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Dexter Resident Ryan Henyard has recently joined Avalon Board.
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Melanie Nowak Named New Principal of Dexter High School



Melanie Nowak



From: Chris Timmis, Superintendent of Dexter Community Schools

Next fall, Dexter High School will have a new Principal. Melanie Nowak has been selected as the next leader of Dexter High School out of a candidate pool

of nearly forty qualified applicants. Ms. Nowak brings with her an outstanding educational leadership background and a passion for kids. Ms. Nowak currently serves as the Career and Innovation Coordinator for Farmington Public Schools **continued on page 3**

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Throughout my tenure as a community reporter for the Dexter Guardian, I've had the opportunity to, "get to know," several community members that are civically engaged and take an active role within the community. Ryan Henyard's participation has stood out as thoughtful, concerned and a positive asset to the Dexter Community. I should probably be transparent in my bias. He is a Michigan Wolverine and works for the University. I am a U of M grad and the mother of a U of M grad, so I may look at him more favorably as a result. Que the fight song!

I recently learned

that Ryan joined Avalon's board of trustees. This, to me, seemed like a great advantage for the community of Dexter. Having a stakeholder in a position on the board allows for members of the community with concerns or questions to have a voice. Ryan is an educator and has the ability to explain patiently, to those that may not understand. His calm and thoughtful nature, I am certain will help diffuse any potentially difficult conversations. The conversations surrounding Hilltop have been difficult at times. So I believe his presence will be helpful for the community.

I had the opportunity to discuss Ryan's **continued on page 2**



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new position on the board of trustees with him. I wanted to know how Ryan got involved with Avalon. He explained that as a student and living in Ann Arbor, he was aware of Avalon and the work it did to address housing instability. He added that, "during the uproar about Hilltop," he paid close attention to the presentations and meetings. He added that he knew about Avalon from his work world. Ryan stated that he was aware of the supportive housing model and he was happy to hear that it was coming to Dexter. After the death of George Floyd, Ryan started a course on police brutality. He wanted to highlight community organizations like Avalon and through the process he met more Avalon members. 5500 learners took the course in a month. Ryan noted that so many people had never heard of the type of support system Avalon provides. The executive director of

Avalon reached out and asked Ryan if he'd be interested in a position on the Board.

Ryan accepted and hopes to provide a connection between the people in Dexter and Avalon. He'd like to use his skills and knowledge. Ryan stated that he appreciates how welcome he and his wife have felt in Dexter. He hopes to help ensure community members in Hilltop are extended the same warm welcome. Ryan noted what a great location Dexter is for Avalon and the families it will serve. He stated that raising a family, with a grocery store nearby

and access to the Wave bus as well as school being in walking distance will help remove barriers to upward mobility for families. The great school district can be a game changer in ending a poverty cycle and changing the future for children who can thrive with the right opportunities.

Ryan will be serving both Avalon and the community of Dexter on the board of trustees, and Dexter is lucky to have such a civic minded member of the community, ready to commit to the work and contribute.

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providing leadership of the district's Career Technical Programming. Prior to her work in Farmington, Ms. Nowak served as the principal of multiple STEAM program buildings in Tecumseh. As a former high school Mathematics and English teacher and statewide Competency-Based Education Consultant, Ms. Nowak brings a wealth of experience and skills to lead the transition of Dexter High School to continue implementing the DCS Vision of Champion Learning: Develop, Educate, and Inspire!

Melanie Nowak is a graduate of Siena Heights University and Concordia University. Her references describe her as a leader who "builds strong relationships within the school community...is creative and a great problem-solver...is a caring and compassionate educator...and works tirelessly to ensure that each learner has access to high-quality, rigorous learning opportunities." Another reference stated that "Ms. Nowak has a natural ability to connect with others, and she understands that those relationships serve as the foundation of new learning." Throughout a multi-

round interview process that began in March, Ms. Nowak was selected as the top candidate because of her passion for education, ability to build relationships with all stakeholders, incredible instructional knowledge, and demonstrated ability to translate this knowledge into actionable outcomes for students.

According to Dexter Community Schools Superintendent Dr. Christopher Timmis, "When we started the search process, we identified outstanding leaders from around the state and promised our students and staff that we would find an exceptional high school principal to continue leading Dexter High School...we could not be more excited to announce that we exceeded our expectations...Melanie Nowak will be an incredible addition to DCS and outstanding leader for Dexter High School. Her extensive experience, energy, passion for student success, experiences with high schools, and leadership skills are evident in every interaction...we are so fortunate to have Ms. Nowak joining DCS as the leader of Dexter High School."

Mollie Sharrar,

Executive Director of Instruction, added, "Melanie Nowak is an excellent addition to the leadership team at DCS. She brings a wealth of experience, knowledge, and a passion for building relationships, supporting student growth and achievement, and leading innovative instructional practice. I am looking forward to working with her and having her leadership on the team!"

Ms. Nowak, when asked about this opportunity, stated, "I am absolutely elated to be afforded the opportunity to join the Dexter High School team. Given Dexter's impressive history: dynamic staff, focus on student-centered initiatives, outstanding student achievement, and unwavering community support, I couldn't be more excited to become a Dreadnaught. Joining the Dexter High School staff is truly a realized dream. I am grateful to Dr. Timmis and the Dexter Community Schools Board of Education for this opportunity."

Later this spring, Ms. Nowak will have the opportunity to visit the school, meet the students, the staff, and the Dexter High School families. Her official start date will be July 1st.

Dexter Community Schools Update: Plans for Week of April 19th and 26th

Thank you for your continued flexibility this year and commitment to our community. I'm writing today to update you on several items, including the plans for school schedules for the next couple of weeks.

As a district, we've been closely monitoring our internal data while working with the health department to help us provide the safest learning environment for students. The data is updated throughout the week on the district dashboard and in our district weekly data review.

The plan for the next two weeks:

• **Jenkins/Bates/Anchor/Beacon/Wylie** students will continue to attend on a daily basis as they have been. There is no change at any of these buildings or programs.

• **Creekside** homeroom students will continue on a hybrid A/B day schedule the week of April 19th with an optional in-person learning lab on Wednesdays. The Wednesday virtual option will remain next week. A sign-up for the in-person learning lab will be sent out from the building principal. On April 26th, all homeroom students will return to in-person every day. The reason for the delay is that we can provide 6' spacing in a hybrid setting but can only provide 3' spacing with all of our students in every day. Based on cases we're aware of, professional recommendations, and case trend rates,

the additional week will provide us the time needed to move students in-person every day the week of the 26th.

• **Mill Creek** homeroom students will continue on a hybrid A/B day schedule the week of April 19th with an optional in-person learning lab on Wednesdays. A sign-up for the in-person learning lab will be sent out from the building principal. On April 26th, all homeroom students will return to in-person on the planned M/Tu/Th/F plan. The reason for the delay is that we can provide 6' spacing in a hybrid setting but can only provide 3' spacing with all of our students in every day. Based on cases we're aware of, professional recommendations, and case trend rates, the additional week will provide us the time needed to move all students in-person the week of the 26th.

• **Dexter High School** homeroom students will return to in-person on M/Tu/Th/F starting Monday, April 19th. Based on the instructional model and student in-person attendance, we are seeing approximately 40% of the high school students in physical attendance per day which allows us the spacing necessary between seats. DHS students will continue to have the option to be in-person or zoom into classes.

Next Fall: Buildings have been sending registration and course selection information out to stu-

dents and families. We plan to provide a full, in-person school model for the vast majority of our students in the fall. In addition and consistent with the offerings we've provided to families for many years, we will have a full remote option available. Sign up for a remote option can be made closer to the start of school. Every year, we have many families who work through our virtual options for their students. This year, we know of many students who are thriving in the remote option and may choose to continue in the future. We plan to continue this option for interested families. However, at this time, we want families to know that we will continue to offer this option but to please plan to register and fill out the normal enrollment information sent by buildings to help us plan appropriately.

This summer: Registration information for our Dread Strong K-8 summer program, DHS credit recovery, and Camp Dexter is forthcoming. Please look for a separate communication regarding these program opportunities for kids.

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Sincerely,
Christopher Timmis, EdD
Superintendent

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From: Eric M. Stricklin, Pastor, St. Paul United Church of Christ, Chelsea

You may have noticed a colorful rainbow flag with the words "Justice For All" hanging on the front of St Paul United Church of Christ (14600 Old US-12). The flag is not only beautiful, it is also meaningful. Members of St Paul UCC, after over a year of study, discussion and prayer, voted in No-

vember 2020 to become an "Open and Affirming" UCC congregation. The vote was overwhelmingly (91%) in favor of this important step in the life of the church.

You may be asking, "What does that mean?" While all churches generally strive to be welcoming to others, being "open and affirming" means much more. It means that St. Paul welcomes people of all races, all ethnic-

ities, all sexual identities, all personal identities and all abilities. It means that ANYONE who walks into the door (when in person worship begins again) or joins worship via Zoom will be accepted as they are. It means any 2 consenting adults may join together in Holy Matrimony at St Paul. It means that members of St Paul strive to love all of God's people and creation without judg-

ment. The effort to become Open and Affirming was led by a group of members who called themselves "Grace Group". Regular meetings, question and answer sessions, consultation with other churches, study and prayer took place well over the year prior to the Congregational Meeting and vote. Pastor Eric Strickland guided and provided counsel to the Grace Group,

which was formed and already meeting prior to his call to St Paul. St Paul of Chelsea is the number United Church of Christ in Michigan to have become Open and Affirming.

A group of Grace Group members have been studying systemic racism to better understand how St Paul can do its part in avoiding this. Another group is learning about the Black Church, and

how these institutions are similar and/or different from white churches. It's an exciting time to be at St Paul United Church of Christ. People are learning and growing!

If you are interested in learning more, Zoom Sunday services take place at 10AM on Sunday mornings, and the link may be found on the church's Facebook page (St Paul, Chelsea).

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DEXTER ATHLETICS



DEXTER GIRLS TENNIS

DEXTER TENNIS READIES FOR SEASON

By Dave Merchant
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Dread Coach Robert Smothers is looking into uncharted waters this season. "Obviously we did not have a season last year. But I lost 6 players from the 2019 season going into last year, so I really wasn't sure how the team would do," Smothers said. "Now, many of those young players who would have been playing Varsity for the first time last year are in the same boat this season. That being said, I know many of those girls who are now Sophomores did as much as they could between then and now to prepare for this jump. The social distancing that is built into tennis made it possible for the

girls to get back into tennis as soon as restrictions were lifted." He said the top team in the league is Chelsea. "They have been very successful over the past few years and are the defending champions. It's so hard to say what our expectations are because there are so many unknowns." "All I can say is that my girls have been working very hard and are very excited for the challenge of taking on the Bulldogs," he said. "This being our last season in the SEC White, we would like to do our best to have a good showing." His said his roster is not set in stone as far as doubles teams, but here is the Varsity Roster:

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- #2 Singles--Tara Lessnau (12) Captain
- #3 Singles--Avery Godrich (11)
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DEXTER GIRLS SOCCER

DEXTER SOCCER LOOKS TO COMPETE

By Dave Merchant
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Dexter coach Casey Bantle is excited about the soccer future at Dexter. "We have 18 players on Varsity and 18 players on JV. I've coached soccer for 20 years. This is my second year with Dexter HS girls varsity, but last year our season was canceled, so effectively this is my first year with the program," said Bantle. "Being my first year I'm not that familiar with the league, but I know Huron, Pioneer, Saline, and Skyline always have very good soccer programs. For a long time Dexter HS was one of the bigger schools in the state's second division, but now we're one of the smallest schools in the state's first division. The program has become accustomed to a lot of success on the field

and I hope to continue that, but of course it will be more challenging now than it's ever been. It's unlikely we're the best team in the state, but if we work hard, stay focused, and play well, anything is possible. And sometimes a good bounce here or there can make all the

difference in a close game. Ultimately, I hope everyone in our program has an enjoyable spring season. I hope we all improve individually and as a team and look forward to the relationships we'll build and the memories we'll form this season," stated Bantle.

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1 SO	Braedy	Wineman	G
7 JR	Brianna	Rodriguez	M
26 JR	Cadi	Murphy	D/M/F
10 SR	Carley	Curry	D/M/F
6 SO	Cece	Palazzolo	M
9 JR	Ceci	Judge	D/M
2 SR	Emma	Franz	D/M/F
22 SR	Faith	Renaud	D
15 SR	Kayla	Rivers	D/M
14 SR	Kelsey	Roller	D
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DEXTER BASEBALL

DEXTER BASEBALL PREVIEW

**From: Mike Penn,
Head Baseball Coach**

This will be my 11th season helping with the program. This will be my 6th as the head coach. Last year was tough on everyone but was especially tough losing an entire season. We felt terrible for our seniors who put so much effort over their four years. Additionally from a development perspective, we lost a full year to be able to work with our younger guys. Coming into this season, we are grateful to even be able to play but we have a lot of work to do to get up to speed. There will be growing pains along the way but we have a talent mix of players. Specifically, we have a really strong athletic group of Sophomores and Juniors. Couple that with some veteran seniors who have been

in the program and are taking the reins as leaders of the program.

Evan Krolewski is one of those seniors. He is a third baseman committed to play at Oakland University to play next year and is one of the best players in the state. We expect big things out of him and we will go as he goes. Watching him play is a joy. He hustles, plays hard and has a swagger to his game that is infectious.

Nathan Deleruyelle is another one of our Senior captains. He will catch for us and we will depend on his bat as a key contributor to the lineup.

In terms of younger players Junior Cameron Rosen and Sophomores Wyatt Novara, and Brennan Parachek are expected to lead us on the mound. All three are hard throwers and

are really coming into their own. All three will have options to play in college as well.

From a league perspective Chelsea, Tecumseh are always tough. They are extremely well coached and disciplined. Programs like that can never be taken lightly and will always be vying for a league title. We feel confident that we have the ability to win the SEC but it certainly will not be easy.

In terms of Districts, we have one of the toughest districts in the state with Howell, Hartland, Brighton and Pinckney. Every year those schools are battle tested and are tough to beat. Brighton is ranked pre-season number 1, Howell is a perennial top 10 team.



**From: Felicia Mann,
Marketing Specialist,
CSB**

The Board of Directors of CSB Bancorp and Chelsea State Bank recently announced the reelection of Directors Craig Common, Owner and Head Chef, The Common Grill; Nancy Graebner, President, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea; and Mark Heydlauff, Co-owner and Store Manager, Heydlauff's Appliances.

The Board of Directors of Chelsea State Bank was also pleased to announce Chelsea State Bank has been honored by the Dexter Community Fund by giving the Bank their first named fund – CSB Dexter Community Enrichment Fund – in recognition of the Bank's cumulative contributions of \$25,000.

"I am extremely pleased to announce

the reelection of Craig, Nancy and Mark to our Boards for another three-year term. They have provided such great support and oversight for our organization," stated Chelsea State Bank President and Chief Executive Officer Joanne Rau. "I am also excited to announce the CSB Dexter Community Enrichment Fund. We are honored to have this recognition in the Dexter community. As the local community bank, our focus is always to help care for the individuals, families, farmers and businesses in our communities; we are committed to their success today and tomorrow."

"Chelsea State Bank has played a key role in the development of the Dexter Community Fund," said Dexter Community Fund Chair Julie A. Schumaker. "Chelsea State Bank was our first corporate donor in 2015, and with your most recent gift, will

now be our first named fund, the CSB Dexter Community Enrichment Fund. We greatly appreciate Chelsea State Bank's on-going support of the Fund and commitment to the Dexter community."

Chelsea State Bank Dexter Branch Manager Lisa Baleja is grateful for the continued support of the Dexter Community Fund. "It really means a lot to me, having served on the board, to know that my employer cares about the communities we serve."

About Dexter Community Fund

Established in 2014, the Dexter Community Fund (DCF) is a permanent endowment dedicated to addressing community needs and enriching the quality of life within the Dexter community. An affiliate fund of DCF, the CSB Dexter Community Enrichment Fund has a stated purpose to support charitable organizations and programs in the Dexter area.

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Washtenaw County Health Department Pauses Use of Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

**From: Susan Ringler
Cerniglia, MPH,
Public Information
Officer, Washtenaw
County Health
Department**

Washtenaw County Health Department is pausing all use of the Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine. The FDA and CDC have recommended this pause, and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has confirmed it. The Health Department is stopping all use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine until more is known. There is no impact on use of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines.

Individuals with postponed appointments will be contacted and rescheduled as soon as possible.

"We are stopping all use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine until we have more information on the few incidents of concern and clear recommendations on future use," says Juan Luis Marquez, MD, MPH, medical director with the Health Department. "This does not change the fact that COVID-19 vaccination overall is safe and effective.

Millions have been vaccinated."

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) is scheduled to meet Wednesday. Pending the Committee's recommendations, all scheduled Johnson & Johnson clinics are tentative. Additional clinics are currently scheduled locally this Thursday, Friday, and Sunday.

In addition, all current scheduling for vaccine appointments with the Health Department is paused while staff assess supplies and contact those scheduled.

COVID-19 in Washtenaw County

COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and test positivity are high and increasing in Washtenaw County and across Michigan. Washtenaw County Health Department reminds everyone to please use all COVID-prevention measures whenever possible. Wear a mask, keep your distance, and wash hands often. Follow isolation or quarantine guidance, and get vaccinated as soon as an appointment is available to you. Indicators in Washtenaw County are not cur-

rently as high as neighboring areas but are increasing.

More information:
• Washtenaw County COVID-19 information www.washtenaw.org/covid19

• Health Department COVID-19 prevention and risk reduction

• Health Department COVID-19 Vaccine Page

• Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) www.michigan.gov/coronavirus and www.michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine

Washtenaw County Health Department

The Washtenaw County Health Department promotes health and works to prevent disease and injury in our community, including responding to health emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic. Our mission is to assure, in partnership with the community, the conditions necessary for people to live healthy lives through prevention and protection programs. Visit us at washtenaw.org/health or call 734-544-6700.

Dexter City Council Meeting

By Aimee Bingham Osinski
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Julia Roberts, the new executive director at Wave gave a presentation during pre-arranged participation. She discussed an app to make reservations online as well as over the phone reservations. Wave is providing free rides to get vaccines at Pierce Lake. She discussed several programs coming and things WAVE is looking to do in the future. If you need a ride to your vaccine at Pierce, feel to call (734) 475-9494 for a reservation.

The next item in prearranged participation was Ping Pong Dexter. James Sprague spoke about the value of ping pong. Accessibility, increases inter-generational activity, and has positive health benefits. James discussed different cities that offer ping pong in the parks. Grand Rapids and Kalamazoo have installed Ping Pong tables in parks. He spoke of costs and needs to install a pair of tables. He has researched some funding, and gave a recommendation for what he believes is the best loca-

tion. Parks and rec was receptive when it was presented in the February parks meeting. The Council seems receptive to the idea but the recommendation for a location seemed to be a stumbling block for Council. Paul discussed what a great time he's had playing and how people can keep playing as they age, which is a positive for members of the community.

The agenda was approved. Next on the agenda was a public hearing on a request for IFE (Industrial Facilities Exemption) to Utilities Instrumentation Services. Chris Knight spoke at the meeting. He thanked Jamie for identifying an error on the form relating to time in the community. Jennifer Olmstead spoke in support. Donna made a motion to approve the IFE for UIS for a ten year period. Jamie wanted to know how many employees lived in Dexter. Chris explained that it is a union shop and that they hire from Washtenaw and Jackson County. Zach wanted to know if UIS would be donating to Dexter

Schools and libraries, in response to the tax exemption. Chris stated they have not thus far but would be willing to in the future. Zach had questions regarding building costs. Michelle explained it for Zach and the public. Paul Cousins spoke about his prior restaurant not being eligible to the exemption and employing fifty employees, mostly from Dexter. He mentioned the tax having an impact on the library. The motion passed unanimously.

The second public hearing was on text amendments to Parks and Rec Commission and tree board. The idea is to transfer Tree to Parks and Rec. The amendments would do that. Donna motion made the motion. Motion carried.

Council members discussed upcoming meetings.

Dan Schlaff gave his report. Hydrant flushing has started. Drinking water report is finished. Pollution prevention plan is being completed. One of the staff of the DPW is going to have to be out for surgery and staff is trying to rotate

and cover his absence. Donna asked if with the shortage, if Dan could hire summer help early. Any college students or 18 year olds looking for work, should apply. Dan is searching for help.

Michelle Aniol gave her report and update. There will be a guide to ADUs and a public hearing will likely happen in June after the guide is widely distributed. There was discussion of second street and self-storage. The People's sculpture was removed because of deteriorating conditions. DDA will pick up half the cost for barricades for restaurants to expand into parking spaces again this year. Paul Cousins made a motion to pick up the other half. Council voted to cover half.

City manager's report was up next. The Spring newsletter should be arriving soon. Zoom meetings are being uploaded to Youtube and will be uploaded to the city website. Looking at security cameras in parks due to graffiti and sculptures vandalized. The rusted spider sculpture was vandalized recently. There was a lot of positive feedback on the easter egg hunt. April 21, April 28, and May 12 for budget review sessions are proposed dates. General fund budget on 21st.

The Mayor gave his report. The city manager search is ongoing. The search team has narrowed down the field from over 40 to 8. They have been interviewed. Wednesday they will be meeting to narrow down to 2 or 3. The mayor said there are excellent candidates out there. The Mayor discussed the beaver issue. The Mayor is anticipating this may have to be a topic discussed in the future. Paul noted that beavers cannot be trapped live, unfortunately. The Council has contacted

the watershed council for more information.

Consent agenda passed.

Old business was up next. Item K was discussed: Request to Vacate a Public Street & Portion of a Public Alley submitted by Mike Penn of 3389 Broad St.

Zach wondered if there were comments made by the fire department and potential use of the alley. It is not in use as a public right of way. The applicant has agreed to provide a utility easement. The mayor is concerned that the utility easement would not be helpful. The Mayor would want an easement on fourth street. The mayor isn't sure we'd want to give that up. Donna moves to postpone until it's brought back with more information. It was postponed.

New Business L1 Park use request for Chamber for Friday summer concert series. Paul made the motion. Donna thought they had done a nice job putting the plan together. The Council really appreciates the diligence of the applicants. Alex noted concern with the numbers expected. He noted how difficult contract tracing could be if someone did spread the pandemic. Jamie noted the difference in applicants and thought the council should provide a template so applicants would understand and it would help standardize the process. Zach would like to add that they adhere to state and local guidelines. Paul motioned to delay until the next meeting so the Chamber can clarify any questions the Council has. The motion to delay passed.

L2 proposal for due diligence services for 3515 Broad St. Zach made a motion specifying the last one will only be used if the Council decides to purchase the property. The motion passed.

The motion passed.

L3 3515 Broad Street excess use of space. Zach made the motion and it was seconded so the discussion opened. Zach does want to engage different entities regarding the space and finding out how it would be used. Zach recommended the city channels to advertise and other groups interested in establishing a base in the community, and private businesses through spark. Zach is trying to get an idea of interest. This is not signing contracts with anyone, just opening the conversation. The Council feels like it's probably a little too soon in the process to determine what extra space might be available. If the building is purchased using bonds, bonds are tax exempt and the space will not be able to be leased. If the space is monetized, the city would need to pay cash for the percentage of the space being monetized. Zach noted that the limited time is involved with earnest money. If it requires more time it will cost the city more money. So Zach encourages pushing forward and making a decision. How space gets used will determine how it is purchased. The motion passed 4-2. Justin will solicit interest in the use of space.

Bella let the Council know that Spring sports are happening and shared upcoming away games.

Zach asked the students if there was enough interest in the community for a skate park. Both student reps think there is a lot of interest. Zach will be hosting an exchange student who wants to play soccer and football while she's here.

Non-arranged participation was next. Nobody spoke and the meeting adjourned.

Washtenaw County Clean Up Day

Saturday April 24, 2021
8AM - 1PM

Washington Street Education Center Complex
500 Washington St., Chelsea, 48118
Enter from N. Freer Road (see map)

Acceptable Materials

Appliances (refrigerator, dryer, a/c unit, dehumidifier, etc.)

Electronics (TVs, computers, entertainment/communication devices, etc.)

Household Hazardous Waste (paint, pesticides, cleaning supplies, oil, etc.)
No materials in larger than 6 gallon containers
No oxygen or refrigerant tanks
Containers will not be returned

Scrap Metal

Tires On or off rims, no semi or agricultural tires, limit 10 per trip

Do NOT Bring

Bulky Household Waste* (furniture, mattresses, etc.)

Construction and Demolition Waste* (drywall, bricks, wood, etc.)

Household Trash

Recyclable Materials (glass, cardboard, paper, plastic)

Styrofoam

*bring these items to the Chelsea Transfer Station for disposal

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Long wait times are expected. All vehicles in line by 1PM will be served.

Please only bring materials you can unload in 20 minutes or less.

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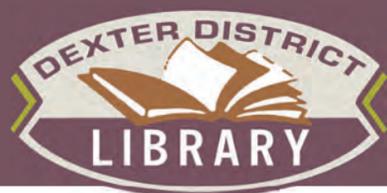
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Dexter District Library 2021 Spring Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



Upcoming Spring Events at Dexter District Library

Bi-weekly on Wednesdays at 4:30 pm, April 14 to May 12

Club Create

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

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

Tuesdays, March 23 to May 18 at 10:30 am

Virtual Spring Story Times

Spring Story Times for ages five and under will be offered on Tuesdays at 10:30 am on our DDL Facebook page from March 23 to May 18. Everyone is welcome to join Ms. Krista for a fun morning of picture, pop-up and interactive books, flannel-board stories, songs, puppets, finger plays and other activities that encourage a love of reading to your child. Registration is not required.

Wednesday, April 21 at 10:00 am

Wildlife Encounters: Wonders of the Rainforest

Meet animal ambassadors native to rainforest regions including a ring tailed lemur, crocodilian, boa constrictor, macaw, armadillo and a honey bear. Join us for this live, virtual, interactive event.

Presenters will be able to respond to your questions and comments. Registration is required on our DDL website, everyone is welcome. A link to our Zoom meeting room will be sent to you prior to April 21.

Monday, April 26 to Saturday, May 8

Star Wars Day Celebration

Prepare to celebrate Star Wars Day on May 4 with your own bag of crafts, stickers and more. Email a picture of one of your completed crafts to the teen librarian dalson@dexter.lib.mi.us by May 8 for a chance to win a Pop! Star Wars BB-8 Bobble. Winner will be chosen at random from all entries.

Registration is required. Teens and tweens in grades 5 through 12 may register on our DDL website beginning April 1. Full details will be provided to registered participants.

Friday, April 30 to Saturday, May 8

DIY Tea Cup Painting

Pick up your own ceramic tea cup and saucer to paint to hold an indoor plant. This could make a wonderful Mother's Day gift, or keep it for yourself to hold your trinkets. Mother's Day card-making supplies will also be included. Registration is required. Teens in grades 5 through 12 may register on our DDL website beginning April 5. Full details will be provided to registered participants.

Materials Needed: Acrylic craft paint, paint brush

Monday, May 3 to Saturday May 8

Mother's Day Craft Kit

Mother's Day Craft Kits are for kids of all ages. They will be available from May 3 to May 8. 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 DDL website beginning Monday, April 19.



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