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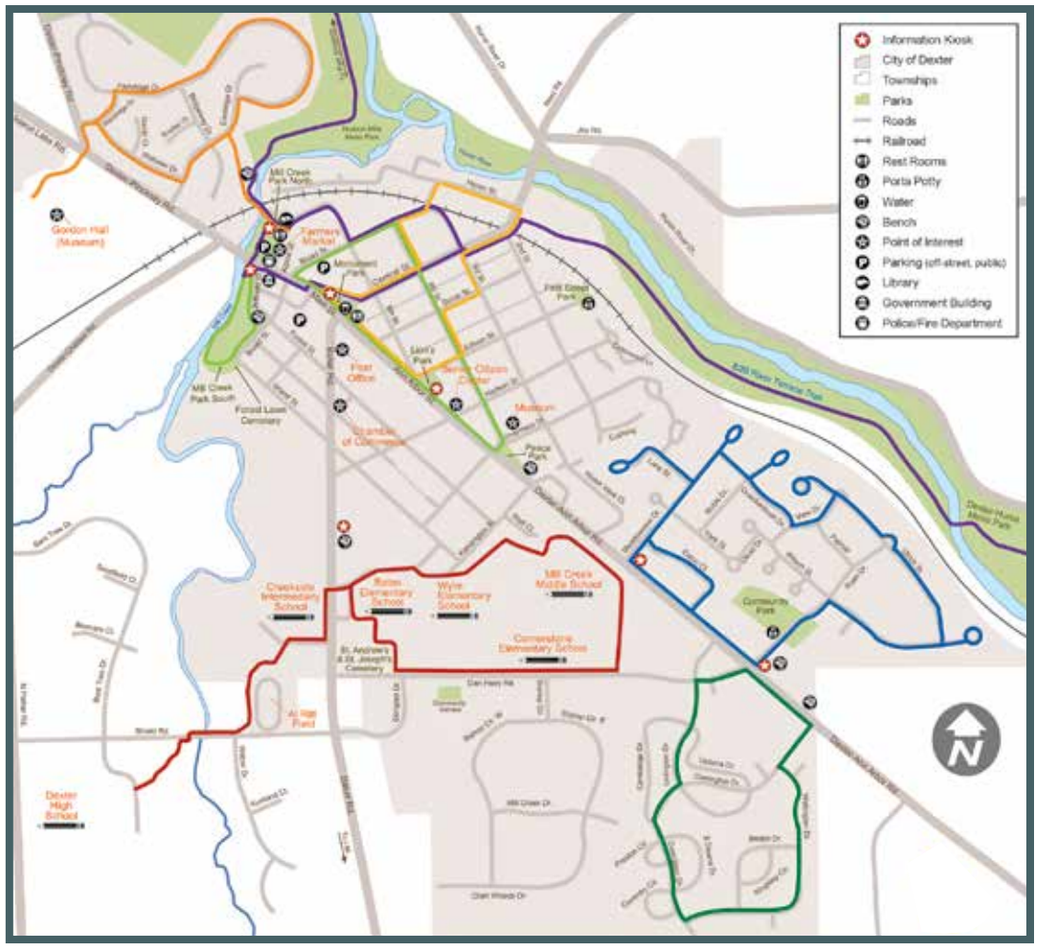

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The City of Dexter

The City of Dexter is located in Southeast Michigan, along the banks of the Huron River and Mill Creek. A walk through the unique, historic downtown offers visitors the opportunity to experience nostalgic small town America only minutes from Ann Arbor. Enjoy a friendly and inviting shopping experience, dine at one of the many great restaurants, or marvel at the historically preserved homes in the area.

A day in Dexter also awards visitors the opportunity to experience and enjoy nature. Take a trip from Mill Creek down the gently winding Huron River; a walk through marvelous nature trails; or ride a bike on the County Border-to-Border Trail. Visitors may walk, paddle or bike to several Huron-Clinton Metroparks that flank Dexter, including Hudson-Mills, Dexter-Huron, and Delhi.

The Dexter area also boasts a wealth of cultural amenities, including numerous festivals, a local theatre, the Dexter Historical Museum, summer concerts, ice skating in the winter, and beautiful parks.

Small Town. Lots to Enjoy.

DEXTER IN Numbers

Area:
1.931 mi²

Zip code:
48130

Population:
4,828

Dexter became
Michigan's newest City
in **November 2014!**

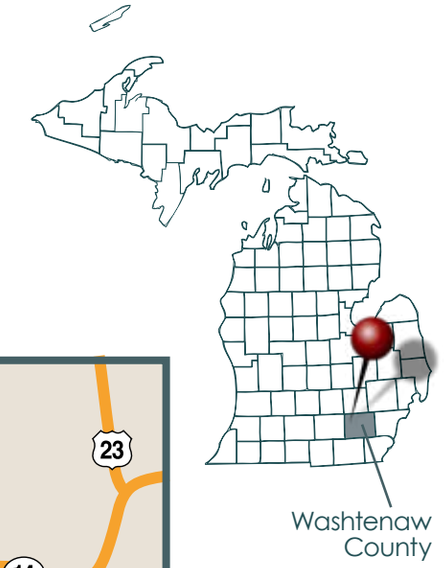
Dexter has immediate access to
the **104-mile** Huron River Trail!

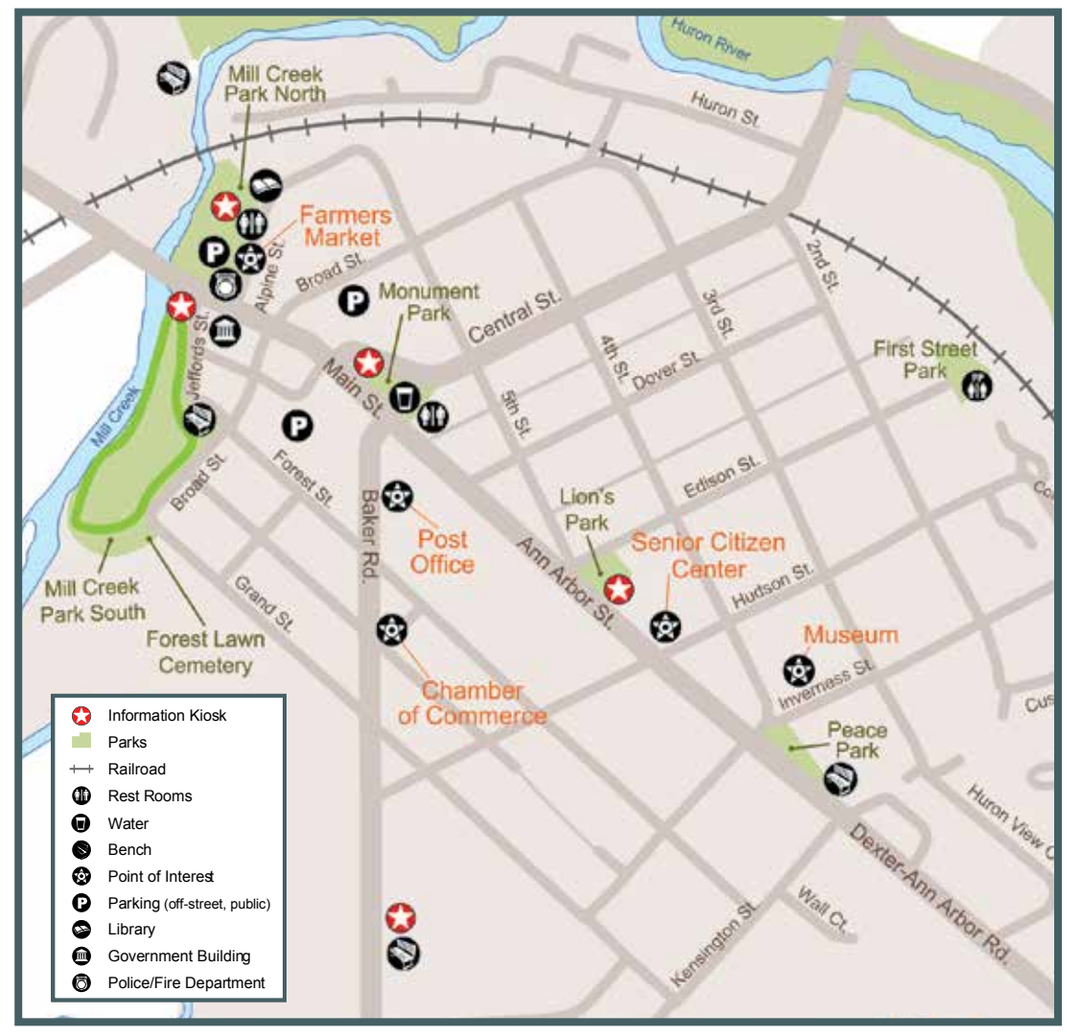
14 Parks:
6 municipal, **5** school, & **3** local,
that total **118.39 acres**.

Named a Tree City by the Arbor Day
Foundation for the last **7 years!**

Dexter has over **40 miles**
of non-motorized pathways!

DEXTER Maps





Dexter History

Although Dexter became Michigan's newest City in November of 2014, it has a rich and vibrant history. Formerly known as a Village, Dexter was founded in 1824 by Judge Samuel W. Dexter.

Dexter's picturesque downtown retains the character of the old village. The traditional multiple-story mixed-use architecture of the downtown harmonizes with buildings that show Dexter's history as a farming community, creating a marvelous opportunity to reconnect to our heritage and cultural roots.

In 1824, Judge Samuel W. Dexter purchased land in Webster and Scio Townships in Washtenaw County, on which he founded the Village of Dexter.

Judge Dexter's estate, now known as "Gordon Hall,"sits on a hill overlooking downtown. It was purchased in 2006 by the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum, and restoration is underway.

For more information visit
dexterhistory.org

Shop

Enjoy Dexter where the hustle and bustle of the big city evaporates when you enter our relaxed scenic atmosphere. Dexter is located only 15 minutes west of Ann Arbor, and is a perfect get-away. The City has three shopping corridors, each with its own flavor and style. The Baker Road and Dexter Ann Arbor Road Corridors are located within walking or biking distance from downtown.

For detailed list of retail shops, see page 14

Downtown Corridor

Main Street is home to many thriving shops, small businesses, and restaurants. The unique, historic downtown offers a friendly and inviting experience for residents and visitors of all ages. Here you will find Monument Park, red decorative paver sidewalks, and free parking. From Main Street, visitors can walk to many of the City's attractions, including the Border-to-Border Trail, Hudson-Mills Metropark, Mill Creek Park, and the Dexter Farmers Market.

Highlights include
Flower shops, home goods, craft stores, technology shops, recreation, exercise, dance studios, barber shops, galleries, a hardware store, several restaurants, ice cream shops, a theatre, fly shop, churches, and a fantastic bakery.

Baker Road Corridor

Directly accessible from I-94, this corridor is currently undergoing a transformation that started in 2010 with the construction of the Dexter Pharmacy.

Highlights include
The City's Post Office, an automotive supply store, bike shop, barbershop, a photography studio, and a fitness center.

Dexter Ann Arbor Road Corridor

This corridor has recently experienced several large scale projects including the newly reconstructed LaFontaine Chevrolet, Busch's Shopping Center, and the Dexter Crossing Mall.

Highlights include
Several restaurants, a card shop, a coffee shop, a University of Michigan Health Center, St. Joseph Health Center, a day care center, and two banks.

Unique. Boutique. Relaxing.

Dine

Dexter offers a wide variety of delicious dining options, including everything from high-end to down-home eateries.

For detailed list, see page 15

In Dexter, you will find AMAZING

Michigan Suds

Dexter has embraced Michigan's thriving craft beer industry. Northern United Brewing Company's Null Tap House offers beer brewed on-site by Jolly Pumpkin, Grizzly Peak, and North Peak breweries. Dexter-grown Jolly Pumpkin is known world-wide for their award-winning artisan beers. Visitors can sample a variety of Michigan-brewed beers at The Beer Grotto, Dexter Pub, Red Brick Kitchen & Bar, Terry B's, and Aubree's.

Nostalgia

Dexter's A&W, Dairy Queen and Dexter Bakery offer visitors the opportunity to bring back the 1950s. At the A&W, waitresses serve patrons eagerly waiting in their vehicles at their traditional drive-in style restaurant. Meanwhile, the Dairy Queen and the Dexter Bakery offer families the opportunity to stroll through downtown with a delicious ice cream cone or doughnut in one hand and a shopping bag in the other.

Dexter Cider Mill

Opening in 1886, the Dexter Cider Mill is the oldest continuously operating cider mill in Michigan. Today they make cider the same way it was made 120 years ago by using an oak rack press. Using locally grown, hand picked apples and blending 3-5 different varieties in every pressing, makes each press unique. The Cider Mill attracts thousands of visitors from August through Mid-November.

Play

Dexter is a vibrant community and an award-winning hub of recreation. Dexter's location along the Huron River, Mill Creek, and Washtenaw County's Border-to-Border Trail offers visitors a variety of recreational opportunities, including biking, canoeing, kayaking, fishing, walking, and hiking.

Walkability

Dexter residents love walking. Visitors to downtown Dexter can take advantage of the community's expansive sidewalk and trail system to walk to the Farmers Market, the Library, the Cider Mill, several of the community's parks, and many other key locations.

Border-to-Border Trail

The Washtenaw County B2B Trail is a marvelous contribution to recreational pursuits in the area. The path, designed to provide interconnectivity to the regional trail system and connect people to nature, is a non-motorized shared-use path that is planned to cover approximately 35 expansive miles. The Trail is also a link in the chain for the Iron Belle Trail, which is planned to extend from Belle Isle in the Lower Peninsula to Iron Mountain in the Upper Peninsula. The Trail runs through the heart of downtown Dexter, and connects to both Hudson-Mills & Dexter-Huron Metroparks.

Trail Town

The Huron River has received the distinction of being named a National Water Trail - one of only 18 water trails in the United States. Dexter is situated where Mill Creek flows into the Huron River, and provides several ideal launching points for paddlers. Restored habitat and water features provide for an exciting journey down Mill Creek towards the Huron River. The Huron River Watershed Council has designated Dexter a "Trail Town" - one of only five communities in southeast Michigan to receive this honor. Paddlers can venture off the trail to enjoy scenery, sample local fare, and experience the heritage and character of downtown Dexter.

Mill Creek Park

The City completed construction of Mill Creek Park and its associated trail and boardwalk in 2012. It has since won numerous awards for its beauty, design, and walkability. The removal of Dexter's Mill Pond Dam impoundment in 2009 allowed the water of Mill Creek to flow freely once again. The City is proud to provide an opportunity to create a unique people-friendly space that is Mill Creek Park.

Art. Beauty. Music.

Arts, Culture, & Heritage

The City of Dexter is a leader in promoting arts and culture. The community proudly hosts the Encore Musical Theatre, the Dexter District Library, the Dexter Area Historical Society and Museum, the Dexter Community Orchestra, Dexter Community Band, and the Community Players. Around town, visitors will also find the Dexter Art Gardens rotating sculpture displays and the annual Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival (in August).

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Paint DEXTER Plein Air Festival

The term "plein air" refers to painting or drawing outdoors with the intent of capturing the living beauty of nature, or man-made objects seen in their natural settings, in a direct, spontaneous manner. Every August, Dexter hosts a festival and painting competition focused on this theme.

For more information visit
paintdexter.org

Shopping

3 Bird
8060 Main St.
734.424.9140

Artistica
3203 Broad St.
734.426.1500

Boxwood Cottage
3216 Alpine St.
734.580.2069

Busch's Fresh Food Market
7080 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734.426.9600

Country Market
7001 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734.424.9600

Dexter Bike and Sport
3173 Baker Rd.
734.426.5900

Dexter Farmers Market
3233 Alpine St.
734.426.8303

Dexter Mill
3515 Central St.
734.426.4621

Dexter Picture Frame
8063 Main St.
734.426.1581

Dexter Print & Stitch
3170 Baker Rd.
734.580.2181

Dexter Spice House
3215 Central St.
734.904.7290

Dexter Pharmacy
2820 Baker Rd.
734.426.1600

GNC
7047 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734.424.9980

Hallmark
7067 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734.424.2962

Hackney Ace Hardware
8105 Main St.
734.426.4009

Hearts and Flowers
8111 Main St.
734.426.3025

Marathon
8135 Main St.
734.426.5007

Mary Ann's Country Store
3212 Alpine St.
734.426.8614

Mobil
7177 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734.426.0690

Mugg and Bopps
2940 Baker Rd.
734.426.4075

The Painted Trout
7940 Ann Arbor St.
734.580.2102

Vision Source
8089 Main St.
734.424.9230

Watchtower Comics & Collectibles
8066 Main St.
734.580.2245

Dining

A&W
8220 Dexter-Chelsea Rd.
734.426.4427

Aubree's Bar & Grill
8031 Main St.
734.424.1400

Barred Rock Café
7049 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734-424-0900

The Beer Grotto
8059 Main St.
734.253.2194

Classic Pizza
8015 Huron St.
734.426.1900

Cottage Inn
3219 Broad St.
734.426.5110

Dairy Queen
8041 Main St.
734.426.8647

Dexter Bakery
8101 Main St.
734.426.3848

Dexter Cider Mill
3685 Central St.
734.426.8531

Dexter Creamery
8106 Main St.
734-619-7700

Dexter Pub
8114 Main St.
734.426.1234

Food Zone
7023 Dexter Ann Arbor Rd.
734.426.3410

Hotel Hickman
8050 Main St.
734.646.6261

Jet's Pizza
7011 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734.424.9810

Joe and Rosie Coffee and Tea
8074 MainSt.
734.253.2344

NULL Taphouse
2319 Bishop Circle E.
734.792.9124

Red Brick Kitchen & Bar
8093 Main St.
734.424.0420

Riverview Café
8124 Main St.
734.388.6028

Subway
8135 Main St.
734.426.5007

Subway
7050 Dexter-Ann Arbor Rd.
734.253.2525

Sushi Time
7050 Dexter Ann-Arbor Rd.
734.253.2581

Terry B's
7954 Ann Arbor St.
734.426.3727

Wings N Things
3320 Broad St.
734.426.7754

Events

APRIL

Easter Eggstravaganza
dextermi.gov

MAY

Memorial Day Parade
Last Monday in May
dextermemorialdayparade.com

MAY – OCTOBER

Dexter Farmers Market
Saturdays & Tuesdays
dextermi.gov/farmers-market

JUNE – SEPTEMBER

Gordon Hall Days
dexterhistory.org

Summer Music Series
Fridays
dexterchamber.org/events.html

AUGUST

Dexter Daze
dexterchamber.org/events.html

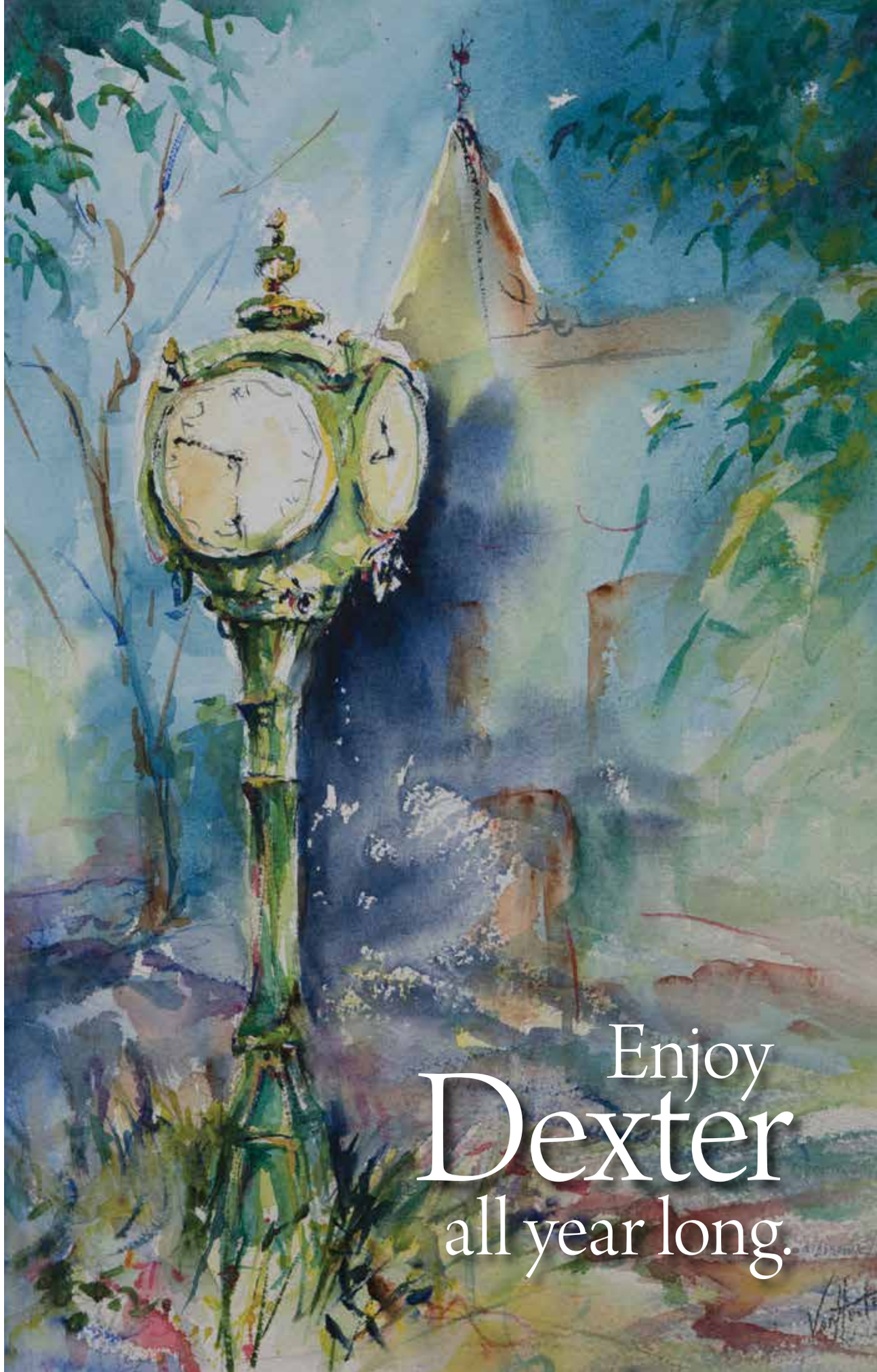
Plein Air Festival
paintdexter.org

OCTOBER

Apple Daze
dexterlions.org

Dexter Homecoming Parade
dexterschools.org

DECEMBER

Christmas at the Mansion
dexterhistory.org

Holiday Hustle 5K
dexterchamber.org/events.html