

Hello Residents and Council,

I hope everyone had a great Labor Day weekend. I visited some family for a long weekend, so my report is somewhat shorter than usual.

Here is my report of recent activities and my calendar of planned Dexter activities looking ahead:

Mayor's Thoughts

This is a slight carryover from my previous report, but now that the Roundabouts on Baker Road are complete, I would again like to thank all the residents of Dexter and the residents of communities that surround us for their patience during this busy summer construction season. There have been a great many road construction projects completed in and around Dexter this summer. While I know there has been some inconvenience to all, I just wanted to say thank you to all the drivers for their patience as these projects have been completed. Please remember to take your time driving through town, in the neighborhoods and near schools. With school back in session, we will be seeing an increase in the number of kids riding and biking to and from school. We will also see many buses on the streets. Please do not crowd the buses and remember that they will be stopping frequently. Finally, please be patient as you drive the newly opened Baker Road corridor. Thank you!

My second topic is the subject of New City Offices – I look forward to future Council discussions on how we can improve our City offices. I feel our need for new space for City Offices is very important. We have simply outgrown the space above the PNC Bank building and we need to find another home for our governmental functions. We now have 7 full time staff with the recent addition of an assistant planner to help our community development/code enforcement office. Please help us welcome Mr. Mike Auerbach to our team!

With the new staff addition, more than ever before, we need additional space for daily functions and conferences. Our staff deserve an improved working environment. Members of our Council previously toured the Copeland Building and portions of the Old St. Joseph Church property to learn about the potential of these two properties. Council is currently waiting for a report from our Architect on whether either of those properties could be re-purposed for our use. Ultimately, we are looking for the best long term use of all properties under all scenarios. We are evaluating all options, whether lease or purchase, including the possibility of new City offices in the Monument Park building, or as part of the 3045 Broad Street discussions that we are having with Norfolk Development. We previously looked at several options for how to modify the 8140 Main Street property to include city offices there. My goal will continue to be to work toward a comprehensive set of options for review with the public. We aren't there yet, but I expect Council will continue working toward this. We will continue to work together as a Council to find cost effective solutions.

Recent Activities & Meetings

August 27, 2018 – Washtenaw County HAZMAT Golf Outing

Upcoming Activities

September 10, 2018 – City Council meeting

September 12, 2018 – 3045 Broad Committee meeting

September 13, 2018 – Huron River Watershed Council – SUDS on the River Fundraiser

September 19, 2019 – WATS Policy Committee Meeting

September 20, 2018 – Dexter Downtown Development Authority meeting

September 20, 2018 – Dexter Area Fire Department meeting

September 24, 2018 – City Council meeting

I hope everyone is having a great week and I look forward to seeing you around our town. 😊

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