

Dexter Township “in the loop” October 2022

Happy Fall to all – just a couple updates for “in the loop” this week.

First, we are seeking volunteers to help with the Fall Dexter Township Clean Up Day, Saturday, October 29th from 8:15 to noon. If you are interested in helping (direct traffic, unload electrics from cars, etc) please drop a message to info@dextertownship.org. The more volunteers we have, the more cars we can process during the three hours – We sure hope you can join us.

Second, we ask that recyclers DO NOT LEAVE ANY FILM/PLASTIC outside the orange bin in the townhall parking lot. Additionally, DO NOT LEAVE ANY STYROFOAM in the parking lot outside of published collection dates. The next date for Styrofoam is during clean up day, October 29th. We cannot have loose articles blowing in the parking lot, contaminating the woods and near by neighbors, or attracting pests. The township does not have the resources currently to collect, store, and transport material outside of posted collection dates. We would appreciate your support.

Third, an update, below, on the Washtenaw County Broadband Project (including Dexter Township) - some of the timelines seem a long way off, but please remember, as Chris states in his update, maps will be updated in real time as the project continues. There is forward movement!

BROADBAND UPDATE FROM WASHTENAW COUNTY PROJECT MANAGER:

Hi Everyone,

You are receiving this email because you have been active in the development of the Washtenaw County Broadband Gap filling project or have inquired about it through various channels. It took longer to get this project started than anyone anticipated this year, but it is now underway. To help all residents follow the progress, we have created an interactive map that can be searched for your address, or just navigate to it. Click on your parcel and it will provide information about who the internet service provider will be, an estimated completion date, and a link to the providers website. Many of the schedules are still be worked on and updated, so please don't be alarmed if you see a date that is a few years away. All of the target dates will be updated as we get closer to your

areas. Keep in mind, there are about 8,000 homes we are working on reaching, which is going to take more than 1,000 miles of fiber optic cabling. The map will be updated as new areas are activated.

[Washtenaw Broadband Gap Filling Project \(arcgis.com\)](#)

[Washtenaw County Broadband Answers | Facebook](#)

In addition to these links, you can also access the map through the Washtenaw County MapWashtenaw project at [MapWashtenaw | Washtenaw County, MI](#). Go to the layers tab and click on the “Broadband Gap Project”. Both of these map links will be updated in realtime as the project progresses.

Feel free to share these links with others, and you can also reply directly to this email if you have specific questions that these links cannot answer. A couple of notes though, I cannot provide information on what the rates will be, you will need to contact the providers directly (links are available in the pop-ups on the maps). Also, there are five providers that will be building these networks, and three funding programs. Two of the programs, RDOF and CMIC are managed directly between either the federal or state governments and the respective service providers, but we will be tracking them on the maps. The third program is ARPA, which we are managing, and has been funded through a unanimous approval from your County Board of Commissioners. Please keep in mind though, that much of the ARPA plans are for filling the gaps that were missed by the other two and may be dependent on those parts of the systems to be completed first (which is why we are tracking all of the programs as a single project). Your patience is greatly appreciated, and as always, please feel free to reach out to me directly if you can't find your answers through these other channels.

Thanks

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We hope everyone has a fantastic fall season and we invite you to attend any of the Board of Trustee meetings, the next one will be Tuesday, October 18th at 6pm