicious circumstance, Sumpter Rd
1001 Assist fire dept, Elwell Rd
1157 Death investigation, Willis Rd
1310 Fraud complaint, Willis Rd
1328 911 hangup, Wear Rd/Karr Rd
1713 911 hangup, Haggerty Rd
1853 Civil matter, Sumpter Rd
1913 Civil matter, Bohn Rd
2145 Family trouble, Paris Dr
2226 911 hangup, Magnolia

Friday, August 7:
0115 Assist other agency, Rustic Ln
0802 Follow-up investigation, Timber Creek Dr
0907 Civil matter, Bohn Rd
1131 Harassment complaint, Harris Rd
1348 Assault, Bohn Rd
1432 Suspicious circumstance, Montana St
1441 Property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd/Bemis Rd
1533 Welfare check, Karr Rd



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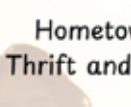
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