

Belleville & Van Buren Township

Anyone relocating and seeking a residence with easy access to the Detroit Metropolitan Airport as a top priority would do well to focus on the communities of Van Buren Township and Belleville.

Wayne County's only inland lake is found here. Belleville Lake covers 1,260 acres and is man-made, created by the damming of the Huron River. Ringed by lovely waterfront property there is public access: the Department of Natural Resources maintains a boat launch. The 101-acre Van Buren Park has a swimming beach, picnic facilities and a stage. There are areas for softball and volleyball.

Within the Township is the Lower Huron/Clinton Metropark – a 1,200-acre preserve of natural beauty and areas for active and passive all season recreational opportunities.

Nearby is Willow Run Airport, which is located on the northwest border of the township. Willow Run is the home of the Yankee Air Force Museum which is in the process of rebuilding after suffering a devastating fire.

Advantageously situated between Ann Arbor and Detroit along the I-94 corridor, residents of the area have the best of all worlds – small town living with easy access to big city amenities.

A D D E N D U M

Area: Van Buren Township – 36 square miles; Belleville – 2 square miles.

Economic Base: Diversified base of residential, retail, commercial/office and industry.

Government: Van Buren Township – Supervisor/Board of Trustees. Belleville – City Manager, Mayor, Council.

Housing: \$220,000

Income: \$70,000

Library: Fred C. Fischer Library, part of Wayne County, www.belleville.lib.mi.us.

Local Newspapers: *Belleville Area Independent*, www.bellevilleareaindependent.com; *The Belleville Enterprise*, www.journalgroup.com; *The View*, www.bellevilleview.com

Location: Western Wayne County, the city of Belleville is located in the center of the township; both I-275 and I-94 run through the township.

Medical Services: St. Joseph Mercy, Ypsilanti; U of M Health System, Ann Arbor, Oakwood Annapolis in Wayne and Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn (see *Health Care*).

Parks and Recreation: Van Buren Township – French Landing, Van Buren Park, Lower Huron/Clinton Metro Park, Quirk Park. Belleville – Belleville Lake, 8 parks, skateboard park, 4 golf courses.

Population: Belleville – 3,854, Van Buren Township – 27,972

Post Office: 45601 S. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville 48111, 800-ASK-USPS.

Protection: Full time police including marine unit, volunteer fire departments.

Schools: Van Buren Public Schools, Lincoln Consolidated School District (see *Public School chart*).

Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value): Belleville – Van Buren homestead 39.1478, non-homestead 57.1478. Van Buren Township – Van Buren homestead 30.6879, non-homestead 48.6879; Lincoln Consolidated homestead 37.3089, non-homestead 55.3089.

Utilities: DTE Energy (gas and electric), AT&T (phone), Comcast (cable), township has City of Detroit water and sewers, city has municipal sewers and City of Detroit water.

Charter Township of Van Buren

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City of Belleville

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Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce

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Sumpter Township

As part of the Belleville communities, Sumpter Township is a rural community of approximately 12,000 residents. Essentially a bedroom community that equally serves Ann Arbor, Detroit and western Wayne County; residents take great pride in the natural qualities they enjoy be it woodlands, wetlands or prairie. Roadside stands with fresh farm produce top the list of “country life” amenities that also include water sports and recreation on nearby Belleville Lake.

A D D E N D U M

Area: 36 square miles.

Economic Base: Well diversified with residential, agriculture, commercial and light industry.

Government: General law with Supervisor and Board of Trustees.

Housing: \$186,250

Income: \$70,000

Library: Fred C. Fischer Library, in Belleville, www.belleville.lib.mi.us.

Local Newspapers: *Belleville Area Independent*, www.bellevilleareaindependent.com; *The Belleville Enterprise*, www.journalgroup.com; *The View*, www.bellevilleview.com

Location: Between Detroit and Ann Arbor, 10 miles from Metro Airport, convenient to I-275 and I-94.

Medical Services: St. Joseph Mercy, Ypsilanti; U of M Health System, Ann Arbor, Oakwood Annapolis in Wayne and Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn (see *Health Care*).

Parks and Recreation: Sumpter Community Center (including seniors program), Crosswinds Marsh, hiking, horseback riding, Graham Park and Sherwood Park (which has fishing lake).

Population: 12,138

Post Office: 45601 S. I-94 Service Drive, Belleville 48111, 800-ASK-USPS.

Protection: Full time police, volunteer fire.

Schools: Huron Public Schools, Airport Public Schools (in Monroe County), Van Buren Public Schools, Lincoln Consolidated School District (see *Public School chart*).

Tax Rates (per \$1,000 taxable value): Airport homestead 26.6647, non-homestead 44.6647; Huron homestead 30.1749, non-homestead 47.3468; Lincoln Consolidated homestead 32.0956, non-homestead 50.0956; Van Buren homestead 25.4394, non-homestead 43.4394.

Utilities: DTE Energy (electric), Consumers Energy (gas), AT&T (phone), Comcast (cable), township has City of Detroit water, propane gas in some areas.

Sumpter Township Hall

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