



Charter Township of Van Buren

# Lake Ledger



A view of the new playstructure at Van Buren Park.

## EVENTS HAPPENING AT VAN BUREN PARK

By: Jason Camis, Parks Manager

On Saturday, June 1st, over 100 volunteers showed up to build the new playground in Van Buren Park. It was a long day. By the end of it, the number of volunteers had dwindled to about 20. But when it was all done - the volunteers and Parks staff sighed in relief that this 4 month project was completed. The children of Van Buren Township and surrounding communities now have an exciting new "toy" to play on when visiting Van Buren Park.

For four months, the Parks and Recreation Department had been anticipating this day. Planning consisted of determining which structure would

best keep the natural feel in Van Buren Park, recruiting volunteers, soliciting community support and donations for food, beverages and tools.

We began the day at 7:00 a.m. unloading the equipment, followed by an orientation by the installation supervisors from KOMPAN (the company that manufactured the structure). The morning was spent digging and fine-tuning the holes for placement, as well as assembling pieces of the structure. After eating lunch provided by the Girl Scouts, it was back to work putting the structure in place. We then cemented the structure in and brought in the wood chips for the final touches. I'm happy to say that as of Monday, June 3rd the structure has been open for kids to play on.

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to give a big thanks to the following for their

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## SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE

By: Cindy C. King, Supervisor



A photo from Visteon's Groundbreaking Ceremony

It's official!!! Visteon has selected Van Buren as the location for their world headquarters and technology center. Visteon Village will be located on over 250 acres of land bounded by I-275 to the west, Tyler Road to the South, Hannan Road to the east and Ecorse Road to the north. Located on the property is a former quarry, known today as Grace Lake. Visteon plans to locate their facilities in proximity to the lake and is planning to include other amenities such as shops and athletic fields. Pledging to be a good corporate neighbor, Visteon demonstrated their commitment to Van Buren when 25 Visteon volunteers helped in the Playscape Build held at Van Buren Park on June 1.

While many of you have expressed your approval of the Visteon headquarters moving to our community, some of you have also voiced concerns about matters such as increased traffic and congestion in that area of the township. Planning staff, our professional planners, the Planning Commission and the company have been working hard to address the changes this development will have on our community. We do understand that there may be up to 4,000 additional vehicles traveling through the community during the day and we, too, do not want anyone to be inconvenienced or otherwise negatively impacted. We also believe there will be many positive outcomes directly related to Visteon that will come to fruition.

Saturday, June 1 was sunny and warm, perfect weather to spend the day outside building Van Buren Park's new playscape. In addition to Visteon volunteers, the Girl Scouts donated their time and provided lunch to the workers. Clerk Payne, Deputy Clerk Cline, Director Elg, Detective Keele, recreation staff and a host of residents got in the dirt (and dust), tanned (or burnt) and helped build a recreational feature that should be enjoyed by our youth for many years to

come. If you volunteered, know that you saved your community about \$15,000 in labor costs to build this playscape. If you run into Director Ross or Parks Manager Camis, give them a pat on the back for dreaming up such a great community activity.

At Township Hall, we are busy working on next year's budget, a process about six months in the making. The Board will conduct Budget Preparation Meetings August 27-29 in the Otisville/Sheldon Conference Room. These meetings are open to the public and afford the Board an opportunity to meet informally with department directors to discuss their financial requests for the next fiscal year. Department Directors will advise as to the current status of capital projects, staffing and equipment/facility needs and propose new projects or services during this time. The Board will work hard to continue upon a level of cost effective public service while managing your tax dollar. Upon the conclusion of these budget preparation meetings, the department directors and Board will spend the next two months fine-tuning the proposals with a balanced budget to be formally acted upon no later than November 1, 2002.

One cannot ignore the flurry of development that continues to occur throughout the township. In the past few months any number of articles have appeared in various newspapers highlighting the development in Van Buren. We are on the map. The pace of activity remains quite a challenge and not without "growing pains." Staff realizes this activity is a challenge for our residents too and is working hard to ensure roads are kept free of debris and ordinances are being followed. We do appreciate all of you who demonstrate daily acts of good neighborliness and patience for our efforts to ensure this is a good place to call home.

Are you aware the Board recently enacted an ordinance that permits adoptions of dogs and cats from our animal shelter? This change from past practice allows for animals to be adopted after being kept for a period to allow the return to its rightful owner, but prior to being sent to the local humane society. If you're looking for a family pet, keep us in mind.

If you have a free moment some Wednesday evening, stop by Van Buren Park and enjoy a concert - music will be held in the park every Wednesday during the summer months.

Remember the best places to find information on the activities here at Township Hall are our website at [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) or by turning on VBTB 12. Of course, the Ledger is also a medium by which we keep you informed.

In closing, I would remind you to exercise the privilege of voting by casting your choices during the August 6 and November 5 Primary and Gubernatorial elections. Enjoy the warm, lazy (or perhaps not!) days of summer, enjoy beautiful Belleville Lake, visit one of our parks and spend time relaxing - you've earned it!

**CLERK'S OFFICE**

By: Joannie D. Payne, Clerk, CMC

Welcome to Elections 2002. The final challenge in federal district court pertaining to the new redistricting plan has been dismissed and unless addressed by higher federal courts the districts are now "set". This means all residents in Van Buren Township will be receiving a new voter identification card with the new districts listed along with polling locations. The redistricting plan has changed Van Buren Township from the 13th US Congressional District to the newly created 11th US Congressional District which is made up of the following townships: Commerce, Highland, Lyon, Milford, Novi, White Lake, Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Redford, Van Buren and part of Waterford Township; and the cities of Northville, Novi, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wixom, Belleville, Garden City, Livonia, Northville, Plymouth, Wayne, Westland and part of Dearborn Heights. Our State Representative District remains 21, and is comprised of Van Buren and Canton Townships. In addition, our State Senate District has changed from the 8th to the 7th District, which is now made up of Brownstown, Canton, Grosse Ile, Huron, Northville, Plymouth, Sumpter and Van Buren Townships. Also included are the cities of Belleville, Flat Rock, Gibraltar, Plymouth, Rockwood, Trenton, Woodhaven and part of the City of Northville.

In a previous *Lake Ledger* I reported on Public Act 269 of 2001, which went into effect on March 22, 2002. One of the provisions of this new law called for the elimination of straight party voting in our state. Petitions for a referendum election to reject Public Act 269 of 2001, which amended and added provisions to the Michigan Election Law to terminate the right of voters to choose to vote a straight political party ticket by a single selection on the ballot were collected and submitted to the State Elections Bureau. There were enough signatures collected and certified to place this issue on the November ballot. This means that a particular portion of the law is held in abeyance until the voters decide in November. In addition, it means voters will have straight party voting in the November election.

Changes and improvements continue to be made to the Qualified Voter File, which is the computer database system used

throughout the State of Michigan. The Qualified Voter File ties voter information to the driver's license file. A change to one system prompts a change to the other. For instance, if you change your driver's license address or name it will also change that same information in the voter registration file.

Should you have any questions regarding your voter registration or if you are interested in working as a precinct inspector, please contact my office at (734) 699-8909.

In other Township news volunteers built a new play structure at Van Buren Park on June 1st. It was a wonderful experience for all involved and provided everyone a chance to make a difference in their community. The day was hot, the water and soda plentiful for a group of hard workers. There was a wonderful sense of pride in working together for a common goal. My appreciation to everyone who participated on this project. I hope that everyone in the community is enjoying a wonderful summer. Time spent with family and friends enjoying the warm weather and shared interests can't be beat.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- August 5            Last day to obtain an Absentee Voter's Ballot (until 4:00 p.m.) must be voted in Clerk's Office
- August 6            Primary Election Day - polls open 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- September 2        Township Offices closed in observance of Labor Day

**VAN BUREN RECIPIENT OF WORKERS COMPENSATION DIVIDEND**

Once again Van Buren Township has received a workers compensation dividend in the amount of \$30,874. This is the fifth year in a row we have received this dividend. Everyone at Township Hall including elected officials, department directors and employees has worked to minimize risk. Risk is the term used with respect to injuries to employees or people using township services, damage to township property and equipment, or damage to the property of others that could occur in the performance of providing services to the community. Congratulations to everyone for their continued efforts to minimize risk.

AN ADDITION TO THE DEPARTMENTS OF DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY

I would like to introduce the newest member of the Township staff, Annie Casper. In a joint program the Departments of Public Safety and Development have hired Ms. Casper to work for both Departments. Three days a week Annie will wear the brown uniform of a Township Zoning Ordinance Enforcement Officer and the balance of her work week she will be clad in the blue uniform of a Public Safety Animal Control Officer. This joint venture is in response to a need in both areas.

Annie brings a wealth of animal control experience from the private sector. She has worked in animal clinics and hospitals as a technician and office manager. Her people (and animal) skills made her a hands down choice in a healthy number of applications for the position. She is also a resident of the Township.

Presently Annie is being trained in Zoning Ordinance Enforcement operations, visiting sites with Officer Hawley and myself as well as spending some time learning the ropes of the 34th District Court.

In the short time she has been with us Annie has shown initiative and a zeal to learn our business and serve the Van Buren Community. Please welcome her and as always contact the Departments should you have any questions, complaints, or comments.

Department of Public Safety (734) 699-8930
Department of Development (734) 699-8913

Bryce Kelley
Dir. of Planning & Econ. Development

WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The 2001 Water Supply System Consumer Confidence report has been mailed to all Van Buren residents and businesses. In complying with Federal requirements, we have developed the report to provide you with valuable information about your drinking water. The report explains where your water comes from, lists the results of testing conducted at the water treatment plant and in the water distribution system, and contains important information about water and health. The report also provides information on how you can minimize contaminants in our source water. The report is available on our web site at www.vanburen-mi.org under Departments, Water & Sewer Department, or extra copies are available by calling (734) 699-8925.

TREASURER'S OFFICE

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Treasurer's office will have mailed out the 2002 summer tax bills and begun another tax period. If you have questions or have made any changes in your mortgage carrier, please remember to contact our office with the most current information.



Barb Kauppila

As we go through the summer months, Friday, August 2, 2002 will be a day of looking back and remembering all the things that have happened since Barb Kauppila started working in the Treasurer's office at Van Buren Township on April 23, 1990. It will also be the day we will start to miss her presence since she has decided to retire. She will join her husband, Donnie, who retired three years ago from Northwest Airlines, to enjoy the busy life of being free and unemployed. No more alarm clocks and schedules to keep. Just plenty of time for activities that tickle their fancy.

Both love to golf, walk, bicycle, travel and enjoy family and friends. Barb and Donnie have three children, Laurie, Kenny, and Jerry, who live in Chicago, Arizona, and California, so there's always places to go and grandchildren to visit.

Barb is originally from the upper peninsula so she's endured all the UP jokes. She reminds us that we who live below the bridge are trolls and has been known to say EH once in awhile.

Word has it that Donnie has the weeks after August 2 all planned so Barb won't even think about the work she is leaving behind.

Barb will be missed but we certainly wish the very best as she enters another phase of life.

So if you're in the office before August 2, be sure to stop in and say goodbye.

Barb and Donnie go with our best wishes for lots of retirement fun.

Bruce, Denise, and Sharry
Treasurer's Office

**NEW ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTOR  
TAKES THE HELM**



Dan Swallow, Environmental Director

Hello, and thank you for the opportunity to serve as your new Environmental Director. To provide you some insight into my background, I would like to present a short personal and professional history. I grew up in northeast Michigan (Alpena) on the shores of Lake Huron. I believe that is where my commitment to protection of natural resources began. My first job was at a local marina, where I developed a love for sailing, or fishing.



I traveled to Miami University (Ohio) to attend school and obtained my Bachelor of Arts degree in Zoology. After returning to Michigan, I decided to attend graduate school at Central Michigan University. I am in the process of completing a Master of Science degree in Biology, with a thesis project in freshwater ecology. My first job out of school was with a private consultant, as an environmental inspector. My main job responsibility was overseeing construction contractors to ensure they met their environmental permit responsibilities. This job took me to different areas around the country, including Iowa and Alabama.

Tiring of the traveling lifestyle, I applied for and received a position as Environmental Planner at the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG). This is the Toledo area's equivalent of SEMCOG. However, after spending almost three years at TMACOG, I felt a yearning to return to my home state of Michigan. When I discovered Van Buren Township, I knew this was a community that I could call home. I am eager to help the Township meet your environmental goals into the future.

My first week in Van Buren Township, I discovered how blessed this community is with natural amenities. Belleville Lake is a spectacular centerpiece for the community. The scenic and recreational opportunities the lake provides are

tremendous. Van Buren Park, on the shores of the lake, makes available large open spaces and facilities to the community. Van Buren also has the added benefit of the Lower Huron Metropark, which affords still more opportunities for residents to enjoy the out-of-doors. I have yet to discover and explore the numerous small parks and athletic fields available to the public. In addition, this short iteration does not even touch on the valuable natural resources that occur on private lands. On a short drive through the southern portion of the Township, I was delighted to discover many intact woodlands, streams with natural corridors, and open fields.

With the numerous natural amenities comes a responsibility to protect them for the current and future generations' continued enjoyment. Because of the Township's vicinity to large metropolitan areas and transportation corridors, the pressure for growth will continue to expand. While you must provide for the economic health of your community, you also need to make sure that the growth does not compromise your standard of living in the process. There are tools, such as zoning ordinances, which can help protect those natural features that you, as a community, deem important resources. As the Environmental Director for the Township, I hope to guide the development and implementation of these tools.

Dan Swallow  
Environmental Director

**20th Annual Midnight Cruisers  
Rod and Custom Car Show  
3-day Swap Meet**



**Friday, August 23rd, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday, August 24th, 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday, August 25th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**Pancake Breakfast**

Sat & Sun, August 24 & 25, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
Adults = \$5.00 Children 10 & under = \$4.00

**Van Buren Park**

S. I-94 Service Drive (between Belleville and Rawsonville Roads)

**Admission: \$2.00 per person  
Children 12 & under are FREE!!**

## RECREATION SPECIAL EVENTS



The Wal Mart Fishing Derby at North Bay Park

These past few months have been very lively with various special events. The activities have ranged from our Chalk Drawing Contest, "Wag & Walk" a fundraiser for the Michigan Humane Society, Mother/Daughter Tea Party, Mother/Son Luau and our first Fishing Derby. These events brought out people of all ages from the community.

The Chalk Drawing Contest was filled with an exciting clown, food, prizes and plenty of chalk. The day brought out the imagination of the community's youngsters.

The "Wag & Walk" turned out to be a great triumph! Residents from the surrounding communities all came out to Van Buren Park to walk for the Michigan Humane Society. Owners and dogs walked three miles to raise money for the animals. By the end of the day the total amount raised was \$400.00 and approximately another \$400.00 in dog and cat food. Once again the community showed us that when we put our minds and hearts together we can accomplish our goals.

The Mother/Daughter Tea Party was a delightful day for mothers and daughters. After sipping on tea and munching on sandwiches, the duos were able to create numerous crafts. It was a special event for the mothers and daughters so they could spend that quality time with one another.

"Aloha", the Mother/Son Luau was a fun filled night with Hawaiian music, Hawaiian food and of course dancing. It was great seeing all the mothers and sons dancing together.

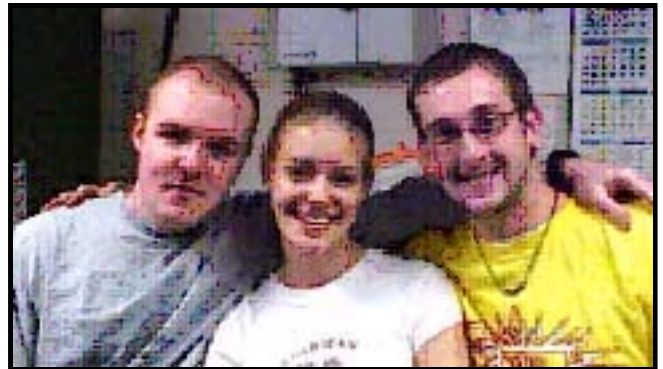
Also, the Wal\*Mart Fishing Derby at North Bay Park in Ypsilanti was an opportunity for kids to test their fishing skills. This event was partnered between Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department and Ypsilanti Township Parks and Recreation Department. Each child received a certificate of participation even if they did not catch a fish. There

were three contests for each child to partake in: First Fish, Largest Fish, and Most Fish. Lindsey Eames of Ypsilanti caught the first and most fish, and Andrew Hackney of Ypsilanti caught the largest fish, a 14 1/2 inch bass. The event was free to the public and had perfect weather.

These are just a few of the exciting events we are offering at the Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department. You can keep updated on our special events and classes by looking at our website [www.vanburen-mi-org](http://www.vanburen-mi-org), watching the local cable station 12 or you can join our mailing list to receive a listing of all our classes. You can also reach me or one of the various friendly staff members at (734) 699-8921 to get all the information you need.

Jennifer Morris  
Recreation Manager

## VBTV 12



Our new cable interns: Justin Quay, Nicole Pascaru, and Randy Krueger

The cable department is happy to welcome three new staff members, Justin Quay, Nicole Pascaru and Randy Krueger to join our existing staff. Our crew is working very hard to bring you programs that highlight township activities, events, and other special programs.

This summer we are as busy as we usually are at this time of the year as we continue to use all our talents and resources to keep you informed and entertained. Don't forget to tune in to VBTV channel 12, to catch our exciting programs, and for up to date township information so that you can participate in all of the exciting opportunities our community has to offer.

VBTV 12 offers a variety of television shows, from environmental programs such as the Lake Shore Expo, to recreation programs like the Mother/Son Dance and the Marshmallow Drop. Besides our special events show, we continue with our regular line-up such as the Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce and the Van Buren Township Board Meetings which are broadcast live every first and third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Ally Acosta  
Cable Operations Manager

OPERATION DUTCHBOY



French Landing Dam

On May 6, 2002, Van Buren Officials and Public Safety personnel participated in an emergency management exercise titled "Operation Dutchboy". This exercise simulated the failure of our French Landing Dam and the negative effects to our township and our many neighbors downstream (South) of the dam. The exercise was coordinated by Wayne County Emergency Management and STS Hydropower (the Township's contractor hired to manage the dam). Some of the many agencies joining in the simulated emergency were Van Buren Public Safety, Wayne County Emergency Management, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), area Fire and Police Departments, Michigan State Police, utility companies, Army Corps of Engineers, Red Cross, Salvation Army, etc... Following a comprehensive evaluation of the exercise, FEMA rated it as strongly successful and valuable. This training was an important part of our ongoing process of protecting Van Buren residents (and those of surrounding communities) and minimizing the effects of any local/area emergency.

Al Smolen  
Emergency Management Coordinator

VAN BUREN DEPARTMENT  
OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**Click it or Ticket** is Michigan's ongoing enforcement and education campaign to encourage motorists to comply with the state's mandatory seat belt law. **Click it or Ticket** is part of the Drive Michigan Safety Task Force, a collaborative effort between Michigan State Police, sheriffs departments and local police agencies coordinated by the Office of Highway Safety Planning. The task force's goal is to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities in traffic crashes due to unbuckled motorists and impaired drivers through periodic stepped-up traffic enforcement.

Recently over the Memorial Day weekend the Van Buren Township Department of Public Safety stepped up its enforcement efforts and issued over two hundred traffic tickets with almost 1/3 of them being for seatbelt violations. Forty-five (45) arrests were made for felony and misdemeanor offenses including arrests for Operating Under the Influence of Liquor.

Members of the Department of Public Safety are preparing to kickoff stepped up enforcement of the state's safety belt law once again for the July 4th holiday period.

Without periodic, stepped up enforcement campaigns, Michigan risks belt use sliding back to lower levels. The state's goal is to reach 90 percent belt use, like other states that have had standard enforcement laws for several years.

Michigan law requires:

- All front seat passengers to be buckled up.
- All passengers under the age 16 to be buckled up, in all seating positions.
- All children under age 4 to be in an approved child safety seat, in all seating positions.

Since Michigan's standard enforcement safety belt law took effect, belt use has jumped to 82.3 percent. It was 70 percent with the secondary law.

According to a recent review of crash statistics, Michigan recorded fewer traffic fatalities since 2000 which have been attributed to the seatbelt laws and increased enforcement of these laws.

Michigan's seatbelt law is a law that we can all LIVE with!

Christopher Elg  
Director of Public Safety

**FIRE FIGHTERS WANTED!!**

The Van Buren Fire Department is looking for men and women who would enjoy the challenge of serving our community as on-call (part-time) fire fighters. If you are:

- Over the age of eighteen
- A high school graduate
- Possess a valid Michigan Driver's License

Please stop by the Public Safety Department's Records window and pick up an application.

For more information, please call (734) 699-8930.

**TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY**

Van Buren Fire Department's Thermal Imaging Camera

The Fire Department recently took delivery of a Thermal Imaging Camera (TIC) that was purchased through a Community Development Block Grant. This \$15,000.00 camera utilizes the latest technology in thermal detection and will allow Van Buren's Fire Fighters to "see" inside a smoke-filled environment. With this tool, Fire Fighters are able to quickly and accurately perform search and rescue operations, detect fire/heat advancement, and check for hidden fires within walls and attic spaces. At a recent live-fire training exercise, the camera accompanied the fire attack and rescue teams. Fire Fighters were able to clearly view the inside of the burning building where unaided vision (without the camera) was limited to several inches. This new Thermal Imaging Camera is merely one example of the sophisticated equipment used by your Fire Fighters on a daily basis. The combination of technology and countless hours of training are part of the Van Buren Fire Department's commitment to provide the finest services possible.

## HOW TO STAY SAFE AROUND THE WATER

Every year thousands of Americans are injured -some fatally- in swimming and boating accidents.

Summer is here. In Michigan, you're never more than six miles from a large body of water. In Van Buren Township the distance is even less. Swimming and boating are great fun, but every year thousands of Americans are injured -some fatally- in water-related accidents.

You can help prevent accidents by following simple safety rules and learning to spot hazards. Check these tips drawn from the National Safety Council and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### Swimming Safety:

- Never leave a young child alone in the water - even a bathtub or wading pool. If you go answer the phone or get a towel, take the child with you.
- Be aware of pools in your neighborhood; your child could wander off and fall in.
- Enroll children older than age 3 in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors.
- Teach children that they risk drowning when they overestimate their swimming ability or underestimate water depth. Don't overestimate your own swimming abilities, either.
- Take swimming lessons from a qualified instructor if you're not a competent swimmer.
- Don't swim if you've been drinking alcohol.
- Don't swim alone or allow others to do so.
- Get out of the water during thunderstorms.
- Check the water level before jumping in.

### Boating Safety:

- Don't drink and boat. Alcohol is a factor in most boating accidents. Choose a designated driver.
- Insist everyone wear a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device while on board.
- Pack Coast Guard-approved visual distress devices, such as flares, flags or lights.
- Check weather and water conditions before leaving shore.
- Don't carry more passengers than the boat's listed capacity.
- Use a third of your fuel to get where you want to go and a third to return. The other third is your reserve.
- Always tell someone where you'll be boating, when you expect to be back and what your boat looks like.

## HOW TO STAY SAFE AROUND THE WATER

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**SEPTEMBER DAYS SENIOR CENTER**

Annual Country Jamboree and Future Plans for a Fall of Fun!

The September Days 10th Annual Country Jamboree Picnic will be held on August 23rd, 2002 from 3:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Senior Center and often attracts nearly 300 local senior citizens. This year we will offer bingo games, a catered dinner and musical entertainment by Dale Williams. Local businesses have always been very supportive by providing prizes and donations to benefit this social function. This celebration is a great way to finish off the summer season. Senior members interested in attending this event must pre-register by calling the office at (734) 699-8918.

It's not too early to start planning for fall classes. Here is our Fall schedule:

**Copy Cats Crafters - Monday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Class Leader: Verdys Shephard Fee: FREE  
No specific program, just bring whatever you're currently working on and spend a couple of hours sharing ideas and socializing.

**Line Dancing - Monday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. (beginners 9:30 am.)**

Instructor: Janet Oliver Fee: \$2.00 per session  
Learn to line dance from the pros! Janet Oliver of Jan's School of Dance will keep you "in step," whether you're just learning or want to catch the latest steps. A fun way to get your exercise!

**Ceramics - Monday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Instructor: Ann Scott Fee: \$2.00 per session  
Drop-in class to learn the ceramics craft from professional Ann Scott, of Ann's Ceramics. New students are always welcome!

**Dance Exercise - Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Fee: \$3.00**

You can attend as many times as you'd like, up to three times a week! Participants all agree that this is the best senior exercise around!

**Square Dancing - Tuesday 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Instructor: Jack King Fee: Donation  
Swing with the Kings! Jack & Dot will teach you all the steps!

**Quilting - Tuesday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wednesday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Instructor: Jackie Martin Fee: \$3.00 per session  
"The Stitchen Kittens" have a great time while making gorgeous quilts! Drop in & get in on the latest project!

**Variety Club - Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Group Leader: Thelma Wolf (minimal fees are collected for special events) This group really lives up to their name-lively

discussions, speakers, and outings, plus special celebrations give this class a real variety of things to do!

**Music - Wednesday 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Arranged by: Evola Music Fee: \$29.95  
Learn to play the organ at our site! Price includes 10 lessons & instruction book.

**Clay Sculpture - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

Instructor: Ann Scott Fee: \$2.00 per session  
Professional direction is available while completing these unique projects. Come play in the clay or work on a Ceramics project from Monday's class!

**PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) - TBA**

Instructor: Erin Wiley Fee: \$1.00 per session  
PACE is designed to accommodate people with various types of rheumatic disease. This class includes activities designed to improve certain physical parameters, including endurance and joint motion. It's also great for socialization!

**Yoga - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. FREE!!**

Drop-in class uses videos to perform stretching and range-of-motion exercises. New participants are always welcome! Bring a mat.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING SEWER BACKUPS OR BASEMENT FLOODING CLAIMS**

A recently enacted Michigan statute, Act 222 Public Acts of 2001\*, clarifies municipal liability for sewer backups. A key provision of the statute requires that a person seeking compensation for property damage or physical injury must file a written claim within 45 days of the event.

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Van Buren Township Clerk, within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice must be mailed to Van Buren Township Clerk, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren, MI 48111. Failure to provide the required notice will prevent recovery of damages.

Contact the Van Buren Water Department at (734) 699-8925 immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup. Like you, the Water Department considers a sewer backup or basement flooding an emergency, and will respond to your call day or night, holidays and weekends.

\* The full text of P.A. 222 of 2001 is available on our web site: [www.vanburen-mi.org](http://www.vanburen-mi.org) under Departments, Water & Sewer or copies are available upon request by calling (734) 699-8925.

### K-9 Klass

Join instructor Lila Warner for six weeks of one on one training with a trainer that has over 40 years in the training field. What to bring: Bring Fido, a training collar and a six-foot leash.

We teach you to train your own pet under our supervision. Must bring proof of rabies, distemper, & a recent proof of negative feces report to the first class and register at the Van Buren Community Center.

Classes will be held at Belleville High School (Small Gym)

18 & older may train  
\*\*Dogs must be 4 months or older

Tuesdays, August 6 - Sept 10

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
\$20.00 per dog

### Pre-Registration is Necessary!

If you are interested in participating in any of the classes or programs offered, you must register early, class sizes are limited.

## Recreation Program Spring/Summer 2002

### Tots of Fun

"Tots of Fun" is an opportunity for children to expand their motor and social skills all within a safe and fun environment. This is a drop-in nonstructural playtime for children. An adult or guardian who may enter for free must accompany all children.

\*\*Due to camp starting, Tots of fun may cancel on Wednesdays due to when the weather is inclement.

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Ages: Infant to 5 years

Van Buren Community Center  
(Gymnasium)

Van Buren Residents = \$2.00  
Non-Residents = \$3.00



### Program Mailing List

In an effort to update our mailing list, we are recreating our mailing list. If you would like to belong to our mailing list, please call or send in your address so we can add you to our files. Even if you are a current member of the mailing list still call or send in your address so we can make sure all information is correct. By us maintaining your information you will periodically receive a seasonal brochure, and flyers discussing the various programs and events at the Van Buren Township Parks and Recreation Department.

#### Parks and Recreation Program Mailing List

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

### Metro Youth Fitness 2002 Local Competition

A program that encourages physical fitness, team building and promotes athleticism in non-athletes. Come to Van Buren Park to try out for various events i.e., chin ups, softball throw, meter races, etc... Winners move on to compete at the Kensington Metro Park Meet. Competitors must be between the ages of 8-14.

Friday, July 19 11:00 a.m.

**FREE!! FREE!! FREE!!**

### Line Dancing

Come check out Instructor Ron Kline as he shows you the latest moves and grooves in line dancing to an assortment of music. This is a great opportunity to socialize with others. Comfortable shoes required, partners are not.

2nd Tuesday of every month  
6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Van Buren Residents = \$5  
Non-Residents = \$6

### Adult Men's Flag Football

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**Managers meeting:** Sunday, August 4

**Deadline to register:** Thursday, August 1

**August 11 - October 20**  
(No games will be held on September 1st in observance of Labor Day weekend)

Minimum of 8 on a roster

\$550.00 per team

### Music in the Park

The Inaugural Van Buren Park Concert Series will take place at Van Buren Park, located on the S. I-94 Service Drive between Belleville and Rawsonville Roads.

Come hear a variety of music ranging from country to rock n roll and jazz to oldies. Each week we'll feature a different type of music for the whole family. And the best part yet - concerts are free!! Even better - the first 50 people get free soft drinks and snacks.



Concert Days are:

July 10, 17, 24, 31  
August 7



### Refund Policy

Patron satisfaction is our most important objective. Refunds will be given during the first week of the class/program ONLY.

\*\* No refunds after one week.\*\*

Refund received within 4-6 weeks.

Look for upcoming details about the great artists that will be featured or call the Recreation Department for more details at (734) 699-8921.

### Tae Kwon Do

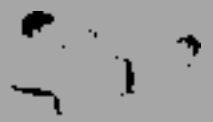
Tae Kwon Do is a martial art from Korea. This class is designed for students of all levels, white belt through black belt. In addition to learning a scientific form of self defense, students will learn values such as respect, self control, and increased self esteem. Through training in class, students will speed reflexes, increase coordination, and develop a physically fit body.



**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**July 9 - September 12**  
**7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Van Buren Residents = \$40.00  
Non-Residents = \$55.00

Family discounts available. Group discounts available. **Ages 8 & up.**



### Wanting to teach a class?

Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department is looking for instructors to teach classes. If you have a talent or interest you would like to instruct i.e., dance, exercise, foreign language, or even juggling, call the Recreation Department at (734) 699-8921 and ask for Jennifer Morris, Recreation Manager.

**Jazzercise**

A 60 minute dance exercise class that offers a blend of Jazz dance and exercise science set to your favorite top 40, country, jazz, funk, and classic music. Easy to follow choreography includes a gentle warmup, 30 minute aerobic workout, muscle toning and strengthening segment with weights, and a stretch finale. Please call instructor Patti Rukkila for class information at (734) 340-3686.

**Ongoing, Mondays & Wednesdays**

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.



**Ongoing, Saturdays**

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

\*\*Please register the day of class with the Instructor\*\*

**4 week EFT**

(Electronic Funds Transfer) = \$33.00

**6 week**

(cash or check) = \$66.00

Walk in \$8.00



**Project Youth**

This is a community participation outreach program. If you are looking to make a donation for a great cause, this is it. This program will give children who are from families of low to moderate income a chance to participate in the various recreation programs at our facility. Since this is a new program, applicants seeking to apply for this scholarship can call Recreation Manager Jennifer Morris at (734) 699-8921. Scholarships will not be granted until the Recreation Department receives funds.

Applications will soon be available at the Van Buren Recreation Department. A copy of your household income must be submitted with the application. All information is confidential. Children may qualify for one scholarship per season.

**Amusement Park Tickets**

Discount tickets to various amusement parks can be purchased at Van Buren Recreation Department at Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road. Payment can be made by cash or check. Regulations do not permit refunds for any tickets purchased through this discount program. Ticket prices and availability are subject to change.

Amusement	Ages	Price	Savings
Battle Creek Full Blast	3 & up	\$6	\$1
Cedar Point	0-4	\$20	\$0
	4-59	\$31	\$11
Ride/slide(2day)	adult	\$55	\$4
Six Flags World of Adventure (2 day)	child	\$28	\$12.49
	adult	\$52	\$8.74
Greenfield Village Henry Ford Museum	child	\$8	\$0.50 - \$2
	adult	\$12.50	\$1 - \$3.50
Kings Island (Cincinnati) (2 day)	3-6	\$20.75	\$4.75
	7-59	\$31.75	\$10.24
	adult	\$50.75	\$9.24
Michigan Renaissance Festival	5-12	\$5	\$1.95
	13 & up	\$13.25	\$2.70

**Frequently Asked Numbers**

Here are the most frequently asked numbers of separate associations. These events are not handled by Van Buren Recreation Department. Please call the numbers listed below:

**Belleville Area Little League**  
(734) 699-0265

**Van Buren Soccer Association**  
(734) 480-3966

**Belleville Area Cougars**  
(734) 697-0440

## Awesome Adventures

What's your adventure? Kayaking? Whitewater Rafting? Rock Climbing? Here's your chance to discover a new exciting activity. This summer Van Buren Parks & Recreation will offer a series of adventure recreation activities. This program is made possible by a grant from the Michigan Department of Community Health funded with money from the Michigan Tobacco Tax and administered by the Michigan Recreation and Park Association. The cost of each activity will range from \$5 - \$15 per youth. This fee includes all instruction, equipment, and food, as well as information on nutrition and resources to continue the activity. Initially, each youth can sign up for 3 activities. In the event they don't fill up, call us two weeks prior to a scheduled activity and we'll add them on for another. The following are some of the activities already scheduled:

- Rock Climbing** - Saturday, June 29, Monday, July 15
- Mountain Biking** - Monday, June 17, Saturday, July 13
- Caving** - Saturday & Sunday, July 20-21 (overnight)
- Whitewater Rafting** - Saturday & Sunday, July 27-28 (overnight)

**Dates To Be Announced:**

- Backpacking Trip, Kayaking, Hiking, Sailing, Canoeing, Rock & River (Rock Climbing & Canoeing)**

For further information please call the Parks and Recreation Department at (734) 699-8921.

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## Van Buren Community Center Gym I.D. Cards

You must show some type of an I.D. picture to enter the gym. You can purchase an I.D. pass from the Van Buren Community Center. Prices are as follows:

<b>Monthly Pass :</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
Youth up to 17 =	\$15.00	\$25.00
Adults 18 & up =	\$20.00	\$35.00
<b>Yearly Pass:</b>	<b>Resident</b>	<b>Non-Resident</b>
Youth up to 17 =	\$100.00	\$110.00
Adults 18 & up =	\$120.00	\$135.00

## Registration/Waiver Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: (h) \_\_\_\_\_

(w) \_\_\_\_\_

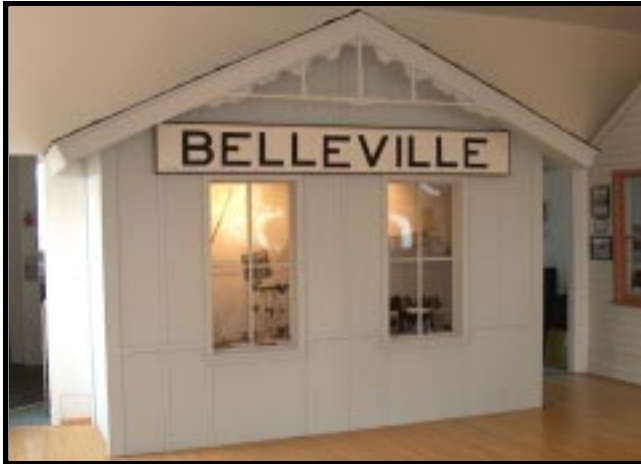
Fee: \_\_\_\_\_ Receipt #: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby accept responsibility for and will not hold the Charter Township of Van Buren, Van Buren Township Board of Trustees and/or Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department liable for any loss, damage or injury to property or person as a result of involvement in Van Buren Township's Recreation Classes or Programs.

**Signature:** (Parent or Guardian if not over 18)

Please Mail to: **Charter Township of Van Buren**  
 Recreation Department  
 46425 Tyler Road  
 Van Buren Twp, MI 48111

## THE WABASH DEPOT



The Wabash Railroad Exhibit at the Belleville Area Museum

In July of 1881, the Wabash Railroad ran its first train through Van Buren Township, and a depot was erected on Sumpter Road. From this time on the little village of Belleville became the commercial center of the township as hotels and shops grew up to serve the thriving railroad traffic. For many years, everything from mail to coffins arrived by rail, and convenient passenger service was available on both morning and afternoon trains. As auto and truck travel came to dominate the local economy, train service to Belleville stopped. The depot was torn down in 1968.

A small replica of the former Wabash Depot has recently been constructed on the second floor of the museum by volunteers Fred Hudson, Don Keene, Bob Anderson, and Neil Griffin. It displays a collection of railroad memorabilia including telegraph equipment, Wabash Railroad records, and the pocket watch which belonged to station agent Otto Fielder.

## 1860 WAYNE COUNTY MAP

Now prominently framed and on display in the museum is a five-by-five foot 1860 map of Wayne County. Manufactured in Philadelphia, the vintage map shows the city of Detroit as well as all the rural townships which were in existence at the time.

A treasure trove of historical information, the map also shows the locations of area farms and the names of those who owned them. It also contains several small inset maps, including one of the village of Belleville, as well as business directories listing area farmers including several in Van Buren Township.

The 1860 Wayne County map was donated several years ago to the Belleville Area Museum by former Belleville Mayor, the late Justin Emerson.

## TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

If you remember shopping at the stores which once lined Belleville's Main Street, be sure to visit the latest exhibit at the Belleville Area Museum. Entitled "Taking Care of Business," the exhibit features artifacts from old-time community businesses including restaurants, gas stations, funeral chapels, and hardware stores. Photographs of several long-vanished local businesses are on display throughout the museum.

Highlight of the display is a replica of a 1940's/1950's dime store. Items on exhibit include a collection of aprons, handkerchiefs, and ladies' gloves, children's toys, and old-time cleaning supplies, including Fels Naptha soap and laundry bluing. The dime store also includes a restaurant area complete with a jukebox! Museum visitors can even purchase some traditional five and ten cent items from a "sidewalk sale" in front of the dime store.

Featured in the exhibit are several items from Hamilton Hardware, a business operated by the Hamilton family from 1927 to 1986, as well as artifacts from the former medical practice of family physician Dr. Herbert Robb. The carriage and auto sales business of the Sumpter Randall family is also highlighted in the display.

The Belleville Area Museum is located at 405 Main Street in downtown Belleville. Admission is \$1.00 for adults and fifty cents for children. Hours are noon to 4:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays. The museum is closed holiday weekends.

### The Belleville Area Museum

will be taking part in the:

*On the weekend of*  
**September 7 & 8, 2002**

We are asking for donations of used items for the sale, including household goods, clothing decorative items, etc...

When you're cleaning your garage, attic, basement, etc.. this summer, please save your goodies for us!

If you care to make a donation, please call the museum at (734) 697-1944.

**FRED C. FISCHER LIBRARY**

**Experience the Magic...Read!** The Library's summer reading program is in full swing, but it's not too late to participate. Programs for elementary school children are on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m.:

- July 16 **Beyond Storytelling!** Conjure up tales of myth and magic with storyteller Pat Roan Judd.
- July 23 **Ring of Steel!** Theatrical combat troop. Witness a breathtaking duel. Handle medieval weapons-swords, daggers, lances, armor, and more. Awards! Refreshments! Prizes!

**A Touch of Magic** is the library's program for preschoolers. It is held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.:

- July 17 **A Touch of Silliness!** Clown around with Ronald MacDonald!
- July 24 **A Touch of Joy!** Sing along with the Music Lady, Belleville's own Beverly Meyer. Refreshments!

**Road Trip!** Time to plan that summer vacation? Let the library help. We have a wide variety of travel books to help you pick your desired location to get away from it all. Planning a Michigan vacation? Check out the Michigan travel links on our website: <http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us/fredtrav.htm>. Expecting to spend long hours in the car? Check out some of our Talking Books on tape and compact disk. We have a good selection of both children's and adult times.

**Fall Story Time** sign up begins August 26 for children age 3 1/2 - 6:

- Tuesdays, 11:00 a.m., September 10 - October 8
- Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., September 11 - October 9
- Thursdays, 7:00 p.m., September 12 - October 10

**Meet Rainelle Burton author of *The Root Worker*** at the library on Thursday, September 5, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Burton lives in Belleville. This is her first book and it has received national acclaim. *The Root Worker* is about Ellen, an African American girl growing up in Detroit in the 1960's.

**Can't find it? Try MiLE!** The Michigan Library Exchange connects the catalogs of many public and academic libraries throughout the Detroit Metro area. If a book cannot be found in our Library Network's shared catalog, borrowers can click on the MiLE icon to search this database. The MiLE catalog is available at the Fischer Library or from home. (The website for our catalog is: <http://web2.tln.lib.mi.us/english/bell/>). The program will allow library users to request items owned by MiLE libraries and have those items delivered to their local library.

**Upcoming Friends Used Book Sales:** Saturday, August 3, 2002, and Saturday, November 2, 2002. All book sales run from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Visit the library's web site at: [www.belleville.lib.mi.us](http://www.belleville.lib.mi.us).** We are in the process of redesigning our site. All of the information you are used to is still there, but the format is slightly different. Please pardon our dust while we complete this project.

**Fred C. Fischer Library**  
 167 Fourth Street  
 Belleville, MI 48111  
 (734) 699-3291

**Historical Society 2003 Calendar**

Following the success of its past historical society calendars, the Belleville Area Historical Society is preparing a calendar for the year 2003. In conjunction with the museum's current exhibit on community businesses, next year's calendar will feature vintage photographs of tri-community businesses. The calendars will go on sale this fall.

A Patron List will also be included in the calendar. Anyone who wishes to include his or her name as a patron and supporter of the Belleville Area Historical Society and Museum is asked to donate \$10.00 to the calendar project. Calendar pages area also available for business card ads for \$35.00 each. If interested, please place a check payable to the Belleville Area Museum and the form below in an envelope and return to the museum at 405 Main Street, Belleville, MI 48111. In order to be included, please send your donation by July 31, 2002.

Yes, I would like to be listed in the Belleville Area Historical Society 2003 calendar as a patron.

Yes, I would like my business card to appear in the Belleville Area Historical Society 2003 calendar. My business card is enclosed.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Belleville Area Museum**  
 405 Main Street  
 Belleville, Michigan 48111  
 (734) 697-1944

**HOW TO STAY SAFE AROUND THE WATER**

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**Home - Pool Safety:**

- Never leave a child alone in or near a swimming pool. Drowning is the leading cause of accidental death at home for children younger than 5.
- Don't assume your child can swim. Children can forget how to swim when panicked.
- Enclose your pool with a fence or other barrier at least 4 feet tall. Install self-latching gates that open outward.
- Keep the pool deck area clear of tripping hazards. use nonbreakable bottles and cans in this area.
- Discuss safety measures with guests before they swim. Make sure they know the pool's depth.
- Install a telephone in the pool area and post emergency numbers near it.
- Keep an eye on children and nonswimmers using inflatable devices. They could slide off and drown.
- Closely supervise children when they're diving or jumping in the pool.

- July 10      **Petoskey High School Street Drum Band**  
(Steel drums and reggae)
- July 17      **Cherie** (Country act seen at annual  
Downtown Hoedown)
- July 24      **Rich Eddy's Rockin Oldies Band**  
(Oldies but Goodies)
- July 31      **Straight Ahead**  
(Jazz group from Detroit)
- August 1     **Southern Great Lakes Symphony**  
(Orchestra playing classical musical favorites)
- August 7     **Twistin Tarantulas** (National touring act  
playing swing & rock-a-billy)
- August 14    **Thirsty 4 More**  
(Christian Rock group playing "His" music)

All concerts are free of charge and begin at 7:30 p.m. Beverages and snacks will be available. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy some good music in the park. Concerts are rain or shine (watch it under our big tent in case it rains!)

Lastly, Awesome Adventures recently kicked off by going Mountain Biking in Island Lake State Park. The group had a great time and claimed they could have ridden for hours. By the time this reaches you, many more youth will have taken part in this exciting program. There is still room to sign up your son or daughter in a couple of activities toward the end of July. This is a great opportunity to experience a non-traditional sport by learning basic fundamentals and getting resources to continue participating. The Parks and Recreation Department is glad to have offered these new exciting activities in addition to our current offerings.

Whether you participate in Rock Climbing, listen to one of our concerts, use the new playground or just come to one of the parks to read a book, I hope you have the experience you're looking for. If you have any questions or comments on any of our parks, please do not hesitate to contact me at (734) 699-8921.

**EVENTS HAPPENING AT VAN BUREN PARK**

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support by donating their time or materials to make the day a success: Tim Horton's, Coca-Cola, Belleville Area Girl Scouts, Visteon, Phoenix Contractors, Joy Ferris, Bill Budd, and Volunteer Impact. Also, a big thank you is in order for the *VIEW, Belleville Enterprise, and Belleville Independent* for their extensive coverage of the project, which helped in recruiting volunteers. Most important of all, thank you to all of the volunteers who showed up to sweat it out and see this project through. I'm happy to say that we've received many great comments on the structure and people are coming out to take advantage of it on a daily basis. Being a volunteer built project, this is truly the community's playground.

While our new play structure is a great addition to Van Buren Park, I hope you don't think this is all we've been doing, because beginning on July 10th we have a new series - Concerts in the Park. For 6 weeks we'll feature a different type of music, by bringing in artists from around Metro Detroit. The following are some of the concerts you can look forward to:

Please call 9-1-1 **ONLY** if there is an

**EMERGENCY!**

For all non-emergencies,  
please call (734) 699-8930.



# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY



**What:** Free one-day drop-off for Van Buren Township Residents

**When:** October 5, 2002 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** The Environmental Quality Company parking lot  
49350 North I-94 Service Drive

**Why:** To dispose of household hazardous waste in a safe and environmentally friendly manner



Below is a list of both acceptable and unacceptable items for collection. All products should be tightly sealed to prevent spillage while transporting to the facility and all containers brought to the collection must be left at the collection. Products will not be accepted in milk jugs because the plastic is thin and punctures easily.

## Acceptable Items

### Kitchen/Bathroom

Bug Sprays  
Floor Care Products  
Furniture Polishes  
Metal Polish w/Solvent  
Medicines  
Nail Polish  
Cleaning Products

### Miscellaneous

Artist Paints/Mediums  
Dry Cleaning Solvents  
Fiberglass Epoxy  
Gun Cleaning Solvents  
Lighter Fluids  
Pool Chemicals  
Aerosol Cans  
Light Bulbs  
Household Batteries

### Garage

Transmission Fluid  
Auto Batteries  
Battery Acid  
Brake Fluids  
Car Waxes  
Diesel Fuel  
Fuel Oil  
Antifreeze  
Gasoline  
Kerosene  
Motor Oil

### Garden

Fungicides  
Herbicides  
Insecticides  
Pesticides  
Fertilizers  
Rat Bait

### Workshop

Paint Thinners  
Cutting Oils  
Glues  
Paints (all)  
Turpentine  
Varnish & Stains  
Wood Preservatives

## Unacceptable Items

Explosives & Ammunition  
Propane Tanks  
Industrial Waste  
Tires  
Medical Waste  
Smoke Alarms  
Asbestos  
Fire Extinguishers

Sponsored by:

**The Environmental  
Quality Company**

Put household  
**HAZARDOUS WASTE**  
where it belongs!



**Large Quantities of Trash:**

All remodeling material or large amounts of rubbish must be taken to the landfill directly. As a Van Buren Township resident you have the option to utilize the landfill (Woodland Meadows) free of charge. This is a courtesy that is passed on to our homeowners. Please keep in mind that this *privilege can not be extended to contractors. Commercialized vehicles and or commercialized jobs are prohibited.* In order to utilize the above privilege you must provide a driver's license that reflects a Van Buren Township address when you enter the landfill. Yard waste and household waste must be kept separate.

Woodland Meadows is located on the south side of Van Born Road just west of Hannan Road. The Landfill is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. To contact Woodland Meadows please call (734) 326-0993.

**Attention Mobile Home/Manufactured Home and Apartment residents:**

If you wish to recycle, you may take your recyclables to the recycling center that is located at the Woodland Meadows landfill located on Van Born between Haggerty and Hannan Roads between the hours of 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday. If you have any questions or wish to contact the landfill, please call (734) 326-0993.

**Attention Homeowners:**

**Yard Waste Pick up *Ends***

**the Last week of November!**

Please be sure to have all your yard waste at the curb prior to the last week in November.

Also, please be sure that all yard waste is properly set out at the curb tied and bundled, in the appropriate container, and properly labeled. (See guidelines on Page 19)

If you have any questions, please contact the community services department at (734) 699-8926.

**TRASH GUIDELINES**

**Homeowners of Brand New Homes:**

Please call the Community Services Department to order your garbage container (toter) and recycle bin. You should receive them both within 2-3 weeks following your call.

Please use a 32 gallon or smaller container until you receive your toter. Boxes are not acceptable rubbish containers.

**All Homeowners:**

Your trash must be set out the night prior to pickup day. Waste Management starts rubbish removal early and there is not a set schedule for the starting point of each route. Trash that is missed due to late set out will not be picked up until the following week - **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

**Special Pickups:**

Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners are the only items that need to be called in ahead of time for special pickups due to Freon. These items will be picked up by a different truck than the normal trash truck. Doors on refrigerators/freezers must be removed and the shelving units from inside must also be removed and properly disposed of in a rubbish container.

**If you are Moving:**

Please leave the container that was provided by Waste Management on the property for the next homeowners use.

**Damaged Containers:**

Broken or damaged containers supplied by Waste Management may be replaced or fixed if necessary. Please notify us if your container needs to be replaced or repaired.

**Stolen Containers:**

If your Waste Management Toter is stolen or missing, you will need to contact Waste Management at (734) 285-1579 to acquire a new one at a cost of \$75.00.

If you have any questions, please contact the Community Services Department at (734) 699-8926.

## COMPOST GUIDELINES

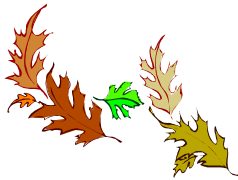
### Brush



Bundle all brush that is less than 6" in diameter. Bundles must not weigh more than 50 lbs. Bundles must be no longer than 4 feet in length and 18" around. Brush larger than 6" in diameter must still be bundled, however, it is considered trash and will be picked up as such.

If your trash, yard waste, or recycling is not picked up by 4:00 p.m. on your regularly scheduled day, please call (734) 699-8926.

### Leaves and Grass Clippings



Leaves and grass clippings may either be placed in paper compost bags purchased at your local grocery store, or placed in a trash can with a compost sticker. Compost sticker must face the road.

Do not overload compost bags, and be sure to fold down the tops for easier lifting.

**Do not use pastic bags!!**

If you are using a can, it must have a yard waste sticker. Face the sticker towards the street and place the container 10 feet from your garbage. It should not be any larger that a 32 gallon can. 50 lb limit.

## RECYCLE GUIDELINES

### Paper



**Newspapers:** Including all inserts, advertisements, and magazines that are delivered with them.

**White Paper:** Including office paper, computer paper, and envelopes.

**Brown Paper Bags:** Keep them separate from your paper.

### Tin



**Tin Cans:** Remove all labels and rinse them out before placing in bin.

**Aluminum:** Containers and foil.

### Glass



**Bottles and Jars:** Any color except brown. You do not have to peel the labels off or remove the little plastic rings that remain from twist off caps. **Rinse and remove all caps.**

### Plastic



**Bottles and Containers:** Must be marked on the bottom with a 1 or 2 symbol. Butter tubs and trays from microwaveable foods are not acceptable. **Rinse and remove all caps.**

### Cardboard

**Cardboard:** All cardboard boxes must be broken down (including moving boxes) into 3'x 3' bundles. Cardboard boxes are not acceptable rubbish containers.

Van Buren Parks and Recreation Department

-Proudly Presents-

The 19th Annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Show

Saturday, December 7, 2002 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

10ft. x 10 ft. space

\$30.00 bring your own table \$35.00 6 ft. table supplied

8 ft. x 10 ft. space

\$25.00 bring your own table \$30.00 6 ft. table supplied

ELECTRICITY IS NOT AVAILABLE!

If you have any questions, please contact the Recreation Department at (734) 699-8921.

Township Meetings

Board Meetings:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.

Work Study Meetings:

1st & 3rd Mondays 4:00 p.m.

Environmental Commission:

2nd Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission: 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.

Water/Sewer Commission: 4th Monday 7:00 p.m.

Downtown Devel. Authority: 2nd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Cable Commission:

2nd Thursday 7:00 p.m. (Meets January, March, May, July, Sept & Nov, changes will be posted)

Board of Zoning Appeals:

2nd Tuesday 7:00 p.m.

Public Safety Committee: 2nd Tuesday 5:30 p.m.

Recreation Committee: 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

Endowment Committee: 2nd Tuesday 1:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

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