



PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING/FACILITIES UPDATE

July 12, 2022

An aerial photograph of a park. On the left, a large body of water (a lake or pond) is visible. In the middle ground, a gazebo with a purple roof sits on a wooden platform in the water. To the right of the gazebo, a paved path winds through a green lawn. In the foreground, a parking lot contains three cars: a white car, a blue car, and a silver car. The background shows more trees and a distant horizon under a cloudy sky.

AGENDA

- Programming by City Facility
- Calendar of Events
- Community Event Policy
- Park System Opportunities

YPSILANTI FREIGHTHOUSE

Since the Freighthouse adopted a community events policy in August 2021 we have hosted the following free events:

- Frog Island Jazz Series (Rained Out 8/21)
- Red Cross Blood Drive (8/21)
- First Fridays (9/21)
- Ypsi Glow (10/21)
- Warming Center (11/21-3/22)
- Free Thanksgiving Community Meal (11/21)
- Depot Town Tree Lighting Ceremony (12/21)
- Holiday Markets (12/21)
- Ypsilanti Disc Golf Putting League (1/22-3/22)
- Beautifypsi (4/22)
- Spring Artisan Market (5/22)
- Really Really Free Market Series (5/22-7/22)
- Ypsi Flea Market (7/22)



YPSILANTI SENIOR CENTER

- Tai Chi class Thursday July 14 from 10:30 -11:30.
- The Ypsilanti Senior Center currently is partnering with EMU to offer an intergenerational Spanish language and culture class.
- The AAA1b (Area Aging on Aging 1b) has asked us to develop a pilot program that would help Grandparents raising grandchildren get some respite. This pilot program will help find and pay for the activities for the grandchildren so the grandparents can have some time for themselves.
- EMU has received a grant to start a program called "Lori's Hands". It is available for anyone with a chronic illness. Students from EMU will be available to visit on a weekly basis to provide some help around the house or companionship.



PARKRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTER

Summer Camp Offered July - August Monday-
Thursdays 8am-4pm, Friday Field Trips

After School Program Offered Mondays - Thursdays,
4pm-7pm between November 8 - June 10

Weekend Academy - Empowers young women (ages
12-18) to achieve emotional self-sufficiency and
enhance their leadership skills through membership
and career exploration. Offered Saturdays, 12pm-
2pm

Young Men of Purpose - To increase the number of
young black men in Ypsilanti Community Schools
successfully persisting through middle school (grades
6 - 8) and matriculating to attend high
school. February 22 - ongoing. Offered Saturdays,
10am - 2pm





RUTHERFORD POOL

- Water exercise and swim classes offered between June-September from beginner to advanced at all ages.
- June 3 Katie Stanley Band in partnership with A2SF
- Kids Triathlon Saturday, August 13th, 2022 - 8:30 AM
- Ypsilanti Otters Swim Club
- YDL Summer Reading at the Pool
- Volunteer Opportunities

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND NEWSLETTER

City website updated with information about the park system, facility and programming partners, and special events. Programming and special events are featured prominently in the newsletter

- Downtown Farmers Market - July 12, 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM,
- Avalon Housing Staff/Family Event- July 13, 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM
- Neutral Zone Youth Workshops - July 13, 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Yoga at Ypsilanti Senior Center- July 15, 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
- Home of New Vision Movie Night at the Park- July 15, 7 PM - 10 PM
- Ypsilanti Jazz Festival - July 16, 6 PM - 10 PM, July 30 6 PM - 10 PM
- Michigan Brewers Summer Beer Festival- July 22, 4 PM - July 23, 7 PM
- Ypsilanti Farmers Market - July 23, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Ypsi Vintage Flea Market- July 17 and July 31, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- DDA Movie at the Water Tower - July 28, 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Really Really Free Market - July 28, 6:00 PM - 11:00 PM
- Depot Town Cruise Nights - July 13, 20, 27 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
- Rally in the Alley - July 13, 20, 27 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

CITY CALENDAR - JULY 2022 FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFO, CLICK [HERE](#)

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

ALL HOLDINGS AT CITY HALL - 151 S. HURON UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Bicentennial Committee Meeting July 21, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Freighthouse - 100 Market Pl.	Administrative Hearings Bureau July 28, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	City Council/ Police Advisory Commission Joint Meeting July 28, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
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City Council Meeting
July 26, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

EVENTS AND RECREATION CALENDAR

<p>RECURRING EVENTS</p> <p>Ypsilanti Farmers Market 9AM - 1PM July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 100 River St.</p> <p>Downtown Farmers Market 3-7PM July 5, 12, 19, 26 16 S. Washington</p> <p>Neutral Zone Youth Workshops 1-4PM July 6, 13, 20, 27 Recreation Park</p> <p>Yoga at Ypsilanti Senior Center 1-2:30PM July 8, 15, 22, 29 Senior Citizens Center - 1015 N. Congress Website - HERE</p> <p>Ypsilanti Jazz Festival 6-10am July 30, 31, 30 Riverside Park</p>	<p>First Fridays Ypsilanti July 1 - All Day Various events all evening around Ypsilanti</p> <p>4th of July Parade July 4, 2022, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM Cross Street from Oakwood to River Harvest and Store Garlic and Onions at Growing Hope July 9, 2022, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM</p> <p>Home of New Vision Movie Night at the Park July 15, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM Prog Island Park</p> <p>Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Beer Festival July 22, 2022, 4:00 PM - (July 23, 2022), 7:00 PM Riverside Park</p>	<p>County Clean-Up Day at Lincoln High School July 23, 2022, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lincoln High School</p> <p>Ypsi DDA Outdoor Movie Series Free Drive-in Movie July 23, 2022, 8:30 PM Normal St. Lot (by the Water Tower)</p>
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ADD YOUR FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ON THE CITY CALENDAR TO BE LISTED HERE. MUST BE IN OR RELATED TO THE CITY OF YPSILANTI. EMAIL TROCH@CITYOFYPSILANTI.COM WITH EVENT DETAILS.

COMMUNITY EVENTS POLICY



The City Manager has established the following criteria to waive fees at the Freighthouse so to encourage community event programming:

1. The event is completely open and free to members of the public; an entry fee may not be charged under any circumstances.
2. If vendors can sell goods, the cost to participate may not be prohibitive. Priority must be given first to City of Ypsilanti residents and businesses. All opportunities to serve as a vendor must be advertised sufficiently in promotional materials and on the City website. The maximum rate at which vendors may be charged is \$10 per hour and a financial report must be provided to the City proving what funds were raised and for what purpose specifically from vendor fees collected.
3. A public event shall not engage in hateful or derogatory speech including symbols of racism, homophobia, or violence. Weapons shall not be sold by vendors or any merchandise or goods which depicts these symbols of hate.
4. Religious Services are not eligible community events under this policy.



PARK SYSTEM OPPORTUNITIES

- Recently, City Council has directed staff to develop more community programming in the parks system and promote the events happening around the city with our community partners. This directive requires staff to consider how a community event policy could be applied in our parks system to better meet the goals of Council.
- If this policy is adopted and one of our community partners or a member of the public wishes for the City to promote their public event and it complies with our policy, the City Manager may choose to waive fees in the park system or City Facility, and we will share the event on social media and send out a newsflash on the City website.
- In lieu of a Parks and Rec Department this policy is the single best way to identify potential programming gaps (ex: live music, children's activities; particular time periods) and solicit existing partners to help fill them.

QUESTIONS?

