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Frazier Honored for Years of Service

Van Buren Board of Trustees

It is with great sadness that we share the passing of Trustee William Frazier, who dedicated much of his life to serving the community he called home. He recently retired after an extraordinary 38 years of service to Van Buren Public Schools, where generations of students, staff, and families came to know his kindness, dependability, and positive attitude.

William was elected to the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, following in the footsteps of his mother, longtime Trustee Sherry Frazier.

During his time with the Township, many of us had the opportunity to know William personally and work alongside him. His quiet dedication, kindness, and genuine commitment to this community will be deeply missed.

We know this news will be especially difficult for those who worked closely with William and knew him as a colleague and friend.

Please keep Sherry, the entire Frazier family in your thoughts during this difficult time.

Thank you for your service, William. You will be deeply missed. (See obituary p. 7)

VBT Seeks Lower Speed Limits on Gravel Roads

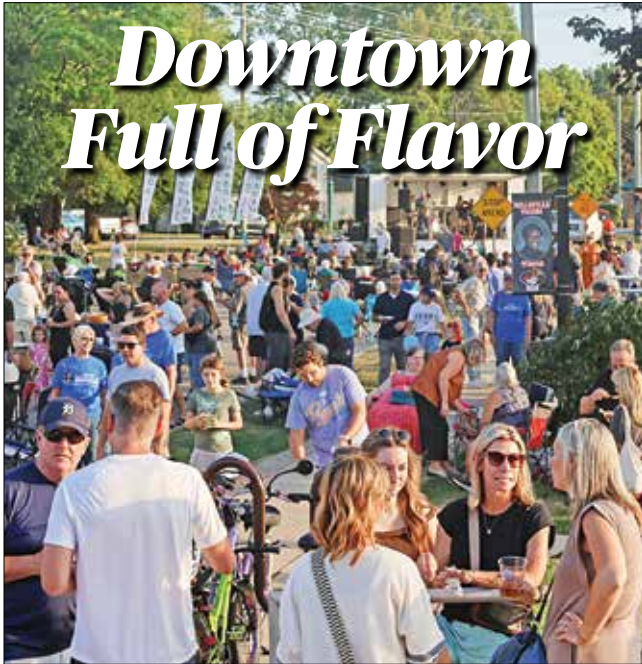
Emily Flesch

Independent Reporter

Van Buren Township residents may soon see speed limits decrease on gravel roads following a resolution passed by the Board of Trustees at their Aug. 18 regular meeting.

This resolution requests a decrease of the speed limits on currently unmarked gravel roads from the default 55 mph to 45 mph. Following its adoption, the township will forward

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PHOTOS | BLAIR TEMPLE

Taste of Belleville brought food and fun to High Street Aug. 20, as local establishments served up a variety of tasty offerings. The event also featured music from Unlimited D.J., Music Lakeside with the DTown Band, along with a rubber ducky race.

DDA Sale Paves Way for Grocery Store

Sarah Rigg

Managing Editor

Belleville will soon have a full-service grocery store after the city's Downtown Development Authority (DDA) finalized the sale of the property at 458 Main St. to Sunset Holding for \$725,000 at its Aug. 19 meeting.

DDA board member Whitney Beaubien clarified for those attending the meeting that Sunset Holding is the parent company of The Belleville Butcher shop, and owners Jim and Austin Nash are planning to move the butcher shop and fill out the rest of the building with a



PHOTO | SARAH RIGG

full grocery store.

"I think this is the highest and best use of this property," said Mayor Kenneth Voigt. "It's the reason that we got control of the property was to keep it retail, and this is going to accomplish that."

In a follow-up phone call after the meeting, Voigt said the DDA bought the property

about two and a half years ago to make sure that it remained a retail space and to preserve parking for that address and other businesses nearby.

DDA chair John Winter noted that the DDA board "had to kiss a lot of frogs" before finding the right business to sell the property to.

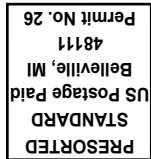
The property at 458 Main St. was previously a hardware store for decades, starting out as Belleville Hardware, later becoming Hamilton Hardware, and then finally Pro Hardware before becoming vacant.

The Belleville Butcher Shop owners announced their intention to open the shop in the Lakeview Center in the 500 block of Main Street in late 2021 and opened for business in 2022.

The owners posted a note about the move on their Facebook page Aug. 20.

It said in part, "We're ex-

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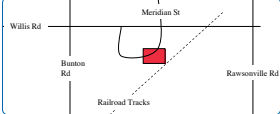
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The Van Buren Community Players hosted a Youth Theater Camp Aug. 10-14 for youth 7-14 years old. Young actors met from noon-4 p.m. each day Monday through Friday at the Van Buren Township Community Center, putting on a free public performance of Alice in Wonderland at the end.

PHOTOS | ELENA MANALP

‘The Sweet Delilah Swim Club’ Opens Sept. 12 at the VBT Community Center

The Van Buren Community Players will present The Sweet Delilah Swim Club, a Jones Hope Wooten comedy in the Black Box Theater at Van Buren Community Center on Sept. 12 and 13 and Sept. 18-20.

Come meet five Southern women hilariously held together by their reunions at the “Sweet Delilah” in the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Watch as they catch up, grow old, laugh and meddle in each other’s lives. Five very different women, one very united club, sticking together through the highs and lows of life.

Director Thomas Mattison said, “I like shows that go deep into character development. This show takes place over 40 years! Each actor has done amazing work digging into their character’s backstory. Time flies when you’re having fun.”

The cast of this show includes the following talented local actors: Becky Dodd-Sherry of Monroe, Betty



Berryman of Canton, Lisa Salisbury of Ypsilanti Twp., Natalie Lewand of Franklin and Rhonda Smith of Wayne. Performances are Sept. 12 at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 13 at 2 p.m., Sept. 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. at VBT Community Center, located at 46425 Tyler Road.

Tickets to the performances are \$16-\$20 each and can be purchased online by going to vbtvbc.ludus.com or in person at the Community Center Desk Monday-Friday 6 a.m. – 9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. For ticket assistance via phone, call 734-699-8921. Online ticket sales will close one week prior to performance.

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The Sweet Delilah Swim Club is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Dramatists Play Service.

For more information on this show and all upcoming shows, please visit www.vanburencommunityplayers.com, email vanburencommunityplayers@gmail.com or call 734-796-7900.

OPINION

From the Editor

Update on Blighted Property: Local History Set to be Demolished

I thought readers might be interested in yet another update about a blighted property in Van Buren Township.

The original photo story about the blighted property in Van Buren Township near the intersection of Tyler and Haggerty Roads ran in our July 30 issue.



Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

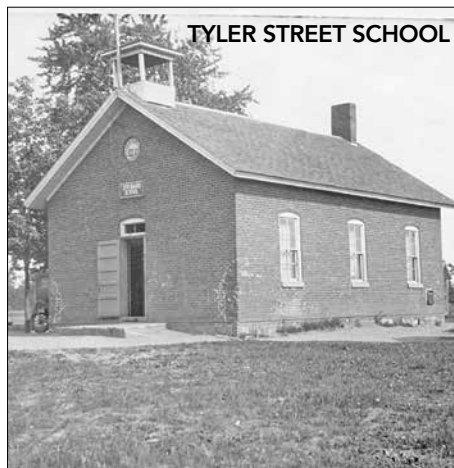
At that time, we reported that neighbors of the Van Buren Township property were upset about the condition of this residential parcel.

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.

In our Aug. 13 issue, I wrote about an update I received from the township's Director of Municipal Services Ron Akers



HISTORICAL PHOTO COURTESY | BELLEVILLE AREA MUSEUM

via email.

He said the township's ordinance department hired a contractor to clean up the property. A building inspector was able to get into the house and condemned it. The township then followed up with a formal notice to the property owner of the condemnation, but as of deadline for this issue, the township hadn't made contact with the owner.

An interested reader, Dave Booher, who is also a local history lover who volunteers at the Belleville Area Museum, reached out to us about the property.

He wrote me noting that neither the original photo article nor my follow-up editorial had mentioned that the property in question is the Tyler Schoolhouse building, built in the 1860's.

"It was the country school that served the Tyler Street community until consolidation in the 1920's," Booher wrote. "You can read a brief history of the school on page

278 of *Water Under The Bridge* by Wilson & Horste, published in 1977."

That history of Van Buren Township notes that the property at 41405 Tyler Road belonged to David and Amanda Parker, who broke up their farmland parcel in the 1860's and sold a portion to the township to build a schoolhouse.

The building was then used as a school until the 1920s when the Van Buren School System was created. After that, it was used as a public meeting hall and event venue until the early 1950s. Then it was converted into a private residence.

"I am sure it is a real mess inside but would be a shame to tear down this historic building if there are any other options," Booher said in his email to us.

However, in a follow-up phone conversation with Akers, he wasn't optimistic about saving the building.

The videos sent to The Independent showed that there were dozens of bricks

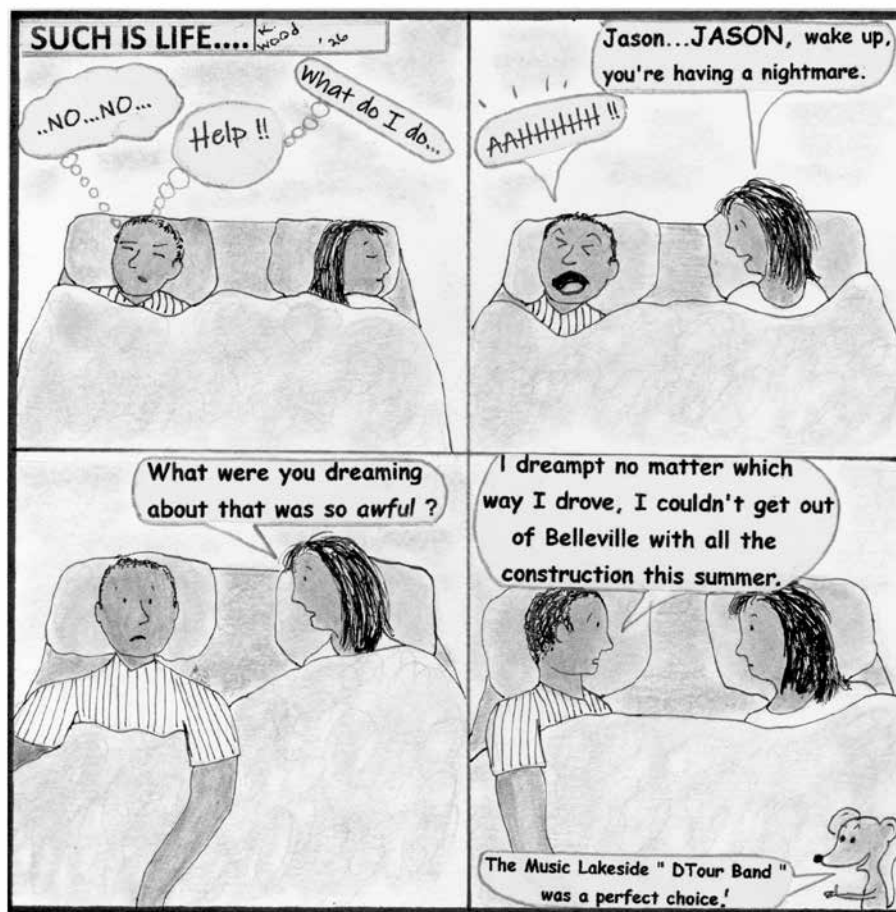
pulled out of the side of the building, which might make it structurally unstable. Akers said the garage on the property has structural issues, too.

The owner was given a chance to make repairs or renovations but hasn't responded, so the township will be "going through the enforcement process" and ultimately plans to demolish the building," Akers said.

While the community might be attached to the history of the property, it doesn't have an official historical landmark designation that would prevent it from being torn down.

"It's hazardous, and if someone was to try to occupy it, somebody could get hurt," Akers said. "We're responsible to make sure that what we're doing is addressing those issues."

Many thanks to Marty Utz, museum curator at the Belleville Area Museum, for her help with historical research and archival photos.



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Letters to the Editor

Van Buren Police Won't Help You if ICE Knocks on Your Door

To the editor:

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! If I.C.E. comes to your home, don't bother to call Van Buren Police. They will not come! On Sunday, August 2, 2026, my wife and I learned from a dispatcher at Van Buren Police Department that our public officers will not respond to a citizen's call if I.C.E. officers conduct an operation in the township.

We are foster parents for unaccompanied young teens who had come from the Congo where they were tortured. The now young men, one of whom has become a U.S. citizen, and one who is on his way to citizenship have lived with us for seven years, have graduated high school, one from college, work full time, pay taxes, obey our laws and have complied with every requirement of the foster care system and with U.S. immigration.

House-fixed cameras showed I.C.E. surveilling our home that Sunday beginning at 6 a.m.

Two of the boys were confronted by ICE that morning when "driving while Black" as they left our house to go to church in separate vehicles. My wife and I were not stopped "driving while white" but were immediately called by the boys after they were surrounded by I.C.E. in their separate vehicles while on the road. We knew that our older son was home alone and called our neighbor to keep an eye on him and on our house.

Returning home, we drove through several streets and saw no vehicles that could be identified as I.C.E. We went inside and told our older son to get his immigration papers so he could be ready in the event I.C.E. returned. Unlike the rest of his family, he does not have asylum, but he has protected status referred to as a withholding of removal. He was released by immigration and has lived as a working, tax-paying resident in the U.S. for seven years. He is a member of the teamsters, a church-goer, and importantly, a poster child for compliance with immigration.

He has never had any run-ins with the law.

As my wife left the house to walk our puppy, she was immediately confronted by seven I.C.E. SUVs. Of course, she questioned their presence in front of our property. They claimed they were there to fit our son with an ankle tether until his next check-in with I.C.E.

She questioned why they needed eight, armed officers, dressed in tactical gear with magazines, pepper spray, heavy duty body armor and no-body cameras - with their hands on their guns - to put an ankle monitor on a fully compliant refugee. She also asked to see a warrant - of which they had none.

By then, I saw what was happening and I came outside and identified myself as a retired judge from Wayne County Circuit Court, to which they scoffed.

During the few minutes Susan and I interacted with I.C.E. and before she was willing to go in to speak to our son, she called Van Buren Township Police to ask for a patrol unit to ensure protection for me, our neighbors, our son, and herself. The dispatcher placed her on hold to speak with a supervisor and returned to inform her that Van Buren PD would not respond to any presence of I.C.E.

As long-time tax-paying citizens of Van Buren, we were simply asking for protection before anything could escalate with these eight men and their weapons.

Our son, concerned for the safety of everyone and not wanting to live "on the run," calmly walked out, sat on the chair, and rolled up his pant leg to have a tether put on. The officer in charge asked that he stand instead and then another hand-cuffed him. They perp-walked him to one of the SUVs. The officers lied to us all, making our son believe he was just being tethered to make sure he would check in when required, and then I.C.E. laughed at us all for being able to "trick" us.

The purpose of my letter to the editor is to inform other citizens of Van Buren Township what was happening and ask who made this well-kept policy to trample on our rights to protection.

Did the dispatcher know that Hitler made the very same decision to allow the Gestapo to operate free from police protections? Who made the decision here? Was it the Governor? Was it the State Police? The Attorney General? Our Township Supervisor? The Police Chief? A Ranking Officer? Or the dispatcher? Would they have responded if someone had been shot? If there was a fire? If we needed an ambulance?

So, someone - answer my question -- Who made the decision that Van Buren Township Police should ignore calls for protection by their citizens when confronted by I.C.E.?

Sincerely,
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SPEED

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the official request to the Wayne County Public Services Department for approval.

The board previously approved a request for 40 mph, but a change at that threshold would require traffic studies to be done at a cost of \$30,000 per road. The modification to 45 mph does not require those studies.

If the county agrees to the change, they will prepare a traffic control order and partner with the township to implement the signage.

If approved by Wayne County, the following roads will be affected:

- Morton Taylor Road between the North I-94 Service Drive and Van Born Road
- Hull Road between Hoeft and Martinsville
- Martinsville Road between Bemis and E. Huron River Drive
- Beck Road between the North I-94 Service Drive and Tyler Road
- Beck Road between Ecorse Road and Michigan Avenue
- Martz Road between Rawsonville and Elwell
- Elwell Road between Bemis and Lauren
- Riggs Road between Martinsville and Haggerty
- Fret Road between Martinsville and Renton
- Bak Road between Bemis and Hull
- Hoeft Road between Martz and Bog
- Bog Road between Monroe Court and Hoeft
- Lohr Road between Bemis and Martz

In other business at the 41-minute meeting, the board:

- Approved a \$499,941.13 bid for Inner City Contracting LLC to perform installation of a water main for Belleville Road South of I-94 Service Drive, which will create loops increasing chlorine residuals

and improving water quality;

- Approved Sanitary Sewer Advanced Underground Inspection to perform CCTV inspections of sewer lines for three years (years 5-7) in the amount of \$240,583.40 to verify conditions and identify needed repairs;
 - Granted special land use to Ashley Capital Crossroads North Building 10, located south of Van Born and west of Haggerty, intended to serve as a medical supply distribution hub;
 - Approved the first reading of ordinance 08-18-26 to amend the maximum height standards for the Belleville Road Overlay District (BROD) allowing hospitals, senior homes and hotels a maximum height of 55 feet.
 - Heard and approved a walk-on motion from Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud to accept jurisdiction and maintenance responsibility for Section I the Iron Belle Trail;
 - Approved a grant agreement from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation regarding a \$50,000 grant for Master Plan updates;
 - Heard Supervisor McNamara read a resident letter thanking the board and township for recent water treatments on Belleville Lake;
 - Received an update that Quirk Park will be adding two new pavilions in response to a comment from resident Christy Pagel concerning the park’s conditions and specifically citing lack of shade since the removal of the larger pavilion;
 - Reminded residents of the Haggerty subdivision that work to upgrade ADA curb ramps will be starting within the next two weeks with expected completion in October and that crews will be working from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, adding that residents should mark areas (such as sprinkler lines) that could be damaged.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m. Clerk Leon Wright was absent and excused.

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William Roy Frazier

WILLIAM ROY FRAZIER
(Aug. 12, 1971 - Aug. 22, 2026)

William Roy Frazier, born on August 12, 1971, in Trenton, Michigan, passed away on August 22, 2026, in Van Buren Township, Michigan, at the age of 55.

William was a dedicated and compassionate individual who spent his life as a paraprofessional, always eager to lend a helping hand and offer his support to others. His kindness and consideration were evident in all aspects of his life, as he loved to engage with people, whether through lively conversations or his frequent phone calls. A devoted member of his community, William, took great pride in serving as a Trustee of Van Buren township, where his selflessness and commitment to others shone brightly.

He had a deep affection for children and enjoyed life's simple pleasures, such as getting a Coke and an apple pie from McDonald's. William's love for his community and his dedication to his work left a lasting impact on those around him.

Preceded in death by his father, Wayne Frazier Jr., William is survived by his loving mother, Sherry Frazier; his sister, Suanna Jo Frazier-Abbasi; his brother, Andrew Wayne (Amy Lynn) Frazier; and his beloved nieces and nephews, Alec Jordan Abbasi, Alyssa Nicole Frazier, Avery James Reeder, and Amira Grace Abbasi, along with his great-nephew, Giovanni Wayne Abbasi. He is also remembered fondly by many aunts and uncles who cherished his presence in their lives.

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seven children born to John L. (Senior) Calloway and Julia Helen Calloway. Her formal education was in the Van Buren Public School system. She graduated from Belleville High School in June 1966 with honors. She attended interment classes at Eastern Michigan University and Wayne State University, and received a Bachelor's of Arts Degree from Spring Arbor University.

In 1971, Iris married Jorgen Larsen. No children were born to this union.

Iris grew up in a Christian home influenced by her parents. She attended Clinton Street Bethlehem Temple Church, Detroit, Michigan, along with her parents for many years. After church each Sunday, she enjoyed family gatherings at her grandmother's home for dinner and fellowship with friends. In 1982, Iris was baptized in Jesus name and received the Holy Ghost at Living Word Ministries Church, Pontiac, Michigan, under the leadership of Bishop Robert E. Simmons. Years later, she became a member of Word of Faith Ministries, Detroit, Michigan, under Pastor Keith Butler.

Iris was employed by Chrysler Corporation in 1968. After 30 years as a Human Resources Manager, she retired in 1998.

Iris loved to travel. She enjoyed trips to the South with her family. She especially enjoyed the outdoors, especially around water and planned special trips with her friends near and far.

Iris was preceded in death by her parents John L. Sr. and Julia H. Calloway, 2 sisters - Judith Ann Walton and Lavenia Julia (Lulu) Calloway, 2 brothers - Phillip Craig Calloway and Keith Addison Calloway.

Iris' love will continue and her spirit lives on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will forever be cherished in memory, Iris leaves: two brothers - John L. Jr. (Sharon) Calloway, and Bruce Sr. (Randy) (Sherita) Calloway, and special brother-in-law - David Walton, all of Belleville, MI; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and many faithful saints and friends.



Linda Eddy

LINDA EDDY
(March 10, 1946 - Aug. 19, 2026)

Linda Louise Eddy, age 80, passed away at her home under hospice care surrounded with the love of her husband and daughter, after a courageous battle with leukemia. She was born on March 10, 1946, in Windsor, Ontario, daughter of Walter Robert and Helen Victoria (Doughty) Jensen. Linda loved everything about fashion, shoe shopping for hours with her daughter Stacey, making sure to dress for the occasion. Linda's favorite thing to do was to travel with her husband, Richard, in their beloved motor home, enjoying many adventures together. (Lots of trips to Vegas.)

Mrs. Eddy is survived by Richard, her devoted husband of 44 years, and her loving daughter Stacey (John Querqui) Slote, two grandsons Andy and Adam Renaud, a brother Robert Jensen, and a nephew, Kurt Jensen, all of Windsor.

Interment will be in Victoria Memorial Gardens, Windsor, Ontario. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500.

Memorial contributions may be made to Henry Ford Hospice or Henry Ford Cancer Center and would be appreciated.



Iris Linda Larsen

IRIS LINDA LARSEN
(June 8, 1948 - July 22, 2026)

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Van Buren School Board Gets Update on Construction Project

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

At its Aug. 24 meeting, the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education heard a report on bids for the first phase of construction of the district's new operations building.

The school district was successful in asking voters for a bond, which is funding most of the project. A grant for \$500,000 can be used toward electric buses and chargers. The former Haggerty elementary school was demolished earlier in August to make way for new construction.

James Williams, Director of Plant Operations, noted that his presentation covered "recommendation package number one" and a second package will be presented at

the next meeting of the school board.

Plante Moran Realpoint, serving as the District's Owner's Representative, worked with district administration and the project team to review the bids and provide recommendations regarding the award of construction contracts.

This first package of bids covers structural concrete, earthwork, and mechanical and electrical engineering. The total for this set of work is \$7,846,573. The overall budget for construction of the operations building when the second package of bids is considered will be just over \$13.9 million, Williams says the project is on budget or slightly under budget at this time.

Williams said a groundbreaking will be scheduled with drivers, maintenance staff

and others who will be working in the new building, along with school board members and local dignitaries, shortly after bid packages are approved, with date and time TBD.

In other news from the Aug. 24 meeting, the trustees:

- Accepted a Human Resources report that included recommendations to hire six instructional staff and the resignation of three instructional staff members, including Lisa Stremer, a Rawsonville Elementary teacher of 14 years who is moving to another area. The report also recommended the hiring of two non-instructional staff and the retirement or resignation of seven staff members, including Deborah Rushlow, who served as a paraprofessional in the district for 31 years.

- Heard an update on costs for electric buses and charging stations. The school district received a grant of just over \$1 million for buses and infrastructure. About \$484,000 will be used for 10 electric buses and charging stations and the rest for operations.

- Approved awarding half a Physical Education (PE) credit to participants in the junior ROTC program.

- Approved updates to dozens of school policies related to safety, controlled substances, mental health and more. A subcommittee reviewed these policies earlier this summer and made recommendations to update them in alignment with state law and policies. Pearce read through changes to these policies at the Aug. 10 meeting of the school board as well.

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Natural Resource Stewardship is Top Priority in Van Buren Parks & Rec Session

Emily Flesch
Independent Reporter

More than a dozen Van Buren Township residents gathered in the Cherry Room of the VBT Community Center on Aug. 19 for the second of two Parks and Recreation Master Plan community input meetings.

Per state law, the Master Plan must be updated every five years and contains a description of the community, administrative structure analysis, inventory of current park conditions, and a needs assessment.

The goal of the Master Plan is to prioritize the community’s needs and desires for the parks, which involves gathering data from multiple sources, one of which was a public survey recently available through the township’s website.

Jamie Gorenflo from consulting group Mannik & Smith opened the meeting by presenting the results of this survey.

A total of 196 respondents filled out the primary survey, with 32 opting to also take a second survey focusing on parks. Of those, 96% were Van Buren residents with 60% having lived in the township for more than 15 years.

The survey indicated that the most important priorities to the public are

maintenance and improvement on existing parks, acquiring new park land and natural resource stewardship (such as planting vegetation and improving trails), which Gorenflo noted was a “unique item” for people to prioritize so highly.

Results also showed what residents consider to be the “top 5” most important amenities and recreation programs:

- TOP 5 AMENITIES**
 - Sidewalks and trails
 - Nature areas and trails
 - Splash pads
 - Golf
 - Beach and lake facilities
- TOP 5 RECREATION PROGRAMS**
 - Exercise and fitness
 - Children’s programs
 - Golf
 - Family programs
 - Senior program

The strong desire for golf indicated in the survey was echoed by two residents who live in the Waverly subdivision and would like to see the former Harbor Club golf course, which ceased operations in 2019, restored.

Director of Community Services Elizabeth Renaud remarked that “it takes a



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certain kind of special person to give up their evening” and expressed her appreciation for the public’s help in navigating the future of the parks.

Resident Caelan Saunders attended both public input meetings, the first taking place on Aug. 12, and is happy that the township is engaging with the public for the Master Plan process. “There were some beautiful renovations to the parks, but now there are beautiful parks that are

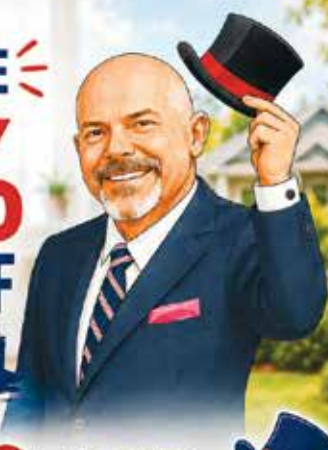
a little bit empty, so I’m excited to see what we’re going to fill them all with,” Saunders commented, adding “it’s really important that we get as much engagement on this as possible before these parks end up degrading.”

The department plans to present the first draft of the Master Plan update to the Township Board and hold a public hearing on Oct. 20, with formal adoption anticipated by Dec. 1.

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Obituaries



Amanda R. Jackson

AMANDA R. JACKSON

(Feb. 26, 1974 - Aug. 18, 2026)

Amanda Renee "Amy" Jackson, age 52, of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away unexpectedly, Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at her home. She was born February 26, 1974, in Ypsilanti, MI, daughter of Ronnie Samuel & Geraldine (Walker) Jackson. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1992, where she was on the swimming team. She continued her education at EMU University, where she earned her bachelor's degree in business. She was a licensed massage therapist in Canton, MI, for many years. Amanda was an adventurous and outgoing person. She enjoyed traveling. Some of her favorite destinations were Africa, Siera Leon, China and Lebanon. She loved to fly and scuba dive. She was a generous, happy person who would do anything for anyone. Most of all, she loved spending time with her family. She was an amazing aunt who will be missed by many.

Amy is survived by her parents Ron & Geraldine Jackson of Belleville, MI, her loving companion Clarence Van Camp, brother Ronnie S. Jackson II of Dundee, MI, niece Samantha Jackson, nephews Noah and Gabriel Jackson, Aunt Carolyn Sue Basquin, uncles Gerald Lyle Walker and Jeffrey E. Walker, cousins Gregory Basquin, Jimmy Wagoner best friend Susan Torres, also numerous clients and friends. She was preceded in death by Aunt Patricia Ann Wagoner, Uncle James Wagoner, and Niece Theresa Ann Wagoner.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026, with an 11 a.m. funeral on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2026, at David C. Brown Funeral Home in Belleville. Pastor Eddie Marcum will officiate. Interment will be Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton, Mich.

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



Veronica May McLeod

VERONICA MAY MCLEOD

(Oct. 17, 1946 - Aug. 23, 2026)

Veronica May "Ronnie" McLeod, age 79, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away late Sunday, August 23, 2026, at home, surrounded by family, under hospice care. She was born October 17, 1946, in Dearborn, Mich., daughter of Frank Michael & Helen Julia (Zarosly) Rochowiak. She graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1964. She went on to cosmetology school and graduated from Virginia Farrell Beauty School. She enjoyed working as a cosmetologist in Belleville for many years. She was the lunchroom supervisor at Haggerty Elementary School for over 40 years. She loved playing Bunco, gardening, and landscaping.

Ronnie is survived by her daughter Yvonne (Clinton) Bidwell, son Raymond (Lynnette) McLeod, both of Belleville, 4 grandchildren: Aron (Melissa McIntosh) Bidwell, Amy (Matt) Dossey, Tyler (Allie Hayes) Powell, and Hunter McLeod; 6 great-grandchildren: Vincent, Bradley, Trenton, Tegan, Harlow, and Penelope, a sister Roseann Conklin, brother Walter (Joyce) Rochowiak, sister-in-law Janet Rochowiak, sister-in-law Valerie McLeod, also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband John Allen McLeod, brother Frank (Trish) Rochowiak, also a brother-in-law Gordon Conklin.

Visitation will be 4-8 p.m. Thursday with a 7 p.m. Vigil Service. Visitation will continue 10-11 a.m. Friday, August 28, 2026, with an 11 a.m. funeral, all at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764, (734)697-4500. Deacon Peter Cornell will officiate. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, Belleville, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brighton Hospice and would be appreciated.

Thank you for keeping Ronnie and her family in your thoughts and prayers at this time.

GLEND A. D. DOWNS

(Feb. 15, 1953 - Aug. 20, 2026)

Glenda Denise Downs, age 73, of Monroe, Mich., passed away Thursday, Aug. 20, 2026. She was born February 15, 1952, in Ypsilanti, daughter of the late John Lurrell & Etta Blanch (Crandell) Willhite. She is survived by her husband of 46 years, E. Joseph Downs of Monroe, two sisters, Linda Guy of Tecumseh and Connie Morrison of Knoxville, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by a son in infancy, two brothers Jessie and John Paul Willhite, also a brother-in-law, Bradley Guy.

A graveside service was held Monday, Aug. 24, 2026, at Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti, arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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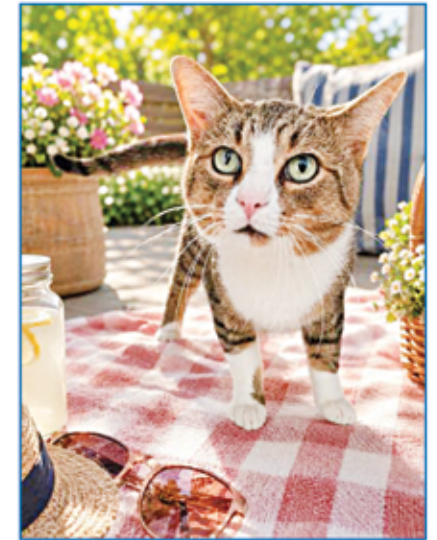
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Belleville Team Beats Previous Land Speed Record at 200 MPH

Sarah Rigg
Managing Editor

During the first week of August a local land speed racing team consisting of team owner and driver James Bratby and team members Bob Cote and Brandon Eller made the trip to Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah with their custom Pontiac Firebird, 2Liter, 5 Cylinder 2 stroke engine.

They went out with a dream of breaking the existing 193mph record. They did manage to break that record, setting a new one of 195mph, but decided to try again and see if they could break the 200mph limit, and earn James an exclusive Red Hat from the South Carolina Timing Association (SCTA, event organizers).

On Tuesday Aug. 4, they managed just that, earning a place in the record books of 200.561MPH.

Bratby had crewed for Jack Iliff, who retired after he achieved a Gas Altered 2L record at 200.9mph. Bratby offered to buy the car and team, to be called “Bratby-Iliff Racing”.

The car is a 1985 Firebird running in the Modified categories (Gas Coupe, Altered, Competition Coupe) running Naturally



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Aspirated. “We believe this might be the fastest 2L NA car in the world (car, not streamliner or special construction vehicle),” Bratby said.

In preparing to break the speed record, Bratby and his team changed class from Gas Altered (G/GALT), to Fuel Altered (G/FALT). Bratby said the basic differ-

ence between the two classes is the fuel you put in the tank. The team also completely stripped the car back to the roll cage, added in extra under seat protection, replaced the driver side floor pan, updated all the safety systems, re-engineered the fuel system, rebuilt the front suspension, improved the wiring loom, rebuilt the shifter, replaced

all the broken sensors on the data system, added trailing arm slings and a high shoulder belt, and more. The team arrived in Utah a day early and went through Rookie Orientation before starting the competition. On the Rookie pass, cars must maintain a speed between 125-150 mph, and Bratby’s car maintained an average speed of 133 in the rookie pass. The team ran several more courses and waited for a stiff cross breeze to die down, and finally broke their previous record, coming in at an average speed of 195 mph. But the team tweaked the engine bolts and O-rings and went for another round, finally breaking 200mph. Bratby’s team ended their adventure by meeting the president of the 200mph club and applying to become a member. “What a week!” Bratby wrote in a summary of the experience. “We loaded up, watched the JCB team make their record qualifying run, then dropped by to meet Andy Green (the ultimate land speed racer at 763mph!), visited the Wendover museum and then enjoyed a steak dinner with the team” before heading home.

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The message continued, “We’re looking forward to growing, expanding, and continuing to serve the Belleville community from our new location.”

In other news from the Aug. 19 meeting, the DDA members:

Heard a report from Kathleen Springer, founder of Springer Media, about the DDA’s social media numbers. Springer reported that views on the DDA’s Facebook

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page are up more than 65% from January, with the largest spikes being due to a scavenger hunt the DDA is sponsoring. Springer noted that there wasn’t much engagement on other social media channels. Board members discussed driving engagement on TikTok with a dance video.

Heard from board member Valerie Kelley-Bonner, who is also founding director of Belleville-based nonprofit SOOAR, about the You Matter Belleville campaign to be held September 19. Activities included would be a walk, speakers and a banner people can sign. Kelley-Bonner asked for the DDA to pay for part of the costs of printing materials. The DDA voted to donate up to \$500 for the event.

Were admonished by board member Beaubien about needing to work harder to fill the paid part-time position of DDA director. The DDA has been operating without a director for many months, and City Manager Brady Peck has been fulfilling some of those duties while the DDA board seeks to hire a director. Peck reported that only two or three resumes had been received and only one looked promising.

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Letters to the Editor

Data Centers Aren't the Crisis They're Made Out to Be

To the editor:

Okay, Van Buren Township residents, we've all heard the negatives about data centers. I've done extensive research and found a few things you may want to consider.

Let's start with the arguments against: Critics warn that AI data centers will use extensive amounts of water, drown neighborhoods in noise, and send household electricity bills soaring. In the 70's, the arguments were different, but the critics destroyed the Nuclear Power Industry, a mistake we are regretting today.

I worry that if we repeat that mistake, the long-term costs in lost productivity, competitiveness, and innovation will dwarf any short-term local frictions. The data I found tells a more measured story. I agree problems exist, but they can all be overcome.

Data centers need cooling. Estimates put U.S. data centers' water consumption at roughly 17 billion gallons in 2023. Contrast that with two of my favorite things: golf and almonds. Golf courses use 532 billion gallons per year. And, in California alone (a state that desperately needs water), almond growers use between 1.5 and 1.8 trillion gallons of water.

Do I hear anyone screaming for "no new golf courses" and for us to "stop eating almonds"?

I can understand Texas, Arizona, and California being concerned, but not Michigan; we have over 75% of the world's freshwater available to us.

Do AI centers make noise? Sure, every type of facility makes noise, whether it's a stamping plant or a farm. Data centers have cooling fans, chillers, and backup generators that produce a persistent low-frequency hum. Residents near some facilities have described the sound as intrusive, especially at night. To combat this, local ordinances set limits (often 50–65 dBA at property lines); for comparison, a busy library can reach about 55 dBA inside.

This is a classic NIMBY issue (not in my backyard). Better acoustic design, larger buffers, quieter equipment, and proper zoning resolve these cases. Outright bans ignore the fact that mitigation works. Time will tell if more needs to be done. AI developers have already spent tens of millions retrofitting fans and adding barriers.

Noise is a concern, but it should not be the deciding factor in stopping development.

Of everything I have found, energy is the most worrisome.

As a nation, we need to produce more energy, and data centers are power-hungry. Hyperscale campuses can draw as much power as a mid-sized city. Under the simple laws of supply and demand, rising demand with a fixed supply can raise prices.

However, the supply is not fixed.

Regulations for new data centers require builders to either improve the local grid at their own expense or bring their own power (like Microsoft restarting a nuclear power plant). Initiatives like these will increase supply, and under the same laws of supply and demand, it will help drive kWh costs down or keep prices stable in an area.

Virginia has over 550 data centers, yet it ranks in the middle for cost per kW hour at around \$0.17. Compare that to Michigan (under 100), where costs are 30% higher, and it has a fraction of the centers. Multiple sources find little or no statistically significant link between data-center density and higher residential rates.

Have electricity bills risen? Yes, but that stems more from aging infrastructure, natural-gas prices, resilience upgrades, inflation, and regulatory choices than from AI alone.

Data centers generate construction jobs, ongoing technical employment, tax revenue, and demand for components and services. Communities can benefit directly; for example, in Richland Parish (a rural area in northeast Louisiana), construction of Meta's massive data center has driven a sharp increase in local sales and use tax revenue. This has allowed the local school board to issue teacher bonuses, with eligible

certified teachers receiving bonuses of up to \$50,000!

This is one example, but why can't it be modeled and used for VBPS?

Conclusion: Rejecting data centers using exaggerated environmental fears would cede leadership to countries that build aggressively. Local impacts require smart zoning, efficiency standards, transparent accounting, and cost allocation that protects ratepayers.

The industry is not without flaws. Water stress, noise, and grid pressure are real where planning fails. But the numbers do not support apocalyptic framing.

Killing the buildout the way we sidelined nuclear would leave the United States poorer, less innovative, and less secure. Better engineering, better siting, and more generation—not panic—are the rational response.

This country once built the National Highway System to transport goods from anywhere to anywhere. This is the new Information Highway system, and the infrastructure needs to be in the USA.

For readers who want the longer version with additional data and sources, the full article is available at factsoverfactions.substack.com

Mike Kole

Van Buren Township

Resident Seeks to Reestablish Contact with Business Owner

To the editor:

I have been ill and out of commission for a while. Now that I'm a bit better, I wanted to contact a man who in the past operated a manicure and pedicure business in a building dressed above five points intersection prior to the railroad tracks.

If anyone knows his local whereabouts or relocation area, I'd appreciate knowing it. Anyone with information can contact Robert W Nalley at r12w01n@gmail.com

Thank you in advance for any information you may offer.

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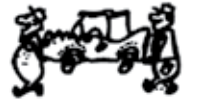
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The Michigan Department of Transportation is rolling out a \$52 million overhaul of four segments along the US-12 (Michigan Avenue) corridor in Wayne County.

Set to begin in early to mid-April 2027, the overlapping projects will run concurrently through the entire construction season and will likely wrap up in October.

Project locations and planned work near the greater Belleville area include:

Wayne/Washtenaw County Line to Belleville Road (in Van Buren and Canton Townships): Concrete pavement removal and replacement with asphalt up to Den-

ton Road; concrete repairs from Denton Road to Belleville Road; traffic signal upgrades at US-12 Business Route and Denton Road

Haggerty Road to Lotz Road (Canton Township): Pavement replacement with new asphalt, drainage upgrades through the I-275 interchange, and a new sidewalk along eastbound US-12.

The project includes two other areas of Michigan Avenue: West of Pershing Street to Howe Road in Wayne and Gulley Road to Elm Street in West Dearborn.

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Letters to the Editor

Friends of the Library Seeking Used Books for Annual Sale

To the editor:

You are invited to attend The Board of Directors meeting for the Friends of the Library on Saturday, Sept. 12, in the conference room of the library. Plans for the next used book sale will be discussed, along with other upcoming library activities. We could use your help and input.

Book sale donations wanted! Cleaning out your closets? The Friends would appreciate used book donations to help make the coming used book sale a success.

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There is a limit of three boxes of donations per library visit. The deadline for book sale donations is Nov. 1. A donation receipt may be obtained at the library circulation desk.

The Holiday BOGO Used Book Sale will be held at the Belleville Library, 167 4th Street, from noon-3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 7 and from 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 8.

A pre-sale for members of the Friends of the Library will be held on Saturday from 11-noon.

Membership forms may be obtained at the library, at the door on the days of the sale, or on-line at www.belleville.lib.mi.us/friends-of-the-library/.

We’ll also host a Classic Movie, “Stage Coach,” Thursday, September 10, 6 p.m. in the Cozadd Room at the library. This is the first movie with a western theme in the free, fall Classic Movie Series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. John Wayne and Claire Trevor star in this 1939 film. John Monaghan, retired Detroit Free Press movie critic, will be back to introduce the film and run the discussion afterward. Join us for a fun evening!

Elaine Gutierrez
Friends of the Belleville Area District Library



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Janet Millard
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For the last few weeks, we have been running an ad seeking additional members for the Belleville Area Newspaper Foundation. There have been a couple of nibbles but we were hoping for a little more interest. If you are interested in helping keep the newspaper on track (I think we are doing

pretty well so far) and have a little time to devote, please let our President know before we meet again in September.

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The Belleville Council for the Arts has an ad in the paper for artists. Their Community art show is scheduled for October, and it's always a great way to display local talent and the many ways they bring their vision to fruition.

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The library is holding a Community Resource Day on Friday, Sept. 4 that may

be of interest to many of you. These events are always a good way to introduce your children (or grandchildren) to the library and the many ways it can play a big part in everyday life. See their ad on page 11.

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Were you excited to read or already hear though our fast moving grapevine that the Butcher Shop is moving to the old hardware store, and that we will finally have a small market that we can run into?

They already carry a number of different groceries, but I'm hoping it will have a lot

more farm to table.

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Only two more Music Lakeside concerts this summer, and I know we are all looking forward to finally hearing the Johnny Little Band on Thursday. You are in for a special treat since Vera's Kuntry Bakery will be cooking her specialties.

For those of you who haven't attended the Belleville Farmers Market yet, Vera is a big reason we show up every Monday.

Get ready to enjoy her Polish dinners. Yum!

Things to do in the Belleville Area

- **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 78 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. Free. vbcinfo@vbtmi.gov
- **Friday, Sept. 11 & Saturday, Sept. 12** – Rummage sale, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., VFW Post 78 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** – Willow Church in New Boston hosts a free gently used & clean clothing event to benefit anyone in the communities struggling to afford these items, 10 a.m.-2p.m. All are invited, no questions asked. Includes a free snack bar at the Willow Church Fellowship Hall. Clothing collection dates are 10 a.m. to noon each Sunday through Sept. 6. Anyone with questions may call 734-654-9020 or email farmerwilson@gmail.com.
- **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.
- Friday, Sept. 18 – Last Eagle Riders Steak Fry for 2026, \$22 per meal, 4 p.m. until gone, at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Van Buren Post 3996 on Beck Road. Includes a 50/50 raffle.
- **Friday, Sept. 18** – Bowling Fundraiser Benefiting Michigan Against Atomic Waste, check-in at 6 p.m., bowling at 6:30 p.m. \$25 per person, includes two games and shoes. Raffle baskets, 50/50 raffle, cash bar. Proceeds benefit Michigan Against Atomic Waste, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.
- **Saturday, Sept. 19** – Wings & Whiskey. An evening of whiskey tasting, education, and entertainment at the Michigan Flight Museum after hours. \$50.
- **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 78 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.
- **Saturday, Oct. 3** – Craft & Vendor Show, 10 a.m.- 8 p.m., VFW Post 78 in Romulus, 39270 W. Huron Dr. The first event of this kind at the VFW, featuring local artists & crafters. Limited spaces still available; email pmapourmeart@gmail.com

- by Sept. 9.
- **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. \$5 tickets include pancakes, sausage links, coffee, juice, or milk.
- **Monday, Oct. 12** – Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m., and Main Street Auto Show, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Belleville.
- **Thursday, Oct. 15** – Zion Well instructors host sunset yoga at the Michigan Flight Museum's Roush Aeronautics Center, 7-8 p.m., \$35 per person. Repeats Nov. 19.
- **Oct. 16-18** – The Belleville Area Council for the Arts hosts the 17th Annual Community Art Show at the BYC. Free admission. Artists of all ages can enter up to 3 pieces of art, designed within the last 2 years. Cash prizes will be awarded in 6 categories. The new category this year will be: Seeing America 250 Years, with a \$250 first prize. Entries due by Sept. 25. Applications are available at the Belleville Library, Sumpter Media Center or on-line at www.bacaart.org.
- **Monday, Oct. 19** – Main Street Auto Show in downtown Belleville, 5-8 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

- **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
- **Tuesday, Oct. 13** – Sumpter Township Board of Trustees, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 14** – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 5:30 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.

Van Buren Township Meeting Minutes

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2026

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

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Budd moved, Martin seconded to approve the agenda. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT AGENDA: Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve the Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of July 21, 2026, Prepaid List of July 22, 2026, Prepaid List of July 29, 2026, Voucher List of August 4, 2026, Prepaid List of August 12, 2026, Voucher List of August 18, 2026, Approval of a grant agreement between Van Buren Township and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for an update to the Township’s Master Plan. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: An email was read thanking the Township for spraying Belleville Lake to reduce invasive plants and Haggerty Subdivision residents were reminded the sidewalk ramp installation project will begin in the next two weeks and will last through October.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Martin moved, Kelley seconded to approve Inner City Contracting LLC to perform the Water Main Installation for Belleville Road South of I-94 Service Drive in the amount of \$499,941.13 to be paid from Capital Outlay- System Improvement. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Kelley seconded to approve Advance Underground Inspection for Sanitary Sewer CCTV Inspection Years 5-7 in the amount of \$240,583.40 to be paid from Capital- Sewer Clean/Reline. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Budd seconded to approve the First Reading of Ordinance 08-18-26 which is an ordinance to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance related to height standards in the BROD zoning district. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve a special land use application for a distribution center building at the Ashley Capital Crossroads North industrial park located south of Van Born Road and west of Haggerty Road. Motion Carried.

Budd moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2026-19: a resolution regarding speed limits on gravel roads in Van Buren Township. Motion Carried.

Kelley moved, Boynton seconded to approve Resolution 2026-20: Resolution to Accept Jurisdiction and Maintenance Responsibility for the Iron Belle Trail Section I Project. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Audience members spoke on BESS systems and Quirk Park improvements.

BOARD COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Trustee Martin complimented Wayne County Roads on the work they have done on Tyler and Hannan Roads.

ADJOURNMENT: Budd moved, Boynton seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor

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Public Safety Briefs

SUMPTER FIRE DEPT BATTLES BLAZE, ROOF COLLAPSE

At about 4:30 p.m. Aug. 18, Sumpter Township Fire Department was dispatched to Haggerty Road for a reported structure fire, Fire Department Units responding were able to see a plume of smoke firefighters call “a header” from the station.

Sumpter Fire Engine 11 arrived on scene and reported to dispatch that they had heavy fire and fire through the roof. At that time mutual aid from Huron Township, Augusta Township, Van Buren and City of Belleville was requested.

During the fire suppression operations numerous small explosions were heard. The roof also reportedly collapsed. Fire crews actively fought the fire for roughly 2 hours. Fire crews remained on scene for an additional hour and half to two hours doing overhaul operations. No injuries were reported at the time of posting

Units/ Departments on scene included Sumpter Township Fire Department, Sumpter Township Police Department, Huron Township Fire Department, Augusta Township Fire Department, Van Buren Township Fire Department, City Of Belleville Fire Department, Emergent Health Partners Huron Valley Ambulance, and DTE.



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2-CAR FATAL ACCIDENT IN VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP

According to a news release from the Van Buren Township Police Department, at about 6 a.m. on Aug. 19, the Van Buren Township Police Department, Van Buren Township Fire Department and Huron Valley Ambulance were dispatched to Haggerty Road and Tyler, responding to a two-vehicle accident with a possible ejection.

The preliminary investigation revealed that this accident involved a vehicle traveling west bound on Tyler Road and a vehicle traveling north bound on Haggerty Road that collided in the intersection.

On scene investigation determined that a 36-year-old male from Taylor was driving a Chevrolet Traverse west bound on Tyler Road when he entered the intersection striking a Chevrolet Impala that was traveling northbound on Haggerty Road. The driver of the Impala was pronounced deceased at the scene and identified as, Zachary Sikora, a 21-year-old male from Van Buren Township.

The driver of the Traverse was transported by Huron Valley Ambulance to Trinity Hospital – Ann Arbor where he is listed in stable condition.

The Van Buren Township Accident Investigation Team was called to the scene to conduct follow up investigation, collect data and secure physical evidence. The accident remains under investigation and anyone who may have witnessed this accident or has information related to the incident is asked to contact Detective Dave Champagne or Detective Lt. Kenneth Floro at (734) 699-8930.

VAN BUREN TWP ON LIST OF THE STATE’S 50 MOST VIOLENT COMMUNITIES

A recent report from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicated that Van Buren Township comes in at 39th on the list of most violent communities in the state.

The FBI defines violent crimes to include murder, rape, robbery and aggravated assaults.

Nearby communities that also made the top 50 were Romulus, coming in 10th, Ypsilanti, coming in at 12th and Ann Arbor at 41st. Saginaw, Detroit and Kalamazoo took the top three spots in the state, respectively.

Despite these numbers, violent crime fell 9% across the nation from 2024 to 2025, the FBI data shows. Murder and nonnegligent manslaughter fell 18%. Robbery, rape, and aggravated assault also fell.

The FBI also recorded its largest year-to-year decreases in both the estimated violent crime and murder rates nationally.

Art Sought for BACA’s 17th Annual Art Show

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts is “Calling All Artists” to participate in the 17th Annual Community Art Show, taking place Oct. 16-18 at the BYC.

Artists of all ages are invited to enter up to three pieces of art, designed within the last two years. Cash prizes will be awarded in six categories.

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ing America 250 Years, with a \$250 first prize. Entries in this category need not be limited to patriotic portrayal.

Applications are available at the Belleville Library, Sumpter Media Center or on-line at www.bacaart.org. See the ad on page 9 in today’s paper for more information.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, August 16:
0110 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, High St
0118 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Main St
1145 Family trouble, E Columbia Ave
1508 Property damage accident, Main St/3rd St
2045 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
2148 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
2331 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, E Columbia Ave

Monday, August 17:
0041 Assault & battery, N Liberty St/E Huron River Dr
0125 Assist other dept, Redwood
0749 Assist fire dept, Light Tower Dr
1107 Motorist assist, Main St
1138 Animal complaint, S Biggs Ave
1212 Malicious destruction, Huron River Dr
1628 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, South St
1745 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Main/Third

Tuesday, August 18:
0958 Assist fire dept, Belle Villa Blvd
1223 Suicidal person, Charles St
1437 Trespassing, Carmell St
1653 Parking complaint, Victorian Ln
1832 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, N Biggs Ave
2117 Juvenile compl, Carmell St
2151 Juvenile compl, 4th St

Wednesday, August 19:
1307 Ordinance violation, N Liberty St
1952 Assault & battery, Church St

Thursday, August 20:
1019 Neighbor troub, W Columbia Ave
1050 Ordinance violation, N Liberty St
1612 Malicious destruction, E Huron River Dr
1812 Juvenile compl, 4th St
2113 Assist other dept, Main St

2343 Family trouble, Carmell St

Friday, August 21:
0315 Alarm intrusion, South St
0338 Property damage accident, Main St/N Liberty St
0928 Animal complaint, Clarence St
1146 911 welfare check, E Huron River Dr
1648 Assist fire dept, Menlo Park Dr
2000 Welfare check, Oxford Ct

Saturday, August 22 (partial):
0919 Civil matter, Charles St
(missing time stamp) Assist fire dept, Belleville Rd
1022 Assist fire dept, W Columbia Ave
1200 Leaving the scene property damage accident, Main St
1834 Assist fire dept, Harbour Pointe Dr
2045 Welfare check, Carmell St
2212 Suicidal person, Savage Rd

These logs also contained 51 traffic stops, 8 property checks, and no misc. complaints.

Van Buren Twp. Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, August 16:
0023 Welfare check, Savage Rd
0221 Assist other dept, Sumpter Rd/Bemis Rd
0702 Trespassing, N I-94 Service Dr
0743 Welfare check, W Sadie Ln
0840 Welfare check, Belleville
0841 Vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd
1126 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr
1253 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Martinsville Rd
1331 Alarm intrusion, Samuel Barton Dr
1440 Family trouble, W Huron River Dr
1443 Traffic offense, Redwood Dr/Holly Ln
1450 Assist other dept, E I-94/Belleville
1550 Fraud, Lacy Dr
1610 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Dellor St
1856 Domestic, Cambridge Ct

1906 Family trouble, Coolidge St
1933 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville Rd
1945 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Hawthorne Ct
1946 Civil matter, Beacon Trl
1954 911 welfare check, W Huron River Dr
(missing time stamp) Alarm intrusion, Morton Taylor Rd
2043 Welfare check, Bog Rd/Rawsonville Rd
2058 911 welfare check, Western St
2216 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Martinsville Rd
2218 Juvenile compl, Tyler Rd/Belleville Rd
2239 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
2257 Noise complaint, Maple Dr

Monday, August 17:
0114 Assist fire dept, Redwood Dr
0508 Welfare check, S I-94 Service Dr/Rawsonville Rd
0722 B&E, Haggerty Rd
0805 Property damage accident, N I-94 Service Dr/Oak Ln
0813 Fraud, Belleville Rd
0900 Alarm intrusion, Belleville Rd
0904 Mental subj, Parkwood Dr
0917 Civil matter, E Schooner Dr
0940 Domestic, Tyler Rd
1019 Domestic, Stamford Rd
1050 Domestic, E Adams
(missing time stamp) Welfare check, Lake Crest Dr
1110 Domestic, Redwood Dr
(missing time stamp) Private property impound, Van Born
1155 Domestic, Rawsonville Rd
1156 Parking complaint, Fairfield Dr/Lancaster Dr
1222 Vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd
1300 Domestic, Redwood Dr
1341 Lost property/child, Belleville Rd
1355 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Westlake
1514 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank
1537 Fraud, N Ponderosa Trl
1607 Harassment call, Ecorse Rd
1847 Juvenile compl, Wheeler St
1847 Larceny, Denton Rd

1959 Domestic, Outer Dr
2020 Leaving the scene property damage accident, Belleville Rd
2145 Welfare check, Southport Apartments
2256 911 welfare check, S Ponderosa Trl

Tuesday, August 18:
0051 Sexual assault, Westlake Cir
0202 Warrant arrest, James L Hart Pkwy
0338 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, N I-94 Service Dr
0426 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Rawsonville
0428 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Ayres Ave/Endicott Ave
0504 911 welfare check, S I-94 Service Dr
(missing time stamp) Alarm intrusion, Coca Cola Dr
0652 Property damage accident, S I-94 Service Dr/Belleville Rd
0653 Alarm intrusion, Van Born Rd
0947 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank
1041 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Woodbury Dr
1051 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1142 Prisoner transport, Wayne Rd
1154 Civil matter, Haggerty Rd
1226 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Haggerty Rd
1345 Property damage accident, N I-94 Service Dr/Haggerty Rd
1439 Abandoned auto, Brookside Dr
1443 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1444 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1512 Personal injury accident, Ecorse Rd/Haggerty Rd
1525 Assist fire dept, Winding Pond Dr
1607 Unattended death, Lake Point Pass
1618 Welfare check, S I-94 Service Dr
1712 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Bak Rd
1712 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Rawsonville Rd
1812 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1922 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Lohr Rd/Martz Rd
1926 Assist other dept, Haggerty Rd
1940 Ppo violation, Tyler Rd

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2323 Road hazard, Belleville Rd/S I-94 Service Dr
2325 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Lohr Rd
Wednesday, August 19:
0043 Domestic, Fairview Ct
0110 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Maple Dr
0116 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Tyler Rd/
Morton Taylor Rd
0232 Welfare check, Tyler Rd/Haggerty Rd
0408 Civil matter, N I-94 Service Dr
0603 Property damage accident, Haggerty Rd/Tyler
Rd
1142 Animal complaint, Martz Rd
1229 Property damage accident, Michigan Ave/Dellor
St
1246 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1428 Threat, Belmont Dr
1459 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank
1459 Parking complaint, Country Walk Blvd
1548 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Patty Ln
1708 Animal complaint, S I-94 Service Dr
1721 Welfare check, Haggerty Rd
1736 Larceny, Maude Ct
1845 Trespassing, N I-94 Service Dr
1845 Vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd
1925 Welfare check, Tyler Rd/Hannan Rd
1926 Parking complaint, Bemis Rd
1928 Welfare check, Ecorse Rd
1937 Fraud, Martinsville Rd
1948 911 welfare check, McBride Ave
2000 Civil matter, Village Green Ln

2120 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S I-94
Service Dr
2127 Welfare check, W Archwood Dr
2236 Civil matter, Denton Rd
2359 Civil matter, Maple Dr
(missing time stamp) Larceny, Village Green Ln
Thursday, August 20:
0127 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Parkwood
Dr
0135 Civil matter, S I-94 Service Dr
0208 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr
0721 Vehicle lockout, Belleville Rd
0737 Property damage accident, Morton Taylor Rd/
Heatherfield Blvd
0824 Welfare check, Park Estates Dr
1012 Family trouble, S I-94 Service Dr
1207 Bank detail-VB only, Belleville Bank
1227 Malicious destruction, Rawsonville Rd
1236 Traffic offense, S Ponderosa Trl
1356 Animal complaint, Monterey Dr
1436 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1540 Suicidal person, Rose Blvd
1547 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1647 Assist other dept, Hannan Rd
1840 Road hazard, Belleville Rd/N I-94 Service Dr
1842 Civil matter, Oak Ln
1843 Property damage accident, Belleville Rd
1900 Traffic offense, Martz Rd
2026 Property damage accident, S I-94 Service Dr/

Quirk Rd
2036 Family trouble, McBride Rd
2109 Missing person, Quirk Rd
2152 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, S I-94
Service Dr
2202 Alarm intrusion, Berkdale Dr
2215 Animal complaint, Old Denton Rd
2308 Civil matter, Rose Blvd
2329 Assault & battery, S I-94 Service Dr
2338 911 welfare check, N I-94 Service Dr
2354 Assist other dept, Carmel
(missing time stamp) Welfare check, Victoria St

Friday, August 21:
0017 Alarm intrusion, Savage Rd
0241 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville
Rd
0429 Animal complaint, Hoeft Rd
0729 Larceny, Rawsonville Rd
0737 Welfare check, S I-94 Service Dr
(missing time stamp) Private property impound,
Ecorse Rd
0932 Civil matter, Tyler Rd
0935 Mental subj, S I-94 Service Dr
0947 Unauthorized driving away of automobile, Holly
Ln

1003 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1103 Animal complaint, Robson Rd
1108 Animal complaint, Parkwood Dr
1258 Assist other dept, Haggerty Rd
1326 Disorderly, Parkwood Dr
1335 Traffic offense, Bak Rd
1404 Juvenile compl, Quirk Rd
1415 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Haggerty
Rd/McBride Ave
1431 Trespassing, Belleville Rd
1454 Alarm intrusion, Harmony Ln
1543 Trespassing, Belleville Rd
1551 Civil matter, W Huron River Dr
1633 Disorderly, S I-94 Service Dr
1633 Animal complaint, Hoeft Rd
1638 Fraud, Belleville Rd
1735 Traffic offense, Daniel Dr/Bradley Dr
1847 Welfare check, Parkwood Dr
1907 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1919 Trespassing, S I-94 Service Dr
1956 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Cobble-
stone
2052 Juvenile compl, Parkwood Dr
2102 Property damage accident, Denton Rd/Michigan
Ave
2112 Shooting, Parkwood Dr
2222 Family trouble, N Ponderosa Trl
2237 Alarm intrusion, S I-94 Service Dr
2300 Domestic, Ventura Dr/Peninsular Dr
2324 Property damage accident, Union St
(missing time stamp) Repossession, Huron River Dr
(missing time stamp) Alarm intrusion, Samuel Barton
Dr

Saturday, August 22 (partial):
0240 Leaving the scene property damage accident,
Haggerty Rd/Independence Ln
0325 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Parkwood
Dr
0555 Domestic, N I-94 Service Dr
0810 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Hawthorne
Ct

0856 Follow up by officer, Rock Creek Rd
1004 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Quirk Rd
1021 Fraud, Belleville Rd
1025 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Belleville/
Quirk Rd
1059 Domestic, Parkwood Dr
1133 Assist fire dept, Holly Ln
1136 Fraud, Pebblebrook Dr
1202 Assist other dept, S I-275/Ecorse
1252 Property damage accident, W I-94/Belleville
1349 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr
1406 Fight, Belleville Rd/Tyler Rd
1451 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Birch Dr
1500 Leaving the scene property damage accident,
Hannan Rd/Tyler Rd
1529 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1555 Fraud, Belleville
1617 911 welfare check, W Huron River Dr
1837 Retail fraud, Belleville Rd
1909 Suspicious person/veh/circumstance, Ecorse Rd/
Denton Rd
1929 Disorderly, Parkwood Dr
2248 Noise complaint, W Huron River Dr

Sumpter Police
Dispatch Log

These logs also contained 83 traffic stops.
Sunday, August 16:
0127 Harassment complaint, Birch
1025 Suspicious person, 43000 Willow Rd
1114 Follow up investigation, Out of Township
1352 911 hangup, Arkona Rd/Martinsville Rd
1739 Civil matter, Rustic Ln
1853 Assist other agency, Willis Rd/Rawsonville Rd
1954 Suspicious circumstance, Magnolia Dr
2127 Traffic complaint/hazard, Martinsville Rd/Bemis
Rd

Monday, August 17:
0257 Suspicious person, 7000 Oakville Waltz Rd
0312 Fd assist, Stonecrest Dr
1115 Recovered stolen vehicle, 19000 Karr Rd
1432 Civil matter, 21000 Fenster Ave
1649 Suspicious circumstance, Rustic Ln
1851 Misdemeanor warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd/
Willis Rd
2115 Fd assist, 44000 Harris Rd
2117 Follow up investigation, Creekside Dr
2159 Alarm, 27000 Sumpter Rd

Tuesday, August 18:
0932 Follow up investigation, Out of Township
0955 Suspicious person, Georgia St
1519 Juvenile matter, 50000 Willis Rd
1609 Fd assist, 22000 Elwell Rd
1628 Fd assist, 20000 Haggerty Rd
1807 Disorderly person, 41000 Willis Rd
2022 Suspicious circumstance, Sumpter Rd/Judd Rd
2152 Shots fired, Edgewood Dr

Wednesday, August 19:
0204 Noise complaint, Wyoming St
0844 Welfare check, Montana St

City of Belleville
PUBLIC NOTICE
SPECIAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING



Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Planning Commission will take place on Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chambers, 330 Charles Street, Belleville, Michigan.

Michelle Bellingham
Interim City Clerk/Treasurer

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