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## Sounds & Sights Festival



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**Washtenaw County Clean-Up Days**

**2023 Events**

- June 24 – Northfield Township  
Registration opens May 12th
- July 22 – Augusta Township  
Registration opens June 9th
- July 29 – Pittsfield Township  
Registration opens June 16th
- August 5 – City of Chelsea  
Registration opens June 23rd
- August 26 – City of Ypsilanti  
Registration opens July 14th

Additional information about event time and location is provided at registration.

Registration will be required to attend any County Clean-Up Day. This change will allow us to better serve residents by spacing out event traffic arrival time. This strategy will significantly reduce wait times and reduce carbon emissions caused by idling cars at the event. Additional information regarding location, time and materials accepted will be disclosed during registration. Register at [washtenaw.org/cleanup](http://washtenaw.org/cleanup)

For assistance with registration, or to find alternative locations for recycling or disposal, call 734-222-3950.

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Story and more photos on page 6 Photos By Aimee Bingham Osinski

**August 22-26 2023**

**FREE PARKING**

All Main-Arena events are free with paid main gate admission and open to the public!

See Page 6 For Full Fair Schedule and more Information!

## Adult Learners Institute Announces its Fall Kick Off

**From:** Joan Gaughan  
Readers familiar with the Adult Learners Institute know that an ALI Kick Off does not require a football, referees or a helmet. The only thing required is curiosity and a means of getting to the McKune Room at the Chelsea District Library, 221 S. Main Street in Chelsea, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, August 15. Comfortable chairs among friendly people as well as refreshments will be provided as you meet ALI Board members and the instructors who will be describing the classes they will be teaching at various locations throughout the area.

This Fall term there will be classes in astronomy, Peru, Korea, folklore, vintage baseball, immigrants and the Border Patrol, ghost stories, climate change, Paris, forensics, Chinese and Japanese painting, local architecture, music of all kinds, Daniel Kish who is an expert on

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**1968 - A FOLSOM REDEMPTION**  
SEP. 1 - OCT. 20

**CDL SONGFEST**  
SATURDAY, SEPT. 23  
FEATURING  
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# WEBSTER TOWNSHIP COMPLETES LAND PRESERVATION PROJECT



**FROM: BARRY LONIK  
TOWNSHIP LAND  
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The Webster Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program recently closed on a conservation easement purchase from Janice Schwarck.

The property is just shy of 80 acres in size with frontage on the north side of Barker Rd. and the east side of Merrill Rd. It is comprised almost entirely of prime and locally important agricultural soils that are used for hay and pasture, along with six acres of wetlands. The property is close to Independence Lake County Park and the University of Michigan Mud Lake Bog research area. The

conservation easement ensures that the land will never be developed but it remains in private ownership and is not open to the public.

The Schwarck family purchased this property in the early 1950s. Patriarch Maxwell Schwarck was a blacksmith who used the land for cattle and horses. For many years the farm has been a cattle operation with cows on pasture and fed by hay grown on the property.

Conservation easements are permanent deed restrictions on the use of a property. Purchasing easements costs less than buying the property, and keeps the property on the tax rolls and contributing to the local economy.

In addition to Webster Township's dedicated land preserva-

tion millage, funding support was supplied by the Washtenaw County Natural Area Preservation Program and the federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program. Webster's share was 9% of the appraised value purchase price.

Webster Township's land preservation program is funded by a dedicated millage which voters passed initially in 2005 and renewed twice, all by large margins. The Township has attracted over \$14 million of matching funds from other sources, a rate of over \$5 to \$1 of its own. With this project the Township program has been involved in protecting 2,538 acres, with more projects set to close in the coming months.



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### 1ST ANNUAL SEAN BRIAN ASHLINE GOLF OUTING

This golf outing will help raise money for the SBAF (501c) in memory of Sean Brain Ashline who was taken from us too early at the age of 20. His fathers mission is to give back 100% of the proceeds to programs in the community that will directly help young adults dealing with mental health issues.

**Friday August 25th, 2023**

CHEMUNG HILLS  
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#### Golf Outing Schedule

8:00 am Registration & Open Range

9:00 am Shotgun Start  
Lunch at the Turn

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Dinner, Awarding of  
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# Local Senior Living Organization Recognized Among the Top Employers in the U.S.

*Brio Living Services Named a Best and Brightest Company to Work For® in the Nation*



**From: Lisa French**

Senior living organization Brio Living Services, formerly United Methodist Retirement Communities (UMRC) & Porter Hills, is proud to announce that it has been named to the Summer 2023 list of Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® in the Nation by the National Association for Business Resources (NABR). Brio Living Services was also among the Top 101 Highest Scoring Winners for the National program. This is in addition to its recognition earlier this spring as a Best and Brightest Company to Work For®

in West Michigan, an honor Brio Living Services has earned for twenty-one consecutive years, and Best and Brightest ELITE Medium Business in West Michigan.

This national program honors organizations that “display a commitment to excellence in operations and employee enrichment,” according to a press release by NABR: “The Best and Brightest is a powerful community of the nation’s elite leaders who share ideas, practices, and have proven they are employers of choice. This designation is a great recruitment tool to attract and retain talent.”

The Summer Best and Brightest National winners included 137 organizations nationwide out of 1,100 nominations.

Winning organizations were assessed by an independent research firm that reviews a number of key measures such as compensation and benefits, employee education and development, recruitment and retention, employee achievement and recognition, and work-life blend to name a few. NABR identifies best human resource practices and provides benchmarking for companies, like Brio Living Services, that continue to be leaders in employment standards.

“We are thrilled to receive recognition, as not only a Best and Brightest organization in West Michigan for the twenty-first year in a row, but also a Best and Brightest organization in the nation,” said Brio Living Services Chief

Human Resources Officer Michelle Henderson. “This honor is a direct reflection of our team members at Brio Living Services who help deliver on our mission each day: Welcoming all, partnering together, enriching lives. We could not be more proud of this designation and of our dedicated team members who work tirelessly to improve the lives of older adults.”

“Those companies that made the list of Best and Brightest Companies to Work For®, as well as those companies that continue to make the list, are truly remarkable,” said Jennifer Kluge, President and CEO of NABR and The Best and Brightest Program. “Given today’s need for talent, retention of talent, and the further issues related to the pandemic,

these companies have proven they are superior to market conditions. They are elite thinkers, and this honor demonstrates their commitment to excellence.”

This year’s Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® in the Nation winners will be honored at the in-person 2023 Best and Brightest National Summit held on September 27-28 in Detroit, Michigan, as well as featured in the online edition of Corp! Magazine and in the Wall Street



Journal.

To learn more about the Best and Brightest Companies to Work For® program, visit thebestandbrightest.com. For more information about Brio Living Services, go to MyBrio.org or visit MyBrioCareers.org to join our team in a job you’ll love.

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**WEDNESDAYS**  
Wednesdays, 1 to 5pm  
Music: 1 to 3pm  
Corner of Old US 12 & MS2  
Chelsea State Bank parking lot

May 27/Sept 16 - Stacey Murray  
June 3 - Kay Harper  
June 10 - Tom Girard  
June 17 - The Instrument Room  
June 24 - Loyce Hoffman  
July 1 - Dan Bickel  
July 8 - Kevin Brown  
July 15 - MacDonald Bros  
July 22 - Bill Personke w/Katie Personke  
July 29/Sept 2 - Lilly MacPhee  
August 5/Sept. 30 - Katie Geddes  
August 12 - JTE Band  
Aug 19 - A2SO  
August 26 - Loyce Hoffman  
Sept. 9 - Dave Boutette  
Sept 23 Paul Girard Jazz Combo

May 31 - Scott Thacher  
June 7 - Bill Personke  
June 28 - Mike Ward: Psychosongs  
July 26 - Nathanael Zuellig  
Aug. 30 - Bob Bransky  
Sept. 13 - Tom Girard  
Sept. 27 - MacDonald Bros

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**August  
22-26  
2023**



# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

All events are subject to change if inclement weather is nearby.  
TUESDAY, Fair gates open at 10:00AM for general admission.  
All exhibits are open to the public from 10:00AM until 10:00PM on Wed, Thurs, Fri and Sat.  
Rides and concessions by North American Amusements  
every afternoon and evening starting at 3:00PM on Wednesday, 3:00PM on Wednesday and Thursday,  
Noon on Friday and 1:00PM on Saturday.  
All Main-Arena events are free with paid main gate admission and open to the public!

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 - Gates open at 8:00 am | Free Admission to Tractor Pull, Dead-weight on cement**

9:00 a.m. - Tractor Pull, Dead Weight on Cement - Main Arena  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Exhibits entered in Agriculture, Antiques, Baking, Canning, Floriculture, Arts and Hobbies, Photography, Machine Sewing and Needlework

**MONDAY, AUGUST 21 - Gates open at 9:00 am | Free Admission to Antique Tractor Pull in Main Arena**

All day, Green exhibit barn closed for judging  
4:00 - 8:00 p.m. - All rabbits and poultry to be entered and caged  
5:00 p.m. - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Main Gate  
5:00 - 6:30 p.m. - Entry of steers, dairy cows and feeder calves in livestock barn  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Entry of swine in livestock barn  
9:00 a.m. Antique Tractor Pull

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 - Gates & Admission fee at 10am | Show rides not open**

9:00 a.m. Judging of Rabbits  
9:00 - 11:00 a.m. - All other Livestock to be entered  
Noon - Green Exhibitor Barn Opens  
5:30 p.m. - Children's Parade begins downtown  
5:30 p.m. Judging of Swine  
7:30 p.m. - Figure 8 Demolition Derby

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 - Gates & Admission fee at 10am | Show rides start at 3pm**

9:00 a.m. - Judging of Goats  
12:00 p.m. Judging of Dairy Feeder Calves followed by Judging of Beef  
6:00 p.m. - Judging of Sheep  
7:30 p.m. - Demolition Derby, 3 Heats plus Feature

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 - Senior Day-65 & older enter Free before 5PM | Gates & Admission fee at 10am | Show rides start at 3pm**

8:00 a.m. - Horse Show  
11:00 a.m. - Draft Horse Pull - Heavyweight Teams  
1:00 p.m. - Kiddies Peddle-Power Tractor Pull  
7:00 p.m. - Livestock Auction  
7:30 p.m. - Lost Nations Rodeo

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 - Gates open at 8:00 am for Ladies Day - \$5.00 entry before 11AM for Ladies Show rides start at Noon.**

**Ladies Day**  
8:00 a.m. - Horse Show  
9:00 a.m. Ladies Day (Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.)  
10:00AM for general admission and Military Day.  
11AM-3PM Family Day.

Free Admission. No Re-Entry.  
7:00 p.m. - Selection of 2022 Fair Queen  
7:00 p.m. - Tractor Pulling Contest, Super Farm, Pro-Stock, Hot Farm Speed-Pull Weight Transfer Sled Classes

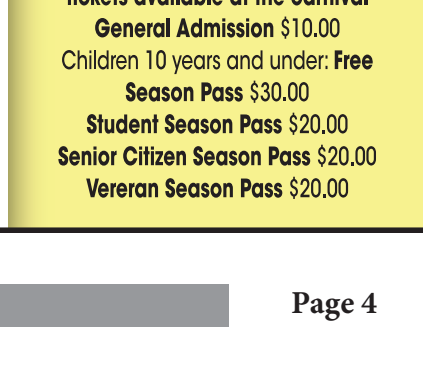
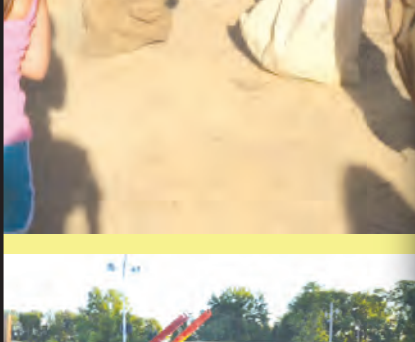
**SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 - Gates & Admission fee at 10 a.m. | Show rides start at 1 p.m.**

8:30 a.m. - Compact Tractor Pull  
1:00 p.m. - Chelsea Fair Parade  
6:00 p.m. Alumni Showmanship  
7:00 p.m. - Sweepstakes Showmanship  
7:00 p.m.- 4-Wheel and 2-Wheel Drive, Truck Pulling Contest (No Diesel Trucks)  
Super Farm Tractors (1 class)  
And Mod Tractors

**FAIR SERVICE CENTER OFFICE HOURS:**

Thursday, August 3 - 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
Thursday, August 10 - 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
Thursday, August 17 - 6:00PM - 8:00PM  
Sunday, August 20 - 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
Monday, August 21 - Saturday, August 26  
9:00AM - 7:00PM  
Sunday, August 27 - 9:00AM - 11:00AM

**Schedule is subject to change**



**Admission & Passes:**

- Daily wristbands and individual ride tickets available at the carnival
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# Sounds & Sights Festival



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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Sounds and Sights 2023 wrapped up the weekend of July 28. The weather did not initially look like it would cooperate for the chalk contest and exhibition, but the rain cleared and the sun showed for the artists. The artists created their masterpieces in the parking lot adjacent to Palmer Commons, while Palmer Commons featured the Kid's Zone.

Across the street on the lawn of the library was the artist's market, and down the road was the food court.

We arrived as what appeared to be professional chalk artists created work outside the contest. My daughter squealed with delight to see Taylor Swift's face coming to life. We walked through the parking lot adjacent to Palmer Field and admired the work of impressive local artists. Some were still

completing work. As we headed toward the kids zone, we saw an opportunity to vote for our favorite artist. My daughter selected a magical sea turtle listed under, "adult 2," as her favorite. I agreed with her choice. It was beautiful. We headed to the kids zone and I immediately felt overwhelmed by the number of people and the amount of excitement. There were booths with fun activities and things to buy like pick-

ing a rubber duck for a prize at the co-op preschool booth, balloon animals, snow cones, hot dogs and lemonade. Culver's hosted a quarter toss in which my daughter won 3 custards! Our day was made. She kicked a board in half at the ATA Chelsea booth and enjoyed the inflatable bounce houses.

We headed across the street to the artist market and browsed paintings, wind chimes and tie dye clothing

. Finally we headed to check out the food court to see what types of tasty options were available. There were elephant ears, burgers, and plenty of great options in the food court. Though I did not stay for their social tent or music, Sounds and Sights was an excellent, well organized event. We had a great time on a Thursday evening and on the big finale events. As a person who grew up with the Art Fair, Sounds

and Sights is much less stressful, easier to park and kid friendly. My impression was it was an event hosted by a warm, friendly close knit community. We were excited to learn later Adult # 2 won Best in show, Best use of color, and People's Choice. Congratulations to Chelsea's own Aaron Turek for a resounding win this Sounds and Sights. We thought your turtle was beautiful!





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# CHELSEA BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE 2023

	Date & Time	Opponent(s)	Facility
🏠 (H)	08/25/23 7:00 PM	vs Northview HS	Jerry Niehaus Field
🏠 (H)	09/01/23 7:00 PM	vs Edwardsburg HS	Jerry Niehaus Field
🚌 (A)	09/08/23 7:00 PM	vs Pinckney HS	
🚌 (A)	09/15/23 7:00 PM	vs Ypsilanti Community Schools	
🏠 (H)	09/22/23 7:00 PM	vs Adrian HS	Jerry Niehaus Field
🚌 (A)	09/29/23 7:00 PM	vs Tecumseh HS	
🏠 (H)	10/06/23 7:00 PM	vs Jackson HS Homecoming	Jerry Niehaus Field
🏠 (H)	10/13/23 7:00 PM	vs Trenton HS	Jerry Niehaus Field
🚌 (A)	10/20/23 7:00 PM	vs Dexter HS	



## Member Family Swim & Gym<sup>†\*</sup>

**August 6 12:30pm–2:15pm CHE**

**August 20 12:30pm–2:15pm DEX**

Parent member and KIM child FREE. Non-KIM child \$8. Additional parents \$10. Please bring your own towel. Registration required. Space is limited to 20 participants. Open to all Wellness Center members. See center for complete details. <sup>†</sup>Gym at Dexter only.

## The World of Fascia\*

**August 7 6:00pm–7:30pm CHE**

Do you have sciatic pain? Limited mobility? Join massage therapist Heather Gamin as she gives a hands-on workshop and introduces us to the world of fascia. In this thorough class gain a deep understanding of the fascia system of the body. For more information, please visit the Member Service Desk.

## Center Open House\*

**August 19 9:00am–11:00am CHE/DEX**

Discover the Power of Fitness and Friendships. We invite you to our open house at Chelsea and Dexter Wellness Centers! We will be offering free demo classes, obstacle courses for kids, friendship crafts, drawings, and more! Join on this day and take advantage of our one-day enrollment special!

## Red Cross Blood Drive\*

**August 22 9:00am–3:00pm CHE**

Registration required. See the Member Service Desk for more details.

# UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**Yoga for Parkinson Tuesday**  
September 5–26, 2:00pm–3:00pm  
Fee: Mem \$40, Non-Mem \$56  
**CHE**

People with Parkinson Disease have been shown to respond favorably to the practice of Yoga. This class is suitable for people with Parkinson Disease as well as their caregivers. For more information, see the Member Service Desk. Registration Required.

**Flu Shot Clinic\***  
September 21, 9:00am–12:00pm  
**DEX**

Registration required. See Member Service Desk for more details.

**Women's Health and Fitness Day\***  
September 27  
**CHE/DEX**

Women work out for FREE! Chelsea Wellness Center hosts FREE event: **Appetizers and Art** 5:30pm-7:00pm We will be creating a ceramic pumpkin with Eli from Curiouser Clay. Registration required. Sign up at Member Service Desk. Limit of 30 people.

\*Community welcome!



# Advisory: Washtenaw County Beach Closures

## Sugarloaf Lake & Independence Lake beaches closed for swimming

The Washtenaw County Health Department is closing Sugarloaf Lake Beach in Waterloo Recreation Area and Independence Lake Beach due to high levels of E. coli bacteria. Sugarloaf Lake Beach is in Lyndon Township at 500 Loveland Rd, Chelsea. Independence Lake Beach is located at Independence Lake County Park, 3200 Jennings Rd, Whitmore Lake.

The high levels were detected through routine testing done at public bathing beaches during the summer months. The closure is effective immediately and will remain in effect until follow-up tests show the levels are considered safe for swimming.

Although the public beaches at Sugarloaf Lake and Independence Lake are closed to swimming, other forms of recreation

that do not involve body contact with the water, like fishing, are permitted. For updates, visit the Health Department's website or social media (@wcpubhealth).

The Michigan Public Health Code allows for public beach closures if E. coli bacteria levels exceed set thresholds. E. coli bacteria can cause gastrointestinal illness and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems. Individuals with questions or concerns regarding public beach water sampling, or those who believe they may have become ill after swimming in the impacted waters, are encouraged to call the Washtenaw County Environmental Health Division at 734-222-3800 during normal business hours, or visit [www.washtenaw.org/envhealth](http://www.washtenaw.org/envhealth).

For the most up-

dated information on public beaches, as well as a listing of water sample results, please visit the Michigan BeachGuard website at [www.egle.state.mi.us/beach](http://www.egle.state.mi.us/beach).

Washtenaw County Health Department

The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs.

Local public health information and updates are always available at [www.washtenaw.org/health](http://www.washtenaw.org/health). The Health Department also provides frequent social media updates (@wcpubhealth) and sends regular email updates, sign up at <http://bit.ly/WCHD555>.



# Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary

Incident #: 23-2905

Date: July 25, 2023

Location: 200 block of Jefferson St.

Time: 4:58 pm

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol officers were dispatched to the 200 block of Jefferson Street for the report of an indecent exposure complaint. The complainant called and reported that he was working in the 200 block of Jefferson St. when he observed

a white male, approximately 20-30 years old expose himself while driving down the street. The complainant stated that the suspect was driving a black in color Toyota Prius and was heading East down Jefferson Street. The complainant stated that as the suspect

vehicle approached, the complainant noted that both front windows were rolled down and the suspect could be seen exposing his genitals through the driver's side window. The case remains open and is under active investigation.

# Adult Learners Institute Announces its Fall Kick Off

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blindness, and...like-bana for which a walk in your garden might be helpful. Plus, ways to manage your money in retirement.

As in the past, several of ALI's classes are free. In addition, class assistants not only attend the class for which they assist at no charge but they may attend an additional class at no charge as well.

This Fall sees the inauguration of two new technologies both of which have

come through donations. A grant from the 100 Women of Chelsea made it possible for us to upgrade our audio-visual equipment. The most significant change that students will notice is that the sound system has been improved. The second change which has allowed us to upgrade our web site was made possible by the generous gift of an anonymous donor.

Nobody loses at this Kick Off, but someone will win

a \$25 certificate for Fall 2023 or Winter/Spring 2024 classes. Registrations will also be accepted. If you cannot make the Kick Off, more information and access to the Fall catalog is available at the ALI website at [www.AdultLearnersInstitute.org](http://www.AdultLearnersInstitute.org) or call 734-292-5540. Catalogs are also available at libraries, grocery stores and various other locations throughout the area.

Incident #: 23-2986

Date: July 30, 2023

Location: E. Old US 12 X N. Freer Rd.

Time: 1:20 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer observed a vehicle turn onto E. Old US 12 from S. Main Street. The officer activated his stationary radar and determined that the vehicle was driving in excess of the posted speed limit. The officer followed and stopped the vehicle for the speeding violation a short distance down the road. Upon making contact with the driver

the officer noted that there was an odor of alcohol coming from the vehicle. The officer asked the driver if he had consumed any alcohol this evening and the driver stated that he had not. The driver was asked if he would perform some standard field sobriety tests to determine if he was under the influence of alcohol and said that he would. After completing the standard field

sobriety tests, it was determined that the driver was under the influence of alcohol and suspected of being over the legal limit. The suspect, a 41-year-old Ann Arbor man was placed under arrest. The case remains open pending laboratory analysis by the Michigan State Police Crime Lab and warrant review by the Washtenaw County Prosecutor's Office.

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