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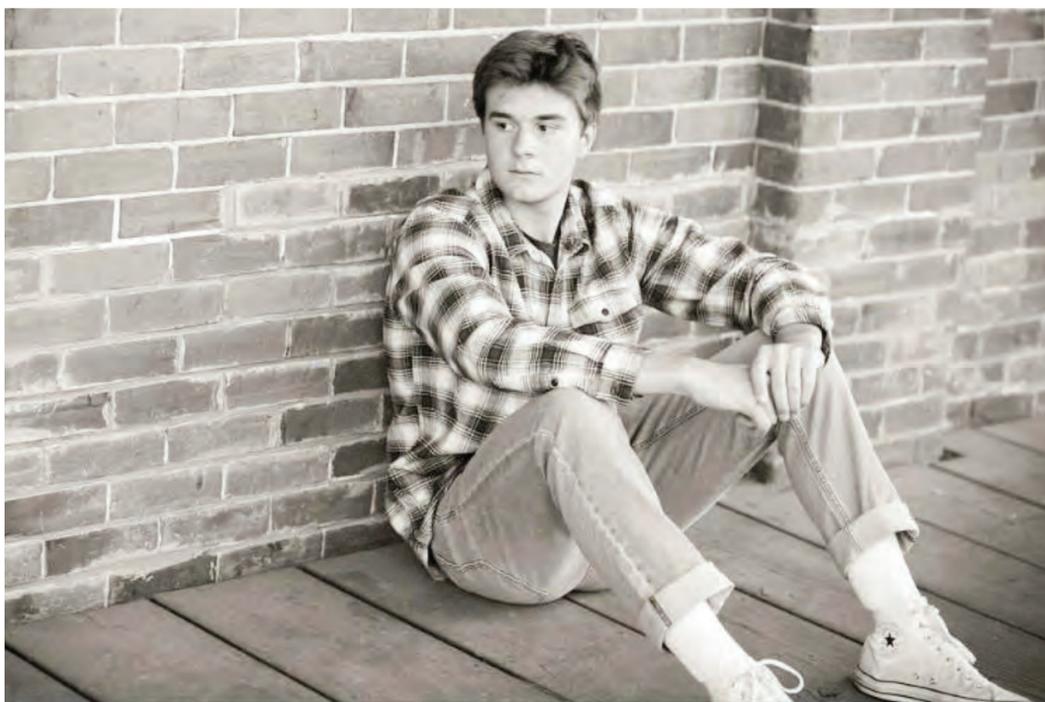


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Dexter City Council Debates New Office Space

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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The City Council meeting opened with the approval of minutes with a few minor changes. The meeting agenda was approved.

There was an issue with the lack of documents regarding vacating an alley. The applicant did not understand the process. So nobody was present for the public hearing. A decision to postpone the decision was made. The issue will be determined in March.

Non-arranged public participation. Cole Miller noted a typo on the agenda. He also wanted to know if action would be taken after the closed session. The Mayor assured Cole that the Council will return to open session afterward. James McCargar spoke next to discuss the difficulty obtaining vaccines in the county. He asked the council to advocate for vaccines for the county and for equity in vaccinations. He also requested the council

work with the school board. The Zoning Ordinance Subcommittee is meeting on March 1st.

Public services superintendent Dan Schlaff gave his report. DPW is working hard to keep the streets clear and doing a lot of preventative maintenance. Dan believes the social district will stop on March 1st. Michelle Aniol explained that the takedown is happening on March 1st. It's well orchestrated. There will

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By Dave Merchant
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Dexter senior water sport extraordinaire Leo Varitek is a senior with some talent.

He participates in Swimming and Water Polo.

"The highlights of my high school swim experience are winning states in 2018 and 2019, and getting to celebrate with the team," Leo said.

Favorite class is IB World History

Favorite coaches: "For swimming, Hansen and McHugh are both my favorite coaches because I

have been with them all four years, and have formed a valuable relationship with each of them," he said.

"I plan on attending a four-year university, and have yet to decide which one," he said.

Why swimming: "My friends during my freshman year told me to swim with them, and I have continued to swim since then, due to the camaraderie of the team," he said.

His parents are Tom and Tracie Varitek, and his siblings are Anna, Kate,

and Maggie.

"I enjoy hanging out with friends, being outdoors, and traveling in my free time," he said.

Advice for younger athletes is strong: "If I could give one piece of advice to younger athletes it would be no matter how hard it may get, push through the pain because the harder you work, the more rewarding the payoff will be at the end of the season," he said.



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The Dexter Forum: Helpful Community Tips

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Like any gathering of neighbors for a chat, the Dexter Forum was full of helpful information last weekend. We learned that if you get unwanted spam on your cell phone you can forward the message to 7726. This will help your service provider try to deal with the problem. We also learned that high efficiency furnaces, close to the ground, should have their exhaust checked. Ice can form and plug or cover the vent and will cause a problem. Finally, we learned that anyone interested in rooftop solar, the cheaper systems can create problems for local amateur radio operators. The less expensive systems create hash that interferes with radio signals.

The senior cen-

ter is looking for volunteers to help with their newsletter and website. High school students in need of some type of service on a college application, this is a great opportunity to be of service to the community and bolster your credentials. If you can provide assistance, call the senior center and leave a message at (734)-426-7737.

We received an update on the redistricting process for County Commissioners. It will not start until census data is complete, which is projected at the end of September.

Catherine McClary has imposed a tax foreclosure moratorium in Washtenaw County. This will help 300 people stay in their homes during Covid. Not to worry though, this

will not impact funds distributed. She has also created a fund earmarked for trail maintenance. Which means the county will help provide funds for the upkeep of the B2B trail, which has been a big question in meetings.

Karen Roberts let us know that a review of the planning and zoning documents is being undertaken. She welcomes public input. They've decided to focus on the environmental portion first. I'm not certain exactly what that means for residents. She spoke of tree removal and that sort of thing. If you have specific concerns, check the website and be sure to join a meeting over Zoom and make your opinion known: https://www.dexter-mi.gov/government/boards_and_commissions/pc.php.



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If you have any Community Events you would like listed here please email charlachelseaguardian@gmail.com

WASHTENAW UNITED GIRLS HOCKEY CONTINUES TO WIN

From: Sue McDowell

Washtenaw United Girls HS Ice Hockey team continued their winning streak Saturday afternoon by beating cross-town rivals, Ann Arbor Pioneer, 3-1 at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. "Ann Arbor Pioneer's team is well regarded and this win required a lot of hard work" said Washtenaw United's Head Coach, Adam Winters. "I'm very proud of the effort everyone on our bench put into the game this afternoon."

Pioneer's Nadia Tuzinsky gave her team a start by scoring at 11:22 in the first period. Washtenaw's Jillian Eggleston (Dexter, '22) responded by scoring, unassisted, at 10:31. Down two players to penalties late in the period, Washtenaw stayed composed in their own end with defense Riley Kennedy (Milan, '24) and Rylee Malloy (Saline, '24) blocking shots, forward Cecilia Henricksen (Chelsea, '24) strategically clearing the puck out of her own end, and goaltender Julia Scarcella (Saline, '22) standing strong. Eggleston also kept Pioneer from scoring during an intense flurry when she grabbed the puck which had gotten behind Scarcella before it went into the goal.

The second period had several opportunities for either team to score, but both Scarcella and

Pioneer's goaltender, Cody Ross, made key saves to keep the game tied. Pioneer had several breakaways foiled by Washtenaw's defense including one particularly dangerous attempt by Tuzinsky to push the puck under Scarcella's pads. At 4:15 in the period, Washtenaw's forwards Henricksen and Linzy Costella (Manchester, '21) were able to go end to end, creating a great scoring chance but Ross fended them off. Late in the period an awkward line change by Washtenaw gave Pioneer another chance on Scarcella but Washtenaw's Sydney Clark (Saline, '25) raced in from the bench to successfully defend her goaltender and draw a tripping penalty against Pioneer with only 1:02 left in the period.

Despite Washtenaw's power play to start the third period, it was Pioneer that tested Scarcella early with shots on goal by Tuzinsky and her team-

mate Kayleigh Barricklow. Pioneer took a penalty at 12:19 and Washtenaw capitalized when Eggleston shot from the point. Ross made the save but her rebound went to Washtenaw's Reese Caryl (Saline, '22) who flipped it behind her for a 2-1 lead. At 8:40, Washtenaw's Eggleston directed a puck to teammate Costello who put it into the net to give Washtenaw the 3-1 lead. Makenna Lupi (Saline, '22) withstood Pioneer's attack and got the puck out of Washtenaw's defensive end while her teammate Raegan Kopitsch (Dexter, '24) got several good shots on Pioneer's goalie teammate Chloe Dillon (Saline, '24) put additional pressure on Pioneer with her forechecking. Pioneer pulled their goalie for the extra attacker in the remaining minutes of the 3rd period but Scarcella stayed strong in goal. She made 27 saves to Ross' 11.

Dexter Girl Scouts working on Animal Habitats Badge



Photos By Kari Stroschein

From Kari Stroschein

Dexter Junior Girl Scout Troop 40626 spent some time last weekend (February 20) at Hudson Mills Metropark. With the help of Park Interpreter, Kim Sherwin, the girls began to work on their Animal Habitats badge. They went on a hike and explored animal tracks, animal scat, checked out birds with their binoculars and learned about some animal skulls that Kim had in her bag.

The next step of their badge is to create their own animal habitats and share them via Zoom with their troop.



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DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



From: Hope Vestergaard Administrative and Board Updates:

Superintendent Chris Timmis began his update by announcing the commencement of winter contact sports per the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) most recent update to the current pandemic order. Student athletes are permitted to begin practice and competition as of Monday, February 8th, following protocols set forth by the order including wearing masks and testing (for certain sports).

Starting with the COVID-19 Case Dashboard, Dr. Timmis shared the most recent pandemic-related data: during the week of February 2nd, Dexter had 0 students or staff confirmed positive for COVID, and 8 students and 3 staff in quarantine. This is a drastic improvement from figures reported in mid-December. Looking at the daily cases in Washtenaw County at the end of January, there were 29.9 daily new cases per 100,000 residents, which is in the critical range. According to the WISD dashboard data pulled on February 4th, there were approximately 115 cases/million and a positivity rate of 4.8% which puts us at “very high” on the MDHHS scale in terms of cases and “medium” in terms of positivity rate.

Dr. Timmis reported that DCS should have the majority of staff aged 50+ vaccinated by the end of this week (first shot). The delay has been due to limited number of doses received by Washtenaw County, and those were first given to county residents over 65. Student-teacher interactions rates this past week indicate an overall average of 95%+ at least twice/week. The District recently offered staff a voluntary rapid antigen test, part of a statewide pilot program.

Board President Dr. Julie Schumaker reminded Trustees of the upcoming National School Boards

Association (NSBA) Equity Online Symposium focused on dismantling institutional racism in education scheduled for this Wednesday, February 10.

Student representative Aiden Naughton reported that Wednesday, February 10 is DCS Count Day and will follow an adjusted schedule. School pictures are scheduled to be held at DHS next week, February 17-19. Student representative Anna Shehab described her first days back in the building, relaying that students are glad to be back and following protocols. The National Honor Society (NHS) Coat Drive begins February 8th and runs through Friday, February 19th; coats, hats and mittens can be dropped off by students on the catwalk and by community members at the DHS bus loop entrance. The NHS Special Olympics Committee is presenting a webinar in conjunction with WISD on Wednesday, February 10th entitled, “Abilities Over Disabilities” featuring speakers of different abilities sharing their stories and experiences.

Public Participation:

During the first opportunity for public participation, a Dexter parent expressed concern about the welfare of Dexter students due to the pandemic and asked about the loss of students to neighboring districts due to remote instruction. He encouraged the Board and administration to get students back into the buildings as soon as possible.

For clarification, Dr. Timmis confirmed that the District did lose students in the fall, the vast majority of whom were early elementary students. In Washtenaw County, there are only two districts currently in person full-time – Whitmore Lake and Manchester; most other districts are running a hybrid schedule (Saline, Chelsea, Milan, etc.) and Ann Arbor Public Schools and the WISD continue to be 100% remote. Dexter

is working to get the youngest students in more frequently, but safety needs must be met.

Consent Agenda: Trustees unanimously approved two consent items: a staff resignation and a request for leave.

Action Items Reconfirmation of Learning Plan:

The Board unanimously reconfirmed the 5th Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan (pg. 12 in Board packet) which recommends maintaining a hybrid schedule for grades K-12, while working to bring the youngest students into buildings more frequently. During discussion, a trustee expressed how difficult a situation this is for the District, parents, students and staff. Another trustee asked about the “outbreak” at Mill Creek reported in January by the state COVID website: the two cases were confirmed before students were back in the building, but not reported until late January. The question was raised if there has been any documented transmission at DCS due to students being in person. Dr. Timmis replied that a class had to be quarantined in November, and there are other cases around the state and country where transmission was due to classroom attendance.

Based on feedback from some Dexter parents, a trustee asked if students could receive a Credit grade instead of a failing letter grade (students were offered the choice of taking their letter grade or a Credit grade for 1st semester).

Kit Moran, DHS Principal, said counselors are still processing requests for 1st semester grade changes, which are being handled on a case-by-case basis. The mantra at the high school this year has been “do no harm,” and administration and counselors are working individually with students to determine their best solution.

Resolution for In-Person Board Meetings:

Currently, Michigan is not allowing school boards to meet in person due to COVID restrictions. Included in the Board packet is a resolution from Dexter’s Board

of Education asking MDHHS and Governor Whitmer for permission to meet in person. Citing the return to buildings of students and staff, the resumption of winter sports and the following of strict protocols, the Board feels they can safely meet in person with the option for community members to attend either in person or log in remotely. The resolution received full support and was unanimously approved.

Discussion Items MASB Board of Directors Election:

Five candidates are running for the Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) Board of Directors, one of which is Dexter BOE Vice President Mara Greatorex. The Board will vote on their candidate choice at the February 22nd meeting. Greatorex shared she is honored to be nominated and this is a great opportunity to get our District talking with MASB and be a part of the organization’s governance. Dr. Schumaker stated that the Board approved Greatorex’s candidacy at their December 2020 meeting, after which she and Dr. Timmis wrote a letter of support to MASB.

Block Schedule Proposal:

The largest portion of the meeting was spent on the District’s proposal to adopt a block schedule for DHS starting in the 2021-2022 school year. In 2006, the state adopted the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) and, after trying trimesters, the District settled on the current two semester, 6-period instructional day.

From the proposal:

Throughout his/her academic career at DCS, a student studies in longer blocks of learning time through K-6, formally moves into a pure-block schedule at Mill Creek, moves to a 6-period per day schedule at DHS, then into post-secondary schedules that function in longer blocks. The high school level is the only point of a students’ academic career where a bell rings and kids move every hour. The current schedule we use is guided by efficiency and not driven by student learning. This proposal is the culmination of several District initiatives to address student needs. In 2018-2019, the District began deliberate work around student mental health. As part of that process, DCS embarked on a community-wide book study of Dr. David Gleason’s “At

What Cost: Defending Adolescent Development in Fiercely Competitive Schools.” This book study and Dr. Gleason’s community presentations addressed the need for school districts to demonstrate developmental empathy. Two of the recommendations made by Dr. Gleason to better support our students are directly addressed in this proposal: changing to a block schedule and addressing adolescents’ need for sleep.

Next, DCS has been committed to providing individualized and innovative learning opportunities to our students in all grade levels. In the past few years, we’ve seen an expansion of opportunities to DCS students in the lower grades, the addition of an alternative education program, and the start of the Dexter Early Middle College this year. DHS staff have been researching and visiting other schools while working to scale instructional delivery changes on behalf of students. After visits and conversations with schools throughout the country (Kentucky, Texas, Arizona, Wisconsin, Michigan, Colorado, California, Ohio, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, **continued on page 4**

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Fitness Trackers (CHE)

Thomas O'Neill, Fitness Specialist | Wednesday, March 3 | 7:00pm

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Exercise During Pregnancy (DEX)

Lauren Yoder, Fitness Supervisor and NETA Certified Personal Trainer

Monday, March 29 | 11:00am

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The Board discussion of this item was extensive with lots of information shared. You can watch it in its entirety by clicking on the meeting video here: BOE Meeting Videos.

The block sched-

ule proposal will return to the Board as an action item at their February 22nd meeting.

February 20th Board Workshop:

The final item of the evening centered around the upcoming Board Workshop scheduled for February 20th. Due to current COVID restrictions, the Board is not allowed to meet in person, and Trustees debated whether the workshop should be rescheduled or conducted virtually. The decision was made to cancel the scheduled workshop, as they would like to meet in

person, and to be on standby for a future announcement.

Public Participation:

No community members raised their hands to speak during the second opportunity for public participation, and with no committee updates or board comments, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:29pm.

The full meeting video can be viewed at <https://www.dexter-schools.org/district/board-of-education/meetings/videos>.

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Silver Maples Residents and Staff Enjoy Safe and Convenient On-Site COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics



Ed Goulet smiles through his mask as he receives his COVID-19 vaccination



From: Christina Kim

Here at Silver Maples of Chelsea, we're starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel of our long COVID-19 journey. It's been nearly a year since we had to shut our doors to visitors, completely change the dining and programming processes, and focus entirely on keeping our residents safe. The efforts-- mirroring the changes and sacrifices we all have made to weather this pandemic-- are certainly paying off, as there has not been a single resident diagnosed with COVID-19.

As many in the 65+

age group struggle to find opportunities to receive vaccines, Silver Maples residents and staff were fortunate to have access to in-house clinics operated by CVS Pharmacy. Each vaccine clinic offered brought a day of excitement and hope. And that hope stretched beyond Silver Maples staff, residents, and families. Our on-site vaccine clinics were meticulously coordinated to be safe, efficient and fun. Residents and staff who were vaccinated were offered an "I Got The Shot" Silver Maples button to commemorate the day and an individually

wrapped anti-COVID cookie for the road. During the 12-minute post-shot observation, attendees also had the opportunity to pose with our "We're in this Together" photo frame and share why they chose to get the vaccine. Shirley Lancaster, who has lived at Silver Maples five years along with her husband Tom, appreciated the convenience of having the on-site clinic. "[hosting the clinic] was a great idea. It went as smoothly as it could go; there were no hitches!"

At this point, more than 200 residents and staff have received at least one dose of the Moderna vaccine, including 100% of our Meadows Assisted Living residents, who, more than two-weeks out from their second dose, have reached peak immunity. Sara Smith, who has been a Resident Care Associate in the Meadows for nearly 7 years was so inspired by the Meadows Residents being 100% vaccinated, she shared "our residents were willing to protect me, so I was vaccinated to protect them too!"

"With our entire Assisted Living Resident population receiving both vaccines, we feel a sense of relief and hope as we continue to weather the pandemic" said Connie Napier, Director of the Meadows Assisted Living.

Though mask-wearing and social distancing will continue to be a part of

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DEXTER ATHLETICS



DEXTER BOYS BASKETBALL

DREADS DROP LAKE ORION

By Dave Merchant
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Dreads Grinded one out at Lake Orion High School 27-19. Defense was solid against a big and physical LO team. Executed well down the stretch and made free throws at the end

to give us a win. Junior PG Cal Bavineau and Sophomore Evan Haroldson led with 8. Colin Parachek added 7 points to go along with 8 rebounds. Dexter men's hoop Coach Jason Rushton felt his team fought hard and played hard

in the win. Dexter scored four points in the first and four in the second. After nine points in the first and zero in the second, Lake Orion led 9-8 at the half. In the second half the Dreads scored 19

DEXTER GIRLS BASKETBALL

DREADS DROP MAPLES

By Dave Merchant
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Dexter scored early and often and the Lady Dreads dropped

Adrian 74-17. The locals led 25-4 after the first quarter and 53-6 at the half. Sydney Procek scored

18 points. Brianna Rodriguez scored nine points.

DEXTER TOPS DAWGS

By Dave Merchant
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A good night to be a Dreadnaught! 61-45 win over Chelsea. Colin Parachek with 31 points and 7 re-

bounds. Sophomore Evan Haroldson (get familiar with him - he's 6'4 and can score) with 15 points and 5 rebounds. Cal Bavineau with 10 points and

5 assists. "This was a great team win for us," Dreads Coach Jason Rushton said. "Up next is Jackson, then we play Pinckney Monday and just added top 25 Brother Rice next Tuesday. Should be busy."

DREADS FALL IN TIGHT BATTLE

By Dave Merchant
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In a battle between two rivals teams with good records and good players the first

round went to Chelsea 44-39. The battle was tough until the end the Dawgs had more of a bite than the Dex-

ter Dreads. Sarah Pnacek scored 10 points to lead Dexter.

On-Site COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Offer Convenience and Hope for Brighter Days

Silver Maples Residents and Staff Enjoy Safe and Convenient On-Site COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

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our lives for a while, as more of our residents and staff continue to receive vaccinations, life starts taking steps toward "normal." With restaurants re-opening, albeit with limited capacity, residents are once again able to dine together and make connections with neighbors and friends.

returning to get their second dose when the final in-house clinic is offered in early March. "Organizing on-site Vaccination Clinics with CVS offered our residents the comfort of staying indoors, while the CVS staff brought in all of the needed supplies," said Silver Maples Director and CEO Julie Depner. "The staff, residents and community members who were able to participate in these onsite clinics feel so incredibly fortunate for this life-saving opportunity."

The quest of "shots in arms" is important, and a key step is ensuring that no dose is wasted. Silver Maples maintained a standby list of eligible community members, and at the end of the clinic day, 19 others were able to receive their vaccines, and will be

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START OF 2020-21 SPRING SPORTS ACTIVITY SET FOR MARCH 22

From: Geoff Kimmerly

The Representative Council of the Michigan High School Athletic Association approved an adjustment to the Spring 2021 schedule delaying the start of practices in those sports one week to March 22 and competition to March 26 to accommodate a later end to Winter sports this season. The calendar change should alleviate pressures on indoor facility usage and athletes changing seasons with Winter sports concluding up to two weeks later this school year after a delayed start due to COVID-19.

The Council based its decision in part on feedback from a survey of MHSAA member high schools, which saw 74 percent favoring a delay in Spring sports activity of at least one week. State coaches associations for Spring sports also

were consulted. Generally, the great majority of Michigan schools are unable to begin consistent Spring sports outdoor activity and competition until early April.

All Spring sports tournament dates remain as originally scheduled, with MHSAA Finals in baseball, softball and girls soccer concluding the 2020-21 postseason June 19.

The entire Spring sports season was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19. However, the Council approved an allowance for Spring teams to meet for voluntary practices over 16 contact days this past September and October. General conditioning with an unlimited number of students is currently allowed, with other out-of-season training (four-player workouts, open gyms/facilities) allowed to continue

through March 21, with Council having eliminated the pre-season downtime restriction for Spring sports this year.

The MHSAA is a private, not-for-profit corporation of voluntary membership by more than 1,500 public and private senior high schools and junior high/middle schools which exists to develop common rules for athletic eligibility and competition. No government funds or tax dollars support the MHSAA, which was the first such association nationally to not accept membership dues or tournament entry fees from schools. Member schools which enforce these rules are permitted to participate in MHSAA tournaments, which attract more than 1.4 million spectators each year.

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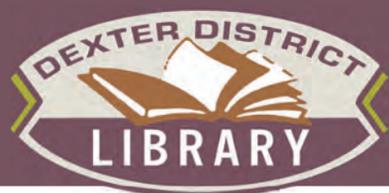
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Dexter District Library 2021 Winter & Spring Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



Upcoming Winter & Spring Events at Dexter District Library

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

Saturday, March 6 from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Draw Your Pets

Join illustrator Corinne Roberts to learn how to draw your pets, imaginary or otherwise. Use basic shapes and line techniques to create your favorite furry friends. No prior drawing experience necessary. Geared for grades 4 through 12 but parents are welcome to attend. Registration is required. Zoom details will be emailed prior to the program.

Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, March 3 to May 12

Club Create

Kids in grades K through 2 are invited to join us on our DDL Facebook page, every other Wednesday at 4:30 pm beginning March 3. 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: March 3, March 17, April 14, April 28, May 12.

Monday, March 8 at 4:00 pm

Leprechaun Trap Read Aloud

Join Ms. Krista on our DDL Facebook page as she reads books about leprechaun traps that will inspire you to create your own. Fun stories for kids of all ages.

Tuesday, March 9 to Tuesday, March 16

Leprechaun Trap Starter Kit

Leprechaun Trap Starter Kits are for kids of all ages. They will be available from March 9 to March 16. Call from the Library parking lot and we'll deliver them to our outside table or you can pick them up inside. Registration is required on our website beginning Monday, February 22.

Bi-weekly Thursdays at 11:00 am, March 11 to May 20

Preschool Super Stories

Kids ages five and younger are invited to join Ms. Krista on our DDL Facebook page every other Thursday at 11:00 am. Ms. Krista will read a longer picture book and share an activity related to the book. Everyone is welcome. Dates: March 11, March 25, April 8, April 22, May 6, May 20

Dexter City Council Debates New Office Space

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be some snow removal that needs to be done.

Michelle did not give a verbal update due to loss of voice. She submitted her written report.

City Manager Justin Breyer stated that he'd been contacted by the redistricting committee and they'd like to be scheduled to speak at a future meeting.

The Mayor gave his report regarding and discussed visits to a site for potential city offices.

The consent agenda was approved.

K1 was moved to after L-6 so Zach could be in attendance for the discussion. He had to be late to the meeting and wanted to be a part of the discussion.

L1, consideration of Dexter Daze park use road closure/ permit. The permit goes back to previous years. There was discussion from the council and concern about public safety and what conditions should need to be in place. Council members have questions regarding safety and will there be people helping enforce the guidelines. There is concern about voting for this without more answers. We do understand that we aren't just going back to normal like we want to. The vaccine rollout is taking longer than anyone wants. Student rep Alex suggested that a stipulation be made since we can't predict the future, he suggested that a transmission rate be a part of the stipulation.

Tracy Lambert from Dexter Daze was available to answer questions. She explained that food vendors will be permitted. She stated that food vendors are required to adhere to the rules of the health department. She brought up a valid point and asked how people order Ice Cream from the creamery and Dairy Queen and eat their food. Dexter Daze is ready to modify and make the changes to booth spacing. The mayor thinks more information is needed prior to approval. The Council seems to be in agreement, about wanting Covid protocol. The hope is it won't be needed, but the reality is, we will likely still need such protocols. Tracy suggested the Council submit a list of questions so Dexter Daze can provide answers. She explained that she needs an answer by March and ideally they should have had this done by January. Tracy suggested that Dexter Daze and a City rep work together

to come up with an acceptable plan. It's clear The Council wants it to happen but is very concerned for public safety. Jamie made a motion until March 8th. Zach seconded the motion. It passed.

L2 Road closure permit request and Watermoo park use. There are concerns, very much like the Dexter Daze concerns. Layouts for water tents and parking. After the event, spacing and mask concerns for participants. The potential for congregation is there in several spots. The Council would likely need these questions addressed prior to approval. Paul Cousins made the motion to postpone until March 8th to allow the applicant to address questions raised. Motion carries.

L3 two ongoing street planning projects. One being 2nd street. The second project is the Dexter Crossing project. The earliest it could be done is July 2022

Marcus Mcnamara spoke regarding the 2nd street project. He explained that he would need to know if there are long-term plans for on-street parking. Marcus discussed the water main and its location. To determine the best spot they need to know if there is a desire for bike lanes and on-street parking. Zach brought up the issue of adding curbs really changes how people can use their land. The vision is still a two-lane roadway. The first phase is the water main and sidewalk on the west side of the street. Dan interjected that curbs do protect the roads for the long haul. No decorative lighting or decorative crosswalks. Where would the sidewalk fit on the Eastside? Wa noted that she's heard from constituents on second street regarding concern on the speed on the street. There was a willingness to look into the issue and determine how it can be addressed.

Patrick Droze gave the background of projects around town. He noted that Dexter Crossing was on the needs list. He explained the projects were put off due to ongoing construction. In Dexter Crossing there are a fair number of roads that are rated poor. Back in 2017 the roads were examined and have created recommendations for the subdivision. They've selected roads that are beyond repair and are outside construction zones. This work would be best starting July 2022.

L4 Consideration of the medical marijuana recommendation from the planning committee. The amendment would add new definitions, would prohibit medication pick up, and require delivery. The motion carried.

L5 Continuation of the social district. It was determined that the social districts will end on March 1st.

L6 Conflict of interest training. Dates were set.

K1 consideration of city offices. Justin did the background work and provided information on bonds and bond options. He was available to answer questions. The Mayor expressed how much he likes the property. He believes that the fine details can be hammered out at a later date. He would like to make an offer with conditions. He requested the Council go into closed session to discuss the opportunity. Jamie pointed out some benefits and that she really likes the building too. She likes the historic nature of the building. Jamie noted that it exceeds the space needs and wondered if there might be a way to monetize the extra space? Zach pointed out different interest rates that would potentially significantly cause large differences in compounding rates. Zach agrees it's worth investigating. He wants to be certain the city can not only afford to buy but also maintain the building. Wa supports continuing to investigate and trying to make it happen. She thinks the historic aspect of the building is really great. Paul Cousins mentioned that it is much bigger than previously discussed. He also mentioned that security for records would need to be addressed. Paul noted that it was offered for sale or lease. The Council had shied away from leasing so Justin did not investigate the lease option. Paul brought up the issue of maintenance. He is concerned about the energy cost for such a big building. He also wants the cost of cleaning. He wants an elevator in the building and the cost of an elevator. He wants to ensure the public is involved in the process. Julie is in favor of exploring it more and she absolutely agrees there needs to be an elevator in it due to being a building for the public. The motion to go into closed session did not pass.

L7 for 3515 Broad st. from architects for evaluation and conceptual design of the prop-

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erty for city offices. Not to exceed \$7,800.00 The motion passed.

Councilman comments:

Paul Cousins addressed the council to let them know that he had a family tragedy Saturday. His wife has been hospitalized and it is life-threatening. Paul is not asking for sympathy, he's asking for your prayers if you're so inclined. Paul's wife's name is Pat. He mentioned that he may not be able to attend committee meetings. He thanked the first responders who were

quick to act and gave his wife top-notch care.

Zach acknowledged that he had an event that he had to attend for work.

The rest of the Council expressed concern and the promise of prayers for Paul's family.

Abby Briggs spoke in non-arranged participation. She noted that performing arts have no space to perform now. School summer break is the only time on the calendar to utilize the high school. The four performing arts organizations in Dexter have no space to perform 9

months out of the year. Abby stated the arts community would be interested in utilizing any extra space available.

Marie just expressed her good wishes and prayers for Paul's family. Those of us at the Guardian extend prayers and a speedy recovery to Paul's wife Pat, as do our readers, I'm sure. The Council went into closed session to try to put together a purchase agreement with enough time to investigate all the concerns and issues with the potential city offices.



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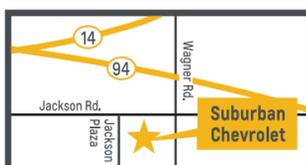
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