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Butcher shop, market, 2 bars to be part of Lakeview Center

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

A butcher shop, small grocery store, and two bar/restaurants are among the businesses that are slated to open in the new Lakeview Center being constructed in the 500 block of Main Street next to the Belleville Bridge.

Belleville Main LLC announced on Monday that there are a lot of contracts out that haven't been signed yet, but the following businesses are signed and ready to go.

- The first to open, around Dec. 1, will be Ivy Rehabilitation of White Plains, NY, that has clinics around the country that that focus on post-medical rehabilitation. It will be in the part of the building facing Main that is closest to Hayward's.

- A butcher shop will be at the opposite end of that building facing Main and will offer meats and dry goods. The name is not ready to be announced.

- A cigar shop/smoke shop will be in a small, 1,000 square-foot unit.

- Lakeview Market, a small grocer that offers prepared meals, will also be on the Main Street side of the development. The meals are prepared by a commissary, Firebird Foods, already operating on South Street and providing meals for some schools. The market will carry produce and offer home delivery.

- The Belleville Bait Shop Bar and Grill will have a fishing theme.

- Another bar/restaurant is The Rustic Crow, which has a distillery on Telegraph Road in Dearborn Heights and a bar/restaurant near Comerica Park in Detroit.

A lot of other businesses are showing interest and will be announced as they sign contracts, according to Belleville Main LLC.

The third building, on the site of the former Lakeview Tavern, will start construction in the spring. It currently is being designed.

Moose Lodge gets up to date on land contract, now building for sale

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After an Aug. 18 judgment by consent was entered at 34th District Court, the Belleville Lodge No. 934 Loyal Order of the Moose got current with its land contract with Sumpter Township. Now it is able to sell its building and 4.2 acres of property at 45476 Harris Rd., at the corner of Sumpter Road.

District Court Judge Lisa Martin signed the judgment and Moose International paid the \$11,813.89 owed to the township. Now it is free to sell the property.

Robert Coutts, attorney for the Belleville Moose, said once it is sold, the Moose will pay the \$120,000 owed to Sumpter

Township on the land contract and Sumpter Township will be made whole.

He said when Moose entered into the land contract in 2014, it put a substantial amount down on the property.

Coutts said the Moose ran out of money and after the COVID shutdown couldn't start back up again. He said some people said on social media that they didn't really try, but they did.

"Sumpter Township really has been really gracious ... and really tried to work with us," Coutts said, referring to the last two administrations.

Sumpter attorney Rob Young reminded the board at its Sept. 14 meeting that the

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After they grew crops in gardens behind their daycare, the children harvested the vegetables and brought them to the food closet in Belleville to share with those in need. In back are Belleville Food Closet Director Marilyn Wood, at left, and Becky Thornell of Becky & Jessica's Place Daycare in Van Buren Township.

Becky & Jessica's Place children grow crops to share with the needy

Becky & Jessica's Place Daycare in Van Buren Township has been growing a garden with the children at the daycare for the past ten years.

The children have learned more from this experience than we could have ever imagined. They have learned to recognize longer words that we never taught in our reading program, such as the words *tomatoes*, *strawberry*, *squash*, etc.

They tasted vegetables that we thought they would never even try, just because they were the vegetables that THEY grew. They learned the differences between a weed and a plant. They got very excited when after watering plants for many weeks that vegetables not only grew, but at times changed colors as they grew.

This year we decided to seek another

objective with the children. We decided to teach them the words *community*, *responsibility*, and *donations*. They learned that even though they are young, they could still have the responsibility of donating their vegetables to the part of the community who were less fortunate than themselves.

Having said this, we then took our vegetables to the Belleville First United Methodist Church in Belleville and donated the food to those who come to get much-needed food to feed their families. The children were all very proud of their great act of kindness. It was a very memorable experience for all.

Becky Thornell
 Van Buren Township



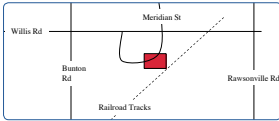
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

Belleville City Council votes to have ordinance written for golf carts

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

Within the next few months the City of Belleville could be welcoming golf carts on city streets.

At Monday's meeting of the city council, deputy administrator Tim McLean gave a report on golf carts and there was a long discussion before the council voted unanimously to approve McLean putting together an ordinance on golf cart use.

The ordinance would be for one year as a pilot program and then there would be a review of how things went.

Present at Monday's meeting was Jeremiah Beebe of Church Street who brought the request to create a Golf-Cart-Friendly Community to the council in June. He had provided a detailed report on the state law on golf carts and the use of golf carts in other communities in the state, including sample ordinances from other towns.

The city had run the proposal by its attorney and then McLean prepared his report. McLean had worked in the City of Gibraltar where they have golf carts on the streets so he was familiar with the process.

City Manager/Police Chief Dave Robinson said they will have to check the carts to make sure there is insurance and they are safe. He said there will be escalating penalties from civil infractions to misdemeanors for not following the rules. He said the operator must have a driver's license.

The golf carts will not be used on Main Street, because it is too busy, Chief Robinson said. They also cannot go on county roads, which includes Huron River Drive, Columbia, and Savage roads, or over the bridge, which is county-owned.

There was discussion on maps being given out and put online and possible apps for phones showing where carts are allowed and where they are not.

Victor DeLiberia of Van Buren Township asked by zoom if VBT gets golf cart regulation, too, could the city and the township work together?

Chief Robinson said they are totally different governments. He said Belleville wants to market the city as a lake-living community and it would be up to VBT residents to bring golf carts to the township board. He said golf carts cannot drive on Main Street or the bridge.

Fielder said all entrances to the city are on county roads.

In other business at the one-hour-and-20-minute meeting on Monday, the council:

- Approved plans for Winterfest, Dec. 2-5, sponsored by Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. Pop-Up Shops in heated tent on Thursday; kids' events on Fourth Street Place and Christmas event co-hosted

by Bayou/Egan's on Fourth Street square tent on Friday; parade, fireworks, Santa in tent, and band on Saturday; and pancake breakfast with Santa in tent, Christmas crafters market on Main and kids' activities including an ice rink on Sunday. Any details will be worked out with the city administration. Chief Robinson said he doesn't like the visual of people with alcoholic drinks when the kids are sitting on Santa's lap in the tent on Saturday. Kole said they would look into getting Santa in the library instead;

- Approved dates for LakeFest as June 24-26. This is the same weekend as Van Buren Township's fireworks, Kole said. Fire Chief Brian Loranger said he would like them to make sure the vendors are lined up on Main Street next year so there is space for his fire truck to get by;

- Approved the fire department's collective bargaining agreement as presented. Chief Robinson said the financial implications were built into this year's budget;

- Approved accounts payable of \$167,882.95 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to Garrett Kissell, \$1,500 for reimbursement for EMT classes from fire budget; to Osborne Concrete, \$917 for road repairs on Victorian Lane after underground repairs, from DPW budget; to R&R Fire Truck Repair, \$4,807 for preventative maintenance and DOT inspections on three fire apparatus, from fire budget; and to West Shore Fire, \$835 for functional test for air packs, from fire budget;

- Heard an attorney representing Fair Housing of Metropolitan Detroit introduce herself, saying the organization represents people who are discriminated against and it trains on issues of fair housing in Macomb, Oakland, and Wayne counties. She left information for the public;

- Heard Councilman Ken Voigt ask about Harbour Pointe street conditions and what the city is going to do about them. DPW Director Rick Rutherford said in 2015 they looked at repair and in 2017 residents opposed paying for it. They are looking at having Hennessey engineers do an update on what needs to be done. Councilman Voigt said they have been talking about this for six months. Mayor Conley said those streets are the worst in the city. She said Hennessey would have to give the city costs and costs of engineering and the city will have to pay for the engineering. "Our decision is how much we can put in for a shovel-ready project" for federal funds, she said. Chief Robinson said the infrastructure money the city is getting is \$407,000 and that is for Covid relief, which means water, for sure, and roads. Conley said once the infrastructure bill is passed federally the city will know how

much money is available;

- Heard Mike Renaud ask about repairs to the last little bit of Main Street roadway near the bridge. Councilman Ken Voigt said when the blue bridge was replaced County Executive Ed McNamara gave Main Street to the city and the city's responsibility for the roadway might end at the bridge;

- Heard Councilman Tom Fielder remind the public that they need a charter revision commission to correct the flaws in the present charter. Those interested should give their names to the city manager. Councilman Voigt said the charter is 39 to 42 years old and he advised everyone to think of it as "a 40-year-old car that needs an oil change";

- Heard Councilman Voigt say he's really pleased at what the goats did in clearing the shore at Horizon Park. He said Randy Brown didn't make a lot of money on the project and Brown just wanted to improve the community. "It's wonderful to be able to see the lake from all along the park," he said, adding the city should also open the canopy along W. Huron River Drive and High Street, the pump house on N. Liberty Street, the east side of the bridge, and the Welcome to Belleville sign. He said if the city keeps the trimming up, it won't be expensive and they will maximize the city's greatest asset, the lake. He also said the folks at Johnny's on the Lake thanked the city for getting the goats. They reported their business was up 25% when the goats were there;

- Heard Rutherford explain that there is a sharp grade along High and W. Huron River Drive and part of erosion control is those plants. He said you can cut off the tops, but if they deal with the roots, they are liable to have High Street in the lake. "Give some thought to that," he said;

- Heard Therese Antonelli ask about a left turn lane at the light next to the bridge. Chief Robinson said he has been asked about such a light about 3,000 times. Councilwoman Kelly Bates said she's been asking for that for seven years. Fielder said the county's traffic study showed there was not enough backup for the time required. Antonelli said that after the development is done that may change. Chief Robinson said he will call the county with a list of things for safety and if he asks for five things and he gets three or four that will be good;

- Heard Alvis Brigris of the *Belleville Beat* announce a 7 p.m. Sept. 30 meeting at the library, which will discuss anything related to the future of mobility and autonomous cars. He said the meetings of the Belleville Future Club, which are expected to be monthly, will be a way to network the nerds in town. After the meeting there will be cocktails at Egan's, including "Edison's Elixir"; and

- Heard Renaud ask if there was any issue when the city council met in the hybrid mode with some at home and didn't have a quorum in person. Mayor Conley said she believes they complied with the law, but "It's not the way we like to do business." Fielder said permission for virtual meetings are until the end of the year, but you must be present for your vote to count until the first of January, if there are not other state rules by then. This was the council's third hybrid meeting and everyone was present in person except Councilwoman Bates.

Egypt Covington murder case inching forward at FMHJ

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

The accused perpetrators in the shooting death of Egypt Covington have been in the Wayne County Jail since their arrests last fall and the case against them is moving forward slowly at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice.

The final conference in the case has been reset four times and now is scheduled to be held Oct. 6 before Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Wanda A. Evans.

Being held are Timothy Eugene Moore, 35, of Toledo; Shandon R. Groom, 28, of Toledo; and Shane Lamar Evans, 32, of Sumpter Township. Moore and Evans are brothers and Groom is Moore's cousin.

Moore and Groom are charged with first-degree murder, felony murder, home invasion first-degree, and three charges of felony firearm in the June 22, 2017 shooting death of Jacqueline Elizabeth "Egypt" Covington, 27, in the Van Buren Township duplex where she lived on Hull Road.

Moore is also charged with another felony firearm charge and possession of a firearm by a felon.

Evans is charged with felony murder and home invasion first-degree.

All would face life in prison if convicted of the charges.

34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green held the preliminary exam over three days last March and bound the three over to circuit court to face trial.

The murder had been investigated by Van Buren Township police until the summer of 2020, when it was turned over to the Michigan State Police and they began making arrests.

Egypt was a 2007 graduate of Belleville High School and a popular local singer. She was employed as an account manager for beer and wine distributor Rave and had worked at Johnny's and Bayou Grill in Belleville.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial This is the way government should operate

At Monday’s regular meeting of the Belleville City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Jesse Marcotte said he was pleased with the action by the city that followed through on a resident’s request for golf carts on Belleville streets.

The council voted unanimously to have an ordinance written in order to try the golf cart idea for a year. Then it would be reviewed to see how the whole thing worked out.

Marcotte said that is the way government should work, with elected officials seriously listening to the ideas of the residents and then investigating and following through on the suggestions.

Jeremiah Beebe of Church Street sat in the front row at the meeting as the council discussed the idea he brought to them last June. He didn’t need to encourage them because they were already interested in the proposal. He brought some supporters, just in case he needed them. He didn’t.

Beebe submitted a detailed proposal in June with some sample ordinances from other communities with golf carts and even a copy of the state law regarding golf carts on the streets. He was extremely thorough and that helped a lot.

“Mr. Beebe had an idea and there was a lot of work behind that proposal,” Marcotte said. “It’s a model for communities. Governments are here to make the communities what their residents want to see.” Nicely said.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Bob Lambeck, a 1960 graduate of Belleville High School, called me last week to chat. He said he left Belleville in 1962, mainly, he said, because Robson Road was a dirt road. He said he loved cars and didn’t like the dirt road. He said he grew up at 43948 Robson Rd. in Van Buren Township. He said he came back recently and had to laugh because he saw that Robson Road was still dirt.

He said he had a drag-racing career and met Connie Kalitta, who also was from Van Buren Township. He said he found Kalitta also had lived on Robson Road.

A person told me that they were cutting down all the trees at the Belleville Area Museum. I emailed Elizabeth Renaud, Van Buren Township director of community services, who is responsible for overseeing the departments of parks and recreation, senior center, and museum.

Director Renaud said the landscaping plans for the museum were not quite finalized, but presently plans call for the tree on the northwest corner of the museum (corner of Main and Roys) to be removed. The one on the other corner will remain but be trimmed up. The evergreen will be removed.

She said earlier this summer, the Belleville DDA was contacted and a discussion was held about removing the tree.

That’s the tree that is lighted by Santa after he arrives on the fire engine at the end of the winter parade and is welcomed by the mayor with the key to the city. Mike Kole said they can get a tree for the lighting.

The late Rosemary Loria’s 92-year-old

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



mother, Pat Korgal, called on Monday to say that the Dec. 4 winter parade is said to start at 5:15 p.m. at the high school, which means W. Columbia Ave. will be closed.

Her question is, “How are we going to go to the church for the regular 6 p.m. mass at St. Anthony Catholic Church?” She said she is a steady attender of the mass at that time on Saturday night and doesn’t want to miss it. This year they are starting the parade early, she said.

She said since the Chamber of Commerce doesn’t have an office, she thought she’d call me. I emailed Mike Kole of the Chamber and he’s looking into it. He said they have decided to start the parade and the fireworks earlier this year.

There is a proposal to change the time of the mass, but that would be up to Father John Kiselica. Police Chief Robinson said the closure of W. Columbia is rolling as the parade goes by and his officers can escort church-goers to St. Anthony.

A reader called to tell me she had to wait three hours to get a quick COVID test at Van Buren Urgent Care on Sept. 11. She said it was her 86th birthday and she was taken out to Applebee’s to celebrate. But she felt sick and her mate took her to urgent care for the test, since she knew she had been exposed.

She said she was charged for the test and then later when she called her insurance company and the insurance company called

the clinic they said they would refund it to her account.

After she waited so long, she said they could call her with the results and she went home. They did call her to say she was negative. The whole thing was very upsetting to her, so she called us.

A Judd Road resident in Sumpter Township called to tell us about an accident that happened in front of their house at about 8:30 p.m., Sept. 12. She said they called police and told them two men were in the street threatening to kill each other. She said dispatch said they already heard about it and, “We know.”

Our caller speculated that there was some kind of road rage after someone was maybe forced off the road. Anyway, one vehicle was in the ditch and after all the yelling a truck took off. A road sign had been knocked down. The driver of the vehicle in the ditch called somebody and that vehicle was dragged out of the ditch and went away.

She said the police showed up around 11 p.m. after they had gone to bed. Police directed a light in the ditch, “Maybe to see if a body was there,” she said, adding they just started laughing in bed because everyone was gone when the police came.





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Letters

Leadership needs to change in Sumpter Twp.

To the editor:

Leadership in Sumpter Township, Michigan, government needs change immediately. Those that we chose to safeguard and protect our community in respect to their fiduciary (Trust) duties and responsibilities have failed miserably.

Especially with the latest alleged one hundred and twenty five percent pay raise in compensation for the current seven-member board of trustees. While the hourly employees that work eight hours or more a day and do all the Township work get nothing.

This includes our brave men and women in law enforcement and the fire department that risk their lives daily to keep us safe.

This alleged 125% raise in compensation for the present seven board members that work only four hours per month, two hours every two weeks, at the township municipal building is outrageous.

On top of that, according to multiple sources, the man we elected supervisor only comes to work whenever he pleases, usually on pay day. He rarely returns phone calls. If he does not want to work and represent the taxpayers, he should not have run for office. At best, he should resign.

His assistant who is non-elected and who makes over \$90,000 a year is allegedly running the township along with the township attorney.

In speaking with the Honorable Attorney General in Muskegon last Friday if the township is using or co-mingling stimulus federal dollars for these raises it's illegal.

Along with the corona virus pandemic, we allegedly have a pandemic of greed with taxpayer money in our township. Some will say it's government money. Don't be fooled, it's our tax dollars that fuel the government. My friends, this greed will only get worse if we don't change who we elect to represent us.

We must RECALL all seven current board members immediately for alleged fiduciary malfeasance. We just recently rid ourselves of one huge township burden that terrible (opt-out insurance scheme) that had cost us taxpayers millions of dollars over several years. Now the township has stopped all in-house meetings until further notice. Why? The answer is simple. They don't want us taxpayers questioning these seven board members on how they are spending our hard-earned tax dollars. Our collective voices must be heard to stop this abuse.

Where is this 125% compensation scheme coming from? Is it coming from the federal government that recently sent out almost a million dollars to Sumpter Township? Will they mix it with the general fund? The taxpayers of this township want to know.

Those that love this township must rise up to another challenge. We must alert Michigan State Attorney General's Office Director Dana Nessel, Wayne County

Prosecutor Kim Worthy's office, Michigan State Police, FBI of this matter, and other questionable practices here in Sumpter Township.

If you see or know of something wrong in our township, say something. Follow the money to see who is abusing our system of government. No one is above the law.

Elected Sumpter Township Precinct Delegate, The Honorable Ronald Barrington Robinson

Democrats resume in-person meetings

Greetings, Democrats and like-minded Progressives:

The Southwestern Wayne [County] Democratic Club is happy to announce we are resuming in-person monthly membership meetings, beginning Thursday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Wayne County Fairgrounds, 10871 Quirk Rd., Belleville, MI 48111.

Please stop in, meet some of your neighbors, enjoy the fellowship, and hear the latest up-dates on current events and pending legislation from local, county, state, and federal elected representatives. You never know who will show up!

Masks are required of those un-vaccinated and encouraged for the vaccinated. Social distancing will be followed. Come enjoy the conversation, fun, and fellowship. All are welcome and refreshments will be served. Hope you will join us.

Debbie Chamberlain
Correspondence Secretary
Southwestern Wayne [County]
Democratic Club

What's the hurry to take off our masks?

To the editor:

I read the Sept. 9 front page article ('Protest held against mandatory school maskings') with great interest. Just last night, Channel 7 reported that more than 6,000 new cases of the variant are being reported daily, with school children making up a large portion of those significantly affected.

Assuming Channel 7 is correct in their reports, it would seem that we're in no way past this deadly pandemic, nor will we be at anytime in the near future.

The question begs: what's our hurry?

William G. Wilson, Jr.
Sumpter Township

Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, Sept. 27 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., at BHS Commons
- 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., hybrid meeting, city hall

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District library presented with tribute signed by Rep. Puri

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

At the Sept. 14 meeting of the Belleville Area District Library, Library Director Mary Jo Suchy held up a framed, special tribute prepared and signed by State Rep. Ranjeev Puri, who recently met with constituents in the library.

She said it was a complete surprise and so touching because he researched the library history to put it together. She said she may hang it in the library board meeting room.

In other business at the one-hour-and-23-minute meeting on Sept. 14, the board:

- Unanimously approved three resolutions authorizing millages for the December 2021 tax bill: Levy 1 is operation tax of 6.864/10 of a mill; Levy 2 is operational tax of 7.354/10 of a mill; and Levy 3 of 6.2/10 of a mill to make bond payments;

- Was advised a marketing committee meeting has been set for 3 p.m., Sept. 29, and the public is welcome to attend;

- Head a building committee report that said American Interiors has been selected out of three bids at a cost of \$15,973 to put shades on the windows of the Cozzad Room and offices; the air quality project has been delayed and they hope it will start on Sept. 20; they are looking at sealing the bollard in front of the building; enclosed shelving for artifacts has been installed and in October the League of Women Voters will install an exhibit there; the extra tract lighting that hasn't been used will be put in the children's room; they are waiting for a new part to repair the dishwasher, which broke down for a second time; discussed weeds in the grass and along Charles Street; the Hennessey Engineering refund of \$25,000 has not yet been received; and the purchase order has been signed for the special signs for inside the building;

- Learned the Belleville Bass artworks

are being painted by artists and the BYC paid for their purchase;

- Heard Director Suchy say, "It is gratifying to me to see the library used as a library. We're being very well-packed because there is a storytime tonight. The parking lot is packed tonight because the Rotary Club is meeting here and the Kiwanis Club will be meeting here also." She said the Western Wayne County Quilt

Guild will be meeting on Saturdays and a program on self-driving cars will be the topic of the newly forming Belleville Future Club at its 7 p.m., Sept. 30 meeting;

- Also heard Suchy state, "Although we are done with COVID, COVID is not done with us. In August, I had a staff member who needed to quarantine because of a family member and, in spite of being vaccinated, also came down with a mild

case of COVID. This past week I have had three employees who were informed of possible COVID exposures at other locations (other jobs, school). Staff is about 95% vaccinated";

- Welcomed part-time shelving student assistants Cecelia Powers and Kennedy Plummer to the library, as well as part-time circulation clerks Nikki Pickeral, Amy

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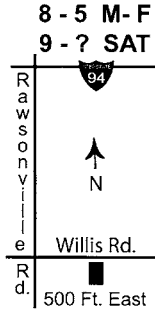
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Obituaries



Barbara Anne Villeneuve

BARBARA ANNE VILLENEUVE

(April 24, 1935 – September 18, 2021)

Barbara Anne Villeneuve passed away Saturday, September 18, 2021 at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia, MI. Barb was born on April 24, 1935 in Detroit, MI, the youngest of two daughters to Francis and Rita (Cote) Halford.

Barb graduated from Detroit Mercy High School in 1952. She worked at National Car Rental for many years and developed a lasting friendship with her good friends Sigrid and Lynn. On May 6, 1956 Barbara married George Villeneuve in Detroit, MI. Together, they had five children that became the joy of her life. Barb loved nothing more than spending time with her cherished family, looking forward to baking Christmas cookies with the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and gifting the homemade presents that she made. She loved sewing, often gifting family and friends with beautiful handmade quilts and decorations. She also enjoyed traveling throughout the U.S. and Europe with her good friend Jane.

Barb is survived by her beloved children, Chris Villeneuve, Mark Villeneuve, Tom (Gaynor) Villeneuve, Julie Villeneuve, and Patrick (Michelle) Villeneuve; her adoring grandchildren, Jonathan (Lauren) Villeneuve, Stephanie (Ian) Skacan, Katherine Villeneuve, Christina Villeneuve, Alexandria Villeneuve, Shannon Mansur, and Frank Doyle; her treasured great-grandchildren, Matthew Villeneuve, Radek Skacan, Mary (Jeff) Scrogum, Tyler Ratcliff, Joseph Doyle, Allyson Ratcliff, and Justin Doyle; and her affectionate great-great-granddaughter Ivy Scrogum. Barb is survived by her older sister, Elizabeth Schauer. She is preceded in death by her parents and brother-in-law, John Schauer.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 23, from 3-8 p.m. at David C. Brown Funeral Home at 460 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. Final visitation will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, September 24, 2021 with services at 11 a.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia Ave, Belleville, Michigan. A Celebration of Life will follow at 17922 Sumpter, Belleville. The family suggests memorial contributions to one of the following: St. Joseph Indian School, P.O. Box 326, Chamberlain, SD 57326; or Salesian Missions, 2 Lefevre Ln, New Rochelle, NY 10801 in lieu of flowers.

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THOMAS DELBERT ROSE

Thomas Delbert Rose, 86, of Empire, and former resident of Belleville, passed away on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of His Life will be celebrated in the upcoming days. Bennett-Barz Funeral Home in Beulah is in charge of arrangements.

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Lee Matthew Bradford

LEE MATTHEW BRADFORD

(December 13, 1973 – September 13, 2021)

Lee Matthew Bradford, age 47, lifelong Belleville area resident, passed away Monday, September 13, 2021, at Beaumont Hospital, Wayne, MI. He was born December 13, 1973, in Garden City, MI, son of Daniel & Martha (Mack) Bradford. He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1993. He was a very loyal and dedicated driver/mover and took great pride in his work ethic. He was a member of Spiritual Israel Church in Sumpter Township, MI. He enjoyed sports and loved to watch football and basketball. He liked watching movies, casino trips and traveling with his wife. Most of all, he was a true family man. He cherished time spent with his children and grandchildren.

Mr. Bradford is survived by his wife Anne Marie (Villemure) Bradford, three children: Lache Bradford of Romulus, MI, Paiton Bradford of Ypsilanti, MI, and Darien Bradford of Adrian, MI; 8 grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; brother Daniel (Andrea) Bradford of Flat Rock, MI; sister Turusha (Stacy Gordon) Bradford of Belleville, MI; also a host of extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel & Martha Bradford.

A private family service will be held. Arrangements were by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville, MI (734) 697-4500.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to his family, the church, or any charity of your choice.

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HEATHER ANN KINDSHOVEN

December 10, 1974 – August 22, 2021

Age 46, Belleville. Survived by mother and stepfather Ronette and Willie Thomas, three daughters, five grandchildren, a sister, nieces, nephews. Friendly, beautiful daughter, mother, sister, aunt. Celebration of life being planned.

COVID-19 deaths in 48111 remain at 77, positive tests at 3,914

The number of people who have died from COVID-19 in the 48111 zip code remain at 77 as of Monday, Sept. 20, according to the Wayne County Health Department's last update of the count.

The positive tests for COVID-19 in 48111 totaled 3,914 on Monday, Sept. 20, up from 3,860 on Monday, Sept. 13.

On Monday, Sept. 20, the separate totals released by the Wayne County Health Department for the tri-community were: Van Buren Township, 2,629 positive cases, 42 deaths; City of Belleville, 526 positive cases, 21 deaths; and Sumpter Township 759 positive cases, 14 deaths.

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Obituaries



Josephine Rita Babik

JOSEPHINE RITA BABIK

(September 15, 1921 – September 16, 2021)

Josephine Rita Babik, age 100, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away Thursday, September 16, 2021, at Gilbert Residence, Ypsilanti, MI. She was born September 15, 1921, in Detroit, MI, daughter of Caroline & Leo Wisniewski. She was a longtime member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. She was a Rosie the Riveter until her husband, Karl, returned from the war. She enjoyed crocheting, gardening and loved fishing and dancing with Karl. They enjoyed time spent at their homes in Kalkaska, MI, and Brooksville, FL, as well. Mrs. Babik is survived by three daughters: Jo-Ann (John) Hughes of Van Buren Township, MI, Judy (Charles) Cipriani of Brooksville, Florida, and Joyce (David) Gerst of Sumpter Township, MI; 5 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; also numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband of 68 years Karl F. Babik on November 1, 2011, also four siblings.

Visitation will be 11 a.m. until 12 Noon Thursday, September 23, 2021, with a Noon Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111 (734) 697-4500. A Private entombment will be held.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a Hospice of the donor's choice and would be appreciated.

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Belleville Church of God invites others to join in 'Life Chain' on Oct. 3

The Belleville Church of God invites other pro-life supporters to join them along the sidewalks of Main Street at Five Points in Belleville for the 2 to 3:30 p.m. "Life Chain" on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Members of this congregation will join thousands of other pro-life people who will line sidewalks along routes in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

All "Life Chain" participants will be holding uniform, pre-printed signs such as: "Abortion Kills Children," "Abortion Hurts Women," "Pray to End Abortion," "Life – The First Inalienable Right," and "Adoption: The Loving Option."

Church members said this event will provide a visual statement of solidarity by the local community that abortion is grievously wrong and that they are opposed to the killing of pre-born children.

"It is a national tragedy that over 62 million babies have been legally killed by abortion since 1973 in the United States," a flyer for the event states.

The "Life Chain" events are sponsored by Right to Life – LIFESPAN Educational Fund.



David Earl Sikes, Jr.

DAVID E. SIKES, JR.

(February 3, 1970 - September 18, 2021)

David Earl Sikes, Jr., age 51, of Ypsilanti Township, MI, passed away Saturday, September 18, 2021, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, MI. He was born February 3, 1970, in Waynesboro, Georgia, son of David Earl & Cheryl Ann (Parker) Sikes.

He graduated from Belleville High School, class of 1988. He worked for Chrysler Corporation at the Dundee engine plant for nearly ten years. He enjoyed listening to music, guns, and target shooting.

Mr. Sikes is survived by his daughter Chelsea Sikes, granddaughter Aliea Christine Frazier, both of Ypsilanti, MI; like-a-daughter Khadejah Moore of Plymouth, MI; his mother Cheryl Sikes of Belleville, MI; sister Courtney Sikes of Dearborn Heights, MI; father David (Debbie) Sikes, Sr. of Madison, Alabama; brother-in-law Chris (Sandy) Kapek of Boone, Iowa; nieces and nephews Ava Sikes of Dearborn Heights, MI, Matthew, Ryan, Alanna, Jacob and Lilliana Mae Kapek; his pit bull rescue dogs Karma and Fa Zhou; also numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife Michelle Lynn (Kapek) Sikes on June 20, 2021.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 6 PM on Friday, September 24, 2021 at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville, MI 48111-2764 (734) 697-4500 with Pastor Gordon Moore officiating. The family will welcome friends from 5-6 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley and would be appreciated. www.davidcbrownfh.com

JOHN WASILENSKI, JR.

A memorial mass for John Wasilenski, Jr. of Belleville has been scheduled for 11 a.m. September 25 at St. Stephen's Catholic Church in New Boston MI.



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District Library

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O'Brien, and James Griffin. Candidates for the part-time adult services library position were interviewed during the past week;

• Heard board member John Juriga report that Councilman Ken Voigt raised \$800 for the food closet by selling T-shirts with goats on them. He also said he would like the library to be open on Sundays from 12 to 6 for kids to do their homework, since

many put it off to the last minute. Joy Cichewicz, a library director in Ypsilanti, said they have found the times are best at 1-5 p.m. during the school year, but not in the summer;

• Heard vice chairperson Mary Jane Dawson report that the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue are grateful for all of the food collected at the library for the animals in the no-kill shelter; and

• Heard chairperson Sharon Peters say that in 2014 at an early library election,

she wrote that she wanted "to create a civic hub and we are" a civic hub. Also, she stated that the governor recently appointed her to a commission on early childhood education, one of the hundreds of commissions and committees in the state staffed by volunteers. She said this position is an unpaid, non-partisan position. She had served on that commission in the past. "I would like to state the work I will be doing is a public service and to whom much is given, much is expected." She said her experience with the library now can be brought to her early childhood development work. She said the link between early childhood education and libraries has not been formalized but is very important.

Peters spoke in response to a letter to the editor in the *Independent* suggesting she resign from the local elected library position in order to serve on the statewide, volunteer board.

Moose

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township had a hold-steady agreement with the Moose. When they shut down and couldn't make it, Young said he filed at 34th District Court.

The land contract agreement spelled out the procedure for forfeiture or foreclosure, Young said, and then the court has rules. The Moose had 90 days to get current and it did.

Realtor Jessica Jones of Coldwell Banker in Belleville is listing the property at \$299,000. It is zoned residential, but commercial will comply with the master plan, the listing says. The building, which used to be the PNA Hall, has a bar/lounge, commercial kitchen, open recreation / meeting spaces, an office, and rest rooms.

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Sumpter Township sets John Danci salary at \$72,000 to head DPW

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

John Danci, 33, of Romulus who recently was selected as new Director of the Department of Public Works at Sumpter Township will receive a salary of \$72,000 when he begins work Oct. 4. After a year, he will get \$75,000, plus the same percentage raise the unions get.

At its Sept. 14 zoom meeting, the John Danci board of trustees unanimously approved the contract, which includes a MERS [Michigan Employees Retirement Service] match of 8% and no medical optout.

Danci replaces DPW Director Kenneth Kunka who resigned June 4 after more than eight years of service. Kunka's salary for 2020 was \$70,847.47, with a total of \$92,854.43 including health care and other perks.

Danci has worked for the City of Romulus since September 2015, currently as a water/sewer crew leader (as needed) and water/sewer crew operator since October 2019. He was a sign technician from July to October 2016 and water crew laborer September 2015 to October 2019. Before that he worked for Arbor Valley Tree Services in Ann Arbor, Dick's Sporting Goods, and Ann Arbor Pioneer High School as head freshman/junior varsity baseball coach.

He earned a bachelor of science in Biomechanics, Exercise Physiology & Motor Control from the University of Michigan in December 2009. He also was a licensed realtor and now carries S1 and F5 Water Operator licenses from Michigan EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes & Energy).

The board also accepted, with regrets, the resignation of Building Department Clerk Brad Wheelock as of Sept. 24.

The board approved moving the newly

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Speakers at the Sept. 14 State of the Communities event put on by the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce were, from left, Van Buren Public Schools Superintendent Pete Kudlak, City of Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley, Sumpter Township Administrator/Deputy Supervisor Michelle Cole, and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara. Supervisor McNamara screened a video for his report and Mayor Conley had illustrations that she used to help tell the story of Belleville during the last year. Supt. Kudlak and Administrator Cole spoke of the challenges and how they were met at the school district and Sumpter Township.



The annual State of the Communities event was held at Angel Food Catering in Van Buren Township.

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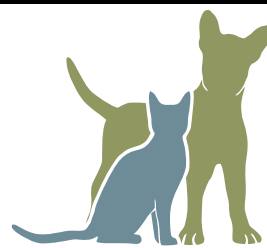
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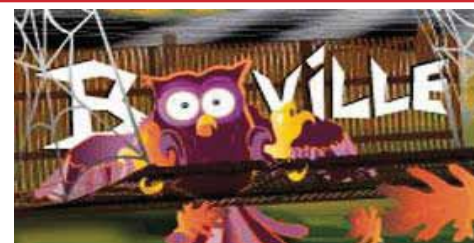
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During the month of October the City of Belleville becomes "Booville". The Belleville Central Business Community is partnering with Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue (FMAR) to host a **Costumed Monster Mutt Walk** from 12 Noon to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 23, 2021. The Walk will begin and end at 4th Street Place.

We would like to advance register as many as possible, however, registrations will be taken the day of the event between 12:00 pm and 12:30 p.m. Each dog will receive a gift bag. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place award medals will be given in three categories: Scariest, Cutest and Best Mutt, 1st only in Family category (family must dress also). In fact, it would be fun for everyone to wear a costume.

The registration fee is \$10/dog plus a can of dog or cat food. The application has enough space to register three dogs. **Please return this application** by mail with your check to my attention at: Belleville Central Business Community, 152 Main Street, Suite 2, Belleville, MI 48111. You may bring the dog or cat food with you to the event.

Monster Mutt Walk Rules

- (1) All dogs must be leashed and current on vaccinations;
- (2) No aggressive dogs
- (3) Owners must clean-up after their dogs (bags will be provided).
- (4) No dogs can be left unattended. Owners must keep their dogs in sight & under control at all times.
- (5) Owners are responsible for their dog's actions.

This event is sponsored by Wayne County Community College District, Tucker Insurance Agency & Belleville DDA. For any questions or concerns, I prefer you contact me via my email: jfayemillard@att.net however, you may also call me at (734) 558-5368 after 3:30 p.m.

Janet Millard, Event Coordinator, Belleville Central Business Community

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ORPHAN OF THE WEEK LYDIA



Kitty princess **Lydia** is now holding court and welcomes any eligible cat adopters seeking a royal kitty to attend. She is a petite and pretty 8 month old highness waiting to find her own kingdom to rule. Things here at the shelter are definitely not to her liking, namely way too many kitties invading her space. **Lydia** seeks a fur-ever home where she will be the only pet to be spoiled and given treats on a daily basis. She will repay you with lots of love and affection. If you are able to give this royal kitty the home she desires, call **FMAR** at **734-461-9458** to make an appointment today. **Lydia** is already spayed, vaccinated, tested negative for FeLuk/FIV and micro-chipped.

Wireless carriers to discontinue 3G networks as early as January

The Van Buren Township Dispatch and Public Safety Department wants to inform the community that the end of 3G wireless connection is rapidly approaching.

Wireless carriers will discontinue support of 3G devices in 2022. Older-style 3G models of Tracphones, flip phones, Jitterbugs, etc. will be discontinued as early as January 2022.

3G devices will not only be disabled from normal use, but will also be unable to dial or call 9-1-1.

The FCC has asked everyone to plan ahead for the phase-out of 3G.

"Mobile carriers are shutting down their 3G networks, which rely on older technology, to make room for more advanced network services, including 5G," according to FCC.gov. "As a result, many older cell phones will be unable to make or receive calls and texts, including calls to 9-1-1, or use data services. This will affect

3G mobile phones and certain older 4G mobile phones that do not support Voice over LTE (VoLTE or HD Voice)."

This could impact other devices, such as certain medical devices, tablets, smartwatches, vehicle SOS services, home security systems, and other connected products that are using 3G networks. If your device is not labeled, contact the monitoring company or other service provider to confirm how the device connects and whether your device may be

impacted.

"We're asking that everyone check their device and check on the devices of their loved ones to make sure everyone remains connected to each other," said VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain. "We want to make sure you and your loved ones will always be able to reach 9-1-1 in the event of an emergency."

For additional information visit vanburen-mi.org.

BHS at-home games

• **Thursday, Sept. 23:** Girls golf vs John Glenn HS at Willow Metropark GC, 3 p.m.; Freshman football vs Fordson HS, 4:30 p.m.; JV football vs Fordson HS, 6:30 p.m.; Girls swim/dive vs Dearborn HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Monday, Sept. 27:** Boys varsity soccer vs Lincoln HS, 5:30 p.m.

• **Tuesday, Sept. 28:** Girls Freshman & JV volleyball vs Wayne Memorial HS, 5 p.m.; Boys Varsity soccer vs Churchill HS, 5:30 p.m.; Girls Varsity volleyball vs Wayne Memorial HS, 6:30 p.m.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 29:** Freshman football vs Brighton HS, 4:30 p.m.

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Staff and residents listen to Tom O'Donnell's opening remarks during a special flag ceremony at Columbia Court in July. There was a prayer service honoring those who fought and died for the Stars and Stripes and to bring peace to those who lost loved ones as they fought for freedom. Two formally trained singers performed and there was a cake and other refreshments.



Residents who participated in organizing and planning this event, many of whom are veterans, are, from left, Ronald Gabrys, Mary Hagerman-Piziks, Jo Gora, Lottie Starr, Debra Stolter, Claudia McKenzie, Milton Cleveland, Steve Baril, Judy Cummings, Donna Sweeney, Bob Kootsillas, and Gerald Cook. They purchased a new flag, patriotic lawn ornaments and an American eagle to watch over the property.



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Garden Fantasy Greenhouse on Tyler Road just east of Morton Taylor has reopened for the fall season with fall Mums at \$6.99 each and five for \$30. One-gallon perennials are just \$4 each and 10" potted coneflowers are now \$9.99 while supplies last. Be sure to check out their selection of fresh herbs, too. Have a question on fall planting? Talk to the experts at Garden Fantasy. Fall decorations like pumpkins, corn stalks, and gourds should be available soon. They're open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed on Sunday. See their ad

in today's paper and call (734) 697-1765.

Thursday, Sept. 23, is the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue's 8th-annual Spay-ghetti and No Balls Dinner fund raiser, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles on Beck Road. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$6 for children 3-12 and available at the door. Carry-outs will also be available.

The Belleville Tigers football team improved to 3-1 last Friday, with a 58-0 victory over Livonia Stevenson. The Tigers travel to Dearborn Fordson tomorrow, Friday, Sept. 24. Go Tigers!

The Belleville Area Council for the Arts' 12th-annual tri-community art show is Nov. 12-14 at the BYC. Entry deadline is Nov. 1. For details, check out their ad in today's paper.

"America's Local Service Airlines" is the program at the Yankee Air Museum's Historic Presentation Night on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 7:30 p.m. at the museum at Willow Run Airport. The cost for the in-person event is \$10 for non-members, free for museum members, and registration is required. The program presenter is author David Stringer who will tell the story of the companies selected by the Civil Aeronautics Board after WWII to bring air service to hundreds of small cities throughout the United States, where 13 of these companies became permanent certified members of the air transportation system during the 1950s. Visit www.yankeeairmuseum.org.

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Monday, Sept. 28, is the last car show date for the summer along Main Street as the Belleville's Farmer's Market also concludes its run, but will return Oct. 9 as the city celebrates Harvest Fest here in town. Watch this paper for the events coming to Fourth Street Place, the library and museum. Today's paper also features the application for the Belleville Central Business Community's Monster Mutt Walk, a costume contest for dogs set for Oct. 23. It is part of Booville events going on during the month of October. The event is also a fundraiser for the Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue of Sumpter Township. See their ad in today's paper.

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.

Birthdays

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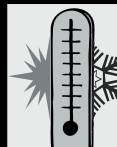
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Sumpter Media Center, 23465 Sumpter Rd. Registration for the free classes are required and open one month before the class date.

"Introduction to Computers" was first held Tuesday, Sept. 21, at 1 p.m. It will run again on Saturday, Oct. 23, at 3:30 p.m. and then again on Wednesday, Nov. 17, at 6 p.m.

This introductory class is designed for the absolute beginner and starts with teaching you how to turn the computer on! The class also includes an overview of desktop/laptop computer set-ups, basic functions, and lots of practice using the keyboard and mouse.

"Introduction to Internet Searching and Email" will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. The same class will run again on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 3:30 p.m. and then again on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at 6 p.m.

In this class students learn how to perform basic, effective internet searches using popular search engines. It will also cover setting up and maintaining an email address: choosing a username and password, writing and replying to emails, and the basics of managing the inbox. Participants must be proficient using a mouse and keyboard.

"Microsoft Publisher 101" will be taught once, on Thursday, Oct. 7, at 7 p.m.

In this class participants will learn how to create eye-catching flyers, posters, and brochures using Microsoft Publisher. The lesson will go over the basic functions of the program and put together a couple of simple projects. Participants must be proficient using a mouse and keyboard.

For more information call the main library at (734) 699-3291.

Notice to Advertisers:

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

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Outdoor Vehicle Sales and vehicle Service (minor) is a special land use in the C-2 (Extensive Highway Business District) Zoning District. The proposed Special Land Use requires a public hearing. This hearing is being held in accordance with Article 12, Chapter 3 of the Zoning Ordinance (Administrative Procedures - Special Land Use Review).

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Sept. 23** – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue is holding its eighth-annual Spay-ghetti No-Balls Dinner from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Eagles lodge, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. The proceeds from the dinner support the FMAR spay/neuter program. Tickets are \$12 for adults and kids 13 and up; \$6 for kids 3-12; kids 2 and under eat free.
- **Thursday, Sept. 23** – The Southwestern

Wayne [County] Democratic Club is resuming in-person membership meetings with today's 7 p.m. meeting at the Wayne County Fairgrounds dining hall, 10871 Quirk Rd., Van Buren Township. Refreshments.

• **Monday, Sept. 27** – Belleville Farmers' Market, 4-7:30 p.m., Fourth Street Place. Also, Classic Car Show on Main Street, 6-9 p.m.

• **Friday, Oct. 1** – Oktoberfest at Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, dinner 5-8 p.m. Open to the public; cash bar. Tickets \$15 per person; available at the Van Buren Eagles. German music by Pandemica Street band. Wine and beer tasting. Menu:

hammock, German potato salad, spatzle, sauerkraut, red cabbage, bread/butter and dessert. Hosted by Keith and Ginger Bruder and crew. Questions: (734) 461-2498.

• **Sunday, Oct. 3** – Join "Life Chain" from 2 to 3:30 p.m. along Main Street and at Five Points to hold up signs that say abortion is wrong. This year members of Belleville Church of God will join thousands of others lining sidewalks in Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb counties.

• **Saturday, Oct. 9** – Harvest Fest at Fourth Street Place in downtown Belleville, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., includes activities at the museum and library and a Harvest Farmers' Market.

• **Saturday, Oct. 16** – Craft Show put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 4422 in Taylor will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is being held at VFW Post 4422 on Pine Street in Taylor, two blocks south of Goddard. For information, call Sandy Medos of Willis at (734) 461-9502.

• **Saturday, Oct. 16** – Open house at the Sumpter Township fire hall, Sumpter Road at Kozma, noon to 4 p.m.

• **Sunday, Nov. 21** – Fund raiser for Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue all day at Haab's restaurant in Ypsilanti.



CITY OF BELLEVILLE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**Monday, August 16, 2021 - 7:30 pm
VIA ZOOM TELECONFERENCE**

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

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

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. APPOINTMENTS, PRESENTATIONS & CITIZENS COMMENTS

A. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

1) Mike Renaud thanked Mayor Conley and City Manager Robinson for ensuring that the landscape near Huron River Dr. and Harbour Pointe Dr. was cleared. He also inquired about road repairs at the intersection of Main St. and Denton Rd. Robinson informed him that he has sent an email to Wayne County Roads and is waiting on a response.

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder to accept the agenda as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. August 2, 2021, Regular Meeting of the City Council

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Bates to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on Monday, August 2, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

6. GENERAL BUSINESS DISCUSSION

A) City Clerk/Treasurer Appointment

1. Employment Plan

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Bates to approve the appointment of Briana Hootman to the position of City Clerk/Treasurer.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

2. Oath of Office by Mayor

Briana Hootman was sworn into office by Mayor

Conley

B) Bids Received for Clearing of Lakefront at Horizon Park

1. Randy Brown Landscaping submitted a bid with quotes for the following options:

i. Option 1:

- Goats utilized for clearing brush along Horizon Park, at a cost of \$5,450. Electric fence surrounding the perimeter, transportation fees included, and goats checked on daily. Would take approximately two weeks to complete.

- Target start date of August 23rd - 29th.

- Target end date of September 11th.

- They would also be willing to spray the brush with a vegetation preventative if needed, at a cost of \$300.

- All vegetation would be trimmed down from the top of the hill to the water, and 20 ft. from the property line to the east, and 20 ft. from the property line to the west.

ii. Option 2:

- Trimming vegetation along stairs and boardwalk immediately, with full removal in the fall, at a cost of \$400.

iii. Yearly maintenance would be \$500 per year, for three years.

Salisbury Landscape Group submitted a bid with quotes for the following options:

i. Option 1:

- Use of brush cutters, weed whips, chainsaws, general labor to cut and move brush up the slope, at a cost of \$29,775. Brush would be hauled away.

- Target start date of Sep 30th.

- Target end date of Nov 15th.

ii. Option 2:

- Trimming vegetation along stairs and boardwalk immediately, with full removal in the fall, at a cost of \$9,775.

iii. Yearly maintenance fee would be \$5,355 per year for three years.

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Fielder to approve the bid from Randy Brown Landscaping for the clearing of vegetation at Horizon Park.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

C) Resolution – Recognizing the Donation of Office Furniture for City Clerk's Office

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution 21-072** recognizing the donation of furniture to the City Clerk's office.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

D) Resolution – Approval of City-Wide Yard Sale 2021

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Voigt to approve **Resolution 21-073** authorizing the City-Wide Yard Sale to be held September 11 & 12, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Council Member Bates	Aye
Council Member Fielder	Aye

Council Member Voigt Aye

Mayor Pro Tem Marcotte Aye

Mayor Conley Aye

Motion Carried.

E) Monster Mutt Walk

MOTION: Motion by Voigt, supported by Marcotte to authorize the Monster Mutt Walk event, to be held October 23, 2021, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

F) Halloween Downtown

City Manager Robinson presented the Special Event Application for Halloween Downtown. He stated that Main St. will be closed for this event, to ensure the safety of the adults and children participating.

MOTION: Motion by Fielder, supported by Bates to authorize the Halloween Downtown event, to be held October 29, 2021, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

7. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

MOTION: Motion by Marcotte, supported by Fielder to approve **Resolution 21-071** authorizing Accounts Payable and Departmental Expenditures as presented.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Motion Carried.

8. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

• City Manager Robinson congratulated Briana Hootman on her appointment to City Clerk/Treasurer. He stated that she has proven herself to be capable of performing the duties of the office and complimented her organizational and technological abilities. He said he will miss working with her in the Police Department.

• Mentioned his excitement about getting the bank along Horizon Park cleared.

• Admitted that he is optimistic about all the changes happening throughout the city and is happy to see the things that he has been working on coming to fruition. Also, he described the ambiance of City Hall as being filled with positive vibes.

• Congratulated Deputy Administrator Tim McLean on the recent birth of his daughter.

• Stated that he appreciates all the support from City Council and the residents of Belleville.

9. CITY COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS

• Council Member Bates:

- Bates congratulated Briana Hootman on the appointment to Clerk/Treasurer and commented that Hootman showed promise all along.

- Expressed her excitement for the goats to begin clearing Horizon Park. She believes that they will draw a crowd.

- Stated that she thinks the furniture donation is awesome.

- Looks forward to the all the upcoming events this Fall, and the return of "Booville".

• Council Member Voigt:

- Voigt offered congratulations to Briana Hootman on her appointment, to Tim McLean on the birth of his daughter, and to Randy Brown on being awarded the bid for clearing Horizon Park.

- Commented that he thinks the goats in the park will be a cool addition.

- Reminded everyone that the final Music Lakeside for the 2021 season would be coming up that Thursday.

• Council Member Fielder:

- Fielder congratulated Briana Hootman on her promotion.

- Stated he is looking forward to the Taste of Belleville/Bridgewalk event.

- Commented that he is looking forward to seeing everyone in person again when he attends the next Council Meeting.

• Mayor Pro-Tem Marcotte:

- Marcotte congratulated Tim McLean on the new addition to his family.

- Offered a "heartfelt congratulations" to Briana Hootman and thanked her for her willingness to serve the city over the last four years.

10. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

• Mayor Conley reminded everyone that the Taste of Belleville/Bridgewalk happening that Thursday would be in its 25th year, and that there would also be a re-dedication of Doane's Landing. She said she expects a few notable guests including Kristy Pagan, Debbie Dingell, and Al Haidous, as they were all invited.

• Commented that Chesley Odom, who designed the Belleville Bridge among other things, would be thrilled to see his visions brought to life and still being celebrated so many years later.

• Mentioned that she would be out of town for the Taste of Belleville/Bridgewalk but stated that Mayor Pro-Tem Jesse Marcotte would be leading the walk this year.

11. CITIZENS COMMENTS

• Mike Renaud commented that he likes the look of the community art banners that have been placed throughout the city. He also mentioned that the trees in 4th Street Place are looking rough, to which DPW Director Rick Rutherford responded that he has asked the city's flower caretaker to water them. City Manager Robinson also responded and said that he has spoken to Pioneer Landscaping about the issue, and they will also try to tend to the trees.

• Tim McLean thanked everyone for their words of congratulations and noted that the City of Belleville staff has been fantastic so far.

12. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

• None

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion by Bates, supported by Marcotte to adjourn at 8:21 p.m.

No objections were noted.

Motion Carried.

Briana Hootman, Interim Support for City Clerk

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hired part-time clerk at the treasurer's department Acheenia Hall to the building department to fill Wheelock's full-time position. Hall was hired for the treasurer's department in an emergency Sunday meeting on Aug. 13.

Ashley Harris will be hired as the part-time clerk at the treasurer's department for 21-29 hours a week under AFSCME contract pay to fill Hall's former position.

In other business at the Sept. 14 meeting, the board:

- Approved hiring Roderick Thompson as the part-time Senior and Community Center driver at the AFSCME wage of \$20.74 per hour for an average of 20 hours per week or less, effective Sept. 20;
- Removed from the agenda an emergency, month-to-month independent contract with Cari Ford for finance and accounting duties originally handled by Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne, effective Sept. 1 at the rate of \$95 per hour. Clerk Esther Hurst

said she needs certifications and insurance on file for this contract to begin since Ford, who had worked for Sumpter Township for 30 years under Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel now is an independent contractor;

- After a lengthy discussion, removed from the agenda the proposal to go out for bids for the functions of finance and accounting duties until after a new finance director is hired. The position reportedly has been posted;

- Tabled for two weeks a proposal to begin sale of 16 township-owned properties, selling two at a time, until all sellable are processed. "This is due to the highest market values Sumpter Township has experienced in decades," said the agenda item. Supervisor Tim Bowman suggested a live auction. Township attorney Rob Young said excess money over what the township paid for tax-reverted property has to go back to the state. Supervisor Bowman said he has an offer on the almost 10 acres of property behind the former medical clinic for a 10,000-square-foot storage facility. Young said that property is not tax-reverted, the county sold it to the township "for a buck" and the township hands "aren't cuffed on that one." Someone also wants to buy the two properties at Martinsville and Arkona for a horse farm and Bowman said the township has been offered a nice amount. The board will get more information for the next meeting;

- Amended the minutes of the Aug. 19 zoom meeting of the Human Resources Committee with a motion by Trustee Matthew Oddy to reflect that there were four members of the board present and Clerk Hurst was there in the audience and is not a member of the committee. He said that although there was a quorum of four board members present, Clerk Hurst was present as an "attendee" not a member and "we were not violating rules." Trustee Peggy Morgan asked to be alerted to all future meetings of the Human Resource Committee, which is making recommendations regarding hiring. Among those appointed to the committee by the supervisor were Trustees Tim Rush, Don LaPorte, and Oddy;

- Heard Sharon Pokerwinski, volunteer parks director, comment by phone that she has learned from Wayne County that the new park signs with names on them have not been approved by the county because listed are present board members and not the board members in office when the grant for the parks was given. She said she agrees and this will be discussed at the Sept. 15 Parks and Recreation Commission meeting;

- Heard Pokerwinski also say that they decided to put sand on the beach at Banotai Park in February and there have been talks since May. She said she wanted the sand to be on there when the county came out to check and, "We couldn't get there." She said the \$10,888 check is in the mail from the county and she suggests they hold off until spring to put the sand down since it is so late in the season. "Is that OK with you, Mr. Bowman?" Pokerwinski said to the supervisor, who she said was supposed

to get it done. "You need to relax, OK?" replied Supervisor Bowman. "I'm done with you today." Trustee Rush said this needs to be discussed at the Parks and Recreation meeting and right now the board is trying to get its business done;

- Heard Supervisor Bowman report 70 families picked up food at the Forgotten Harvest food giveaway that week. He asked the public to let their friends know about the free food on the second and fourth Monday of the month from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the community center. The next Forgotten Harvest food giveaway is Sept. 27;

- Heard Supervisor Bowman also report that Treasurer Vincent Warren, Administrator Michelle Cole, and Senior Director Maryann Watson are setting up a COVID vaccination clinic at no cost to the public and will try to coordinate it with the Forgotten Harvest event;

- When township attorney Rob Young said he had no report, Trustee Morgan asked him why the Moose is able to sell its building when it defaulted on its land contract payments to the township. Young said the township sold it on land contract and the procedure was for forfeiture or foreclosure when they came into default and Young said he filed at 34th District Court and obtained a judgment. When the property is sold by the Moose, the township will get what it has coming, he said;

- Heard Fire Chief Rick Brown announce the fire department would like to have an open house for the public on Saturday, Oct. 16, from noon to 4 p.m. Trustee Morgan made the motion, seconded by Clerk Hurst and the board approved the event;

- Heard Clerk Hurst announce the township has a special election Nov. 2 for Huron Township schools and it affects only precincts 3 and 4. She also announced Keller Farm Bakery closed Aug. 29 and it will be missed; and

- Heard Trustee Don LaPorte report that Chief Brown has made changes to the fire hall with two sizeable monitors, one with a map of the community showing how many are responding to each scene. He said it helps the fire fighters see what's happening. He said Chief Brown is doing a fabulous job in putting that up. Trustee Morgan asked when the board will see the contract for Chief Brown's fulltime position and Administrator Morgan said they are in the process of bringing it back to the board and it will probably be before them at the next meeting.

**The Belleville
Area Museum
is closed
until further
notice.**

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS REMOTE PUBLIC HEARING

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Case # 21-038- A request by applicant and owner River of Life Assembly of God to construct a 22.67 square foot sign with 17 square foot base, requires a variance from the Van Buren Township Zoning Ordinance, as follows:

Article 11. Signs, Section 11.108(A) Zoning District Regulations, Sign Regulations Applicable to the AG, R-1, R-2, RM, and RMH Districts

Setback: 30' setback from lot line permitted
5' setback from front lot line proposed
25' setback variance requested

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

There were 300 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police last week including the following.

Sunday, Sept. 12:

0106 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sandlewood Dr.
0224 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr. / Oak Ln.
0336 – noise complaint, McBride Ave./Van Allen
0552 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
0555 – assist other dept., Burlwood Ln.
0634 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
0647 – assist other dept., Sumpter Rd.
0939 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
1005 – noise complaint, Belleville Rd.
1017 – larceny from auto, Westlake Cir.
1200 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
1224 – private property impound, Brandi Dr.
1351 – larceny, Bayshore Dr.
1554 – traffic offense, Van Buren St.
1639 – suspicious person/vehicle, Beck Rd.
1700 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1742 – animal complaint, Arlene
1902 – domestic, Oak Ln.
1918 – larceny from auto, Hull Rd.
1952 – disorderly, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2046 – assault & battery, E. Huron River Dr.
2109 – suspicious person/vehicle, Dellor St.
2220 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2232 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.

Monday, Sept. 13:

0554 – harassment call, Parkwood Dr.
0711 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd.
0739 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk/I-94
0927 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
0941 – threat, Wildbrook Dr.
1052 – sexual assault, Wildbrook Dr.
1237 – fraud, Ayres Ave.
1254 – breaking & entering, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1356 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1511 – private property/property damage accident, McBride Ave.
1554 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
1604 – malicious destruction of property, Jackson
1636 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1643 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Lighthouse Dr.
1651 – animal complaint, Lincoln St.
1748 – property damage accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1814 – fraud, Country Walk Blvd.
1832 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
2028 – neighbor trouble, Chatsworth Dr.
2045 – private property/property damage accident, Ecorse Rd.
2139 – assault & battery, Brandi Dr.
2232 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.

Tuesday, Sept. 14:

0221 – assist other dept., N. Ponderosa Trl.
0615 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.
0830 – suspicious person/vehicle, Paloma Dr.
0959 – parking complaint, Country Walk Blvd. / Milton Dr.
1009 – ordinance violation, West Archwood
1211 – 911 welfare check, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1423 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1530 – suspicious person/vehicle, Bak Rd.
1605 – property damage accident, Haggerty Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1844 – larceny from auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1953 – domestic, Beckley Rd.
2107 – abandoned auto, Belmont Dr.
2347 – domestic, Ryznar Dr.

Wednesday, Sept. 15:

0246 – suspicious person/vehicle, Sandlewood Dr.
0413 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville Rd.
0758 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Robson Rd.
0825 – domestic, Maple Dr.
1011 – animal complaint, Ecorse Rd./Beck Rd.
1030 – private property impound, S. Industrial Pk.
1356 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1412 – animal complaint, Quirk Rd.
1525 – fraud, W. Huron River Dr.
1538 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd.

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1621 – fraud, E. Huron River Dr.
1641 – fight, Parkwood Dr.
1648 – threat, Independence Ln.
1649 – juvenile complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1710 – abandoned auto, Jackson St.
1716 – assist other dept., Fox Auto
1833 – larceny, Denton Rd.
1846 – family trouble, Lake Crest Dr.
1935 – civil matter, Oak Ln.
1938 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hoeft/Bog Rd.
2011 – threat, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2329 – animal complaint, Belleville Rd.
2345 – disorderly, Denton Rd.

Thursday, Sept. 16:

0023 – shooting, Westlake Cir.
0503 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./Van Born Rd.
0624 – larceny from auto, N. I-94 Service Dr.
0908 – family trouble, Oak Ln.
1046 – mental subject, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1133 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1141 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1149 – animal complaint, Borgman Ave.
1200 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1225 – parking complaint, Denton Rd.
1316 – parking complaint, Belleville Rd.
1319 – property damage accident, S. Ponderosa Trl. / Belleville Rd.

1404 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.

1408 – larceny, Beckley Rd.
1438 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
1614 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1616 – found property/child, Belleville Rd.
1641 – misc. complaint, Ash Dr.
1829 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Jeannette Ave.
1904 – trespassing, Village Green Ln.
2007 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2038 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./N. I-94 Service
2111 – sexual assault, Sumpter Rd.
2129 – noise complaint, Edwards Rd.
2131 – suspicious person/vehicle, Togowtee Pass

Friday, Sep. 17:

0102 – disorderly, Daisy Blvd.
0627 – road hazard, Van Born Rd./Belleville Rd.
0902 – neighbor trouble, Brookside Dr.
0920 – road hazard, Belleville Rd./W. I-94 Belleville ramp
0933 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
0959 – motorist assist, Belleville Rd./Westlake Cir.
1021 – found property/child, Rebecca Ct.
1140 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
1243 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1427 – trespassing, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1746 – animal complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1846 – Meijer property check, Belleville Rd.
1906 – property damage accident, Tyler/Belleville
1930 – personal injury accident, Haggerty Rd. / Woodbury Dr.

2018 – traffic offense, Denton Rd./Michigan Ave.
2127 – property damage accident, E. Huron River
2257 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Huron River
2330 – motorist assist, Belleville/N. I-94 Service
2343 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd.
2344 – assist other dept., Haggerty Rd. / E. I-94

Saturday, Sept. 18:

0225 – 911 welfare check, Denton Rd.
0355 – Atchinson Ford property check, Belleville
0411 – larceny from auto, Landmark
0858 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
0908 – motorist assist, Ecorse Rd./Haggerty Rd.
1034 – mental subject, S. Woodbury Dr.
1203 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Oak Ln.
1312 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / Independence Ln.
1346 – suspicious person/vehicle, Rawsonville Rd.
1349 – animal complaint, Westlake Cir.
1449 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.

1517 – property damage accident, W. Huron River Dr./Rawsonville Rd.
1634 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd./Ayres
1640 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. I-94 Service
1742 – lake complaint/Belleville Lake, S. I-94 Service Dr.

1838 – Menards property check, Belleville Rd.
1851 – Walmart property check, Belleville Rd.
1931 – animal complaint, Rose Blvd.
2203 – domestic, Oak Ln.

There were 81 traffic stops on this week's log including eight on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 12:

0029 – traffic stop, Belleville Rd./N. Liberty St.
0121 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
0649 – follow-up by officer, Belleville Rd.
0815 – larceny from auto, Robbe St.
0815 – larceny from auto, Robbe St.
0854 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./Edgemont
0901 – neighbor trouble, N. Biggs Ave.
1045 – welfare check, Carmell St.
1253 – suspicious person/vehicle, Main St.
1559 – welfare check, Menlo Park Dr.
1620 – animal complaint, Victorian Ln.
1720 – civil matter, N. Liberty St.
1958 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Edgemont
2217 – family trouble, Carmell St.

Monday, Sept. 13:

0047 – traffic stop, High St./Main St.
0211 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
0750 – 911 welfare check, N. Aberdeen Ct.
1009 – misc. complaint, N. Biggs Ave.
1034 – misc. complaint, Carmell St.
1114 – assist other dept., Oxford Ct.
1953 – found property/child, Main St.
2013 – traffic stop, Main St./High St.
2025 – civil matter, Menlo Park Dr.
2115 – suspicious person/vehicle, South St.
2124 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Industrial Pk. Dr.
2251 – property check, Potter Dr.

Tuesday, Sept. 14:

0000 – traffic stop, E. Columbia/Madelon St.
0356 – traffic stop, South St.
0531 – suspicious person/vehicle, High St. / Huron River Dr.
1508 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Columbia
1606 – civil matter, Main St.
1722 – assist fire dept., Wexford Ave.
1905 – breaking & entering, Charles St.

Wednesday, Sept. 15:

0821 – assault & battery, W. Columbia Ave.
1401 – property check, W. Columbia Ave.
1456 – assault & battery, Loza Ln.
1813 – traffic stop, W. Columbia Ave.
1931 – assist other dept., Carmell St.
2021 – traffic stop, E. Huron River Dr./N. Biggs
Thursday, Sept. 16:
0151 – traffic stop, E. Columbia Ave./Main St.
1220 – family trouble, Loza Ln.
1709 – intrusion alarm, E. Columbia Ave.
1855 – motorist assist, Loza Ln.
2115 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
2159 – misc. complaint, Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Sept. 17:

0054 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Third St.
0135 – traffic stop, N. Liberty St./Main St.
0159 – traffic offense, Main St./Denton Rd.
1046 – threat, Belle Villa Blvd.
1436 – domestic, Fifth St./Main St.
1737 – civil matter, Main St.
2103 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.
2134 – property damage accident, Main/High
2326 – larceny, Carmell St.

Saturday, Sept. 18:

0312 – traffic stop, Sumpter Rd./Belle Villa Blvd.
0910 – follow-up by officer, Carmell St.
0952 – malicious destruction of property, Belle Villa Blvd.
1802 – welfare check, Main St.
2254 – traffic stop, W. Huron River Dr./Bay Pointe
There were 15 traffic stops on this week's log.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 12:

0218 – fire dept. assist, Rustic Ln.
1230 – welfare check, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1238 – civil matter, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1328 – follow-up investigation, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1537 – family trouble, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1654 – animal complaint, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1705 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
1810 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1857 – mental health call, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

1910 – assault, Rustic Ln.
1941 – disorderly person, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2026 – property damage accident, 43000 bl. Judd
2206 – suspicious person, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
2322 – welfare check, Edgewood Dr.

Monday, Sept. 13:

0046 – alarm, 23000 bl. Bohn Rd.
0304 – fire dept. assist, Oregon St.
0831 – welfare check, Harris Rd./Martinsville Rd.
0935 – citizen assist, Bemis Rd./Sumpter Rd.
1042 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1046 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1049 – subpoena service, 43000 bl. Harris Rd.
1153 – death investigation, Rustic Ln.
1350 – suspicious person, 23000 bl. Martinsville
1510 – death investigation, 18000 bl. Morton Ave.
2101 – welfare check, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
2201 – assist other agency, Rustic Ln.

Tuesday, Sept. 14:

0354 – suspicious person, Martinsville/Judd
0639 – suspicious person, Montana St.
0644 – property damage accident, 21000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0813 – fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Harris Rd.
0842 – obstruct police, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.
1156 – assault, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1343 – civil matter, Redwood St.
1603 – suspicious person, 11000 bl. Rawsonville
1715 – fire dept. assist, Brookview Dr.
2159 – animal complaint, Sumpter Rd./Judd Rd.

Wednesday, Sept. 15:

0015 – mental health call, Brookview Dr.
0017 – harassment complaint, Greenmeadow Dr.
0518 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1108 – welfare check, 20000 bl. Clark Rd.
1114 – assault, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1114 – civil matter, Greenmeadow Dr.
1136 – 911 hang up, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1217 – civil matter, Greenmeadow Dr.
1335 – civil matter, 46000 bl. Executive Dr.
1509 – fire dept. assist, Nevada St.
1650 – death investigation, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1658 – suspicious person, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1819 – 911 hang up, 42000 bl. Willis Rd.
1923 – citizen assist, 24000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
2056 – welfare check, 29000 bl. Karr Rd.
2145 – suspicious circumstance, Carriage Ln.

Thursday, Sept. 16:

0016 – 911 hang up, 45000 bl. Dunn Rd.
0248 – mental health call, 29000 bl. Karr Rd.
1048 – animal complaint, Sherwood/Arkona
1106 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1113 – citizen assist, 20000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1237 – civil matter, 42000 bl. Willow Rd.
1258 – fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Fenster Ave.
1524 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1529 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1552 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

1708 – assist other agency, Edgewood Dr.
1716 – fire dept. assist, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1801 – welfare check, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
1933 – suspicious circumstance, 19000 bl. Elwell
2126 – warrant arrest, Carriage Ln./Rustic Ln. N.
2127 – assist other agency, 28000 bl. Sumpter Rd.

Friday, Sept. 17:

0030 – traffic complaint/hazard, Sherwood/Willis
0920 – animal complaint, 41000 bl. Harris Rd.
1027 – fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1154 – follow-up investigation, out of township
1655 – fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Harris Rd.
1659 – fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1800 – citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2048 – welfare check, 46000 bl. Traskos Ave.
2159 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Sherwood Rd.

Saturday, Sept. 18:

0820 – fire dept. assist, Sumpter Rd./Arkona Rd.
1252 – 911 hang up, 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1406 – fire dept. assist, 40000 bl. Wear Rd.
1639 – civil matter, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1704 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Karr Rd.
1946 – 911 hang up, Creekside Dr.
2123 – operating while intoxicated arrest, Carriage Ln.
2307 – missing person, 45000 bl. Arkona Rd.
Also on this week's log are 61 patrol checks, 26 traffic stops, and six misc. details.

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Moonstar asks public to join in Teal Pumpkin Project for allergies

Moon Star Express, 309 Main St., Belleville, will be participating in the Teal Pumpkin Project for Halloween Trick or Treating in downtown Belleville on Oct. 29 and invites the community to join in.

Putting a teal pumpkin on your doorstep means you have non-food treats available, such as glow sticks or small toys. This simple act promotes inclusion for trick-or-treaters with food allergies or other conditions.

The Teal Pumpkin Project was inspired by a local awareness activity run by the Food Allergy Community of East Tennessee (FACET).

Halloween can be a tricky time for families managing food allergies. Many traditional Halloween treats aren't safe for children with life-threatening food allergies.

People can still pass out candy, but they can keep the experience safe by keeping the food treats and non-treats in separate bowls.

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Romulus Chamber invites the public to meet the candidates Sept. 30

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will host a "Meet the Candidates Night" from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Romulus Athletic Center.

The public is invited to attend to meet and greet candidates in the upcoming November Romulus city election. Candidates will each have a table with information and be available to talk with and ask questions in a casual and neutral environment. The Chamber has been hosting Meet the Candidate Nights similar to this one for decades.

"This is an important opportunity to speak with candidates on local issues and be an informed voter for the November election," said Jazmine Danci, Executive Director of the Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce. "We hope residents take advantage of it."

For the Nov. 2 Regular Election there are two candidates for Mayor, one for City Clerk, one for City Treasurer, and 12 for City Council. All candidates have been invited to participate in the event.

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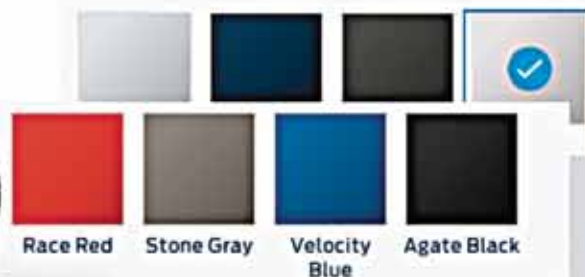
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