

# THE CITY OF YPSILANTI NEWSLETTER



MAY 2022

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings from the City Manager's Office. It's hard to believe it's already May! Let's try to look at this month as a different chapter for everyone, and let's make a difference in our community. Now that the weather is beginning to change, opportunities are always blooming, just like the flowers. Many events are happening here in the city; please stay up-to-date with our calendar. The Bicentennial Committee is organizing events for next year, and if you're interested in volunteering, please reach out to [ypsilantibicentennial@gmail.com](mailto:ypsilantibicentennial@gmail.com) or our Communication Manager at [tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com](mailto:tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com).

Also, on May 14th Embracing our Differences SE Michigan will have an [opening ceremony for the murals](#) to be displayed this Spring and Summer

here in Riverside Park and Parkridge Park.

Again, thank you to everyone for your patience with the current construction situation on Huron. The project is coming along smoothly, and just like the months fly by, in time, so will the orange traffic cones. The results will be tremendous for our city's longevity, and I appreciate everyone involved in the process. For more information on the road renovation, please visit our website at [Ypsilanti Road Renovations](#).

I want to remind everyone that the COVID-19 pandemic remains a severe threat in our community. The best way we can support one another is by getting vaccinated and following state and county guidelines to reduce the spread of the virus. We



must work together as a community to keep one another safe. Please get in touch with the local health department regarding vaccination and testing opportunities in the community. Stay safe, stay healthy and please wear your mask.

Staying Connected,  
Frances

## FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR LOIS ALLEN RICHARDSON

Greetings, Time to enjoy the May flowers those April showers promised to bring. As we think of the month of May we automatically think of two very important days; Mother's Day and Memorial Day. These both are days of celebration and remembrance.

We also celebrate the National Day of Prayer. This year there will be a celebration here in the city on May 5, at 12:00 noon. People of ALL FAITHS are welcome. When we think of the state of our nation, and of the world there is no doubt that prayer is needed. The prayer ceremony will begin outside of City Hall and

proceed up Michigan Ave. and end with prayer and song at the Patsy Chandler fountain by the Library. What a wonderful way to spend a lunch hour. Please join us.

Need something else to get excited about, art is coming to town. On May 14, the "Embracing Our Differences" art display will be launched at both Riverside Park and Parkridge Park. The art pieces are from students across the nation, showing how much more alike we are than different or another way to say it is 'how much our differences make us alike'. Be sure to take time to visit the exhibits they will be up all



summer. Similar displays have been and are being exhibited across the country. Don't miss out!

May is also the time when the weather begins to be warm enough to spend more time outside. This is an excellent time to reach out to our neighbors to get to know them

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better and develop relationships that will bring our neighborhoods closer together. Time for neighborhood clean-ups to get rid of the last murky reminders of winter. The weather is finally permits us to begin our gardening, whether it will be those luscious red ripe tomatoes we will enjoy later in the summer or those beautiful flowers that will bring bright colors all summer long. Let's work together to make our city beautiful one yard, one neighborhood at a time.

This year we celebrate Mother's Day on May 8th, it is a day set aside for celebration honoring that one or

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## BARRIER BUSTERS IN WASHTENAW COUNTY

Aiding residents in need is what Barrier Busters does, and they see favorable outcomes in households they have assisted since 2009. For those who aren't familiar, Barrier Busters is a group of 100+ social service providers dedicated to improving services responding to emergency scenarios for Washtenaw County residents—providing social workers, case managers, and other direct service assistance for members.

According to the Washtenaw County of Community and Economic Development, the total assistance provided to the city of Ypsilanti residents totaled \$113,504 alone in 2021. The top three requests provided to residents include

Utilities, Transportation, and Housing. Before 2018, average annual funds totaled between \$200-\$300k, but in 2020 there was a significant increase in funds, and in 2021, Barrier Busters received more than \$500,000 in funding.

Community members who have an immediate need for relief, please get in touch with the helpline at 2-1-1. Members looking for assistance with utilities, housing, transportation, and health assistance in Washtenaw County may find this a fantastic resource.

For any information on how to become a barrier buster, please visit the [Barrier Busters website](#).

## CITY UPDATES

### MICHIGAN'S THREE-FOOT PASSING LAW: PROTECTING ALL WHO SHARE THE ROADS



The [City of Ypsilanti Non-Motorized Advisory Committee](#) reminds everyone that with warmer weather arriving in Michigan, people

ranging from school children to senior citizens (some could befriend, a friend of a friend, or a neighbor) will roll out their bicycles and legally use

the roads for recreation and transportation. With this in mind, motorists should be familiar with the law that went into effect four years ago that requires drivers to keep a distance of at least three feet from bicyclists when passing them in a motor vehicle.

Simply stated, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration encourages all road users, including motorists and bicyclists, to respect each other and foster a safer transportation environment. Bicycles on the roadway, in all 50 states, have the same rights, and responsibilities as motorized vehicles.

With this in mind, Bicyclists should:

- Obey traffic signals, signs, and markings.
- Ride with traffic and follow the rules of the road.
- Use hand signals when turning or

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- stopping.
- When dark, a white light on the front and rear red reflector is required.
- Be visible: wear appropriate high visibility safety gear, including a helmet.

Motorists should:

- Give at least 3-feet when passing bicyclists.
- Avoid distractions. Look outside - not at your phone.
- Obey the posted speed limit.
- Obey traffic signals, signs, and markings.
- Stay alert and take extra caution at intersections, especially when making turns.

Keep in mind a car weighs 2 tons or so, while the average bike is a mere 30 pounds. In any collision where there is a physical interaction between car and bike, the bicyclist always loses. So please, the three-foot passing law is not about painting the motorist as the bad guy. There are scofflaws on both sides and the key is to lay down the rules for all parties to follow, make sure the parties know the rules, and then enforce them.

[Click here](#) for more information on the three-foot passing law.

## 220 N. PARK

So far the Community Benefits Committee for 220 N Park has met twice in April and has three more meetings coming up over the month of May.

Weds, May 4, 2022, from 6pm - 8pm  
Weds, May 11, 2022, from 6pm - 8pm  
Mon, May 23, 2022, from 6pm - 8pm

For information on upcoming meetings or agendas please reference the [city website](#).

## BIKE-BUS-WALK WEEK IN YPSILANTI – 5.15 -5-21

# Bus. Bike. Walk.



Your car is not the only way to get around Ypsilanti! During Bike-Bus-Walk Week, May 15th to May 21st, we urge people, just once, to try bicycling, walking, or taking the bus for transportation for work, errands, or just to get around. We hope that once you try these alternative forms of transportation, you will be encouraged to continue using them all year. On the Friday of Bike-Bus-

## PEN DAM UPDATE

Our town hall was on April 27th, 2022, at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse. We would like to thank everyone for their patience and support. The town hall allowed community members to share any questions about what they can expect to see within the upcoming Huron River with our partners at Huron River Watershed Council.

Thank you to everyone who has participated in meetings over the

Walk Week, May 20th, there will be a national Bike To Work (or class, or errands, or just for fun) Day information station at the Library Plaza Park, on the east side of the downtown Library, from 7 am to 9 am with bicycling information and snacks. For more information on Bike-Bus-Walk Week and bicycling, walking, and bus service in Ypsilanti, visit [www.bbwypsi.org](http://www.bbwypsi.org).

past year. Everyone's input matters for those who attended virtual meetings or completed a survey, and we want to thank everyone involved in this long process. We hope that with the dam removal our community will see positive results from all the hard efforts. Those who want to know more information on the history and impact of the Peninsular Dam can refer to the City [website](#).



## 945 CLARK UPDATE

All of the 945 Clark Community Benefits meetings have concluded. The next step is presenting the proposed ordinances to Council.

The committee requires that the developer has property management accountability in the following:

- Residents may request an accessibility improvement and receive a receipt communication within two business days and a response within one week and have the amenity installed within fifteen days, or be provided further communication on when the amenity will be installed.
- Residents will not be penalized for forming a resident committee in a different manner than outlined in this agreement.
- Residents may request a repair and expect that repair to be made in a timely manner and be communicated a timeline for said repair.
- Residents will be provided the city-created handbook and additional information including a copy of the community benefit agreement, and protections for

tenants provided by the city, and upon payment of the PILOT, the owner must submit an affidavit indicating this information was provided to tenants.

Other agreements included More units for lower AMI, where the city would approve a 3% blended PILOT for more affordable housing. Food Pantry/ Free Store for residents of a budget within \$8,000. Onsite tutoring and community space. Resident Governance Committee, for the upcoming development. Ypsilanti Targeted Promotions, asking that the developer engages in targeted promotion for city residents. Energy/Air Quality, with insurance of energy efficiency and testing available to all. Formerly Incarcerated Sponsors (Those with Felony Charges), Easement Agreement because of removal of the Pen Dam. The City provides as a part of this development a covered bus stop, Leforge corridor beautification, maintenance, and safety; including bike lanes and pedestrian barriers, information on Pen Dam, and ecological impacts.

## BOARDS & COMMISSIONS VACANCIES

### Arts Commission

Two Commissioners  
Two Youth Members

### Dangerous Bldgs

Dangerous Buildings Officer

### Human Relations Commission

Commissioner  
Two Youth Members

### Planning Commission

Commissioner

### Parks & Recreation Commission

Three Commissioners  
Three Youth Members

### Police Advisory Commission

Three Commissioners  
Two Youth Members

### Sustainability Commission

Two Commissioners  
Two Youth Members

### Zoning Board of Appeals

Three Commissioners

Fill out this [online form](#) if you are interested in the City of Ypsilanti Boards and Commissions.

## VOTING ELECTION

Absentee voter ballots, for those that have applied, for the May 3rd Special Election have been mailed. For those wishing to vote in person on May 3rd, this election will have consolidated precincts. The consolidation is as follows:

- Ward 1 Precinct 1 will vote at Perry School, 550 Perry Street
- Ward 1 Precinct 2 will vote at the Ypsilanti Senior Center, 1015 Congress Street
- Ward 1 Precinct 3 will vote at 2nd Baptist Church, 301 South Hamilton Street
- Ward 2 Precincts 1,2,&3 will all vote in one precinct located at 1555 W. Cross Street
- Ward 2 Precinct 4 & Ward 3 Precinct 1 will vote in one precinct located at the EMU Honors College located at 511 W Forest
- Ward 3 Precincts 2 & 3 will vote in one precinct located at the Ypsilanti International Elementary School located at 503 Oak.

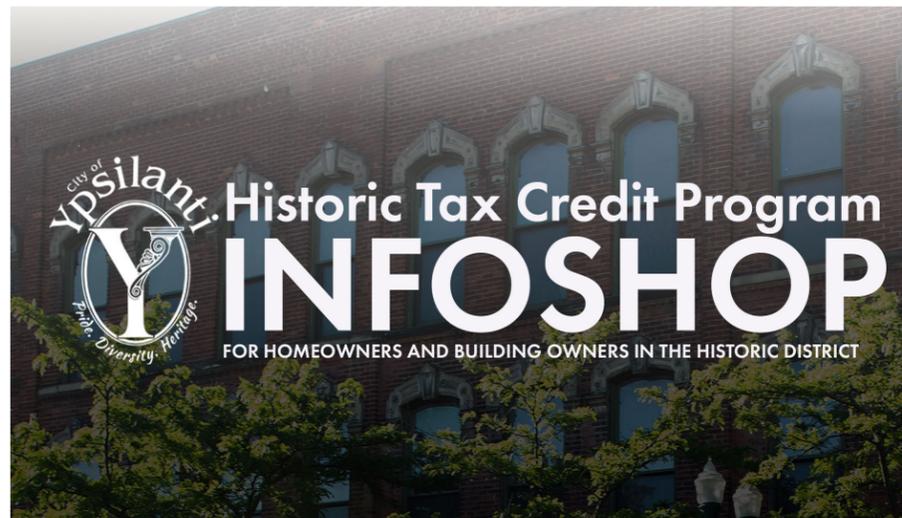
For further information please visit the [City Website](#), or contact the Clerk Department at (734) 483-1100

## POLICE ADVISORY

The Ypsilanti Police Advisory commission still has open positions, For those who are interested, they meet on the fourth Thursday of every month.

- Monthly presentation from YPD with an overview of stats, department staffing and activities, use of force incidents, and citizencomplaints if any.
- Presentation and discussion of the use of body cameras. You can find YPD policies and procedures involving body cameras [here](#).
- YPAC chair submitted the first annual report to the city council.

## TAX CREDIT FOR HOME OWNERS IN A HISTORIC DISTRICT



We're excited about the new state income tax credit for Michigan residents who own a home or commercial building in a Historic District. To revitalize Michigan Communities, the state established a new Historic Tax Credit program. This program will aid in supporting place-based projects while promoting the preservation of Michigan's historic structures. The city of Ypsilanti plans to hold an

infoshop with the Tax Credit Program Coordinator Bryan Lijewski on Wednesday, June 15th at 7 PM at Ypsilanti's Freighthouse to share knowledge with interested community members. The event is completely free, we just ask that people register prior.

The Legislation places the following requirements on the Program:

1. Property must be listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the State Register of Historic Sites, or be in a local historic district. Either be individually listed or contribute to a listed district to be eligible for the Program.
2. The Program has a \$5 million cap per calendar year, which will be divided as follows:
  - \$2 million for commercial with expenses greater than \$2 million
  - \$2 million for commercial with expenses of \$2 million or less.
  - \$1 million total for owner-occupied residential projects.
3. Credit reservations will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information on the State of Michigan Tax Credit Program please visit [Historic Preservation Tax Credits | MiPlace](#). Registration for the June 15th event will open soon at Cities [Historic District landing page](#).

## FUNDRAISER FOR UKRAINE AT THE SENIOR CENTER



The Ypsilanti Senior Center is holding a fundraiser for Ukrainian relief. It is open from April 1 - May 15. On May 15 from 1-4 the center will have demos of Pysanki, the history and how to make them.

You can pick up coloring pages and submit completed artwork at the Senior Center on or before May 15th. Coloring sheets will be judged on creativity, color selection, and fun!

The Ukrainian society from Hamtramck will choose the winning coloring pages.

## FREE SWIM LESSONS AT RUTHERFORD POOL



The Friends of Rutherford Pool board has been hard at work securing some fantastic grants that we were waiting to hear on. Thanks to the grants from **Huron Clinton Metroparks** and **Trinity Health Care System**, we now know that we can offer free swim lessons to residents of the 48197 and 48198 zip codes! While we can't serve every child, we have worked to increase some of our class sizes while still keeping the integrity and safety measures of the lessons in mind. Along with the lessons, we will be able to provide free goggles to the youth at their first lesson and if a swimsuit is needed, we will provide one. After completion of their 8 classes, a child's punch card will be awarded.

The grants do not cover our entry fees and unfortunately like most things they have had to go up in price to cover the increases that the pool needs to cover.

Thank you to the volunteers who worked last weekend to remove sod, spread dirt, and place sod. Special thanks to <https://lotusgardenscapes.com/> for their donation of time and some materials.

**Sunday, from 1 pm-4 pm** staff will be at the pool to sign people up for

swim lessons and sell passes. Please bring your calendars so that we can make sure we get you in the correct session.

All swim lesson sessions run Monday-Thurs for two weeks with Friday held for weather-related closures.

**Times:**  
9:30-10:15, 10:15-11, 11:05-11:50

**Levels:**  
Beginners, Advanced Beginners, Intermediates and Advanced go to [forpool.org](http://forpool.org) for level descriptions.

## FIRE STATION UPDATE

The Car Seat Program resumes on the 3rd Tuesday of Each Month at the Ypsilanti Fire Station (525 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI). The next meeting will be held on May 17th from 12 PM - 3 PM. For those who are interested in more knowledge on how to safely buckle children in automobiles this program is for you. There is no registration required just show up at these meeting times. For any questions or for additional information please contact the number (734) 763-2251.

### Swim Lesson Dates:

Session One June 13-24th  
Session Two June 27-July 8  
Session Three July 11- July 22  
Session Four August 4-15

We will have four **Saturday lessons** that run four an hour from 11-12 pm on July 9,16,23,30

We offer **adult** lessons on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 5:15-6 pm

**Baby Bubbles** (parent and 2 and under) classes are also free. July, 3, 10,17,24. 11-12 pm

### Prices for Entrance

Youth \$4/ Family Swim \$3  
Adults \$5  
Seniors \$4

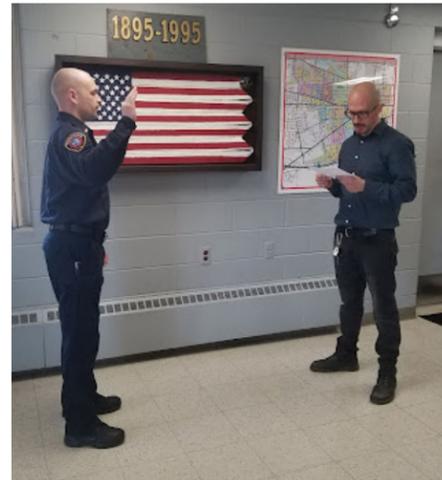
### Season Passes

Individual Pass \$125  
Family Pass \$ \$285  
Senior Pass \$ 90.00  
We will update the website [forpool.org](http://forpool.org) by Sunday (5/1) for purchasing passes. We will also begin our weekly emails starting Sunday, May 1st.



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Fire Fighter Chad Nelson was presented with his helmet shield on February 28th after he recently completed his probation period. Congratulations, Chad! With over a year working for the city, we're fortunate to have your dedication to safety within our beloved community.



Captain Schulz & Lt. Deric Wurmlinger



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATES

### WASTE WIZARD

WRRMA Waste Wizard - an interactive recycling search tool! Type the name of a waste material, and the wizard will tell you where it goes for recycling, composting or disposal. Pretty neat huh? [Find it on our recycling page!](#)

## YPSI THROWBACK WITH PRESERVATION PLANNER ELLEN THACKERY



The Ypsilanti Food Co-op building in an undated photo, courtesy of the Ypsilanti Historical Society.

## ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



For more information, contact the Parkridge Community Center at (734) 483-7700

## RECYCLING EVENT

10am-1pm  
May 21  
June 25

FREE DROP OFF RECYCLING for the following materials:

- Glass
- Styrofoam
- Aseptic Containers (milk cartons, broth cartons, etc.)
- Items accepted in curbside recycling (i.e. plastic bottles or tubs, tin, aluminum, paper,

## CONT. RECYCLING EVENT

# CITY OF YPSILANTI RECYCLING DROP OFF EVENT

- GLASS
- STYROFOAM
- ASEPTIC CONTAINERS (milk cartons, broth cartons, etc.)
- ALSO- Items accepted in curbside recycling (i.e. plastic bottles or tubs, tin, aluminum, paper, corrugated cardboard & boxboard, newspaper, magazines, & junk mail)



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All GLASS, STYROFOAM, & ASEPTIC CONTAINERS must be separated, clean and dry. Items which are normally accepted in curbside recycling (listed above) do not need to be separated, but they will need to be clean and dry.

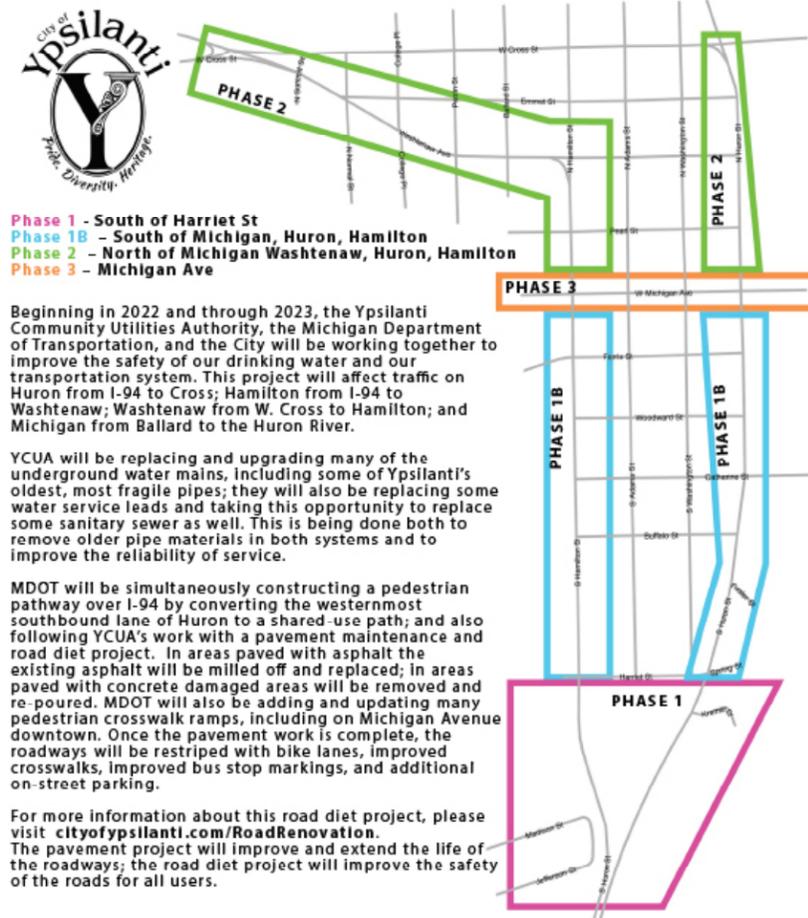
**This event is for CITY OF YPSILANTI RESIDENTS ONLY**

14 W Forest Ave,  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

## YPSI ROAD RENOVATION

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Big Changes are coming to Downtown!



## OTHER UPDATES

### FIRST FRIDAYS YPSI

First Fridays Ypsilanti is ready for their second event this season on May 6th!

First Fridays Ypsilanti is a self-guided art and culture walk event that happens on the First Friday of each month.

**Created for artists, by artists.**

All FFY venues provide free events: art openings, live music, art workshops, performance arts, discounted prices and more!

#### 22 North

22 N Huron St; 5-9p  
Opening: present/breath  
Works by Jennifer Lickers and Chanika Svetvilas, with community drawing at 5:00 and artists talks at 6:30.

#### Back Office Studio

13 N Washington; 9-5p  
Plug & Play: A free day of coworking  
Plug in for a work day at The Back Office Studio, then go play in downtown Ypsi for First Fridays. Hayes Notary & Company will be offering free drop in notarizations from 11am-2pm. We have highspeed WiFi, coffee and hot tea, physically distanced workstations, and great coworkers. Stop by for a few hours or stay the whole day!

**More on next page!**

## CONT. FIRST FRIDAYS - MAY 6

**Betty Green Salon**  
25 N. Washington St; 6-9p  
*Gnomewerk*  
We are hosting an Art Show for Jen Sheppard- Inspired by memories of walks through the woods and playing outdoors while growing up in Germany, Jen has developed a lifelong love of nature, fantasy, and fairytales. In her work, she explores the beauty and mystery of flora and fauna through line, color, and abstract space.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters Office**  
11 W. Michigan Ave; 6-8p  
*Paint Pouring with Steven Burkhalter*  
Join our BBBS Ambassador, and Arts with a Heart Member, Steven Burkhalter, as he takes you step by step through his paint pouring technique. Free workshop, and you will get to take home a one of kind poured work of art (\*while supplies last). We will be open between 6-8pm, but because there is quite a bit a set up and dry time for each poured piece we recommend you pop in no later than 6:45.

**Bridge Community Cafe**  
217 W. Michigan Ave; 7-11p  
*Bridge Dry Bar- Lauren Blackford*  
At this Bridge Dry Bar, we have Lauren Blackford performing live acoustic music! She will be performing from 8 PM to 10 PM. Come stop by. This event will be free, and the Bridge Dry Bar will be providing handcrafted mocktails, coffee, and food. All ages are welcomed!

**Corner Health Center**  
47 N. Huron St; 5-7p  
*Art & Vaccines @ the Corner*  
Arts and Vaccines in the community! Community Art Exhibit and Vaccine Event Open House - Covid Vaccines available for 5 years old and older, 1st, 2nd, boosters, Pfizer, Moderna, Janssen. Everyone

Welcome- Free event  
**Evenstars Chalice**  
36 N. Washington St; 5-7:30p  
*Artist Event - Dave Swartz*  
Detroit artist Dave Swartz writes and colors the hit comic book series Feast or Famine (Alterna Comics) by day but transforms into an abstract psychedelic artist at night. His abstract work -- shown here at First Fridays -- has been featured in Vanity Faire UK.

**Red Rock Barbeque**  
207 W. Michigan ; 3-6p  
*RED ROCK CELEBRATES 10 YEARS!*  
Celebrating our 10 year Anniversary in Downtown Ypsilanti. Join us on First Friday for \$2 pints on Draught during Happy Hour, 3-6 pm.

**The Rocket Candy & Novelties**  
122 W Michigan Ave; 10a-9p  
*Employee Appreciation Showcase*  
Local Ypsilanti resident and employee of, The Rocket, Nathaniel Hockman will be displaying some paintings within the shop. Take a gander of his work in person and treat yourself. The official spot to grab your FFY tee shirts, stickers, and more!

**The Gallery at Stone & Spoon (upstairs)**  
110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p  
*Spring Artisan Market*  
Join us & five local artists for a Spring Artisan Market in The Gallery at Stone & Spoon. Fresh flowers, mossy assemblages, handcrafted jams, artistic & spiritually-inspired goods await you!

**This, That & the ODDer things- the Hideaway**  
50 E. Cross St; 6-9p  
*Fallen From the Rainbow with artist Amy Balzar Pemberton*

Amy Balzar Pemberton's whimsical works have been featured at the beloved Unicorn Feed & Supply. Amy has agreed to turn down the light and tickle her darker side by creating a NEW series of amazing plant and garden creatures just for us! With glowing eyes these dark deviant little demon babies will be at your service specializing in mayhem and naughtiness... just what your mother has always wanted right!? We have also invited PJ planters to offer home grown cacti, dragon fruit and plant life for a perfect pairing and all in one gift opportune for your Mother, a friend or even yourself!! Come Down and visit the back of the shop in the Hideaway!

**Unicorn Feed & Supply**  
144 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p  
*A Pop-Up with Cookie Colab*  
Amy Lugo of Cookie Colab will be selling her custom cookies that are hand decorated with buttercream frosting, DIY cookie kits, mini dippers, and the most perfect gifts for all the mom's in your life! Come enjoy a delicious, free sample!

**Ypsi Food Co-op**  
312 N River St; 5-7p  
*Steve Somers and Friends Jazz*  
Live jazz oriented music at the Co-op patio/parking lot. The Steve Somers and Friends jazz group includes students from WCC and the Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra. Steve Somers teaches music at WCC and the YYO. Celebrating Jewish Heritage Month (guest speaker TBA).

**Ypsilanti Thrift Shop**  
14 S Washington St; 4-9p  
*Pop up Art Sale*  
Painting, prints and lithographs and misc items most from the famous Dumochelles. Priced to sell

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

### EVENTS AND RECREATION CALENDAR

**RECURRING EVENTS**  
**Ypsi Arbor American Little League Practice**  
5:30 PM - 8:30 PM  
May 2-6, 9-13, 16-20, 23-27, 30-31  
Recreation Park - 1117 S Congress  
**Ypsi Arbor American Little League Games**  
Games held at baseball fields at Recreation, Candy Cane and Waterworks Parks from 9 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. every Saturday from 4/23/2022 through 6/25/2022.

**YPSILANTI SPRING ARTISAN MARKET**  
May 1, 2022, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM  
Freighthouse - 100 Market Pl.

**Good Sound Violin Concert**  
May 5, 2022, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Frog Island Park - 699 Rice St.

**ADD YOUR FREE COMMUNITY EVENT ON THE CITY CALENDAR TO BE LISTED HERE. MUST BE IN OR RELATED TO THE CITY OF YPSILANTI. EMAIL TKOCH@CITYOFYPSILANTI.COM WITH EVENT DETAILS.**

**First Fridays Ypsilanti**  
May 6, 2022 4:00-11:00 PM  
Downtown and Depot Town (See previous page for all FFY event listings)

**Chili Cook-Off**  
May 7, 2022, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Michigan Firehouse Museum - 110 W. Cross St.

**Trees, Native Wildflower Prairies, and Rain Gardens Vision Workshop**  
May 12, 2022, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Ypsilanti District Library - Whittaker Road Branch

**Ypsilanti Community Chior: Spring Concert**  
May 12, 2022, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
Downtown Ypsilanti

**Embracing our Differences: Gala and Grand Opening**  
May 14, 2022, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM  
Riverside Park, Ypsilanti  
Parkridge Park, Ypsilanti

**Embracing Our Differences SE Michigan Outdoor Art Exhibit Unveiling**  
May 14, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
Riverside Park - 2 E. Cross St.

**Intentional Living Collective Community Celebration**  
May 22, 2022, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM  
Riverside Park - 2 E. Cross St.

**Embracing our Differences Artists Reception**  
May 22, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM  
Freighthouse - 100 Market Pl.

**Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra - Pops in the Park**  
May 28, 2022, 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM  
Riverside Park - 2 E. Cross St. (rain date is 5/29/2022)

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### PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

ALL HELD AT CITY HALL - 1 S. HURON UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

**Community Benefits Agreement Committee** - 220 N Park  
May 4, 2022, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Administrative Hearings Bureau**  
May 5, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Sustainability Commission Meeting**  
May 9, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**City Council Meeting**  
May 10, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Community Benefits Agreement Committee** - 220 N Park  
May 11, 2022, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Administrative Hearings Bureau**  
May 12, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Arts Commission Meeting**  
May 12, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Parks and Recreation Commission**  
May 16, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**Planning Commission Meeting**  
May 18, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Administrative Hearings Bureau**  
May 19, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Recycling Event**  
May 21, 2022, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
**DPS Facility - 14 W. Forest**

**Community Benefits Agreement Committee** - 220 N Park  
May 23, 2022, 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**City Council Meeting**  
May 24, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**Administrative Hearings Bureau**  
May 26, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**Police Advisory Commission Meeting**  
May 26, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

**No Trash, Recycling, or Yard Waste Pickup**  
May 30, 2022, All Day

**Administrative Office Closed - Memorial Day**  
May 30, 2022, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste pickup one day behind**  
May 31, 2022 - June 4, 2022



Do you have something happening in the city you'd like to share in the monthly newsletter? Email your article to [tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com](mailto:tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com). Submissions are due on the 15th of each month.

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