

THE CITY OF YPSILANTI NEWSLETTER



JULY 2022

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings from the City Manager's Office, and happy July, everyone! As the weather is getting hotter every day. I'd like to share all of the [cooling centers here in Washtenaw County](#). We all must stay hydrated and take breaks when exposed to direct sunlight.

Independence Day, or the 4th of July, is a memorable holiday celebrating our country's freedom. We still have a long way to go, but we are making progress each day. I want to remind everyone to be safe and respectful when celebrating. City Hall will be closed to the public this Monday, but will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, July 5th. Also, the parade is back, please bring your families to attend it will be held on Cross Street beginning at Oakwood and ending at River Street, from 10 AM - 1 PM.

Also, I want to thank everyone who attended our Juneteenth celebration! We had perfect weather

for the event and a fantastic turnout. Already looking forward to next year's Juneteenth event, the City of Ypsilanti was proud to be a sponsor.

On June 21st, City Council approved two future housing developments one in Depot Town at 220 N Park and another north of the Huron River at 945 Clark Road. These affordable housing units coming to Ypsilanti took a lot of effort from the ADHOC Committees and staff. To find out more information about the housing availability please contact the Planning Department at (734) 483-9646.

Jazz fest is coming back to Ypsilanti except now on Saturdays at Riverside Park. Saturday, July 2, July 9, July 16, and July 30, at Riverside Park in Depot Town from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The event is free to all who wish to attend.



Beginning on July 1, 2022, there is a \$50,000 rebate to both the Downtown and West Cross districts. Combined with the \$80,000 Grace Sweeney Solar Rebate program approved by Council and the \$50,000 CDBG solar allocation for homes in the Heritage Park Neighborhood, there are \$230,000 of new solar rebate dollars available within the City of Ypsilanti. Ypsilanti has been a leader in solar power for the past 16 years. Ypsilanti currently has over 1.5MW of solar energy, equating to 85.6 watts per capita, and ranks Ypsilanti at 22 in the nation. Major thanks to the DDA and Dave Strenski with Solar Ypsilanti for this tremendous opportunity within our community. For more information on this opportunity contact cjacobs@cityofypsilanti.com.

Lastly, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a 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. Please contact the local health department regarding vaccination and testing opportunities in the community. If you're feeling ill, wear

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a mask or stay home. We must work together as a community to keep one another safe.

Congratulations Chief DeGuisti and Ypsilanti Police Department. It is with pleasure that I report to you that the Ypsilanti Police Department had its hearing with the Michigan Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, and after a review of our on-site report and a panel interview, the commission voted

unanimously to award the Ypsilanti Police Department full accreditation status.

Out of the 577 police agencies in Michigan we are the 43rd and 1 of only 47 agencies to have achieved this status. We are also the first in the county to do so and the only accredited agency besides Ann Arbor which certifies with a different body (CALEA – Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement

Agencies).

Staying Connected,
Frances McMullan



FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR LOIS ALLEN RICHARDSON

Greetings to all,

Happy July, and welcome to a time of celebration! A time to enjoy the summer weather, hot as it may be, hit the pool or the water hose if no pool is available, time to enjoy grilling and the late sunsets, and a time to have fun.

It's also the halfway point of the year. A glass half empty person might say the year is half gone and there is still so much to do; the glass half full person would say we have a half year left to do the things we need to do this year. It is all about perspective.

So many things are recognized in July as a national day or national month for instance, it is national blueberry month, baked bean month, grilling month, horseradish month, ice cream month, peach month, and several more. But, we want to acknowledge that It is also National Postal Workers Month, and we want to recognize them and say a great big thank you to them for all the work they do all year round. They do a fantastic job through all kinds of weather, good or inclement, through trying times and circumstances they deliver, and we say THANK YOU! We appreciate you.

The City made some history, the city

council, with the help of two diligent working committees of residents, passed the first two Community Benefits Agreements (CBA). We have new developments coming to the City in the form of two affordable housing complexes at 945 and 845 Clark Road and single-family housing at 220 N. Park, which will have affordable homes available. We are excited about this part because we are the second city in the country to pass a CBO and get some housing that we desperately need.

As you know, the Supreme Court reversed Roe vs Wade, a ruling that has been on the books for 50 years. We are not debating either side's right or wrong; everyone has to decide that for themselves, but it is about freedom. We want to point out that this high court decision puts other rights for Black, Brown, and LGBTQ people in great peril. For example, the high court removed a significant portion of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, affecting the right to vote for people of color in many states. Other rights could be eroded, such as marriage equality. This is not a time for those who cherish our freedoms to be silent or inactive. We must become more diligent and willing to contact our representatives at every level, Local, State, and Federal, and be heard.



As we celebrate our country's Independence Day this year, let's be mindful of how easily rights and liberties can slip away, and we must fight to keep them. Expressed people must be made free not just here but around the world. Continue to keep the people of Ukraine, Haiti, and other distressed areas in our thoughts and prayers.

Happy Fourth of July!!
For the first time in three years, we get to go to the parade. The American Legion will be hosting the annual parade starting at 11:00, going down Cross St., and ending in Depot Town. Hope to see you there. Celebrate and enjoy the day with family and friends.
Have fun and stay safe!

LOVE is the answer,
Mayor Lois Allen-Richardson



CITY UPDATES

AUGUST PRIMARY

The City of Ypsilanti will hold a Primary Election on August 2nd for the following items:

- **Governor**
- **Representative in Congress 6th District**
- **State Senator 15th District**
- **Representative in State Legislature 32nd District**
- **County Commissioner 6th District**
- **Mayor**
- **Council Member**
- **Delegate to the County Convention**
- **Judge of District Court 14A District Incumbent Position**
- **Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority, a proposal for Millage to Maintain and Expand Public Transportation**

[Sample ballots are now available on the City's website](#) for viewing, and those that have already submitted applications to vote absentee will have their ballots mailed no later than Thursday, June 23rd. If a registered voter in the City of Ypsilanti would like to vote absentee, please contact the City Clerk's office at (734) 483-1100. Or visit the City's website to access a [printable application](#), or the [Secretary of State's website](#) to apply online.



MICHIGAN GREEN COMMUNITIES GOLD CERTIFICATION



The City of Ypsilanti is proud to announce it has received a Gold Certification through the 2021 Michigan Green Communities Challenge. This marks the first the City has achieved this level of certification, advancing from the Bronze level.

The Michigan Green Communities Challenge is a mechanism for Michigan communities to report and monitor their progress on key sustainability principles including planning, climate resilience and adaptation, energy efficiency, renewable energy, water conservation and protection, mobility, and community engagement.

The certification of the City's progress in these areas comes on the heels of two years of unprecedented challenges that include a disproportionate number of residents falling sick or dying from COVID-19, as compared with surrounding municipalities; confronting racism among city leaders; and responding to and supporting residents through a growing housing crisis which especially impacts the city's renters.

Amid these challenges City staff and elected and appointed officials continued to find ways to prioritize the City's stated sustainability goal of "the promotion of social, economic and environmental health of the community now and into the future." As a result, the City completed an

update of its master plan, completed the city's first Sustainability Plan, initiated two community benefits agreement processes, and launched multiple street projects to improve safety, walkability, and bikeability.

"I see the Gold Certification as a well-deserved recognition of the hard work that City staff and residents put into generating shared priorities and taking demonstrable steps to move the city toward a more sustainable and equitable future. Further, I think this certification and the actions that back it up are evidence that leadership on sustainability and these other issues can come from small and often overlooked communities, like our own Ypsilanti," Beth Gibbons, Sustainability Commissioner.

MGC is a partnership between the Michigan Municipal League, Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes & Energy (EGLE), and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The organization's goal is to connect community leaders through training, education, and communications, as well as through the MGC Challenge Program.

The City of Ypsilanti has 20,000 residents, spans 4.5 square miles, and is known for its rich history, Huron River parks, and as the home of Eastern Michigan University. The City's mission is to work creatively and collaboratively to enhance the natural and built environment so that its population grows and thrives. To keep up with the City of Ypsilanti's information, [subscribe](#) for email updates, and follow us on [Facebook](#).

WALK FRIENDLY COMMUNITY



The City of Ypsilanti is proud to share that it has received a Silver Certification from the Walk Friendly Communities organization. This marks the first the City has achieved this level of certification, advancing from an Honorable Mention.

This designation recognizes the City's commitment to creating and sustaining walkable, safe, pedestrian-friendly environments. The Walk Friendly Communities program especially recognized the City's recently updated

nonmotorized transportation plan, strong top-level commitment to walkability and pedestrian safety, and an urban environment with sidewalks and short block lengths that contributes to walkability.

"This award is like a big hug from a mentor for a job well done," stated Bob Krzewinski, chair of the Non-Motorized Advisory Committee. "At the same time, it is also like having that mentor telling you your future looks great if you keep working hard and pursue your dreams. We'll keep working to achieve that gold!"

From visionary plans to completing projects, Ypsilanti also thanks all of its partners in making the City more walkable. Examples of this include the Washtenaw County Parks & Recreation Commission partnering with the City to complete Border To Border Trail projects in Frog Island Park and the Grove Road I-94 bridge crossing. Another partner would be the Michigan Department of

Transportation which is currently working with the City to improve non-motorized facilities associated with State highways in the City, including a much-needed pathway on Huron Street where it crosses over I-94.

The City has a continuing commitment to walkability. Walkability and accessibility support public health, climate sustainability, and resiliency, and can help members of the community save money at a time when gas prices are on the rise.

Walk Friendly Communities (WFC) is a national recognition program developed to encourage towns and cities across the U.S. to establish or recommit to a high priority for supporting safer walking environments. The WFC program recognizes communities that are working to improve a wide range of conditions related to walking, including safety, mobility, access, and comfort.

SOLAR REBATE PROGRAM

Residents can get at least a \$2,000 rebate for installing solar panels on their homes or business. There is \$80,000 available for rebates for anyone interested, that's enough to accommodate 40 different homes. The project has been named the Grace Sweeny Solar Rebate program and is named for the late Ypsilanti resident and wife of longtime city leader Pete Murdock.

To the businesses in Downtown and West Cross Street, beginning on July 1, 2022, there is a \$50,000 rebate for both districts. More information about the DDA Solar Rebate program in the DDA section of this newsletter.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Commission

Two Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Dangerous Bldgs

Dangerous Buildings Officer

Ethics Board

One Board Member

Human Relations Commission

Four Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Parks & Recreation Commission

Three Commissioners
Three Youth Members

Planning Commission

One Commissioner

Police Advisory Commission

Three Commissioners

Sustainability Commission

One Commissioner
Two Youth Members

Ypsilanti DDA

One Board Member

Zoning Board of Appeals

Three Commissioners

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

YPSILANTI BICENTENIAL COMMITTEE



Ypsilanti's Bicentennial is coming in 2023! The bicentennial planning committee (Bicentennial City Commission) is hard at work planning a full year of Ypsilanti-inspired events and meaningful community gatherings to recognize Ypsilanti's 200th anniversary, since its incorporation on April 22, 1823.

Expect family-fun entertainment,

historic-driven happenings, and even a few surprises, including opening the time capsule from the Ypsilanti Sesquicentennial in 1973!

The group meets on the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 PM. For more information and upcoming plans, visit the [Facebook event page](#) or email ypsibicentennial@gmail.com.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATES

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Thank you to everyone for your patience with the current construction situation on Hamilton and Huron.



PARKRIDGE SUMMERFEST

Sign up today for resource fair table space at this year's Parkridge SummerFest and Joe Dulin Day! The event will be Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, at Parkridge Park on Harriet Street in Ypsilanti. The resource tent will take place from 12 pm - 2:30 pm. Reserve your table beginning today at this link or return the attached application to hoffmank@washtenaw.org

[2022 Parkridge Summer Festival Non-Profit and Community Organization Exhibitor Application](#)

POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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.

Now, added to the Ypsilanti Road Renovation is the I-94 intersection, where MDOT will begin assembling the safe crosswalk long overdue at this overpass.

The project is coming along smoothly, and just like the months fly by, in time, so will the orange traffic cones.

Please seek alternate routes and remain safe around traffic areas. Please visit our website at [Ypsilanti Road Renovations](#) for more information on the road renovation.

YCUA UPDATE

As part of the ongoing dedication to providing top quality, cost-effective, and environmentally safe water and wastewater services to our customers, YCUA continues to make improvements to both existing water and wastewater utilities within the M-17 and US-12 corridors in the City of Ypsilanti. The improvements are being constructed for YCUA by DiPonio Contracting, Inc., of Shelby Township, Michigan. OHM Advisors, Inc. of Livonia, Michigan is administering the construction contract and providing full-time, on-site observation of the work by DiPonio on behalf of YCUA.

The attached map shows the phasing of the work. Utility improvements started earlier this year in the vicinity of South Hamilton Street, South Huron Street, and Interstate

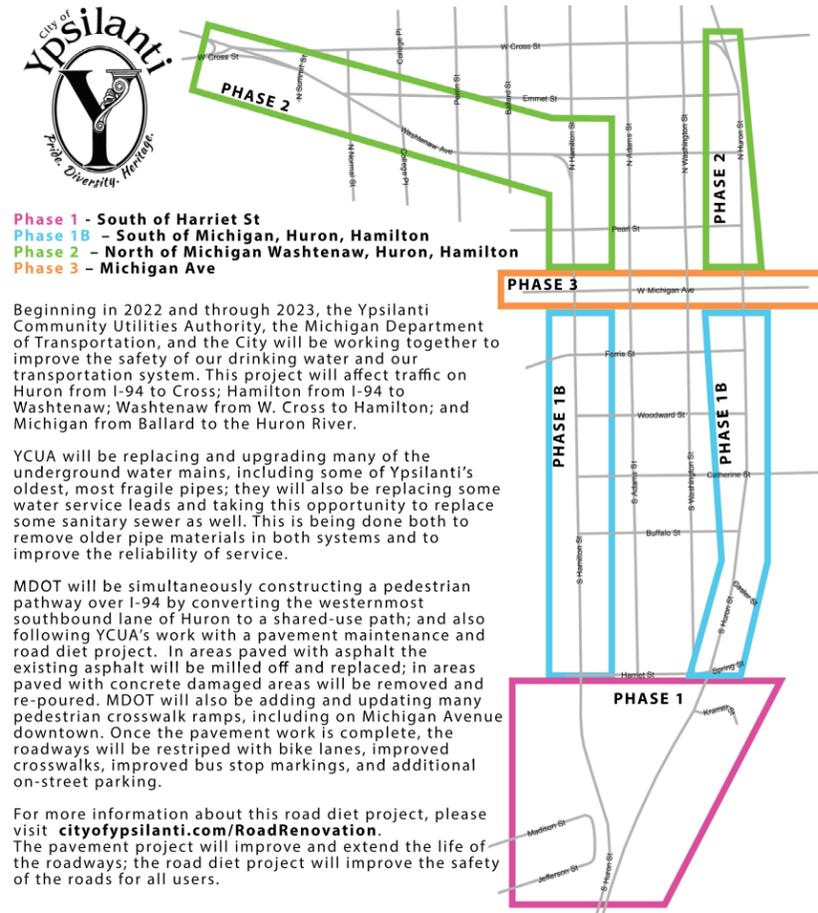
94 and proceeded northerly along Shout Huron Street to just south of Michigan Avenue (phases 1A and 1B). The section of South Huron Street from Interstate 94 to Michigan Avenue will soon transition from YCUA to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), which will resurface/repair those portions of the pavement not impacted by the YCUA utility improvements. YCUA's work is ongoing in the westerly portion of phase 1B along South Hamilton Street from Michigan Avenue to Harriet Street. Utility work along South Hamilton Street is anticipated to be complete by July 4, 2022, with the pavement and surrounding disturbed surface areas restored by the end of July. Similar to South Huron Street, the affected section of South Hamilton Street will then be turned over to MDOT for their

pavement improvements to start and the YCUA utility improvements will move into phase 2 along North Huron Street from Michigan Avenue north towards West Cross Street.

Access to homes and businesses within the project limits will be maintained at all times during the project. Although every effort will be made to minimize disruptions caused by the water and wastewater system improvements, the construction work will invariably result in some inconveniences.

If you have any questions regarding this project please call YCUA at (734) 484-4600 and ask for Scott Westover, Engineering Manager, at extension 220 or via electronic mail at swestover@ycua.org.

YPSI ROAD RENOVATION



Beginning in 2022 and through 2023, the Ypsilanti Community Utilities Authority, the Michigan Department of Transportation, and the City will be working together to improve the safety of our drinking water and our transportation system. This project will affect traffic on Huron from I-94 to Cross; Hamilton from I-94 to Washtenaw; Washtenaw from W. Cross to Hamilton; and Michigan from Ballard to the Huron River.

YCUA will be replacing and upgrading many of the underground water mains, including some of Ypsilanti's oldest, most fragile pipes; they will also be replacing some water service leads and taking this opportunity to replace some sanitary sewer as well. This is being done both to remove older pipe materials in both systems and to improve the reliability of service.

MDOT will be simultaneously constructing a pedestrian pathway over I-94 by converting the westernmost southbound lane of Huron to a shared-use path; and also following YCUA's work with a pavement maintenance and road diet project. In areas paved with asphalt the existing asphalt will be milled off and replaced; in areas paved with concrete damaged areas will be removed and re-poured. MDOT will also be adding and updating many pedestrian crosswalk ramps, including on Michigan Avenue downtown. Once the pavement work is complete, the roadways will be restriped with bike lanes, improved crosswalks, improved bus stop markings, and additional on-street parking.

For more information about this road diet project, please visit cityofypsilanti.com/RoadRenovation. The pavement project will improve and extend the life of the roadways; the road diet project will improve the safety of the roads for all users.

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!](#)

TRASH, REC, YW PICKUP

No Trash, Recycling, or Yard Waste Pickup Independence Day July 4

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste pickup one day behind July 5- July 9

OUTDOOR MOVIE SERIES



The Ypsilanti Downtown Development Authority has sponsored six summer movies at Frog Island Park and the Normal Street Parking Lot near the Water Tower.

The first of six movies and will feature the classic Space Jam on June 2nd, 9pm at Frog Island Park.

Movies at the Water Tower are Drive-in movies.

We recommend you bring your own blankets, chairs, and bug spray to the Frog Island Films. All movies begin at sunset and the tentative schedule is as follows:



July 28

Fantastic Mr Fox at the Ypsilanti Water Tower

August 25

(Classic) Willy Wonka at the Ypsilanti Water Tower

September 29

Encanto at the Ypsilanti Water Tower

October 27

The Rocky Horror Picture Show at Frog Island Park

We are planning a bunch of giveaways and fun stuff to do before and after the movies so please help us get the word out and bring all your friends!

DDA SOLAR REBATE



Did you know there's a new DDA Solar Rebate program available to businesses in Downtown and West Cross Street beginning on July 1, 2022? Last week the DDA approved \$50,000 for both districts to help encourage property owners to install solar for their commercial properties! This program will help cover 50% of your solar installation up to \$10,000.

Ypsilanti has been a leader in solar power for the past 16 years. Ypsilanti currently has over 1.5MW of solar power which equates to 85.6 watt per capita and ranks Ypsi at 22 in the nation, on par with San Francisco, Seattle, New York, and other big cities. This is the first DDA based solar rebate program in the State of Michigan and hopefully a model for other communities to follow.

This investment represents the YDDA commitment to sustainability by leveraging up to \$100,000 in DDA TIF Revenues to complement the existing programs recently approved by City Council. Combined with the \$80,000 Grace Sweeney Solar Rebate program approved by City Council

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and the \$50,000 CDBG solar allocation for homes in the Heritage Park Neighborhood, there are \$230,000 of new solar rebate dollars available in the City of Ypsilanti.

The first come first serve process to apply is easy:

- 1) Owner gets a written quote from one or more licensed solar contractors. [A list of contractors can be found here.](#)
- 2) Owner verifies that they have a quote that is \$3.00/watt or lower to qualify for rebate.
- 3) Owner sends the quote to City Hall (email or hardcopy) to reserve a rebate slot.
- 4) Owner is sent a notice by letter or email that the project is eligible for 50% rebate not to exceed \$10,000. A rebate slot is not reserved until the owner/contractor pays for all required city building permits.
- 5) Owner tells the solar contractor to perform the work.
- 6) Owner/Contractor pulls and pays for all required City permits. Once permits are paid in full, the project will be notified by letter or email that a solar rebate slot has been reserved for the project.
- 7) Solar project is complete and passes all inspections within the 6-month time limit.
- 8) 50% Rebate check is sent to the named owner on the city permit.
- 9) Rebate award decisions are at the sole discretion of the YDDA
- 10) Owner will sign a hold harmless agreement with the City of Ypsilanti and YDDA for protection against any liability arising from solar installation.

For more information, contact us at: cjacobs@cityofypsilanti.com

NEW MURALS DOWNTOWN

If you've visited Downtown Ypsilanti recently, you may have noticed two new murals underway in our parking lots!

The Ypsilanti DDA commissioned local muralists to bring life to the three dumpster enclosures in N. Huron, N. Adams, and S. Huron Lots.

Artist Lavinia Hanachiuc recently completed her mural in the N. Adams lot. Lavinia is a Romanian born artist who has been very active in the Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor art scenes over the years. She chose to depict crows in her mural, as they are very adaptable and smart. In urban

situations, they use discarded human trash to build their nests. She created a scene that looks very natural while incorporating everyday human refuse in it as nature's warning of the future. You can learn more about Lavinia and her work [here](#), and watch her painting the enclosure on her instagram [@hana.qk](#)

Artist Narooz Soliman is currently painting the N. Adams enclosure with beautiful and bold colors. We will include updates on Narooz's work in next month's newsletter along with updates on the third enclosure in the S. Huron Lot.



MIX FITNESS STUDIOS EXPANDS TO DEPOT TOWN



During First Fridays Ypsilanti in June, Mix Fitness Studio celebrated the grand opening of their second location in the DDA.

You can now find personal training, nutrition/health coaching and a

YPSI THROWBACK WITH PRESERVATION PLANNER ELLEN THACKERY



Check out this photo of the Ypsilanti Gas Co, which stood on the southwest corner of Washington and Pearl. (where the Martha Washington Theater was built, which later housed

a variety of fitness classes at 306 N. River St, as well as at 511 W. Cross St.

They offer your first 3 classes for only \$15. Check them out and support newest expansion in Ypsilanti! [Learn more HERE.](#)

Déjà Vu nightclub). The house in the background stood where the parking lot is now at Washington and Pearl. Photo c. 1900 and courtesy of the Ypsilanti Historical Society.

FIRST FRIDAYS YPSI



First Fridays Ypsilanti is on July 1!

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; 6-9p

Opening: Joel Swanson: *People and Other Living Things*

Portraits in paint and video that invite active contemplation of personality, personhood, life itself.

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. BOS Member Ericka-Vonyea Hayes of 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. Masks are optional in common areas.

The Conjure Goddess Botanica and Metaphysical Shop

226 W. Michigan Ave; 3-8p

Customer Appreciation

Free food and drinks. Donation based 5-to-10-minute tarot readings.

Corner Health Center

47 N. Huron St; 5-7p

Improv, Storytelling and Vaccines

Some join us for improv, poetry, and more spoken arts. It's an open mic and vaccines will be available if needed.

The Dance Pavilion

1918 Whittaker Rd; 7-10p

New and Old Faces BBQ Reunion (\$10 Entry Charge)
We're Hosting an outdoor/ indoor BBQ with Meats

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provided and potluck so bring a dish to pass for \$10 entry charge. We will have outdoor games and indoor partner dancing line dancing with instructions. We will have a live DJ and take non explicit music requests. We will also provide dish wares and non-alcoholic beverages including water soda and coffee. There will also be a 50/50 raffle to benefit Landmark Productions Theatre Company a local business needing staging equipment for Ypsilanti based productions.

Evenstars Chalice

36 N. Washington St; 5-7:30p

Meet the artist Asia Monay

Southeast Michigan artist Asia Monay is a self-taught, God-led artist. She has been producing vibrant and powerful canvas paintings since 2016. She is known for her colorful and imaginative portraits and spiritually-inspiring abstracts. Come meet Asia and see her latest works.

The Rocket Candy & Novelties

122 W Michigan Ave; 5-8:30p

Nathaniel Hockman @ *The Rocket Part: 2*

Local artist, Nathaniel Hockman returns to the Rocket in Ypsilanti to display some of his artwork. Also, get your First Fridays merch here! All proceeds benefit FFY!

Silver Spoon Antiques

42 N. Huron St; 5-8p

Jewelry Appraisal

Silver Spoon Antiques will be offering free jewelry appraisal on one item per customer.

Stone & Spoon

110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p

Enter for a chance to win a PICNIC-theme BASKET

Stop in and enter for a chance to win a PICNIC-theme BASKET, full of goodies perfect for picnic planning! No purchase necessary.

The Gallery at Stone & Spoon (upstairs)

110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p

QUEER: Celebrating Work by LGBTQIA Artists

"QUEER: Celebrating Work by LGBTQIA Artists." This celebration of work is a clear example of how varied the work among our local LGBTQIA community is, and how unaware we are of the multitude of creative processes taking place daily.

This, That & the ODDer things- the Hideaway

50 E. Cross St; 5:30-9p

Crush Nouveau | Gothic Window paintings by Robin Treviño Geiseman

Robin Treviño Geiseman will be showcasing her amazing Gothic style window paintings in the Hideaway at This That & the ODDer things and will also be painting live outside. Painting live has led to the development of her unique method of layering bilaterally symmetrical stenciled patterns with vibrant acrylics and spray paint. Come and see how it's done in real time. Watch as the magic unfolds from her mind to her hand, see with your own

eyes how she creates her beautiful masterpieces. A must come and see event! **Light wine and refreshments will also be shared.

Unicorn Feed & Supply

144 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p

Enter for a chance to win a SUMMER FUN BASKET!

Stop by and enter for a chance to win a Summer Fun Basket full of playful goodies for summer shenanigans! No purchase necessary

Ypsi Alehouse

124 Pearl St; 5-10p

Live Music

Free live music from 5-10 PM!

Ypsilanti District Library

229 W Michigan; 6-7p

Drumcommunity!

Join percussionist Lori Fithian for a Drumcommunity Circle. She'll bring the drums, you get to play them. Fun for the whole family!

Ypsi Food Co-op

312 N River St; 5-7:30p

Steve Somers and Friends Jazz

Set 1: Steve Somers and Friends Jazz Band opens the event. Set 2: WCC and Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra students participate. Set 3: Open Jazz Jam Session. Steve Somers teaches at WCC and the YYO. Live music patio/parking lot event. FREE

AROUND TOWN

UNITED WAY OF WASHTENAW COUNTY

United Way of Washtenaw County recently granted a total of \$1.38 million to 51 local nonprofits and community groups working to address racism, poverty and trauma.

The money was gifted through UWWC's Community Impact Fund and Justice Fund. 41 nonprofits and community groups will receive \$1 million annually over the next three years through the Community Impact Fund. The money will go toward general operating support for up-and-coming groups with small annual budgets to some of the county's leading nonprofits. In total, UWWC received more than \$4 million in grant requests.

100% of the funding for Community Impact grants comes from UWWC's annual campaign and 66% of this year's funds went to organizations in Ypsilanti and eastern Washtenaw

County.

Grant awardees include:

- Ann Arbor YMCA
- Community Action Network
- EMU Foundation - Family Empowerment Program
- Food Gatherers
- Foundations Preschool of Washtenaw County
- Girls Group
- Growing Hope
- SOS Community Services
- Telling It
- We the People Opportunity Farm
- Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels

"We're excited to share that 67% of Community Impact grant funds will support 26 Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) led efforts addressing poverty, racism and trauma in our community," Vice President of Impact and Advocacy Bridget Herrmann said in a

statement.

Here's how the funding breaks down to benefit local human services, according to UWWC:

- School-aged youth: 33%
- Wrap around supports to families: 23%
- Housing and homelessness: 18%
- Early childhood: 15%
- Food security: 11%
- Basic needs and literacy: 10%

"We know that programs help people beat the odds, but it's equitable policies and practices that change the odds for people," UWWC President and CEO Pam Smith said in a statement. "For this reason, and for the first time, we're investing in local groups who will be engaging in public policy advocacy and systems change work."

FREE BUS RIDE WEEKENDS

RIDE FREE THIS SUMMER
on weekends with your library card!
JUNE 11 — AUGUST 28

YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY

The Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority – or [TheRide](#) - is teaming up to offer free bus rides every weekend through August for anyone who presents their library card.

Local library officials see [The Free Ride Weekends](#) as a way to help incentivize those who maybe haven't tried taking the bus around town or to a library branch.

Every Saturday until August 28, library cardholders can ride any of TheRide local fixed-route buses for free. All you need to do is show the driver your valid library card when boarding the bus.

While riding, look for the YDL's code on Summer Challenge ads inside the bus. The Summer Challenge includes fun incentives, friendly competitions, and prizes to keep kids—and adults—reading and learning all summer long.

Use the code on the bus to win the "Ride TheRide" badge! Each badge earns you a chance at a prize basket of your choice, which include great experiences and cool stuff donated by local businesses.

Need to get your Library Card? Visit [ypsilibrary.org/library-cards](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/library-cards).

MEET UP AND EAT UP

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YCS Locations

<p>Ypsilanti Community High School June 20th through August 11th No Meals during the week of July 4th Monday-Thursday Breakfast 9 -9:30 am Lunch 12:30 -1 pm</p>	<p>Willow Run Middle School June 20th through August 11th No Meals during the week of July 4th Monday-Thursday Breakfast 8 -9:30 am Lunch 11:30 am -1 pm</p>
<p>Perry Early Learning Center June 20th through August 11th No Meals during the week of July 4th Monday-Thursday Breakfast 8 -8:30 am Lunch 11:30 am -12 pm</p>	<p>WIMA/WIHI June 20th through August 11th No Meals during the week of July 4th Monday-Thursday Breakfast 9 -9:30 am Lunch 12 pm -12:30 pm</p>

Meet Up Eat Up was created to ensure all children have access to healthy meals over summer vacation. Meals are open to all children 0-18 years of age or persons up to 26 years of age who are enrolled in an educational

program that is recognized by a state or local public educational agency. Below are the locations opened in our District for meals. [Please continue to link](#) to view all other sites in Washtenaw County.

COUNTY CLEAN-UP DAY AT LINCOLN HIGH



CONT. COUNTY CLEAN-UP

Have you done some cleaning and ended up with stuff you don't know where to take?

Bring our waste specialists your TVs, tires, paint, oils, garden chemicals, and more for responsible and safe disposal!

This Washtenaw County Clean-up Day will be held on Saturday, July 23rd from 9 AM- 1 PM at Lincoln High School.

Please consider a donation of \$15 to help support this effort. Long wait times are expected. While we strive to help everyone in line by 1 PM, we reserve the right to close the line when capacity is reached.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Appliances (dryer, microwave, etc. - no freon-containing appliances)
- Bulky Waste (furniture, scrap wood, mattresses, etc.)
- Electronics (TV, computer, entertainment and communication devices, etc.)
- Household Hazardous Waste (paint, pesticides, cleaning supplies, oil, batteries, etc.) (no containers larger than 6 gals, no oxygen or refrigerant tanks,

Saturday July 23, 2022 9AM - 1PM Lincoln High School

7425 Willis Road, Ypsilanti, MI
Enter event using east entrance.



Acceptable Materials

- Appliances** (Dryer, microwave, etc.)
No freon-containing items (fridge, dehumidifier, a/c unit)
- Bulky Household Waste** (furniture, mattresses, scrap wood, etc.)
No concrete, asphalt, bricks, or shingles
- Electronics** (TVs, computers, entertainment/communication devices, etc.)
- Household Hazardous Waste** (paint, pesticides, cleaning supplies, oil, etc.)
*No materials in larger than 6 gallon containers
No oxygen or refrigerant tanks
Containers will not be returned*
- Scrap Metal**
- Tires** On or off rims, no semi or agricultural tires, limit of 10 tires
- Do NOT Bring**
- Construction/Demolition Waste** (bricks, drywall, etc.)
- Household Trash**
- Recyclable Materials** (glass, cardboard, paper, plastic)
- Foam Packaging and Containers**

Please consider a **minimum donation of \$15.00** to help support this effort. Checks payable to Washtenaw County.

Bring 4 tires for free. We suggest a donation of \$5 for each additional tire for labor costs. Limit of 10 tires.

Bring 1 TV, computer, or appliance for free. We suggest a donation of \$10 for each additional item.

Long wait times are expected. Please only bring materials you can unload in 20 minutes or less. Space is limited. While we strive to help everyone in line by 1PM, we reserve the right to close the line when capacity is reached.

This event is for Washtenaw County residents only. We can't accept materials from businesses, government agencies, non-profits, or other organizations. Contact us for referrals to manage non-residential waste.

For more information and to find alternative locations for recycling or disposal, call **734-222-3950** or visit www.washtenaw.org/cleanup

Event Sponsors

City of Ann Arbor | Lincoln Consolidated Schools | GFL | Augusta Township
Tire disposal partly funded by the EGLE Scrap Tire CleanUp Grant

- containers can not be returned)
- Scrap Metal
- Tires (limit of 10 tires, no semi or agricultural tires)

[View the flyer](#) for more details and a full list of accepted and not accepted materials, a map of the event flow, and suggested donation amounts in the discussion of this event.

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

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

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

No Trash, Recycling, or Yard Waste Pickup
Administrative Office Closed - Independence Day
July 4, 2022

City Council Special Meeting
July 7, 2022, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Parks and Recreation Commission
July 18, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste pickup one day behind
July 5, 2022 - July 9, 2022

City Council Meeting
July 12, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

July Board of Review
July 19, 2022, 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Administrative Hearings Bureau
July 7, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Administrative Hearings Bureau
July 14, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
July 20, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Arts Commission Meeting
July 14, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Administrative Hearings Bureau
July 21, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

ALL HELD AT CITY HALL - 1 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

City Council Meeting
July 26, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

EVENTS AND RECREATION CALENDAR

RECURRING EVENTS

Ypsilanti Farmers Market

9AM-1PM
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
100 Rice St

Downtown Farmers Market

3-7PM
July 5, 12, 19, 26
16 S. Washington

Nuetral Zone Youth Workshops

2-4PM
July 6, 13, 20, 27
Recreation Park

Yoga at Ypsilanti Senior Center

1-2:30PM
July 8, 15, 22, 29
Senior Citizens Center -1015 N. Congress
[Register HERE](#)

Ypsilanti Jazz Festival

6-10pm
July 2, 9, 16, 30
Riverside Park

First Fridays Ypsilanti

July 1 - All Day
Various events all evening around
Ypsilanti.

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

Home of New Vision Movie Night at the Park

July 15, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Frog Island Park

Michigan Brewers Guild Summer Beer Festival

July 22, 2022, 4:00 PM - July 23, 2022,
7:00 PM
Riverside Park

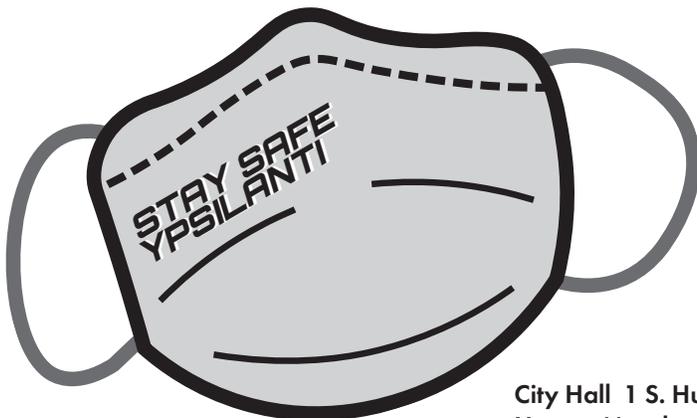
County Clean-Up Day at Lincoln High School

July 23, 2022, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Lincoln High School

Ypsi DDA Outdoor Movie Series

Free Drive-in Movie
July 23, 2022, 8:30 PM
Normal St. Lot (by the Water Tower)

**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.**



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Email your article to tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com

Submissions are due on the 15th of each month.

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