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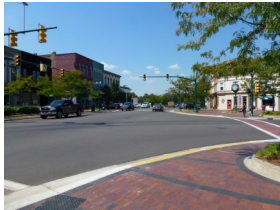
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New Plan for Dexter Streets



In May, the Road Committee presented its new plan for the Village's over 19 miles of streets to the Village Council. This

comprehensive plan uses current technology to rate the condition of Village streets, and proposes a new and innovative approach to improve and maintain them.

The rating system uses a scale from one to ten, with one being the lowest rating (needing total reconstruction) and ten being the highest rating (brand new). The current average rating for Village streets is about 5.2, and the goal is to bring this average rating up to at least a seven within the next three to five years. By bringing the ratings up to a seven, the result should be greatly lowered (or eliminated) future costs for reconstruction and replacement.

In order to fund the plan, Village Council intends to issue a ten-year road construction bond for \$800,000, to be paid for with a .5 mill increase in the Streets Millage (the Village currently levies approximately one mill less for streets than it is allowed to by

law). This 0.5 mill increase will cost the owner of \$200,000 home an additional \$50 per year.

The plan includes milling and laying a new surface of asphalt on 6.8 miles of streets, which is more than a third of the Village, in the first three years. The millings would then be recycled using new equipment purchased for the Department of Public Works, and used to stabilize alleys and shoulders. In addition, every street will be maintained by crack sealing, cape sealing, microsurfacing, or asphalt overlay in regular intervals.

Once the initial road projects are complete, funds (from the current millage rate) that are now going towards major repairs and reconstruction can be used instead for improvements such as sidewalks, storm water management, non-motorized paths, and other pedestrian and traffic flow improvements.

Please contact the Village Office at (734) 426-8303 if you have any questions about this plan. A public hearing on the millage rate is scheduled for June 9th at the regular Village Council meeting.

City Charter Update & Possible November Election

The draft City Charter is currently being reviewed by the Attorney General, and we hope to have the charter question on the November 2014 ballot.

On that ballot, registered voters would vote on both

Village and City elected positions. If the Charter does not pass, the current Village officials along with those elected in November would stay in office. If the Charter does pass, the City officials would govern the new City. Candidates may run for

both Village and City positions, and the filing deadline for all offices is July 22, 2014.

More information will be made available once the Attorney General finishes his review.

The Farmers Market is Open



Open May 3rd to
October 25th

Saturday - 8:00 am to
1:00 pm

Tuesday - 2:00 pm to
6:00 pm

This season Dexter Farmers Market is offering the Kidz Bidz entrepreneurship (starting a new business) in hopes to encourage young people to learn about what it takes to start a small business. If you have big ideas we would love you to bring them to the Farmers Market and take them to the next level. If you're ready to channel your inspiration into a new adventure or just simply have fun selling your products at the market, please contact the Village of Dexter at (734)426-8303 x 10 for additional information.

Please come and support our local vendors this season. You will find homemade baked goods, locally grown fruits and produce, fresh eggs, maple syrup and granola, biscuits and gravy, coffee, handmade organic soaps, balms and oils, perennials, annuals, flower baskets, handcrafted porcelain pottery, handcrafted knit and crochet items and more.



Property Tax Information



Tax Bills: Village tax bills will be mailed to all taxpayers on or around July 1st. If you do not receive a bill, please contact the Treasurer at (734) 426-8303 x 14. Tax information is also available on line at www.DexterMI.gov/taxes.

Summer Tax Deferments: Residents who are 62 years of age or older;

paraplegic or quadriplegic, an eligible serviceperson, veteran, widow or widower; blind; or totally and permanently disabled and whose 2013 income was less than \$40,000 may file a request to defer payment of summer taxes, without penalty, until 2014. Applicants *must* file a form with both the Village and the appropriate township to defer all taxes. The form is available at www.DexterMI.gov/taxes.

Veterans Exemption: Veterans who have been determined by the Veterans Administration to be 100% totally and permanently disabled are eligible for an exemption from property taxes. To request this exemption, please contact your appropriate township assessor's office. It is not necessary to file any forms with the Village to receive this exemption.

Fiscal Year 2014-2015 Budget



The Village is in the process of developing the Fiscal Year 2014-2015 budget. This process spans several months and includes steps such as the development of community-wide goals and

objectives; development and adoption of a five-year capital improvements plan; long-term forecasting; and service provision.

Individual budgets are adopted for general

governmental activity, streets maintenance and construction, sewer activities, water activities, and other functions such as debt payments and internal equipment funds.

The public hearing on the 2014-2015 budget will be held on June 9th at the regular Village Council meeting. The draft budget is available for review on the Village website under "Budget and Finance".



Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival

Artists Converge From Every Direction Toward Dexter

AUGUST 11-16
Painting Competition Open to All Artists
 Art Exhibits and Sale
 Kenneth Cadwallader, presenting judge
 Presented by Dexter Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee



www.dextermi.gov/arts

The Dexter Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee is hosting the 2nd Annual Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival August 11-16, 2014. We are calling all artists to join in for five days of outdoor painting in and around Dexter.

If you are an appreciator of art, this will provide a wonderful opportunity to meet the artists and observe them at work in our community and surrounding areas as they commit their unique vision to canvas and paper. The Dexter area offers the outdoor painter numerous charming subjects from which to draw inspiration, including parks, meadows, rivers, wetlands, wildlife, historical landmarks and architecture.

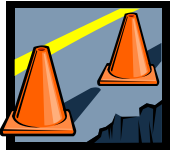
We will also be welcoming an award winning judge, Kenneth Cadwallader who will be judging both the Plein Air and Quick Draw events.

Save the date. Plan to join in on the festivities under the canopy tent in Monument Park. The schedule of events is as follows:

Monday, August 11	8:00am	Artists Check-In at Tent in Monument Park and commence painting in Dexter and the surrounding area until artwork is due Friday morning. The public is invited to observe artists at work from Monday morning through Friday morning.
	7:00pm	History of Plein Air Painting Presentation, Dexter District Library, 3255 Alpine Street.
Wednesday, August 13	2:00-7:00pm	Children's Event—Painting in the Park
Thursday, August 14	5:00-8:00pm	"An Evening With The Artists", Exclusive Art Exhibit and Sale in Monument Park. Tickets \$25 per person. Pre-sale ticket info at www.dextermi.gov/arts
Friday, August 15	9:30am-12:30pm	Quick-Draw Competition: Artists create a painting in 3 hours.
	2:00pm-4:00pm	Judging
	2:00pm-8:00pm	WET PAINT SILENT AUCTION SALE Artwork on display in tent gallery and available for sale by Silent Auction, ending at 2:30pm on Saturday.
	5:30pm	Awards Ceremony
Saturday, August 16	9am-2:30pm	WET PAINT SILENT AUCTION SALE Artwork on display in tent gallery and available for sale by Silent Auction
	10am-2pm	Children's Event-Chalk Art in the Park
	10am-11am	DIA Pop-up Art Walk lead by Martha Girsch. Meet at statue in Monument Park.
	12:30pm-2pm	Dexter Symphony Orchestra Performance, Tent Gallery Light Refreshments
	2:30pm	WET PAINT SILENT AUCTION ENDS

For more information, please visit www.DexterMI.gov/arts

Road Construction to Start in June



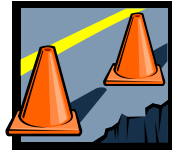
Ann Arbor Street

Construction will begin the week of June 9th on Ann Arbor Street from Kensington to Baker after the school year has officially ended. During the first phase (approximately 4 to 5 weeks until mid-July) of the project, the contractor will be focusing on new water main installation and utility work. Residents will receive notices from the Village prior to any temporary water shutoffs as the contractor works to reconnect the homes to the new water main. New storm sewer, electrical improvements and curb replacement are also planned during this first phase. Traffic will be maintained in both directions along Ann Arbor Street during the utility installations, although the on-street parking from Dover to Kensington will not be available on Ann Arbor

Street. Residents are advised to please drive slowly through the construction zone.

As the project transitions from utility work to roadway and crosswalk work in mid to late July, the contractor will set up a series of detours. While the roadway is being reconstructed, Ann Arbor Street will not be open to through traffic. The detour plan will be phased such that drivers will be able to cross Ann Arbor Street at either Hudson or Inverness, but there will be no through traffic along Ann Arbor Street from Baker to Kensington for approximately one month from mid July through early August. The decorative crosswalks that are planned will need time to be formed, poured and cured. The Crosswalks will be enhanced in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Our goal is to complete the Ann Arbor Street project

and have the roadway open to traffic prior to Dexter Daze. The Village is receiving \$400,000 in federal transportation funding towards completion of this project.



Central Street – Second Street to Third Street

Central Street will be reconstructed between Second Street and Third Street starting in late July. In order to expedite this project, Central will be closed between Third and Second for approximately four to five weeks. Central will not be closed until Ann Arbor Street has been reopened to traffic. The roadway portion of Central Street should be completed and open to traffic in mid-September, with restoration work to follow. The project will include drainage improvements, a new roadway and electrical work as a continuation of the

Central Street streetscape that was completed two years ago from the Mast Road Bridge to Second Street. Drivers will be detoured around the construction area using Fourth Street, Broad and Huron Street. Truck Traffic will be detoured along Second Street and Hudson Street. Access to the Dexter Mill will be maintained via Third Street from Broad Street. The Village is using \$200,000 in State funding toward the reconstruction of Central Street.

Residents/businesses in both project areas will be receiving notifications throughout the construction process. All Village Residents will continue to receive general project updates regarding the status of the projects/detours via the Village's website, email update and facebook page.

Village Receives Safe Routes to Schools Grant



In November 2013, the Village received word that it was successful in obtaining \$216,000.00 in

construction dollars for Safe Routes to School funding for several projects within the Village limits. The various projects include the following:

Construction of a mid-block crossing with a pedestrian refuge island on

Baker Road immediately north of the Bates School Driveway.

Construction of sidewalk on the east side of Baker Road between Dan Hoey and the existing sidewalk at Bates Elementary School as well as improvements at the Baker/Dan Hoey intersection.

Construction of sidewalk connecting an existing bike path on the north side of

Dan Hoey near the St. Joseph Cemetery to the rear of Bates Elementary School.

Construction of a concrete sidewalk between Lexington Drive and the DAPCO Industries easterly property line and reconstruction of portions of Dan Hoey Road to allow for a mid-block pedestrian crossing.

The projects are expected to be constructed in late summer 2014.

Village Meetings

Village Council

7:30 p.m. at the
Dexter Senior Center
7720 Ann Arbor Street

June 9, 2014
June 23, 2014
July 14, 2014
July 28, 2014
August 11, 2014
August 25, 2014

Planning Commission
7:30 p.m. at the
Dexter Senior Center
7720 Ann Arbor Street

June 2, 2014
July 7, 2014
August 4, 2014

Parks & Recreation
Commission
7:00 p.m. at the
Village Offices
8123 Main Street

June 17, 2014
July 15, 2014
August 19, 2014

Downtown Development
Authority
7:30 a.m. at the
Dexter Senior Center
7720 Ann Arbor Street

June 19, 2014
July 17, 2014
August 21, 2014

Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee

7:00 p.m. at the
Dexter Senior Center
7720 Ann Arbor Street

June 3, 2014
July 1, 2014
August 5, 2014

Interested in serving your community? We are soliciting applications for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). The position must be filled by a resident of the DDA District. An application form can be downloaded from the Village website.

Grass Clippings

Please do not blow grass clippings into the street when mowing your lawn. These clippings travel into our storm sewer system which can cause the drains to clog. If you have a landscaping company that mows your lawn please pass this information along to them.

Waste Management



Holiday Schedule: As a reminder, Waste Management will pick up one day late on the following holiday weeks: Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Recycle Stickers: Residents can put their recyclables out on Friday in up to a 32 gallon trash can with a recycle sticker. The stickers can be picked up at the Village Office (8123 Main – 2nd floor of the PNC) or requested via e-mail to cnicholls@dextermi.gov or by phone to (734)426-8303.

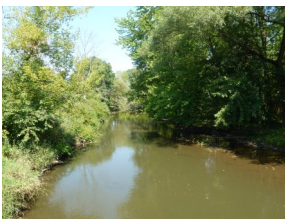


Water Restrictions: Once again, the Village has put into place

outdoor watering restrictions for the summer months. Residents and businesses with even street numbers should water on even days, and those with odd street numbers should water on odd days.

Be a Poop Scooper: Warm weather brings people and their furry friends out to enjoy our neighborhoods and parks. If you are walking your dog, please make sure that you pick up after your pet so that others don't end up stepping into a mess. It will keep our parks and neighborhoods a friendlier place for everyone. Thanks!

Be Careful What You Flush!



Most of us don't think too much about where things go after we flush, but what we put down

our toilets and sinks can harm our sewage system and our environment. Fat, oil, grease, "flushable wipes", paper, etc. not only clog pipes, which can result in sewer leaks onto land or into our waterways, they could also clog the pipes in your home.

Here are a few tips on those pesky fats, oils and greases:

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scrape food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Pour fats, oils and grease into a container such as an empty jar or coffee can. Once the materials

have cooled and solidified and the container is full, secure the lid and place it in the trash.

- Don't put grease down garbage disposals. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain baskets/strainers into your compost cart (or kitchen composter) or trash for disposal.

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