

THE CITY OF YPSILANTI NEWSLETTER



JANUARY 2023

FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER



Cheers to the New Year. It's 2023! It's a monumental time for our community as we honor 200 years of the City of Ypsilanti. Please visit www.ypsi200.com to stay informed on what's happening throughout the year of our Bicentennial. I'm grateful to say that I have been working within this community for over 15 years, and I look forward to making an impact with your support.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season. On December 2nd, we had our Christmas staff party, which was well

attended with beautiful decorations, food, music, and drinks. Thanks to all who contributed to making this such a fantastic annual event.

The beginning of the year here in the city means goal sessions for City Council. We will look at plans from the previous year and reflect on our progress from the previous year.

The Ypsilanti's City offices will be closed on January 16th to honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of America's most inspiring civil rights activists. Activities are going on this



day within our community. Please view our calendar under [Events and Recreation](#) if you want to get involved.

Please remember that [Washtenaw County is still at risk of contracting COVID-19](#). We can support one another by getting vaccinated and boosted. Continue to follow state and county guidelines to reduce the spread of the virus. For more information on COVID and flu vaccination and testing opportunities, contact the Washtenaw County Health Department at (734) 544-6700. Remember, if you're not feeling well, wear a mask and stay home.

Staying Connected,
Frances McMullan

FROM THE DESK OF MAYOR NICOLE BROWN



Happy New Year Ypsilanti!

I hope that everyone had a peaceful and safe holiday break.

Our bicentennial year started with a bang! Such an exciting time at Ypsi's first ball drop hosted by the Bicentennial Committee. It was

wonderful to see so many show up to bring in year 200 with us!

Members of Council attended the EMU Men's Basketball season opener to show our support to the Eagles! It was a great time and I encourage you to catch a game this season if you can!

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Ypsilanti City Council members cheering on the EMU Mens Basketball team.



Mayor Nicole Brown making a speech at the Bicentennial NYE Ball Drop. Photo by Niejai Williams

Also this month, Council will be completing our goal setting for the year. Please feel free to join us if

you're interested in the process! Our first meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10th at 6pm at City Hall.

Again, Happy New Year! I'm truly looking forward to engaging with as many of you as I can and working together for an even better Ypsilanti!

Sincerely,
Nicole Brown
Mayor

CITY UPDATES

BICENTENNIAL UPDATE! NEW YEARS EVE BALL DROP!



Thank you to all who attend our ball drop to kick off 200 years of our city. Hundreds of guests attended the 7pm ball drop for kids, and even more showed up for the midnight ball drop and spontaneous dance party! The cold weather didn't stop us from making memories, and there are plenty more to be created in the year ahead. Remember the 4th of July and our main event on August 19th at Riverside Park.

If you're interested in getting involved or in sponsorship opportunities, please email: ypsicentennial@gmail.com



New Years Eve Ball handmade by local artists Riva Jewell-Vitale and Elize Jekabson



2023 YPSILANTI BICENTENNIAL WALKING EVENTS

The following tours will be led by a Ypsilanti native and resident of one of Ypsi's oldest houses, Stefan Szumko, also known as SlugWhisperer.

All walking tours will happen rain or shine (unless SlugWhisperer's basement floods or there is a significant chance of lightning).

Monthly Riverside Rambles January-December, Second Sunday of Each Month - 10am

We will explore the natural world along the Huron River for nature nerds of all ages. (2 hours - approximately 1 mile round trip).

• January through March

Meet at the Freight House (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198).

• April through December

Meet at the pavilion at Waterworks Park (40 Catherine Street Ypsilanti, MI 48197).

Historic District Perimeter February 23, Sunday - 10am

Walk the perimeter of the Ypsilanti Historic District, the 3rd largest in Michigan. Distance is approximately 6K (3 miles). Meet at the Main Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library (229 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).

Historic Walking Tours: Downtown

March 26, Sunday - 10am

Marvel at the buildings in the historic downtown business district, then head down to the river to visit Independence Island. (2 hours). Meet at the Main Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library (229 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).

Historic Walking Tours: Normal Park

April 23, Sunday - 10am

A nice, flat route through a century-old neighborhood. (2 hours). Meet at the Ypsilanti Senior Center (1015 Congress St, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).

Ypsilanti Bicentennial 5K/10K Volksmarch

May 6, Saturday - 10am

Created especially to highlight Ypsilanti's history - from Depot Town to Woodruff's Grove, Independence Island to the Water Tower, walkers can purchase a map or walk with a guided group. Meet at the Freighthouse (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198)

Historic Walking Tours: Depot Town and the Historic East Side

June 25, Sunday - 10am

After the history walk through Depot Town, we'll walk up and down a steep hill through the east side neighborhoods (2 hours). Meet at the Freight House (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198).

Historic Walking Tours: Cross St/EMU

July 23, Sunday - 10am

Walk from one of the lowest points in the city (Frog Island) to the highest elevation (the water tower) with a quick stroll through the original State Normal College (now EMU). (2 hours). Meet at the Freighthouse (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198).

YHF Historic Home Tour

August 19 (likely), Saturday - Time TBA

This event will retrace the route of the Ypsilanti Heritage Foundation's first Historic Home Tour in 1978 along N. Huron from Michigan Ave. to Cross St. Participants can walk with a guided group or independently using the annotated map. (1-2 hours). (Start point and date TBD)

Bridges of Ypsilanti Walk September 4, Monday - 10am

If you count the Tridge as 3, there are 14 bridges within roughly a mile from downtown Ypsi (not including the freeway overpasses). The walking route is just a bit over 10K. The 5K route has 10 bridges. Meet at the Freighthouse (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198).

Ypsilanti Bicentennial 5K/10K Volksmarch

Fall 2023 - Date TBA

Created especially to highlight Ypsilanti's history - from Depot Town to Woodruff's Grove, Independence Island to the Water Tower, walkers can purchase a map or walk with a guided group. Meet at the Freighthouse (100 Market Pl, Ypsilanti, MI 48198)

Historic District Perimeter

November 26, Sunday - 10am

Walk the perimeter of the Ypsilanti Historic District, the 3rd largest in Michigan. Distance is approximately 6K (3 miles). Meet at the Main Branch of the Ypsilanti District Library (229 W Michigan Ave, Ypsilanti, MI 48197).

SPONSOR THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

BE PART OF AN EVENT 200 YEARS IN THE MAKING!

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!

CALL FOR SPONSORS

SCAN TO BE A PART OF THE CELEBRATIONS!

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DAYTIME WARMING CENTER

Their active hours are Monday through Thursday from 8 AM- 5 PM through March 31st.

Looking for donations of:

- Food & Coffee
- Gloves, Hats & Mittens
- Indoor safe propane heaters (Little Buddy brand preferred if possible)
- Propane canisters
- Hot Hands (small hand size preferred)
- Mylar emergency blankets
- Fire starters
- Art Supplies

EVENTS AT THE DAYTIME SHELTER

-Every Monday, at 10 AM, Circling Back, a peer support group for people with lived experiences of

homelessness.

Also, on Mondays at 2 PM, hosted by Home of New Vision, meditation and breathing exercises with members from [Home of New Vision](#).

-Tuesday mornings PATH/PORT office hours at Freighthouse: (Delonis case managers will be at the Freighthouse multiple times a week, and the PATH team case managers will be there once a week.)

-Immediately before Lunch, Weekly Community Meetings (weekly community meetings where the community makes decisions and works to hold one another accountable to the contract we all sign. All are welcome Volunteers, local businesses, etc.)

SOLAR REBATE PROGRAM

City of Ypsilanti
Get money back when you install Solar Power!
Grace Sweeney
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 Sweeney 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.

-Wednesdays, 10 AM AA meeting Fed-Up Ministries will provide a hot lunch from 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM.

-Third Thursday of each month - local massage therapist will donate 2-3 Hours of 15-20 min. Massage therapy.

-Activities include a euchre and weekly art classes. In the works are haircuts, overdose/narcotics training, Cold and Flu vaccine clinics, foot care with the Wolverine medic team and more!

For more information, please contact Sheri playfullspirit@gmail.com or by phone at (734) 754-0648.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Commission
Three Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Human Relations Commission
Five Commissioners
Two Youth Members

Sustainability Commission
One Commissioner
Two Youth Members

Dangerous Bldgs
Dangerous Buildings Officer

Parks & Recreation Commission
Four Commissioners
One Youth Member

Ethics Board
One Board Member

Planning Commission
One Commissioner

Historic District Commission
Two Commissioners

Police Advisory Commission
Two Commissioners
Two Youth Members

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

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

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 being 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.

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.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATES

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Ypsilanti Road Renovation project continues within our local community. With the help of YCUA, and MDOT, we're halfway complete, and the work is on halt for winter weather. We realize this has affected traffic flow and commutes to our community, and we ask for your continued patience.

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

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, 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



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all in the works.

The construction will resume in early Spring, starting the water main project's next phase (Michigan Avenue). Phase 3, is the final stage of the renovation and will be just as tricky but will conclude by the end

of 2023. MDOT will start road surface improvements on Huron, Washtenaw, and Hamilton, then follow onto Michigan Avenue after the water main construction is completed. 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.

YCUA CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Public Notice- December 22nd

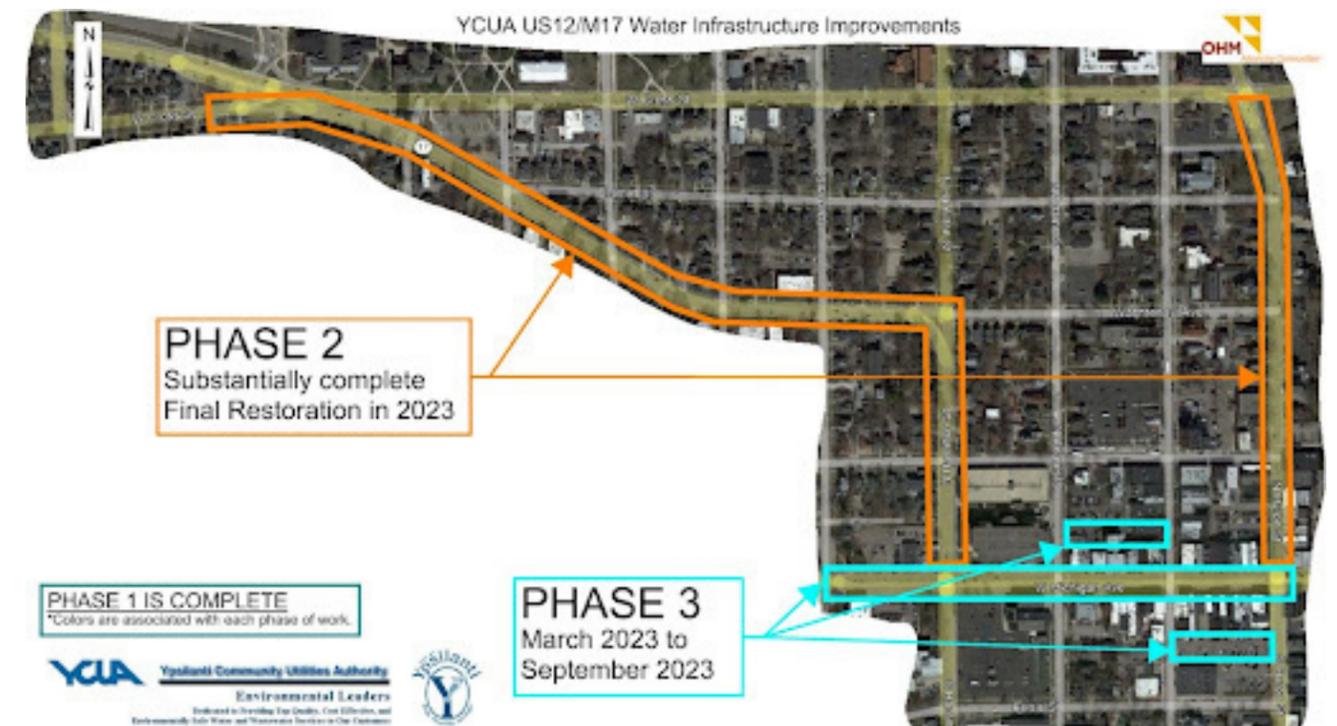
As part of the ongoing dedication to provide top quality, cost effective, and environmentally safe water and wastewater services to our customers, YCUA continues to make improvements to both existing water and wastewater utilities within the M-17 and US-12 corridors in the City of Ypsilanti. The improvements 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.

YCUA's utility improvements north of Michigan Avenue were substantially completed during early December and construction work has concluded for the winter months. Note that the work completed this year included Huron Street from Michigan Avenue north to Cross Street, an area that was initially expected to not be started until early spring of 2023. Some minor clean up and restoration work, such as grass

seed, will need to be completed by YCUA's contractor in the areas north of Michigan Avenue next spring.

The final phase of YCUA's project will be within or adjacent to Michigan Avenue from Huron Street west to Ballard Street. The scope of work has been revised from the original plan to abandon the existing water main in Michigan Avenue between Huron Street and Washington Street as well as between Adams Street and Hamilton Street. Most properties along the south side of Michigan Avenue between Huron Street and Washington Street will have their water services relocated to an existing water main in the parking



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lot south of the buildings. Properties along the north side of Michigan Avenue between Washington Street and Adams Street will have their water services connected to an improved water main in the alley and parking lot north of the buildings. Properties along the south side of Michigan Avenue between Washington Street and Adams Street will be reconnected to a new water main installed under the eastbound lanes of Michigan Avenue. The revised scope of work will lessen

disruption to traffic flow along Michigan Avenue. 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.

Similar to the first phases of the project, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will follow YCUA's construction into Washtenaw Avenue, Hamilton Street, and Huron Street to resurface or repair those

portions of the pavement not impacted by YCUA's project. MDOT will then follow into the Michigan Avenue corridor following completion of YCUA's utility work.

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.

HOLIDAY TREE COLLECTION

The City of Ypsilanti will begin collecting Holiday Trees curbside starting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. Please place the tree at the curb as shown below, and we will ensure that the tree is picked up per the following schedule. We ask that residents remove any lights or decorations from the holiday tree when they place it at the curb. Trees with decorations or lights on them, when placed at the curb, will not be collected.

Our collection schedule will be different this year in order to make more efficient use of our staff's time. Please note the following collection

schedule for the month of January.

Friday, January 20 is the last day for tree pickup.

Thank you, and we hope everyone has a happy and safe holiday season. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department of Public Services at 734-483-1421 or via e-mail at wcline@cityofypsilanti.com.

Week of January 2

Normal Collection Day:

Monday, Tuesday

Scheduled Collection Day:

Tuesday, January 3

Normal Collection Day:

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Scheduled Collection Day:

Friday, January 6

Week of January 9

Holiday Trees will be collected for all days of the week on Friday of this week, January 13

Week of January 16

Holiday Trees will be collected for all days of the week on Friday, January 20

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!](#)



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**SEE AN ISSUE?
LET US KNOW!**

BROKEN PARK EQUIPMENT AND PUBLIC FACILITY ISSUES, POTHOLES, DEAD TREES OR BRANCHES, ABANDONED VEHICLES, GARBAGE, BLIGHT, BROKEN SIDEWALKS, ICE & SNOW, PESTS, GENERAL ORDINANCE ISSUES & MORE.

SEARCH YPSI CONNECT IN YOUR MOBILE APP STORE TO GET STARTED!

NEWS FROM THE DDA

DDA BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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](#).



YPSILANTI DDA
Downtown Development Authority

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS
MEETINGS HELD THIRD THURSDAYS AT 8:30AM AT THE BACK OFFICE STUDIO

DECEMBER 15, 2022

APPROVED:

Approved:

- Facade & rehab and solar grants for 705 w cross
- W. Cross Budget Amendments to support Building Facade & Rehab Grant
- Project at 705 W Cross
- Sponsorship for Bicentennial New Years Eve Ball Drop

Discussed:

- Depot Town parking negotiation outcome

APPROVED:
FACADE & REHAB AND SOLAR GRANTS FOR 705 W CROSS
W. CROSS BUDGET AMENDMENTS TO SUPPORT BUILDING FACADE & REHAB GRANT
PROJECT AT 705 W CROSS

SPONSORSHIP FOR BICENTENNIAL NEW YEARS EVE EVENT

DISCUSSED:

DEPOT TOWN PARKING NEGOTIATION OUTCOME

2ND ANNUAL DDA STOREFRONT COMPETITION

Thank you for voting in the second annual Holiday Storefront Competition! Here are the results:



YPSILANTI DDA
Downtown Development Authority

HOLIDAY STOREFRONT COMPETITION

VOTE AT YPSILANTIDDA.ORG/HOLIDAY

WIN PRIZES WHILE SUPPORTING YPSI BUSINESSES!

BEST OVERALL DISPLAY

Stone & Spoon
110 W. Michigan



CONT. HOLIDAY LIGHTING RESULTS

BEST LIGHTING DISPLAY

The Rocket
122 W. Michigan



BEST TRADITIONAL DISPLAY

Ypsilanti Food Co-op
312 N. River



MOST "YPSI" DISPLAY

Common Source Healing
11 S. Washington



MOST INCLUSIVE DISPLAY

Bridge Community Cafe
217 W. Michigan



MOST ENGAGING DISPLAY

Ypsi Thrift Shop
14 S. Washington



AROUND TOWN

YPSI DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS IN JANUARY

The Ones Who Remember

On Thursday, January 12th at 7 PM (YDL- Whittaker) The Ones Who Remember is an anthology of stories from 16 different families grappling with the legacy of genocide and the inherited trauma of those who grew up in the shadow of their parents' pain. Hear the book's authors and other 2nd generation Holocaust survivors share their stories in honor of Holocaust Remembrance day. The holiday, which takes place on January 27th, 2022, is honored to prevent future acts of genocide. An author signing will follow.

All Lives Stand Up- MLK Jr. Concert

Jan 15th at 2 PM, (YDL Whittaker) Join jazz musician and educator Sean Dobbins and his ensemble for a

musical reflection on the lasting legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This all-ages show will include original music and some of the jazz masters of the past. Everyone welcome! Sponsored by the Friends of YDL.

MLK Day Celebration with Akili Jackson

On Monday, January 16th at 2 PM. (YDL Superior) Please join us for a celebration of the life and vision of Dr. King and the Civil Rights movement. Local artist, Akili Jackson, will perform an interactive and family-friendly concert of spoken word and hip-hop. There will be a display of Dr. King-related historical records from the National Archive. We will make buttons with vintage

designs from Civil Rights Movement marches and have a kids' craft.

MLK Service Project: Hats for Homeless

Monday, January 16th at 11 AM (YDL Michigan)- Did you know that MLK Day is the only National Day of Service? Help us sew fleece hats to give to Delonis Center and Hope Clinic. Donate trial size hygiene products to put together for giveaway kits. All items to make fleece hats will be provided. Hygiene kit items to donate include trial-sized toothbrushes, toothpaste, hand sanitizer, lotion, shampoo, conditioner, combs, disposable shavers, menstrual products, etc.

CONT. YDL EVENTS - JANUARY

News Writing Best Practices- Interviewing Sources and Improving Your Articles

Tuesday, January 24th at 6:30 PM (YDL-Whittaker) Writing a news story takes a keen eye and a lot of listening. Get guided practice interviewing your sources and tips on incorporating their thoughts into your story. You'll also learn to highlight the main hook of your article and how to write in a way that keeps everyone reading until the last line. In partnership with YpsiWrites and Groundcover News.

NTG AUDITIONS



Neighborhood Theatre Group is auditioning for a staged reading of "Lee's Grand Tiki" a new play by Greg Pizzino. Directed by Meg McNamee

Audition Dates:

January 21 and 22 from 1-3 pm at The Back Office Studio (13 N Washington St, Ypsilanti) Cold readings from the script. Please be prepared to stay for the entire 30-minute time slot. All gender identities, races, and ethnicities are encouraged to audition.

[Signup for an audition slot](#)

[More details can be found on our website](#)

FREE BRUNCH!

At 16 S. Washington Street Sunday, January 15th 11AM - 1 PM. Building community through food with Peace House Ypsi! Cooking together, learning together, eating together, building community together- we're all we've got and luckily, we're all we need!

Come join Peace House Ypsi at the Growing Hope Incubator Kitchen for a series of experiences each month, such as learning to utilize and prep

ingredients, talking about community, sharing skills, learning about food and food availability, and always-sharing a meal together and/or taking food home with you! We hope you'll join us as we build relationships and traditions, around the kitchen table.

A huge thank you to Growing Hope for this community space and the support!

WINTER STONEFLY SEARCH VOLUNTEER EVENT



Photo by Tony Pitts

HELP US FIND SOME SPECIAL WINTER STONEFLIES!

This winter stonefly is one type of insect that you will most likely find! These underwater creatures elude most predators by growing during the winter months when most fish are more sluggish. They live only in good quality streams so searching for them tells us about problems in the river and its streams. HRWC does stonefly searches to gauge the health of our streams.

When you sign up to volunteer, you will join a small group of other volunteers to search a selected

stretch of stream or river for stoneflies. You will be working with experienced researchers to collect stoneflies. They will also teach you how we determine the health of the stream or river you are visiting.

Children are welcome to join the search as long as each one is attended by an adult. HRWC welcomes folks of all abilities to our events! Weather permitting, some study sites are accessible to those who use mobility devices or have other mobility disabilities.

Please join the Huron River Watershed Council's annual Winter Stonefly Search volunteer event on Saturday, January 28, 2022. This is a great outdoor winter activity for individuals and groups of friends and family. There are two start times: 9 or 10:30 AM. Please choose one and sign up (required) at hrwc.org/stonefly. Trained volunteer collectors take each team to HRWC's study sites throughout the Huron River system, where the group helps search through stones, leaves, and sediment taken from the river bottom. All equipment is provided. Participants are advised to dress for the weather. Volunteers meet in Ann Arbor and carpool to their assigned sites. [MORE INFO HERE.](#)

YPSILANTI DEATH CAFE

JOIN US FOR

THE YPSILANTI DEATH CAFE

Tuesday, January 31st
5-7pm

The Gallery at Stone & Spoon
110 w. michigan ave

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

For more information check out www.deathcafe.com or email hanna@acaciaendoflife.com

YPSI 9TH HOUR



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

YPSI IMPROV IS BACK IN PERSON!



After nearly three years of online improv, we are excited to share that we're returning to in-person sessions. Our group strives to be as inclusive as possible with our games and jokes while finding plenty of humor in our shared human experiences.

What: In person improv sessions where improv games will be played and laughs will be shared.

Who: Anyone who would like to participate in or learn more about improv and the daily confidence it can help build. No experience necessary. We explain all the games we play and love answering questions.

When: 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturdays of the month. Sessions start at 2 pm, and last for 2 hours.

Where: Riverside Arts Center
76 N. Huron St, Ypsilanti
2nd floor, Studio #1

Cost: \$5 to participate, free to watch. Want more information or have questions?

[meetup.com/ypsi-improv/](https://www.meetup.com/ypsi-improv/)
Ypsiimprovgames@gmail.com

Sponsored and co-created by Back Office Studio 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.

[Register Here](#)

Thurs, February 2, 5-6:30 pm at The Back Office Studio (13 N Washington)

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK CONVERSATIONS WITH RIVERSIDE ARTS CENTER

Join us to share your opinions and suggestions about your past and future involvement with Riverside Arts Center. Facilitated by Ypsi's own Mary Larkin, we hope to create a space for everyone to participate in these conversations in meaningful ways. Everyone is welcome to any or all of the gatherings, though each evening's questions and conversations will be focused around a different part of the makeup of our community:

February 9 - Artists and Curators
February 16 - Teachers and Parents
February 23 - Community Members, Leaders, and Nonprofits

At the end of the three sessions, we will organize and analyze the information to report back with what we find. We want our 2023 programming to be reflective of what our community is asking for. We will take the feedback from these conversations to heart as we craft

workshops, classes, performances, events, and more based on what we hear from you.

These events are free, but space is limited. [Please reserve your spot on Eventbrite](#) so we can be ready to welcome you. Can't wait to see you there!



YPSIWITES: LOVE LETTERS TO YPSILANTI



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

social media for published letters.

Another article on Love Letters to Ypsilanti: [Ypsi residents celebrate city's bicentennial by writing Love Letters to Ypsilanti](#) (secondwavemedia.com)

PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR

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

Sustainability Commission Meeting
January 9, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Arts Commission Meeting
January 12, 2023, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

City Council Meeting
January 24, 2023, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

City Council Meeting
January 10, 2023, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

City Council Special Meeting
January 17, 2023, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Police Advisory Commission
January 26, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Historic District Commission
January 10, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM
Senior Citizens Center

Planning Commission Meeting
January 18, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

EVENTS AND RECREATION CALENDAR

Senior Center

1015 N. Congress

RECURRING EVENTS

- | | |
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| Art
12:30-2PM
January 6, 20, 27 | Bingo
12:30-2PM
January 4, 11, 18, 25 |
| Euchre
10:30-11:30AM
January 9, 23, 30 | Exercise with Mark
9:30-10:30AM
January 11, 18, 25 |
| Gentle Fitness
10:45-11:45AM
January 6, 13, 20, 27 | Gentle Fitness
10:30-11:30AM
January 9, 23, 30 |
| Knitting/Crochet
12:30-2PM
January 10, 17, 24, 31 | Line Dancing
9:30-10:30AM
January 11, 18, 25 |
| Norwegian Therapeutic Massage
12-1PM
January 6, 13, 20, 27 | |
| Tai Chi Class
2:30-3:30PM
January 5, 12, 19, 26 | Tech Help
10AM-12PM
January 10, 17, 24, 31 |
| Yoga
10-11:30AM
January 12, 19, 26 | |

Register [HERE](#) for fitness classes
All other inquiries, email info@ypsiseniorcenter.org

Freighthouse

100 Market Pl.

EVENTS

UMS Public Input Meeting
2:30PM
January 20

RECURRING EVENTS

Indoor Disc Golf Putting League
7:30-9PM
January 5, 12, 19, 26

Parkridge Community Center

591 Armstrong Dr.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

After-School Programming
4-7PM
Monday - Thursday through June 8th
[More info here.](#)

Do you have something happening in the city you'd like to share in the monthly newsletter? **MUST BE IN OR RELATED TO THE CITY OF YPSILANTI.**

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