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VBT DDA OKs \$28,000 to get on cover of Hour book

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

"It's a pretty big deal," said Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer, concerning her request to spend \$28,000 to get a picture of the new splash pad onto the cover of the hard-bound book, "2019-20 Metro Detroit Area Guest Guide" that is placed in over 145 hotels in the Greater Detroit area.

"It's an honor to be asked," Lothringer told the DDA at its regular meeting Aug. 27.

She said Hour Media will be setting up the perfect shot at the splash park with models to go on the cover.

The \$28,000 expenditure also includes four full pages inside the book, which alone has a marketing cost of normally \$34,000, she said.

She said this book, published by Hour Media, is placed in more than 145 hotels, which equates to over 26,000 hotel rooms with more than three million guests per year. She said the digital version averages more than 21,000 downloads per year.

"It is highly unusual for this opportunity to be offered to a governmental entity and we will be in the company of landmarks like the Little Caesars Arena which was featured on the cover two years ago," Lothringer said.

She said the DDA has cultivated a good relationship with Hour Media, leading to this offer. She said the book will be available late this year or early next year.

"That's a lot of money," said VBT Supervisor Kevin McNamara and other DDA members agreed. But the DDA voted unanimously to approve the expenditure, which had to be taken out of the fund balance since it was not in the budget.

The guest guide is promoted as covering the dining scene, historical landmarks, (continued on page 17)



Independent photo by James Otzman

Eight Michigan Kmart, including this one in Van Buren Township, will be closing before Christmas this year. Others including Clio, Midland, Oscoda, Grayling, Hastings, Menominee, and Marine City also will permanently shut their doors by mid-December. The Kmart on Rawsonville Road has posted a sign that it is no longer accepting layaways. Liquidation sales will begin in mid-September, with store closing by mid-December, according to the company statement issued Saturday.

Belleville DDA offers more input on what to do with 4th Street

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

At its regular meeting Aug. 21, members of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority gave their ideas on a proposed plan for changing Fourth Street into a one-way, 22'-wide drive leading up to the new library building with a left turn at the alley.

Phil Westmoreland of Spicer Group has been working on proposals since last spring and at the DDA's last meeting on May 15, members gave their input on pavement treatments, traffic control, parking, and keeping the area flexible for special events. They wanted to be sure there was space for the stage, at Main Street, and room for a tent.

The treatment presented includes green space, low to no curbs with swales for drainage, bike parking, removable bollards and seating. The estimated cost was from \$200,000 to \$350,000. At the May meeting, DDA Coordinator Carol Thompson said they only had \$120,000 in the budget for this, but they had \$1 million in fund balance to make sure they have enough to

pay their bonds.

The library plans to repair the trenches its construction work made into the street before the DDA does work on the surface.

On Aug. 21, Westmoreland presented a plan that featured stamped, colored concrete for four parking spaces, near the library area of the street and after discussion, he was told to put those spaces in the middle of the block because the library had a 90-space parking lot in the works and they didn't need to give the library more parking.

Westmoreland said he recommended the stamped, colored concrete because he had a problem with the way brick settles unevenly.

He recommended eight honey locust Skyline trees, which have no pods and no thorns. He said it's better to have trees different from the Main Street trees because if a disease takes a certain type of tree, it wouldn't take them all.

He said if there was more green space than he planned, they would have to have sprinklers.

He said they are working with Van Buren Township, which is the owner of the museum, and the library in their plans.

DDA vice-chairperson Alicia McGovern said the DDA should be looking out for the businesses and she said she was in favor of putting the parking spaces near Main

Street, so customers for the businesses in that area would have easy access to them.

The owner of the businesses at the corner of Main and Fourth was present again to advocate for parking spaces next to his businesses, since customers like to pull up, run into the cleaners, and then hurry back to pull away. He said often the spaces in front of the shop on Main Street are taken up with patrons of the restaurant across the street.

But, Westmoreland was directed to try to flip the parking spaces into the middle of the block to see what he could do and to make new drawings.

The library board has been anxious to know what the DDA is planning to do at its front door and so the DDA will hold a special meeting after Labor Day if Westmoreland comes up with revised drawings for approval.

Mayor Kerreen Conley suggested having a special DDA meeting on Sept. 3 at 6 p.m., just before the city council meeting at 7:30 p.m.

DDA chairperson Rosemary Loria told Westmoreland what they want the street to look like is "green, parking, green."

Thompson said they are looking at taking out the portable pedestrian-crossing sign in the middle of Main Street and having a lighted sign on the side of the street. People

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Belleville DDA

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will be able to push a button or there would be a motion sensor.

Westmoreland said they will look at a solar option, but it will also have to be wired "because this is Michigan."

Although lights for a pedestrian crosswalk underneath their feet on Main Street was discussed it was not considered feasible because Main Street would have to be cut into.

In other business at the one-hour-and-20-minute meeting, the DDA:

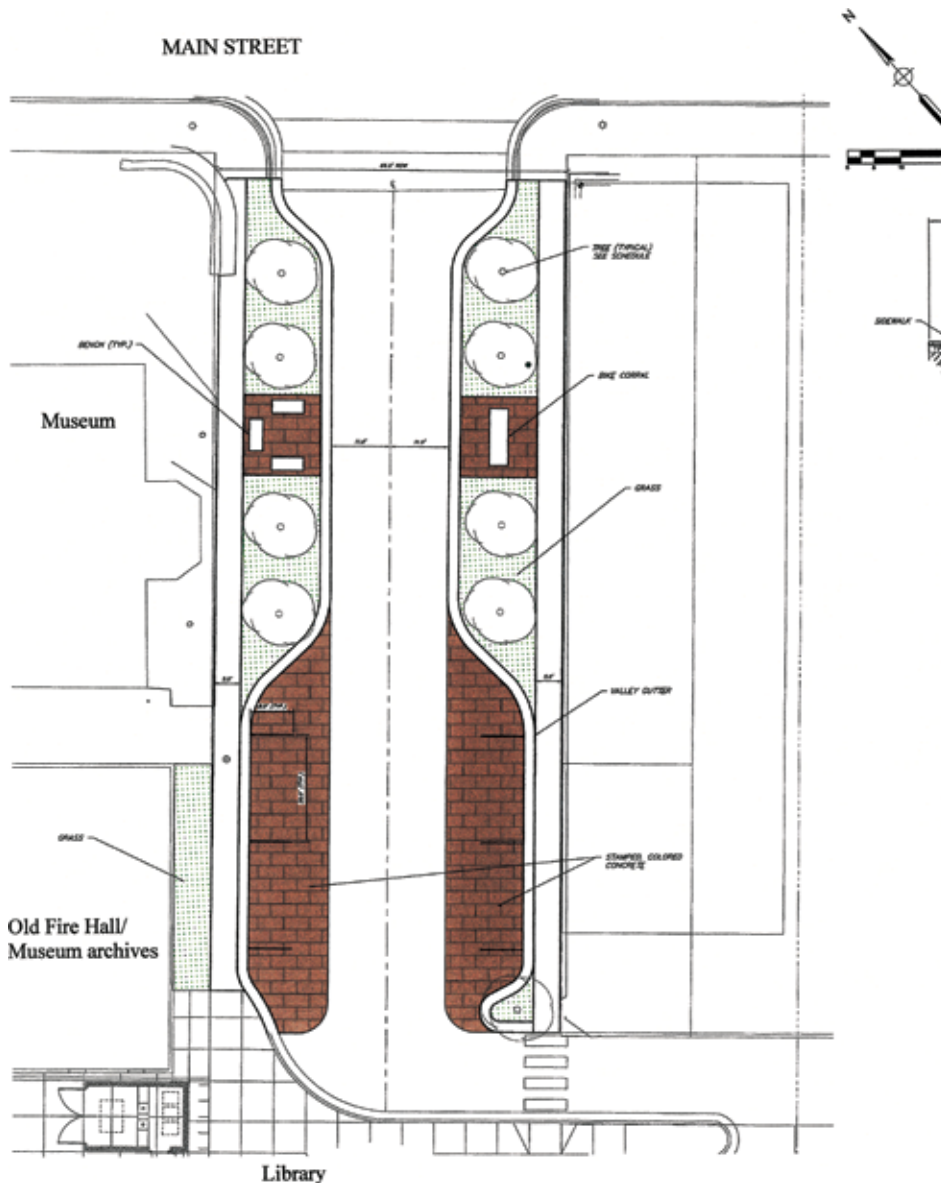
- Heard DDA member Jason Mida discuss a food truck rally event that had been discussed by a subcommittee made up of him, Thompson, and DDA Treasurer Sabrina Richardson Williams. He said the DDA didn't have the turnout it expected when the coffee trucks came in last year and so they thought maybe three food trucks could come during Winter Fest. He said they don't want to compete with businesses in the downtown, but maybe they could have a barbecue truck and something else they don't have downtown to give festival-goers options to eat at the event. McGovern said it is the DDA's job to bring new things to the community and it would be better to put on a business fair to focus on business growth than bringing in food trucks. Thompson said the Chamber of Commerce used to have business fairs and she will pass the idea on to them. Kelly Bates said she sets up food trucks for University of Michigan Athletic Department events and she can help with a list of vendors. She said they demand a guarantee of \$750 minimum per truck, which means 140 at \$5 each would have to visit each truck;

- Heard Loria report that she, Thompson and City Manager Diana Kollmeyer sat in lawn chairs across the street and watched them tear down the buildings in the 500 block of Main. She said they are planning to get pictures from the 1950s and '60s to hang on the construction fence to show what had been in that block in the past. The museum is finding pictures that could be hung and developer Scott Jones and construction company Davenport are cooperating with the project;

- Heard Thompson report that Booville during October is presently a work in progress. She also announced that the Lunch Box is planning a 9/11 event at 5 p.m. Sept. 11 and has invited those at city hall and the police and fire departments, as well as the public, for a memorial and free hot dogs and refreshments;

- Heard members of the DDA comment on the passing of former DDA member Gary Snarsky and how much they will miss him; and

- Heard Loria say the 2020 visioning



This was the proposed layout for a one-way Fourth Street between Main Street and the new library as discussed at the Aug. 21 meeting of the Belleville Downtown Development Authority. Phil Westmoreland of Spicer engineers was told to move the four stamped, colored concrete parking spots from the library end of the block to the middle of the design.

session that was held in the year 2000 talked about many of the things the community wanted that are now coming to pass. She said they were told in 2000 that it would take 20 years to happen, and they were right. Loria also said she and her

husband agree that they probably shouldn't allow pets at the Taste of Belleville next year because volunteers had to clean up dog waste during the event while people were eating.

VB T to sponsor Opioid Awareness Day, Narcan training, free kits at WCCC

Van Buren Township, in collaboration with the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority (DWMHA), announces an Opioid Awareness Forum at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 12, followed by a Narcan Training session at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township.

The purpose of the event, which is open to the public without charge, is to engage the local community in raising awareness in opioid use, abuse, prevention, and addiction. Proactive initiatives and support services will be discussed by the Van Buren Public Safety Department.

Speakers will include VBT Officer Ryan

McCormick, Patrick Stropes from Growth Works, U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, and Darlene Owens, Director of Substance Use Disorder from DWMHA. Fire Chief Amy Brow and VBT Trustee Reggie Miller will serve as moderators.

Sign-in will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the presentation starting at 6 p.m. A brief question-and-answer session will follow.

Those who stay for Narcan training, will receive a free Narcan kit. The event will conclude at about 7:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

Contact the VBT's Supervisor's office at (734) 699-8910 for more information.

VB T Planners present recommended ordinance for narrow lakeside lots

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

During a 10-minute meeting on Aug. 28, the Van Buren Township Planning Commission hosted a public hearing on an amendment to the zoning ordinance for narrow lakeside properties and then voted to send its recommendation for approval to the township board.

Vidya Krishnan of McKenna planning consultants, who is filling in for the planning and economic development director's position while it is vacant, explained how this item on narrow lakefront lots got on the agenda.

She said the Board of Zoning Appeals had asked the staff to look into the concentration of narrow lots in the township, particularly on the lakefront, and whether the setback requirements should be amended for these lots.

The minimum lot width for any zoning district in the township is 70 feet. There are some legally nonconforming lots which are narrower than this.

Section 5.144 of the Zoning Ordinance requires a minimum 24-foot width across the front and rear and rear elevations of a home, and Section 4.102 requires the side yard setbacks to total at least 25 feet.

For lots that are 50 feet wide or narrower, these requirements do not leave a viable building envelope, she said.

Krishnan recommended the following amendment to R-1A, R-2A, R-1B and R-1C single family residential districts, Sub-section D, Dimensional Regulations:

"Lakefront lot setbacks. The structures on the parcel shall comply with the required front- and rear-yard setbacks for the underlying zoning district. Where the lot does not comply with the minimum required lot width, the narrowest side yard shall not be less than five feet or 15 percent of the lot width, whichever is greater, and the sum of the two side yards shall not be less than 30 percent of the lot width."

Krishnan said the regulation will allow for the construction of a reasonable-size dwelling while providing adequate room in the side yards for maintenance and access in the event of an emergency.

On a 50-foot-wide lot, the required side yard setbacks would be 15% of 50 which equals 7.5 feet. A combined side yard of 15 feet would still allow a buildable width of 35 feet, she said.

During the public hearing on the amendment, Corey Gibson of 43160 E. Huron River Dr., asked if people could put together new lots, claiming they were "grandfathered" in by this amendment.

Commission chairwoman Carol
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OPINIONS

Editorial

Hurricane dogs to find homes in tri-community

On Sunday, an aircraft landed at Willow Run Airport and unloaded about 80 dogs from Florida dog shelters ahead of the coming Dorian hurricane. There were six groups in Southeastern Michigan who were welcoming the dogs and willing to find them homes, to empty out the present Florida shelters so they would be open to the expected onslaught of new pets needing help.

Marcie LaFramboise of Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue said her group was not advised of this delivery, but she is making arrangements for the annual delivery of dogs from a town named Abaco in the Bahamas.

She said every year the American Humane Society brings thousands of dogs from Abaco, since so many run loose there. The hurricane is delaying the delivery.

She said in the Bahamas, the homeless dogs are called "potcakes," since people feel sorry for them and feed them from the cakes at the bottom of their pots.

She said they are just mixed-breed dogs and FMAR welcomes them to their shelter every year. She said she has one in her house now because he was too shy to adopt out.

We'll be looking forward to FMAR's new group of "potcakes" that will be seeking forever homes after living through the hurricane. We're sure our generous community will open its heart, as usual.

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

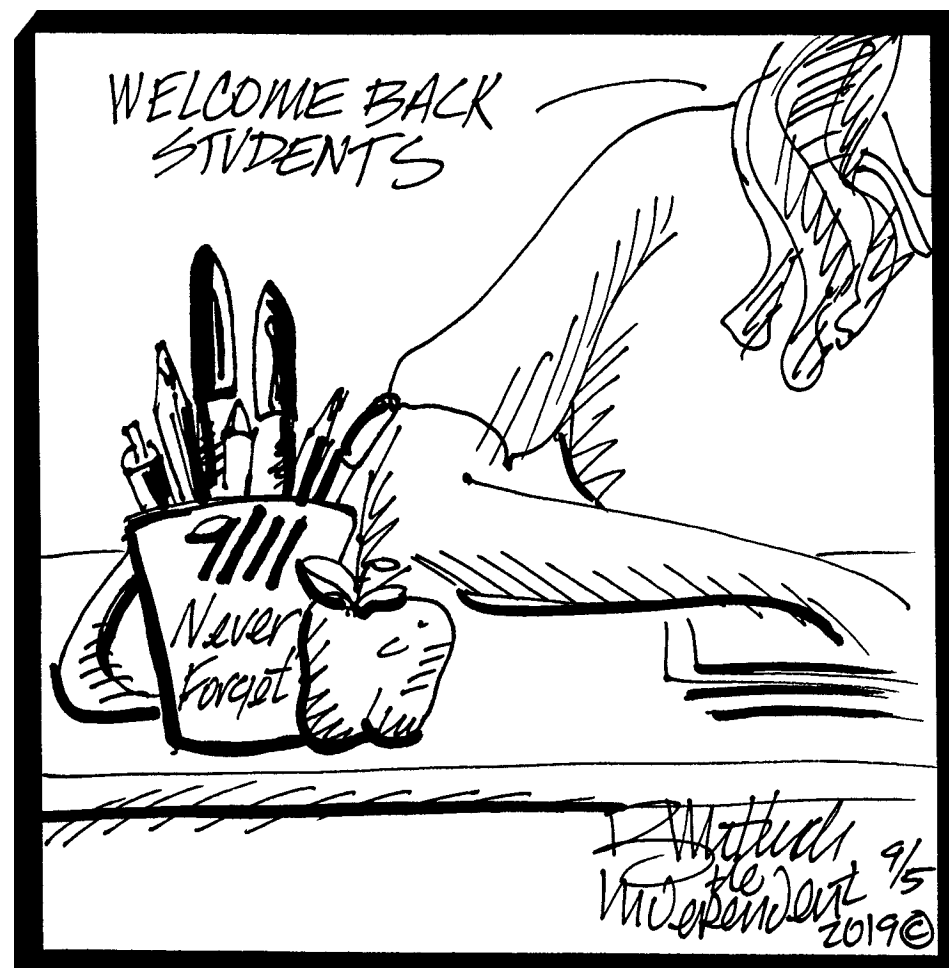
School Supt. Pete Kudlak explained what must have happened to end up with us getting nine school bond information postcards, although there are just four businesses in the building here at 152 Main Street.

Supt. Kudlak said: "We only paid for the same amount of postcards as *Van Buren Today* magazines. So, since your building received five too many, the last five people on the mailman's route did not get one. That is concerning to us as we want to get the word out. I just wanted to let you know that we did not pay for any extras to be mailed to any address. Sorry for the confusion. Let me know if you need any other information on this."

A Sumpter Township resident who reads our paper got a phone call last week from a person who sounded like his grandson, although there was an "echo" sound around the grandson that sounded like it was a conference call. The boy, who seemed to have a slightly East Coast accent, said, "Grandpa?" and the man answered, "Johnny?" and the caller said, "Yeh." The boy said he was in trouble. He was in a rear-end collision. He was on his phone, he dropped it and reached for it and then he hit the car in front of him.

He said the police arrested him for using a cell phone while driving and, "I need you to talk to a lawyer." Then, he put on a man who was supposed to be a lawyer, who said the boy was charged with public endangerment and reckless driving. The judge would grant bail, the "lawyer" said.

Our reader said he replied, "I want to talk to him now," referring to his grandson. "We can arrange bail," the "lawyer" replied. "I want to talk to him now!" our reader insisted, asking where the boy was now. At first the "lawyer"



said he was in Station #9, downtown. Then he said, "He's in Belleville." Our reader announced, "I'm going to Belleville right now!" and the caller hung up.

That's when our reader called his grandson and when he answered, the boy said he was at work. "I just wanted to make sure you were all right," the grandfather said.

Our reader said he just wanted to alert residents about such scam phone calls. He said he is disappointed that the call didn't go on longer since he wondered how much money they wanted to get from him.

He called back the number on his caller ID and he was told the number was out of the area and then there was no such number.

We received a report from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources on Friday saying there has been the 40th sighting of a cougar in Michigan since 2008 and this one is accompanied by a clear picture from a man's trail camera.

The report said this sighting was on public land in Delta County. The trail camera photo was taken at 8:55 p.m. Aug. 17. A black and white image from the camera shows a cougar heading away from the camera into a stand of cedar trees.

Another cougar trail image was snapped July 7 in Gogebic County and verified by the DNR in August. It was photographed during daylight hours northwest of Ironwood.

All but one of the 40 sightings came from the Upper Peninsula, the DNR said. They noted this number may include multiple sightings

of the same cougar and not necessarily 40 different animals.

Although the DNR doesn't talk about cougars in this area, we have had credible reports out of Sumpter and Van Buren townships over the years. I remember years ago when Al Ostrowski was animal control officer in VBT. He went to a grocery store and bought raw chicken to bait a trap to try to catch a cougar that had been sighted in VBT, north of Michigan Ave. Didn't work.

At a recent Belleville City Council meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria said he recently learned that the Iron Belle Trail is heading not far from his cottage up north. He said after the trail is done in Belleville, he'll be able to walk from his home in Belleville to his cottage up north on the trail.

The first part of the Iron Belle Trail in these parts will be going from Edgemont Street in the City of Belleville (where Jack lives) east to Martinsville Road, where Riggs Park is located. They'll be working on the westward part of the trail after that. The westward trail leads to the northbound trail, which ends at the Wisconsin border in Ironwood, where the cougar was sighted.

The trailheads are in Belle Isle and Ironwood.





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Letters

You are invited to 9/11 ceremony at Lunch Box

To the editor:

I would like to invite the Belleville and surrounding communities to an evening of reflection and remembrance of the events on 9/11 at the Lunch Box restaurant here on Main Street on Wednesday, Sept. 11, beginning at 5 p.m.

There will be a short service at 5:30, free hot dogs and refreshments, crafts for children, and other activities throughout the evening. Everyone is invited.

Rodney Herald, owner
Lunch Box restaurant, Belleville

Thank you to Officer Bart Devos for help

To the editor:

I want to thank Belleville Police Officer Bart Devos for helping me on Labor Day when I locked my keys inside my truck. He was very kind and spent time with me and I appreciated that very much. We don't say enough in support of all the good things the police do and I want everyone to know about this simple kindness that meant so much to me.

Paul Atkins
Belleville

Last Meijer Double Match Day is Sept. 13

To the editor:

Friday, Sept. 13, is Meijer's Simply Give Double Match Day. On this day Meijer will double whatever you load on a Simply Give card. If you put \$10 on the card, Meijer will match with \$20, for a total donation of \$30. Meijer will DOUBLE MATCH up to \$5,000 on this day. Please support our Emergency Food Closet and purchase a card on this day at our local Meijer store at 9701 Belleville Rd. Please help feed the hungry in our community! Thank you.

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Come join the fun and keep your heart healthy

To the editor:

I would like to thank Mary Ann for her great management of the Sumpter Senior Center. She helps us to stay healthy and happy with the programs she schedules.

Cardio Drumming has been great fun at

the Sumpter Senior Center this summer. You may have seen a demonstration at the Sumpter Fest.

Activities are free to members of the Sumpter Senior Center.

Sign up now for \$4. In December you can sign up for the year at \$8. All equipment is provided.

Arthritis Exercise with Virginia Belinski is Tuesdays, 10:30 to 11:15.

Cardio Drumming with Michelle Rodriguez will be Tuesdays, 6:30 to 7:30, beginning Sept. 10. (You may recognize her name. She is a Belleville Hall of Famer for her softball days.) Michelle also teaches Cardio Drumming at Roller's Skating Rink Sunday mornings 9-10 and on Monday and Wednesday, 6:30-7:30. First class is free there.

Cardio Drumming with Nancy Moore will be Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 10:15. It is followed by Arthritis Exercise with Virginia, 10:30 to 11:15.

Come on out and join the fun while keeping your heart healthy! For more information, call (734) 461-9373.

Julie Slauterbeck
Sumpter Township

Homegrown Knowledge coming up on Sept. 12

To the editor:

Please join us to travel with Dee Crowe from San Juan, Puerto Rico to the Amazon River (and up the river for a thousand miles). Dee is a fine speaker and has lovely pictures to illustrate her talk.

The talk will be at the library, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12. I hope to see you there.

Marty Wilson
Van Buren Township

Quirk Park Splash Pad grand opening weekend

To the editor:

All summer long we have been waiting for the Quirk Park Splash Pad Grand Opening on Friday, Aug. 23, 2019. We grabbed the grandkids (3-year-old boy & 4-year-old girl) and off we went. They had a blast! Everyone there was super friendly. It was an awesome grand opening!

The next day the grandkids were still talking about the Splash Pad so we decided to go up again on Saturday around 5 p.m. The grandkids started on the playground and then went in the Splash Pad. After a little while, they decided to go back to the playground. Parents were watching their kids nicely. The kids were playing, running and enjoying the new playground equipment. They were exploring every corner of the new monkey bars, slides, bridges, stairs, etc.

3 TEENAGERS showed up at the playground: 2 girls and 1 boy around 13/14 years old. They weren't being mean or anything, but they did go and sit at the top of the stairs of the playground equipment and block the walkway to the biggest slide
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and the monkey bar stairs going down. They sat there and just messed with their phones.

Now, at this time the little kids were avoiding that part of the playground. After a while I nicely said to the teens, "This playground equipment is for playing on and you are blocking an area where the kids would like to go. So, if you are not going to go down the slide or play on the monkey bars, would you please move?" The teens didn't even look at me, nor did they look up from their phones.

I could have used my LUNCH MOM voice and ordered them off, but I didn't feel like causing a scene. The teenagers blocked the area for about 20 minutes. In the meantime, new little kids with adults started coming to the park to play. The teens slowly moved off the playground, swung on the swings for a couple minutes and then they slowly walked away. These teens did not walk to any parents or adults. They walked toward Ayres Avenue and Quirk Road, so I am going to assume they are local kids.

Here are my concerns with this. The playground equipment is not a picnic table. This is where little kids come and play with supervision. Or, big kids can come and play with respect for the little kids. If teens are allowed to loiter, then that is where the graffiti starts. That is where the vandalism starts. That is where (possible) drugs and needles, etc., will be found. I may be overthinking this, but these teens did not care that they were blocking fun for the rest of the kids. No respect!

I did call the Parks and Recreation Department and told them my concerns. They told me that if it happened again to call them at (734) 699-8921 and they would send staff out. If no one answers, we are to call the police department at the non-emergency phone number. I would encourage you to do the same.

I'm not writing this to cause problems. I am writing this to prevent future problems. Have a Safe and Happy Future!

Sherrie Wasen
Van Buren Township

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What 'Our Mueller Book Club' learned

To the editor:

I want to apologize to the editor and the readers about the length of this letter and the abbreviated way I've referenced a few things. At times, I've given a brief description to something in the Mueller Report because it's important; I've also included references to where a more complete explanation can be found in its pages. I've done so to keep this letter as short as possible.

The Mueller Book Club had its first meeting July 29 and its last meeting Aug. 19. What a lot of reading! I'd like to share with our community what our club members found important in the Mueller Report (MR).

First, I'll summarize Volume I by saying what we've all heard ad nauseam. "The Russian government perceived it would

benefit from a Trump presidency and worked to secure that outcome, and ... the Campaign expected ... benefit ... from information stolen and released ... the investigation did not establish that members of the Trump Campaign conspired or coordinated ... [with Russia]." (MR, VI, pg. 2)

In Volume II, the Mueller Book Club learned that while Trump and his campaign did not conspire with the Russians (that we know of), Trump did everything in his power to impede the Investigation, and both Trump and his senior aides were eager to accept Russia's help. The Russian attempt to undermine our democracy has been denied by Trump / supporters and we had a lengthy discussion that this denial gives McConnell the excuse he needs to prevent election security legislation from coming to the Senate floor for a vote. A national security crisis in the making.

So, what did our club learn?

1) The OLC (Office of Legal Counsel, often referred to as the "President's lawyer") wrote a legal opinion. That memo had a profound effect on Mueller and why he did not pursue Trump's indictment. Are you familiar with the phrase "you can't indict a sitting president"? It stems from the OLC's legal opinion.

2) Trump's attitude toward the Russian Investigation falls into two phases
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Obituaries



Julie Ann Luxton

JULIE ANN LUXTON

July 30, 1983 - August 27, 2019

Julie Luxton Age 36 of Carleton, Michigan, passed away Tuesday August 27, 2019 following her struggles with breast cancer.

Julie grew up in Inkster, Michigan, and went to Wayne/Westland Schools.

She loved going on nature walks with her girls and spending time with her family and friends. Julie was a one of a kind, compassionate and loving person who brightened every room she entered with her high-spirited effortless happiness.

Julie is survived and treasured by her mother Lynn Chapman and step-father Mark Chapman, father Louis Luxton and grandmother Teresa Fox. (Preceded in passing by her grandfather James Fox Sr.) Beloved mother to her two daughters Kelsie Mayes and Kallee King. She is also survived by her four siblings, Laura Hall (Brian), Ashley Clinton (Shaun), Cody Chapman and Chyenne Chapman. Julie has blessed the lives of her loving nieces and nephews Dezmin, Pralene, Brian Jr, Olivia, Keegan, Charlee and Bentley. She was very cherished by all of her aunts, uncles, cousins, friends and many others unmentioned. She will be forever missed, loved and thought of by all who shared her life with her. May she rest in peace and continue to shine bright above us all. Loved forever.

Celebration of life gathering to be announced at a later time.

Upcoming Meetings

• Tuesday, Sept. 10 – September Days Senior Center Endowment Committee, 11 a.m. Also, Van Buren Township Local Development Financing Authority meets at 2 p.m. This is a state-required informational meeting. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Board of Zoning Appeals, 7 p.m. Also, Belleville Area District Library Board, 7:30 p.m.



Donna Jean Scherer

DONNA JEAN SCHERER

(June 14, 1952 - August 29, 2019)

Donna Jean Scherer, 67, of Jackson died peacefully at her residence in Jackson on Thursday afternoon, August 29, 2019.

Donna is the beloved wife of James for fifty wonderful years; loving mother of Brian (Gina) Scherer of Walled Lake; cherished grandmother of McKenna Scherer of Ypsilanti, Jayden Butler of California, Charles Butler III of Ypsilanti. Mrs. Scherer is also survived by many loving extended family and friends. Sadly, she is preceded in death by her daughter, Tina Bloom (d.2016).

A longtime Belleville resident, Donna enjoyed painting, cooking and spending time in the outdoors with her family. She will be missed. Funeral services were held at 1 PM, Saturday, August 31, 2019 in the main chapel of the David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. (734) 697-4500. The Scherer family greeted guests from 9 AM until the time of the service. Interment followed at Alban Cemetery, Ypsilanti on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.

In lieu of customary tributes, please consider making a contribution to the Lupus Foundation, www.lupus.org.



JAMES BLAINE LUKE, SR.

(July 20, 1927 – September 1, 2019)

James Blaine Luke, Sr., 92, of Belleville, MI, passed away peacefully in his home, Sunday, September 1, 2019, where he resided for many years. Jim was born on July 20, 1927 in Buchanan, MI.

He is survived by his son, James B. Luke, Jr. (Carol) and daughter, Patti Luke Malott (John), 4 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. James served honorably in the Navy during World War II. He was an avid University of Michigan fan in all sports, especially Michigan football, where he served as an usher on the 50-yard line for 71 years. He also was a lifetime member of the Yankee Air Force Museum. James loved the sport of skeet shooting and won many medals over his lifetime. He also enjoyed hunting in the UP with family and friends. Those he left behind will best remember him for his optimism in life.

A full military funeral service will take place at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

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Huron Twp. Historical Society sets Farmers & Vintage Market Sept. 14

The Farmers & Vintage Market, hosted by the Huron Township Historical Commission, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14, at Lajko Field, 22700 Huron River Dr., New Boston.

This event showcases the local farmers, crafters, and collectors in and near Huron Township. This event is free to the public and free for vendors.

Do you have produce you grow? Honey you harvest? Soap you make? Have you re-purposed something old into something new and usable? Do you have some vintage pieces just looking for a home, or are you just looking to support those who do? Then, this event is for you.

They are offering one free 10'x10' space to you if are a maker, collector, creator, raiser, or grower. There is an additional 10'x10' space available for a \$25 fee.

Last year there were some "no shows" and to avoid that this year, they are asking for a \$50 refundable deposit to hold your spot. You will get the deposit back when you check in the morning of the event.

For an application, contact Candace Myshock at (734) 307-4817, email hurontwp Historical Commission@gmail.com or message them on Facebook. Provide an email address for the application to be sent to you.

Community Chorus - Resuming rehearsals, singers welcome

If you like to sing, the Belleville Community Chorus (BCC), with director Rachael Parr, invites you to join in as they embark on their 14th year of presenting diverse vocal selections for the enjoyment of the tri-community.

Whether you sing soprano, alto, tenor, bass, or you're not really sure, you are welcome to be part of this group. They will find a place for you.

The BCC is a non-profit organization, made up of volunteers of all ages who love to sing. Using a variety of choral music, they intend their performances to provide enrichment, education, and enjoyment for all members and audiences in all of the Belleville-area communities.

Rehearsals are every Monday evening at 7 p.m., beginning Sept. 9, at the First United Methodist Church, 417 Charles St., Belleville. The group will be performing its fall concert in December.

If you are interested in joining this group, just show up at the the first rehearsal on Sept. 9. This year they are especially hoping to increase their men's sections.

For more information, call Paula Pence-Poston at (734) 725- 1425 or email to mspaula35@hotmail.com.

Fall Storytime sessions to begin at Belleville Area District Library

The Belleville Area District Library announces it will begin its Fall Storytime sessions soon:

- Family Storytimes, Sept. 9 - Oct. 14, Mondays, 7 p.m., ages 4-10
- Tuesday Toddler Times, Sept. 10 – Oct. 15, Tuesdays, 11 a.m., ages 2-4
- Thursday Toddler Times, Sept. 12 – Oct. 17, Thursdays, 11 a.m., ages 2-4

Families are able to sign up at <http://belleville.evanced.info/signup> or call the library at (734) 699-3291 and ask for the reference desk. The library is located at 167 Fourth St., Belleville, but during construction of the new library, entry is from the alley or from Charles Street.

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Mayor appoints Laginess to PSC, Kelly-Bonner to DDA

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Mayor Kerreen Conley appointed Joani Laginess to the Civil Service Commission and Valerie Kelly-Bonner to the Downtown Development Authority during the Aug. 19 regular meeting of the Belleville City Council. Laginess' term will expire May 31, 2024 and Kelly-Bonner's term will expire Dec. 31, 2023.

At Monday's meeting, Kelly-Bonner got up to introduce herself as the operator of SOOAR on South Street, which is funded by the Mental Health Authority.

The council unanimously confirmed the appointments. Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria was absent.

In other business at the 27-minute meeting, the council:

- Approved closing Roys Street from Main Street ending before the Chase Bank drive-through lanes to accommodate the Harvest Fest activities. No date was on the approval application. Harvest Fest was approved at an earlier meeting, but that request failed to include this street closing;

- Approved the minutes of the Aug. 5 and 12 meetings together and then did it a second time, after former Councilwoman Kim Tindall advised from the audience that Councilman Tom Smith who made the motion to approve the two meetings was not at the Aug. 5 meeting, so he couldn't make the motion to approve the minutes. The council separated the meeting minutes approvals and Councilman Tom Fielder made the motion to approve the Aug. 5 meeting minutes, seconded by Mayor Conley. The motion to approve the minutes of the Aug. 12 meeting was made by Councilman Jesse Marcotte and seconded by Smith. "I don't want you to get in trouble," said Tindall in explaining why she told the councilmen they were doing something wrong;

- Approved accounts payable of \$276,194.43 and the following purchases in excess of \$500: to R&R Fire Truck, \$5,644.65, for annual maintenance / emergency repair; to Oakland Co. Treasurer, \$4,078.60, for CLEMIS membership; to Emergency Reporting, \$2,176, for reporting software/fire dept.; to Hennessey Engineers, \$2,041, for construction inspections (from escrow account) and \$629 for MS4 Permit from EGLE (formerly DEQ); and to Metro Environmental, \$1,313.75 for storm sewer repair from the local street fund and \$945 for sewer repair on Edgemont St. from the water/sewer fund;

- Heard Mayor Conley announce she was at the MMRMA (Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority) conference and could not attend the Bridgework or Taste of Belleville. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said there was a fairly good turnout for the Bridgework and Congresswoman Debbie Dingell was there;

- Heard Kelly Bates say she went to the Music Lakeside concert on Aug. 8 and reported that both of the public park restrooms aren't private and anyone could walk in on you. She said a simple partition would help. Also, she said there was no toilet paper;

- Heard Becky Hasen complain about garbage pickup at Belle Villa townhouses as a continual problem. "Why does our garbage continue to not be picked up?" she said, asking if residents could opt out of Republic Waste pickup. City Manager Kollmeyer said Hasen could come in to city hall any day of the week and Kollmeyer could do the research on that. She said bids are up for renewal in October and bids have been requested from haulers that operate in this area: Waste Management, GFL, Rizzo and Republic. Hasen asked if they could use the Michigan Municipal League site to call for bids statewide and Tindall said MML has a free service. Kollmeyer said that will be

checked into;

- Heard Kollmeyer announce that the new rope for Horizon Park is now in the DPW garage and Pioneer Landscaping will install it at Horizon Park;

- Heard Councilman Fielder say there was a good turnout for the Taste of Belleville and that was because it was linked with that night's concert in the park. He said at about 4:30 or 5 p.m., the rain stopped. He said Applebee's won the trophy for the decorating contest;

- Heard Fielder announce he had been to the annual Wayne County Mental Health retreat and learned that drug deaths were down 10% in 2018, to 1,000, with the average age for deaths at 44-54, and white males being the largest percentage. He said there were 13 overdose deaths in the tri-community last year, but because they are counted by where the body is, he said there could be more who were from this area who died in a hospital in Washtenaw County, where they would be counted. He also said fentanyl in its pure form has grown to be the #1 cause of drug deaths and cocaine replaced heroin as the #2 cause of drug deaths;

- Heard Councilman Marcotte report on the meeting of Aug. 13 at the BYC that explained the proposed reduced level for phosphorus in Ford and Belleville lakes. He said the City of Ann Arbor, upstream, has not always been the greatest neighbor. He said he would send the report from the state to the city and Kollmeyer said they would put it on the city website; and

- Was told the proposed new agreement for the 34th District Court will be on the next city meeting agenda on Sept. 3.

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This large crab apple tree growing in the patio of the current Belleville Area District Library will be destroyed in order to build the parking lot for the new library. At its regular meeting on Aug. 13, library board members said they have consulted two arborists about saving the tree which has a “glorious” bloom each spring. They will try cuttings and seeds, but it was warned the seeds might not come out the same as the original tree. Board president Sharon Peters said an attempt to dig up and move the tree would be expensive and they are told they probably would lose the tree, anyway. Library Director Mary Jo Suchy said she had a hope of having tree seedlings to give away to each child at the grand opening of the new library.



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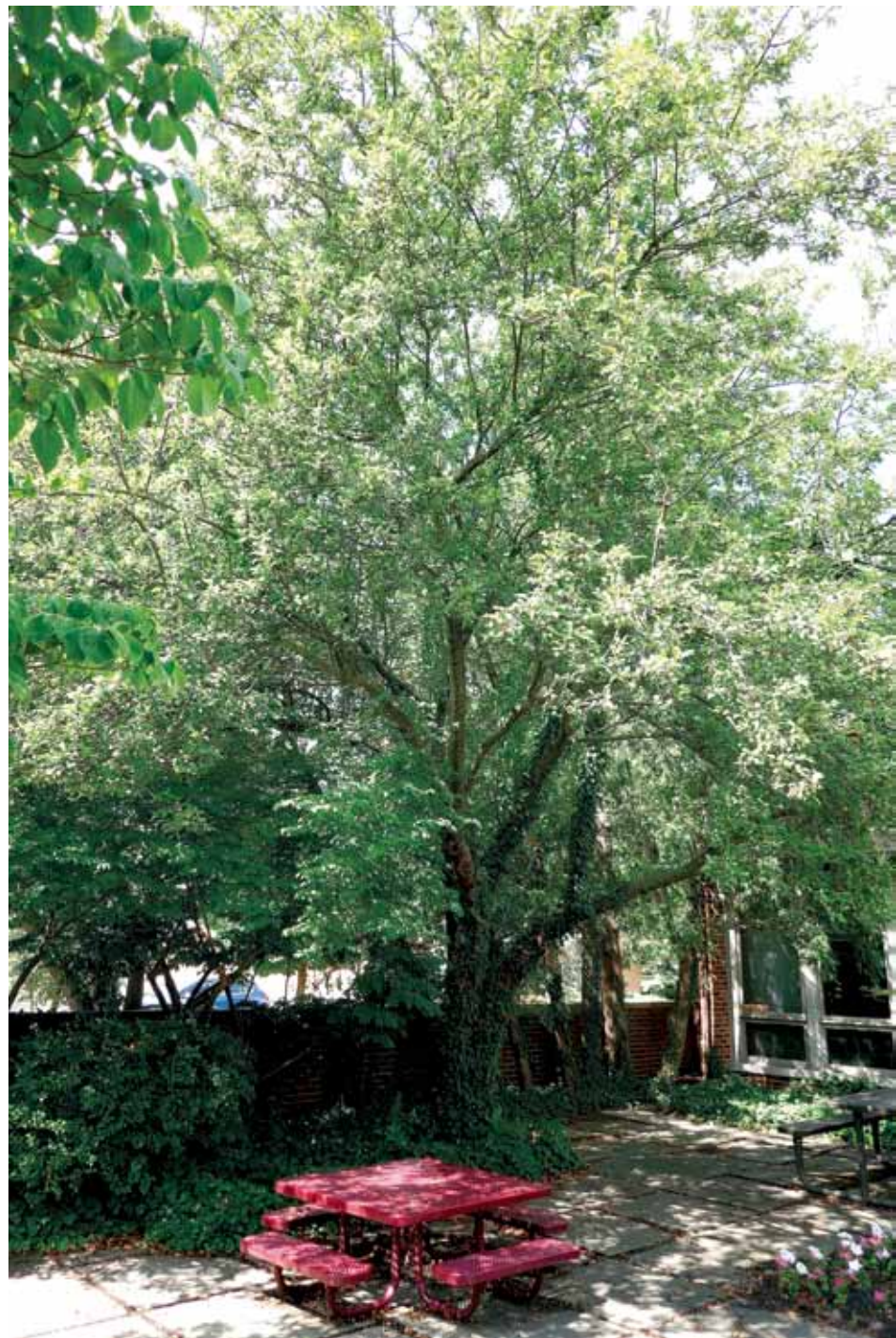


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Darryl Hartmann of Belleville one of six to earn Applebaum awards

Darryl "Lon" Hartmann of Belleville is among the six students to earn Applebaum Fellows Scholarships at DIME Detroit.

Others are Delayne Morgan Natke of Livonia; and Frederick Botten, Frances "Frankie" Peterson, Nygee Reed, and Devin Woodson, all of Detroit.

The six have been selected to hone their entrepreneurial and leadership aspirations and reduce their student debt thanks to a new initiative launched by the Applebaum Family Philanthropy and DIME Detroit (group powered by Detroit Institute of Music Education).

The Applebaum Fellows Scholarship Program at DIME Detroit will provide financial support to six Detroit-area students annually who will be mentored by experts in the business, community service and the music industry.

"The goals," said Lisa Applebaum of Applebaum Family Philanthropy, "is to give these highly-motivated students additional education and experiences that will lead to the greatest creative and employment success possible."

Hartmann of Belleville is already at the helm of his own artist management company. This Music Industry Studies senior is poised to graduate and hit the ground running.

"Lon," as he prefers to be called, describes entrepreneurs as the "fearless daredevils of the world." His hope is to focus on the opportunities provided by the Applebaum Fellowship to further develop his own business, hone his leadership skills and to ultimately provide a space for local talent to record and produce quality "tracks that will live on in the stories of our lives for generations."

DIME Detroit was founded in 2014 and recently was named as one of Billboard Magazine's Top Music Business Schools 2019. It is a music institute dedicated to

teaching the next generation of modern musicians and entrepreneurs.

More than two-thirds of DIME Detroit students receive some form of financial aid and many graduated from high school with a GPA lower than 2.4.

Fifth Third Bank in VBT wins Michigan Battle of the Buildings

Fifth Third Bank financial centers in Belleville (Van Buren Township) and Benton Harbor were awarded first and second place in the category of financial institutions in the Michigan Battle of the Buildings. This program recognizes buildings across the state for energy use reduction.

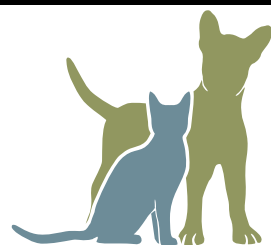
The buildings that demonstrated the greatest percentage-based reduction in EUI (energy use intensity) during the 2018 competition were recognized as winners at the 2019 Energy Summit on April 25 in Grand Rapids.

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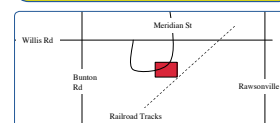
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reflecting a shift in his behavior: the first phase involved the time frame when Trump wasn't concerned about being personally investigated. The second phase started when Trump discovered he was being personally investigated, and his actions became obstructive as he tried to slow down or stop the investigation entirely. (See MR, VII, pg. 7)

3) Mueller anticipated the Department of Justice's legal arguments that the Special Counsel could not bring charges against a sitting President. But he also understood Congress could, "Rather, our analysis ... conclude ... the ... statutes can validly prohibit a President's corrupt efforts to use his official powers to curtail ... interfere with an investigation." (See MR, Vol. II, pp. 159 – last paragraph). (Also read the second paragraph. MR, V.II, pg. 168 beginning with "In sum ... lacks merit.")

4) Trump often attempted to stop the Russian Investigation. (MR, VII, Table of Contents, Section II, pp i-iii, sub-headings A through K - for the eleven potential acts of obstruction). Like Mueller, our book club believes Trump's actions demonstrate corrupt intent. (MR, Vol. II, pp 3-7)

5) If Mueller couldn't indict a sitting President, then what? Congress has one choice: Impeachment. Our book club discussions have mirrored the conflict

some Americans face when discussing impeachment with family and friends. Some members were reluctant to discuss the idea of Impeachment at all; others believed an Impeachment Inquiry is imperative.

6) Mueller gave Congress a roadmap and placed his legal arguments where they could be found easily - in the Table of Contents of Vol. II (Section III on pg. iii). "Legal Defenses to the Application of Obstruction of Justice Provisions ..." If you read the sub-headings under Section III, they lay out Mueller's argument for obstruction.

So, what did I learn personally?

7) To better understand the discussions in today's news, I need to understand the Constitution. For instance, why is the vested power of the three equal branches of government so important today? What is the importance of "checks and balances" between the three branches? How understanding this helps me make an accurate judgment of Trump's efforts to undermine Congress' role in the Investigation. What does the Emoluments clause mean so I can better understand the Constitutional prohibitions against President Trump making money during his Presidency through his hotels or at his golf clubs?

And I'm starting to pay close attention to what Trump and his supporters say in order to discover their "reinterpretations" of the

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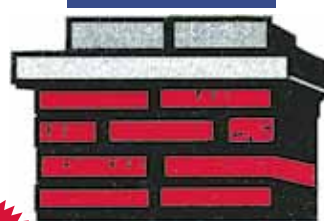
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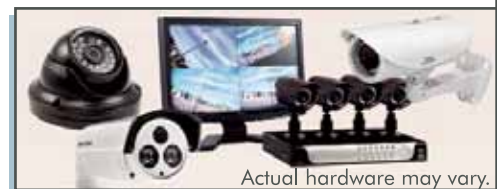
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Thompson said new lots could not be developed in a non-conforming way.

Krishnan said "grandfather" refers to what was in existence before the zoning ordinance.

"People would not be allowed to create non-conforming lots," she said.

This amendment applies only to lakeside lots, she said.

At the commission's June 26 meeting, intern Grace Stamper presented a report on 15 lakefront lots that were 50 feet wide or narrower, as well as some that barely exceeded 50 feet.

The smallest lakefront lot was at 13201

Ormond Dr., which was 50 feet along the road and 31 feet along the lake.

Nine of the small lots on the list were along Ormond Drive, four along E. Huron River Drive, and two along Ryznar Drive.

Dee Crowe to share her latest cruise to Puerto Rico, up the Amazon

World-traveler Dee Crowe will share details from her latest cruise to San Juan, Puerto Rico, and up the Amazon River at the 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, Homegrown Knowledge presentation at the Belleville Area District Library.

Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



Willow United Methodist Church at 36925 Willow Rd. in nearby New Boston will be holding a Chicken Supper on Wednesday, Sept. 11, from 5 p.m. until gone. The cost is \$12 per person and \$5 for children 12 and under. The menu features fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits and gravy, cole slaw, dessert and choice of coffee, hot tea or milk. Call (734) 654-9020.

The Lunch Box in Belleville will be holding an evening of remembrance on the 18th-anniversary of the attacks of 9-11 at its restaurant on Main Street next Wednesday, Sept. 11, beginning at 5 p.m. There will be a short prayer presentation at 5:30 p.m. followed by free hot dogs, refreshments, crafts for kids, and other activities. The event is free and open to the public. Call (734) 391 8281.

Debbie Juriga will once again be holding her Lakeside Art Show on Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at her lakeside home at 327 East Huron River Drive in Belleville. Artisans will feature works of blown glass, basketry, quilting, pottery, water color and oil paintings, and much more. Call (734) 395-8613. In case of rain the event will be rescheduled.

Today's paper features an insert from Van Buren Township with a couple events coming up. An Opioid Awareness Forum & Narcan Training event will take place

on Sept. 12, beginning at 5:30 p.m. with check in at the Wayne County Community College Western Campus on Haggerty Road. Guest speakers include VBT Public Safety Director Greg Laurain; VBT Officer Ryan McCormick; Patrick Stropes, manager, Peer Recovery Support Services; U.S. Congresswoman Debbie Dingell; and Darlene Owens, Director of Substance Use Disorder. There will also be a question-and-answer session and free Narcan nasal spray training, with free kits available. The backside of the insert features the Van Buren Township Family Fun & Public Safety Day coming up on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Belleville Menards. Family fun activities include food, entertainment, inflatables, and meet and greets of heroes dedicated to protecting our community, including VBT's Police and Fire Department personnel, VBT's Dive Division, 911 Dispatch, fire and police vehicles, fire safety trailer, Jase the K-9 Paw-ficer, and more. Kids can get fingerprinted through the LEEP (Law Enforcement Education Program) on site. The event is sponsored by the VBT Downtown Development Authority, Menard's and Walgreens.

Congratulations to members of the Belleville High School Varsity Football team as they defeated Plymouth Salem 54-0 in their season opener on Aug. 30 at BHS. This week the Tigers hit the road against Livonia Churchill tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. Go Tigers!

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

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Constitution and to determine how Trump and his supporters balance Presidential power vs. Presidential responsibilities.

In my search for information, I discovered an easy-to-understand book titled "How to Read the Constitution and Why" written by Kim Wehle, a Law Professor at University of Baltimore. Both the Mueller Report and Wehle's book are at our library.

8) Finally, I've developed a deep-seated optimism in our government's checks and balances, an optimism I didn't have before reading the Report. If we Americans do our jobs (by being informed, voting, contacting our legislators, holding political rallies), we put pressure on our elected officials and get them to do THEIR jobs.

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• **Thursday, Sept. 5** – Bunco from 6 to 9 p.m. at Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

• **Saturday, Sept. 7** – St. Anthony Men's Club Golf Outing is at Fellows Creek Golf club, 2936 Lotz Rd., Canton 48188, beginning with 8-8:30 a.m. registration and 9 a.m. modified shotgun start. Entry fee is \$70 per golfer; Early Bird by July 31 saves \$5 per golfer. Awards, dinner, and drawing at 2:30 p.m. Information (734) 788-3266.

• **Saturday, Sept. 7** – Evening in Camelot Dinner Theater, from 5 to 10 p.m., \$15, at the Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

• **Saturday, Sept. 7, and Sunday, Sept. 8** – Belleville Citywide Yard Sales, all day both days without the usual required permits.

• **Sunday, Sept. 8** – Belleville Fire Auxiliary Golf Outing at Pine View Golf Course, 5820 Stoney Creek Rd., Ypsilanti. 9 a.m. shotgun start; registration 8 a.m. \$90 per golfer, 18 holes, golf cart, lunch, steak dinner, two drink tickets. (734) 536-8881

• **Sunday, Sept. 8** – Annual Sumpter Fire Department chicken broil, noon to 5 p.m.,

at the fire hall at the corner of Sumpter and Kozma roads.

• **Sunday, Sept. 8** – September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Rd., offers free Sunday music from 2 to 5 p.m. This week it's 18 Strings. For information: Jimmy Baleja, (734) 223-4824 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.

• **Monday, Sept. 9** – Belleville Farmers Market, 4-7:30 p.m. at the Fourth Street Square in Belleville, sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community. Also, Cruise Main Street Classic Car Show, 6-9 p.m. on Main Street in Belleville, sponsored by Egan's Pub.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 11** – The Lunch Box restaurant on Main Street in Belleville is holding a 9/11 ceremony at 5 p.m. The public is invited, along with city officials and fire and police officers. Free hot dogs and refreshments.

• **Wednesday, Sept. 11** – Chicken Supper at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston, (734) 654-9020,

5 p.m. until sold out. Carryout starts at 4:30 p.m. Cost \$12 per person; children 12 & under, \$5. Menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits & gravy, cole slaw, dessert, coffee, hot tea, milk.

• **Thursday, Sept. 12** – Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue are holding a Spaygetti and No Balls Dinner fund raiser 5-8 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township. Information: (734) 461-9458.

• **Thursday, Sept. 12** – Opioid Awareness Forum and Narcan Training will be held at 6 p.m. at Wayne County Community College District, 9555 Haggerty Rd., Van Buren Township. The free event is sponsored by VBT in cooperation with the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority. After the forum, there will be Narcan training and those attending will have the opportunity to get a free Narcan kit worth \$100.

• **Thursday, Sept. 12** – "From San Juan, Puerto Rico, up the Amazon River" is the

subject of the Homegrown Knowledge event at 7 p.m. at the Belleville Area District Library. Dee Crowe of Van Buren Township will share details from her latest cruise. She'll share stories, pictures, and information about the region and local customs. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library; refreshments served. Free.

• **Friday, Sept. 13** – Karaoke at the Van Buren Eagles 3996, 9961 Beck Rd., Van Buren Township, (734) 699-8836.

• **Saturday, Sept. 14** – Huron Township Historical Society Farmers & Vintage Market, hosted by the Huron Township Historical Commission, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lajko Field, 22700 Huron River Dr., New Boston. Free to public and vendors. Local farmers, crafters, collectors. Information: Candace Myshock, (734) 307-4817 or email hurontwphistoricalcommission@gmail.com.

Public Notice

Notice of Drainage Board Meeting For Determination of Practicability

NORTH BRANCH BIG SWAN CREEK INTERCOUNTY DRAIN (Monroe, Wayne and Washtenaw Counties)

DATE: September 23, 2019
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Sumpter Township Community Center
23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan

The North Branch Big Swan Creek Intercounty Drain Drainage Board will meet at the above date, time and location to consider the petition, dated July 24, 2019, for maintenance and improvement of an intercounty drain, located in Ash Township in Monroe County; Huron Charter Township, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Charter Township in Wayne County; and Augusta Charter Township and Ypsilanti Charter Township in Washtenaw County, pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended, to determine the sufficiency of signatures on said petition, to go over the route of the intercounty drain, and to further determine whether the maintenance and improvement of the intercounty drain is practicable.

Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Public comment will be received at the meeting from anyone owning lands liable to an assessment, or whose lands will be crossed by the drain, or any municipality affected. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting, or additional information may be obtained from the following offices:

David Thompson
Monroe County Drain
Commissioner
1005 S. Raisinville Rd.
Monroe, Michigan 48161
734-240-3101

Elmeka Steele
Wayne County Drain
Commissioner
400 Monroe St., Ste. 400
Detroit, Michigan 48226
734-259-4825

Evan Pratt
Washtenaw County
Water Resources
Commissioner
705 N. Zeeb Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734-222-6860

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner of their County at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

Dated: August 27, 2019

Brady Harrington, Deputy
For Gary McDowell, Director
Michigan Department of Agriculture
and Rural Development

Publish: September 5, 2019

Public Notice

NON-RESIDENT NOTICE

TO: AMANDA NICOLE LAWHORN
IN RE: DYLAN SCOTT LAWHORN v.
AMANDA NICOLE LAWHORN
NO. 197741-1

IN THE CHANCERY COURT FOR KNOX COUNTY, TENNESSEE

In this Cause appearing from the Complaint filed, which is sworn to, that the Defendant, AMANDA NICOLE LAWHORN is a non-resident of the State of Tennessee, or whose whereabouts cannot be ascertained upon diligent search and inquiry, so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served upon AMANDA NICOLE LAWHORN it is ordered that said defendant file an answer with the Clerk and Master of the Chancery Court at Knoxville, Tennessee and with Meghan A. Bodie, an Attorney whose address is 9724 Kingston Pike, Suite 1012, Knoxville, TN 37922, within thirty (30) days of the last date of publication of this notice, or a judgment by default will be taken against you and the cause set for hearing Ex Parte as to you before Chancellor John F. Weaver at the Knox County Chancery Court, Part I, 400 W. Main Street, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902. This notice will be published in the *Belleville-Area Independent* for four (4) consecutive weeks.

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VBT DDA

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museums and galleries for visitors to the Greater-Detroit area.

The only DDA member absent from the meeting was Dawn Chappell.

In other business at the 28-minute meeting, the DDA:

- Approved a resolution officially naming the Belleville Road Placemaking initiative as “Harris Park.” The resolution gives the history of the house built by Albert Harris in the 1940s at 10151 Belleville Rd. That house was demolished and rebuilt by

the DDA at the park. Pictures and other memorabilia of the Harris family will be displayed in the house, which will become DDA headquarters. The late Albert Harris served on the DDA for nine years and was known as “Grandpa Harris” for making wooden toys for children in his woodshop on the property and giving them away free. He and his wife Frances raised five children in the home and Frances was known for her love of gardening and growing herbs;

- Approved spending \$7,412 more on the Placemaking project to remove six established trees and plant replacements of five pine trees and one deciduous tree

to make way for the watermain connection from the Westlake Apartments area. Since Westlake provided free easements for the infrastructure construction for the Placemaking Initiative, DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland recommended replacing the trees on their property. The expenditure will provide removal by Birkenstock and the replacement by Crooked Tree Landscape at Westlake Apartment Complex. This leaves \$65,715.82 in the contingency fund for the construction;

- Heard Lothringer report on the grand opening of the splash pad, which had about 400 people attending. She said they ran out of hot dogs and ice cream, since they had expected about 300 to attend. She said the splash pad will be open through Sunday, Sept. 15, and then be closed and winterized. She said the DDA has turned the splash pad over to the township’s Parks and Recreation Department. When asked if there were security cameras in place at the splash pad, Supervisor McNamara said they are looking into putting cameras in, since there will be kids playing, vandalism, possible injuries and people in the changing room. He said they are looking at tiny cameras to be placed in the supports of the shades;

- Heard Lothringer report that Public Safety Day will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 14 at Menards parking lot. Among the vendors secured are face painting by Flutterby Faces, Sweet Potato the Clown, inflatable slide/bounce house, slushie machine, photobooth, and LEEP child ID

printing. All the giveaways for the police, fire and DDA have been ordered, she said;

- Heard Marsha Hollins ask from the audience about Armstrong’s Funland and when it will be reopened. She was told because of Leonard Armstrong’s medical problems the business has been closed this year and is planned to reopen next summer. She said there were rumors that the township wouldn’t let Armstrong expand to have a turn lane and that he couldn’t have go carts. DDA member Joyce Rochowiak said many years ago there was concern about noise levels so close to the residential area next door. Supervisor McNamara said, “Mr. Armstrong is loved by us,” and he hasn’t come forward to ask for anything. Former Supervisor Helen Foster said it was years ago when Armstrong wanted to expand and things have changed as far as approvals go. Hollins said Armstrong could use electric go karts that have no noise. She said she plans to attend future DDA meetings.

Sumpter Township Public Notice

Sumpter Township Regular Board Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2019, 6:30 p.m.
23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111
Minutes

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Morgan at 6:30 pm. Roll call: Supervisor J. Morgan, Clerk E. Hurst and Treasurer K. Bednark. Trustees: Swinson, LaPorte and Rush. Trustee Oddy excused. Also showing present: Attorney Young, Deputy Clerk Burdick, Fire Chief Januszyk, LT. Gannon/STWP Police and approximately 14 residents.

3. Agenda: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only: No comments were received.

5. Minutes:

A. Motion by Bednark, supported by Rush to approve the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of July 23, 2019. Motion carried.

B. Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the Special Board Meeting Minutes of August 1, 2019. Motion carried.

C. Motion by Rush, supported by Bednark to accept the Parks & Recreation Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2019. Motion carried.

6. Warrants: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Swinson to approve the warrants totaling \$430,435.56. Roll call vote: Yes: Rush, Swinson, LaPorte, Bednark, Hurst and J. Morgan. Oddy excused. Nay: None. Motion carried.

7. Attorney Report-Young:

Twp Lawsuits & Adversarial Proceeding 18%, Insurance matters 1%, Township Board meetings 7%, Meeting with Twp Officials 5%, Water & Sewer 3%, Police, Fire & Prosecutions 20%, Ordinance & Blight 5%, Labor Contract/LOU 4%, Republic 2%, Planning 6%, Library 22%, Parks & Recreation 1%, Storm Water Management & MDEQ 2% and Misc. 3%.

Motion by Hurst, supported by LaPorte to approve the Attorney’s report. Motion carried.

By Attorney request due to scheduling conflict (Satellite/Library Meeting);

15. New Business Item A.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the revised 34th District Court Funding Agreement. Motion carried.

15. New Business Item B.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the lease agreement between Sumpter Township and the Belleville District Library. Motion carried.

Attorney left the Regular Board Meeting at 6:37 pm.

8. Water & Sewer Report-Morgan:

In addition to his routine report, Supervisor Morgan advised of a number of projects completed over this summer season to include the rebuilt Sumpter/Willis Lift Station and control panel lean-to, approximately 2,100 feet of sewer relining on Willis Rd pipe, initial preparation of the hexagon building for the Satellite Library/Media Center project, numerous failed grinder pump replacements, unpaid water bill shut-offs and water meter reading and requests.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Rush to approve the Water & Sewer Report. Motion carried.

9. Police Report-Luke: Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to receive and file the Police Report. Motion carried.

10. Building/Ordinance Report-Rush: Motion by Bednark, supported by Swinson to approve the

Building/Ordinance Report. Motion carried.

11. Fire Report-Januszyk: Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to approve the Fire Report. Motion carried.

Chief Januszyk advised of the annual Chicken Broil, Sunday, September 8, 2019, 12pm to 5pm at Fire Station #1.

12. Treasurer’s Report-K. Bednark: Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion carried.

13. Supervisor Report-J. Morgan:

- The annual Belleville Bridge Walk and Taste of Belleville is Thursday, August 15 starting at 5:30 pm.
- August 24, 2019 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm at Graham Park, Sumpter Progressive League is giving away backpacks.

Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the Supervisor’s report. Motion carried

14. Board Response:

- Trustee LaPorte confirmed the continued need for volunteers to support the 4th Annual Back To School Family Fun Day on August 24, 2019 at Graham Park.
- Trustee LaPorte advised of the continuing need for Firefighters and the current recruiting drive.

- Trustee Rush advised of the completed SkyWarn Training and the attendee certificates for completion now being available on the National Weather Service website.

- Trustee Swinson spoke about Gabby’s Games on August 23, 2019 and the support of the Sumpter Township Public Safety and Parks & Recreation Partnership.

15. New Business:

C. Motion by Hurst, supported by Swinson to approve the appointment of the following committee to review and advise on formal vendor proposals to redesign the Township Website; Trustee Rush, Chief Luke, Deputy(s) Armatis, Snook and Burdick. Motion carried.

D. Motion by Rush, supported by Swinson to approve the hiring of a temporary Clerk’s office assistant for a planned medical leave. Motion carried.

E. Motion by LaPorte, supported by Rush to approve hiring Stathakis for twice-monthly (every two weeks) cleaning of the fire hall at a cost of \$177.65/mo. Motion carried.

16. Announcements:

- The Community-wide Yard Sale is scheduled for Friday, August 23 through Sunday, August 25 and will allow the residents to conduct a yard sale without a permit or fee for this weekend.

- Sumpter Senior Center “TIGERS GAME” vs. Cleveland on Thursday, August 29th and transportation departs @ 11:00 am from the Senior Center. Price is \$40.00 per person.

Please call 734-461-9373 for more information.

- Township Website – (4) proposals received for review

- National Weather Service certification presentation to Sumpter Township on September 10, 2019.

17. Open Floor: Three (3) people spoke.

18. Adjournment: Motion by Hurst, supported by Bednark to adjourn at 7:10 pm. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by;

Anthony Burdick, Deputy Clerk

Sumpter Township

Esther Hurst, Clerk

John Morgan, Supervisor

Published: September 5, 2019

Birthdays

Sept. 3 – Mary Posegay

Sept. 6 – Byron Kelley

Sept. 7 – Richard Labo

Sept. 9 – Bernie Raymond, Billy Lawson

Sept. 10 – Susan Featheringill

Sept. 13 – Phillip Sanders

Sept. 18 – Lisa Kenger, David Sala

Sept. 20 – Lois Cox, Lila White

Sept. 22 – Jim Posegay, Luke White

Sept. 25 – Hugh McArthur

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan to consider the following requests.

- 1. Case 19-028 (1):** A request by Jody Ihlenfeldt, to rezone the property located at 791 Savage Road, (Parcel ID# V-125-83-105-99-0054-000) from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.
- 2. Case 19-028 (2):** A request by Guy Menyhert, to rezone the property located at 13720 Martinsville Road, (Parcel ID# V-125-83-105-99-0008-000) from M-1, Light Industrial to R1-B, Single Family Residential.
- 3. Case 19-029:** A request by Judy Pendergrass on behalf of DTE ASOC to rezone a portion of a parcel V-125-83-046-99-0001-702 located on the east side of Haggerty Road south of Ecorse Road from C-1, General Business District to M-1, Light Industrial District.

Please address any written comments to the Van Buren Township Planning Commission at, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 or by e-mail at mbest@vanburen-mi.org. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00 p.m. on the hearing date and all materials relating to this request are available for public inspection at the Van Buren Township Hall prior to the hearing.

Van Buren Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aides and services to individuals with disabilities who are planning to attend. Please contact the Van Buren Township Planning & Economic Development department at 734-699-8913 at least seven (7) days in advance of the meeting if you require assistance.

Posted: August 30th, 2019

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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 367 dispatch calls for service reported by Van Buren Township police for these past seven days, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Aug. 25:
0005 – suspicious person/vehicle, Kirkridge Park
0107 – property damage accident, Pebblebrook Dr.
0732 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
0935 – private property/property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1156 – missing person, Florence Ln.
1301 – animal complaint, Van Born
1311 – assist other dept., Park Estates Dr.
1344 – traffic offense, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1415 – 911 welfare check, Parkwood Dr.
1601 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1712 – neighbor trouble, Van Buren St.
1758 – felony assault, Stonebridge Ct.
1911 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lake Point Pass
1938 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Tyler Rd./Morton Taylor Rd.
1946 – shooting, Parkwood Dr.
2015 – suspicious person/vehicle, N. I-94 Service
2029 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
2059 – suspicious person/vehicle, Truman
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
2205 – suicidal person, Van Buren St.
2214 – felony assault, Parkwood Dr.
2236 – suspicious person/vehicle, Quirk Rd.
Monday, Aug. 26:
0458 – suspicious person/vehicle, Lancaster Dr. / Tyler Rd.
0909 – road hazard, Marlowe Ave./Crowley Ave.
1257 – malicious destruction of property, Martinsville Rd.
1301 – ordinance violation, Bog Rd.
1309 – disorderly, Haggerty Rd.
1407 – ordinance violation, Rawsonville Rd.
1407 – property damage accident, Van Born / Haggerty Rd.
1421 – private property impound, Van Born
1626 – fraud, Lake Villa Dr.
1830 – property damage accident, Quirk Rd./N. I-94 Service Dr.
1859 – larceny, N. Timberview Dr.
1906 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd.
1924 – harassment call, Borgman Ave.
1934 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Bemis Rd.
1940 – suspicious person/vehicle, Haggerty Rd./Tyler Rd.
1947 – property damage accident, Van Born Rd. / Haggerty Rd.
1953 – animal complaint, Tyler Rd.
2102 – suicidal person, Hanover Dr.
2229 – road hazard, Haggerty Rd./Van Born Rd.
Tuesday, Aug. 27:
0215 – suspicious person/vehicle, S. Adams
0636 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1149 – domestic, Ash Dr.
1225 – malicious destruction of property, W. Archwood Dr.
1336 – ordinance violation, Borgman Ave.
1420 – assault & battery, Belleville Rd.
1432 – assist other dept., Second St.
1443 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greenwood Dr.
1443 – larceny, Rawsonville Rd.
1455 – fraud, Savage Rd.
1458 – disorderly, Belleville Rd.
1552 – malicious destruction of property, Oak Ln.
1609 – malicious destruction of property, Lake Villa Dr.
1657 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Ironwood Dr.
1710 – property damage accident, Michigan Ave. / Denton Rd.
1734 – fraud, Huron River Dr.
2017 – suspicious person/vehicle, W. Archwood
2019 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
2033 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hamilton St.
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle, Brookside Dr.
2112 – shooting, Morton Taylor Rd./Tyler Rd.
2122 – noise complaint, Capitol Dr./Rawsonville
2132 – suspicious person/vehicle, Amanda Dr.
2151 – mental subject, Parkwood Dr.
Wednesday, Aug. 28:
0038 – property damage accident, S. I-94 Service

Dr./Water’s Edge Ln.
0944 – animal complaint, Haggerty Rd.
0951 – animal complaint, Briarwood Ct.
1128 – ordinance violation, Jackson St.
1147 – property damage accident, Kennedy St.
1154 – hospice death, Harmony Ln.
1302 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1541 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
1544 – motorist assist, Belleville/Denton
1620 – suicidal person, Doree Ave.
1633 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
1639 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Denton
1712 – disorderly, Parkwood Dr.
1720 – private property/property damage accident, Westlake Cir.
2009 – noise complaint, Fret Rd.
2020 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ecorse Rd. / Sheldon Rd.
2104 – shooting, Hardwood Dr.
2157 – animal complaint, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Thursday, Aug. 29:
0655 – missing person, Mantauk Ct.
0825 – assist other dept., Preswick Ct.
0916 – larceny, Lohr Rd.
1135 – animal complaint, Arthur St.
1215 – property damage accident, Van Born
1310 – private property impound, Pebblebrook Dr.
1359 – property damage accident, Ecorse market place
1410 – assist other dept., Belleville Mill
1847 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Belleville Rd.
1958 – 911 welfare check, W. Huron River Dr.
2042 – noise complaint, Locust Dr.
2139 – suspicious person/vehicle, Pond Bluff Dr.
2154 – suspicious person/vehicle, Vista Dr.
2203 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
2227 – harassment call, Belleville Rd.
2231 – noise complaint, Cherry Ln.
2251 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / S. I-94 Service Dr.
Friday, Aug. 30:
0110 – domestic, Tyler Rd./Quirk Rd.
0123 – suspicious person/vehicle, Hull Rd.
0358 – trespassing, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0651 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Oak Ln.
0926 – hospice death, Fret Rd.
1030 – suspicious person/vehicle, Amanda Dr.
1158 – suspicious person/vehicle, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1213 – noise complaint, Locust Dr.
1234 – domestic, Ash Dr./Maple Dr.
1241 – suspicious person/vehicle, Arcadia Ct.
1251 – ordinance violation, Haggerty Rd.
1257 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Tyler Rd. / Lancaster Dr.
1450 – follow up by officer, Parkwood Dr.
1704 – breaking & entering, Ecorse Rd.
1746 – suspicious person/vehicle, Ayres Ave. / Van Allen Ave.
1907 – property damage accident, Lake Point Blvd.
1952 – traffic offense, Wildbrook
2013 – suspicious person/vehicle, Parkwood Dr.
2043 – larceny from auto, Oak Ln.
2125 – property damage accident, Sumpter Rd.
2315 – family trouble, Lighthouse Dr.
Saturday, Aug. 31:
0041 – suspicious person/vehicle, Oak Ln.
0355 – noise complaint, Park Estates Dr.
0440 – domestic, Lauren Ct.
0846 – private property impound, Van Born Rd.
0855 – property damage accident, Robbe Rd.
0922 – mental subject, W. I-94/Haggerty Rd.
1310 – animal complaint, Denton Rd.
1339 – threat, Belleville Rd.
1349 – suspicious person/vehicle, Woodgrove Dr. / Whitewood Cir.
1628 – private property/property damage accident, W. Archwood Dr.
1654 – 911 welfare check, Hardwood Dr.
1814 – noise complaint, Peninsular Dr.
2025 – domestic, N. I-94 Service Dr.
2058 – fireworks, Beck Rd./Van Born Rd.
2151 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2236 – traffic offense, Belleville Rd./Quirk Rd.
2313 – property damage accident, Martz Rd./Hoefl
Also on this week’s log are 88 traffic stops, nine of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

“I’d kill for a Nobel Peace Prize.”
– Steven Wright

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 25:
0005 – noise complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0947 – assist fire dept., Edison Ave.
1313 – suspicious person/vehicle, Tuscan Manor
1434 – 911 welfare check, Loza Ln.
1605 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1723 – harassment call, Main St.
2057 – traffic offense, Victorian Ct.
2212 – juvenile complaint, Estrada Dr./Belle Villa Blvd.
2214 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
Monday, Aug. 26:
0039 – suspicious person/vehicle, Greylock St.
0549 – intrusion alarm, Owen St.
1155 – vehicle lockout, Main St.
1745 – suspicious person/vehicle, Carmell St.
1945 – property damage accident, W. Columbia
2203 – noise complaint, Oxford Ct.
Tuesday, Aug. 27:
1022 – property damage accident, Owen St.
1208 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1244 – private property/property damage accident, South St.
1424 – welfare check, Second St.
1818 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
1839 – parking complaint, Main St.
1916 – suspicious person/vehicle, Second St.
2057 – suspicious person/vehicle, Potter Dr.
Wednesday, Aug. 28:
0714 – suspicious person/vehicle, Santa Clara St.
1025 – warrant arrest, Plymouth Rd.
1110 – larceny from auto, Charles Ct.
1228 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
1237 – suspicious person/vehicle, E. Columbia
1406 – larceny, Anaheim St.
1941 – miscellaneous complaint, Harbour Pointe
2007 – property damage accident, Roys St.
Thursday, Aug. 29:
0106 – miscellaneous complaint, Main St.
0232 – assist fire dept., Brain St.
0558 – mental subject, Menlo Park Dr.
0906 – larceny, W. Columbia Ave.
1406 – suspicious person/vehicle, Old Mill
2158 – harassment call, Carmell St.
Friday, Aug. 30:
0358 – assist fire dept., Sumpter Rd.
0909 – intrusion alarm, W. Columbia Ave.
1156 – court detail, 34th District Court
1206 – follow up by officer, Charles Ct./Second St.
1403 – welfare check, E. Waterbury Ct.
2012 – suspicious person/vehicle, San Carlos St.
2355 – larceny, Menlo park Dr.
Saturday, Aug. 31:
0043 – noise complaint, Sumpter Rd.
1052 – fraud, South St.
2057 – fireworks, Madelon St./E. Huron River Dr.
2132 – assist fire dept., Menlo Park Dr.
Also on this week’s log are 26 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Aug. 25:
0311 -- noise complaint, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0528 -- alarm, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1020 -- animal complaint, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1421 -- suspicious incident, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1426 -- fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1625 -- 911 hang up, Edgewood Dr.
1721 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Paris Rd.
1839 -- shots fired, Redwood Dr.
1856 -- fire dept. assist, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
1901 -- well-being check, 47000 bl. Wear Rd.
2041 -- operating while intoxicated arrest, Rawsonville / Willis
2233 -- 911 hang up, 50000 bl. Judd Rd.
Monday, Aug. 26:
0641 -- alarm, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0928 -- fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Harris Rd.
0954 -- well-being check, 44000 bl. Dunn Rd.
1026 -- animal complaint, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
1213 -- death investigation, 20000 bl. Haggerty
1247 -- animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1255 -- suspicious incident, 22000 bl. Fenster
1402 -- breaking & entering, Oregon
1804 -- 911 hang up, Sumpter/Dunn

1914 -- fire dept. assist, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2015 -- well-being check, 22000 bl. Bohn Rd.
2124 -- recovered stolen vehicle, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
2151 -- fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
Tuesday, Aug. 27:
0231 -- 911 hang up, 22000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0327 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
0600 -- fire dept. assist, 46000 bl. Judd Rd.
0909 -- citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1141 -- fire dept. assist, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1143 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, 51000 bl. Willis Rd.
1329 -- assist other agency, out of township
1532 -- animal complaint, Judd/Sumpter
1738 -- unauthorized driving away of auto, 44000 bl. Willow Rd.
1932 -- animal complaint, 21000 bl. Martinsville
2052 -- ordinance violation, Second St.
2128 -- family trouble, 18000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
Wednesday, Aug. 28:
1046 -- larceny, Edgewood Dr.
1337 -- civil dispute, 21000 bl. Fenster
1509 -- runaway juvenile, 25000 bl. Fenster
1550 -- well-being check, Wayside Dr.
1813 -- citizen assist, 8100 bl. Rawsonville Rd
1818 -- runaway juvenile, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1903 -- family trouble, 21000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2119 -- disorderly person, 23000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
2237 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
Thursday, Aug. 29:
0859 -- suspicious incident, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1233 -- fire dept. assist, 5400 bl. Oakville Waltz
1344 -- subpoena service, Carriage Ln.
1746 -- fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Wear Rd.
1825 -- missing recovered, 25000 bl. Elwell Rd.
1852 -- juvenile complaint, Delaware
1925 -- 911 hang up, 28000 bl. Clark Rd.
2025 -- warrant arrest pick up, Rustic Ln.
2224 -- noise complaint, California
Friday, Aug. 30:
0016 -- suspicious vehicle, 40000 bl. Willow Rd.
0637 -- fire dept. assist, 39000 bl. Judd Rd.
0740 -- fire dept. assist, 42000 bl. Bemis Rd.
0903 -- well-being check, 17000 bl. Savage Rd.
0959 -- fire dept. assist 43000 bl. Willow Rd.
1019 -- animal complaint, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
1156 -- neighbor complaint, 47000 bl. Arkona Rd.
1209 -- personal injury accident, Elwell/Willow
1220 -- civil dispute, Redwood Dr.
1609 -- citizen assist, Harris/Martinsville
1640 -- personal injury accident, Elwell/Willow
1701 -- citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1755 -- ORV complaint, 49000 bl. Sherwood Ct.
1808 -- fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
1811 -- citizen assist, 26000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Saturday, Aug. 31:
0013 -- noise complaint, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd
0014 -- traffic hazard, Rawsonville/Arkona
0059 -- fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Karr Rd.
0103 -- 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1049 -- subpoena service, Carriage Ln.
1347 -- 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1506 -- ORV complaint, 46000 bl. Kozma Rd.
1548 -- fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1915 -- shots fired, 21000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1942 -- warrant arrest pick up, out of township
Also on this week’s log are nine follow-up investigations, 18 miscellaneous details, 28 patrol checks, and 43 traffic stops.

VB Eagles to present Autumn Fest on Oct. 4 with German band, food

The Van Buren Eagles #3996 at 9961 Beck Rd. will present a German beer-hall atmosphere for its Autumn Fest from 5 to 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 4. The public is invited.

The Guten Tag German Band will play. There will be dancing, sing-along, beer tasting, dinner and shotski.

Tickets are \$15 per person and include dinner. Tickets available at the Eagles or online at www.foe3996.com .

For more information, call the Eagles at (734) 699-8836 or Jim Wagner at (734) 699-9050.



Open letter to our members & community

We appreciate the outpouring of support from the community as we engage in a transformation of the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce. The Board of Directors would like you to know, that we have the business communities interest at heart. We are all local business men and women as well, and are pledging to bring you the things that you desire, need, and value!

While we transform, we want you to know that we are ...

OPEN for BUSINESS

- O** The Chamber is an **ORGANIZATION** of business people, for business people!
- P** The CHAMBER's primary responsibility is to **PROMOTE** their Members Business
- E** The CHAMBER aims to **EDUCATE** their members by offering seminars, consulting, advocacy, and workshops
- N** The CHAMBER will provide **NETWORKING** opportunities that make sense, add value, and are convenient for their Members

Networking Event Announcement

MEMBER MIXER - SEPT 18TH 5PM-7PM

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