

Hello Residents and Council,

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

Update on Pedestrian Safety efforts with Dexter Community Schools

Our next meeting with representatives of the Dexter Community Schools (DCS) is tentatively set for March 13, 2019. At our latest meeting with school representatives on February 12, 2019, we had another productive discussion. We discussed a broader view on how to improve the overall safety at crosswalks in the City, including those that the schools had identified in their report. There is more work and cooperation to come on this between all agencies.

Goal Setting Session #2

As a reminder, March 23rd is the date for our second Council Goal Setting Session. This goal setting session will be held at the Senior Center at 9 am.

Town Hall meeting to discuss upgrading our current City Offices and Fire Station

We have established Saturday, April 27th as the date for a public meeting to get input on the City's ideas for upgrading our fire station and city offices.

Appointment Recommendations – Student Representatives

We have received 8 applications from students interested in serving as non-voting members on our various Boards and Commissions. I have thanked all of them for their applications and reviewed their area of interest. I have spoken or met with most of the 8 students so far and anticipate that I will have spoken with all of them by the March 11th City Council meeting (if not before). Based on the applications received, their areas of interest, and the conversations I have had with them, I am formally recommending the following students to serve as student representatives as follows:

-) Andrew Covert and Isabella Malek to serve as student City Council members
-) Nicholas Williamson and Adam Hauser to serve as student Parks & Recreation Commission members
-) Sophia Grant and Morgan Marsh to serve as student Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee members
-) Alex Gilbert and Arion Sunstrum to serve as student Planning Commission members

The consent agenda contains an item with these recommendations. My thought is that students could begin serving officially from April 2019 through June 2020.

Recent Activities & Meetings

February 27, 2019 – Meeting with Waste Management representative Pat Greve

March 1, 2019 – Meeting with MAVD representative Jeff Harsche regarding potential purchase of property as directed by City Council

March 1, 2019 – Meeting with Scio Township Trustee David Read regarding Scio Township's non-motorized pathway plans and how they can connect to the City's non-motorized trail network.

March 4, 2019 – SE Michigan Asset Management Team meeting

Upcoming Activities

March 8, 2019 – Website Committee meeting

March 11, 2019 – City Council meeting

March 21, 2019 – Downtown Development Authority meeting

March 21, 2019 – Dexter Area Fire Board meeting

March 23, 2019 - City Council Goal Setting Session #2

March 25, 2019 – City Council meeting

There are approximately two weeks until Spring! Please remember to drive slowly in the City and to yield to pedestrians whenever possible. As the weather warms up, there will certainly be an increase in pedestrian and bicycle activity. Thank you for driving carefully!

I look forward to seeing you around our town. 😊

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