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## Dexter Daze Location Still in Question



Pictured is Dexter Daze festival in 2019.

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## Dexter Little League Launches Season



Photos By Matt Gibson

By Charla Hamilton  
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(Special Thank You to Matt Gibson for Providing Infor-

mation)

Dexter Little League has officially launched their 2021 season. Their first games were held on Monday, April 19. They had three games in machine pitch baseball.

Dexter Little League typically plays at 6pm on weekdays at the new Creekside Quads (at a new pavilion), Mill Creek, and Tyler Steffey Field (at Peace Lutheran Church). They also have games all day Saturdays. Attendees need to wear masks and maintain 6' social dis-

tancing.

Their season is April 19 - June 12. Their teams play in end-of-season tournaments for their divisions in their league. Dexter Little League is tons of fun for everyone.

Matt Gibson who handles communications for Dexter Little League states: "We are planning to have a festivities day on May 15 that will include some additional fun activities for our little league families. More details to follow on that."

"We do compete  
continued on page 4

By Aimee Bingham Osinski  
anbingham@gmail.com

A topic of discussion during this week's Dexter Forum was Dexter Daze. A few weeks ago, the official decision to move Dexter Daze to a different location was announced. The tradition of Dexter Daze felt the tremble of a pandemic. It was canceled last year and in spite of the hard work the organizers were doing to provide it for the community this year, it was struggling to survive. The struggle for Dexter Daze symbolized the world's struggle for the past year. We are all fighting to survive and find joy while maintaining and holding on to our old lives.

Hearing that Dexter Daze needed to move,

felt like a gut punch to morale. But, there was comfort in the idea of it taking place this year. The location of Dexter Daze became a topic for discussion at the forum. Several members of the forum spoke and stated that the zoning laws would not allow for Dexter Daze to take place in the announced location. But, upon visiting the Dexter Daze website, it states, "We are thrilled to announce our 50th Dexter Daze will be held August 13-14, 2021 at the Dexter American Legion, Post 557." But members of the township are stating it is not zoned for that type of event and cannot be held there.

I've emailed requesting comment from someone on the Dexter  
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# Dexter Daze Location Still in Question

► **continued from page 1** Daze committee. I have not heard back in time to include any comment prior to print deadline. But, as of right now, the future of Dexter Daze seems to be in the air. I think we all feel for the incredibly difficult job the committee has planning the event with the additional challenges added.

Will Hathaway, Supervisor of Scio Township did provide me with a statement regarding the status Monday morning. Will stated he's had multiple conversations with Doug Lewan, the Townships' planning consultant who administers the Township's zoning ordinance.

"My understanding is that the festival would not be permitted under our current zoning." He added that the township communicated with the leaders of American Legion Post 557 regarding zoning restrictions. "When I last spoke with folks at the American Legion, they had not yet signed a contract with the Dexter Daze organizers." He added he

does not know the status of their negotiations. Will concluded the email by explaining that the township is considering a new "special events ordinance." He stated that it would take some time and once in place he was uncertain whether Dexter Daze would get approval.

The time needed to obtain approval seemed to be the reason Dexter Daze chose to move out of the city of Dexter. Now it seems to be back at square one. I cannot imagine how difficult planning the event is and trying to plan it during a pandemic must be. I hope that some sort of resolution can

be found. I know from watching the meetings, the city of Dexter wants to host Dexter Daze, but wants to be very careful and try to ensure it is not an event that becomes a super spreader. The Council also has a difficult job, they make decisions during a pandemic that can result in people dying, certainly not a responsibility or weight most of us would want. Not likely something anyone anticipated when signing up to participate in local government. I feel for all sides in this difficult situation and hope, as I'm sure most residents do, that a safe solution can be found.

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# Enrichment and Camp Options for Dexter Students this Summer

## From: Dexter Community Schools

**Camp Dexter** - this perennial favorite, fee-based program offers full-day camp (between 7:30am-6:00) with fun programming for students who have finished Young Five up through 6th grade. Sign up for two days to five days per week, for as many weeks as you want. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided. Our enrollment is limited, so please sign up early for the best selection. Visit [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HN-BV6NCn1\\_c6R7n-WeNNkVTdV3Fhp-jgthSNuQiPeA9uc/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HN-BV6NCn1_c6R7n-WeNNkVTdV3Fhp-jgthSNuQiPeA9uc/edit) to Register for Camp Dexter.

**Dread Strong Summer** - is an opportunity for Y5 - 8th grade students to engage in authentic learning experiences designed to Develop, Educate, and Inspire. Participants in this free program will

be exposed to a variety of experiences over the course of each week designed to engage them in hands-on, collaborative learning. Shared experiences in learning will include nature, music, games, field sports, art, science and engineering, amongst many others. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This four-day program runs Monday through Thursday (8am-12:30pm). Registration is required; choose from one week or several. Transportation may/will be provided for a fee. Visit <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS-caWO0Ja9nnJG7P-53wo1As-LeAVsx-4kdX3LcwhXKv8tvtzGgg/viewform> to register for Dread Strong Summer.

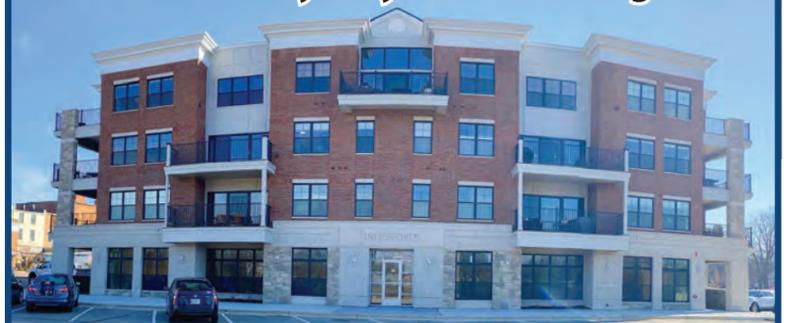
**Camp Dexter Extension for Dread Strong Summer** - for families who enroll in Dread Strong and need additional coverage, Camp Dexter is offer-

ing fee-based afternoon care from 12:45-6pm Mon-Thursday and 7:30am-6pm on Friday. Students will be escorted from morning programs to extension camp by staff. Enrollment in Camp Dexter is limited, so please sign up early if you need the extension camp. Visit [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HN-BV6NCn1\\_c6R7n-WeNNkVTdV3Fhp-jgthSNuQiPeA9uc/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1HN-BV6NCn1_c6R7n-WeNNkVTdV3Fhp-jgthSNuQiPeA9uc/edit) to Register for Camp Dexter.

**Community Education Programs** - Community Education will be offering a variety of fun, short summer classes this year including sports, art, and other enrichment activities. These will be posted on the Community Education website here: <https://www.dexter-schools.org/departments/community-education/catalog> by May 15th.



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our wide variety of gifts for you, them and your home! Join them on the riverfront for some social time, or sneak into a corner away and just enjoy watching the river flowing by. You can rent either a kayak, canoe or a stand up paddle board and head out on the Portage Chain of Lakes and Huron River for a day of fun on the water.

They hope to see you soon! They are open Tuesday - Sunday from 3pm to 9pm and are located at 9260 McGregor Rd, Pinckney, MI right next door to the Trad-

ing Post. Let's welcome them by following them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/NautiMIonTheRiver>.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION BULLETIN

### DEXTER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



For the first time in over a year, the Board of Education met in person (masked and socially distanced) on Monday evening in the Bates Boardroom. This meeting also marked the first opportunity Dexter's three newest board members (Brian Arnold, Elise Bruderly and Jennifer Kangas) have met in person with their fellow Trustees since their election in November 2020. Approximately 14 community members attended the meeting in person, with 70 logging in via Zoom.

Board President Julie Schumaker noted that the Washtenaw Board of Commissioners has declared a local State of Emergency within Washtenaw County through December 31, 2021 due to COVID-19. Although the Board is meeting in person, they do not want to place an undue burden on those who may wish to address the board but have health concerns that make them uncomfortable meeting in a group setting at this time, so they will be temporarily allowing virtual comments during public participation. Once the pandemic has passed and there is no longer a local state of emergency, the BOE will return to its normal practice of having public comment in-person only when meetings are held in person.

#### New DHS Principal:

Dr. Timmis noted the retirement of Instructional Coach Jeff Dagg, describing him as instrumental to the District through his many roles over the past 25 years. The Superintendent next introduced newly-hired DHS Principal Melanie Nowak, and outlined the hiring process that began in February. Ms. Nowak's resume & letters of recommendation can be found in the 4/12/21 Board packet. Nowak thanked the District for this opportunity and shared that she is excited to work with our amazing staff, students and community.

#### COVID Data Review & Return to Learning Plan:

Moving to the COVID Dashboard, Dr. Timmis shared that our total positive student cases increased by 20 this week. The Athletics Department tested approximately 700 students last week and about 500 this week; of those, only 4 students were positive out of the 700 tested between April 4 & 5, and 3 out of the 500 tested April 11 & 12 (less than 1% each).

County cases are rising significantly with 50.1 positive cases out per 100,000 people (4/12/21). In our 48130- zip code, there were 33 cases in February and the case number today is 76. According to MDHHS, there are 393/1,000,000 positive cases with an 8%

positivity rate. The ISD Dashboard lists 314.2/1,000,000 positive cases with a 6.2% positivity rate. DCS attendance data shows that we are averaging between 97-99% students attending either virtually or in person each week. With this information in mind, the Return to School team recommended that Dexter continue to bring Y5-4th grade in 100% all day, every day, and phase in Creekside, Mill Creek and DHS students after April 19th (Mill Creek & DHS would be 4 days/week). One mitigation strategy that is proving effective is a number of tents outside each building. These are used for classes, as well as lunch and snacks time when students need to take off masks to eat (but remain 6 feet apart).

#### State Testing Week:

Dexter Freshman, Sophomore and Junior students participated in State testing this week: 11th graders take the M-STEP, WorkKeys and SAT tests, while 9th and 10th graders take the PSAT. In early April, the Michigan Department of Education denied the District's request to waive the federal requirement to test students, but approved the waiver which relieves DCS of penalties if <95% of juniors do not test.

#### Student Representative Update:

Student Board representative Anna Shehab reported that Monday was the first day back to remote learning for DHS, which went very smoothly. Spring sports are underway.

The Athletic Department is testing non-contact sports weekly and contact sports (including those where masks cannot be worn, i.e. water polo) are tested three times weekly. Shehab and fellow student Board representative Aidan Naughton served on the student committee to interview the final four DHS principal candidates, and are excited to have Ms. Nowak as their principal next year.

#### First Opportunity for Public Participation:

No one spoke during the first opportunity for public participation.

#### Consent Agenda:

Business turned to the unanimous approval of the evening's consent items. President Schumaker expressed her gratitude and best wishes to Jeff Dagg upon his retirement, citing his enormous contribution to the District both as a teacher and a mentor.

#### Reconfirmation of Learning Plan:

Discussion commenced regarding the Reconfirmation of Learning plan (pg. 298) detailed by Dr. Timmis during his earlier update. When asked if the county health department had issued any new updates, Timmis shared they had met with WCHD on Thursday and Friday and they are satisfied that Dexter's mitigation strategies are effective. He reiterated that we are testing a significant number of students weekly for sports and club participation, and our numbers are nowhere near the county pos-

itivity rate. All DCS staff have been given the opportunity to receive a Covid vaccination, and 92.6% of DCS staff have received at least one dose. The learning plan reconfirmation was unanimously passed.

#### DHS Tennis Court Removal and Replacement:

The Facilities Committee met Thursday, April 8th to review bids for the removal and replacement of the DHS Tennis Courts. Trustee Dick Lundy moved that the Board of Education award the contract to the lowest bidder, Best Asphalt, Inc. for the base contract of \$425,140, with the total budget not to exceed \$500,000. Trustee Kangas thanked the Board for considering the project and suggested more gates for easier coach access to players during match play, as well as shelter from the sun for players when not competing. The motion was unanimously approved; the project will utilize funds from the 2017 Bond.

#### MASB Conferences:

The final action item of the evening was a motion to fund up to 10 total Board and invited DCS community members to attend the virtual MASB Behind the Scenes Conference on April 26. This motion passed unanimously. Trustee Mara Greatorex will extend invitations to selected community members, historically leaders of school-related booster groups. Board members were also invited to attend the MASB Spring In-

stitute, being held virtually April 16-18.

#### Public Participation:

No one spoke during the second opportunity for public participation.

#### Committee Updates:

Trustee Lundy updated the Board on the Finance Committee's latest meeting where they discussed this preliminary planning for next year's budget, a difficult undertaking with many unknowns. The committee expects more solid numbers by early- to mid-May. The Finance Committee also reviewed the recent bond refinancing which, due to the work of Dexter CFO Sharon Raschke, will save Dexter taxpayers over \$1M.

The Facilities Committee reviewed bids for the removal and replacement of DHS tennis courts and learned about the process of digitizing the District's blueprints from CFO Sharon Raschke. This project was a huge endeavor, vital to preserving historical building information and allowing easy and long-term digital access to current building plans.

The full meeting video can be watched on the Board of Education website at

<https://www.dexterschools.org/district/board-of-education/meetings/videos>.

#### Board Calendar:

- Monday, April 26 - 7:00pm - Board Meeting - Bates School
- Wednesday, April 28 - 5:00pm - Board Workshop - location TBD

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# Dexter Little League Launches Season



► continued from page 1 in district and state all-star tournaments. We have a history of doing well," said Matt. "We've worked hard to put a great safety plan together for COVID so

we can have a successful season." Some of their older divisions, such as majors softball and juniors baseball play with other area little leagues. Matt stated that they do ac-

cept donations through "Lift Your League." To donate visit: <https://bit.ly/dexterlift21>.

For more information on Dexter Little League visit them on Facebook (@dexterlittleleague) <https://www.facebook.com/dexterlittleleague>, on Instagram (@dexterlittleleague) <https://www.instagram.com/dexterlittleleague/>, and on Twitter (@dexlittleleague) <https://twitter.com/dexlittleleague>.

Additional information can also be found on their website at <https://www.dexterlittleleague.com/>. The website has schedules, board, sponsors, safety protocols, and other useful information for families and the community.

## Dexter Chamber Annual Dinner Awards

Join us for 2021 Annual Chamber Awards dinner May 20th, where we will celebrate our award recipients, hear from our Chamber President & enjoy an hour of networking! We need your suggestions for our award categories, if you would like to nominate a business or individual please email us at [info@dexterchamber.org](mailto:info@dexterchamber.org)

- **Business of the Year**
  - community involvement, customer service, staff motivation and growth
- **Lifetime Achievement**
  - individual or business who during their lifetime have made creative or outstanding contributions towards our community
- **Community Service**
  - honoring person(s) who are making a significant contribution to their community through their time, actions, talents and dedication
- **Anniversary**
  - celebrating a milestone year within business

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### From: Washtenaw County Sheriff

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enaw County for you to properly dispose of your unwanted and unused medications. If you can't make it on April 24th, The Sheriff's Office (2201 Hogback Rd. Ann Arbor) has a red bin in

the front lobby that can be used to dispose medications. All medication should be put in a clear ziplock baggie (provided), No bottles.

**For More Information See Flyer on Page 7**

# Miller Road Project Update #26

## Feel the Berm



### From: Washtenaw County Road Commission

We continue our preparation work for paving and eventually reopening Miller Rd in Scio Township.

Beginning Tuesday April 20, WCRC crews will be back on Miller Rd be-

tween Zeeb Rd and the bridge for some berming. Berming is the process of scraping away dirt and sod that has built up along the road shoulder preventing proper drainage. They will conduct this work throughout the week under lane restrictions, please use caution around the rolling operation.

Our bridge contractor continues to prepare to be on site

in the next week or two. They are waiting for the weather to cooperate and for asphalt plants to reopen.

Our goal remains to reopen the road and bridge in June. Access for all local residents living within the Miller Rd work zone will be maintained at all times during the resurfacing work.

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## ON THE SIDELINE: MOTHER NATURE, BUMBLE BEES, DRIVEWAYS AND RANTS



By Don Richter  
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**WARNING:** The following column includes multiple rants by a cantankerous middle-aged man. Be advised to turn the page or line the bird cage with this column if you find differing opinions offensive. You have been warned. Carry on...

The weather. Yeah, I said it. Do I need to say anymore? Can I get an amen, a hallelujah?

Tell me again why I live in Michigan? Oh, that's right, I'm too poor to live anywhere else. Thanks for reminding me.

What other state has weather like the Great Lakes State? Short answer -- no other state.

Last weekend, I was in shorts and a T-shirt. I was outside raking, mulching, digging and weeding. I was sweat-

ing it was so hot. Last weekend, I officially opened lawn-mowing season at the Richter Homestead. The first mow of the season is always a big deal at my home. My grass was getting so high, small dogs were disappearing as they wandered onto my lawn. The individual blades of grass seemed to be looking up at me as I surveyed my lawn last weekend. "Dude, it's time," they seemed to say in unison. "Get your rear end in gear and give us a trim."

My flowers are blooming. The buds on my trees are making their presence known. Heck, the bumble bees are even out. I had my first encounter with one last weekend. I turned a corner near the back of my house heading to my shed and ran smack dab into a big, buzzing flying machine -- it looked like a black and yellow Hindenburg with tiny wings. We both instantly put the brakes on, did a little, "pardon me, excuse me dance," and in somewhat slow-motion, made eye contact. I think it was as surprised to see me as I was to see it. In response to the awkward situation,

I think I blurted out something like, "Geez, this corner could use a traffic light." Followed by a nervous laugh. "Am I right?" It wasn't laughing. As it flew away buzzing my head and making me duck, I could hear it say, "You might wanna slow down there, bud."

Anyhow, my bubble bee run ins aside, my point is last weekend was warm and nice and quite spring-like. The plants were feeling it, the insects were feeling it and so was I. Then Mother Nature decided to trip us all up.

Earlier this week, I had to scrape my windshield and brush snow off my vehicle. I had to wear my winter coat. And I had just hung it up in the closet, retiring it for the season -- or so I thought.

Are you kidding me, Mother Nature?

What the heck is going on? Why are you messing with us like that? Explain yourself. I get so tired of going barefoot one day, then socks and boots the next day. T-shirt and shorts on Sunday and winter coat and hat on Tuesday. What gives, Mother Nature? Make up your mind. I've got yard work and bumble bees to deal with.

Contractors.

Wait, what? Are we still talking about the weather, Mother Nature and bumble bees?

No, I'm switching to contractors. Or, if you will, hired help.

I need my home's driveway repaved this summer. I tried all last year to get a contractor or "concrete guy" to come out to my home

and give me an estimate. I never even received a return phone call, let alone a visit from one of the "concrete guys" last year. Granted, I started a little late in the "concrete season," but still, a simple return call saying, "I'm sorry, Mr. Richter, but we are too backed up to take anymore clients. Thank you for calling, however. Give us a call next year and we'll be happy to work with you." Click. How hard is that? I don't get it. Maybe I was just raised and/or taught differently. I've worked in the service business my entire life. I've had to deal with the public, customers, clients, parents, etc. my entire working career. At the very least, common courtesy and respect should be shown, no matter the circumstances.

Fast forward to this year. More specifically, fast forward to this past weekend. I got an early start on making my calls this "concrete season" and was able to get a "concrete guy" to come out to my house to give me an estimate.

He arrived on time. Sadly, he forgot to bring a "can-do" attitude. I work very hard for my



Bumble bees were out last weekend at this columnist's house.

money and if I'm going to pay you to do a job for me, I expect you to work just as hard as I do, if not harder. I expect you to have high energy and to go the extra mile for me.

After our initial introductions, which consisted of a fist bump and a barely audible "hi," from him, I showed him my driveway and what I was hoping to get done. I already was disappointed and knew this was going to be a waste of time. Not the best of first impressions. And this was a guy around my age or maybe a little younger -- he still had hair. Anyhow, besides the obvious pock marked portions of my driveway that need repaving, I have a more detailed area around my back door that

needs repair. I showed him that area first. Within a nano-second, his response was, "Yeah, I don't do that." Translation -- "I don't have the wisdom or skill to handle a job like that." My response in my head, "So why are you here?" How does this person stay in business? Here's how this interaction should have went down. Me showing the guy my detailed area around the back door. His response should have been a simple, professional -- "I'm sorry, Mr. Richter, that's something I don't do. But before I leave I can get you a phone number of someone who can handle that sort of work."

Is it really that hard?

Then he went on **continued on page 7**



This columnist's driveway needs repaving. It's been a chore simply getting an estimate.

### DEXTER GIRLS TENNIS

## DEXTER TENNIS

By Dave Merchant  
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Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard - 3, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL - 5  
Singles:

No. 1 - Igne Savickas, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard def. Lindsey Wiczorek, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL, 6-1, 6-2, -;  
No. 2 - Vivian Heegan, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard def. Tara Lessnau, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL, 6-1, 6-4, -;  
No. 3 - Lily Wagel, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard def. Avery Goodrich, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL, 7-5, 7-6, -;  
No. 4 - Emma Hod-

der, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL def. Georgie Kalkofen, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, 6-0, 6-0, -;  
Doubles:

No. 1 - Sarah Penrose, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL - Chloe Sprague, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL def. Alyssa Chiminski, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard - Erika Heegan, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, 6-2, 7-5, -;  
No. 2 - Averi Rose, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL - Maria DeMerrell, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL def. Nicole Norman, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard - Meredith Weeks, Ann Ar-

bor Father Gabriel Richard, 6-2, 6-1, -;  
No. 3 - Sefina Patterson, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL - Lia DeMerrell, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL def. Abby Kendzicky, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard - Sam McGlade, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, 6-3, 6-1, -;  
No. 4 - Emily Hutchings, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL - Courtney Waters, DEXTER HIGH SCHOOL def. Helena O'Meara, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard - Grace Lawrence, Ann Arbor Father Gabriel Richard, 6-4, 7-6, -;

### DEXTER BASEBALL

## DREADS SPLIT AND WIN

By Dave Merchant  
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The Dexter baseball team took a win and a loss this past week. The Dreads de-

feated Tecumseh 6-4. The locals fell 7-3 against the Saline Hornets.

The Dreads softball team had two re-

cent wins. On Monday the locals beat Jackson 17-0. They also beat Tecumseh 14-1.

# WASHTENAW UNITED FINISHES SEASON



Photo Courtesy of Adam Winters

**From: Adam Winters, Head Coach, Washtenaw United**

Washtenaw United finished their inaugural season over the weekend of March 20-21, participating in the Michigan Girls

High School Hockey Invitational Tournament held at the Ann Arbor Ice Cube. The opening game on Saturday against Walled Lake ended in an exciting 0-0 tie. Goalie Julia Scarcella (Saline, '23) earned her 3rd

shutout of the season. Sunday's first game was against Troy, the winner would meet Walled Lake in the Championship game later in the day. Junior defenseman Jillian Eggleston (Dexter,

'22) scored just over 4 minutes into the opening period, the first of 2 goals she would score during the game. Senior Linzy Costella (Manchester, '21) added a goal in the second period, followed by Jillian's second goal in the third. Alexis Lyon (Saline, '24) added the 4th goal with just over 6 minutes to go in the game, putting the finishing touches on the 4-1 victory. However, Troy did not go away quietly. A skirmish developed during the closing seconds, and senior captain Linzy Costella would not be available for the final game.

The United came up short in Sunday's championship game, a 4-1 loss. Walled Lake opened the scoring 5 minutes into the first,

and was answered by the United's only goal 4 minutes later, scored by Eggleston. Walled Lake would add a goal in the second period, and a third goal 2 minutes into the 3rd. Washtenaw tried to battle back the remainder of the third period, pulling the goalie with 1 minute to go, but Walled Lake would seal the game with an empty-netter.

Washtenaw finished the season with a 9-6-3 record. The season was highlighted by a 2-1-1 record over the established Ann Arbor schools (Pioneer and Skyron), and a winning record against the other new team in the league, Downriver United. Team leaders for the season include Cecilia Henricksen (Chel-

sea, '24) with 10 goals, and Riley Malloy (Saline, '24) with 10 assists. Eggleston led defensemen in scoring with 7 goals and 7 assists. Julia Scarcella finished an outstanding season with 8 wins, a 2.06 Goals Against Average and a 0.914 Save Percentage with 3 shutouts in net.

The team is already planning for next season when we will be full members of the Michigan Girls High School Hockey League. For information on joining the team and participating in our summer skates, please reach out to Head Coach Adam Winters at WashtenawUnitedHSHockey@gmail.com.

# ON THE SIDELINE: MOTHER NATURE, BUMBLE BEES, DRIVEWAYS AND RANTS

► continued from page 7 a long-winded speech telling me what he would do for me and my driveway -- all, of course, at a price way too expensive. And the kicker was he said he would have to break up a portion of my driveway near my house that didn't need repaving, but I would have to take care of repairing that section myself -- wait for it -- because it wasn't something he did. Of course it wasn't...

Anyhow, he never asked me what I wanted as a customer. What I was looking to get done. I don't know why this simple act of giving an estimate is so difficult. Did this person actually want my business?

I have a second estimate scheduled for later next week. Wish me luck. At least I'm getting call backs this time around. Let's hope this next individual has a can-do, professional, courteous and customer-first-type attitude.

I know in this day and age, that might be asking too much. But a guy can dream, right?

None of this might even matter. I hear it's supposed to reach near 80 degrees next week. You know what that means? Snow is right around the corner. Along with a very cold and angry bumble bee...

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Front parking lot  
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American Legion Hall  
8225 Dexter-Chelsea Road  
Questions? rouechni@med.umich.edu

**Ypsilanti:**  
West Willow Community Resource Center  
2057 Tyler Rd.  
Questions? joannmcllm@aol.com

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# What is Title Insurance and why do I need to purchase it?

Dear Tracy,  
I am purchasing a home and it is my understanding that the seller is paying for title insurance. I noticed that there is a charge for title insurance in my closing costs. My real estate agent and lender both said this is not an error and I must pay for it. If the seller is supposed to provide title insurance, why am I being charged?

Uvaldo P.

Dear Uvaldo,  
There are varying customs, rules, and requirements in different states. My response will address what is customary in Michigan with regards to purchasing title insurance. During the process of purchasing a home, it is the title

company's responsibility to research the property history, check the chain of ownership, check for restrictions on the deed, plus look for any liens, or claims, which could be an encumbrance on the title. A claim could be unpaid bills to a contractor, or taxes due to the government. Once the title company has completed their research, they will issue a "Title Commitment" which lists all of the above detail on the property. If there are any liens or claims they will need to be cleared up at, or prior to, the closing. At this point you are wondering why is it necessary to buy title insurance if the title is found to be clear? This is necessary because you need

title insurance just in case the title company missed or didn't find an undiscovered claim. It could be due to an oversight, an unknown heir to the property, or fraud to name a few. Title insurance protects your investment and will work to resolve any title or ownership issues after closing. Now that you understand why you should purchase title insurance, you will need to understand how title insurance is purchased. At the closing, the title company will issue an "Owner's Policy" to the buyer. The "Owner's Policy" is a policy that protects the buyer of the property if there is a claim discovered after the closing. In general, it is customary for the seller to pay for

the "Owner's Policy". This is the seller's way of assuring the buyer that they are providing a clean title with no clouds or encumbrances attached to the property. In unusual situations, such as a foreclosure, the deed holder might refuse to provide an Owner's Policy to the buyer. This should be disclosed up front, prior to signing a sales contract. In this case, the buyer would incur the cost of obtaining the Owner's Policy.

You mentioned you have a lender so the title insurance charge you are seeing in your itemized closing costs would be the "Lender's Policy". This "Lender's Policy" is only issued if the buyers are using financing to purchase the home and is a policy that protects strictly the lender. All lenders will require a "Lender's Policy" as a condition of providing financing. The "Lender's Policy" is the buyer's expense. "The Lender's Policy" only covers the outstanding amount on the loan and that is why you might notice that the "Lender's Policy" is a lower cost

than the "Owner's Policy" that covers the entire sales price of the home. The information provided in this article does not, and is not intended to, constitute legal advice; instead, all information and content are for general informational purposes only. Tracy Rose is an Associate Broker with over 30 years of residential and commercial Real Estate experience. Do you have a question about Real Estate? Send it to Tracy at ask@tracyrose.net.

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## 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

Please consider a **minimum donation of \$15.00** to help support this effort. Checks payable to Washtenaw County.

Bring 4 tires for free. We suggest a donation of \$5 for each additional tire for labor costs. Only 10 tires or less per vehicle can be accepted.

Bring 1 TV, computer, or appliance for free. We suggest a donation of \$10 for each additional item.

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.

**This event is for Washtenaw County residents. Sorry, we can't accept materials from businesses or out-of-county residents.**

**Covid-19 Safety**

- ✓ Wear a mask during your visit
- ✓ Remain in your vehicle except to unload tires and scrap metal

For more information call 734-222-3950 or visit [www.washtenaw.org/cleanup](http://www.washtenaw.org/cleanup)

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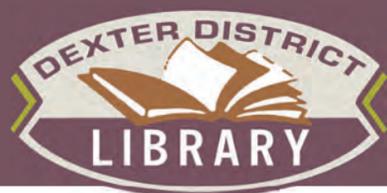
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# Dexter District Library 2021 Spring Events for Kids, Tweens and Teens



## 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.

**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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