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Get to Know Interim City Manager Justin Breyer



City of Dexter Interim City Manager, Justin Breyer

took on two roles; City Clerk and Assistant to the City Manager. Justin stated that before being City Clerk he was already doing a lot of election work and having the official title of City Clerk was a continuation of the work he was doing. I remarked that I have repeatedly heard what a great job he'd done on this election, which undoubtedly had to be a challenging one. He mentioned that it was the highest turnout since Dexter started doing elections and that he was in the position because he had election experience with the city of Troy prior to coming to Dexter.

I mentioned that when Courtney Nicholls left, it sounded like she left big shoes to fill. Justin stated that she was amazing and well respected, and she did a fantastic job. He mentioned that he was lucky to have a month to transition, to get all the passwords to all the sites and to be up to date on Courtney's projects. He let me in on the fact that he had an added advantage of being close enough to Courtney, proximity wise that he was aware of where projects stood. I asked Justin if he had a family or a dog or anything the people of Dexter might want to know, but wouldn't necessarily unless I asked. Justin just celebrated his one year wedding anniversary in December. He states that his wife really wants a dog, but that they are currently renting an apartment. So, no dog yet, but likely in the future. He stated he's waiting for the right time to buy and that, "It's great that the community is so desirable but that comes with challenges." Yes, getting in as a first time home buyer is not easy.

I asked if there was anything else Justin wanted to share with Dexter. He stated, "Dexter is a beautiful wonderful community- a talented dedicated with parks, and rec,

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Erratic Ale: Baptism By Covid



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I had the opportunity to pay a visit to Erratic Ale this past weekend. I checked their website and learned, rather than a full menu, they provide a selection of finger foods. I don't drink and drive and I don't agree with the quote attributed to Hemingway," write drunk and edit sober." I brought my son to be my designated drinker, I guess. He enjoys microbrews and I trust his pallet to provide me

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By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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I had the opportunity to get to know the interim City Manager of Dexter, Justin Breyer this week. He was extremely quick to respond and helpful with my article on the Luminaries over Christmas. Since he is stepping in to fill the city manager role while the search for a new city manager is happening, I thought it might be nice for the community to learn more about him. Once again, he is very responsive and accessible.

I wanted to know how long Justin had worked for the City of Dexter and in what roles. Justin stated that he was originally hired in 2015 and just celebrated his 6 year anniversary with the city. He started as Assistant to the City Manager. In March of 2017 he



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St. Mary Students and Parishioners Shine Light(s) in the Darkness to Cultivate Hope, Peace in the Community

First Light Show & Live Nativity Production Draws Hundreds, Raises Thousands



Photos Courtesy of St. Mary Pinckney

From Carissa Poroko

When St. Mary Pinckney's annual Christmas concert was postponed due to the pandemic, parents and parishioners decided to do their part in overcoming the gloom of 2020.

Through the work of volunteers and support from donations, they created "All Roads Lead to Bethlehem," a drive-thru, live nativity production and light show that exceeded expectations drawing hundreds of cars and raising thousands of dollars to help provide scholarships to families in need.

"Around 100 cars came through each night with multiple riders, putting our estimated reach at nearly 1000 people, said St. Mary Principal Veronica Kinsey. "When we made \$900 in the donation buckets that first night, we were ecstatic. When we made \$1300 the second night we were really feeling the support from the community," she added. "People needed this. They were thanking us from their cars!"

During a year when countless events and traditions were cancelled, parents planned this production as a way

to let students have some fun, share the meaning of Christmas and bring hope to the community. The \$2300 raised by free-will donations will help make it possible for students to attend St. Mary who otherwise would not be able.

Rosemary Gass, a St. Mary parishioner and long time producer and director in Southeast Michigan and Pinckney High School, was reunited with two of her former drama students on the "All Roads" production team, both are now professionals and have kids at St. Mary. An outpouring of donated Christmas lights and decorations came in from school families and parishioners along with costumes from Pinckney Players and live goats from a parishioner's farm. B&W Tree Service, Inc., a local tree trimming company whose owners are members of St. Mary, even came to decorate the 40-foot pine tree and put a star on top.

"Volunteers who collaborated for this all echoed that it was fulfilling to give back and spread peace," said Kinsey. "Even during the busy Christmas season, they were thanking us for the chance to work outside

in the cold! Very fitting for the story of Christ's birth, we are still on a journey to find light during dark times."

St. Mary's annual Christmas show is traditionally a musical produced by the eighth grade class. This year St. Mary seventh grader Isabella Wittrup wrote the playwright for the replacement show, which will be performed via video this month. The title: "A Covid Christmas."

The response to the live nativity was so overwhelmingly positive St. Mary is considering making their Plan B, the Plan A for next year. Anyone interested in donating outdoor, light-up Christmas decorations instead of putting them in storage can email the Parent Teacher Council any time this year at ptcnews@stmarypinckney.org.

Because of the growing national trend to leave Christmas lights up through January or February to brighten winter lockdown months, they don't have a cut-off date for donations.

And if you donate during the dark days of the Covid winter, it may just make you feel a little lighter.

"To truly celebrate Christmas is to laud what the Bible says in John 3:19, that 'the light has come into the world,'" said Father Dan Kogut, pastor at St. Mary. "When Jesus was born in Bethlehem he fulfilled the words of Isaiah written 700 years earlier, 'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them a light has shined' (Isaiah 9:1-2)."

For more information about St. Mary Pinckney visit <https://www.stmarypinckney.org/>.



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Erratic Ale: Baptism By Covid



continued from page 1 with a good review.

"When times are bad is when the real entrepreneurs emerge." -Robert Kiyosaki. I was stunned to learn, after chatting with Deb and Brian Schroeder, the owners of Erratic Ale, that they opened for business on August 7th. They casually shrugged their shoulders saying they were working on the business well before the pandemic and it made no sense to wait it out. They saw the bright side to opening during a pandemic. They have never owned this sort of business before and are getting into the swing of things while it's manageable and they have time to learn. Their ability to

go with the flow symbolises the theme of the nanobrewery and their tag lines. Erratics are boulders dragged in and dropped by glaciers. When the glaciers receded, boulders were left behind that did not originate where they were dropped. The pandemic hit while they were getting ready to launch and just like the Glacial Erratics, they adjusted and made the best of that which was beyond their control. Their name originates from the fact that they've moved around the country with Deb's career and wherever they landed, as long as they were together they were home. Erratic gave me the warm welcoming feeling of home too. We chatted about the wonderful community in which they landed, however, they did state that they looked around the area when settling in Michigan and chose Dexter as their home.

Deb and Brian expressed gratitude to Michelle Aniol, the Community Devel-



Pictured are Brian & Deb Schroeder, the owners of Erratic Ale

opment Manager for keeping them updated and aware of the work the city is doing to ensure the businesses are able to succeed during the pandemic. Deb and Brian appreciate the concerns of people worried about social districts but they believe that Michelle is working really hard to address those concerns and minimize and mitigate risk.

We were given a tour of the space and a quick education on how the process works. It was really fun for both me and my son who is in his early twenties. Similar to being able to get a personal tour of the Webster Historical Village was for my daughter, a backstage pass to a nano brewery was a fun escape from home during a pandemic. Deb and Brian answered all his ques-

tions and were kind enough to let him sample some of their selection. I watched with interest as Brian, the brewmaster watched my son's reactions to his creations. He responded like an artist. He had joy with my son's appreciation for his work. He stated that he's open to critique and that he likes to learn. Brian discussed what he hopes to create; approachable beer that doesn't have too much going on. And, bottom line, he wants it to taste good. My son enthusiastically confirmed that it did. I was envious of his ability to try the beers. So, even though they were not open, I asked if I could make a purchase. My son's birthday is coming up so I offered to buy him a growler of his favorite for an early birthday present and for coming along

with me and helping me review Erratic. He chose Brother Magnus, a Belgian Triple and Brian's oldest recipe. He's had twenty years to perfect it and perfect it he did. My son really enjoyed it and went for the growler. He struggled to make a decision. I think a close second was Good For the Soul, which my son exclaimed after tasting that it was in fact good for the soul. I chose to buy myself a bottle of Simi and The Whale, a sweet stout with chia tea and spices. Erratic has a great selection of shirts, sweatshirts, and other goods. so I grabbed an Erratic glass as well.

As I walked to the car with my son, he acknowledged how enjoyable the visit was. He's been spending time with family only since his evacuation from the Peace Corps. It was nice to get to know the Schroeders. They were very warm and welcoming and willing to allow my son to sample and answer all his questions. Plus a behind the scenes tour was really fun for both of us. My son asked what the community can do to support their business. They are not advertising and answered simply word of

mouth, they are happy to have people spread the word. I'm happy to share that Simi and The Whale might be one of the most delicious beers I've ever tried. If you haven't yet visited, be sure to try it out. Erratic and the Schroeder family are a wonderful addition to the Dexter community. This is the type of place that could easily be your spot to be a regular. A place that they would know your name and make you feel like a part of the family. Plus, Brian really knows how to combine flavors and make delicious beers. Take a look at the website, get to know Brian and Deb a little, order a beer, and make sure some of that stimulus stays within the community. Visit their website at <http://erraticale.com/>.



COVID-19 Vaccination in Washtenaw County

Washtenaw County Health Department calls for patience as next phase begins

Washtenaw County Health Department is asking for continued patience. COVID-19 vaccine supplies and providers remain limited. If you are now eligible for vaccination, it does not mean vaccination is immediately available to you.

At least 80,000 more individuals are now eligible for vaccination locally and starting today. This includes people 65 years of age and older and frontline, essential workers with frequent or ongoing exposure as a part of their work, including first responders, police officers, jail and prison staff, pre-K-12 teachers, and workers in childcare centers and protective services. This does not include all essential workers or other infrastructure workers.

"It's a tremendous relief to add vaccination to the resources we have to prevent COVID-19 from causing additional harm, but this process will take time," says Jimena Loveluck, MSW, health officer with Washtenaw County Health Department.

"We need everyone's patience, and we need to keep doing everything possible we can to prevent the spread of illness – including wearing face masks, social distancing and isolating or quarantining when needed."

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution
Currently COVID-19 vaccine is only available through the Health Department and our local health systems. Supplies are limited and are allocated through the state week by week. Most initial distributions will take place at large, central locations to vaccinate many people quickly.

Vaccination with Washtenaw County Health Department

We will be offering mass vaccination from central locations and through a mobile team as capacity allows. The Eastern Michigan University Convocation Center is currently being used. The Health Department is working to confirm a second site on the western side of the county as well as additional, accessible locations that can be

activated as soon as vaccine supplies and staffing resources are available.

Scheduling for available appointments begins today (Jan 11). The first step is completing an appointment request survey online or by phone. There is a survey for individual requests and one for organizational requests. Available appointments will fill extremely fast. We are working as quickly as possible to provide all available vaccine doses to eligible individuals, and we will continue to open more appointments as vaccine supplies and logistics are confirmed.

Important points:

- Vaccination is not available at the Health Department and is provided by appointment only at vaccination sites. Do NOT show up at any vaccination site without an appointment.
- The most up-to-date information is at www.washtenaw.org/covid19vaccine. Online and recorded information is updated at least daily. Individuals can also sign

up for email updates.

• If you are eligible because of your work, information may also come through your employer. Washtenaw County Health Department is actively communicating and coordinating efforts with the employers of eligible workers.

• Please reserve phone and email capacity for those who cannot easily access online information (734-544-6700 and l-wchdcontact@washtenaw.org).

Vaccination at Other Local Providers

Initially only local health systems and larger providers will have COVID-19 vaccine. If you are a patient with Michigan Medicine, IHA or Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, please look to their websites for additional details and announcements.

- Michigan Medicine
- Saint Joseph Mercy Health System
- IHA

Washtenaw County Health Department is extremely grateful for the support and collaboration of our

local health systems as well as the many partners and volunteers who are stepping up to work with us on the goal of vaccinating everyone willing and eligible as quickly as possible.

Current Distribution

The Health Department is still actively vaccinating health care providers in phase 1A who have not been vaccinated through a local health system or provider. If you have not yet contacted us, please complete the appointment request survey as an individual or for your organization.

Type of Vaccine and Second Doses

At this time, the Health Department only has Pfizer vaccine. If you are vaccinated through the Health Department, your second dose will be scheduled three weeks after the first dose.

We appreciate everyone's patience. Please be assured we are vaccinating as quickly as we can and are sharing information as we have it.

A d d i t i o n a l

COVID-19 Vaccine Information

- Health Department COVID-19 Vaccination Website
- Michigan Medicine
- Saint Joseph Health System
- IHA
- Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine

- Michigan vaccine phases & health department locations
- Michigan revised 1B vaccination guidelines
- Michigan vaccine FAQs

Washtenaw County Health Department

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Washtenaw County Health Department Continues COVID-19 Vaccination

Phase 1A vaccination continues this week and expanded eligibility opens Monday

Washtenaw County Health Department is actively vaccinating health care workers in phase 1A. We have provided and distributed over 2,200 vaccinations, including EMS, medical first responders and frontline health care workers. Anyone eligible in 1A but not yet vaccinated though a local health system should complete our survey. Scheduling for the next phase, which includes older adults and some essential workers, begins Monday, Jan 11.

Yesterday, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated their vaccine priority guidance and has authorized local health departments to begin vaccinating the following groups starting Monday, Jan 11:

- People age 65 years or older
- Frontline, essential workers with frequent or ongoing exposure as a part of their work. This includes some, but not all essential workers previously designated in 1B. First responders, police officers, jail and prison staff, pre-K-12 teachers and childcare providers are included.

County, this represents thousands of newly eligible individuals. Vaccine availability still depends on both vaccine supply and staffing capacity. Please be patient. We cannot vaccinate everyone eligible immediately.

For those now eligible under the revised guidance, scheduling information will be available on our website by Monday. Please do not call or email for more information before Monday. Please review available information before calling, if possible. Also please remember your scheduled appointment may be weeks away depending on overall supplies and capacity.

Individuals eligible through their employment should expect scheduling information through their employers.

Updated information is available at www.washtenaw.org/covid-19vaccine. Individuals may also sign up for our COVID-19 email update list to stay informed.

We appreciate your patience as we prepare for these upcoming vaccination phases. We may not be able to answer all individual questions as quickly as

we would like. Please be assured we are vaccinating as quickly as we can and are sharing information as we have it.

Additional Resources:

- WCHD COVID-19 Vaccination Website
- Michigan updated 1B vaccination information
- Michigan Prioritization Guidance
- Michigan Vaccine FAQ document
- Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine

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ON THE SIDELINE: RESOLUTIONS, RECLINERS, FOOTBALL AND SCHWARZENEGGER



By Don Richter
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Happy New Year, everyone.

I know, I know, I'm a few weeks late. But, hey, cut a guy some slack, I'm still recovering from 2020. They say hindsight is 20/20, which basically means looking back on something -- the year 2020 -- and having a clearer understanding or wisdom of the situation because of the process of time. Well, it's been a couple weeks and 2020 is in the proverbial rear view mirror, but I still struggle to comprehend what these past 12 months have meant.

And to think 2020

started out so nicely with Shakira and Jennifer Lopez performing at halftime of Super Bowl LIV in Miami in early February. The twosome executed their respective songs and dance moves better than the football players on the field. It was one of the best Super Bowl halftime shows I've ever watched.

Sadly, that halftime performance was, arguably, the high point of the year as 2020 quickly slid down a slippery slope into oblivion.

So with 2020 gone with the wind and 2021 fresh and ready to shine (notwithstanding recent events, ugh...) I've decide to present a few resolutions for the new year.

First off, I resolve to forget 2020. Nothing more, nothing less. It came, it saw and now, it's gone. Don't let the screen door hit ya' where the...(you know the

rest). The year 2020 tried to break me, tried to break us, tried to break our country. Guess what? I'm still here. I'm still standing. My feet are planted firmly on the ground and I will not be moved. I'm like Arnold Schwarzenegger's character at the end of the movie "Predator" when he appears out of the smoke and destruction beaten and bloodied, but steely-eyed, confident -- and victorious.

Bring it on, 2021. I resolve to make this new year the best one yet. Heck, I've still got my recliner. I've still got pizza to devour. And I've still got football to enjoy and watch. I'm kinda' good. One of the communities I cover has its high school football team in the state semifinals, two wins away from the championship. Could this be the year? I have no idea, but it's exciting to watch and

find out. I'm already mulling over who the Detroit Lions will get as their new head coach. Robert Saleh, anybody? Saleh is a guy who grew up in Dearborn, starred at Fordson High School and played college football at Northern Michigan. He's currently the defensive coordinator for the San Francisco 49ers. Make it happen Lions. Wait, what am I saying? This is the Detroit Lions I'm talking about. Sorry. Are there any more New England Patriot coaches for us to hire?

I resolve to work my rear end off this spring and summer and finish all of the home improvements I started last year. I dug out all of my old, deep-rooted shrubs and bushes (took me multiple days) that surrounded my house. Next job is to develop my "green thumb" and plant new bushes and shrubs this spring/summer.



Arnold Schwarzenegger's character stands bloodied and beaten, but victorious at the end of the movie "Predator."

I'm installing outdoor shutters on all of my home's windows as well this year. Wish me luck. I finally got the city to repave part of my sidewalk last year which was in dire need of repair. Hopefully I can find a suitable concrete company to repave a portion of my driveway this spring/summer. Any suggestions on a good company? Drop me a line and let me know.

Finally, I resolve to drink less pop this year. Yeah, I know, it's not going to hap-

pen. I just bought a 2-liter of Pepsi on the way home from work tonight. Why? I don't know. I guess I'm weak. And thirsty. And addicted. And...

Happy New Year, everyone.

To the year 2020? "Hasta la vista, baby." I know, it's a different Schwarzenegger movie.

"I'll be back..." No, you won't 2020.

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Oh, never mind...

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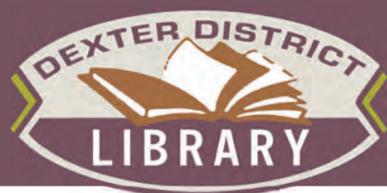
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MS Girls Basketball: Starts February 22nd (Information coming soon)

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January 1 through 24

Winter Photo Contest for Teens

Local teens in grades 6 through 12 are invited to submit a photo for a chance to win a gift card. Photos will be judged in three categories: Winter, Dexter and Family/Friends. Entrants are limited to one picture in each category. Complete contest details will be emailed to registered participants. Photographs will be displayed on the DDL Teen Services webpage and in the Library's Teen Zone. Winners will be announced on January 28.

Monday, January 4 through Sunday, January 17

DIY Paint with Tissue Paper

Tweens and teens in grades 6 through 12, get creative with this fun painting project. Everything you need will be included in your bag for pickup, including supplies, instructions and YouTube links for inspiration. Instructions for picking up your craft bag will be emailed to registered participants. Email a picture of your final product to the Teen Librarian at dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us from January 20 through February 6. Pictures will be posted on the Library's Teen Services web page for viewing. Registration is Monday, January 4 through Sunday, January 17. Craft bag pickup is January 20 through 31.

Bi-weekly Thursdays at 11:00 am, January 14 to February 25

Preschool Super Stories

Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms Krista this winter on our DDL facebook page every other Thursday at 11:00 am. We will read a longer picture book and share an activity related to the book. Everyone is welcome. Dates: January 14, January 28, February 11 and February 25

Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, January 20 to March 3

Club Create

Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on facebook, every other Wednesday at 4:30 pm beginning January 20. Ms. Krista will share fun challenges, activities and craft ideas that you can try at home. She will also highlight a few new chapter books and readers. Everyone is welcome. Dates: January 20, February 3, February 17 and March 3

Thursday, January 21 at 4:30 pm

All Star Readers

All Star Readers Book Club for grades 3 and 4 will meet again on Thursday, January 21 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, December 17. The book we will be discussing is *Flora & Ulysses* by Kate DeCamillo. Books will be available for pick up when you register. Join us for a fun, lively afternoon with Ms. Krista leading our discussion, everyone is welcome. A link to our Zoom meeting room and a password will be sent to you prior to January 21.

Saturday, January 30 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Cricut® for Beginners

Join us for a repeat of this popular virtual program as we talk about the basic functions of a Cricut® machine and discuss which tools and materials are worth investing in. A demonstration will be provided and samples of projects will be shared. Time will be available at the end of the presentation for participants' questions. Recommended for grades 6 through adult, registration is required. Zoom details will be emailed prior to the program.

Socially Distanced /Virtual Events in Washtenaw to Attend January 2021

Dexter Winter Marketplace in Dexter

Dexter United Methodist Church is hosting a winter marketplace January 23rd that will host vendors from all over the area selling arts and crafts, baked goods, jewelry, fresh produce, eggs, cheese, meats and more. There will also be local musicians and vendor drawings! Social distancing, masks and one-way traffic will be required to help keep you and the vendors safe throughout the event.

44th Ann Arbor Folk Festival | Ann Arbor

When: January 29-30
Where: Online
Ann Arbor Folk Festival, a fundraiser for The Ark, began in 1977 and is now one of Ann Arbor's most anticipated events. Over the course of two days, Hill Auditorium will host several incredible musical acts—which can be enjoyed virtually. For more information visit <https://theark.org/folk-festival>.

Dexter Ice Fest | Dexter

When: January 23, 11 a.m.
Where: Downtown Dexter
On January 23rd, head to downtown Dexter to explore incredible and intricate ice sculptures sponsored by local businesses lined up all across the area! During the 2021 event, they plan to have more than 35 ice carvings for you to see. Please wear masks and make sure you're social distancing when visiting.

Dexter Board of Education Meeting: January 11, 2021

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Oath of office was given for Brian Arnold, Elise Bruderly, and Jennifer Kangas by Dr. Timmis to open the meeting. The meeting minutes were approved. The agenda was quickly approved.

Dr. Timmis was up next for a presentation. January is school board recognition month. A video was presented to the board to say thank you to the board members. Books were donated to each media center in honor of the school board, by the DEA as a thank you to the Board.

Dr. Timmis updated the Board on Covid numbers, and information. He provided a lot of data to the Board. The Health Department believes it is safe to run school with proper mitigation methods. Dr. Timmis is asking the board to start middle and high school on a hybrid beginning January 28th. School of Choice window is open for Dexter Schools. Dr. Timmis encouraged anyone in housing transition, looking for education stability to apply.

The Board President update was next. President Schumaker started researching when the first female board member and president were

elected. But, in her research she got sidetracked by finding so many historical facts some of which she shared at the meeting.

Next on the agenda was the student rep update. Anna stated 21st and 22nd freshman will be able to come in the building and get tours from NHS members because they were unable to have a freshman orientation. Aiden stated winter sports has started and that students have been invited to share feelings regarding six classes vs. three. Dr. Timmis stated they would like to hear how students feel about it and will also be talking to families.

There was no public participation.

New hire at Mill Creek for a counselor position for Carley Peterson and was approved.

Jennifer Kangas asked some questions. Regarding the action item of reconfirming the instructional delivery model data Dr. Timmis stated that protocols are in place and he feels confident that they can safely bring back students on a hybrid schedule. Reduced number due to more hybrid than anticipated and spacing in place, Dr. Timmis believes that it can be done. Elise Bruderly

expressed gratitude to the return to school team. Instruction delivery model went to vote and was reconfirmed unanimously. Students that opted for the hybrid plan in middle and high school will be returning to school, based on their schedule on January 28th.

Prior to the Board voting on compensation for the board, which was approved, Dr. Schumaker suggested that the committee examine it this year so that potential board members with childcare responsibilities aren't forced to not run due to the cost of childcare and low pay of a board position.

Board workshop set for Saturday February 20th was approved.

MASB trainings, up to six MASB virtual trainings for any board member interested in taking trainings was approved.

Superintendent evaluation statement was next. Trustee Greatorex was asked to read the statement regarding Dr. Timmis's review. She stated that he met or exceeded all expectations. Dr. Timmis' strong leadership team was recognized. Dr. Schumaker explained how he was evaluated and she thanked Dr. Timmis for his exception-

The Real Estate Corner

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Happy New Year to you! I know many are happy to see 2020 come to an end...the year in which I've dunned the word "unprecedented" the word of the year. I won't dwell on that, but am looking forward to 2021 continuing the strong sales numbers we saw in 2020. As you look at the figures below, keep in mind that the real estate industry in Michigan was shut down for six weeks during the busiest time of the year – the spring market. That said, these numbers are encouraging if you anticipate selling this year.

In 2020, 203 homes or 60%, sold in 0-30 days at 99.57% of the list price.

In 2019, 198 homes or 62% sold in 0-30 days at 99.11% of the list price.

2020 Summary

Here's the 2020 Dexter Real Estate recap:

	2020	2019
Total number sold	338	318
Average list price	416,735	411,983
Average sale price	409,924	406,453
Average days of market	47	39
Average sale price/sqft.	194.61	189.17
Low sale of the year	110,000	70,000
Highest sale of the year	1,075,000	1,075,000

So, what can we learn by looking at this?

First of all, the number of homes selling in 2020 exceeded the previous year by 20, and we had the six week shut down. That's pretty impressive! Something else that stands out to me, is that on average, these homes sold for less than one percent off the list price. That's bad news for any buyers thinking they can come in with low-ball offers. All the

other figures reflect a steady uptick in sale prices and property values in Dexter.

Moving forward, remember this – it's always a good time to sell your Dexter home, as there's always a demand to live here. Please feel free to contact me if you're interested in finding the value of your home. I'll look forward to hearing from you.

Reinhart REALTORS

The data used in these articles is obtained from the Ann Arbor Area Board of Realtors ML

al leadership during this very challenging time. The summary statement of the Superintendent was approved.

Annual Board declarations were up next as a discussion item. Board members were asked to sign and return declaration forms.

Next discussion item was the financial narrative. Reports are intended to inform the board of expenses. Sharon Raschke discussed and reviewed the information in the reports.

She offered to walk the board through the narrative if any new board members had any questions or needed help understanding the report. Sharon was able to clarify some confusion. Dr. Schumaker commented that summer school planning for students with IEPs that have struggled with virtual learning, is being planned now. Dr. Raschke clarified that most of the summer school budget is pushed forward to

the next fiscal year budget.

Public participation. Daniel Alabre on the finance committee requested that the board consider covering finance 201 and 301 courses for him in the future.

No committee updates due to no meetings over the holiday.

Board comments; Elise Bruderly thanked the art students and everyone that had a part in the video presented.

Brian thanked the community, and all

the board members for their support.

Theresa Kangas echoes those statements, and appreciated the help and support onboarding.

Mara Greatorex welcomed all the new board members and thanked all the students and staff involved in the presentation for the board members.

The board went into a closed session.



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Gordon Hall Holiday Fundraiser Update

From Dexter Area Historical Society

Dear Friends of the Dexter Area Historical Society,

Happy New Year to each and every one of you. We would like to update you briefly on our Holiday Fundraiser. Our goal was to raise \$25,000 in support of Gordon Hall renovation by the end of January, and we were very fortunate to have a generous member provide \$10,000 as a match.

Our wonderful news is that as of January 8, our generous donors have reached that goal, having contributed a total of \$25,675!!! We are thrilled and humbled by this wonderful show of support. Thank you all!!!

We have several

weeks to go for this effort. If you would still like to donate, you can donate securely online by selecting DONATE on the DAHS website: www.dexterhistory.org

You can mail a check to DAHS at the address given below (note Gordon Hall Restoration).

If your employer will match your gift, please enclose your matching gift form.

To discuss a bequest, a donation via a Required Minimum Distribution, or some other form of planned giving, please contact Caryl Burke at 734-476-5232 or caryllburke@gmail.com.

If you donated in 2020, note that the CARES Act of 2020 allows for up to \$300 in

tax deductions for donations to non-profits, even if you don't itemize. Talk to your tax advisor about your eligibility for this.

DAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and your donation is therefore tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

We are run entirely by volunteers, so your full donation is applied to the restoration of Gordon Hall.

Thank you again for all your support. Very best regards, Beverly Hill, President Dexter Area Historical Society
3443 Inverness Street
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Holiday Campaign in Support of Gordon Hall

GOAL 1/8/21

THANK YOU!!!

Progress

1/8/21



1/8	\$25,675 WOO HOO!!! Don't stop now!	\$30,000	
1/2	\$14,177 + match (\$10,000)	\$25,000	
12/26	\$7905 + match	\$20,000	
		\$15,000	
12/18	\$3703 + match	\$10,000	
12/5	\$1,903 + match	\$5000	

ANN ARBOR TOWNSHIP COMPLETES LAND PRESERVATION PROJECT



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The Ann Arbor Township Farmland and Open Space Preservation Program recently closed on a conservation easement purchase from Otto and Carolyn Moehrle.

The property is 114.77 acres in size with frontage on the south side of Joy Rd. and both sides of Gleaner Hall Rd. It is almost entirely prime and locally important agricultural soils with six acres of woods and three acres of wetlands that are headwaters for a branch of Traver Creek. It is a key piece in the northern tier of protected land in Ann

Arbor Township. 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 Moerhles began assembling their property in 1970 with the purchase of 20 acres. They added 74 acres in 1973. The parcel on the east side of Gleaner Hall Rd. was purchased at auction in 1975. Otto worked the ground until 1998; it has been leased to local operators since then.

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 Ann Arbor Township, funding support was supplied by the Washtenaw County Natural Area Preservation Program, the Ann Arbor Greenbelt program and the federal Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.

Ann Arbor Township's land preservation program is funded by a dedicated millage which voters passed in 2003 with 80% support. The Township has attracted over \$8.3 million of matching funds from other sources, a rate of \$2 to \$1 of its own. With this project the Township program has been involved in protecting 1,243 acres, with more projects set to close in the coming months.



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Caring Together

Get to Know Interim City Manager Justin Breyer

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staff at the city from wastewater to the front office that works hard to benefit the community and is as great as they can be."

"The first responsibility of a leader is to define reality. The last is to say thank you. In between, the leader is a servant." -Max DePree
It was clear in the in-

terview and how quick he has been to handle my questions and assist me, that Justin Breyer is the embodiment of what a leader should be.