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The local “Never Forget” Sept. 11 memorial event brought first responders from 14 departments, who lined up their equipment near flags hanging high from fire department ladders at one end of the huge north parking lot at Grace Lake Corporate Center in Van Buren Township. The event also featured a car show and the memorial service in another section of the massive parking lot.

Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

City Council seeks residents to help rewrite city charter

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the Sept. 7 meeting of the Belleville City Council, Councilman Tom Fielder said the council has been talking about charter revisions for 20 years and the charter does not need revisions, but replacement.

He said the city has been doing things it shouldn't be doing, referring to being in violation of the present charter, which was effective Sept. 1, 1982. The Charter Commission had been chaired by Richard S. Smith and Commissioner Jay Hartford made the motion in May 1982 to adopt the document which was approved unanimously by the ten members of the commission. Later it was adopted in a vote by the residents of the city.

Mayor Kerreen Conley agreed with Fielder and said residents interested in serving on a committee to rewrite the charter should give their names to City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson so this can get started.

In other business at the 59-minute, Sept. 7 meeting, the council:

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Father John Kiselica of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Belleville participated with comments and prayers, as did Pastor Dave Bielec of Southport Community Church, at far right. From left are Linda Luke, Les Neinas, Scott Medlen, Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara, Father John, Alysha Albrecht, John Delaney, a first responder, and Pastor Bielec.

VBT approves police partnership with SOOAR practices

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At its Sept. 7 zoom meeting the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees adopted the first reading of an ordinance that links its police enforcement of drug paraphernalia

laws with SOOAR (Strategies to Overcome Obstacles and Avoid Recidivism), based in Belleville.

The amendment exempts from criminal penalty persons in possession of paraphernalia if those persons are enrolled in the SOOAR program, at an officer's discretion.

The SOOAR program is intended to prevent the spread of infectious disease and provide assistance for drug treatment.

SOOAR Executive Director Valerie Kelley-Bonner said her program works

with those suffering from HIV, Hep C, thoughts of suicide, and COVID, along with those on drugs.

She said they meet with people and are connected to the Wayne/Oakland Integrated Health program, with faith and prayers a part of the program. Bonner said they give Narcan out and toiletries.

“We are honored you are beginning this conversation and considering changing your ordinance,” she said to the board.

Trische Duckworth, founder/executive

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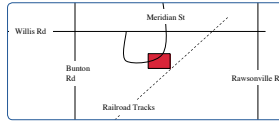
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

New proposals shown for Sumpter Road Corridor plan

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

New proposals for the Van Buren Township Sumpter Road Corridor plan were revealed to the township planning commission at its regular meeting via Zoom on Sept. 8.

Dan Power, director of planning and economic development, asked the commissioners to think about the changes and come back to a future meeting to discuss it further.

"Let us know if there are fatal flaws in what we've presented today," Director Power said.

Commissioners Medina Atchinson, Jeff Jahr and Callie Barr volunteered as a subcommittee to follow the changes and meet with planners.

Director Power began the presentation by reminding commissioners that the township has a South Side Master Plan from 15 years ago and they need to see if it is still relative. It included agriculture south of Hull Road, a mixed-use area to the City of Belleville border, plus local commercial to Spencer along Sumpter Road.

He turned the presentation over to Adam Cook of McKenna Associates, who is working on the project. He said the July 28 workshop at the fire hall brought good dialog and discussion on the issue. He said about 40 people attended the session.

He said they got feedback as soon as the Sumpter Road Corridor project was announced. Cook said many wanted to preserve the rural character south of Hull Road. He listed the comments that included sidewalks, grocery store, no new businesses until the empty storefronts are filled, more recreational opportunities (golf carts, community garden, nature park), more restaurants, and more things targeted for those aged 55 and older in the community.

He listed what he called "Focus Areas"

which included:

1. West side of Sumpter Road, north of Hull and a quarter mile back;
2. East side of Sumpter Road, north of Hull, and a quarter mile back; and
3. Sumpter Road, south of Hull, ¼ mile to the west and east.

He said in Area #1, they now propose extending Roulo or Bak roads north to the railroad tracks to give owners access to the back acreage for mixed use, preserving a semi-rural character. He suggested uses such as a greenhouse, kiln house, artisan studio, or workshop.

In Area #2, he said the City of Belleville would have to work closely with them for mixed use and another roadway parallel to Sumpter Road, which he called a "slip street" with bike lanes.

He said the most discussion was about Area #3. Cook said the former idea to have light industrial and shops along the roadway with agriculture behind has been dropped. Now they are looking at the conventional development of subdivisions on one-acre lots with a market at the corner of Hull and Sumpter roads.

Also suggested was a Planned Residential Development (PRD) with greenways and the market on the corner.

Or, it could be a hamlet concept, he said, with some land preserved as an agricultural preserve and a forest preserve and one dwelling per acre in parts, with the market on the corner.

"See if the pattern of uses makes sense to you and share your thoughts," he said to the commission. "Consider existing plans and what you've looked at."

Public Service Director Matthew Best said the current proposals are extremely different than what they first suggested for south of Hull Road. He said there are a lot of different options out there. Director Best

said residents made comments on paper and the planner went out and talked to them again.

"It's still in the discussion phase," Best said.

Commissioner Brian Cullin said it is important to know why those businesses have failed along there. He said Martin and Son is doing very well.

"Wouldn't it be nice to know why others failed, so we don't run into that again?" Commissioner Cullin asked.

"A pattern of business failures doesn't mean no business could possibly succeed," Cook said. He said they could talk to the people in the community to find out the causes. "I walked around and looked in windows," he said, noting some of the buildings were not very desirable. He said he didn't know the rents that were charged.

Best said it is a long corridor and people have to have reasons to go there, which he called "trip generation."

Commissioner Jahr said it was an interesting idea to extend Bak Road to the railroad tracks to open up the back area. He said it was a good idea.

"We're hearing opponents to growth south of Hull Road, but there may be support for alternative uses," Power said.

Resident Steven Darke offered through chat that he likes the third option for Area #3 and maybe there is the opportunity for a golf course between the houses.

A woman joined in saying she has an interest in that property in Area #3 and is a realtor as well. She said she has a proposal with bike trails and she'll get a better draft of it and show it to the township.

"This is the time to say it's a bad idea," Best said to the commissioners. "It's time to say it now ... Before we send Adam and Dan into the back room until the plan is done, say you think it's a bad idea."

He said after the meeting at the fire station, the interest dried up for industrial along Sumpter Road.

Commissioner Atchinson said some residents of the south end of the township head to Monroe to shop, rather than go north to Van Buren Township and have to go through the City of Belleville.

Best said it is easier to get to Monroe and Cook added, "A more pleasant trip."

Power said the proposals will be put on the township's web site for the public to study.

In other business at the almost two-hour meeting, the board:

- Approved the preliminary site plan for JSB Builders, LLC, to construct a 16,280-square-foot, multi-tenant, light-industrial building with truck well and related site improvements on 4.478 acres to the south of 6032 Schooner Dr. The site is located on the west side of Schooner Drive, which is on the south side of Michigan Avenue between Beck and Denton roads. This building will take up the northern one-third of the site, with the rest saved for another like building in the future. Sam Patel said he currently has a business in Ann Arbor and he needs a bigger warehouse so he can expand his business. He said 50-60% of the new building would be for his business. After a long discussion, approval was given for the preliminary plan, with several things to be worked out before final site plan approval; and

- Heard Director Power announce that there will be ordinance discussions in the upcoming meetings. He said his department has been tasked with looking at ordinances for: Agricultural Tourism at the DeBuck site, Ponds, and Outdoor Dining, to tune-up and modernize the current dining ordinance.

VBPS board takes step to replace football field turf, update track

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At Monday's regular, in-person meeting of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, the board approved a \$37,500 agreement with Foresite Design of Berkley for athletic design services for turf replacement and track reconditioning at Belleville High School.

Information was presented in detail at the regular meeting on Aug. 23 and the board voted unanimously on Monday to approve the agreement.

Board president Amy Pearce said this is just the design part of the project and the project will come back to the board for construction approval.

School Supt. Pete Kudlak said besides design development, Foresite will also deal with construction documents and bidding and construction administration.

Foresite estimates total construction project costs at \$665,000 and if the district wishes to incorporate a pad under the new turf system it would add \$100,000 to the costs.

The work is intended for construction in the spring/summer of 2022, with bidding in October/November 2021. The football field and track originally were constructed in 2012.

At the beginning of the meeting, during public comment, parent Todd Mears said the field is in good condition and he

wonders if the district couldn't defer these expenses for a year to save money because of COVID.

Supt. Kudlak said the field is in good shape, but not great shape, and consultants recommended it be replaced. He pointed out the district has been putting money aside every year to save up for the replacement, but they have not saved enough for the project, so other funds will be added.

Also in Monday's regular meeting, the board:

- Heard president Pearce summarize 176 pages of policy updates proposed by the board's law firm, Thrun Law. This is considered the first reading of the changes. At the next meeting the final reading and

approval is expected on these and a new group of changes presented for its first reading;

- Approved resignations of the following teachers for other job opportunities: Sarah Brown, Edgemont Elementary, after six years of service; Andrew Goins, McBride Middle School, after five-and-a-half years of service; and Megan Holmes after three years of service, Yolanda Curtis, after seven years of service, and Amy Watkins, after 21 years of service, all from Belleville High School; Janeen Mendal, Haggerty, after two years of service; and Gabrielle Johnson, after four years of service, and Christina Kramer, after five years of

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OPINIONS

Editorial

Anonymous writer launches drive to help VBT residents

Someone called "Belleville Informer" has sent emails to a wide variety of individuals, groups, and officials on behalf of the Belleville Manor residents at 8701 Belleville Road.

The Informer sent the emails to Van Buren Township Board members, VBT fire and police officials, the 34th District Court Chief Judge, LARA, Michigan State Housing Authority, HUD, the *Independent* and employees of Yes Communities, which now owns the mobile home park.

The Informer said he/she has held interviews with 212 residents of the community and found a long list of concerns, which were listed. He/she said an attorney has advised the tenants on their legal obligations and their rights.

The Informer said the group was advised to ask the 34th District Court how to set up a legal escrow account so they could continue to pay their monthly amounts due without fear of retribution until things are settled. The Informer also said he/she will pay the expenses for residents who choose to use escrow.

The *Independent* sent The Informer a reply to the email asking for a name, which is necessary for credibility. No reply. We are sure there are problems in the park that need attention, but it's not forthright to throw rocks and hide behind a bush. Who is this Informer and what is his/her real reason for being so upset?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At the Sept. 7 meeting of the Belleville City Council, Councilman Tom Fielder said he thinks some people in the community think the city has already approved having golf carts around town. He said recently he saw two golf carts going wherever they wanted to go.

Deputy City Administrator Tim McLean said the proposed golf cart ordinance is presently with the city attorney for review and then Tim also has written a report on it for the council to consider.

Fielder said part of the plan for the Iron Belle Trail to go through the downtown is to have it go down Church Street to avoid traffic on Main and that would have to be for non-motorized vehicles only. He said the city doesn't want to jeopardize the trail.

McLean agreed motorized vehicles couldn't be on the trail. They'll keep an eye on that situation, he said.

Van Buren Township put out this announcement on Friday: "Due to unforeseen circumstances, the BAM is temporarily closed until further notice."

This refers to the Belleville Area Museum that had a story published in last week's paper saying it is now open. Well, now it's closed.

As to the "unforeseen circumstances," Museum Director Katie Dallos put a selfie on Facebook, showing her in bed in the hospital looking very ill. Can't be a secret if she is announcing it and thanking people for their support.

She said she had two pulmonary embolisms in her lungs, had nine hours of surgery, plus she is fighting a kidney infection. Get well, Katie.



We got a story sent to us by Google that reports the Huron Clinton Metroparks announced a 0.9-mile extension of the Iron Belle Trail in two sections within Lower Huron Metropark.

One section starts where the present trail terminates in the park and goes to the E. Huron River Drive entrance. The other section goes from the park entrance, includes a road crosswalk and push-button beacon for non-motorized travel across Huron River Drive. Then it continues west toward the City of Belleville along HRD, terminating at the recently reconstructed bridge over the Huron River.

The bridge has a beautiful new sidewalk on the north side, so walkers and bicyclists have to cross HRD to get to the bridge sidewalk. Presently, the sidewalk is blocked at both ends of the bridge.

For a while Van Buren Township thought it might have to deal with the bridge sidewalk, but I guess not. Apparently, the township has to deal with getting the walkers/bicyclists back across HRD on the west side of the bridge because the Iron Belle Trail is being put along the south side of HRD to get to Belleville.

The story sent by Google said the segments at the Metroparks is estimated to cost \$716,766 and HCMA will cover about \$80,000 of that, with grants covering the rest from the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Michigan Department of Natural

Resources Trust Fund. Construction on the first section is expected to begin this fall.

The PEA Group engineering firm has been hired by both HCMA and VBT to work on the trail and it is currently revising its design for these two segments for the park, according to the story.

Three members of the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education said they helped with fitting the new band uniforms onto 193 band members and they can hardly wait to see them all out in their new uniforms in this Friday's home game at BHS.

Board president Amy Pearce said the Band Review on Oct. 22 has seven marching bands coming to perform on the BHS field with the BHS band performing last as the "grand finale." This will be another chance for the community to see the new band uniforms and the band that hasn't been able to perform for a year because of COVID.

The goats left town on Monday after completing their mission of trimming the shrubbery so people can see the lake again from Horizon Park. We've been told you can see how good they did by going to Hillside Cemetery and looking across the lake.



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Letters

Shouldn't have printed letter against mandates

To the editor:

While I no longer reside in Van Buren Township, we lived there for 31 years and all our mail, prescriptions, a good share of shopping, etc. is still done in the 48111 zip code.

I still read the *Independent* every week. The letter from Daniel Osterman regarding "masks and mandates" contains misinformation regarding the COVID pandemic and should have never been published in a community paper.

It is fine for him to have his opinion but should not have been given a soapbox to spread his dangerous information. Every point he made can be proven wrong; follow the science. We are very lucky to live in this time that we are blessed with the science that could develop a vaccine to protect us from a potentially deadly virus.

You are entitled to your opinion and to make choices for yourself or your children, but it is immoral to spread misinformation that may deter someone else from getting a vaccine or using a mask that may save their lives and those of their children.

I am very disappointed that the *Independent* chose to print this obvious misleading letter.

Judy and Doug Bell

It is Sept. 8 and I just got a newspaper and read this today, or I would have responded last week.

If you have questions or would like more information, please contact Claudia Roullier at (734) 697-8235 or claudiarou47@yahoo.com.

Ray Eissinger
Belleville Community Chorus

Library sets new film discussion Sept. 18, 25

Hello, All:

We have a fun new film discussion program "Saturday at the Movies" happening Saturday, Sept. 18, and Sept. 25 at the Belleville Area District Library.

Part of our movie discussion series is "How the 'Seven Samurai' became 'A Bug's Life.'"

"The Seven Samurai" and "A Bug's Life" tell the same story: a villager goes out to hire seven warriors to defend the village's harvest from villains who want to take it. How does the Kurosawa masterpiece translate into a light-hearted animated film about ants? Join us for both screenings and then take part in a discussion. Or if you can only make one day, we don't mind if you join us for just one film!

"The Seven Samurai" has a running time of three hours, 27 minutes. Both showings will start at 2 p.m. with a short break. A discussion comparing the two films, moderated by local movie buff Paul Henning, will begin after "A Bug's Life." Refreshments will be provided!

Nicole Grisham
Belleville Area District Library

Shout-out to Golden Corral in Westland

To the editor:

A shout-out to Golden Corral in Westland, to Brandon and the entire crew. Great place to gather with family and friends. Good service and delicious food. Keep up the good work.

-- Sent by group of widows, widowers, singles from throughout the area that meet there regularly to eat and socialize.

Sumpter Craft/Vendor Sale

The Sumpter Township Craft/Vendor Market will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at the Sumpter Township Community Center Pavilion, 23501 Sumpter Rd., rain or shine. Quilts, jewelry, crochet items, crafts, treasures and more. \$10 table rental. Information: (734) 461-9373, leave a message.

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Obituaries



Charles Lee Carter

CHARLES LEE CARTER

(November 15, 1940 – September 13, 2021)

Charles Lee Carter, age 80, died Monday, September 13, 2021, at his Sumpter Township home with his family by his side. Born on November 15, 1940, in Calvert City, Kentucky to Robert Gentry Carter Sr. and Willie Dee (Stalcup) Carter. Charles' family moved to Marysville, Michigan where they had a small farm and he met his wife of 58 years, Sylvia Carter. After which they moved to Belleville and established a life together.

Charles, a retired truck driver for 30 years, traveled during the Michigan winters to his Ft. Myers, Florida home where he was the happiest. He did not know a stranger; he always happily greeted people and had a smile on his face. Charles also enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers games with his family. He was also a devoted member to the Belleville Moose Lodge for 50 years where he called all the members his "Friends".

Charles loved his three granddaughters and family whom he devoted most of his time to when he was in Michigan.

Charles is survived by his wife Sylvia (Billiet) Carter; daughters: Dawn (Mike) Eby of Brighton, MI and Tonya (Donald) Dyer of Belleville, MI; granddaughters: Brittany (Brian) Simon of Riverview, MI, Jubilee Dyer of Belleville, MI and Violet Dyer of Belleville, MI; brother Fred (Martha) Carter of Tennessee; also two sisters: Gladys Lassiter of Benton, KY and Diana (Leroy) Schmeltz of Belleville, MI.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, brothers Howard Carter and Robert L. Carter Jr., and a sister Evelyn Helton.

Visitation will be 2-6 PM Friday, September 17, 2021 with a 6:00 PM Funeral with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating, to be followed by the Loyal Belleville Moose Members.

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

Public invited to mini Octoberfest at Eagles Lodge in VBT

There's No Octoberfest this year in Munich, Germany because of COVID, but there will be a mini Octoberfest on Friday, Oct. 1, at the Van Buren Eagles Club at 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township.

The meal priced at \$15 per person will include soup, ham hocks, sauerkraut, red cabbage, spatze, German potato salad, salad and dessert.

This event is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased at the Van Buren Eagles or by calling Keith or Ginger Bruder at (734) 461-2498 or (734) 699-2344.

There will be a cash bar, German music by the Pandemic Driveway Band, and a beer and wine tasting for a nominal charge.

"Come out and enjoy an evening of great food and entertainment," say the Bruders.

Sumpter Township records fight against blight in new report

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its Aug. 24 zoom meeting, the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees heard Public Safety Director/Police Chief Eric Luke announce he is starting a new monthly ordinance report, which board members had in their packet.

He said in February they decided to form an Ordinance Committee with Officer Gregory, Lt./Det. John Toth, Karen Woodington, Brad Wheelock, Kevin Scott, Chris Brinkmeier, attorney Young, and Administrator Michelle Cole meeting every month to address blight problems, with Director Luke in attendance on occasion.

The report does not list names and addresses but shows an overview of where the township stands in fighting blight. He said some people had a "don't tread on

me" attitude and others had taken blighted buildings down the next day.

There are 16 active investigations, 21 active court cases, and 156 closed/completed investigations year to date. He said the goal is to clean the township up and make everyone responsible for their

own areas.

"Once the word gets out, we're going to have fewer and fewer uncooperative residents ... hopefully," he said.

In other business at the Aug. 24 meeting the board:

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Obituaries





Dr. Jerry L. Kelly

DR. JERRY L. KELLY
 (February 29, 1936 – August 10, 2021)
 Dr. Jerry L. Kelly, 85, of Marshall, passed away on August 10, 2021 at Select Specialty Hospital – Battle Creek.

Jerry was born on February 29, 1936 to Hugh and Lessie (Denniston) Kelly in Hewitt, MN, the youngest of eight children. He graduated from Plymouth High School in 1954 and was united in marriage with Geraldine (Minehart) Kelly on September 7, 1957. He graduated from University of Michigan School of Dentistry in 1960. He served his country in the United States Army from 1960-1963 and was honorably discharged as Captain. He started his dental practice in Belleville, MI in 1963 and retired in 2001. He and Geraldine moved to Marshall in 2005.

He belonged to the American Dental Association and was Past-President of the Belleville Rotary Club and member of Rotary International. After retirement, he was a member of the Executive Club in Marshall. Jerry was an active member of Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Canton, MI and Christ Lutheran Church in Marshall. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed gardening, traveling, and reading. Jerry's church family was always very important to him.

Jerry loved his family, and showed it in all of his actions with them, and told them every chance he got as well as gave out great hugs, he especially loved his grandchildren and great grandchildren and had a special connection with each one. He is survived by his greatest love, his spouse of 64 years, Geraldine Kelly; two sons, Jeff (Debby) Kelly, Brad Kelly; one daughter, Lisa (Jack) Reed; eight grandchildren, Kristin (Scott) Chambers, Courtney (Eric) Hansche, Justin (Patrick Graver) Kelly, Jordan Kelly, Jeremy (Ellen Orner) Reed, Sara Jeffery, Zeke Kelly, Noah Kelly; two great-granddaughters, Autumn Foren, Sydney Jeffery; and one sister-in-law, Mary Kelly.

He was preceded in death by his parents Hugh and Lessie Kelly; son, Brian Scott Kelly; six sisters, Jessie (Harry) Moyer, Margaret Stadel, Vada (Bob) Rider, Beatrice (Tony) DeContreras, Iris (Don) Gill, Elizabeth (Ken) Taylor; and one brother, Hugh Kelly. He always said he didn't have one mother, he had seven and loved each of them. His brother was his co-conspirator early in life and then late in life when they traveled with their spouses together.

A memorial service was held August 19, 2021 at Christ Lutheran Church, 440 West Dr. N., Marshall, with Rev. David Moran officiating. A committal service was held at at Fort Custer National Cemetery, where military honors will be rendered. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be given to Christ Lutheran Church. Arrangements were entrusted to Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Services, 723 U.S. Hwy. 27 N., Marshall, MI Visit <https://kempffuneralhome.com> to watch the memorial service, view the online obituary, sign the guest book, or leave messages for the family.



Paul Edward Coffelt

PAUL EDWARD COFFELT
 (June 14, 1954 – September 3, 2021)
 On Friday, September 3rd 2021, Paul Edward Coffelt, loving husband, dad, and papa went to be with the Lord at the age of 67.

Paul was born on June 14, 1954 in Belleville, MI to Richard Max and Martha Rose (Smith) Coffelt. Paul graduated from Belleville High School in 1972. He received his associate's degree in electronics from Washtenaw Community College in 1974. He worked for General Motors for 31 years, retiring in 2008. He married Sandra Louise (Doty) Coffelt on September 10, 1983. They had two sons, Joseph, and John.

Paul spent much of his retirement doing things he loved, such as tracing family history (and the history of anyone he knew) and contacting and visiting newly found family members all over the country. He also enjoyed working on his yellow 1973 Volkswagen Super Beetle that he nicknamed "Big Bird." He loved driving to car shows and any kind of classic car meetups that he could. He enjoyed taking the "Coffelt way home" when out and about in his bug, which meant taking the long way home and savoring the drive. Most of all, Paul loved spending time with his family and friends including his church family at Highland Park Baptist Church. Paul was passionate about his relationship with Jesus Christ and shared his faith with others.

Paul was preceded in death by his father, Richard and his mother, Martha. He is survived by his wife Sandra, his son, Joseph (Mandy), grandchildren Rex and Jane, son John, and brother Stephen (Judy). A Funeral Home Visitation was on Thursday, September 9, 2021 at R.G. and G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia from 1 to 9 p.m. and a Funeral Service was held on September 10, 2021 at Highland Park Baptist Church, 28600 Lasher Rd., Southfield with a visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. and a service to that immediately followed. The family has requested that remembrances in the form of contributions be made to Missions to Military at missionstomilitary.org. Please share a memory of Paul at www.rggharris.com.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 remain at 77, positive tests at 3,860

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remain at 77 as of Monday, Sept. 13, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,860 on Monday, Sept. 13, up from 3,770 on Monday, Sept. 6.

On Monday, Sept. 13, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,594 positive cases, 42 deaths; City of Belleville, 520 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 746 positive cases, 14 deaths.

Obituaries



Leo Louis Reamer

LEO LOUIS REAMER

(January 28, 1933 – September 8, 2021)

Leo Louis Reamer died September 8, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. Born to Hugo and Sophie Reamer on January 28, 1933, in Detroit, MI, Leo lived in Dearborn, MI most of his life until he recently moved to Belleville, MI.

Leo enjoyed wood working and had a woodshop in his basement. He also loved fixing things himself and often worked on vehicles in his garage. He was also a great bargain shopper, especially at places like Ace hardware. He enjoyed camping and fishing; but most of all Leo cherished time spent with his family.

Mr. Reamer is survived by his children: Kathaleen (David) Howell, Raymond Reamer, Anthony Reamer, and Dawn (Stephanie) Reamer; grandchildren: Michelle Corra and Natasha Howell; great-grandchildren: Kingston, Brooklyn, and Austin; also, a sister Virginia Nieman. He was preceded in death by his parents Hugo Elmer Reamer and Sophie Lewandowski Reamer, a brother Eugene Reamer, also a sister Mary Ann Taylor.

Visitation for Mr. Reamer will be Sunday, September 19, 2021, from 4-8 PM with a 6 PM funeral service at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Pastor Gordon Moore will officiate. www.davidcbrownfh.com



Deborah L. Dick

DEBORAH L. DICK

Age 70, of Romulus, September 12, 2021. Loving sister of Dianne Lawson. She is preceded in death by sisters Linda Thompson, Kathy Brundage and her brother Joey Luers. Visitation is 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home. Donations may be made to Michigan Humane Society.



Alan Francis

ALAN FRANCIS

(July 17, 1962 – September 12, 2021)

Alan Francis, age 59, lifelong Belleville area resident, passed away Sunday, September 12, 2021, at University Hospitals, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born July 17, 1962, in Ypsilanti, MI, son of Thomas Eugene & Christine (Ritchie) Francis. He was a Belleville High School graduate, class of 1980. Alan enjoyed attending Willis Baptist Church. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting, watching television and playing cards. Most of all, he loved spending time with his grandson.

Alan is survived by his daughter Jordan Michelle Francis, son Alan Troy Francis, grandson Cash Mandelka, his parents Eugene & Christine Francis, all of Sumpter Township, MI; sister Noreen (Terry) Miracle of Ypsilanti, MI; niece Brandy (Darren) Ho; also numerous extended family and friends.

Visitation was 4-8 PM Tuesday and 10-11 AM Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. Funeral Service was at 11 AM Wednesday with Pastor Jim McKinnies officiating. Interment was in Union-Udell Cemetery, Ypsilanti Township, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to help defray expenses. www.davidcbrownfh.com

JAMES ALAN KOERBER

(June 11, 1969 – September 7, 2021)

James Alan Koerber, 52, of Lansing, MI, died Septemr 7, 2021. Jansen Funeral Home of Columbiaville, MI is providing the services. Jim was diagnosed with a serious heart condition 15 years ago and the illness finally overtook him. He died of heart failure.



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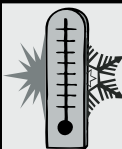
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Advance tickets are still available for the Friends of Michigan's Annual Spay-ghetti and No-balls dinner fundraiser coming up on Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. Tickets are \$12

for adults, \$6 for children ages 3-12, and free for kids 2 and under. Meal includes spaghetti, salad, and rolls. There will also be raffles and a bake sale with the proceeds going to the no-kill shelter in Sumpter Township. Visit their Facebook page for details. Advance tickets can be ordered by calling (734) 461-9458. To check out their current adoptable dogs, cats and kittens looking for their forever homes visit www.friendsofmichigan.org.

Congratulations to Craig and Medina Atchinson and the folks at Atchinson Ford in Belleville as they celebrate their 60th Anniversary this week. Visit www.atchinsonford.net and call (734) 697-9161.

The Belleville Tiger football team lost its first game of the season last Friday, a 28-21 defeat at the hands of Livonia Churchill. The Tigers, 2-1 on the year will host Livonia Stevenson this Friday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. Go, Tigers!

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' 12th-annual tri-community art show is Nov. 12-14 at the BYC. Entry deadline, including entry forms and paid fees, is Nov. 1. Up to three pieces of art may be submitted per artist in the categories 3-D Up-cycled, 2-D, Photography, Children Ages 6-10, and Children Ages 13-17. Cash prizes will be awarded for first through third places. Entry fees are \$10 for children and teens and \$20 for adults and you get to enter up to three pieces of art per fee. For rules and other info, visit www.bacaart.org or call Rhonda Dutton at (734) 740-3126. Entry forms are available at the website, Sumpter Township Media Center, and the Belleville Library.

With hunting season approaching, be sure to check out the hunting gear, guns, bows, and accessories at Dave's Treasure Trove at 668 East Huron River Dr. in Belleville. They're open Tuesday through Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Sunday and Monday. Call (734) 699-4438.

Belleville author and artist Marian Caldwell says entries are coming in for her sponsored art contest with a deadline of Oct. 30. Caldwell is accepting entries from local artists of what they've been painting or sketching during the pandemic. Entries can be no bigger than an 8.5"x11" sheet of paper, and enclosed in an envelope and mailed to: Marian Caldwell, P.O. Box 176, Belleville, MI 48112. Be sure to include your name, age, and contact info on the

back of the entry. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third places. The idea for this contest is to help relieve these stressful situations as we endure these ever-so-changing times we live in these days. Questions: email her at mariancaldwell@yahoo.com.

Do you have a business item you would like to see in this column? Call Bob Mytych at (734) 699-9020. There is no cost to be in this column.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Sept. 16:** Girls Swim/Dive vs Fordson HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Friday, Sept. 17:** Girls Swim/Dive hosting Tiger Diving Invitational 5 p.m.; Varsity Football vs Stevenson HS, 7 p.m.

• **Saturday, Sept. 18:** Girls Swim/Dive hosting Tiger Invitational, 10 a.m.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 21:** Girls Varsity Golf vs Churchill HS at Willow Metropark GC, 3 p.m.; Boys & Girls Cross Country Tri-Meet at Van Buren Park, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Tennis vs Franklin HS, 4 p.m.; Boys Varsity Soccer vs Wayne Memorial HS, 5:30 p.m.

Diane Kiessel

Belleville High School Athletic Secretary

BHS Band Review to include eight high school bands on Sept. 22

The Belleville High School Band Review is back!

On Wednesday, Sept. 22, eight area high school marching bands, including the Belleville Marching Tigers, will perform their 2021 half-time shows on the BHS football field.

Bands expected include Flat Rock, New Boston Huron, Lincoln, Woodhaven, Crestwood, Monroe, Berkley, and Belleville.

Performances begin at 6:30 p.m. with gates opening at 5:45. Admission is \$5 per person; 12 and under are free.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 20 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 21 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 22 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 28 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop and regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 4 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 5 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 11 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 12 – Van Buren Township Recreation Committee, 5:30 p.m. 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.
- Wednesday, Oct. 13 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 14 – Keystone Academy School Board, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 18 – Van Buren Township work/study session at 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 19 – Van Buren Township regular meeting at 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 20 – Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Van Buren Township Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 25 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m.



- Sept. 12 – Stella Endicott
- Sept. 16 – Kevin Dean Robertson
- Sept. 17 – Susan Sell
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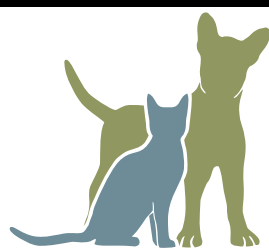
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Kim and Reg Ion of Van Buren Township were among those setting up at Victory Park for Saturday's annual citywide yard sales in Belleville. In the past, Girl Scouts or other non-profit groups organized the vendors at the park and collected fees for the space. For the past two years, no one is in charge, so the public just sets up and sells their wares, most lining the edges of the shaded park. Victory Park was crowded with vendors and customers on Saturday, as were many residential streets throughout the city.



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The SICAIA Ypsilanti Youth Choir led off Saturday's Gospel Fest at the Sumpter Township Community Center Pavilion on Saturday. The event was sponsored by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts. Other singers and groups scheduled to perform were Evelyn Crispell, Patsy and Bobby Hutch, Dany Page, Luke Petty, Don Browning, Greg Hardy, James Singleton, and Youth Choir.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Saturday, Sept. 18** – Craft/Vendor Market from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Sumpter Community Center's pavilion, 223501 Sumpter Rd., rain or shine. Crafts, treasures, quilts, jewelry, crochet items and more. \$10 table rental. Information: leave message at 461-9373.
- **Saturday, Sept. 18** – Classic Car Show at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free. The fundraiser for the church will feature a DJ and lunch available: hotdogs, chips, and drink, \$5; sloppy joes, chips, and drink, \$5; assortment of homemade pies, \$3 per slice. If it rains the car show will be canceled.
- **Monday, Sept. 20** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 22** – Belleville High School Band Review will showcase eight area high school bands, including BHS,

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service, both of Owen Intermediate. Emily Mills, BHS, resigned after one year of service with no reason given;

- Approved hiring of the following teachers: Myla Bennett, Owen Intermediate; Carmen Orlich, Edgemont Elementary; Anitress Gray, McBride Middle School; Coblie Wakeley and Maureen Sullivan, Tyler Elementary; Karl Neff, Donna Wizinsky, Heba Ghanem, Misty Foster, and Megan Harple, all BHS;
- Approved resignations for the following non-instructional staff: Laurence Williams, BHS, for a job opportunity after zero years of service; Diana Ramsey, retiring after 26 years in Transportation; Louis Moore and Timothy Smith, after one year each in Transportation, for personal reasons; Brenda Clark and Marcia Jones after zero years of service each in Transportation, for personal reasons; Rachel Murdock, Rawsonville Elementary, after less than one year of service because she is moving; and Amanda Kolawole, Owen Intermediate, after three years of service, for personal reasons;

- Approved hiring the following non-

instructional employees: paraprofessionals Danika Cavins-Mason, Tyler Elementary; Mariha Campbell and Johanna Hanson, Edgemont Elementary; and Toni Suggs, Owen Intermediate. BHS Food Service Workers Melissa Meimaridis and Edith Jenkins were hired, along with bus driver Emily Calvert, and BHS student safety liaison Jermain Crowell;

- Heard Supt. Kudlak say a lot of employees are leaving this district but for it to be done at this time of year is unusual. He said there used to be a very clear etiquette on what time of year to resign. He said because of the teacher shortage, that is all out the window;

- Heard Mears ask about the foundation allowance and how it has changed since the state approved the education budget. Kudlak said they had set the allowance at \$8,228 for the district budget, but it now is \$8,700 and they will have a budget amendment in November. He said 43 districts in the state make more than \$8,700 because they tax themselves more. Mears also asked about the federal ESSER funds and Pearce said the district has three years to spend ESSER. Kudlak said they have hired teachers for three years and some of the construction improvements, such as for cleaner air, qualifies for these funds;

- Also heard Mears ask about COVID and whether Kudlak is going to close the schools because BHS has the highest rate of COVID of the high schools in this area. [The district listed 12 cases for the short holiday week of Sept. 7-10.] Kudlak said he is not closing the school and they found that the cases were isolated events that didn't happen in the school. He said the whole area of Belleville, Van Buren Township, and Sumpter Township all went up. When asked how many are vaccinated in the high school, Kudlak said the Wayne County estimate for the district was 45-50%;

- Heard Human Resources Director Abdul Madyun say there is a lot of mobility in the teaching staff and BHS has a couple of places left to fill. Kudlak said they were also short on paraprofessionals. Madyun noted they were very good in transportation and Kudlak pointed out they never went to third-party contractors. Madyun said

the changes to the contract also helped. Madyun said the district put out a call for proposals for security and ended up hiring the same company as last year, which was the lowest bidder. Kudlak said the district also hired a couple of security people for the district to use to oversee the other security people;

- Heard Financial Director Sara Cortese say the budget is on the website and it includes ESSER and federal funds. She said \$3 million in ESSER funds are spent in 2021 and there is \$14 million budgeted for 2022 and some will continue through 2024;

- Heard Kudlak thank the Salvation Army, Messiah Church, and Autokiniton (the former L&W Engineering) for donating truckloads of school supplies. The district was able to pack 130 backpacks for students, along with 70 bags of school supplies and three more boxes of supplies. He said Moving the Mitten brought an ice cream truck to all the schools during the first few days the teachers were there and that was greatly appreciated. He thanked the Transportation Department for working though the times that were "crazy for them" because some plans look good on computer and then in person don't work out. He said also some parents didn't sign up for transportation and that made problems. He also thanked the kindergarten teachers who work with a wide array of new children, from some non-verbal to those with high skills. He said they get the children to line up and be orderly;

- Heard treasurer Simone Pinter remind everyone that the Education Foundation is having a fund-raising party at The Garage on Saturday and all the money raised goes to the schools;

- Heard president Pearce say that the students say masks are not an issue and they are just happy to be together again. All they need is something over their mouth and they can have all this again, she said. She also thanked the staff at the high school, with some giving up their prep time to cover other classes without teachers. She said she wears a mask because she thinks it's for the greater good; and

- Went into closed-door session to consider attorney-client information.

Update on site activities at Woodland Meadows landfill in VB Twp.

Waste Management contractors are working on the excavation of cells 13 and 15 directly south of the existing Woodland Meadows Landfill on the east side of the site, near Hannan Road.

Excavation is expected to be completed in this area by the end of August. At that time the landfill liner installation will begin...

Once the liner is installed, a 1' drainage layer of aggregate is placed, with a series of landfill gas collection pipes. This work is anticipated to be completed by Nov. 1. Upon completion of construction WM will submit the Construction Certification report to the State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE), for their review. Once approved by EGLE, WM anticipates being able to place waste in the new cells beginning in early 2022.

WM has also been working to update the landfill gas system at Woodland Meadows. Eighteen vertical gas extraction wells have been drilled throughout the existing waste mass at Woodland Meadows, mostly on the south and north sides of the landfill. Twelve more vertical gas wells remain to be installed over the next few months.

Due to recent weather-related flooding events in SE Michigan, Woodland Meadows has been keeping extended hours of operation, as allowed by our host community agreement. Woodland has remained open until 8 p.m. as needed, which can vary on a daily/weekly basis, to accommodate the emergency influx of debris coming from the recent flood victims in and around the City of Detroit. Regular hours should be resumed in the next few weeks. WM has provided as many as 40 additional trucks and crew, some coming from as far away as Battle Creek and Saginaw, to assist in the emergency clean-up...

Please feel free to reach back to myself at (734) 231-8258 or Joe Read, Woodland Meadows Site Operations Manager at (734) 326-3003, with any questions or concerns.

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VBT DDA considers shovel-ready project for federal funds

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Executive Director Susan Ireland said she was asked to prepare a conceptual cost estimate for a shovel-ready project to construct a center left turn lane on Belleville Road from Tyler to Ecorse roads, should a funding opportunity become available in the future.

At the July 27 zoom meeting of the DDA, Director Ireland said the conceptual cost estimate is \$6,972,000, which includes about \$850,000 for engineering. She said water and sewer lines are both located on the east side of Belleville Road.

She said the conceptual roadway is based on Wayne County standards for a Class “A” Road. Drainage is expected to be costly because there are two drainage systems, one north of Robson and one south of Robson.

Ireland said the estimated cost includes maintaining one-way local traffic. But

because of the fire station in that stretch, if two-way traffic is necessary, the cost could be significantly impacted. She said the cost estimate does not include installation of sidewalks where none exist.

DDA member Joyce Rochowiak said there should be four lanes between Tyler and Ecorse and that should be done now instead of just adding a center turn lane.

Ireland said the DDA would have to acquire additional rights of way for that to happen.

Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara said an infrastructure package is coming from Washington, D.C., and shovel-ready projects need to be ready.

Supervisor McNamara said dominoes are falling. He said they are moving ahead with Haggerty Road improvements from Tyler to Ecorse. Wayne County formed a Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) for the project and the county will assume responsibility for the bonds.

McNamara said the township hired the county’s lawyer and they came back with the project.

“All we need now is for Washington to approve that project,” McNamara said. “We should get ready. It’s likely to happen.”

DDA Secretary Chris Brown said he knows from experience along that stretch that the sewer and water lines need to be replaced on east side of Belleville Road because they are 30 to 40 years old.

McNamara said water lines should be good for 75 to 100 years and they should still be in the prime of their life.

In other business at its 39-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Approved entering into an agreement for design services with the VBT Communications Department at an annual cost of \$7,500, beginning in September. Assistant Executive Director Lisa Lothringer said the DDA design needs were reduced over the past year due to the pandemic, but the monthly cost with the current vendor has not reflected this. The change will save about \$11,000 in the 2021 budget and \$33,000 in 2022. The attorney will provide appropriate language for the notice of service termination letter to the current vendor;

- Approved the proposal from REVIZE for a new DDA website at a cost of \$11,694 with a five-year support and maintenance package at \$2,300 per year which includes a website re-design after the fourth year. The present website was designed in 2017 and went live in 2018. In 2020 the vendor, Communication Associates, changed ownership and this directly impacted the DDA account. In 2020 the township went out for bids for a new website and received 11 bids and REVIZE got the contract. Ireland said this puts the control back in DDA hands and Lothringer will be website manager and will be able to make content edits and add/delete documents;

- Approved the financial audit for the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 2020 as prepared by Plante Moran. The DDA received an “unmodified opinion,” the highest. In spite of the pandemic, the DDA continued to see a steady, consistent growth within the district, Ireland said. Also, the Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) is fully funded for 2021 and 2022. McNamara said the DDA is rock-solid because the board is conservative and keeps it solid. Ireland said VBT is one of the few DDAs who can bond on its own without asking the community for its full faith and credit;

- Approved the 2021 amended budget and the 2022 proposed budget and recommended their approvals by the township board. Ireland said there are four Michigan Tax Tribunal cases out there right now, but everything else is pretty much status quo. McNamara thanked the DDA for fixing the sidewalks and for the \$1.17 million for The Cube in the new community center;

- Heard Ireland announce that the Michigan Downtown Association annual conference will be held in person and virtually Nov. 4 and 5 at the Motor City Casino in Detroit; and

- Heard Ireland announce that the soil on the backside of the township monument at Belleville Road/Quirk Road is starting to erode. Yost Sand and Gravel will donate brick and Pioneer Landscape will install a short retaining wall in the rear to prevent further erosion. She said both businesses are in the DDA district and are providing this at no cost to the DDA.

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- Approved adding the new Clerk/Treasurer Briana Hootman as a signatory on warrants issued for city business. Current signatories are Mayor Kerreen Conley, Councilman Fielder, and Deputy Administrator Tim McLean;

- Approved Harvest Fest for Saturday, Oct. 9, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., held in cooperation with the museum, library, and Central Business Community, all on Fourth Street Place, which will be closed. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said that the CBC will feature a Harvest Farmers' Market at the event;

- Approved the Witches' Ball for Friday, Oct. 22, in a tent on the Fourth Street Square. The private Halloween costume party, put on by Egan's Pub each year, is for women aged 21 and older. They will have the tent up from Thursday through Monday. As part of the approval the council expanded the DORA (Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area) hours until midnight on Friday and Saturday;

- Approved the CBC's Photos with Santa event on Saturdays, Dec. 11 and 18 from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. upstairs at the museum. Fielder said the first half hour is for special-needs people to come. He said there are free photos with Santa and a goodies bag that usually includes a coloring book. Usually, some 300 to 400 people come over the two days;

- Approved accounts payable of \$872,846.66 and the following departmental purchases in excess of \$500: to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$9,160.86 for road replacement due to water main break (Robbe/Clarence on July 9 and Edgemont curb, sidewalk, and Huron River Dr. sidewalk on July 12); to Blue Ribbon Contracting, \$6,631.50 to repair broken sewer in road (South Biggs on July 7); and to Southeastern Michigan Council of Governments, \$803 for annual membership dues;

- Heard Councilman Fielder say that people talk about the high cost of water in the city, but the city can pay for road repairs out of the water and sewer fund instead of using other city funds, the way other communities have to do;

- Heard Deputy Administrator McLean say the new records clerk in the police department is Emma Pelker and he was asked to bring her to a future meeting so the council can meet her. He said the high school told him there will be no Zombie 5K Run this year. He said his wife likes to dress him up funny and have him run in 5Ks. Steve Jones from the audience announced the Jingle Bell Run is still on and he could run in that. McLean also wished City Manager/Police Chief Robinson a happy anniversary, explaining that's why Robinson wasn't present at the meeting;

- Heard John Winter say from the audience that the traffic backup in front of the high school on Columbia Ave./W. Huron River Dr. was backed up to Ormond Drive in the township on the first day of school. He usually turns east from Elwell Road to take his child to another school, but that was a disaster. The next day, he turned west and went to Rawsonville Road and the freeway to take his child to school. He said he saw students get out of cars at Elwell and walk to the high school and they made better time than the cars on the street;

- Heard DPW Director Rick Rutherford thank everyone who helped with the lead and copper testing that he had to accomplish; and

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger say he is glad the cones are back up again in the roadway near Denton Road bridge. The cones keep drivers from changing lanes and cutting people off there and when the cones were gone it was terrible, he said.

The meeting was a hybrid session with only Mayor Conley and Councilman Fielder present in person at the council table and Councilpersons Kelly Bates and Ken Voigt present virtually. Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte was absent.

Mayor Conley pointed out the council deviated from its announced policy to have a quorum in person at the hybrid meetings, both at the first such meeting on Aug. 16 and this Sept. 7 meeting, and maybe they should change their policy.

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Van Buren Public Schools will receive sealed bid proposals until **10:00 a.m. on September 30, 2021**, for **On-site Health Clinic**. Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud immediately following the deadline for submission. Van Buren Public Schools will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified for the bid submission.

Bid documents may be viewed and downloaded at:
<https://www.vanburenschools.net/o/district/browse/102127>

Any questions, contact James Williams at jwilliams@vanburenschools.net or Sara Cortese at scortese@vanburenschools.net.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 ELECTRONICALLY VIA ZOOM

Supervisor McNamara called the meeting to order electronically via Zoom meeting ID: 945 8444 0257 at 6:03 p.m. Present: Supervisor McNamara, Treasurer Budd, Trustee Frazier, Trustee Boynton, and Trustee Miller. Delayed Arrival (6:05 p.m. Trustee Boynton and Clerk Wright). Absent/Excused Trustee Martin. Others participating, facilitating and monitoring the meeting: Secretary Montgomery, Public Services Director Best, Lieutenant Bazy, Communication Specialist Albrecht and maximum audience of twenty-one (21).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE AGENDA: Supervisor McNamara outlined the items appearing on the agenda requesting the removal of Consent Agenda Item #6 (Approval of the Mallinckrodt PLC Bankruptcy as it pertains to ongoing Opioid Litigation).

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Boynton moved; Frazier seconded to approve the revised agenda. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Frazier, Boynton, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Martin. Motion Carried.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA: Miller moved, Budd seconded to approve the revised Consent Agenda: Board Meeting Minutes of August 17, 2021; Prepaid List of August 19, 2021; Prepaid List of August 26, 2021; Prepaid List of September 2, 2021; Voucher List of September 7, 2021; and Resolution 2021-25 MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Martin. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None.

C O R R E S P O N D E N C E / ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS: Van Buren Township in conjunction with the Grace Lake Corporate Center, Meijer, A Design Line, Tim Hortons, Wayne County Community College District, T-Rex Arms, Atchinson Ford, Stack's Pizza and Deli and Culvers will present a September 11th Memorial Event, free to the public, on Saturday September 11, 2021 at the Grace Lake Corporate Center, 1 Village Center Dr. in Van Buren Township. For more information and a list of events visit the Township website at www.vanburen-mi.org; Board members thanked LDFA member, John Delaney, for coordinating the 911 event at Grace Lake Corporate Center; applications for Wayne County Flood Assistance Grants for residential properties located in Wayne County who experienced damage caused by flooding and basement back-ups (not covered by FEMA) during the June 25-26 weather event can be submitted now until September 21, 2021 at bit.ly/waynefloodrelief; read an email from a resident thanking the Township for their landscape improvements to restore the beautiful lake view as you enter the City of Belleville

on Denton Rd.; announced September is National Suicide Prevention Month; and State Representative Ranjeev Puri presented a legislative update, anyone who would like additional information or has any question may contact Representative Puri at 517-373-2575 or email ranjeevpuri@house.mi.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Unfinished and New Business): Representative from Strategies to Overcome Obstacles and Avoid Recidivism (SOOAR) and a member of the community thanked the Board for their consideration of the ordinance change as it pertains to Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals, another comment from a resident indicated that on page B1 of the Plante Moran Cresa Agreement the French Landing Park was not listed. Supervisor McNamara indicated the omission would be corrected and that the agreement was only a draft at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Budd moved; Frazier seconded to approve a Master Service Agreement for Independent Real Estate Advisory Services with Plante Moran Cresa and permit Supervisor McNamara to authorize the Agreement. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Martin. Motion Carried.

Miller moved; Wright seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-07-21(1) an amendment of Sec. 58-297 of Division 5 (Controlled Substances and Toxic Chemicals) of Article VI (Offenses Against Public Morals) of Chapter 58 (Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions) of the General Code of Ordinances. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Martin. Motion Carried.

Wright moved; Frazier seconded to approve the first reading of Ordinance 09-07-21(2) the adoption of Sec. 14-37 of Division 1 (Generally) of Article II (Dogs) of Chapter 14 (Animals) of the General Code of Ordinances. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Martin. Motion Carried.

Boynton moved, Frazier seconded to approve Resolution 2021-20 the 2022 Departmental Fee Schedules. Roll Call Vote. Yeas: McNamara, Budd, Wright, Boynton, Frazier, and Miller. Absent/Excused: Martin. Motion Carried.

REPORTS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: Resident commented that they were hopeful the intersection camera project would begin soon and would like to see cameras added at Michigan Ave and Denton.

BOARD COMMENT NON-AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Boynton moved; Miller seconded to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion Carried.

Leon Wright, Township Clerk
Kevin McNamara, Supervisor
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VBT Board

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director of “Survivors Speak” and director of SOOAR’s program development and outreach, said they are out there week after week and they are more than a harm-reduction program.

“We meet people where they are,” she said.

“It’s a proven system for helping our community,” said Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

These statements were made at the beginning of the meeting under public comments on unfinished and new business.

When the ordinance amendment came up for board discussion, Police Lt. Charles Bazy said this change allows the police to refrain from prosecuting drug paraphernalia.

Supervisor McNamara said SOOAR provides utensils for drugs and if you are in the SOOAR program you won’t get prosecuted. “If not, we prosecute,” he said.

When Trustee Reggie Miller asked if this program was like “Help Without Handcuffs” and Lt. Bazy said that was different and is a volunteer effort in law enforcement.

“Our program differs by the approach,” Bonner said. “Both help.”

“It’s not abstinence-based at first,” she

said, adding they meet the participants where they are. She explained how they come up with a code for each person and have the code on a VBT card that also says SOOAR.

Bonner said often mental health concerns are causing what their clients are doing.

“In Inkster in June when we rolled out, we had 25-30 enrolled, a tremendous amount,” she said, adding they passed out 100 Narcan kits a month and went to trailer parks, motels, and other places.

“We’re working with the state of Michigan on this and each community is different. We can tailor the program to VBT.”

Trustee Miller referred to a proclamation on mental health passed by the board a year or two ago. “If we can save one life or stop the stigma...”

“They are not going to stop until they are ready,” Bonner said, noting SOOAR is looking for people in the community to train as coaches.

Clerk Leon Wright said his wife has a master’s degree from the University of Michigan and worked in mental health until the hospitals were closed. Now she works with a psychiatrist, who has a large load of patients.

“These people need help,” said Supervisor McNamara, noting that police officers are now learning to be mental health counselors. He said there are not enough

mental health offenders for the township to justify hiring someone full-time for this.

“The cops thought this was a good idea,” he said, adding the police have had 160 a year of those having mental health problems. “This is one of the things we can do.”

“We would like to train coaches in the community,” Bonner repeated. “People who you least expect need help.” She told of an elderly woman who overdosed at fellowship hall. She had knee surgery and was in a lot of pain and her pain medication was too strong for her. They had to give her Narcan.

Bonner also serves on the Belleville Downtown Development Authority.

In other business at the one-hour-and-33-minute meeting on Sept. 7, the board:

- Approved a Master Services Agreement with Plante Moran Cresa for independent real estate advisory services. The agreement sets hourly rates for Plante Moran Cresa employees and lists a number of properties owned by the township that will be considered for their best uses and maintenance. Each project will be presented as a Task Order with a formal quote and will be brought back to the board for approval. “This is kind of a big deal for us,” McNamara said. “It will allow us to move forward to become a premier community”;

- Approved the first reading of an ordinance adopting the state law regarding animal cruelty as a township ordinance. Lt. Bazy said this mirrors the state ordinance for animal cruelty as a local ordinance. With the state ordinance police would have to go to the Wayne County Prosecutor for charges and the prosecutors are overwhelmed with work. “Who knows how long that would take?” Township prosecutor Angela Mannarino said this allows them to handle the state statute locally at 34th District Court;

- Approved department fee schedules with the effective date of Jan. 1, 2022. McNamara said the fees are the same as last year, with minor changes to electrical and planning fees. Water and sewer fees will be presented separately;

- Heard Steven Darke’s public comment saying he hopes they are continuing to work on the intersection cameras. He suggested adding the Michigan Avenue / Denton Road intersection to the list. McNamara said they are holding off on some projects to see if they will be getting the grants available for them. He said he believes they’ll get \$300,000 for the cameras and \$500,000 to \$600,000 for dispatch. “There’s a lot of money out there,” agreed Clerk Wright. “I’d say, go for the grants”;

- Heard McNamara announce that he just got word that VBT will get a \$2,972,168 grant through the state of Michigan;
- Heard a report from State Rep. Ranjeev Puri on legislative matters. He also said he is starting his new Student Advisory Group for high school students to educate younger residents on local government. He said they had 70 students in the first cohort;

- Approved the 2021-25 MDOT Performance Resolution for Governmental Agencies, required for operations within state highway rights of way. This will allow the township’s water and sewer department to perform work within MDOT right of way; and

- Removed from the agenda proposed approval of the Mallinckrodt plc bankruptcy plan as it pertains to ongoing opioid litigation because their acceptance is premature since the agreement isn’t quite ready.

Senior Center Gift Shop

The Van Buren Senior Center Hidden Treasures Gift Shop is now open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is in the Senior Center at township hall at 46425 Tyler Rd., Van Buren Township.

The Belleville Area Museum is closed until further notice.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice



VAN BUREN
CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

License Plate Recognition (LPR) & Intersection Surveillance Solutions

The Charter Township of Van Buren will be accepting Requests For Proposals for License Plate Recognition (LPR) & Intersection Surveillance Solutions. Bids must be mailed to 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111. Attention Clerk’s Office with the subject listed as “License Plate Recognition (LPR) & Intersection Surveillance Solutions”. Bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. EST Thursday, October 14, 2021. Bids will be publicly opened at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 14, 2021.

The full RFP document can be found at vanburen-mi.org/rfp

The Charter Township of Van Buren reserves the right to waive any discrepancies or irregularities in the bid. The Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids and is not required to accept the low bid.

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 316 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 5:

0026 – noise complaint, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0250 – shooting, W. Huron River Dr.
0436 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Ponderosa Trl.
0459 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0802 – noise complaint, E. Archwood Dr.
0943 – suspicious person/vehicle, Jeremy
1033 – missing person, Daisy Blvd.
1414 – domestic, Farm Rd.
1457 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1504 – assist other dept., South St.
1737 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1748 – domestic, Jackson St.
1910 – fight, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2010 – noise complaint, Dalton Dr.
2045 – noise complaint, Dalton Dr.
2056 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Edwards
2105 – suspicious person/vehicle, Village Green
2102 – fireworks, Belleville Rd.
2137 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Tyler Rd.
2251 – assist other dept., N. I-275/Ecorse
2318 – misc. complaint, Laguna Dr.

Sunday, Sept. 6:

0039 – disorderly, Victoria St.
0109 – shooting, Belleville Rd.
0323 – property damage accident, Oak Blvd./Lohr
0357 – parking complaint, Michigan Ave.
0509 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Bellridge Dr.
0809 – motorist assist, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0908 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0923 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
0929 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1504 – misc. complaint, Belleville Lake
1507 – suicidal person, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1541 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft Rd.
1542 – suspicious person/vehicle, Denton/Bridge
1609 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rogers Ave.
1618 – assist fire dept., North Shore Dr.
1651 – private property impound, Denton Rd.
1842 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1925 – animal complaint, Pond Bluff Dr.

Monday, Sept. 7:

0548 – leaving the scene of property damage accident, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0644 – larceny from auto, Juniper Dr.
0723 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0925 – animal complaint, Van Born
0929 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
0940 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr./Belleville Rd.
0942 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1045 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1130 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1255 – 911 welfare check, McBride
1314 – parking complaint, Andover Farms
1321 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
1409 – larceny from auto, Village Green Ln.
1424 – misc. complaint, Sadie Ln.
1518 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Victoria
1557 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1617 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1656 – fight, Belleville Rd.
1657 – larceny from auto, W. Cherry
1741 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
2004 – property damage accident, Ecorse I-275 ramp N./N. I-275 Ecorse ramp
2020 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
2030 – assist citizen, E. I-94/Belleville Rd.
2057 – threat, Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 8:

0647 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Basswood Cir.
0829 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
0928 – malicious destruction of property, Birch Dr.
1013 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
1020 – fraud, Ecorse Rd.
1040 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service
1054 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1211 – abandoned auto, Belleville/N. I-94 Service
1215 – domestic, Denton Rd.
1249 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.

1256 – private property impound, Beckley Rd.
1432 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
1455 – larceny from auto, Denton Rd.
1506 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Grove Rd.
1530 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1616 – property damage accident, Elwell Rd.
1615 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
1617 – domestic, Ormond Dr.
1631 – juvenile complaint, Locust Dr.
1652 – traffic offense, Edwards Rd./Ecorse Rd.
1653 – 911 welfare check, E. Huron River Dr.
1727 – larceny from auto, Nautica Dr.
1738 – property damage accident, Savage Rd. / Martinsville Rd.
1804 – road hazard, Michigan Ave./Denton Rd.
1834 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Archwood Dr
1929 – road hazard, S. I-94 Service Dr./Denton Rd.
2144 – juvenile complaint, Brookside Dr.
2214 – 911 welfare check, Colony Ln.
2323 – trespassing, Independence Ln.
2331 – 911 welfare check, Oak Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 9:

0139 – threat, Van Born Rd.
0227 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
0601 – threat, Van Born Rd.
0630 – unauthorized driving away of auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0912 – assist other dept., W. I-94/Belleville Rd.
0928 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd./W. I-94 Belleville ramp
1030 – animal complaint, McKinley St.
1104 – animal complaint, Rogers Ave.
1128 – harassment call, Tyler Rd.
1238 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1257 – fraud, Robson Rd.
1315 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1450 – assist other dept., S. I-275/Van Born
1454 – property damage accident, Southport Apts.
1525 – assist other dept., Rawsonville Rd./Grove
1541 – property damage accident, Independence Ln./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1624 – found property/child, Beacon Trl. / W. Huron River Dr.
1631 – suicidal person, Parkside Dr.
1636 – traffic offense, Ruthan Dr.
1832 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1835 – shooting, Bog Rd.
2206 – suspicious person/vehicle, Alden Ave.
2242 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.

Friday, Sept. 10:

0430 – road hazard, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
0520 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
0610 – suspicious person/vehicle, Van Buren St.
0900 – assist other dept., Denton Rd.
0929 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1017 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd. / E. Huron River Dr.
1040 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
1205 – abandoned auto, Van Born
1258 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1316 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hardwood Dr. / Ironwood Dr.
1432 – assist other dept., Park Estates Dr.
1527 – suspicious person/vehicle, Berkdale Dr.
1708 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1731 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1731 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
1748 – personal injury accident, Bemis Rd./Elwell
1812 – animal complaint, Ironwood Dr.

1846 – traffic offense, W. Huron River Dr. / Rawsonville Rd.
2203 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
2204 – personal injury accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.
2210 – harassment call, Denton Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 11:

0036 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville
0047 – domestic, Haggerty Rd.
0108 – 911 welfare check, Bellridge Apartments
0231 – noise complaint, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0240 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
0302 – assist other dept., McKinley St.
0545 – larceny from auto, W. Archwood Dr.
0556 – harassment call, McKinley St.
0600 – larceny from auto, Morton Taylor Rd.
0806 – assist other dept., Mott Rd.
0949 – larceny from auto, S. Bellridge Dr.
1007 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.

1059 – larceny, Van Buren St.
1134 – suspicious person/vehicle, Outer Dr.
1141 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1228 – misc. complaint, Monterey Dr.
1238 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Ponderosa Trl.
1320 – animal complaint, Elwell Rd.
1722 – assist other dept., Loza Ln.
1742 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1904 – domestic, Lighthouse Dr.
1909 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2215 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
2225 – domestic, Denton Rd./S. I-94 Service Dr.
2245 – missing person, Vernon St.
2252 – noise complaint, Bemis Rd.

Also on this week's log are 70 traffic stop, 25 of those being on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 5:

0012 – traffic stop, Savage Rd./Victorian Ln.
0243 – noise complaint, N. Liberty St.
0400 – disorderly, Loza Ln.
1202 – breaking & entering, Loza Ln.
1249 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1459 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
1943 – vehicle lockout, W. Columbia Ave.
2011 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
2318 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
2344 – suspicious person/vehicle, Roys/High

Monday, Sept. 6:

1002 – found property/child, Main St.
1249 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1358 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1410 – traffic offense, Main St./Third St.
1739 – follow up by officer, Belle Villa Blvd.
1819 – traffic stop, Loza Ln./E. Huron River Dr.
2022 – traffic stop, Main St./Second St.
2031 – assist fire dept., Potter Dr.
2105 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.
2141 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 7:

0011 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
0857 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
1053 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1145 – traffic stop, South St./Industrial Park Dr.
1311 – found property/child, High St.
1444 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
1522 – juvenile complaint, Church St.
1601 – civil matter, Main St.

Wednesday, Sept. 8:

0513 – welfare check, E. Thornhill Ct.
0724 – warrant arrest, Main St.
1805 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
2126 – animal complaint, Santa Clara St.
2225 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./E. Huron River

Thursday, Sept. 9:

0259 – domestic, W. Columbia Ave.
0433 – found property/child, Main St.
0956 – intrusion alarm, Breakwater Dr.
2038 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
2043 – domestic, Loza Ln.
2213 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
2341 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Park

Friday, Sept. 10:

0034 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Liberty St.
0646 – traffic stop, Main St./N. Liberty St.
0925 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
1038 – abandoned auto, Main St.
1102 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave.
1125 – civil matter, W. Columbia Ave.
1422 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. Biggs Ave.
1440 – traffic stop, Denton/Hillside Cemetery
1501 – found property/child, S. Liberty St.
2036 – traffic stop, Main St.
2043 – traffic stop, Main St./Fourth St.
2048 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2100 – traffic stop, Main St./Fifth St.
2121 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
2142 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Loza Ln.

Saturday, Sept. 11:

0125 – traffic offense, Sumpter Rd.
0515 – traffic stop, Main St./Third St.
0912 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1202 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1226 – civil matter, Loza Ln.
1845 – welfare check, Main St.
2126 – follow up by officer, Main St.

2129 – breaking & entering, Potter Dr.
2257 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Clarence
2322 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Biggs Ave.
There were 28 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 5:

0011 – citizen assist, 8700, out of township
0045 – suspicious vehicle, Willis Rd./Sherwood
0544 – traffic complaint/hazard, 20000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1126 – traffic complaint/hazard, Rustic Ln.
1159 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1337 – 911 hang up, 49000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1958 – 911 hang up, 39000 bl. Willis Rd.
2059 – fire dept. assist, Creekside Dr.
2201 – noise complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2305 – noise complaint, Rustic Ln.

Monday, Sept. 6:

0153 – family trouble, Rustic Ln.
0356 – assist other agency, 44000 bl. Willis Rd.
0757 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
0842 – 911 hang up, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
1000 – family trouble, 26000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1031 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1306 – traffic complaint/hazard, Arkona Rd./Clark
1526 – suspicious person, Brookview Dr.
1925 – mental health call, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.

Tuesday, Sept. 7:

0028 – fire dept. assist, Second St.
0228 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Bemis
0824 – fire dept. assist, 18000 bl. Savage Rd.
0942 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1042 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1047 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1448 – mental health call, Brookview Dr.
1658 – property damage accident, Carleton West Rd. / Willow Rd.

1909 – suspicious circumstances, 17000 bl. Lohr
2104 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
2104 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.

Wednesday, Sept. 8:

0219 – suspicious vehicle, 24000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0238 – suspicious circumstances, Rustic Ln.
0645 – property damage accident, Bemis/Savage
0837 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Dr.
1225 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Martinsville
1443 – neighbor dispute, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1756 – civil matter, Texas St.
1911 – fire dept. assist, Elwell Rd./Willis Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 9:

0240 – citizen assist, Third St.
0253 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0825 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1004 – fire dept. assist, 19000 bl. Martinsville
1143 – citizen assist, out of township
1300 – larceny, 48000 bl. Harris Rd.
1408 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1626 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Judd Rd.
1642 – citizen assist, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1713 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1954 – family trouble, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2306 – suspicious circumstances, Redwood St.
2335 – suspicious person, Greenmeadow Dr.

Friday, Sept. 10:

0204 – warrant arrest, Rawsonville Rd./Judd Rd.
0740 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
0829 – 911 hang up, 51000 bl. Wear Rd.
0858 – 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
0944 – found property, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1259 – property damage accident, Sherwood Rd. / Arkona Rd.

1457 – property damage accident, Elwell/Willis
1550 – suspicious circumstances, Carriage Ln.
1619 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1748 – assist other agency, Bemis Rd./Elwell Rd.
1908 – suspicious circumstances, 18000 bl. Elwell
1943 – citizen assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 11:

0900 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1035 – alarm, 21000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1051 – suspicious circumstances, 42000 bl. Judd Rd.
1306 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1430 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Sully Dr.
1434 – animal complaint, Elwell/Executive
1639 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
2002 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Martinsville Rd.

Also on this week's log are 49 patrol checks, 46 traffic stops, and eight misc. details.

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- Decided to wait until the next meeting to hire the suitable candidate for the senior driver position, since Clerk Esther Hurst said the board members haven't seen the person's application yet;
- Heard Clerk Hurst announce that there is a Vendor and Buyers' Market set for Sept. 18 and tables are \$10 each. Forgotten Harvest is set for the second and fourth Mondays of the month; there is a cabinet in front of the senior center with free books, puzzles, and books to share; the senior center has a lending center for walkers and other health items; and the Community Center is a cooling center Monday through

Friday during the week and at any other times by calling dispatch at (734) 461-6898;

- Heard Treasurer Vincent Warren announce he had no treasurer's report because there was "nothing new to report" and that his office is fully staffed and serving the residents;

- Heard attorney Young report that Ron Traskos is leaving after almost 60 years of financial auditing service to Sumpter because the firm's business model is changing. Young said Traskos recommended that Cari Ford from his office, who has been doing accounting services for the township for a long time, continue as independent contractor at a cost of \$95 per hour part time at the pleasure of the board. Ford currently gets \$160 per hour. Young said he recommends the board approve this and, although he hadn't placed it on the agenda for board action, he will consider it approved if the board approves his attorney's report, which it did. When Trustee Morgan asked if they couldn't give Traskos a plaque for his service to the township, Young said he personally would like to look into something "really cool" for Traskos, like a clock, and he said he could spend some of his own money;

- Heard Trustee Matthew Oddy, who was chairing the meeting, give announcements for the absent supervisor, thanking the DPW team which put in 72 hours of overtime between Aug. 7 and 15 to help handle the major storm. He said they pumped out 45 sewage-grinder pumps because there was

no electricity and handled 100 calls. He said first responders were also out 24 hours a day and he praised their work. He also said 73 households were serviced on Aug. 23 by Forgotten Harvest and the next free food will be passed out from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 13;

- Heard Trustee LaPorte say there is a new 50" monitor in the fire station, arranged for by Public Safety Director Luke and Fire Chief Rick Brown. He said

it's an interactive map that shows where calls are. He said the same screen is on the fire fighters' phones. LaPorte reported after the storm they had a resident trapped in his car with a live wire over the car and he had to be rescued; and

- Heard Oddy announce Supervisor Bowman's appointment of members of the new Newsletter Committee. They are Treasurer Warren, Administrator Cole, and Trustees Oddy and Rush.

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Belleville City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson and Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte led the recent Belleville Bridge Walk activities. Chief Robinson spoke of the work done to update the Doane's Landing Park after replacing the seawall. Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte gave an inspirational talk on unity. One of the members of the bridgewalking group was Congresswoman Debbie Dingell.

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