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An Introduction: Wa-Louisa Hubbard, City Council



Wa-Louisa Hubbard

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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During election season, I had the opportunity to get to know many of the people running for a seat on the City Council. I unfortunately never had the opportunity to interview Wa Hubbard. She won, so clearly, that means many of you knew her enough to entrust her with local government. But, just in case, you aren't super familiar, I wanted to get to know her a little better and allow the readers to get to know her as well. She

was kind enough to give me an interview, and just like during the election, I enjoyed getting to know her a little better.

I started by asking Wa about her background. She spent her entire life, outside of college, in Washtenaw County. Though Wa attended Chelsea schools, she reflected back on fond memories of Dexter from childhood. She learned to ride her bike in Dexter and her first job was at the Dairy Queen in Dexter, Although she attended **continued on page 9**

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2021 REFUNDING BONDS (TAXABLE)

DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



Christopher J. Timmis, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools
Sharon Raschke, Ed.D., Chief Financial Officer (734) 424-4100

The Board of Education of Dexter Community Schools is proud to announce the successful sale of its 2021 Refunding Bonds (Taxable) in the amount of \$15,440,000.

The 2021 Refunding Bonds are being issued for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding indebtedness of the School District to the State of Michigan under the State of Michigan School Bond Qualification and Loan Program and to pay the costs of issuing the Bonds. The Bonds reduce the repayments

to the State of Michigan by a total estimated amount of \$1,581,000. The estimated reduction in repayments is based upon assumptions regarding the District's taxable value growth rate and the interest rate charged by the Program.

In preparing to sell the 2021 Refunding Bonds the District, working with Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, requested that S&P Global Ratings, acting through **continued on page 4**

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Story and more photos on page 5 • Photos By Wendy Martin



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WWRA Keeps Our Community Greener Through Recycling



By Shawn Personke
WWRA PR/Outreach

The Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority (WWRA) collects, sorts, and distributes tons (literally) of materials. We also get questions about those materials — what we take, what we don't take, and what do we do with all the paper, plastic, glass, and metal that we accept.

Non-Acceptable Items:

Over the years, we've had issues with people leaving furniture and other non-acceptable items at our bin sites. While most of our recycling community knows that mattresses, for example, cannot be recycled at the WWRA, there are a few people that are looking for an "easy" way to get rid of these items...at the expense of the rest of the community who are following the rules.

In response, we've compiled a list of resources and organizations that accept the items that we do not handle. Some of those resources provide an opportunity to extend the life of the item. Others are for items that are truly at the end of their useful life. Thank you to our Facebook followers who contributed ideas to that list. You can find that list on our website under the "What Not To Recycle" tab. We've provided two Washtenaw County links below, also.

As for the questions about what we do and do not accept, we try to keep a good list on our website. However, with the amount of stuff in the world, the list can't be as precise as we would like. We encourage community members to just ask — via our Facebook page or website — and we'll do our best to answer.

What Happens to Our Recyclables:

Recently, several of our followers have asked, "What happens to the materials we collect?"

The short answer is that our recyclables are a commodity that we sell to vendors. They, in turn, repurpose the materials to make other items. The WWRA is fortunate to have somewhat local vendors, as opposed to other communities who were impacted negatively when China stopped accepting many recycled materials from the United States in 2018.

"Our vendors are located as close as Kalamazoo and Dundee, while others are located in Chicago, Florida, and Canada," said Marc Williams, WWRA facility manager.

For example, we ship our paper and cardboard to Graphic Packaging in Kalamazoo where the cardboard is turned into food boxes for Kellogg's, Barilla, Milwaukee Brewing Company, Kleenex and Meijer.

"Roughly 30% of the boxes that are food-based boxes in your grocery store are made at Graphic Packaging," said Williams.

"They also produce the wax cardboard at the bottom of your bacon. If you peel back the bottom of a package you will see a Graphic Packaging logo and that will

inform you that it was made in their facility in Kalamazoo."

He adds that Graphic Packaging runs 1300 tons of recycled material and 65 semi-trailers a day. They own the largest cardboard press in the Western Hemisphere, running three shifts, seven days a week.

Another example — plastics numbered 1 and 2 are shipped to Clean Tech in Dundee.

"It's washed, shredded and then turned into pellets," said Williams. "The pellets are used to make new bottles for Absopure and Tide. Some of the plastic is sold to be used by North Face and Patagonia to produce clothing."

However, Williams said that prices — like other commodities — fluctuate. Currently, plastics 3 to 7 are harder to sell, and the WWRA sometimes has to pay to move them.

"The markets are always fluctuating, depending on supply and demand. Several years ago, we stopped accepting glass because we didn't have a buyer. Once a buyer was located, we began accepting glass at our bin sites only," he said.

He's in the process of looking for new buyers for plastics 3 to 7. He's also hopeful that efforts at the state level will encourage businesses, such as the soft drink industry, that use and produce these products to invest in the proper disposal of them, such as the "Close The Loop" program.

"We appreciate our recycling community and encourage them to keep recycling everything that we accept and to look for other environment-friendly avenues for those items we do not accept."

For more information about the WWRA, check out our website and "Like" our Facebook page. We try to keep both of those sites updated and responsive.



Journey to the Sugar Bush

March 13 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm • Recurring Events

Take a journey across a field to the Sugar Bush and experience how maple syrup has been made over the years. Watch how to tap a tree, and then visit the evaporator to see the sap being boiled into syrup. There is no better way to finish out the cold days of winter and get ready for spring. Each participant will get a take-home craft too. Tours run every hour. This program is entirely outdoors. Social distancing and face coverings are required.

Add to the program some pancakes to go! This ready-to-eat meal comes with flatware and a napkin so you can enjoy a winter picnic in the park. Pancake meals are available through pre-order only, between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., weekends in March.

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Cost: \$5 per person, children under 2 Free!

Location: Hudson Mills Metropark, Activity Center

Pre-registration is required the day before the program by 4 p.m.

Pre-register by calling 734-426-8211.

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

What to do instead?



Cody, settling on a mat instead of pulling to greet people at the park

By Laura Perkins,
Laura Perkins
Animal Behavior

When I am first contacted about dog training, many people start with a question like "My dog jumps, how do I get him to stop?" Or "My dog barks, how do I get her to stop?" Or "My dog pulls, how do I get her to stop pulling?"

Notice a pattern?! It is almost always framed in such a way that there is a behavior that needs to stop. This makes sense because it is impossible to predict everything your dog will do ahead of time and a lot of times you don't know that you are bothered by a behavior until it happens. And then you just wish it would stop!

But, I'm going to challenge you to change the way you frame this. Instead of focusing on what you would like your dog to stop doing, try imagining what your dog could do that would make you happy in that moment.

Here are some examples:

- When a visitor approaches, your dog stands with four feet on the floor to

get petted instead of jumping.

- When the UPS truck comes, your dog comes running to you for a treat instead of barking at the window.

- When you are on a walk with your dog, she walks instead of trots, looks up at you often, and stays close to you instead of pulling ahead at a fast pace.

This is a helpful way of thinking because it can give you some clear goals for your training! From here, you can think about whether your dog already knows how to do that behavior when you ask. Can your dog come when you call? That's the first step for running to you when the UPS truck comes.

Once you know

what behaviors you would like your dog to do, you can watch for them and reinforce them when you observe them. Or, you can ask your dog to do them in the relevant situation.

- When your dog has 4 feet on the floor, you can bend down to pet or click and give a treat.

- When you and your dog hear the UPS truck you can call him and go to the treat jar together.

- When your dog is walking slowly and close to you, you can pause to let her sniff, click and treat, and talk nicely to her.

This way of thinking takes practice! It is easy to focus on the things we don't like that we want to change. And that isn't a bad first step. It can be a great launching point to ask yourself "What do I want my dog to do instead?"

Laura Perkins owns Laura Perkins Animal Behavior, LLC in Chelsea, MI where she provides behavior and training consulting for pet owners. She has studied animals and behavior her whole life with a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from the University of Illinois and a Master's of Science in Behavior Analysis from the University of North Texas.

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St Mary Pinckney Makes Lenten “Lemonade” As Famous Fish Fry Goes Mobile

Volunteers Create “Drive By Fish Fry” to Protect Those At-Risk and Meet Growing Fundraising Needs



The St. Mary Drive By Fish Fry serves fish baked or fried, with mac & cheese and coleslaw on the side. Plus dessert. Photos Courtesy of St. Mary Pinckney.

From: Carissa Poroko

This year’s Lenten season arrives with extra suffering for many. At St. Mary in Pinckney, older parishioners who have quarterbacked traditional fish dinners for the past 25 years are forced to take a step back because of the pandemic. At the same time, faith-based organizations are in need of fundraising and have had to cancel many of their regular fundraisers.

To meet the need and protect their high-risk volunteers, they turned to school families to step in and run their fish fry, and with the changing of guards, the Drive By Fish Fry was born.

Local retired pharmacist and St. Mary pa-

rishioner Bob Phipps, who is currently volunteering to help the Livingston County Health Dept. administer the vaccine, runs the fish fry for six weeks every year, “netting” tens of thousands of dollars for St. Mary parish and school. Phipps, 64, former owner of Pinckney Pharmacy along with Hamburg and Fowlerville Pharmacies for nearly 40 years, is too young to be considered in the high-risk age range for an early vaccine.

“We knew we needed creativity and open minds this year without many of our regular volunteers and with the added challenges,” said Phipps. “We had to account for everything from drive-thru traffic flow to plexi-glass, and

even childcare to recruit new volunteers,” he added. “We tackled all this while making sure to maintain our primary goal, which is to serve a great dinner for a good cause. It’s been uplifting to see our school community step up, and we are coming out stronger for it.”

Bob and his wife Cathy have been producing the fish fry with the St. Mary Men’s Club for 15 years. She is a caterer and runs the kitchen while he coordinates 30-some volunteers who show up each week.

They found the perfect school family to pass the torch to. Chef Amy Berry stepped in with her husband Scott. Amy and Scott, who have a fourth grader at St. Mary, also have a lot of experience in the kitchen. Amy who worked at the Detroit Athletic Club as a chef for many years, jumped at the opportunity to feed the community and raise money for scholarships that make it possible for more kids to attend St. Mary.

The Drive By Fish Fry runs every Friday through March 26th from 4 to 7pm and has been a success the first two weeks serving



St. Mary students take orders from customers and are happy to support them at St. Mary Pinckney’s Drive By Fish Fry.

around 500 dinners the first week and 565 the second week. St. Mary Pinckney has even been nominated as “Michigan’s Best Fish Fry” in a statewide contest open through March 7.

“It was a no brainer for me,” said Chef Amy Berry. “It is a blessing to use my talents and interests for a good cause and work with a great community to overcome the challenges of our time.”

Volunteers in the kitchen and the drive thru line have been able to provide good food and a good experience so far. St. Mary students in older grades have been taking orders and running food to cars which has been a big draw for the community and many customers in the drive-by line have thanked the school for making it happen this year despite the pan-

demic.

St. Mary partnered with local fast food experts to streamline the carryout process and even tweaked the recipes and packaging to ensure that the food retains moisture and heat. Next week they will feed the entire staff at Pinckney Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram and Carney’s Auto Service.

As Bob Phipps says, “the proof is in the pudding and the tip jar tells us the kids are doing a great job and we appreciate the community coming out to support them.”

“We had some repeat customers already because they enjoy seeing the kids, added Phipps. “In the past we’ve had customers visiting from as far as Canada, Ireland, Mexico, Japan, Saudi Arabia, and Ireland. This year we are grateful to just

feed our regulars.”

With all hands on deck and faith on their side, the team at St. Mary is trying all things new, including their fish supplier. Detroit-based Caramagno Foods, a family owned fish distributor since 1910, supports Lenten fish dinners as part of their business model and Irish Catholic heritage.

“It’s been a struggle and we are glad to be working through it,” said Denis Carmody, a truck driver for Caramagno who will deliver fish for six weeks to the St. Mary crew.

“We depend on our fish fry volunteers and we are thankful they are embracing the call.”

St. Mary Pinckney is now enrolling in grades pre-K through 8 more information is available at www.st.marypinckney.org.

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Lauren Yoder, Fitness Supervisor and NETA Certified Personal Trainer

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► continued from page 1 Standard and Poor's Financial Services LLC ("S&P") evaluate the School District's credit quality. S&P assigned the School District the underlying rating of "AA-" with a stable outlook. The rating agency cited the School District's extremely strong market value per capita and very strong income levels, good management under the Financial Management Assessment framework, and very strong general fund reserves in their rationale for rating of the School District at this level.

Board of Education Treasurer Dick Lundy had this to say: "Our years of strong finan-

cial management, long term planning, and support from the community keep our bond ratings high which results in significant savings for our taxpayers. Kudos and thanks to our CFO, Sharon Raschke, for her great work on this and on our 2017 Bond issue, which has saved our taxpayers more than \$56.5 million over the life of the bond financing."

The School District's financing was conducted by the Michigan investment banking office of the brokerage firm, Stifel, the financial advising firm, Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors, LLC, and the law firm serv-

ing as bond counsel, Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, P.L.C. The School District's 2021 Refunding Bonds were sold at a true interest cost of 0.64% with a final maturity of 2026 (a repayment term of approximately 5 years).

Brodie Killian, Managing Director with Stifel stated, "Dexter Community Schools' Bonds were well received by the bond market. We were able to take advantage of current low fixed interest rates that met the goals of the District and resulted in a nice savings that will be passed on to the District Taxpayers."

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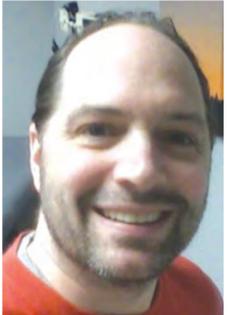
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ON THE SIDELINE: HERD OF DEER, LILIES, MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMPROMISE



By Don Richter
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Dear, deer, we've got to talk.

We've got to come to some sort of agreement, some kind of compromise.

Where I live there's a herd of deer roaming the streets and yards of my neighborhood. It was okay at first, but every year this "gang of deer" gets bolder, more confident and quite frankly, cockier.

It's to the point where this herd of deer thinks they run the place. I swear I saw a couple of them one night on a random corner, leaning up against a street-

light, wearing leather jackets and smoking cigarettes.

I work nights and I've lost count how many times I've pulled into my driveway only to see one of the gang members, err, I mean, deer, standing there blocking my vehicle. We make eye contact and the deer looks at me like, "What? You got a problem with me?" After what seems like several minutes, the deer slowly walks off, kicking up grass onto my driveway for one last parting shot.

One warm, summer night I was out walking in my neighborhood and, I kid you not, coming the opposite way down the sidewalk were two deer -- yes, on the sidewalk. Not in the street. Not on the grass. Not walking diagonal through a random yard, but walking on the cement, on the sidewalk, next to each

other like they were casing the nearby houses. They noticed me and stopped. But instead of ambling off in another direction, they continued forward down the sidewalk seemingly on a collision course with me. They weren't afraid at all. What once was a relaxed, enjoyable nighttime summer walk around my neighborhood was now a sidewalk game of "chicken" with two deer "gang members."

At that point, I was about four houses away from the deer troublemakers. It was beginning to feel like a fight or flight moment. As I walked nearer I realized a mature deer is much

bigger and thicker than one would think. We were getting closer by the second. Neither side was budging. I had decided to make a stand. This is my neighborhood, darn it. I'm the human. You deer are supposed to be afraid of me. I, and other human beings like me, run things in this 'hood, not you. We were now two houses away from each other. I think because there were two deer, they were more confident. At one house away, I took action. I coughed loudly and punched my fist into my opposite palm. They both snorted and instantly scattered across the street



A herd of deer have invaded this columnist's neighborhood.

and disappeared into a random yard.

With my head now on a swivel, I looked around to see if they had run for reinforcements. I kept a steady, confident gait down the sidewalk, my cough piercing the warm, night air every few steps. Nothing. The deer gang had bugged out.

Of course, retribution was quickly

handed out by other members of the neighborhood deer gang a few nights later. My beautiful hostas were first to be dealt with by "the gang." They didn't stand a chance. Every single hosta in my front yard was destroyed, its leaves and stems eaten, nibbled on and, I'm sure, purposely walked on by the deer. The

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DEXTER BOYS BASKETBALL

DEXTER DROPS MONROE

By Dave Merchant
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Dexter hoops defeated Monroe 55-49.

The Dreads found out they had a game around 9pm Wednesday night so their practice was more focused on skill development and starting to get ready for a possible game Friday and then their scheduled game vs. Western on Saturday. While they were excited to play a game, it was as though they weren't in it mentally. "This is an awkward year and they need to stay sharp and be prepared for anything. So we are proud of our

guys for battling and just finding a way to get it done again. 19 turnovers is very unlike us, and didn't make things any easier for us, but I thought Monroe played very well. Junior Cal Baveineau and Senior Colin Parachek led us with 14 points each. Cal had 5 assists and Colin had 8 rebounds. Sophomore Evan Haroldson continues to be steady in double figures with 13 points. Junior Ty Ry-chener did a great job defensively and pitched in with 5 points," stated head coach Jason Rushton.

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From: Hope Vestergaard SUPERINTEN- DENT UPDATE:

Superintendent Dr. Chris Timmis began the meeting by presenting a condensed version of the upcoming Virtual Open House slideshow. This webinar will share DCS history, campus, vision, learner profile and strategic framework. Attendees will also learn the many pathways to personalized learning available at Dexter Schools (Summit, Pinnacle, Apex, AP, IB, Consortium, Alternative Ed, virtual, etc.) as well as hear examples of project-based learning.

Dr. Timmis also shared plans for a "giant summer program" to be announced in April which will allow students to socialize and engage in fun and safe outside activities. The goal is to "let kids be kids" and enjoy their summer to the fullest in order to return to school this fall refreshed and excited to learn. A planning team of teachers is hard at work on this program, and is coordinating with Camp Dexter for summer childcare needs.

COVID DATA & RETURN TO BUILD- INGS:

The latest COVID figures show a decrease in cases and infection rates; in Washtenaw County as of 2/18/2021, there were 15.7 cases per 100,000 residents, a 0.82% infection rate and a 2.2% positivity rate. According to the

MDHHS scale, we are currently rated low for positivity rate and very high for cases per million. Using CDC guidelines, we are at lower risk based on the most recent data; 2% of the cases are students ages 0-9 years old, and 65% of cases are 18-22 year-olds.

In light of the downward trend in cases and infection rate, and the science showing in-person school can be run safely using certain protocols, the District will begin bringing students back into buildings 5 days/week starting with Y5-2nd grade on March 15. Wylie students will return to 5 days/week on March 22, and Creekside students after spring break on April 5. Mill Creek and DHS students will remain on their current hybrid schedules. Y5-6 buildings will have 3 ft. spacing in classrooms and MC & DHS will maintain their current 6 ft. spacing; all building cafeterias will remain at 6 ft. spacing. All information related to the return to buildings can be found at <https://www.dexterschools.org/district/return>. Approximately 50% of DCS staff have received or been scheduled for their first Covid vaccination, with Y5-2 staff being the next prioritized group.

THANK YOU, MR. MORAN:

Dr. Timmis shared that Kit Moran, DHS Principal for the past 15 years, will be retiring at the end of the school

year. "This is a tough loss," Timmis said, "and we'll miss him, but we're really happy for him. There are going to be some big shoes to fill."

STUDENT REP- RESENTATIVE UP- DATE:

During the student representative update, Aidan Naughton reported a rumor that the DHS bandwidth is at its max. Dr. Timmis responded that last week's difficulty with internet speed was a firewall issue that has been fixed and there is ample bandwidth available at DCS.

PUBLIC PARTIC- IPATION:

Jim McCargar expressed concern that Washtenaw County doesn't have enough vaccines, that vaccinations are not being distributed equitably, and that many teachers haven't yet received vaccinations. Tanya Tassin praised several elements of the block schedule proposal and shared a concern about the reduction in class minutes for AP and IB classes. Melanie Szawara thanked the Board and District for the return to building plans, and for continuing to broadcast Board meetings via Zoom, providing more opportunity for busy parents to attend.

ACTION ITEMS:

MPSERS: The first action item of the evening was a complex MPSERS (Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System) issue. Starting in 2014, DCS exempted employee retirement contributions from payroll taxes based on attorney recommendations from ORS (Office of

Retirement Services). Deductions for 2012 & 2013 were still outstanding, resulting in \$67,000 of employee money still being held by the IRS. Dexter CFO Sharon Raschke signed and authorized the ORS agent to sign the not-yet-finalized IRS closing agreement on the District's behalf (as is permissible by board policy) so employees might have a chance to reclaim their contributions. After lengthy discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to formally ratify that authorization and resubmit the authorization with the board resolution.

MASB ELECTION: Following discussion at the February 8 BOE meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to cast their vote for Trustee Mara Greatorex in the upcoming MASB Board of Directors Region 7 election.

**BLOCK SCHED-
ULING:** The DHS Block Scheduling Proposal, introduced at the February 8 meeting, was further discussed before receiving unanimous approval. Principal Kit Moran noted that COVID has given DHS an opportunity to practice the block schedule, and teachers have already begun changing their instruction methods and plans. "We are looking at different ways of teaching," Moran explained, "deeper, not broader.

We want to focus on what students can do with their knowledge, not just what they know." Student representative Aiden Naughton shared that, in his experience, teachers are not having trouble get-

ting through material in the block schedule and that students will not miss any key aspects of class. The Board voted unanimously to begin a block schedule at DHS in Fall 2021.

**SCHOOLS OF
CHOICE:** Dr. Timmis noted that the main focus of schools of choice in Dexter is to create stability for students experiencing life changes such as divorce, moving, etc., by allowing them to remain in their current school. The administration is careful to add only the number of students needed to balance class sizes, and not more students such that additional teachers or classrooms are needed. The Board unanimously approved the following schools of choice spots for Fall 2021: at least one spot in each grade from young 5 through grade 8, at least one virtual spot, at least one spot in Dexter Early Middle College, and at least thirty spots in the Dexter High School IB Program - ten each in 9th, 10th, and 11th grades.

DISCUSSION - SURVEY RESULTS:

Dr. Timmis shared the results of a recent survey asking parents their thoughts about return-to-building plans.

The District was interested in how much movement there would be between home-room and homebased when students return to in-person learning 5 days/week. While the results showed some movement of students, on the whole, the percentage of students in the homeroom and home-based options remained steady. Survey data can be viewed on the Return to Build-

ings page of the DCS website.

COMMITTEE UPDATES & BOARD COMMENTS:

No one raised their virtual hand to speak during the second opportunity for public participation, so the Board moved on to committee updates. Trustee Greatorex, the BOE representative to the Educational Foundation of Dexter (EFD), reported that they will not be holding their spring fundraising gala, but are moving forward with spring teacher grants. The EFD offers teacher grants to all K-12 teachers; applications are due to building principals on March 15.

During board comments, Trustee Kangas made a suggestion about sharing information to help parents choose between Pinnacle and Summit. Trustee Greatorex gave a shout-out to the currently undefeated

Men's Swim & Dive team, as well as excitement for the overall return to sports. Dr. Schumaker shared that she and Vice President Greatorex recently attended an MASB board president workshop, and thanked the District for their support of trustee professional development.

The full meeting video can be viewed at <https://www.dexterschools.org/district/board-ofeducation/meetings/videos>.

Next meeting: March 8, 7pm via Zoom. Agenda and materials are posted Thursday evening on the website; link to join will be posted on the calendar by 4pm Monday.

DEXTER
HOCKEY

DEXTER HOCKEY WINS

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The Dreads beat Saline Tuesday 5-4. Fracassi had 2 goals

and 2 assists. Burke, Chesney and Rapp each had a goal. Crundwell had 31 saves.

Dreads lost Wednesday 8-3 to Skyline. That was their 5th game in 6 days. Goals made by Burke, Chesney, and Fracassi.

Lost Saturday to Fenton 4-2 in our 6th game in 9 days. Goals by Rosevelt and Fracassi. Crundwell had 21 saves.

The team got a much needed two days off Sunday and Monday in preparation for their game against Chelsea on Wednesday.

ON THE SIDELINE: HERD OF DEER, LILIES, MY NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMPROMISE

continued from page 6 following night, my gorgeous lilies, some standing close to three-feet high, were leveled, picked over and devoured. It was a massacre.

I still don't know how "the gang" figured out where I lived.

In response, this year I'm planting marigolds. I'm told that deer dislike the taste and pass them by for more delicious flowers. I guess I'll find out if that bit of advice I received is true of not this spring and summer.

The gang seems to be even bigger this year. Normally, I see two or three "gang members" walking the neighborhood, but already this year I've had to stop my vehicle driving down

my street after a long night at work for a train of seven deer, one after the other, all in a row, crossing the street like they owned it.

Uh-oh. Where there's seven, there's seven more somewhere in our 'hood. It could be a tough spring and summer.

We have to talk dear, deer.

Leave me and my house alone. Let's agree to co-exist, okay?

I'll have you know, all winter I've been working on a much louder cough.

Yeah, that's right. What do you think of that, huh?

You don't want any part of that...

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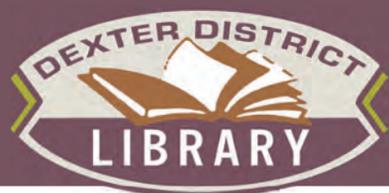
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Dexter District Library 2021 Winter & Spring Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



Upcoming Winter & Spring Events at Dexter District Library

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

Thursday, March 18 at 4:30 pm

All Star Readers

All Star Readers Book Club for grades 3 and 4 will meet again on Thursday, March 18 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. Registration is required and begins on Thursday, February 18. The book we will be discussing is Donut the Destroyer by Sarah Graley. Books will be available for pick up when you register. Join us for a fun, lively afternoon with Ms. Krista leading our discussion. A link to our Zoom meeting room and a password will be sent to you prior to March 18.

Chela's: Restaurant Review



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Chela's was the first restaurant I visited in Dexter. I visited back when nobody wore masks and you could cozy up to a stranger at the bar without fear. I sat at a table with my mom and learned how to eat a tamale. My son during his time at the University of Michigan was an avid fan of the restaurant. He encouraged me to go and told me how wonderful the staff and owner treated him. My husband and daughter did not join me on the first visit. So I decided to treat the family and my son to Chela's this week.

On Tuesdays, Chela's features three-dollar tacos, so we opted for Tuesday evening. The first thing I noticed was the hours were different. I can only assume, fewer hours made more sense financially under Covid. The last time I visited, Chela's was slammed for a lunch

rush and had a really nice spread of a buffet for people needing food fast during lunch hour. My son informed me that Chela's has great mixed drinks and asked if they had to go for mixed drinks. They do! So if you want a mixed drink from the bar, but still don't feel safe being indoors, Chela's has some options for you. My son was worried, they might be huge quantities, like a jug of margarita or mojito, but Chela's offers a variety of choices. You don't have to order in bulk. You can order a single drink or five if you want. I noticed the menu also has some family meal kits, which look like fun and might be a nice way to enjoy a night in with the kids. I mean, at this point, anything to break up the monotony seems like a light.

Upon picking up our order, my husband noted the service was really attentive. Three

people made sure he was being helped, the person on the phone was very polite. I opted for the meal with a beef taco, beans, and rice, and a chicken tamale. My son ordered the loaded wet burrito. My husband opted for the taco deal; steak, ground beef, chorizo, and a vegetarian option. He thought it was really enjoyable and the flavors were good. His favorite, which actually surprised him was rajas. He did not expect to like poblano peppers more than meat. My daughter had a beef taco that she enjoyed, though she's not accustomed to authentic Mexican. She was a little surprised that the taco was a taco. She enjoyed it, even if it wasn't what she expected. My husband and son raved about the salsa. My son and I both ordered mojitos. I have yet to drink mine, but my son assured me it's really good. Each one of us was very happy with our meals, full and happy. Overall, it was worth a second trip and it's nice to be able to get a mixed drink while staying safe at home. The service was great, the food was great and the order online option is convenient. If you haven't been to Chela's in a while, now is a great time to spice up your life a bit. If you are missing beaches and sunshine, order a to-go daiquiri or pina colada and feel sum-



mer vibes. Or try one of the family meal kits to break up the usual routine. I think next time I go back, I'll do both. To order online or check out the menu, visit <https://chelas.co/dexter-menu.html>. If I have not visited your restaurant, please let me know. I'm happy to visit. Email me at anbingham@gmail.com.



DEXTER BOYS BASKETBALL

ONE FOR THE ROAD TWO FOR THE SHOW

By Dave Merchant
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A nice Saturday road win for the Dreads at Parma Western (47-31). They're a very well coached team that can play. Their defense traveled today and they did an unbelievable job on that side of the floor. "We executed well on offense against a team that mixes a lot of different defenses. Andrew Gersh, Cole

Arnedt, Cam Bush and Hayden Newton (didn't play today due to a broken toe in practice) are the reason we are where we are. Their ability to improve in practice every day and then what they were able to do on the floor today shows the growth of this team," stated head coach Jason Rushton. "Evan Haroldson led us with 10 points/5 rebounds. Colin Parachek was

solid all over the floor with 9 points/10 rebounds/3 assists/2 steals. Sam Sterlitz was big for us today in the middle with 8 points 6 rebounds (5 offensive), Cal Bavineau with 7 points/4 assists/3 steals. It was also nice to see Brennan Parachek out on the floor in limited fashion but making an impact defensively with 4 rebounds and 3 blocks."

An Introduction: Wa-Louisa Hubbard, City Council

► continued from page 1 a different school district, she grew up here and has been a member of the community since childhood. There was a change in her voice talking about her youth in Dexter, I could hear the smile on her face, and understand that her memories of Dexter are ones she cherishes.

I asked Wa what made her decide to run. Wa explained that when she moved to Dexter from Ann Arbor, she got involved with the community. She lived in Ann Arbor for a bit but when she moved in 2016, she started volunteering with local events in Dexter. Wa was a part of the Arts, Heritage, and Culture Committee and even chaired it for a time. She was the co-chair of the planning committee for

Paint Dexter. Wa mentions that back in high school she was a part of the student council as a class officer and her friends have always asked when she was going to run for office. Wa lived in Ann Arbor for a time, but Ann Arbor wasn't home. Prior to this election, the timing did not feel right. The timing felt right this election and she went for it.

I asked Wa about her major goals this term on council. Wa really wants to see if she can help move the facilities conversation forward. But she explained that she really believes Dexter is a great place to live and she wants to help keep it that way. She did not come in with a long political agenda. Her priority is what is best for the community and listening to her constit-

uents.

We spent some time discussing how challenging Covid has been. She would like the opportunity to get to know the rest of the Council and to see and hear from constituents. Zoom meetings are not what she envisioned for holding a public office. But, she understands the need and the risk of in person. Like most of us, she's wary of the limitations the pandemic has placed on everything.

Wa wants to let her constituents know that she is happy to hear from them and help them navigate local politics. As a resident of Dexter, your opinion matters to Wa, and as an elected official, she is happy to be of service. Wa can be reached at WHubbard@Dexter-MI.gov.

DEXTER HOOPS FALL TO PINCKNEY

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It was a bad night for the Dreads. They couldn't seem to

make a shot and fell to Pinckney 52-33. Colin Parachek had 13 points/7 rebounds. Cal Bavineau had 9

points/5 rebounds/3 assists/3 steals. Dexter men's coach Jason Rushton said it was a difficult battle.



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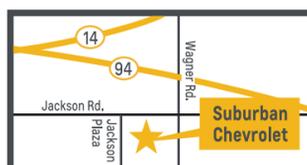
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