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## A Night for the Residents to Shine



From: St. Louis Center

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# PROJECT ANNOUNCEMENT Dexter-Chelsea Rd & Island Lake Rd Roundabout



The Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) is excited to announce a roundabout project planned for the 2026 construction season at Dexter-Chelsea Rd and Island Lake Rd in Scio Township.

Why this intersection?

WCRC monitors numerous intersections across the county for congestion and safety. WCRC and the City of Dexter were awarded a federally funded competitive Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant of \$1.6 million for a roundabout at the

Dexter-Chelsea Road and Island Lake Road intersection and traffic signal equipment upgrades. The traffic signal work will include interconnecting the existing traffic signals on Island Lake Road, Main Street, Ann Arbor Street, and Dexter-Ann Arbor Road from Dexter-Pinckney Road to Dan Hoey Road. The intersection of Dexter-Chelsea Rd and Island Lake Rd is heavily congested during peak hours of travel. The roundabout will help with the flow of traffic and improve the safety of the intersection.

When will this project be completed? Construction is expected to occur in 2026.

The Dexter-Chel-

sea Road and Island Lake Road intersection will be closed to all traffic for the construction of the roundabout and a detour will be posted.

How can I get more information?

WCRC will hold a public information meeting about these projects closer to construction.

WCRC will also post project updates online at [wcroads.org](http://wcroads.org) and on its Facebook and Twitter pages. Subscribe to road work advisories by following this link: [wcroads.org/residents/subscribe-to-road-updates/](http://wcroads.org/residents/subscribe-to-road-updates/)

For specific questions on this project, contact James Hui, project manager, at (734) 327-6660 or [huij@wcroads.org](mailto:huij@wcroads.org).



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# DEXTER TOWNSHIP SEEKS APPLICATIONS FROM LANDOWNERS FOR PRESERVATION PROGRAM

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Dexter Township's land preservation program is seeking applications from landowners interested selling development rights to conserve their property in perpetuity.

Last November township voters approved a ten-year millage to support the permanent conservation of farmland and open space with 63% support. The funds generated will be used to attract federal, State, county and private contributions to purchase conservation easements. Conservation easements are permanent deed restrictions that permit certain activi-

ties (e.g., agriculture, woodlot management and hunting) while prohibiting other uses (e.g., residential development, mineral extraction and clearcutting woods). Purchasing easements costs less than buying the property, and keeps the property on the tax rolls and contributing to the local economy.

A seven member Farmland and Open Space Preservation Board (FOSPB) was appointed by the Board of Trustees (BOT) to administer the program. The FOSPB will review submitted applications and recommend properties on which to expend township funds. The BOT has contracted with land preservation expert and township resident Barry Lonik to staff the program, answer

questions and provide information. Barry has over 30 years of land preservation experience in Washtenaw County including staffing to similar programs in Ann Arbor, Scio and Webster Townships for nearly two decades. Township landowners are encouraged to contact Barry at (734) 223-2321 or send an email to [BLonik13@aol.com](mailto:BLonik13@aol.com) to learn more about their opportunities.

There is no cost or obligation in submitting an application. No minimum acreage is required but larger parcels score higher and have a better chance of attracting matching funds. The application is available on the township website or by calling the township hall at (734) 426-3767.

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# A Night for the Residents to Shine



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ly, even during Covid when events were held virtually or as 'drive-through' experiences.

This year, the event returned to in-person events at over 600 locations worldwide. Thousands of honored guests prepared to dance the night away at this complimentary event.

Twenty-three St. Louis Center residents were excited to attend Night to Shine

on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 242 Community Church Ann Arbor campus.

In preparation, the ladies enjoyed a bit of pampering in the comfort of Mike's House on the St. Louis Center campus. Rose Lawrence of In-Chelsea Hair Design volunteered her time and products to style each lady's hair for the event. Rose's daughter-in-law Samantha came along to help paint fingernails. Summer Reed and

Kaycie Hill-Cassibo of the Center's social services department also joined the fun. Laura Rayer, the Center's activities Coordinator, was on hand to assist with nails too. Kaycie painted nails and Summer was the make-up artist. With all this help, the ladies were ready before the guys.

As everyone arrived at the church, they were adorned with a corsage or boutonniere, and a tiara or crown.

Once each guest was ready, they were announced as king or queen and made their way down the red carpet and into the event space.

After all of the honored guests arrived, the pastor welcomed everyone and blessed the event, and most especially the dinner which was prepared by Smokehouse 52 BBQ. Volunteers served each honored guest and their chaperones. Once everyone had eaten, it was

time to dance.

And dance they did!!! The DJs did a superb job keeping everyone on the dance floor. Even the

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**From: D&B Strategic Marketing**  
**doris@dandbmarketing.com**

On May 13th and 14th Ballet Chelsea will present Giselle & Gershwin, a stunning production directed by Assistant Artistic

Director, Natalie Krienke, supported by retiring Artistic Director, Wendi DuBois. Combining the best of classical and contemporary ballet, this program will be performed at the Dexter High School and promises to be an un-

forgettable experience for audiences of all ages.

This captivating production will feature Act II of Giselle, performed by the talented Ballet Chelsea dancers, transporting the audience into the heart-wrenching tale

of love and betrayal. Through the dancers' exquisite movements, the audience will witness the story of Giselle and her journey to forgive her lover and save him, and herself, from the wrath of the Wilis.

In addition to Act

II Giselle, the production will also celebrate George Gershwin's musical legacy with dynamic and original choreography by Wendi DuBois. Ballet Chelsea dancers will bring Gershwin's timeless music to life with their vibrant movement to create a mesmerizing visual and auditory experience.

"I am thrilled to present Giselle & Gershwin, a production that combines the best of classical and contemporary ballet," said Natalie Krienke. "Gershwin's music brings out an exuberant, fun

loving quality in our dancers that stretches their artistry in new ways, and we are excited to share this dynamic performance with you," added Wendi DuBois.

Join Ballet Chelsea for an evening of exquisite ballet, beautiful music, and unforgettable performances. Surrender your heart to the magic of Giselle & Gershwin.

Giselle & Gershwin will be performed on May 13th at 7pm and May 14th at 2pm, at Dexter High School. Tickets go on sale April 1, 2023 at [www.baletchelsea.org](http://www.baletchelsea.org).

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# Take the Washtenaw County Community Health Survey!

*Use your voice to help shape local community health priorities*

The Washtenaw County Health Department is inviting residents to share what they think about health in our county by taking the Washtenaw County Community Health Survey. The survey will help the Health Department, community partners, and local health care providers better understand the needs of our community, establish health priorities, and improve programs and services.

“We want to hear what matters to you when it comes to health,” says Jimena Loveluck, MSW, health officer for the Washtenaw County Health Department. “This survey gives our community members the opportunity to help shape how we develop strategies to improve health for their families, neighbors, and the entire community. We need your input to help us improve health and promote health equity in Washtenaw

County.” Adults who live in Washtenaw County are encouraged to complete the online survey at <https://bit.ly/chswash23>! The survey is available in English and Spanish. It will be open until April 14, 2023.

The survey focuses on issues such as access to health care and social services, chronic disease, the impact of COVID-19, and more. It also includes questions about factors that affect health, including the environment, education, housing, poverty, and racism. Results will help the Health Department and community partners understand how people in Washtenaw County view health collectively, including where there are strengths to build upon and where improvements are needed.

Participation in this survey is completely voluntary. The survey has twenty questions and will

take about 10 minutes to complete. The survey is completely anonymous: respondents do not need to submit their names or identifying health information. Survey results will be available within the next year.

The Health Department is working with community partners to promote the survey. Limited paper copies of the survey are available, please email [health@washtenaw.org](mailto:health@washtenaw.org) for more information.

The Community Health Survey is one part of the Health Department’s 2023 Community Health Assessment (CHA). Additional data analysis, community partner surveys, focus groups, key informant interviews, and windshield tours are also ongoing as a part of the CHA.

Visit [www.healthforallwashtenaw.org](http://www.healthforallwashtenaw.org) for local community data and more information on our community health assessment process.

Want to help us spread the word about the Community Health Survey? See graphics and flyers in English and Spanish here.

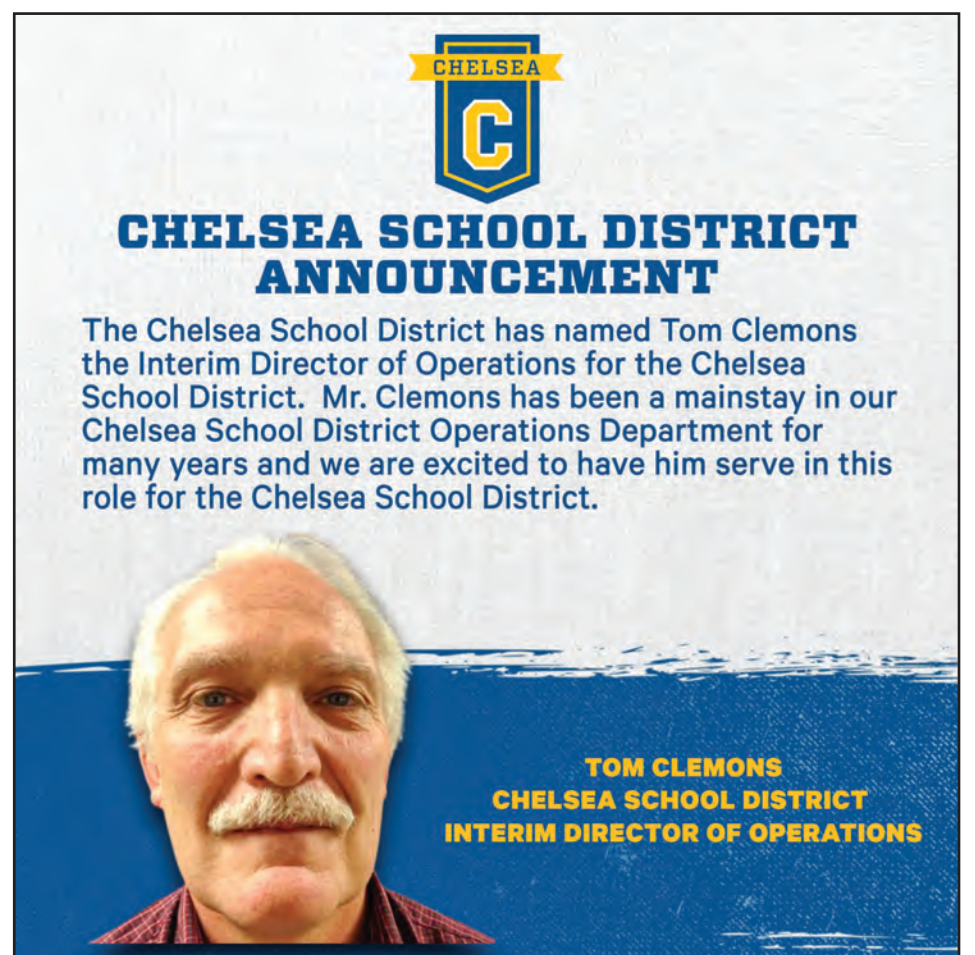
## Washtenaw County Health Department

The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes

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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 SCHOOL DISTRICT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Chelsea School District has named Tom Clemons the Interim Director of Operations for the Chelsea School District. Mr. Clemons has been a mainstay in our Chelsea School District Operations Department for many years and we are excited to have him serve in this role for the Chelsea School District.

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# Why aren't lost dogs getting back home in Washtenaw County?

*Humane Society of Huron Valley sees its lowest return-to-owner rate in years*



ing number of dogs are coming in without tags or microchips, or if they do, they have incorrect information.

Hershey, a chocolate lab mix, was wandering around the Barton Hills area of Ann Arbor about a week ago. He came right up to a finder and sat on their porch as if to ask them to call his family, but he had neither a tag nor a microchip.

Lack of identification is ongoing problem for cats as well, who are even less likely than dogs to have a tag or microchip.

"This is preventable heartache. As an organization taking in lost animals, we believe our first job is to get animals back to the loving families they already have," says Tanya Hilgendorf, HSHV's CEO. "Animals can't tell us their address or their mom's name. Their best ticket home is identification. Microchips result in hundreds of family reunions here at HSHV, are safe, inexpensive,

and usually last a lifetime."

Owners can get their pets microchipped at any veterinarian's office or for only \$20 at HSHV's Low Cost Vaccine Clinics, held monthly. Microchips are not GPS-enabled and cannot do location tracking, but help identify ownership. Tags are highly encouraged, too, though sometimes they can get torn off when pets scale fences or other terrain traveling.

"It's estimated that 1 in 3 pets gets lost sometime in their lifetime," says Hilgendorf, "So this happens to even the best pet owners. We can't emphasize the importance of microchips enough—along with ensuring your contact information is updated."

A national study of more than 7,700 stray animals in shelters showed stray dogs with microchips were more than twice as likely to be returned to their owners; cats more

than 20 times. Some cities like Houston and states like Hawaii have mandated pet microchipping. No city in Michigan requires microchips.

In addition to ensuring they have tags and microchips with current contact information, HSHV also reminds people if they find or lose an animal to immediately make a report in hopes they can make more happy family reunions happen. Pet lost and found reports can be made at [hshv.org/lostandfound](http://hshv.org/lostandfound) or by calling 734-661-3545. More information on helping find a lost pet as well as listings of pets found can be found on their website and Facebook page.

"This troubling trend also adds to the overcrowding that we and other shelters are experiencing right now," says Hilgendorf. "These pups and kitties should be going back home, not sitting in our shelters waiting for new homes."

**From: Wendy Welch**  
Dogs getting lost in Washtenaw County haven't been so lucky lately.

The Humane Society of Huron Valley (HSHV), the only

shelter in Washtenaw County and Plymouth for stray animals, has seen a significant decrease in the number of animals returned to owners this year.

While HSHV has

been taking in more lost/stray animals than in past years, in 2023, the shelter has only been able to return 43% of lost dogs to owners; that's the lowest in over 20 years. An increas-



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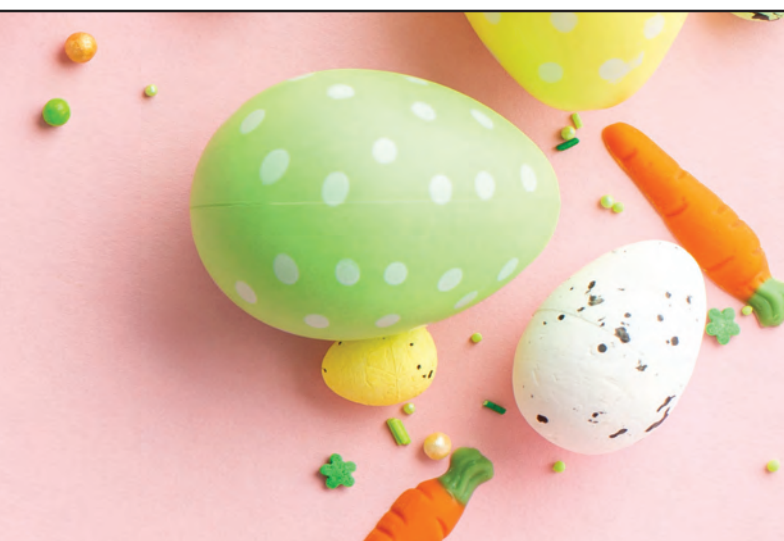
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**STK:** If your guest joins before April 30, they will receive 50% off May dues. Plus, you will get a free month of dues.

## Spring Training Fitness

### **DEX April 1-30**

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## Fitness Easter Egg Hunt

### **CHE/STK April 1-30**

Paper Easter Eggs are hidden throughout the Center! If you find one, complete the fitness task on the back of the egg and take it to the Fitness Desk to be entered into a drawing to win one of the prize-filled eggs!

## Member Family Swim

### **CHE Sunday April 2 from 12:30-2:15pm**

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## April Showers of Savings\*

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## Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

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**Location: Zoom**

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**Registration is required and closes April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5PM.**  
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**sarah.wilczynski@trinity-health.org**



# Charitable Giving Seminar - May 11, 2023

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From: D&B  
Strategic Marketing

Chelsea Community Foundation, Chelsea Education Foundation, and Silver Maples of Chelsea are hosting an in-person seminar at Silver Maples from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. There will be a 30-minute post seminar opportunity

to address any personal questions directly with the panelists.

The seminar will feature four panelists - Andy Kellogg, Financial Advisor, Raymond James Financial Services; Sue Jacobs, CPA; Laurie Brewis, Estate Planning Attorney; and Randy Ross, Vice President Philanthropic

Services at the Community Foundation of Southeast Michigan.

The seminar will be moderated by Amy Forehand, President of Chelsea Education Foundation.

The forum is free - register at this <https://chelseafoundation.org/giving/>



## Chelsea Police Department Weekly Summary No News to Report this Week

# Business Spotlight: Chelsea Outfitters



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By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
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I had the opportunity to visit one of Chelsea's newest businesses this past week. Chelsea Outfitters opened about two weeks ago at 105 S Main St. I was able to speak with Megan Trenary, one of the owners of the store.

Upon entering, I noticed several hats hanging on the wall that would protect the skin from the sun while gardening. I noticed a display of seeds with a focus on pollinator gardens. Snow shoes hung over the register and cute patches lined one wall opposite bottles and cloth diapers.

I asked Megan what the store's mission is, "less waste," she stated. "Zero waste is intimidating and not always realistic." Megan and her husband chose the location based on the location. She thought

community members could take one trip, head over to Agricole for local food, stop in Chelsea Outfitters for a wide variety of environmentally friendly items and run next door to Farm Sudz for their zero waste items they are offering, thus using less gas and not having to order one thing at a time online with excessive packaging. It makes running errands very convenient having the stores so close. Megan also explained that many of her items have an outdoor twist. She notes the proximity to Waterloo as a great resource for outdoor recreation and she'd like to cater to that population.

Do not feel intimidated walking inside, not knowing a lot about the topic, Megan is not sanctimonious, she's happy to help educate and she understands not being able

to do a complete overhaul. She seems happy to encourage everyone to do whatever is possible. I explained that we no longer grow our milkweed so the monarchs have food and a place to grow. While I haven't solved climate instability, it's a little something I can do to help pollinators. She offers a free makers section where shoppers can repair items for longer use, patch jeans, sew rips and use longer rather than buy

new ones. If you can't sew she offers no sew patches and will gladly help with projects if she has the time. The store has a no new bag philosophy so if you don't have a bag she has a few she's reusing and is sewing old t shirts into bags for customers. She just asks that you donate your old shirts in the future. In the next few weeks, she's adding a refill station where customers can get laundry detergent without the bulky,

wasteful plastic jugs. She offers a selection of cloth diapers she finds to be affordable and quality. She also has hygiene products she believes are safe and are more eco friendly than the standard options.

Megan explained that her background is in retail and her and her husband were daily trying to live a less wasteful lifestyle but neither felt like it was enough. Opening a store to provide options to the local com-

munity seemed like the logical next step. The store is loaded with beautiful eco-friendly items, often with a charitable aspect to the product line. But, my experience was the best resource of Chelsea Outfitters is Megan who is happy to share her knowledge and encourage your less waste lifestyle. Chelsea Outfitters is located at 105 S. Main, and their hours are Tue, Wed, Thur 10am-5pm Fri, Sat 10am-6pm.



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