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More info: Email President Jan Bernath.




# The Children of Northcreek Experiences the Nutcracker



► continued from page 1  
By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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The children of Northcreek received a visit from the Chelsea Library and learned the story of the Nutcracker just in time for the holiday season. On Nov 16th several members of Ballet Chelsea treated the school to a partial performance of The Nutcracker. It's Ballet Chelsea's 25th year performing the Nutcracker, which will take place with the Jackson Symphony Orchestra at The Potter Center in Jackson.

Do not assume that just because you're a boy mom you can't go enjoy the magic of the Nutcracker. There are no rules on gender, from what I witnessed in a gym full of 400 boys and girls audience members. Both genders were equally mesmerized. The sheer athleticism, strength, and flexibility of the dancers had the entire audience, "oohing," and, "ah-hing." They audibly felt the same way I do when I watch dancers. Several performers were Northcreek alumni and one was a current student. Having a first-class studio in your hometown, many dancers taking the stage in The Nutcracker will be your own neighbors and classmates.

Ballet Chelsea not only provides local dancers with professional level opportunities, it also provides a great service to the community. According to the ballet chelsea website:

Ballet Chelsea's Adaptive Dance Program (ADP) brings movement classes to residents ages 3 - 93. Classes are designed with mental, physical, and / or cognitive limitations. Each class

is tailor made to the needs and abilities of the participants and aims to improve coordination and balance, endurance, flexibility, self-confidence and for students - teamwork.

To purchase tickets to the Nutcracker Dec. 9-11 at the Potter Center, go to <https://balletchelsea.org/events/upcoming/>.

The Sugar Plum Tea has returned for the first time since the pandemic:

Ballet Chelsea and the Jackson Symphony Orchestra invite kids and parents to the Sugar Plum Tea before the matinee performance of The Nutcracker. Enjoy a catered tea party with a character meet & greets, fun crafts, treats from the "Land of the Sweets," professional photos, story time & more! Space is limited! Tickets can be found on the same website as the Nutcracker tickets.



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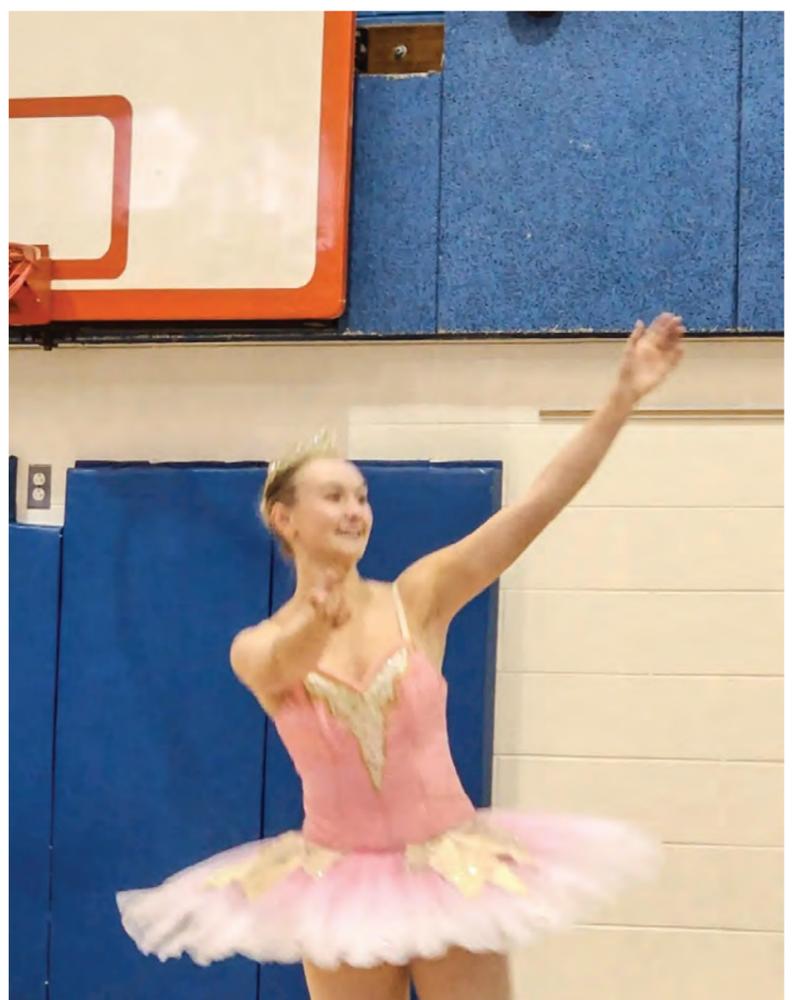
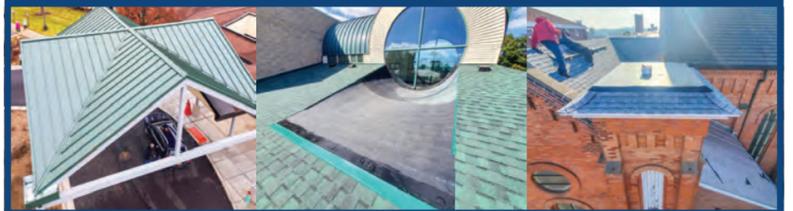
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# “GREEN WAVE” SWEEPS THROUGH WASHTENAW COUNTY, THREE LAND PRESERVATION PROPOSALS PASS

**From: Barry Lonik**

Three Washtenaw County townships had land preservation funding proposals on the ballot November 8 and all three won with substantial margins of support.

Scio Township's proposal was a ten-year renewal of a millage that was first passed in 2004 and renewed in 2012, each for ten years. Scio's program has purchased land as nature preserves and purchased conservation easements, where landowners convey certain "development rights" for residential construction, mineral extraction and commercial uses while retaining ownership and all rights not conveyed. Scio's program has permanently protected over 1,700 acres including two centennial farms through its innovative "buy-protect-sell"

process. Scio's 0.5 mill proposal passed with 68% in support, mirroring previous results and will generate about \$600,000/year.

"We're pleased that the success of the Scio land preservation program provided a model and inspiration for other township programs in Washtenaw County," said Scio Land Preservation Commission chair Will Weber. "The passage of our second renewal provides assurance for landowners that conservation options will be available for the next decade and that we will be able to continue protecting natural and agricultural lands."

Northfield Township's proposal was a long time in coming. Advocates there have been diligently building momentum for almost two decades

but needed its Board of Trustees to place the question before voters. Northfield's five-year, 0.6 mill proposal passed with an impressive 56% support and is estimated to generate \$180,000/year, with funds to be used for conservation easement purchases.

"I'm grateful the Board of Trustees finally agreed to ask the residents," said Northfield Land Preservation Committee chair David Gordon. "I'm not surprised with the result because surveys for the last 25 years have shown land preservation to be our residents' top priority. The only question was whether they were willing to pay, and that came through loud and clear."

Dexter Township's proposal was also a long time coming. Previous Boards of Trustees refused the

pleas of its residents to be allowed to vote on a funding proposal; two years ago the former board was replaced by a group of six supportive women. Conserving the township's productive and beautiful landscapes was a key element in their campaign platform. The ten-year, 0.5 mill proposal passed with a remarkable 63% in support and is expected to generate about \$220,000/year, with funds to be used for conservation easement purchases.

"We're thrilled that Dexter Township residents were in vast support of this proposal," said township trustee and Open Space and Land Preservation Committee chair Laura Sanders. "It's validating that the sense of the community is to preserve farmland and natural areas. That needed

to be heard, with tax dollars behind it."

Of the 11 publicly-funded land preservation programs in Michigan, eight of them are located in Washtenaw County: now a total of six townships, county-wide and the Ann Arbor Greenbelt. It's clear residents here see the value and importance of conserving land and are willing to spend a few dollars to make it a reality. The programs work collaboratively, share the costs of purchasing land and easements and have attracted

millions of federal, State and private dollars. Since 2000 when the first program was approved by voters, over 18,000 acres of land have been permanently conserved including woodlands, wetlands, stream corridors and agricultural lands, many of which have been converted to local food production by a younger generation of farmers. Washtenaw County has been at the forefront of these efforts; with these new funding sources, that will continue and expand.

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# Pull Out that Festive Sweater, the Dexter Community Band's Annual Holiday Concert is Coming Up

*DCB's Free Holiday Concert to be Held Sunday, Dec. 4 at 3 p.m.*

Unpack the lights and find a poinsettia, it's time for the Dexter Community Band's annual holiday concert.

The band this year will get people in a holiday mood the first weekend of December with a free concert on Sunday, Dec.

4. Start time is 3 p.m. The location is Center for Performing Arts in Dexter High School, 2200 North Parker Road.

The music variety will feature creative arrangements and many recognizable favorites. Jingle Bells, Rudolph, Frosty,

Good King Wenceslas, Silver Bells, O Christmas Tree and something about letting it snow.

Pieces include Leroy Anderson's A Christmas Festival and The Eighth Candle, a rhythmically dynamic celebration of Hanukkah from

Steve Reisteter, who gave the French horns a special part to shine at the end.

Joining the band for several pieces will be a quartet of local singers: Kristin Hoffman-Peavler, Jeni McFarland, Frank Dougherty and John McLaughlin.

While mask wearing is optional, masking is highly recommended and complimentary masks will be available.

After the Dec. 4 concert, Dexter Community Band will perform two other concerts during the 2022-2023 season.

• March 5, 2023 — Gotta Dance

• May 21, 2023 — Movie Heroes

Several members of the band will also be performing at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 10, at Briarwood Mall as part of the Lucy Anne Lance Show.

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- 12/03 | Children's Christmas Bazaar
- 12/03 | All the Trimmings Holiday Show
- 12/03 | Light Parade
- 12/03 | Lights Out After the Parade Party
- 12/03 | CDL Tween & Teen Gifts for the Holidays
- 12/3-4 | Christmas on the Farm
- 12/04 | Public Christmas Shopping Bazaar
- 12/04 | Hometown Holiday Concert
- 12/09 | Three Men and a Tenor Holiday Concert
- 12/09-11 | Chelsea Robotics Wrap-A-Palooza
- 12/10 | Donuts & Selfies with Santa
- 12/10 | Fishville Farms Christmas Vendor Show & Food Drive
- 12/10 | Santa's visit to the Distillery
- 12/12 | CDL makerChelsea: Holiday Centerpieces
- 12/16 | Curling Fest
- 12/17 | Gingerbread Cookie Kit Distribution
- 12/21 | Longest Night Candlelit Vigil
- 12/24 | Virtual Storytime with Santa
- 12/28-31 | Jeff Daniels Onstage & Unplugged

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- 2022 Official Chelsea Keepsake Ornament
- Business Spotlight Series | Holiday Edition
- Culver's Coloring Contest
- Gingerbread House Display
- Helping Hands: Teen Supply Drive @ CDL
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- Santa Paws Photo Booth @ Lane Animal Hospital
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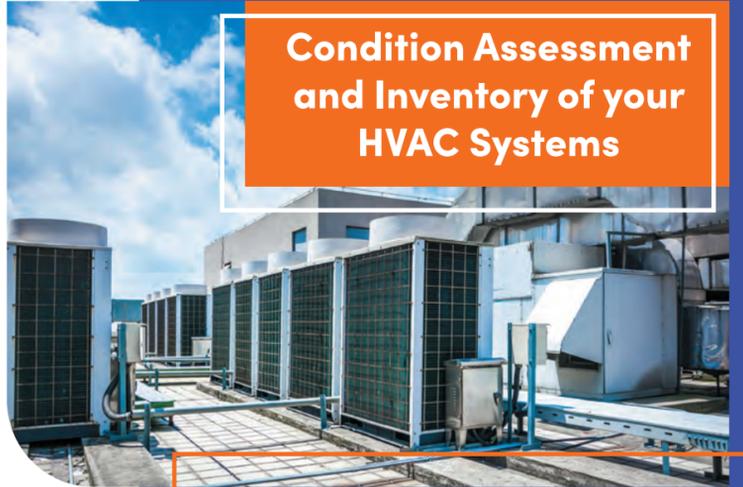
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serving, getting married, or maybe even seeking a life in ministry.

St. Paul wishes to announce to our community, unequivocally, you are safe, you are cherished, you are welcome, you are celebrated within all the spaces of our faith community. There are no painful secrets that will blindside you when you decide that you'd like to participate in any of the ministries of our church. The invitation we are commanded to offer is Christ's invitation, we are here to hold the door open and offer welcome.

The time is now for all allies and ally organizations of those who live in fear to be clear about where they stand, and the sanctuary of love, support, and encouragement that can be found within their walls. May the God of Light lead us through the shadows of fear this Advent season, and into a better, more free, more joyous day for all people.

-Rev. Eric M. Stricklin, Pastor-St. Paul UCC-

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# Season comes alive as Michigan Philharmonic celebrates holiday music from around the world

*Performances planned in Plymouth, Brighton and Taylor*

Young and old alike in several metro communities can enjoy joyous holiday music thanks to Michigan's largest regional symphony orchestra, the Michigan Philharmonic.

Led by longtime conductor Nan Washburn, the Philharmonic will perform in Plymouth, Brighton and Taylor during the month of December, offering a wide array of holiday pops, clas-

sical and other celebratory seasonal music.

A longtime community tradition, the Michigan Phil's annual "Holiday Pops with the Phil" concert will include two performances at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 in Plymouth's historic Penn Theatre (760 Penniman Ave., Plymouth). Limited tickets are still available at michiganphil.org.

Then on Saturday, Dec. 10, the Philharmonic will travel to Brighton Center for Performing Arts for a holiday pops concert at 7:30 p.m. Lastly, the Phil journeys to Taylor on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. for a performance in the Prechter Center for Performing Arts at Wayne County Community College.

During both of the concerts in Plymouth and Brighton, Philharmonic trom-

bonists Brooks Barnes and George Troia, Jr. will be featured performing on Frantisek Tuma's "Sonata in E minor for 2 Trombones and Strings." The duo will also be featured on "Home for the Holidays" by Al Stillman & Robert Allen.

Other holiday pieces will include "Christmas Rocks at the Pops" arranged by Ralph Ford; "Around the World at Christmas Time" arranged by Bruce Chase; "Chanukah Festival Overture" arranged by Calvin Custer; "Christmas on Broadway" arranged by John Higgins; "Brazilian Sleigh Bells" by Percy Faith; "A Home Alone Christmas" by John Williams; "Christmas Eve/Sarajevo 12/24" by Trans-Siberian Orchestra; "Jingle Bells Forever" by J. Pierpont and J.P. Sousa; and "Let it Snow" by Jule Styne and Sammy Cahn.

A sing-along of George Frederick Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" will wrap up the 8 p.m. perfor-

mance in Plymouth. "Let it Snow" will also give the audience a chance to sing along.

All of the Philharmonic's concerts are

subject to time and date changes as well as health restrictions already in place at the venues listed.



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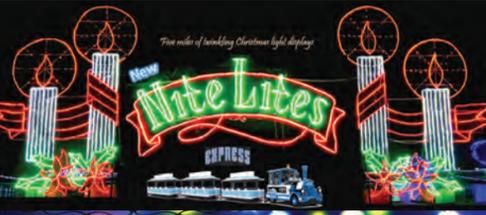
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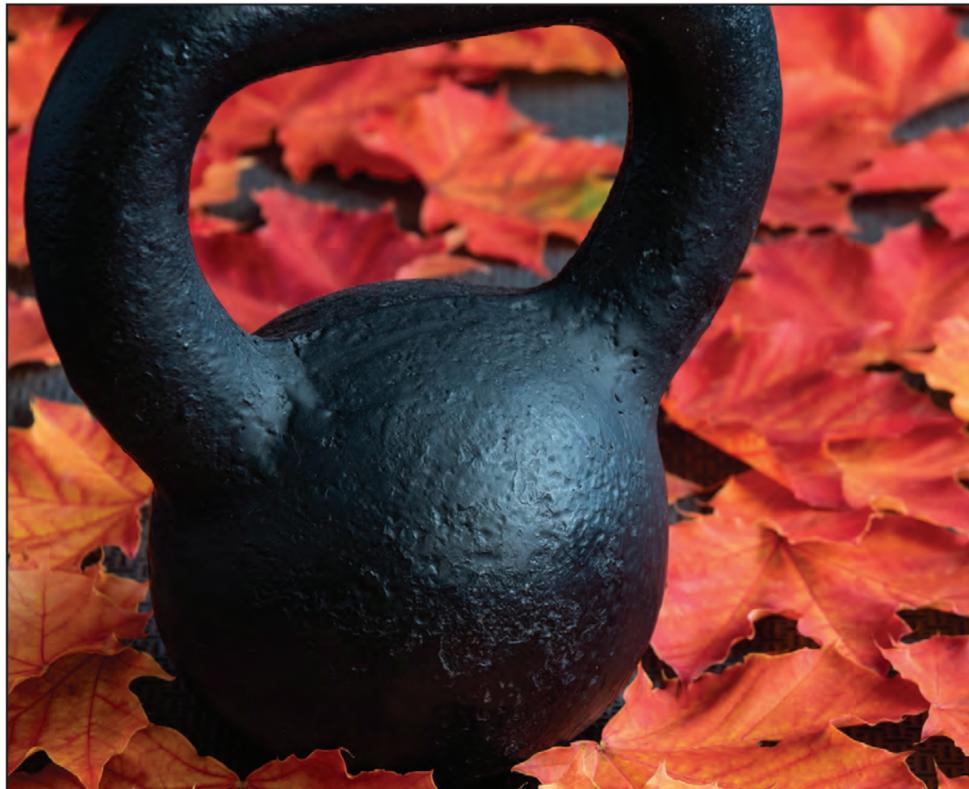
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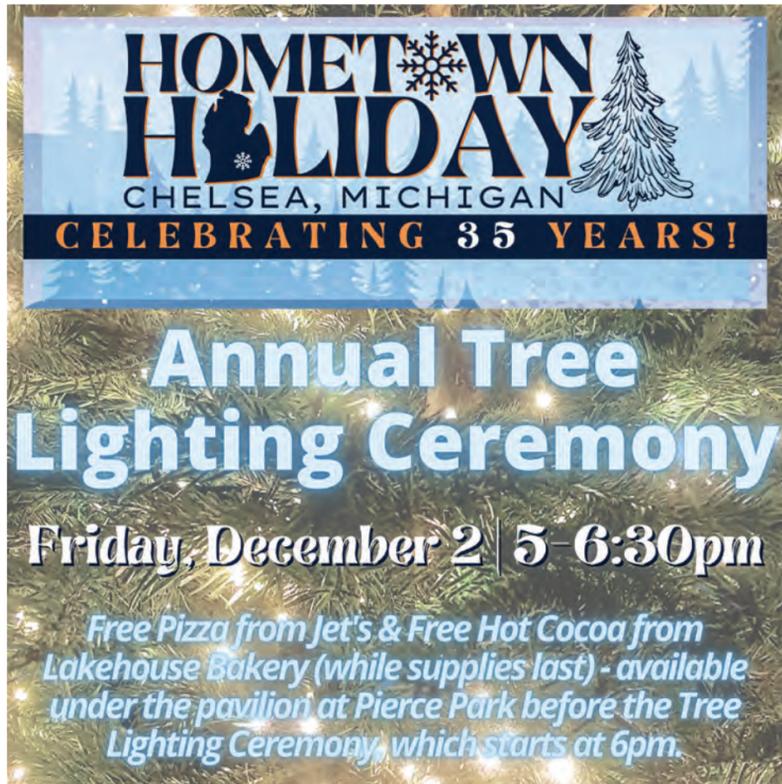
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Incident #: 22-3865

Date: November 17, 2022

Location: 20000 block of W. Old US 12

Time: 11:50 am

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 20000 block of W. Old US 12 for the report of a local business that had received a counterfeit One-Hundred-dollar bill as payment for services. Upon arrival the officer made contact

with the complainant who stated that they had a customer pay for services rendered with cash and one of the bills was later discovered to be counterfeit. The officer took possession of the counterfeit bill and placed it in evidence. The officer was able to make telephone contact

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Time: 5:29 pm

**INFORMATION:** While on routine patrol an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Wilkinson St. for the report of a larceny from vehicle complaint. Upon arrival the officer met with the complainant who stated that they had parked their vehi-

cle on November 14th at approximately 8:00 pm and when they returned to the vehicle at 5:00 pm the following afternoon, they discovered that an unknown suspect(s) had cut the catalytic converter from his vehicle. The complainant stated that they discovered

the theft when they started the vehicle up and it was noticeably louder. At the time of the report there was no suspect information available. The case was closed pending any further investigative leads on a potential suspect.



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