

THE CITY OF YPSILANTI NEWSLETTER



NOVEMBER 2022

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings from the City Manager

This year has flown by and isn't slowing down at this rate. Can you even believe it's November? Daylight savings time ends November 6th, just a reminder of the expression 'fall back. Though a lot of our technology is programmed to do it automatically, it still is a surprise and a habit to remind others. The days get darker sooner, but staying informed is always the best option.

I'd like to thank Eastern Michigan University for having our City Council meeting in the Student Center. Joined us was the Planning Commission, and we discussed essential topics within our community; for highlights, please visit our website. It was an informative meeting, and always wonderful to be on their beautiful campus.

I proudly share that we will resume a daytime Warming center at the Freighthouse starting November 1st

through March 31st. The Freighthouse is available Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to 6 PM. We're still in the process of offering an overnight facility for those in need, and once it's available, we will distribute those resources. The Michigan cold weather is brutal on all of us, primarily those homeless. If you are curious about other winter warming center options or more information, [please visit this website](#).

City Hall will be closed on November 8th for the election. The Clerks office will remain open to the public.

Lastly, Free COVID-19 test kits are available, and those without internet can call 211 for help ordering at-home testing. Households will receive one kit containing five tests. Order online at [accesscovidtests.org](https://www.accesscovidtests.org)! Those without internet access can call 211 for help ordering tests. More [COVID-19 testing information here](#).

The county is still at high risk for



contracting COVID-19, and this remains a concern, and we can support one another by getting vaccinated and boosted. If we are following state and county guidelines, it is our best effort 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 a mask or stay home. We must work together as a community to keep one another safe.

Staying Connected,
Frances McMullan

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR LOIS ALLEN RICHARDSON

Let me live in a house by the side of
the road
Where the race of men go by-
The men who are good and the men
who are bad,
As good and as bad as I.
I would not sit in the scorners seat
Nor hurl the cynic's ban-
Let me live in a house by the side of
the road
And be a friend to man.

(Sam Walter Ross)

Greetings All,

This is my last newsletter as mayor and it culminates twenty-two years of service as an elected public servant in the City of Ypsilanti. It has been a pleasure to serve my hometown and I'm looking forward to what God has planned for me going forward. I love this time of year because it brings transition and change. As we admire the array of fall colors in the trees and foliage, leaves falling and cooler



temperatures, we all must prepare for the next season in life and in our community.

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I know we are all asking where did the year go but we have accomplished so many things collectively. We came out of COVID and its subsequent shutdown, we can now gather in groups, jobs have opened up and companies are hiring, unemployment is the lowest its been in years, students and teachers are back in the classroom working hard to catch up, our sports teams are playing and we celebrated our second annual Juneteenth holiday in June and a beautiful Ypsi Glow, over the weekend just to name a few things.

November is significant and has some very important days and dates for us to acknowledge and celebrate. To begin, **November 6** at 2 A.M. is the end of Daylight Saving Time. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night at bedtime!

November 8th is election day! It is

CITY UPDATES

ELECTION NOTICE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2022
From 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

To the qualified electors of the City of Ypsilanti:

Notice is hereby given that a General Election will be held in the City of Ypsilanti on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. The polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.

At the following locations:

Ward 1, Precinct 1:
Perry School, 550 Perry St. (Harriet St. at Hawkins St.)

Ward 1, Precinct 2:
Senior Citizens Center, 1015 N.

so important that we make our voice, our power and our vote matter. Voting is more than a privilege, it's a responsibility. When we vote, we are actually deciding who we want to govern our communities, for the next two, four or six years. Take time to get to know the candidates individually, what they stand for and how they lead and by all means get to know the judicial candidates. Learn the issues to make good decisions on the proposals, we have three being considered on the Michigan ballot. I certainly can't tell you who to vote for but I sure can say "Vote like your life depends on it, because it does."

November 11th, we celebrate Veterans Day. We salute our veterans from all wars and our active-duty men and women. They play an important part in keeping our nation safe and defending our democracy. Make a special point to thank a veteran or active duty person. If you

Congress (at Oakwood St.)

Ward 1, Precinct 3:
Second Baptist Church, 301 N. Hamilton.

Ward 2, Precinct 1:
Estabrook Elementary, 1555 W. Cross.

Ward 2, Precinct 2:
Estabrook Elementary, 1555 W. Cross.

Ward 2, Precinct 3:
Estabrook Elementary, 1555 W. Cross.

Ward 2, Precinct 4:
EMU Honors College, 511 W. Forest.

Ward 3, Precinct 1:
EMU Honors College, 511 W. Forest.

don't know any service people, ask your family or friends to help you identify a military person or drop by the VFW Hall and say thanks. Of course we can't bypass what many consider the biggest and most important day in November, Thanksgiving day. This is a holiday we all can celebrate and express our gratitude as we choose.

This newsletter post is not a farewell. There is still too much work to be done to make our city all it can be, and that will take all of us working together. My sincerest thanks to all who have voted for and supported me over the years. There are no actual words to express my appreciation and thankfulness. As I said, this is not goodbye. I'll be around rooting for each of you with LOVE.

LOVE is the answer,
Lois Allen-Richardson

Ward 3, Precinct 2:
Ypsilanti International Elementary School, 503 Oak St. (N. Prospect Street at Oak St)

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The General Statewide election is for the following:

- Ø **Governor**
- Ø **Secretary of State**
- Ø **Attorney General**
- Ø **Representative in Congress – 6th District**
- Ø **State Senator 15th District**
- Ø **Representative in State Legislature 32nd District**

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- Ø County Commissioner 6th District
- Ø Member of the State Board of Education
- Ø Regent of the University of Michigan
- Ø Trustee of Michigan State University
- Ø Governor of Wayne State University
- Ø County Commissioner 6th District
- Ø Mayor
- Ø Council Member
- Ø Justice of the Supreme Court
- Ø Judge of Court of Appeals 3rd District Incumbent Position (6-year term)
- Ø Judge of Court of Appeals 3rd District Incumbent Position (Partial Term Ending 01/01/2025)
- Ø Judge of Court of Appeals 3rd District Non-Incumbent Position (6-year term)
- Ø Judge of Circuit Court 22nd Circuit Non-Incumbent
- Ø Judge of District Court 14A District Non-Incumbent

- Position**
- Ø Board of Trustees Member Washtenaw Community College
- Ø Board Member Ypsilanti Community Schools (6-year Term)
- Ø Board Member Ypsilanti Community Schools (Partial Term ending 12/31/2024)
- Ø Board Member Ypsilanti District Library
- Ø Proposal 22-1: A proposal to amend the state constitution to require annual public financial disclosure reports by legislators and other state officers and change state legislator term limit to 12 total years in legislature
- Ø Proposal 22-2: A proposal to amend the state constitution to add provisions regarding elections.
- Ø Proposal 22-3: A proposal to amend the state constitution to establish new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to

- make all decisions about pregnancy and abortion; allow state to regulate abortion in some cases; and forbid prosecution of individuals exercising established right.
- Ø Ypsilanti Community Schools Operating Millage Proposal

The full text of the ballot proposal may be obtained at the City Clerk's Office at 1 South Huron, Ypsilanti, MI, 49197. Sample ballots can also be found at www.mi.gov/vote.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections; registered voters may contact the local clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot .

To comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), voting instructions and Braille will be available in audio format. Arrangements for obtaining the instructions in these alternative formats can be made by contacting the township clerk before the election. All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

ARTS COMMISSION CORNER

The City of Ypsilanti is seeking individuals passionate about the arts in Ypsilanti to join the Arts Commission.

The Arts Commission meets once a month to promote art in the City of Ypsilanti, educate the public why the arts, culture and creative industries are important to the City of Ypsilanti, to cultivate a community culture and environment that embraces and nurtures artistic and creative assets, and to promote and further diversity, equity and inclusion of all of Ypsilanti in the arts.

Over the next few months, we will be highlighting our Art Commissioners and projects that the Commission works on.

Fill out this [online form](#) if you are interested in joining the Arts Commission

ARTS COMMISSIONER HIGHLIGHT: LYNNE SETTLES

A retired Ypsilanti high school art teacher, Lynne has been the inspiration behind numerous artistic endeavors that she made happen. The Ypsilanti student artwork featured on banners now hanging around Ypsilanti, many of the large murals depicting Ypsilanti history, the student peace march held on Martin Luther King Day a few years ago, the costumed, drumming kids who kick off every YpsIGLOW event, were all sparked by Lynne Settles' efforts to show her students



how art is part of everyday life and to show them how to use art whether they are an artist or not.

Lynne received an Exemplary Education Endeavors 2016 Award

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from the Ann Arbor Area Chamber of Commerce and The Mercedes Wauddy Humanitarian Award from the Ypsilanti Community School (YCS) Student Council in 2016. DTE Energy Foundation educator of the year award in 2017 recently received the Parkridge Summerfest Joe Dulin Day honor for her work with youth, art, and the community. Currently a member of the Ypsilanti Art Commission.



BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE



The Ypsilanti Bicentennial celebration is approaching, and we are looking for interested sponsors! We want to showcase the culture and community over the last 200 years. #ypsi200

Three upcoming events: NYE Ball Drop at the Water Tower, a Fourth of July Picnic and time capsule reveal, and our main event on August 19th to celebrate with area artists, delicious local food, a beer tent, and provide meaningful engagement. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. A community is only offered this opportunity once, and the commission is determined to have a memorable event.

Please sign up to donate [HERE](#).

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Historic District Commission
The Ypsilanti Historic District Commission has a vacancy. Please apply if you are interested in local historic preservation and would like to serve! Applicants must be city residents. You can learn more about doing on a commission [here](#). [Apply here](#)

Please get in touch with the City Clerk's office with questions regarding the application process, or get in touch with the Preservation Planner with questions regarding the commission.

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

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

BE PART OF AN EVENT 200 YEARS IN THE MAKING!

CALL FOR SPONSORS

We want to put on a celebration that captures the joy and vibrancy of our city, and we need your help! Scan the QR code to learn more about the perks of contributing funds for the Ypsilanti Bicentennial plans!

SCAN TO BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS!

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BOARDS & COMMISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Commission

Three Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Dangerous Bldgs

Dangerous Buildings Officer

Ethics Board

One Board Member

Historic District Commission

Two Commissioners

Human Relations Commission

Five Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Parks & Recreation Commission

Three Commissioners
One Youth Member

Police Advisory Commission

Two Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Sustainability Commission

Two Youth Members

Zoning Board of Appeals

One Commissioner

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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 additional information, please contact the number (734) 763-2251.

According to the Michigan Fire Inspectors Society Foundation, in 2022, 91 people died in 76 fires. This statistic also acknowledges an increase in fatalities and fires by 8% compared to the 2017-2021 national average. Training is critical to prepare for any event resulting in a life-and-death scenario.

PARKRIDGE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Parkridge Fall After-school program goes till June 8th. Mondays-Thursdays 4-7pm.

Kids who want to excel in and outside the classroom: Registration has re-opened, and we have 20 spots open Now! Benefits include INCREASED grades and engagement with caring adults in a SAFE and nurturing environment. Did I add that it's FREE!

After-School Programming includes:

- Math, Reading, and Writing
- Instruction by Certified Teachers
- Science Experiments
- Art Projects
- Food Provided
- And FUN!

Ages 6 - 11; maximum enrollment: 48 per safety protocols

[Register](#) or call us anytime at 734-483-7700! If you have any questions, please contact Liz Garaba at egaraba@wccnet.edu



In the photograph is Local 401, Shift 2, who was out doing ladder training. They are constantly proficient in their training and ready to respond to any type of emergency. Preparation is essential for any future events that could result in a fire. Please check your smoke detectors and be safe.

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, the DDA has made available \$150,000 in solar rebates.

More information about the DDA Solar Rebate program in the DDA section of this newsletter.

PILOT PROGRAM BY WASHTENAW COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND HURON WATERSHED COUNCIL

Ypsilanti residents, please join WCCD and the [Huron River Watershed Council](#) on November 5th to review and discuss two projects in your communities.

Through a generous grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resource's Urban and Community Forestry Program, the Washtenaw County Conservation District (WCCD), in collaboration with elected Township officials and staff, have been piloting a project to assist the community in identifying strengths, challenges, and opportunities to enhance and protect trees and forests. Trees provide a wide range of benefits: the oxygen we breathe, stormwater mitigation, cleaner air and water, reduction in surface heat island effects, carbon sequestration, and improvements to human mental and physical health. These benefits make trees a vital component of any community and excellent problem solvers. However, sometimes policies or the distribution of trees on the landscape reduces or limits their beneficial impact.

This pilot project aimed to identify how trees could best serve the residents of Ypsilanti in both the City and the Township. The WCCD has conducted a review of current ordinances and zoning policies, used Geographic Information Systems (GIS) to assess the current

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATES

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Ypsilanti Road Renovation project breakthrough continues within our local community. With the help of YCUA, and MDOT, we're halfway complete, and the maintenance will halt on December 15th for winter weather. We realize

distribution of trees, and identified potential planting areas. Results from the pilot project will be shared at a public meeting on November 5th, 2022 from 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm at Ypsilanti District Library (5577 Whittaker Road, Ypsilanti, MI 48197). Results from this pilot project are meant to catalyze conversation and encourage residents to consider the many benefits trees, on both public and private property, provide the community. Any action pursued because of this project will be at the discretion of the Township officials and community residents. The WCCD and its partners offer many programs

this has affected traffic flow and commutes to all of our community, and we ask for your continued patience.

To recap, this project's purpose is to replace water mains that are some

and services, such as low-cost bare root trees and information on conservation easements, that may be valuable to residents as they determine the role of community trees in the future.

The WCCD is a local unit of State government, assisting private landowners, businesses, and others, with management of their natural resources in Washtenaw County. The WCCD is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Additional information is available online at www.washtenawcd.org. [Learn more about the project.](#)

of Ypsilanti's oldest, most fragile pipes. Overlapping with this essential construction, MDOT is installing an equally important safe pedestrian pathway between Ypsilanti and Ypsilanti Township. Regarding the I-94 Pathway, we are on schedule,

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with hopes all ramps will be accessible by the New Year. Additional crosswalk ramps, bike lanes, crosswalks, bus stop markings, and additional on-street parking are all in the works.

The construction will resume early Spring, starting the project's next phase (Michigan Avenue). Phase 3, [as indicated on the map](#), is the final stage of the renovation and will be just as tricky but will conclude by the end of 2023. We're all looking forward

to those orange cones leaving and having a more sustainable roadway.

This project has been a long time in the making, and though it introduces new routes to our daily commute, the opportunity to have these projects overlap.

RECYCLING REMINDER

The City of Ypsilanti Department of Public Service has significantly improved in the last year. Our goal as a community is to build a sustainable environment and reduce waste.

in the City of Ypsilanti and may be picked up at the Department of Public Services (14 W Forest Ave). The resident must have ID and residency proof at the pickup time.

pet beds, stuffed animals, tools, and toys. What more could you want?

[-The Home Toxics Center](#) accepts many materials, including paints, flammable items (like oils and automotive fluids), batteries, fluorescent bulbs, and more, for reuse, Recycling, and safe disposal.

-The red prescription drop-off box in the Ypsilanti Police Department. Residents have a way to dispose of controlled substances and old prescription medications safely.

For more information, visit cityofypsilanti.com/recycle or call (734) 483-1421.

-Public recycling bins are in commercial districts & parks, usually next to trash cans. The receptacles accept plastic containers or bottles, tin, aluminum, and glass containers—also, paper, newspapers, and magazines. Non-accepted items include Trash, Food waste, Plastic Bags, Styrofoam, or Batteries.

-Recycle Ann Arbor drop-off: For free, users can recycle anything accepted curbside but in addition: batteries, Styrofoam, and plastic bags. [Register here.](#)

[-Simple Recycling:](#) curbside textile recycling via scheduled pickup! Items accepted by the Simple Recycling program include clothing, sheets, pillows and pillowcases, blankets, comforters, belts, ties, books, shoes, curtains, purses, hats, kitchenware,

-Red Recycling bins are available to anyone who lives in a 4-unit or smaller apartment building or home

FALL CLEANUP



Helpful reminders for yard waste:

1. Place in brown paper compost bags or a trash can (32 gallons or smaller) with handles.

2. Bags or cans must weigh less than 50 pounds. Note: grass clippings can be very heavy! Please ensure containers are less than 50 pounds.

3. Place bags or cans approximately six feet from the trash.

4. Stickers for reusable containers may be obtained at the Department of Public Services or City Hall at no charge.

5. Must not contain rubbish, dirt, sod, plastic bags, or recyclables.

Curbside Brush Removal

The brush should be no larger than the thickness of your arm and no taller than you stand upright. All materials must be bundled.

Helpful Alternative Yard Waste Solutions

Mowing your leaves and grasscycling are excellent alternative methods for yard waste.

Leaf Pickup

Leaves in compost bags or trash cans (32 gallons or smaller with a yard waste sticker) will be picked up curbside. Curbside yard waste will be picked up on your trash day. Ypsilanti Township Compost Facility Residents are allowed up to four passes per year for use of the compost facility.



NEWS FROM THE DDA

DDA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



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MEETINGS HELD THIRD THURSDAYS AT 8:30AM AT THE FREIGHOUSE (NOVEMBER LOCATION TBD)

OCTOBER 20, 2022

APPROVED:

SPONSORSHIP FOR DEPOT TOWN BUSINESS OWNERS- CANDY FOR HALLOWEEN EVENT

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR WARMING CENTER AT THE FREIGHOUSE

YPSIGLOW EVENT SUPPORT FOR LOVE AT FIRST TRY

MATCH ON MAIN SELECTIONS TO SUBMIT TO MEDC - LOVE AT FIRST TRY & GO ICECREAM

SUBCONTRACTOR FOR DOWNTOWN DUMPSTER CLEANING SERVICES

ROCKY HORROR LIVE PERFORMANCE BEFORE FILM ON OCT 27 AT FROG ISLAND

The DDA Staff and Board meet monthly to discuss various things that make Ypsilanti uniquely Ypsilanti. You can attend

meetings every third Thursday at 8:30am (location TBD) or you can catch the minutes and packets online [HERE.](#)

This is a 1953 photograph of E Cross Street looking from near the bridge east toward the Thompson Block and the Auto Heritage Museum. City Body's sign and shop are visible, as is a sign in the foreground for the "Sensational Hallicrafters Television."



STOREFRONT COMPETITION



Attention DDA Business owners! Sign up is open for the second annual Holiday Storefront Competition!

Find all the details at ypsilantidda.org/holiday/

DDA Staff is excited to bring back a fun, and creative holiday tradition to the Downtown, Depot Town, and West Cross districts.

All participating storefronts displayed great care and artistry, and helped make Ypsilanti a festive destination for the holidays.

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.

Thank you for a wonderful season! We closed off the year on October 27th with the cult-classic, Rocky Horror Picture show! Envalino Productions provided an incredible live performance of Rocky Horror favorites ahead of the show.



DDA SOLAR REBATE

There are rebates still available for West Cross and Downtown District buildings!

The DDA approved solar rebates for Downtown and West Cross 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.



The first come first serve process to apply is easy:

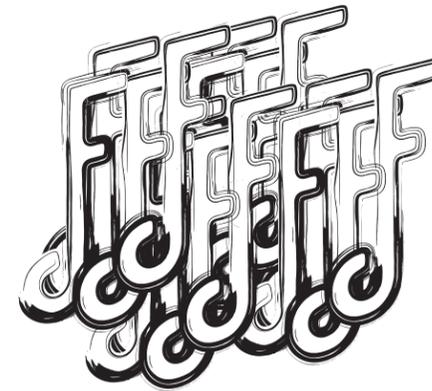
- 1) Owner gets a written quote from one or more licensed solar contractors. [A list of contractors can be found here.](#)
- 2) Owner verifies that they have a quote that is \$3.00/watt or lower to qualify for rebate.
- 3) Owner sends the quote to City Hall (email or hardcopy) to reserve a rebate slot.
- 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

FIRST FRIDAYS YPSILANTI



First Fridays Ypsilanti is on Nov 4!

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!

2 West Michigan - Back Parking Lot

2 W. Michigan Ave; 5-10p
Dia de Los Muertos
For this free, family-friendly event, the building owner of 2 West will transform its back parking lot to create a Dia de Los Muertos--themed event. FME will offer the public an ofrenda (an altar to remember loved ones who have passed), artist and food vendors, live entertainment, and a screening of the movie Coco.

22 North

22 N. Huron St; 6-9p
Conversations on Mortality
Work by 14 artists offering "an opportunity to share our own humanity...our stories of love, separation, connection, memory, fear, bonding, isolation, pain and change." Guest curators Tim Torchella and Sharlene Welton

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

201 N. River St; 6-8p
Historic Emmanuel
Come and view this historic Gothic stone church with ogival arches and iconic bell tower. Enter massive oak doors to the narthex and sanctuary with the lighted Good Shepherd-stained glass window. Learn the church history while enjoying organ music with free drinks and snacks. Children and all are welcome!

Evenstars Chalice

36 N. Huron St; 5-7:30p
In Stor Pop-up with Jeanne Adwani
Join us as we host local maker/artist/poet/hair stylist Jeanne Adwani and her in-store pop-up of eclectic and vintage finds and wares. She might even do a reading from one of her books or a reading of the cards

Hinton Real Estate

36 N. Washington St; 5-7p
Crafts for Kids
Join us for some light refreshments and crafts for the little ones! We will have supplies available to make turkeys from little hands for the upcoming holiday. Bring a can of food for the Food Drive while you're here!

Love at First Try

230 W. Michigan Ave; 11a-8p
15% Off Sale
15% off your total purchase during First Fridays Ypsilanti

Pearl Street Studios

108 Pearl St; 6-9p
Fall pop-up shop: Abstract Art 1 day sale
Open house art show and studio sale! Join us as we host artist Patricia Small and her abstract paintings. There will be originals on canvas, plus prints and merchandise - all on sale! There will be light refreshments and a free give away. Come check out the art and get a start on your holiday shopping with unique gifts.

Stone & Spoon

110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p
Holiday Snack Sampling
We're calling all charcuterie, cheese, and butter board lovers - this one is for you! Join us as we sample some of our favorite snacks this holiday season with a special highlight (and a shop favorite) by Gus & Grey! Become enlightened with the endless possibilities of what your boards can look like this holiday season!

The Gallery at Stone & Spoon (upstairs)

110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p
"Chef's Kiss" Opening Reception
It makes so much sense that food has become a subject for art since some of the earliest paintings including the hunting scenes in the Caves of Lascaux. Enjoy some of today's recordings by our local artists. Let's enjoy their unique interpretations and realize that food actually is what brings us together now...and forever.

This That & the ODDer Things

50 E. Cross St; 5-9p
Art Consumption | artist Dawn Smith
Dawns canvass paintings are captivating plays in darkness and sweetness. Dawns work will be presenting in her words "a sickeningly cute and strange pageantry of self-indulgent eye candy for your consuming pleasure. -vegan feminist anarchist nightmare." Enjoy! We will also be having a free wine service with the exhibit.

Triple Goddess Tasting Room - Unity Vibration

93 Ecorse Rd; 7-10p
Karaoke w/Trish Kane
First Friday's Karaoke w/Trish Kane is always the best! The Hostess with the Mostest will get you up and moving and having a good time! Bring your favorite song to share, your favorite karaoke friend

and show us what you got, baby!!

Unicorn Feed & Supply

144 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p
Mini Gingerbread House Pop-Up with The Sheepish Chef
Season's greetings everybody! Join us for a Mini Gingerbread House Pop-Up by Ypsilanti baker, The Sheepish Chef! Add a fun & festive tradition to your holiday season with these Gingerbread Houses that are perfect for the littles in your life! Pre-made kits will be available for purchase.

Ypsi Food Co-op

312 N River St; 5-7:30p
Live Music with Steve Somers and Friends, WCC Jazz Class & Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra
Set 1: Steve Somers and Friends (small group). Set 2 WCC Jazz Class and Ypsilanti Youth Orchestra Students participate. Set 3 Open Jazz Jam Session. Special guests include WCC student Esteban Morales and others. We will be recognizing Native American Heritage Month. Steve teaches guitar at WCC and also directs the WCC Jazz Ensemble.

Ypsilanti Running Company

126 W. Michigan Ave; 6-7:30p
Trigger Point Release for Runners Workshop
Join fitness trainer and owner of The Pilates Difference, Denene Siegel for the Trigger Point Release for Runners Workshop. There will be (3) 20 minute sessions starting at 6, 6:30, and 7 PM. The workshop will focus on muscle release and building flexibility in the feet, hips, and shoulders. Each session will be limited to 10 people.

Third Annual First Fridays Food Drive for



Please check our socials for more details on what can be donated!

Donation Boxes can be found at:

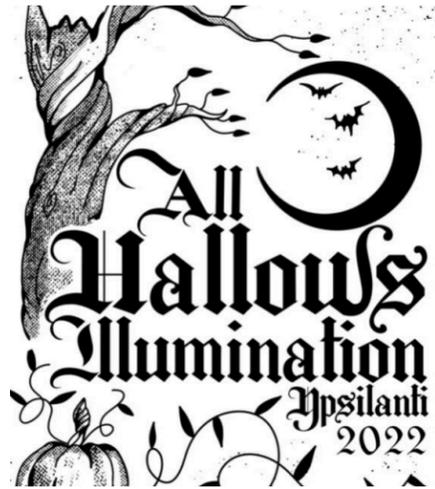
The Conjure Goddess (226 W. Michigan)
This That & the ODDer things (50 E. Cross)
Ypsi Food Co-op (312 N. River)
The Mix Studios (306 N. River)
22 North (22 N. Huron)
Stone & Spoon (110 W. Michigan)
Back Office Studios (13 N. Washington)
Hinton Real Estate Group (36 N. Washington)

AROUND TOWN

ALL HALLOWS RETURNS

On Tuesday, November 1st, from 7 PM to 9PM, Please join us for the 4th annual All Hallows Illumination of Frog Island!

Walk, red wagon, bike, or drive your jack o'lanterns to the Frog Island amphitheater to light it & our track with our aged jacks. Costumes are encouraged of course, for this FREE event. Fire Spinners Ypsi Spin Jam plans to perform first, followed by Black Jake & the Carnies (tips encouraged!) Just us, an illuminated Tridge, a park of our glowing jacks & these wonderful performers!



[Event Page](#)

FREE LEGAL ADVICE AT HOPE CLINIC

Washtenaw County Bar Association & Legal Services of South Central Michigan offers a free legal advice event:

Thursday, November 10, 2022,
at Hope Clinic (518 Harriet St.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197)
from 4 PM - 7 PM.

30 minutes of free legal advice.

Practice areas may include:

Bankruptcy, Consumer Protection,
Estate Planning, Immigration/Visa,
Landlord/Tenant, Public Benefits,
Social Security, and Unemployment.

Please call (734) 484-2989 to
schedule an appointment.

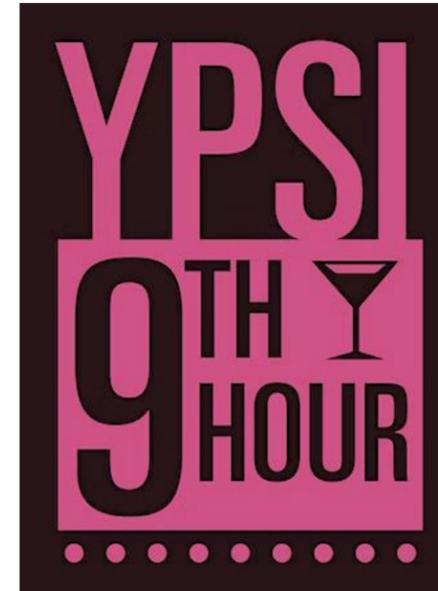
Walk-ins are welcome as time allows.

FED UP

During the warming center months Fed Up Ministry meals will be delivered to the day time shelter in Ann Arbor and the day time shelter in Ypsi every Wednesday, 1:30-2:30pm sans food truck. Free and open to all.



YPSI 9TH HOUR



Join us for Ypsi 9th Hour, an after-work social scene of networking and camaraderie!

Date and time Thu, November 17,
2022, 5:00 – 6:30 PM

This 9th Hour, we'll celebrate the upcoming holiday season, hosted at Washtenaw Community College by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Come visit the newly renovated Morris Lawrence Building and enjoy food and refreshments among friends.

Sponsored and co-created by BOS and Ann Arbor SPARK East Innovation Center, this after-work networking scene is for anyone looking to socialize with like-minded entrepreneurs, business professionals, and independent contractors in a casual, relaxed

atmosphere with complimentary refreshments.

Whether you own a long-running business in Ypsilanti or are new to the community, come out for our 9th Hour to meet other like-minded folks. Hope to see you there!

This event will be hosted in-person at the Morris Lawrence Building, Room 150 at Washtenaw Community College, 4800 E. Huron River Dr Ann Arbor, MI 48105. Parking is free and available in Lots 1 and 2.

Space is limited and registration is required. [Register today!](#)

THE REALLY, REALLY FREE MARKET

The Really, Really Free Market

November 17
December 29

6-10pm @ the Ypsilanti Freighthouse
100 Market Place, Ypsilanti

*set up starts at 5pm

Everything is FREE

play games and meet new people

help with set-up and take-down

share a skill

participate in the open-mic

dedutter or shop

Join the community potluck

Kenzo Collective

call/text: (734) 999-0149
email: kenzokucollective@gmail.com

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It's A Really Really Free Market!
Featuring a Cozy Tea House &
Acoustic Open Mic & Community Pot
Luck!

Bring What You Can. Take What You
Want or Need. Nothing Will Be For
Sale. Everything is 100% FREE and

FAMILY FRIENDLY
Set-up: 5pm
Volunteer: help with set-up or
clean-up or during the market...
Market starts at 6pm
Potluck Starts at 6pm (bring your
own plates/bowls/utensils)
Open Mic: sign-up: 6pm

There Are Tables Available! Create a
table/booth of your own.

The freight house space is indoor
and outdoor...whichever you prefer
for your set-up and it's in a very large
covered building with ample space
and with open air flow.

CALL FOR VENDORS

Bjs Hart presents
It's a Fall thing!

ACCEPTING VENDORS!

DATE: NOVEMBER 19TH, 2022
 LOCATION: YPSILANTI FREIGHT HOUSE
 TIME: 1PM TO 5PM

Contact Stephanie Hart for more information.
 cellphone: 734-985-1440
 Email: Hartbjs41@yahoo.com

YPSILANTI DEATH CAFE

WHAT IS A DEATH CAFE?
 A Death Cafe is a group directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. It is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counselling session

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
 5-7PM

THE GALLERY @ STONE & SPOON
 110. W MICHIGAN AVE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CHECK OUT WWW.DEATHCAFE.COM OR EMAIL HANNA@ACACIAENDOFLIFE.COM

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THE SECOND ANNUAL
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 Handmade Holiday Bazaar

Dec. 3rd
 3-9 pm

Free to attend!

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 Dec 3rd, 3-9pm at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse.

RIVERSIDE SWINGS

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FRIDAY NIGHTS

9PM-11:30PM
 All ages
 All skill levels

\$5 General Admission
 \$4 Students

8PM-9PM
 Free beginner lesson



What: Swing dancing! No experience or partner is required. All ages are welcome.

When: Every Friday. Free beginner lesson 8 PM - 9 PM, open dancing with DJs 9 PM -11 PM.

Where: 2nd-floor dance studio, Riverside Arts Center 76 N Huron St, Ypsilanti

How much: Beginner lesson is free, and the open dance is \$5 or \$4 for students.

[Facebook Page](#)

EMBRACING OUR DIFFERENCES - CALL FOR ART

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 MICHIGAN

2023 CALL FOR ART

Theme: Diversity & Inclusion

Open Now!
 Deadline January 16, 2023



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 Or use the link <https://rb.gy/zayob1>

Contact Us:
 Website: eodmichigan.org
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YPSIWITES: LOVE LETTERS TO YPSILANTI

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submit your letter




The 2023 Ypsilanti Bicentennial commemorates the 200th anniversary of the city of Ypsilanti's incorporation on April 22, 1823. We're celebrating Ypsilanti's past as well as the pride, diversity, and heritage of the city today. Join YpsiWrites in writing love letters to and about the city we love so much!

You can write your love letter to Ypsilanti or use one of the prompts created by YpsiWrites. Postcards with prompts are available at all Ypsilanti District Library branches. Submitted letters and cards may be displayed on YpsiWrites' website or at events celebrating the bicentennial.

Keep an eye on our [website](#) and

CORNER HEALTH YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Corner Youth Leadership Council (YLC)—For anyone 12-25 years old interested in developing leadership skills, promoting change, and raising awareness about community health and safety issues. Have fun, help your community, and earn a little cash (meeting stipends provided).

Any questions, please contact Outreach@cornerhealth.org

Corner Theatre Troupe—For youth in middle and high school, no experience is necessary! As a Peer Educator, have fun while gaining acting skills, perform plays and/or monologues for your peers on important health topics, and earn a little cash (meeting stipends provided)!

Sept—June on Wednesdays from 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Interested? [Complete this form.](#)

CITY CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2022

FOR UPDATES AND MORE INFO CLICK [HERE](#)

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

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

City Council Meeting
November 1, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Administrative Hearings Bureau
November 10, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Police Advisory Commission Meeting
November 17, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Administrative Hearings Bureau
November 3, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Arts Commission Meeting
November 10, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting
November 21, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Deadline to request an Absentee Ballot
by Mail
November 4, 2022, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Bicentennial Committee Meeting
Freighthouse (100 Market Pl)

Historic District Commission
November 22, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Community Trees and Green
Infrastructure workshop
November 5, 2022, 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Ypsilanti District Library (Whittaker)

Sustainability Commission Meeting
November 14, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

No Trash, Recycling, or Yard Waste Pickup
November 24, 2022, All Day

Last Day to Request an Absentee Ballot
In-Person
November 7, 2022, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

City Council Meeting
November 15, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Administrative Office Closed -
Thanksgiving Holiday
November 24, 2022, 8:00 AM - November
25, 2022, 5:00 PM

General Election
November 8, 2022, 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting
November 16, 2022, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste pickup
one day behind
November 25, 2022 - November 26, 2022

Administrative Hearings Bureau
November 17, 2022, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

EVENTS AND RECREATION CALENDAR

RECURRING EVENTS

Riverside Swings (Swing Dancing Lessons)
8-11PM
November 4, 11, 18, 25
Riverside Arts Center - 76 N. Huron

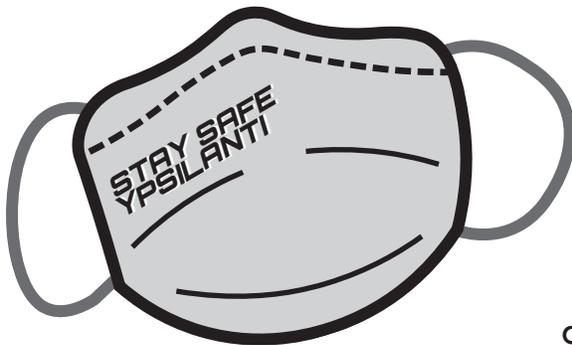
Yoga at Ypsilanti Senior Center
1-2:30PM
November 4, 11, 18, 25
Senior Citizens Center - 1015 N. Congress
[Register HERE](#)

All Hallows Illumination of Frog Island
November 1, 2022, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Frog Island Park

First Fridays Ypsilanti
November 4, 2022 - All Day
Various events all evening around Ypsi

Community Trees and Green
Infrastructure workshop
November 5, 2022, 2:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Ypsilanti District Library (Whittaker)

**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](mailto:tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com)
WITH EVENT DETAILS.**



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

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