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25th-annual Bridge Walk, Taste set today

The 25th-annual Belleville Bridge Walk will begin with ceremonies at 5:30 p.m. that will re-dedicate Doane's Landing Park, which was recently renovated.

Belleville Mayor Pro-Tem Jesse Marcotte will preside because Mayor Kerreen Conley will be in Traverse City chairing a meeting of the MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority).

At Monday's city council meeting, Mayor Conley said special guests have been invited to the re-dedication and walk, including former State Rep. Kristi Pagan, who helped the city get the grant for the seawall, Congresswoman Debbie Dingell and Wayne County officials.

The city also has invited all those who worked on building the bridge. She said she knows the late Chesley Odom would be glad they are celebrating the bridge he designed. She said the county allowed the city to put amenities on the bridge.

After the dedication and the brief walk back and forth across the 2,215' bridge, a group picture will be taken of the walkers and they will all get special certificates.

Then from 6 to 8 p.m. the Taste of Belleville will be held on High Street, organized by the Belleville Central Business Community. Tickets are \$1 each. There are 13 food vendors signed up, plus free face painting and a chance to take a picture with a mermaid for a cash donation to Benches for Belleville.

The last Music Lakeside concert of the season (Holly & the Johnnies) runs from 7 to 9 p.m. In case of rain, the concert relocates to the United Methodist Church across the street.

The annual Rubber Ducky Race will be launched on Belleville Lake at 6:30 p.m. by the Belleville Rotary Club. Tickets for the race earn funds for the Rotary's many local projects.



Photo courtesy of Charlie Martin

Last Wednesday afternoon just after 3 on Aug. 11, a brief but violent storm passed through the tri-community, felling trees, cutting off power, and blocking roadways. In this picture trees and wires blocked the Bemis Road entry to the Lower Huron Metropark. In Southeastern Michigan there were more than 500,000 homes without power. Many in Sumpter and Van Buren townships and the city of Belleville did not get their power back until Sunday, with some still out at the beginning of the week.

Belleville planners approve site plan for pot shop

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its first meeting since last December the Belleville Planning Commission heard a two-hour presentation on the site plan for a marijuana dispensary at 510 Savage Rd. and then unanimously approved it with conditions.

The meeting was by Zoom and six members of the commission were present, with Henry Kurczewski and Matthew

Wagner absent. There is a vacancy on the commission.

The conditions imposed include any products to be disposed of must be kept inside the "cage" in the indoor product storage area, closing time is 8 p.m., three-foot-tall planter boxes are the right height of several noted to conceal the 2'x2' cement blocks, and motion activated lighting.

Before that motion, Commissioner Michael Renaud made a motion, which was unanimously approved, to allow the shop to have a wooden fence with arbor vitae in front of it and cement blockades behind instead of a masonry wall along the side of the property facing Village Park.

Sam Pernick said Sabah Rabiah, the

owner of the property which they are leasing at 510 Savage, owns a 30' strip of land between the shop and the park, which gives them some setback. The ordinance calls for a fence or wall, but the planning commission could give approval for the fence.

Architect Alan Ogle said he did 38 similar buildings last year and is on 22 right now and, as a designer, he stresses to them all not to make it look like a compound.

Pernick began his lengthy presentation by explaining he and his partner Nick Rifel presented the detailed site plan to the city on Feb. 22 and have received feedback from the city manager and DPW director.

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Independent photo by Rosemary K. Otzman

After Briana Hootman was sworn into her new position of Belleville City Clerk/Treasurer on Monday, council members and her family paused for a photo in the city hall council chambers. From left are Councilman Ken Voigt, Mayor Kerreen Conley (who administered the oath of office), Robert and Carina Cote (Briana's sister), Hootman, Madeleine and Lloyd Hootman (her parents), and Grace Cote (her niece).

Belleville Mayor swears in city clerk/treasurer Briana Hootman

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Mayor Kerreen Conley swore in the city's new clerk/treasurer Briana Hootman.

The council approved the appointment unanimously. She will be on probation for one year.

Hootman will get \$47,000 per year until the successful completion of Election Official certification from the State of Michigan and successful completion of the November 2021 election process. Then her pay will rise to \$52,000 per year.

Hootman had been serving as records clerk in the police department and City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson recommended her for the clerk/treasurer position because of her skills.

"I'm going to miss her in the office," he said. "She's proven herself to be very, very capable with her command of technology and ability" to learn quickly.

The Civil Service Commission approved her employment status change on Aug. 12.

At the end of the meeting, Clerk Hootman said she was looking forward to serving the city.

In other business at Monday's 51-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved the low bid of Randy Brown landscaping for \$5,450 for bringing goats for two weeks to trim the vegetation along the bank at Horizon Park, plus \$300 for spraying of the hill after the goats are done. It would be \$500 for the spraying for years two and three. Salisbury Landscape Group of Dexter bid \$29,775 for option 1 to cut

everything now with brush cutters and weed whips and \$9,775 for option 2 to trim back the worst now and come back between Sept. 30 and Nov. 15 to finish the clearing after the growing season is over. Approved spray per season would be \$5,550;

- Heard Councilman Ken Voigt say that he'd like to look at something to make the bank more attractive once the vegetation is cut. He suggested a power wash and said that area isn't very boat friendly because there's only one place to dock. "Whoever designed it wasn't a boater," he said. He suggested planting the bank with something like daylilies to make it more attractive. He said from the water this area now looks like an abandoned park. There was discussion on getting a project shovel-ready for the park bank in case it qualifies for federal funding. Deputy Administrator Tim McLean also said a couple of available grants comes off the top of his head. Voigt also suggested rehabbing the bathrooms;

- Approved a resolution recognizing the donation of \$5,000 worth of office furniture for the city clerk's office. City Manager/Police Chief Robinson said Roger Cadaret, an attorney practicing in Romulus, was retiring and he donated two desks, a hutch, and a bookcase. Mayor Conley said that the furniture that had been in the clerk's office previously had been donated from the Van Buren Township Public Safety Department in the 1990s. It was purple, she said, "a strange color," and city employees went over and picked it up;

- Approved the annual city-wide yard sale for the weekend after Labor Day, Sept. 11 and 12, when sales can be held without

permits;

- Approved the annual Monster Mutt Walk put on by the Belleville Central Business Community. It is set for noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 23 in Fourth Street Place. City Manager/Police Chief Robinson said he was thinking about dragging his two dogs to the event;

- Approved Halloween downtown from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29. City Manager/Police Chief Robinson said he believes Main Street should be closed for the safety of those involved. "I always want to err on the side of caution. I want it closed," he said. Councilman Voigt agreed saying the city is lucky it didn't have a tragedy all the years the street was left open for the trick or treaters. Main Street will be closed starting at 3 p.m.;

- Approved accounts payable in the amount of \$117,417.41 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$1,850 for repair of a water main valve on Savage Road; to Hennessey Engineers, \$4,567.50 from escrow for inspection of the Early Childhood Center; to Osborne Concrete, \$649 for concrete for cemetery footings; to Pirtek, \$529.30 for hydraulic hose for the DPW backhoe; and to R&R Fire Truck Repair, \$3,786.41 for emergency repairs to Engine 451;

- Heard City Manager/Police Chief Robinson congratulate Deputy Administrator McLean on the birth of his daughter. He also noted there are positive vibes in city hall and he welcomes everyone to come in and visit. McLean said he had been at city hall for a month now and he,

too, praised the positive vibes at city hall; and

- Heard Mike Renaud mention that the trees in Fourth Street Place are "really hurting." DPW Director Rick Rutherford said he asked the person who waters the flowers to water the trees, too. "Somebody ran over one with a car," Rutherford said. He suggested with all the rain they may have been getting too much water. Robinson said the city's landscaping people are now watching over the trees.

This meeting was held with a hybrid mixture of in-person and virtual attendance, with Mayor Conley and Councilman Voigt present in person and the rest of the council present virtually. There were seven people in person in the council chambers.

Sumpter names Deputy Supervisor Cole as twp. administrator, 5-1 vote

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Michelle Cole, who has been serving as deputy supervisor for Sumpter Township as well as finance director, has been named township administrator as of Aug. 1 at no additional salary.

The appointment was made during the Aug. 10 Zoom meeting of the township board. She will continue to be paid \$94,000.

She reportedly will continue financial director duties temporarily and then will leave that position when it is filled. Her

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O P I N I O N S

Editorial

'Goat Scaping' comes to Horizon Park shoreline

After the Belleville City Council unanimously accepted the low bid of Randy Brown Landscaping to bring goats to Horizon Park to remove the vegetation along the water, there was some discussion.

On Monday, Brown said he would start the week of Aug. 23-29 and the goats would be there for two weeks until about Sept. 11. The goats would be surrounded by an electric fence and they would eat everything down to the water, he said. If there were any trees left, he could cut them down. Then they would put on an approved spray to keep the growth down yearly.

"All right, let those goats begin," said Mayor Conley, adding, "Don't feed them anything other than the trees."

Councilwoman Kelly Bates said people from all over may come to see Belleville's goats. And, the city is getting free fertilizer as well, she said.

"It's recycling," said Councilman Ken Voigt. "It seems like a silly thing to some people." He explained it's called "goat scaping" and has been used successfully in Ann Arbor parks. "Maybe it will bring more people into the downtown and they can shop in our stores."

Voigt was the one who told the council about Brown's goat suggestion to clean up the shoreline. Brown said they are the same goats that Ann Arbor used.

Let the show begin.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

A reader from Van Buren Township called to say he knows why an American flag was hung upside down in a Sumpter Township front yard. He said an upside down flag means "distress."

He said our country is in distress, "big time." He said a letter writer said that person was unpatriotic, but that wasn't it at all.

A woman who recently sold her house in Belleville thought she was the target of a scam when she got information from Transfer Tax Solutions in Holland, MI. But, she was wrong. It's a legitimate business.

If the house sold is a principle residence for the taxpayer and it was sold within the last four years, the business can do all the paperwork and get you a refund. Our caller got a check for \$1,500.

She said Lisa was her tax recovery specialist and, "It was nice to get a check," especially since she didn't know she was entitled to a refund. She said they ask you to write a review on Google so others will know about their service. She said she doesn't go online, so she called us to tell everybody about it.

On the Transfer Tax Solutions' website it explains that you qualify if: "The property's State Equalized Value (SEV) at the time the property was sold was equal to or lesser than the SEV on the date the property was purchased." And "If you received a letter from Transfer Tax Solutions, this has already been determined for you."

At the district library board meeting last week, they got to talking about the bees on the roof. Director Mary Jo Suchy



said implementing the proposed bee camera to show the hives on the roof is very expensive, \$6,000, so they will be providing Facebook live events instead.

John Juriga said the original plan was to put the beehives where they could be seen out the window by anyone interested, but the architect said they should be put on the roof because when you go out to service the hives the bees follow you and if the bees were on a lower level they would follow you right inside the building.

"They do follow you," said board member Joy Cichewicz, who has bees at her Sumpter home.

Director Suchy said "Bees in the D," who manage the bees for the library, said at a recent presentation that the bees are happy on the roof and could produce honey this year which is unusual so soon after moving.

At the library meeting, John Juriga said he and his wife were going to go up north to celebrate their 49th wedding anniversary, but he injured his hands in an accident while preparing for a Music Lakeside event and they didn't go because he couldn't drive.

I was shocked on Friday to get notice of a special Sumpter Township Zoom meeting set for 7 p.m., Sunday. In all my more than 60 years of covering municipal meetings I've never had one on a Sunday.

On Saturday at noon, those entering the

Lower Huron Metropark were advised that the wait to get into the Turtle Cove water park area was 60 minutes.

A merchant on Main Street told me that the Friday before the Air Show at Willow Run, a jet that was practicing swooped loudly over the city of Belleville and all the car alarms in the Chase bank parking lot went off. He said it was pretty funny.

On the local Facebook page people were asking for ways to get rid of the spoiled food they had since the power was out so long. They didn't want to put it out in the trash cans, since the animals come and spread it all over the neighborhood.

Reg Ion of Van Buren Township posted a suggestion. He said to take the food, put it into a nice Amazon package, and put the package next to your mailbox. Somebody is sure to take it.

We feel saddened by the predicament of a local family whose family members are frightened they will lose their home or have other retaliation if they publicly tell what has happened to them. They called to tell me about it and then asked me not to write about it or do anything else about it because of their fear.





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Letters

Keller's Farm Bakery closing after 65 years

To the editor:

Keller's Farm Bakery will be closing our doors after more than 65 years. Our announcement is bittersweet as we will miss each and every one of our customers! Our owner/baker, Joe Keller is retiring and we are so happy for him and this next chapter in his life.

We would like to thank all of our loyal customers that have been with us since we first opened our small family business on a dirt road in Sumpter. We would never have been successful without all of you and your LOVE for our baked goods.

It's because of that love Jim Keller was able to fulfill his dream of moving his bakery from Detroit to a farm in the country. He along with his wife Edith raised their children, many animals, and lots of vegetables all at their Farm Bakery and still managed to pass along their love of baking and farming to their sons Tom and Joe Keller.

Our journey may be over but it has been a very sweet ride, one that we can all look back on with the best of memories.

Our last day will be Sunday, Aug. 29.

From the entire Keller Family,
Remember to count the memories not the calories

Thunderbolts and P51 Mustangs. Many of their missions were flying cover for the B17 and B24 Bombers. They shot down 112 enemy aircraft and losing significant fewer escorted bombers to German pilots (27) than the average (46) of the other escort groups. Sixty-six were killed in action and 32 were shot down, becoming POWs.

One of the pilots taken prisoner is Michigan native Dr. Alexander Jefferson. On his 19th mission he was shot down while strafing a radar station and spent the remainder of the war in Stalag III and Stalag VIIA. I was privileged to meet Lieutenant Colonel Jefferson many years ago. One of his remarks that stood out when arriving at Stalag III was each barracks chose from the arriving prisoners who they wanted in their barrack. (Stalag III was featured in the movie "The Great Escape" with the three escape tunnels.) Everyone wanted Alexander Jefferson because he was black and not a German spy. While in camp Alexander Jefferson made many pencil drawings about life as a POW. He has published a book, "Red Tail Captured, Red Tail Free," talking about his time as POW, including many of his drawings. A good read for anyone interested in WWII.

Richard Smith
Belleville

Prayer group to pray for community on Saturday

To the editor:

The Belleville / Van Buren / Sumpter Prayer Group led by Pastor Ray Anderson will be holding a Community Prayer Vigil on Saturday, Aug. 21, beginning at 5 p.m. at Horizon Park in Belleville. We will be praying for our surrounding community, area businesses, and schools. All are welcome to join. Thank you for helping to spread the news about our prayer event this Saturday, Aug. 21.

The Belleville/Van Buren/Sumpter Prayer Group

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To the publishers:

I've enjoyed and appreciated your work – your thoroughness and integrity – since my first (free) copy about eight years ago.

Thank you,
Bill Boatin
Belleville

Thanks for helping us promote the ARTS

To the editor:

Belleville Area Council for the Arts (BACA) would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the *Independent* and Rosemary Otzman for the great press we have received this year in helping us promote the ARTS in our community.

Getting the word out is very important to our success and we appreciate all you do. During these difficult times, we hope our programs like the Music Lakeside, the public initiative of statues, our new banners on Main Street, a Gospel Fest in September, and our fall Community Art Show have brought smiles to your faces and an interest in the ARTS in our community.

Thank you, *Independent*, for your continued support. Anyone wishing to join BACA, please contact us at <http://www.bacaart.org>.

Belleville Area Council for the Arts

More information on Tuskegee Airmen

To the editor:

Marian Caldwell's recent letter has prompted me to add a little more about the Tuskegee Airmen. They flew in the European Theatre top-of-the line P47

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VBT DDA thanks two local businesses

To the editor:

The Van Buren Township DDA would like to acknowledge the generosity of two businesses within our boundaries.

Recently, Bob from Pioneer Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance informed us that the retaining wall at the Van Buren Township monument sign on Belleville Road near Quirk Road was failing. We were in jeopardy of losing not only the monument sign itself, but also the beautiful and well-established trees and plantings surrounding it.

Fortunately, Bob had already come up with a solution. He has since donated the hardscape materials and labor and arranged for Yost Sand & Gravel to donate the soil material necessary to complete the repair project.

At a time when many small businesses are struggling, these two local businesses have demonstrated the true meaning of community. They have proven the Van Buren Township community is about more than just geography, more than a simple cluster of homes and businesses. Instead, we collectively care for each other, lift one another up, and act together to achieve the greater good.

The Van Buren Township DDA is proud to have Pioneer Landscaping & Lawn Maintenance and Yost Sand & Gravel in our community. We hope that you will seek out their services the next time you plan a landscaping project.

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I'll be paying this good deed forward

To the editor:

There are STILL some good people in Belleville!

My wife Gayle and I were having dinner at Sam's Restaurant Friday evening and as we were finishing our meal a young man came over and asked if he could pay our bill.

After I did a double-take and with I would imagine a VERY surprised look on my face, I said OK. He proceeded to pick up the bill and return to his seat with his family. He offered no explanation (whether it was because I was Veteran, an OLD man or just looked poor) why he wanted to pay our bill, but we are thankful for the gesture.

You know that sometime in the near future I'll be "paying it forward," so don't be surprised if it happens to you.

Pete Pitzen
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Obituaries



James Herman Ruppel

JAMES HERMAN RUPPEL

(March 30, 1944 – August 12, 2021)

James Herman Ruppel, age 77, a lifelong resident of Belleville, passed away on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born March 30, 1944, in Wayne, Michigan, to Herman Lester Ruppel and Doris Elizabeth (Norman) Ruppel.

James was a graduate of Belleville High School and went on to work for Ford Motor Company Rawsonville where he retired with 38 years of service. He was an avid outdoorsman all of his life and enjoyed spending time away at his cottage hunting, fishing, or just relaxing having campfires by the lake with family and friends.

Mr. Ruppel is survived by his devoted wife of 42 years, Faythe Blanche (Rafalski) Ruppel; his five children James Ruppel, Terri (Ruppel) Wendry, Timothy Ruppel, Heidi (William) Simmons, and Rodney (Shannon) Schellenberger; eight grandchildren Shane Frear, Kyle Simmons, Alyssa Simmons, Jacob Simmons, Allee Schellenberger, Avery Schellenberger, Kendra Ruppel, and Justin Ruppel; two great-grandchildren Brady and Bailey Frear; sister Trudy (Ruppel) Kelly and brother Dan (Jackie) Ruppel.

Visitation was held 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, August 18, 2021, with a service at 2 p.m., at the David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734) 697-4500. Procession will follow service with burial at St. Joseph Cemetery in Augusta Twp. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Aug. 19** – Big night in downtown Belleville, beginning with the 5:30 p.m. Bridge Walk that begins at Doane's Landing. The Taste of Belleville follows from 6-8 p.m. on High Street and Horizon Park. At 7 p.m., the free Music Lakeside concert at Horizon Park features Holly and the Johnnies.

• **Friday, Aug. 20** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

• **Friday, Aug. 20** – Free drive-in movie with free popcorn and lemonade at sunset at Church of God on Hull Road, just east of the Van Buren Township Fire Station. Today's movie is "Overcomer" and sunset is 8:28 p.m. In the event of rain, show will go on at 8 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr.

• **Monday, Aug. 23** – Meet in person for a coffee hour with State Rep. Ranjeev Puri from noon to 1 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library, 167 Fourth St., Belleville.

• **Monday, Aug. 23** – Forgotten



Patsy Dean Peterson

PATSY DEAN PETERSON

(July 9, 1947 – August 13, 2021)

Patsy Dean Peterson passed away on Friday, August 13, 2021, at home surrounded by family. On July 9, 1947, Patsy was born in Detroit Michigan to Jack O. Allen and Willodean (Robson) Allen.

Patsy was a Nurse's Aide and earned her CNA in nursing. Patsy was involved with the Eastern Star and enjoyed traveling with her beloved husband before his passing. She was known to always remember everyone's birthday with a card and her signature, which always included a smiley face. Most importantly, she always made sure her baby brother was taken care of. She was truly always happy. She enjoyed oil painting and many crafts in her spare time, was an avid gardener and was a true artist.

Patsy was married to Ronald Peterson for over 35 years and became a widow in 2009. She is survived by brothers Neuell Jack (Carol) Allen of Ypsilanti and David (Sherry) Allen of Gregory. Many nieces and nephews Todd Allen, Jaclyn Allen, Phillip Allen the 2nd, Shane Allen, Mason Allen, AJ Allen, Brett Allen, Ryan Osborne, Brandon Osborne. Grandnieces and grandnephews: Cheyanne Allen, Jozlyn Powell, Lucas Allen, Izzy Allen. Special friends and neighbors Leo Haligus, Bob and Robin Naida, Joanie, and all the girls from Marilyn's hair salon.

She was preceded in death by her parents Jack O. Allen and Willodean Allen, late husband Ronald Peterson, sister Jacqueline Allen, brothers, Phillip Allen and Benny Robson, and nephew Kyle Allen.

Visitation was 1-6 PM Sunday, August 15, 2021, and Monday at 10 AM with an 11 AM service following at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Doug Valentine officiated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

Harvest will be at the Sumpter Township Community Center parking lot from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. or until all the food they will be giving away free is gone. No registration necessary.

• **Monday, Aug. 23** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

• **Friday, Aug. 27, Saturday, Aug. 28, and Sunday, Aug. 29:** Sumpter Township's annual community-wide yard sales. No permits required.

• **Friday, Aug. 27** – Car show every Friday, 5-8 p.m., at Armstrong's Funland, Belleville Road, north of Tyler.

• **Friday, Aug. 27** – Free drive-in movie with free popcorn and lemonade at sunset at Church of God on Hull Road, just east of the Van Buren Township Fire Station. Today there is a double feature starting with "Cross Purposes" followed by "Unbroken 2" and sunset is 8:17 p.m. In the event of rain, show will go on at 8 p.m. at Bethany Bible Church, 810 E. Huron River Dr.

More Letters

Attend your school board meetings

To the editor:

I would like to address this message to the parents and grandparents of returning Belleville Van Buren School students in our Tri-community Belleville schools regarding the teaching of CRITICAL RACE THEORY.

What is it? It is a radical, racial indoctrination of our children's minds. Most assuredly, it is one step closer to Socialism and Marxism! We, as Legal, American citizens must take back control of our public schools from the leftist politicians and teachers' unions.

This radical, racial teaching is being fostered and favored throughout our nation by our Government-run and Union-controlled (NEA/MEA) left-wing politicians. Our teachers, administrators and most employees are totally controlled by our ELECTED school boards. WE, the taxpayers and voters can vote in a board member AND we can vote them "out"!

ALL involved with Public Schools education need to be emphatically reminded that: We American citizens and taxpayers own our public schools; our taxes pay your salaries, from which you have willingly/forcefully (?) agreed to hand-over a sizeable portion, as "dues," to your union chiefs -- a union that controls your employment and intends to indoctrinate and brainwash our children's minds with their radical curriculum called "Critical Race Theory."

We will not tolerate your teaching any racial theory. We parents and grandparents need to make it very clear to the teachers, administrators, unions -- anyone involved in education -- that their opinions and/or discussions or any hint of racism will not be tolerated in our Belleville, Van Buren Public Schools.

Our children need our direction and guidance; we must keep control and ownership of our public schools if we are to continue living as freedom-loving American citizens.

We adults can show our children how much we truly care about their education by attending our Belleville area school board meetings. I believe the best way our students will learn first-hand the procedure, voting, discussion and decision-making of our school board members, is to invite their personal attendance along with you. Show them how much you are truly concerned (and worried!) about their education.

The following schedule shows the list of school board meetings remaining in this (2021) school year; in person, at 501 W. Columbia Avenue, in the Belleville High School Commons; at 7 p.m. I would advise to call first -- 697-9123, ext. 1010 -- to be certain the meeting will be held on that date and time.

Attend and ask such questions: What is YOUR opinion of "Critical Race Theory"? Do you agree or disagree that this radical racial indoctrination should be taught, or discussed, in our Belleville schools? What would you do to discourage this radical theory in our schools? What would you say to students if (God forbid!) the "theory" is introduced in our schools? (and, more) Aug. 9, Aug. 23, Sept. 13, Sept. 27, Oct. 11, Oct. 25, Nov. 8, Nov. 22, Dec. 13

An important reminder: VOTE for your choice as school board member; remind your family, friends and neighbors to VOTE -- it's our duty and privilege as Americans.

GOD BLESS AMERICA

(Mrs.) Ruth E. Bleeker
Belleville

Editor's Note: There is no Van Buren Public Schools school board election this year.

Upcoming Meetings

• Monday, Aug. 23 -- Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m. at Belleville High School cafeteria

• Tuesday, Aug. 24 -- Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 6 p.m.

• Wednesday, Aug. 25 -- Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Tuesday, Sept. 7 -- Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. and regular meeting at 6

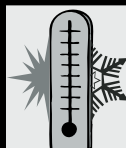
p.m. Also, Belleville City Council at 7:30 p.m.

• Wednesday, Sept. 8 -- Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

• Thursday, Sept. 9 -- Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.

• Monday, Sept. 13 -- Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.

• Tuesday, Sept. 14 -- Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, 2 p.m. (Informational Meeting per PA 57). Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.



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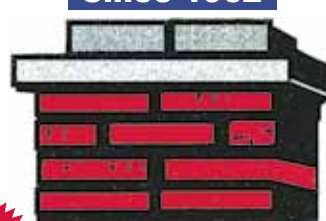
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Aug. 21 – Tom and Debbie Griffin

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• **Wednesday, Aug. 25:** Boys Freshman Football vs Plymouth HS, 4:30 p.m.; Boys JV Football vs Dearborn HS, 6:30 p.m.

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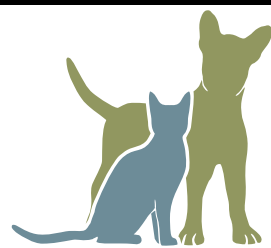
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Sumpter hires clerk for treasurer's office in emergency Sunday meet

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

On Friday at 3:30 p.m., a special Zoom meeting was announced for the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees at 7 p.m., Sunday.

The only item on the agenda was the hiring of part-time clerk in the treasurer's office, Acheenia Hall of Van Buren Township, who would begin work the next day at the AFSCME wage of \$20.74 per hour for 21-29 hours a week.

Hall will replace Erica Campbell who was sworn in July 12 before being appointed deputy treasurer on July 13.

Campbell had been on sick leave after having a positive COVID test, but Clerk Esther Hurst asked if she was cleared by her doctor to come back to work on July 16 and she said she was.

Clerk Hurst asked Campbell if she was going to be training Hall in her new job

starting Monday and Campbell said she was. Hurst asked if this selection had gone through the hiring committee and did they make a recommendation and Treasurer Vincent Warren said a committee of Township Administrator Michelle Cole, Deputy Treasurer Campbell, and himself were on the committee and interviewed the candidates.

"Why is this being rushed?" Hurst asked.

"You say *rushed*," Treasurer Warren replied, saying they had posted the position for a week internally and a week externally and got three candidates. The first did not meet the hours needed, the second was late for the interview and so was eliminated. He said Hall met all the criteria and had knowledge of Excel and Quick Books and will be able to follow and to be a team player.

"Why did we have to do a special meeting?" Hurst persisted. "Why not hire

her at a regular board meeting?"

Trustee Tim Rush said they have an absence in the treasurer's office with Anna Winter going on vacation and the board wouldn't meet for another week. He said they need to be able to collect cash and service the residents and Campbell will be overwhelmed without help.

Trustee Matt Oddy said the board approved the advertising to get the person on July 13 and they need Hall to start the next day. He said they are coming off a COVID closure and Winter is gone.

"*Unforeseen circumstances* is why we are doing this?" asked Hurst, referring to the phrase the township has been using to refer to COVID-19 cases. Trustee Oddy said, "Yes."

Trustee Peggy Morgan said she's never seen this before, having a Sunday meeting in the evening on a family day. She said

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Sumpter special

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even if Anna Winter is going to be gone on vacation, the office always has been run with two people. Ken Bednark was the only one who had three people, she said. Trustee Morgan said with Campbell training Hall, she won't be available to serve the public. She asked the supervisor to explain the Sunday meeting.

"I did a pretty good job of explaining it," Supervisor Tim Bowman said of when he said the meeting was called to hire a part-time person to be a clerk in the treasurer's office.

Trustee Oddy started to speak about Campbell and Trustee Morgan said she had the floor.

"Why be his mouthpiece?" Trustee Morgan said. "He has a mouth to speak," she said of the supervisor.

Campbell started to speak and Trustee Morgan told her she still had the floor.

"You're asking us to shut up," Trustee Oddy complained.

"I'm not asking you to shut up," Trustee Morgan replied and Trustee Rush called out, "Point of order!" three times.

At this point, Trustee Oddy asked for the floor and Supervisor Bowman gave it to him.

Oddy said Winter is out of the office and the deputy treasurer is coming out of a COVID layoff. He said he was glad after the death of a treasurer and the appointment of a new treasurer to meet on a Sunday or anytime for Warren. He said Warren called him to get advice on how to get the employment started. Campbell asked that the new employee start as soon

as possible, Oddy said.

"Peggy, I'm outraged with your statement," Trustee Rush said. "If Supervisor Bowman calls a special meeting for special circumstances, I don't care if it's midnight on a Sunday. I'll be there to help our treasurer's office. This is outrageous."

Warren said since he's been in office he has seen a void. He said with Campbell out there was a void.

He said it's his job to make sure when people come to his office for information there is someone they can see to help them.

"That's why we moved so fast ... We had three candidates, not 30, not 40. Three," Warren said.

Trustee Morgan said they could have had a board meeting the next day, on Monday.

"I didn't understand. Neither did Esther [Hurst]," she said. "A special meeting on a Sunday to hire a part-time employee?"

Oddy said he didn't know why they are having a discussion on why the meeting was called. He said there was a motion and he called for the vote.

The vote was unanimous to approve hiring Hall and then the 16-minute meeting was adjourned.

Hall's resume said she has been owner/president of "You Go Girl" domestic and commercial cleaning service in Saline from June 2016 to the present. She also did housekeeping at Brookdale Senior Living in Ann Arbor from February to June 2020 and was an account manager at RNA Facilities Management, Ann Arbor, from September 2017 to December 2020. The resume said she took business management from the University of Phoenix.

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pay will remain the same after the financial position is filled, according to reports.

Cole, a certified public accountant who lives in Ann Arbor, was first hired as finance director on Aug. 1, 2019.

The township has been advertising for a finance director since Scott Holtz resigned with one week's notice as of April 30, 2019. The posting for the position, at a salary of \$60,000, began running on May 16 and the township received 14 applicants.

Cari Ford of Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne, which oversaw the hiring process, said they chose only to interview seven of

the 14. She said the applicants they chose not to interview were either asking too much money or had a business administration background with very little accounting.

Of the seven selected for interview, one withdrew his application the day after the interview because he said he was "shocked" at the \$60,000 salary offering, two accepted other positions (one shared that he accepted Assistant Finance Director for Eastpointe at \$82,500), three were impressive professionals, but did not have governmental or BSA software experience, she said.

The last interviewee, Michelle Cole, was originally interviewed at the end of May 2019, Ford went on to say in a memo to the township board.

"In our negotiation process it was determined that she would not be available on Thursdays, so she would only be at the township four days a week," Ford wrote. "At that time, we decided to continue to look for a qualified candidate who was available five days a week. "We have been unable to find a candidate anywhere near Michelle's qualifications," Ford wrote. "She has extensive governmental, budgeting, and BSA software experience. She reached out to me last week after seeing that our ad was still running, to let me know that she was still available in any capacity to help me out.

"The hiring committee is recommending the hiring of Michelle Cole at a starting salary of \$65,000," Ford wrote. Cole's resume shows 20 years of progressive municipal finance experience, starting with Plante Moran and moving on to division finance officer for the Genesee County Water Authority in Flint, 2009-2012; workforce management

consultant for KRONOS; regional territory manager for New World Systems, Troy; chief financial officer for Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, 2016-17; and consultant from 2012 to 2019. She began work at four days a week starting Aug. 12, 2019.

When Tim Bowman was elected supervisor last fall he hired outgoing treasurer Ken Bednark as deputy supervisor. Then Bednark resigned and Bowman named finance director Cole to also work as his deputy supervisor.

At the Aug. 10 meeting, Trustee Peggy Morgan asked if Cole will be working four or five days a week and Supervisor Bowman said he assumed it would be five days a week.

Trustee Morgan said the township had an administrator in the past that didn't work out and she said people in the community aren't going to like it.

She said it isn't Cole that's the problem, but the position. She said she likes Cole.

Bowman said that was 20 years in the past.

Trustee Matt Oddy said the deputy supervisor has been acting in the role of administrator. He said while elected officials come and go, this person would stay on and the board could remove her. He said it's extremely costly to lose historical knowledge and this will stabilize the knowledge base.

Trustee Don LaPorte said township attorney Rob Young was present 20 years ago and he could give some insight.

"I remember Steve Kunselman and before that Glen Bowles," Young said. "Steve served in contentious times ... that was 20 years ago ... not sure what 20 years ago has to do with today ... We

had a clerk, treasurer, supervisor, police chief, fire chief that didn't work out ... the entire board votes on this... She talks to me multiple times a day on legal matters ... this would put one person at the helm and responsible."

"She's sticking her nose in things she shouldn't be because she cares for the community," Trustee LaPorte said. "She's a go-getter." Then he said to Cole, "You're a quality person."

The vote was 5-1 to name her township administrator, with Trustee Morgan voting no and Clerk Esther Hurst absent.

In other business at the one hour and 12-minute Zoom meeting the board:

- Unanimously approved the attendance of Treasurer Vincent Warren and new Deputy Treasurer Erica Campbell to attend the Michigan Municipal Treasurers Association fall conference in Kalamazoo Sept. 19-22 at a cost not to exceed \$2,262, which includes the conference, hotel, parking, gas and food expenses;

- Unanimously approved starting the process to modify the ordinance to allow kayaks and canoes at Banotai/Sherwood Pond;

- Approved on a 5-1 vote to permanently establish the 30-day authority granted by the board on July 27 to reduce active members of the Parks and Recreation Commission to seven, which is four members for a quorum, and allowing liaison Tim Rush to vote if needed to establish a quorum. Trustee Morgan voted no;

- Unanimously approved a new building fee structure to ensure the township is not in a negative position on deposits for grade changes;

- Unanimously approved promoting Fire Battalion Chief John Krushlin to Deputy Chief and promoting Fire Captains Michael McHenry and Walt Thompson to Battalion Chiefs;

- Heard attorney Young note that he did not put on the agenda the second reading of an ordinance to allow credit card payments in the treasurer's office, but when the board approves his general report it will include the second reading being approved. The board approved his report; and

- Heard Supervisor Bowman announce that the ugly barn across the street from township hall is on the ground because the ordinance officers are working.

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Pot shop

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Pernick also presented an addendum to the plan at the meeting.

He said they have an agreement to lease the property from Rabiah and will comply with Belleville ordinances.

They have tentatively decided to name their first facility in Belleville, "Home Town Provisions," which is a fairly neutral name. "People might not know if it's a pot shop of marijuana facility as they drive by," he said.

Pernick said they are raising funds from friends and family and so they are not able to build everything permitted now so they are starting with their first phase, a marijuana retail store.

He said they would also like to have a designated consumption tasting room because people might buy something and go home and find it's not what they wanted. The consumption room would give them a chance to taste it out, he said.

But, they are not able to have that now and it will come in another phase.

He said the shop will be advertised online.

Pernick said the State of Michigan requires all sales to be tracked from seed to sale, so they can collect all the tax revenue and they can try to crack down on black market products.

He said they are only a retail store now and they will purchase from wholesalers across the state. He said they have an inventory record-keeping plan, a "metric" that tracks everything they've bought and sold and what they have in inventory.

In general, he said, they will have for sale cannabis buds/flower, "trim" to make cookies and brownies, edibles, CBD oil products, tinctures, lotions, and devices for use, such as bong.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said some of the products will have THC, but the CBD products traditionally don't contain THC.

Pernick said they are not licensed as a medical marijuana store, but the products are the same and people can buy what's helpful. He said epilepsy patients use products higher in THC and some patients need a CBD product only.

He said the products are not just for using recreationally, but a person might not have a medical marijuana card or the medical marijuana store is too far for them to travel to.

He said a person has to be 21 years or older to enter the store. And they are screened in the entryway before being

buzzed inside. He said the staff will be highly trained and honest and aren't going to do anything improper.

"Our butt is on the line, so to speak," Pernick said of the business, adding the staff will be treating people with respect and following the law. He said if employees try to get away with anything, they'll be gone.

He said a consultant will be training the staff for at least two weeks and there will be between 10 and 15 employees full time and part time, but it could be up to 20 because of the long hours.

"We intend to hire Belleville residents first," he said, noting it would be \$17.15 an hour starting pay with health benefits. After Belleville residents are hired, they would go on to Van Buren Township residents. He said they are prioritizing hiring of veterans.

Pernick said there are two primary owners of the business, himself and Rifel, who has a master's degree from the University of Michigan.

He said security will have multiple layers with security people on hand and security cameras inside and out recording every inch. Since this is a cash business there are provisions using an armed vehicle to pick up the product and deliver the payment, as well as trips to the bank. The two safes in the building will be bolted to the floor.

Pernick said the business will be supportive of local community events, such as food drives, school supplies, adopting a stretch of highway to keep clean, neighborhood associations, and the like.

He also stressed public health education and will not sell marijuana to those who it may harm, such as pregnant women. He said there are studies showing side effects that are harmful to pregnant women.

"We're interested in trying to make money, but we don't want people to use the products in ways that may be harmful to them," Pernick said.

He said they plan to put aside \$10,000 for scholarships, but after much discussion, he said he would defer to the city on how to work out the details. He said his friend is the mayor of Oak Park and there they had a scholarship for children of police officers. That was his model, he said.

City Manager/Police Chief Robinson said he wants to avoid any appearance of impropriety by singling out Belleville employees for scholarships because the city oversees the business. "Not employees," he said, suggesting Belleville High School students could be invited to write essays about the marijuana industry.

Pernick said they expect to be spending

\$100,000 in license fees to the city of Belleville.

Pernick said they have a waste disposal plan as required by the Marijuana Regulatory Agency on how to dispose of anything if they happen to have to throw something away. He suggested they might have to dispose of stale edibles, but nobody will be able to go through their garbage.

There will be no chemicals since they won't be growing anything yet, but potentially will in the future. He said the wholesale price of marijuana has fluctuated and there is a lot of cultivation. He said the wholesale price plummeted from \$2,000 a pound to \$700 a pound. He said it's cheaper to buy from others. He said it costs \$400 to \$500 a pound to produce.

"We could apply for cultivation in the future," he said.

Outgoing commission chairman Steve Jones said they would have to come before the commission for every phase.

Commissioner John Juriga said three beehives were lost by a neighbor when a Harris Road grower threw waste in the yard.

Architect Ogle said the state requires the way to dispose of waste. He said it is gated and locked and moved and moved again and bagged and tagged. He said there are only items spoiled and will be ground up like compost.

"We would never let waste disposal get on somebody's property," Pernick said.

He said they have measured the distances to the schools and the closest one is 1,000 feet away. They are almost 2,000 feet away from Owen and 3,600 feet away from BHS.

"We are going to surround the facility with 2'x2'x6' concrete barriers," he said, noting that people try to ram a truck into a building and take a product, like in Detroit or Flint. "We think it will deter the major issue for 'smash and grabs.'"

The windows will be replaced with glass block windows for more security.

When newly elected Commission chairman Michael Hawkins asked about the number of buildings on the site, Pernick said there were four separate buildings, the front building and three warehouses. "Some are connected, so we feel we have to secure them all," Pernick said.

After the site plan was approved, Pernick said, "God bless you all."

Architect Ogle said he got his degree from the Lawrence Institute of Technology and his thesis was on Belleville, Michigan. It was an award-winning design.

"This is just the beginning," City Manager/Police Chief Robinson said. "Just know we will make them comply with the ordinance."

Pernick said this is their first store and he thanked everyone. "I can tell you we will not let you down."



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Women Air Force Service Pilots is the featured program at the Yankee Air Museum's Historic Presentation Night on Wednesday, Sept. 1, beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the museum at Willow Run Airport. Guest speaker of the in-person presentation is Alan Darbe. The story is about the 2,000 women who flew for the U.S. Army Air Force during WWII and provided aircraft delivery, training, testing, and towing targets for anti-aircraft gunners. The cost is \$10 per person and free for museum members. Tickets can be purchased at their website at www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

The annual Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville is today Aug. 19, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with the bridge walk, followed by the Taste of Belleville from 6 to 8 p.m. along High Street. The Belleville Rotary will hold its Rubber Ducky Race fundraiser on the lake and Music Lakeside will hold its summer season finale with Holly & the Johnnies at 7 p.m. There will also be 50/50 drawings and door-prize giveaways. Taste tickets are \$1 each. Be sure to check out the full Taste menu in today's paper. Participating restaurants and organizations include Amaizing Dawgs, Angel Food Catering, Applebee's, Backyard BBQ, Bayou Grill, Belleville Community Chorus, Belleville Kiwanis, Benito's Pizza, Egan's Pub, Get the Scoop, Hungry Howies, Jet's Pizza, Kona Ice, and Van Buren Public Schools.

The Belleville High School football program will benefit from a haircut fundraiser coming up at Urban Barbershop, located at 264 East Columbia Ave. in Belleville. A portion of hair cut proceeds will go to the Tigers on Aug. 18, 22, 29, and Sept. 8. Cuts are by appointment only. Call (734) 365-3748. Clients must mention the Belleville football fundraiser to their stylist at the time of their haircut.

Last week's newspaper contained an insert featuring the upcoming Saline Community

Fair for Sept. 1-5 at the Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, located at 5055 Ann Arbor Saline Rd. Attractions include farm animal showings and demonstrations, craft and food vendors, amusement rides, track events, live entertainment, and much more. If you didn't get one, brochures are available here at the office at 152 Main Street. Visit www.salinefair.org.

Denny's Barbershop and Hott Hair Salon owner Marlene Mills welcomes Brittany Marie to their staff of salon professionals. Brittany specializes in mani-pedis for men and women, full sets, overlays and great designs. See their ad coupon in today's paper for a mani-pedi with Brittany for \$49.95. Walk-ins, appointments, and gift certificates are available. Call (734) 697-4485.

Wayne County Parks presents Hobby Day this Saturday, Aug. 21, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Crosswinds Marsh in Sumpter Township. Hobby Day is all about trying something new. The event is free but requires pre-registration at Eventbrite.com. Hobby activities may include canoeing, horse care, geocaching, wood carving, metal detecting, plant identification hikes, fishing, and more. Fishing participants must bring their own poles and bait. Call (734) 261-1990.

Michael Hawkins, Matthew Wagner to lead Belleville planners

Since Steve Jones filed for the city council in the November election and is sure to get elected since he will have no opposition on the ballot, the Belleville Planning Commission, at its Aug. 12 Zoom meeting, elected a new chairman and vice chairman.

Present vice chairman Michael Hawkins was unanimously elected chairman and Matthew Wagner was unanimously elected vice chairman.

Wagner, who was unable to make the meeting because of a conflict with his work, was nominated by Commissioner John Juriga who stated Wagner has a city planning degree from the university.



City of Belleville Public Notice



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 2, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

Due to Michigan Department of Health and Human Services guidelines, the City cannot ensure 6 feet separation between participants in the Chambers of City Hall. As a result, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via ZOOM.

The regular meeting of the Belleville City Council was called to order by Mayor Conley at 7:30 p.m.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Bates	Present
Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Voigt	Present
Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Council Follow Up List

- Councilmember Voight asked about the status of road repairs within the City. City Manager Robinson stated that the repairs are an ongoing event, and have been completed as needed, but will add it to the list of items to follow up on.

- Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

- There were no comments.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. July 19, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council
MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Fielder to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, July 19, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

There was no general business to discuss.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Bates to approve **Resolution 21-070** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte	Aye
Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye
Council Member Voigt	Aye
Mayor Conley	Aye

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

- City Manager Robinson mentioned that he is in the process of receiving bids for the cutting of vegetation along the lake front, and would like to get someone out as soon as possible to clean up the area. Mayor Conley agreed and suggested that the City generate a multi-year proposal to ensure that this issue does not occur again.

- Informed Council that there have been two applicants for the City Council seats that will be vacated in 2022.

- Provided an update that he is still waiting on a response from the City's legal counsel regarding the proposal to allow golf carts in the City.

- Mentioned that the site plan for the property at 510 Savage Rd has been received, and is still under review. Once the City has completed their review, it will be given to the Planning Commission for their review.

- Stated that utilities at the former party store currently attached to City Hall have been cut and

capped, and that the building is expected to be demolished before winter.

- Mentioned that Rick Rutherford is in the process of gathering a list of sidewalks within the City that need to be repaired.

- Advised that Briana Hootman's transition to the City Clerk position is ongoing, and the Civil Service Commission is in the process of signing a document approving the change of her classification. The City's labor attorney has also been notified, and is expected to draft a formal job offer soon. He also mentioned it may take longer than normal to complete some tasks as this transition has been a learning process for most of the staff.

- Noted that the vacancy for the Police Records Clerk has been posted, and there has been one application received thus far. He is expecting a few more applications to be turned in, at which point the interview process will begin.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

- Council Member Bates:

-- Bates mentioned that she had read an article in The Independent about the Police Department's positive handling of a mental health call. She also noted that Corporal Faull was recently presented an award by Growth Works, which was also published in the paper. She commended the Officers for a job well done.

- Council Member Voigt:

-- Voigt noted that he had driven through Hillside Cemetery and noticed marked improvements in the maintenance there.

- Council Member Fielder:

-- Fielder complimented DPW Director Rick Rutherford on the vast improvements done on the City's roads.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte:

-- Marcotte agreed that the road work done by the bridge looks fantastic. He also commented that the bench by the library in memory of Rosemary Loria is a nice addition to the City.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

- Mayor Conley stated that the work done by the bridge looks awesome.

- Mentioned that she had gained some information from the Downriver Utility Wastewater Association regarding their metering practices. She explained that DUWA had proposed metering Belleville and Van Buren Township's wastewater through one meter, but both municipalities have requested to remain separate to ensure accuracy in the readings.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

- Rosemary Otzman said a person on her paper delivery route told her about a vehicle window that was shot out on Wexford. She asked if it was associated with the Malicious Destruction of Property that occurred last Monday. City Manager/Chief of Police Robinson responded that the department did receive a report of a car window being broken out, but there is no reason to suspect that the window was shot out by a BB-Gun or otherwise.

- Tom Fielder complemented Davenport Construction on their work developing the plaza at Main St. and N. Liberty; he said the development is an attractive addition to the downtown area.

- Kerreen Conley noted that August 1st is the 50th Anniversary of Growth Works, and felt it was important to recognize them for all of their hard work.

12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

- Mayor Conley asked for verification that the next City Council Meeting is slated to be held in-person. City Manager Robinson confirmed that it is, and noted that he has been in contact with the library about using the location as a venue. He will make a final determination on the location based on the contents of the next agenda. He will also look in to the technology available at the library for the purpose of conducting a hybrid-style meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

No objections were noted.

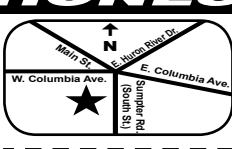
Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, Interim Support for City Clerk

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New art banners now flying over streets in downtown Belleville

New banners are flying on the streets of downtown Belleville. The images of 2021 Belleville High School Seniors have been replaced by Community Art 48111.

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is sponsoring the new display on over 70 light poles from August through October.

Images from award-winning local artists of the BACA 2020 Virtual Art Show are highlighted on Main Street. Additional artwork depicting fall leaves, pumpkins, flags, air balloons, sunshine and more are designed by art students from Savage

Elementary School. These images can be viewed along the Belleville Bridge and South, High and Liberty Streets. Pictures were submitted by Van Buren Public Schools teacher Kim Glime.

BACA is preparing for its 12th-Annual Community Art Show to take place Nov. 12-14 at the Belleville Yacht Club. The Art Show Committee is looking for sponsors and local artists to apply, from children starting at age 6 to teens and adults.

For more information go to www.bacaart.org or e-mail bellartson@gmail.com.

Results of the 2020 U.S. Census shows growth for tri-community

Official results of the 2020 U.S. Census, released last week, show the following growth in population for the tri-community over the last ten years:

- The city of Belleville grew from 3,991 in 2010 to 4,008 in 2020, a growth of 0.43%;
- Sumpter Township grew from 9,549 in 2010 to 9,660 in 2020, a growth of 1.16%; and
- Van Buren Charter Township grew from 28,821 in 2010 to 30,375 in 2020, a growth of 5.39%.

Neighboring communities also grew:

- Canton Charter Township went from 90,173 to 98,659, growth of 9.41%;
- City of Romulus went from 23,989 to 25,178, growth of 4.96%;
- Huron Township went from 15,879 to 16,944, growth of 6.71%;
- Augusta Charter Township went from 6,745 to 7,083, growth of 5.01%; and
- Ypsilanti Charter Township went from 53,362 to 55,670, growth of 4.33%.

Figures from the U.S. Census Bureau

Public Notice

OFFICE OF THE WAYNE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER NORTH BRANCH OF SWAN CREEK CONSOLIDATED DRAIN NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Wednesday, September 1, 2021

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

LOCATION: REMOTE ELECTRONIC ACCESS
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86142684218>
Call-in: (888) 475-4499
Meeting ID: 861 4268 4218
Passcode: 934811

QUESTIONS: (313) 482-9465

A Board of Determination will be convened through remote electronic access as provided in this Notice. Proceedings at this hearing are being conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act and other applicable laws, orders, and regulations. The Board of Determination is being held via remote electronic access due to the COVID-19 pandemic and related federal and state agency rules and recommendations.

A Board of Determination is meeting electronically to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in a petition that was properly filed with the Wayne County Drain Commissioner's Office, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare, pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.

A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination, which outlines a brief history of the Drainage District, and describes the roles, responsibilities and decisions made by a Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the Drainage District and to facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make its decision at the end of the meeting.

Electronic participation will be conducted through Zoom. The Board of Determination may be accessed through any device supporting the Zoom app, which includes many computers, laptops, and smartphones. Users on a computer or laptop will be given the option to join the meeting through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. Additionally,

individuals may call into the Board of Determination by telephone.

Prior to the Board of Determination:

- **Telephone.** Questions may be asked prior to the meeting by calling (313) 482-9465.
- **Written Comments.** All written public comments received prior to the day of the Board of Determination will be made part of the public record for the Board of Determination.
- **Zoom.** Download the Zoom app to your device to ensure there is time to obtain technical advice prior to the Board of Determination.
- **Special Access.** Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the Board of Determination should contact the Drain Commissioner's Office at (313) 482-9465 (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the Board of Determination to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

On the Day of the Board of Determination:

- **Meeting Link.** To participate electronically through Zoom, you can access the Board of Determination through the following link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86142684218>. When prompted, the Zoom Meeting Passcode is: 934811.
- **Telephone Participation.** For participation on Zoom via telephone, please call: (888) 475-4499. When prompted, the Zoom Meeting ID is: 861 4268 4218. The Zoom Meeting Passcode is: 934811.
- **Participation.** Once individuals have joined the Board of Determination, the Chairperson will provide further information about procedures for participation.

After the Board of Determination:

Anyone aggrieved by the decision of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a.

Elmeka N. Steele, Esq.
Wayne County Drain Commissioner

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 279 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Aug. 8:

0445 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0816 – property damage accident, Wildbrook Dr.
0922 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr./Quirk
0951 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1111 – personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd./Beck
1119 – suicidal person, Buchanan St.
1252 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1256 – threat, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1351 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.
1415 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1436 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1531 – family trouble, E. Sadie Ln.
1542 – noise complaint, Denton Rd.
1742 – malicious destruction of property, Mott Rd.
1755 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1938 – animal complaint, Turnberry Ct.
2138 – traffic offense, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
2222 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Aug. 9:

0921 – neighbor trouble, Brookside Dr.
1127 – mental subject, Sadie Ln.
1131 – property damage accident, E. I-94 Belleville
ramp/Belleville Rd.
1200 – family trouble, Berkdale Dr.
1327 – sexual assault, Denton Rd.
1414 – found property/child, Haggerty Rd. / E.
Huron River Dr.
1456 – weapons violation, Belleville Rd.
1626 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Belleville Rd.
1712 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1746 – assist other dept., San Carlos St.
1943 – disorderly, Rawsonville Rd.
2211 – suicidal person, Rawsonville Rd.
2218 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr./Rawsonville
2219 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bog/W. Adams
2228 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
2233 – domestic, Beckley Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2357 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rickman Dr. /
Harmony Ln.

Tuesday, Aug. 10:

0309 – threat, Kirkridge Park Dr.
0644 – animal complaint, Ormond Dr.
0733 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0753 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0818 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
0827 – unauthorized driving away of auto,
Lighthouse Dr.
1034 – mental subject, Tyler Rd.
1058 – private property impound, Water’s Edge Ln
1117 – animal complaint, Ivy Dr.
1236 – domestic, Hamlin St.
1318 – assist citizen, Ecorse Rd.
1326 – malicious destruction of property, Wheeler
1329 – parking complaint, Bentley Dr.
1447 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
1526 – overdose, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1631 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1641 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1646 – assist other dept., Ford/Sheldon
1718 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Adams
1837 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1842 – PPO violation, Brookview Dr.
2023 – juvenile complaint, Tompkins St.
2029 – 911 welfare check, Stonebridge Dr.
2228 – fraud, S. Bellridge Dr.
2256 – overdose, Ecorse Rd.
2328 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.

Wednesday, Aug. 11:

0044 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
0101 – juvenile complaint, Berkdale Dr.
0330 – road hazard, W. I-94/rest area
0413 – suspicious person/vehicle, Richard Run Dr.
0634 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
0802 – suicidal person, Spruce Ln.
0858 – larceny from auto, Ivy
0935 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0945 – property damage accident, Savage/Bemis
1032 – domestic, Belleville Rd.
1143 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood
1304 – larceny, E. Archwood Dr.
1504 – domestic, Colonial Rd.
1503 – 911 welfare check, Edgedale Dr.
1543 – road hazard, Morton Taylor Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1556 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /

N. I-94 Service Dr.

1606 – personal injury accident, Belleville Rd. / N.
I-94 Service Dr.
1958 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
2005 – animal complaint, Hamilton St.
2030 – trespassing, N. Timberview Dr.
2206 – assault & battery, Landmark
2220 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. /
Ecorse Rd.
2227 – harassment call, Kirkridge Park Dr.
2255 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
2333 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
2359 – breaking & entering, Belleville Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 12:

0045 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0203 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0258 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. /
Independence Ln.
0820 – road hazard, Jeremy Rd./Ecorse Rd.
0917 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.
0925 – family trouble, E. Archwood Dr.
1014 – property damage accident, Fairfield Dr.
1101 – abandoned auto, Ecorse west of Morton
Taylor
1102 – private property/property damage accident,
Van Born Rd.
1104 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1124 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1249 – private property/property damage accident,
Ecorse Rd.
1314 – mental subject, Union St.
1318 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1451 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Harmony
Ln.
1555 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1616 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1625 – domestic, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1921 – traffic offense, E. Huron River Dr.
1935 – assault & battery, Redwood
1941 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd.
2149 – property damage accident, Hannan Rd. / E.
Huron River Dr.
2324 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Ecorse Rd.

Friday, Aug. 13:

0438 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
0537 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd.
0633 – parking complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr. /
Jeannette Ave.
0724 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
0738 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0747 – larceny from auto, Monterey Dr.
0824 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0833 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton\
1014 – PPO violation, Berkdale Dr.
1032 – family trouble, Togowtee Pass
1039 – motorist assist, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
1042 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Westlake Dr.
1138 – private property/property damage accident,
Belleville Rd.
1236 – assist other dept., South St.
1253 – breaking & entering, Van Buren Ct.
1338 – fraud, Morton Taylor Rd.
1340 – assist other dept., Victoria St.
1420 – operating while intoxicated, Ecorse Rd.
1421 – animal complaint, Martz Rd./Lohr Rd.
1605 – family trouble, Winchester St.
1625 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
1703 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bemis/Haggerty
1948 – lost property/child, Haggerty Rd.
2202 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. /
Westlake Cir.
2311 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Van Born

Saturday, Aug. 14:

0022 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
0031 – shooting, Beckley Rd.
0033 – suspicious person/vehicle, Morton Taylor
0039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Daniel Dr.
0111 – larceny from auto, Holly Ln.
0114 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0128 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, Capitol Dr.
0246 – larceny from auto, Holly Ln.
0251 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./E I-94
0540 – suspicious person/vehicle, Marlowe Ave.
0927 – 911 welfare check, Sheldon Rd.
1004 – 911 welfare check, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1009 – abandoned auto, Alba Ct.
1116 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1127 – personal injury accident, W I-94/rest area
1134 – found property/child, S. Ponderosa Trl.
1307 – domestic, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1325 – fight, Belleville Rd.

1435 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1513 – trespassing, Crowley Ave.
1520 – missing person, Belleville Rd.
1530 – abandoned auto, Rawsonville Rd.
1530 – sexual assault, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1540 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1610 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1702 – assist other dept., E. Huron River Dr.
1806 – domestic, Parkwood Dr.
1905 – noise complaint, Meadows Cir.
2004 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
Dr.
2032 – noise complaint, Greenbriar Dr.
2107 – animal complaint, W. Huron River Dr.
2117 – larceny from auto, Holly Ln.
2205 – indecent exposure, Belleville Rd.
2215 – traffic offense, Hoeft Rd./W. Huron River
2323 – noise complaint, Outer Dr.
2325 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
Also on this week’s log are 31 traffic stops, with one
of those on the I-94 freeway.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 8:

0300 – traffic stop, Sumpter/Industrial Park Dr.
0313 – traffic stop, Sumpter/Industrial Park Dr.
1025 – intrusion alarm, Robbe St.
1436 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1536 – harassment call, Sumpter Rd.
1926 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1954 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr. / Harbour
Pointe Dr.
2018 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
2104 – parking complaint, Main St.

Monday, Aug. 9:

0148 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
0241 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
0312 – welfare check, Main St.
0903 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
0938 – traffic offense, E. Huron River/Madelon
0941 – traffic stop, Madelon St./Robbe St.
1019 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1506 – traffic stop, S. Liberty St./E. Columbia
1539 – traffic stop, Roland St./Madelon St.
1619 – traffic stop, Victorian Ln./E. Savage Rd.
1649 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
1734 – breaking & entering, San Carlos St.
2007 – juvenile complaint, Second St.
2014 – follow-up by officer, W. Columbia Ave.
2202 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont St.

Tuesday, Aug. 10:

0610 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
1330 – assist fire dept., Fourth St.
1432 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1706 – intrusion alarm, Main St.
1937 – animal complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
2009 – escape, Annapolis
2024 – larceny, E. Thornhill Ct.

Wednesday, Aug. 11:

1007 – suicidal person, Bell Cove Ct.
1401 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Madelon
1714 – leaving the scene of a property damage
accident, E. Columbia Ave.
2001 – found property/child, High St.
2147 – traffic stop, Sumpter/Industrial Park Dr.
2210 – traffic stop, E. Huron River/Clarence Dr.
2351 – assist citizen, E. Thornhill Ct.
2358 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

Thursday, Aug. 12:

0059 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0623 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
0745 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0754 – assist fire dept., Belle Villa Blvd.
1208 – road hazard, Main St.
2003 – assist other dept., Main St./Third St.
2035 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St.
2058 – misc. complaint, Fourth St.
2323 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church
2357 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola

Friday, Aug. 13:

0112 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola
0308 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
0454 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Angola
0631 – assist other dept., Church St.
1206 – civil matter, South St.
1227 – disorderly, South St.
1425 – operating while intoxicated, Loza Ln.
1433 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.
2014 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.

2036 – harassment call, S. Industrial Park Dr.
2115 – traffic stop, N. Liberty/E. Huron River Dr.
2149 – civil matter, Carmell St.

Saturday, Aug. 14:

0120 – suspicious person/vehicle, Astor Pl.
0545 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton Rd. /
Belleville Rd.
0824 – disorderly, Church St.
0844 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1526 – found property/child, Sumpter Rd./Owen
1936 – traffic stop, Main St./First St.
2223 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2244 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave./Church St.
2255 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
2341 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./Harmony Ln.
There were 30 traffic stops on this week’s log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 8:

0030 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0814 – traffic complaint/hazard, 24000 bl. Sumpter
1615 – alarm, 43000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1833 – mental health call, 17000 bl. Martinsville
1905 – neighbor dispute, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2229 – 911 hang up, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Monday, Aug. 9:

0210 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
0722 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
0849 – assist other agency, 40000 bl. Judd Rd.
1117 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1151 – harassment complaint, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1250 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1411 – wires down, 18000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1416 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
1517 – assist other agency, 24000 bl. Sherwood
1539 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1553 – civil matter, 22000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1600 – juvenile complaint, 19000 bl. Sumpter
1608 – citizen assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1651 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1745 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
2246 – welfare check, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.

Tuesday, Aug. 10:

0118 – alarm, 8500 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0949 – traffic complaint/hazard, 50000 bl. Willis
1050 – warrant arrest, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1238 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1254 – suspicious circumstances, 11000 bl.

Rawsonville Rd.
1541 – family trouble, Vermont St.
1602 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1702 – 911 hang up, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1725 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
1752 – welfare check, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2215 – assist motorist, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.

Wednesday, Aug. 11:

0241 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
0547 – follow-up investigation, 43000 bl. Harris
1431 – follow-up investigation, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
1507 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Savage Rd.
1522 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.
1527 – traffic complaint/hazard, Willis Rd. /
Rawsonville Rd.
1532 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
1532 – fire dept. assist, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1536 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rawsonville Rd.

/ Willis Rd.
1537 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1551 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1558 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Judd Rd.
1611 – traffic complaint/hazard, 23000 bl. Sumpter
1645 – traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville Rd. /
Willis Rd.

1657 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1659 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1702 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1703 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
1715 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sherwood/Willow
1726 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1741 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Boyd Dr.
1746 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1848 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter Rd./Harris Rd.
1942 – fire dept. assist, 43000 bl. Willis Ct.
2053 – fire dept. assist, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
2309 – 911 hang up, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.

Thursday, Aug. 12:

0117 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.

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1049 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1100 – 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1136 – family trouble, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1230 – traffic complaint/hazard, 43000 bl. Willis
1311 – follow-up investigation, Vermont St.
1332 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1519 – suspicious circumstances, 22000 bl. Clark
1538 – traffic complaint/hazard, 26000 bl. Sumpter
1659 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1851 – fire dept. assist, Virginia St.
1920 – suspicious vehicle, Martinsville/Willow
2025 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Paris Dr.
2252 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2302 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
2318 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
2342 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

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0928 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1029 – citizen assist, out of township
1312 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
1314 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1421 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1503 – suspicious circumstances, 24000 bl. Carleton West Rd.
1816 – fire dept. assist, Wayside Dr.
2142 – suspicious circumstances, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2158 – alarm, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
2205 – follow-up investigation, 28000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Saturday, Aug. 14:

0001 – citizen assist, Arizona St.
0032 – traffic complaint/hazard, Judd/Sherwood
0133 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0312 – disorderly person, Redwood St.
0445 – property damage accident, 22000 bl. Elwell
0506 – family trouble, 44000 bl. Wear Rd.
1056 – flee & elude police, Willis Rd./Lohr Rd.
1126 – alarm, Country Club Blvd.
1227 – 911 hang up, Colorado St.
1450 – civil matter, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1602 – alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1815 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1941 – fire dept. assist, out of township
2000 – wires down, 47000 bl. Willis Rd.
2021 – follow-up investigation, 44000 bl. Willis
2148 – suspicious circumstances, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2151 – wires down, 48000 bl. Willis Rd.
2218 – non-fatal shooting, Timberlane Dr.

Also on this week's log are 46 patrol checks, 35 traffic stops, and four misc. details.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 remain at 76, positive tests at 3,630

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remained at 76 as of Friday, Aug. 13, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count. It has been at 76 since July 25.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,630 on Friday, Aug. 13, up from 3,603 the previous Monday, Aug. 9.

On Friday, Aug. 13, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,438 positive cases, 42 deaths; city of Belleville, 503 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 689 positive cases, 13 deaths.

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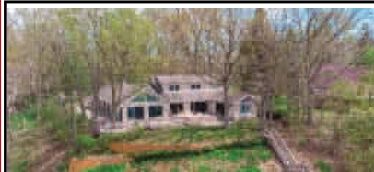
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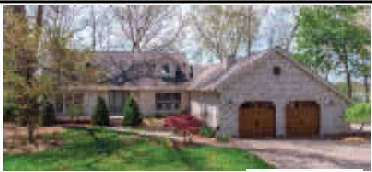
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