

Dexter Township “in the loop” April 2022

COMPOSTING QUESTIONS:

Graduate students from the University of Michigan are collaborating with Washtenaw County to better understand composting efforts (e.g., yard waste, food scraps). They want to understand what is working well and not working well, in addition to understanding residents' habits. The students are requesting to speak to Dexter Township residents virtually. They are looking for a range of experience levels (never done it before, beginner or pro), familiarity, opinions, and more. If you are interested, please reach out to brownjk@umich.edu (Jillian Brown) to schedule a time to speak. Your assistance and feedback are greatly appreciated.

MULTI LAKE SEWER WATER AUTHORITY:

MLSWA is currently developing bids for Dexter Township to replace pumps at Copper Meadows and Silver Lake Associations. Earlier this year the Board of Trustees authorized an expenditure of \$70,000 from the American Rescue Plan Funds to improve our aging capital equipment. Maintenance on our wastewater treatment plant is constantly in need. Please remember to NOT flush rags, wipes, grease or other materials into the sewer system and grinder pumps. When in doubt, please don't. Attached is an article for your review to gain a greater understanding or the effects this has on our sewer system. Thank you.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP ROADS:

At April's Board of Trustees meeting, the vote was taken to approve the 2022-23 budget for road improvement. The contract with Washtenaw County Road Commission has been signed and work is earmarked to begin this year. Additionally, approval was given to develop a road improvement committee. We currently have 8 volunteers interested in joining this committee, to help move our road projects forward through quarterly meetings. Should you have any questions, please email Trustee Sikkenga at ksikkenga@dextertownship.org with questions regarding our roads.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP MASTER PLAN:

The Master Plan Steering Committee continues to move forward. A full survey questionnaire is under development and will be sent to residents to gain insights to the

stance of our community members. Existing land use, discussion on land preservation, demographics, single hauler trash and more will be included in this survey.

DEXTER TOWNSHIP SEEKS EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT FOR A NEW POSITION:

Since we lost one part time office manager and another is set to retire later this year, Dexter Township will begin a search for a new full time executive administrative assistant. The position seeks a highly organized and detail driven individual to assist in supporting our governmental office, township residents and staff. Core duties and responsibilities include (but not limited to): interfacing with Township residents and coordinate concerns appropriately, prepare communication documents, coordinate and prepare monthly board packets, assist with maintaining the Township communications, project tracking and/or management of multiple projects, general office duties (answering phones, greeting visitors, scheduling, preparing request for proposals, record maintenance, facility oversight, Freedom of Information requests, publication of hearings, meetings, publications and interfacing with vendors. Interested? Please send your resume to Dexter Township at 6880 Dexter Pinckney Rd, Dexter, MI 48130.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS SALARIES:

Pay raises for executive board member positions were discussed and approved at the April Board of Trustees meeting. Annual salaries of \$37,140 were increased to \$38,254 for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer positions, allowing for a 3% increase. Additional conversations were had regarding completing a competitive salary wage study to be able to attract future residents to become involved. Should salary adjustments for board member positions be warranted, the increases would take effect following the 2024 election cycle. Since nothing will change until after the 2024 election cycle, this topic will be discussed in greater detail in upcoming months.

CLEAN UP DAY – BULK ITEMS AND SCRAP METAL

Mark your calendars – Saturday, **MAY 14th** from 9am-noon in the Township Hall parking lot we will have four large dumpsters for your use to dispose of those large bulky items, such as couches, chairs, mattresses, garden furniture and more. Also, scrap metal will be accepted on that day – BBQ's, engines (please remove gas and oil), batteries, metal shelves, and more. Should you have any questions, please email info@dextertownship.org for clarification of items accepted. A donation of \$5 per vehicle is suggested to help cover costs. See you there!

Finally, please share the information and enrollment process for our "in the loop" email list with neighbors or friends in Dexter Township. We want to develop the ability to communicate and share information directly with our residents. You are always welcome to send questions or comments to info@dextertownship.org or any Board member, all email addresses are listed on the dextertownship.org website. Residents can enroll "in the loop"

by completing the four boxes on the bottom of the front page of the Dexter Township website or send name, email address and phone number to info@dextertownship.org. And should you wish to unsubscribe, please send "unsubscribe" to the info@dextertownship.org email address (we hope not).

Thank you, stay tuned and best regards –

Karen Nolte
Trustee