



This Week

With the Mayor



December 14th, 2018

Leaves in our Streets Update

Some residents have expressed concern about street cleaning, especially with regard to leaf build-up on the streets. This issue has two potential consequences:

1. Leaves will clog our street drains, adding to the already growing problem of how to manage some of the larger rain events and snow melt this winter
2. Leaves left in the streets will make it harder to plow snow, causing problems for both City workers and residents.

Our DPS has been working on this: street cleaners have been out there and working this last week. In freezing weather, street cleaners can't operate because the vehicle uses water to clean. We won't get this issue perfectly addressed, due to continual leaf dropping, weather, etc. However, we will be able to make it better. City workers are continuing to manage this problem.



Liz Dahl-McGregor Dedication

Join us in Riverside Park on Friday December 21st at 5 PM for a ceremony dedicating Ypsilanti's new Universal Play Structure to Liz Dahl-MacGregor. Liz was a beloved local activist and attorney who originated the effort to get a play structure built in Riverside Park. She passed away suddenly in June. We will unveil the plaque commemorating her at the above time.

Upcoming Mayoral Office Hours Announcement

Every month, I hold open Office Hours during which anyone can drop in and tell/ask me anything related to the City, myself, or their needs. These dates are generally held on the 3rd Sunday of each month from 1- 4 PM. My goal is to schedule them each month in rotating neighborhoods so they will be convenient (at least some of the time) to all residents. The next Office Hours will be:

Sunday, December 16, 2018
1 PM to 4 PM
Black Stone Bookstore and Cultural Center
214 W. Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti

Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) News

Not all the roads within the City limits are ours to maintain, repair, and clear. Here is a news item from our WCRC and an interactive map showing the repair work that they completed this year.

WCRC completed a record-setting construction season, improving more than 100 miles of road across Washtenaw County. [Click here to see an interactive map of all 2018 projects.](#) WCRC will be updating this map in a few weeks with 2019 projects.

Event Highlights of the Week:

Pride

Ypsi Holiday Lights Ride

Choose from a short (30-40 minute) or a "little longer" (one hour) bicycle ride that will take you through low traffic Ypsi residential neighborhoods to view holiday light displays from your bike. Socializing afterward at the Corner Brewery (Arbor Brewing Company - Ypsilanti). Please dress to stay warm and all riders should have working front and rear lights.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2261600564118815/>

Diversity

Blind Side – Street Awareness Self Defense Workshop Pt. 2

Thanks to AWESOME SUPPORT from Ann Arbor's BLIND PIG and Ypsilanti's RIVERSIDE ARTS CENTER, lifelong martial artist and local Breakdance Instructor Maurice Archer will be holding the second part of a four series SELF-DEFENSE/ STREET AWARENESS/MARTIAL ARTS Workshop. The goal is to fortify the community with practical tools if ever confronted with dangers, potential dangers or uncomfortable circumstances. The series will not just build confidence but give realistic life applications to enhance your personal safety and the safety of your community! *THIS IS A FREE COMMUNITY EVENT* <https://www.facebook.com/events/2153438464687795/>

Heritage

Michigan Firehouse Museum Open House

Who does not love fire engines? Fire trucks? Fire equipment? Or has a kid who does? Well, bring that kid (or the kid inside you) to the Michigan Firehouse Museum Open House this Sunday. This Museum is a little (actually fairly good-sized) treasure in our little town. Stories, equipment, trucks, something for everyone. I hope to see you there!
<https://www.facebook.com/events/523154668149040/>

Washtenaw County Race Equity

We are excited to share the [posting for the Racial Equity Officer](#) position for Washtenaw County, Michigan. This position will be responsible for leading the racial equity efforts of Washtenaw County by building a vision for equity within the institution and partnerships across the County, by creating systems of transparency and accountability, and by implementing the recent unanimously passed [Equity Policy](#).

The ideal candidate will have experience in community work, management, and leadership, with a demonstrated commitment to racial equity. Additionally, the candidate will possess qualities of cultural humility, relationship building, conflict management and initiative. Applications with an encouraged cover letter and resume are due by December 25, 2018. Please feel free to forward to your networks and reach out to Racial Equity Analyst, Anna Lemler at LemlerA@washtenaw.org, with any questions.

Posting URL:

<https://secure.ewashtenaw.org/hrjobs/AppViewPosting.do?postingId=14196>

What does your community or neighborhood need most?

Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development is looking for citizen input about the types of services and programs most needed in your community to inform how federal funds from U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development should be prioritized in the 2019-20 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020.)

Please take a few minutes to complete the online survey by clicking [HERE](#) or visiting:
<https://bit.ly/2RqSDBp>

The survey deadline is January 2, 2019. Thank you in advance for your valuable input!

City Office Closures

Ypsilanti City Hall will be closed on the following dates in 2019 for observed holidays:

January 1, 2019	Observance of New Year's Day
January 21, 2019	MLK Jr. Birthday
April 19, 2019	Good Friday
May 27, 2019	Memorial Day
July 4, 2019	Independence Day
September 2, 2019	Labor Day
November 28, 2019	Thanksgiving Day
November 29, 2019	Day after Thanksgiving
December 24, 2019	Christmas Eve Holiday
December 25, 2019	Christmas Day Holiday
December 26, 27, 30, 2019	City Hall and Admin Offices Closed
December 31, 2019	New Year's Eve Holiday
January 1, 2020	New Year's Day Holiday

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