

# THE CITY OF YPSILANTI NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2023

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CITY MANAGER

Greetings from the City Manager's Office! Spring has sprung, and what a blessing to share with everyone. Soon we will see the blooming trees and people active outdoors again. There are a few things that I want to address in our wonderful community.

At the March 21st Council meeting, City Council heard from two potential developers for the Water Street site. Please stay tuned for exciting updates coming soon.

We're now at Phase 3 for our road renovations in town, meaning the reconstruction of Michigan Ave and the underground water mains. [Please visit our website for updates.](#) Stay informed of YCUA projects with the [Everbridge App](#). Please be patient with the construction in the Downtown Area. It may add a few minutes more to your daily commute. Everyone should leave earlier and try to find healthy habits in the morning instead

of adding more stress. The construction project will be here briefly, and the results will be tremendous for the Ypsilanti community.

On Earth Day, April 22nd, the Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) is holding its annual recycling event at the Whittaker branch. They will be accepting a trunkload of unwanted electronics from any resident. We only have one planet, so we must treat our community as our best friend. Please visit their website and participate in upcoming events that spark your interest.

The partnership with UMS programming at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse is kicking off April 22nd-29th. Tickets and registration for the events are live now. [View the full press release.](#)

Though the county is currently at low risk for people contracting COVID-19, I also want to remind everyone to stay safe and stay home if they feel ill. The



best way we can support one another is by getting vaccinated and following state and county guidance to reduce the spread of the virus. The [Washtenaw County Health Department](#) is inviting residents to share what they think about health in our county by taking the Washtenaw County Community Health Survey (active until April 14th, 2023). Adults who live in Washtenaw County are encouraged to [complete this online survey.](#)

Staying Connected,  
Frances McMullan

*On March 30th Ypsilanti Police Advisory Commission (YPAC) held a meet and greet with our top interview candidate Kirk Moore for our city's new police chief. We want to thank everyone who attended the event at Riverside Arts Center and all who were involved in the selection process.*



## CITY UPDATES

### HELP US WELCOME OUR NEW EMPLOYEES!

We have 10 new hires and two promotions within the City of Ypsilanti since the new year!



**Katie Jones**  
Economic Development & Equity Coordinator  
Community and Economic Development Department

Collaborates with all consultants, committees, stakeholders, community boards, coalitions, businesses, and trade associations that impact the goals of diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the project. Directs and participates in the search and development of new community revenue sources; applies for grants and loans for special projects; manages the budget and compliance requirements of grants and loans. In addition, she performs research & develops long-term objectives, strategies, and approaches to urban redevelopment and revitalization, business incentives, and economic impacts. She assists the Planning Department in daily functions as requested by the Community Development Manager/DDA Director and advises city departments in matters related to equity.

**Victoria Simon**  
Finance Generalist II  
Finance Department

Collects cash transactions for taxes, special assessments, fees, permits, and other city revenues on behalf of the City or other taxing units Balances tax collections to the general ledger Performs all Personal Property Tax-related Activities; Processes Tax Collection Paperwork; Prepares Receipts; Balances Daily Receipts to Daily Totals; Deposits Cash to Local Bank; Maintains Related Records



**Emma Thompson**  
Freighthouse Event Coordinator

Greets all attendees for events; assists with catering, setup, and take-down of events and ensures that all events go smoothly and successfully; takes inventory of tables/chairs and prepares event layouts; responds to inquiries regarding venue events; maintains stocking of facilities during events; ensures facility remains clean and kept.

**Katelyn Rauen**  
Police Officer  
Police Department

Patrols City of Ypsilanti, preserving law and order, responding to calls and complaints, taking the necessary police action; conducts preliminary investigations; establishes traffic control and protection at incidents which attract crowds; performs police duties at special events and activities, such as parades, festivals, sporting events, and performs daily routine maintenance and safety inspections.





**Corey Williams II**  
Equipment Operator  
Department of Public Services

Provides tree care for city trees: pruning, disease control, planting, and stump removal; grass cutting, seeding, leaf removal, ball field upkeep and field markings, facility/play equipment repair and maintenance are all included in the upkeep of city parks; performs routine upkeep on city buildings and property locations, such as mowing and snow and ice removal; performs site cleanup, such as mowing and rubbish disposal, and private property protection as directed by the code enforcement officers.

**Jacob Goscicki**  
Clerk-Finance Generalist  
Finance Department

Assists with collecting payments, preparing tax/delinquent roll, preparation of late notice letters, processing bankruptcies and memos to City attorney, prepares quarterly census report, maintains residential parking permit spreadsheets, collects cash transactions for the City or other taxing units for taxes, special assessments, fees and charges, permits and other city revenues; assists in election process, including voter registration, processing absent voter ballots, and election preparation.



**Adam Schendzielos**  
Freighthouse Event Coordinator

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**Colleen Armatis**  
Part-Time Records Clerk  
Police Administration

Assembles correspondence, informational reports, and related requests from source documents; uses common office tools to put facts and figures into a pertinent document with a predetermined format. Files departmental correspondence; produces searches for files as requested. Files departmental confidential police records; maintains support index system; gives licenses and permits in accordance with departmental policy and City regulations; completes departmental typing for officers' requests for licenses, permits, and other documents.



**Zachary Lappan**  
Firefighter  
Fire Department

Attends emergency calls, provides rescue and emergency services in both fire and non-fire circumstances, employs emergency medical procedures on the scene, and creates a report as a result of the call.

Performs the duties of a dispatcher, including answering emergency calls, gathering vital information, relaying it to the shift in charge, keeping track of emergency calls made, and responding to general public queries.



**Christopher Jacobs**  
Community Development and  
Planning Director  
(Internal Promotion 2/1)

Conducts research for grant applications, assembling data and offering recommendations for these applications; assures that the Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance, and other development-related rules are prepared and implemented; manages the coordination of the City Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals; coordinates activities with relevant City departments, private agencies, and stakeholders; manages city facilities: Parkridge Community Center, Senior Center, Rutherford Pool, and the Freight House; facilitates projects like the IT Transition and other city projects as assigned; monitors architects, engineers, and private contractors for project specifications and work quality. Oversees the City's planning and zoning program; plans, organizes and allocates initiatives as needed for community development; serves as the executive director of the Downtown Development Authority.

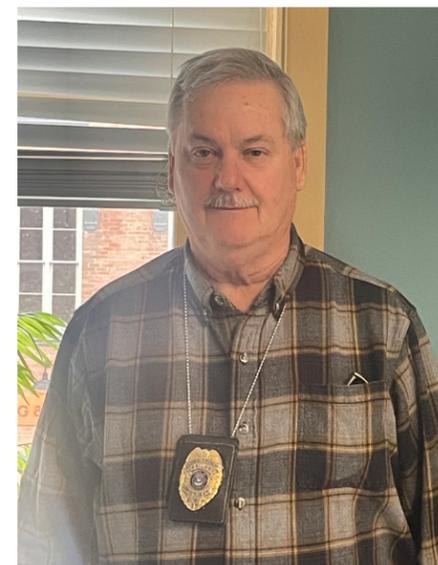
**Dennis Masterman**  
Police Officer  
Police Department

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**John Roe**  
Building Manager  
Building Department  
(Internal Promotion 3/27)

Manages the activities of the Building Department, including rental housing inspections, ordinance enforcement, and departmental administrative support staff. Provides supervision and direction. Defines and interprets code requirements and zoning issues. Assures proper documentation and records are maintained. Assigns work, approves permits, monitors development projects.



[Click here for job postings at the City of Ypsilanti.](#)

## FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATES



The Fire Department held its annual Chili Cookoff fundraiser that the Michigan Firehouse Museum held last Saturday, March 18th. One of the teams that entered was the City of Ypsilanti Firefighters, led by Tim Wilson. They won both the Judges' Award and the People's Choice Award.

The Museum is open Thurs-Sun, 12 PM - 4 PM. The Old Firehouse is 125 years old this year, and the Museum is celebrating its 25th anniversary, and of course, Ypsilanti is celebrating its Bicentennial in 2023.

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

## MEDICATION DROP-OFF LOCATION CHANGES

We no longer accept medication disposal at our Police Department. If you need to dispose of solid medications or sharps, please take them to St. Joseph Mercy Hospital. If you have solid medications, you may take them to the green drop box in their lobby (5301 E Huron River Dr., Ypsilanti, MI 48197) If you have sharps, you may take them to their pharmacy at the same address.

It is recommended that you park in

will be held on April 18th from 12 PM - 3 PM. For those interested in more knowledge on how to safely buckle children in automobiles, this program is for you. For any questions or additional information, please contact (734) 763-2251 to schedule your appointment.

### National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend

This year, the **National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend** is taking place on **May 6th and 7th** in Emmitsburg, MD. That's when a grateful nation will honor 145 fallen fire service heroes—who were not only firefighters, but were family members, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. To show your support in your community, we urge you to help us to **Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters**.

The annual Memorial Weekend is the **official national tribute** to those firefighters who died in the line of duty during the previous year, and includes a **Candlelight Service** on Saturday, May 6 and the **Memorial Service** on Sunday, May 7. Simply swapping out regular light bulbs for red ones serves as a symbol of support and comfort to the families from across our country whose loved ones are being honored and remembered.

either parking garages B or C.

7:30 AM- 6 PM Mon-Friday  
8 AM- 4 PM Saturday  
9 AM – 3 PM on Sundays

If you need to dispose of liquids or any of the above, you may take them to Ann Arbor Pharmacy (2418 E Stadium Blvd., Ann Arbor, MI 48104).

9 AM- 6 PM Mon-Friday  
10 AM-5 PM Saturday  
12 PM – 5 PM on Sundays

This year, we'll kick off this multi-night event on May 4th in honor of **International Firefighters Day**—and will keep lights lit thru the evening of May 7, the day of the Memorial Service.

As in years past, we are asking **landmarks, buildings, families, and fire departments** across the country to be part of this national remembrance.

- YOU can join some of the most iconic buildings and bridges as well as hundreds of fire departments and communities in helping us honor our fallen heroes.
- As an example, One World Trade Center in New York City, the Reunion Tower in Dallas, and the LAX Pylons in Los Angeles have joined us to **Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters**.

We hope that you will join this extraordinary display of recognition. It means so very much to the families of the fallen. [Visit this page](#) to let us know of your participation and please share our attached flyer with your communities.

[Contact Donna Clark](#) if you have any questions.

## POVERTY EXEMPTION

On February 28th City Council approved the Poverty Exemption Application for 2023. The change included in this year's application increased the household income thresholds per household size. This application is available through the assessor's office or [website](#).

For more information, you may contact the City Assessor's office at 734-483-7117.

[Download resolution here.](#)

## CELEBRATE YPSILANTI'S BICENTENNIAL



[Explore Ypsilanti's timeline](#) over the past 200 years! Learn more about impactful moments in #Ypsi history leading up to this year's celebration.

[Ypsilanti Histories: A Look Back at the Last Fifty Years](#) commemorates the city's bicentennial through a diverse and eclectic collection of essays, written by local professional and amateur historians—book release party: July 16th.

Join upcoming Bicentennial Walking events throughout 2023! Explore Ypsilanti every second Sunday of each month and discover the natural world along the Huron River.

Or take a new guided tour each month and discover Ypsilanti's rich history. These events include visiting historic neighborhoods, the Bicentennial Volksmarch, touring the bridges of Ypsilanti, and more.

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. [Find updates and more information here.](#)

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

**Monthly Riverside Rambles Through 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). *April through December* Meet at the pavilion at Waterworks Park (40 Catherine Street)

### 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 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)

### 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).

### 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).

### YHF Historic Home Tour

**August 19 (likely), Saturday-TimeTBA**

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 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)

### 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).



Ann Arbor, MI (February 21, 2023) — The University Musical Society (UMS) and City of Ypsilanti announce a new, two-year partnership that will result in arts programming for Ypsilanti residents, families, and schoolchildren beginning with a week-long pilot program in April 2023. Subsequent residencies will run for four weeks with expanded programming for the Ypsilanti community. A community informed programming process is the catalyst for these dynamic residencies, activating the unique and historic civic space for performances, arts learning and participation, and creative exploration.

A full schedule of the initial April residency follows; [Tickets are now Available for the week of UMS Programming](#) at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse April 22nd-29th

### Schedule of Ypsilanti Freighthouse Activities & Ticketing Information

Saturday, April 22nd at 7:30 pm  
**Come Together: An Evening of Community and Song**  
Participatory Public Event

The Ypsilanti Freighthouse residency begins with an invitation to community members to share their voices through a Community Sing, led by Detroit native Dr. Brandon Waddles, a transcriber of Black gospel music whose choral compositions and arrangements have been performed around the world. Led by Dr. Waddles, and featuring four solo singers and piano, keyboard and electric bass, this event brings the community together to sing both familiar and new songs. The house will open at 6:30 for participants to enjoy food and social interaction before the Community Sing. **Free ticketed event**

Sunday, April 23rd at 11 am  
**Power Moves: Breakdancing & Graffiti Art with Maurice Archer**  
Family Workshop

Local movement artist Maurice Archer performs a breakdancing demonstration and then leads

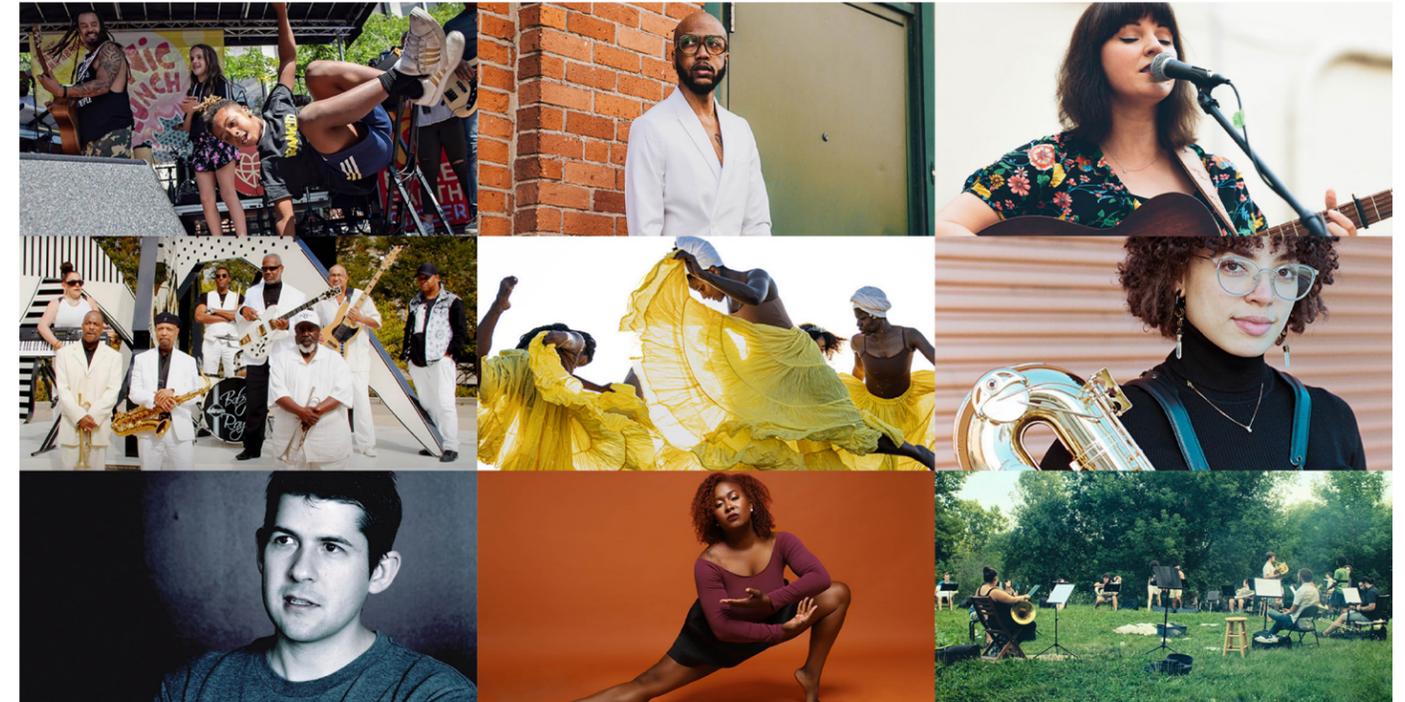
families in an interactive workshop. Immediately after, families participate in an art-making activity with a graffiti artist who will guide them through developing their breakdancing names and create their own unique signature (or tag). **Free event (advanced registration required).** Recommended for ages 9-13 and their parents or guardians.

Tuesday, April 25th, Morning  
**Breakdancing Workshops for K-12 Schools**

Invitation only, scheduled through UMS Learning and Engagement for Ypsilanti-area schools.

Tuesday, April 25th at 7:30 pm  
**Kaleigh Wilder Trio: The Story Cuts Across What the Map Cuts Up**  
Public Jazz Concert

Kaleigh Wilder was born to a musical family, but she was the only one to pursue music professionally. She primarily studied classical saxophone — playing jazz and improvising on the side — but, at the crossroads between her undergraduate and graduate degrees, she changed her trajectory to improvisation. Improvisation allowed Wilder to access her true creative voice and empowered her to take creative risks she never would have imagined. Wilder has performed around the world, led her first album release, and now has plans to release two more albums as a bandleader with a New York-based record label — among several other ongoing projects. Her artistry continues to unfold. She'll perform with Jaribu Shahid on bass, drummer Ben Hall, and dancer Alexandria Davis. **Pay-What-You-Wish Ticketed event.**



Wednesday, April 26th, Morning  
**Breakdancing Workshops for K-12 Schools**

Invitation only, scheduled through UMS Learning and Engagement for Ypsilanti-area schools.

Wednesday, April 26th at 7:30 pm  
**The Regenerate! Orchestra**  
Participatory Public Event

The Regenerate! Orchestra is made up of community members of every stripe, coming together to bring Ypsilanti a one-of-a-kind musical experience. Participants will meet twice to engage in sonic meditations, conversations about listening, and structured improvisations. Featured music may include classical, ambient, folk, and noise music, all orchestrated for each unique event based on the instrumentation of those who sign up. Register to perform with the group (all skill levels are welcome, with one rehearsal before the event, plus a second on the evening of April

26 before the performance), or join in as an audience member for the free, ticketed performance. **Free ticketed event**

Thursday, April 27th Morning  
**Puppetry Workshops for K-12 Schools**

Invitation only, scheduled through UMS Learning and Engagement for Ypsilanti-area schools

Thursday, April 27th at 6 pm  
**Reconnecting Currents (Huron) with Marsae Lynette**  
Participatory Public Event

In this participatory public event, Marsae Lynette presents *Reconnecting Currents(Huron)*, an evening of film, performance, and community. This interactive event invites the local community to reconnect with freshwater sources such as the Huron River, as well as with one another through reflection, restoration, and jubilation. Audience members are invited to both witness and engage in rituals of

reconnection. **Pay-What-You-Wish Ticketed event.**

Friday, April 28th -Morning  
**Puppetry Workshops for K-12 Schools**

Invitation only, scheduled through UMS Learning and Engagement for Ypsilanti-area schools

Friday, April 28th at 7:30 pm  
**Open Mic at the Freighthouse**

This local artist showcase and open mic will be hosted by Ypsilanti resident and singer/songwriter Rochelle Clark. Those who wish to perform — music, dance, comedy, poetry, juggling, or whatever unique creative contribution you can offer — will sign up for a ten-minute slot upon arrival; names will be randomly selected for a starring moment on the stage of the Ypsilanti Freighthouse. **Free event, no tickets or advanced registration required**

Friday, April 28th at 10 pm  
**Late Night DJ Set with Todd Osborn**  
 Public Concert

Ghostly International artist Todd Osborn has been championed by everyone from Gilles Peterson to Aphex Twin...but he really just wants to have a little fun and get in some time on the dance floor. Break out a few moves in this late night DJ set. **Free event, no tickets or registration required.**

Saturday, April 29th at 11 am  
**Puppetry Workshop: The Power of Light & Shadow with Detroit Puppet Company**  
 Family Workshop

This workshop for families begins with the Detroit Puppet Company's presentation of The Carnival of the Animals, a series of shadow puppet scenes depicting different members of the animal kingdom, from the majestic lion to the venerable tortoise, all set to music by classical composer Camille Saint-Saëns. The performance tells stories of love, hope, fear, and joy, all through the power of light, shadow, and your imagination. Immediately following the performance, participants can learn more about puppetry by using the DPC's shadow puppets and then getting instruction on how to make their own. **Free event (advanced registration required).**

Saturday, April 29th at 7:30 pm  
**Closing Performance: John E. Lawrence & The Power Band**  
 Public Concert

A lifelong resident of Ypsilanti and one of Michigan's most talented and respected guitarists, John E. Lawrence and The Power Band take the stage for a sophisticated evening of jazz in the closing performance of the April Ypsilanti Freighthouse residency. Featuring John E. Lawrence (guitar), Rayse Biggs and Eddie Taylor (trumpet), Don Whyte (saxophone), Ted Brannon (bass guitar), Ike Pippen and Ernest Tolbert (keyboards), Jeff Canady (drums), and Jill Hamilton and Kimberly Wright (vocals). **Pay-What-You-Wish Ticketed event.**

**SPONSOR THE BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!**

**BE PART OF AN EVENT 200 YEARS IN THE MAKING!**



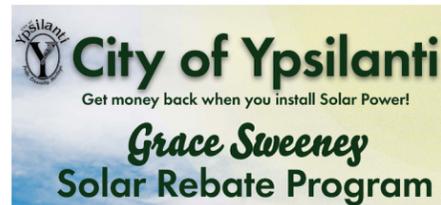
**CALL FOR SPONSORS**

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!

**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. Visit [ypsilantidda.com/solar](http://ypsilantidda.com/solar) for more details.

**GET TAX CREDITS FOR WORK ON HOMEOWNER-OCCUPIED HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

If you are the owner and occupant of a house that contributes to the local historic district or to the National Register district and you are doing work on the house, you may be eligible to receive up to 25% of your

rehabilitation costs as a state income tax credit. Please visit [this website](#) for more information, and preservation planner Ellen Thackery is always happy to answer any questions or help homeowners with their projects

and applications. She can be reached at [ethackery@cityofypsilanti.com](mailto:ethackery@cityofypsilanti.com) and 734.482.9709. Homeowners can apply for this program until all of 2023's tax credits have been reserved.

**JOIN THE ARTS COMMISSION**

The City of Ypsilanti currently has open seats for community members to serve on the [Ypsilanti Arts Commission \(YAC\)](#). Commissioners promote the arts in the community, approve art in public spaces, and help foster creative assets and artists in the community. Currently, the opportunity will include overseeing new programs, including implementing a Community and Artist Survey this spring & a new Ypsilanti Youth Poet Laureate beginning this year. Plus, any other ideas a new member wishes to champion! There are five open seats, including one that is open to a non-city resident. There are also openings for two youth members (age 16-17). YAC is the municipal local arts agency (LAA) in Ypsilanti and created by the City of Ypsilanti in 2020.

[Fill out this online form](#) for the Ypsilanti City Council consideration if you are interested in serving.

**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**

The Ypsilanti Historic District Commission has two vacancies 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](#)

**NON-MOTORIZED COMMITTEE**

Join us for the monthly meeting on the second Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the Ypsilanti District Library, 229 W Michigan Ave. The [City Non-Motorized Advisory Committee](#) needs Committee members and a youth member. If you have any interest or ideas, contact Bob Krzewinski via email at [wolverbob@gmail.com](mailto:wolverbob@gmail.com)

**BOARDS & COMMISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES**

**Arts Commission**

Four Commissioners  
 Two Youth Members

**Dangerous Bldgs**

Dangerous Buildings Officer

**Ethics Board**

Three Board Members

**Historic District Commission**

Two Commissioners

**Human Relations Commission**

Five Commissioners  
 Two Youth Members

**Parks & Recreation Commission**

Four Commissioners  
 One Youth Member

**Police Advisory Commission**

Two Commissioners  
 Two Youth Members

**Sustainability Commission**

Two Commissioners  
 Two Youth Members



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

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES UPDATES

## 2023 CONSTRUCTION MAP



## YARD WASTE COLLECTION



Yard Waste Collection Begins 4/10/23. Yard waste collection for 2023 season will commence the week of April 10, 2023.

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# 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 (Back Office Studio - 13 N. Washington) or you can catch the minutes and packets online [HERE](#).

### Approved:

- Empower the Executive Committee to finalize the 2023 landscaping contract

### Discussed:

- Bicentennial billboard and banners
- Upcoming Special Event Sponsorship requests
- Business reimbursement for vandalism

# MARCH 16, 2023

### APPROVED:

EMPOWER THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO FINALIZE THE 2023 LANDSCAPING CONTRACT

### DISCUSSED:

- BICENTENNIAL BILLBOARD AND BANNERS
- UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS
- BUSINESS REIMBURSEMENT FOR VANDALISM

## DDA STAFF OFFICE HOURS

We are here offering open hours every THIRD Friday of the month 10-2pm

We will be rotating locations throughout each district.

Friday April 21st, you can find us at Bridge Community Cafe - 217 W. Michigan Ave.

Though you can always schedule with us, we wanted to make sure that stakeholders have more ways to connect with us.

Why come to the open hours?

- Get updates on the previous days board meeting.
- Learn what the DDA is, how it functions, and how to get involved.

- Discuss the DDA's strategic priorities and its equity and accessibility.
- Starting, expanding or relocating a business to the DDA district.
- Learn how the DDA is different from the City Government and how it relates to the City Government
- Learn about upcoming projects/past projects
- Listen /discuss/ share ideas on how to improve the DDA landscape, organization, programming
- Learn about grants or sponsorships we offer
- Get help with a grant or sponsorship we offer
- Get help navigating City



- processes (planning, permits, etc)
- Get connected to other DDA businesses/organizations/events
- Hang out and talk about life with some likeminded Ypsi loving people.
- And More!

# AROUND TOWN

## FIRST FRIDAYS IS BACK ON APRIL 7TH FOR ITS TENTH OFFICIAL SEASON!



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.

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

#### 22 North

22 N Huron; 5:30-8p  
*MATRICES: Eastern Michigan University Graduate Student Exhibition*  
Seven EMU grad students in fine and graphic arts present work in a variety of media.

#### Apple Annies/Jim MacDonalds Vintage

29 E. Cross St; 5-9:30p  
*Outsider, Bizarre, Prisoner and Folk Art Exhibition*  
We will be featuring an eclectic mix of varied art from textiles to oil paintings. This is a forty year collection, which does not have something for everyone! But still please come visit our shop as we carry a full line of fun vintage stuff to interest everyone!

#### Bridge Community Cafe

217 W Michigan Ave; 7-10:30p  
*Poets 4 Abolition*  
Poetry and open mic night with donations at the door addressed to the Michigan prison doula's initiative.

#### Common Source Acupuncture and Apothecary

11 S. Washington St; 5-7:30p  
*Spring Cleansing*  
Spring cleansing: with the thawing of winter and the return of green, it's time to start shedding off our hibernation in delicious and healthy ways. Come in to taste some detoxifying seasoning blends, spring cleansing teas, and other signs that it's time to start stretching out again!

#### Evenstars Chalice

36 N. Washington St; 5-8p  
*Lavon Purpose Wellness Collective Pop-Up Vendor*  
We will be hosting Angela Lavon and her Lavon

Purpose Wellness Collective which offers healing products and services to assist and empower your divine journey towards the greatest love within. Lavon Purpose is a healing space that advocates, educates, and supports you as you reconnect to your inner Goddess.

#### Go! Ice Cream

10 N Washington St; 6:30p  
*The Pride Double Scoop (\$5 Suggested Donation)*  
The AMAZING Zooey Gaychanel of @thehohshow is putting together a show and we'll have special QUEER SHAKES and NON-ALCOHOLIC COCKTAILS! It's going to be epic! Please come help us raise funds to support Ypsi Pride!

#### Keystone Bar and Arcade

200 W. Michigan Ave; 8p-12a  
*Belt It Out w/ DJ Big Booty (21+)*  
Everyone is an artist Fridays at the Keystone Bar & Arcade. Come belt it out to your favorite songs as DJ Big Booty host karaoke! As you wait for your turn at the mic, play some vintage arcade games and enjoy a drink from our gay bartenders!

#### Riverside Arts Center

76 N. Huron St; 6-8p  
*Riverside Swings*  
Learn to swing dance! Every Friday at Riverside Arts Center in the 2nd floor dance studio. FREE beginner lesson 8-9pm, open dancing 9-11! The dance is \$5, but FREE on First Fridays!

#### The Rocket Candy & Novelties

122 W Michigan Ave; 5-8:30p  
*FFY Official Merch Stop*  
Get your First Fridays merch here! All proceeds benefit FFY!

#### Stone & Spoon

110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p  
*An Easter-Themed Fairy Garden Giveaway*  
Spring has sprung & the Ypsilanti fun has just begun! Join us to celebrate Ypsilanti in Bloom as we will be giving away FREE Fairy Garden items to the all visitors on First Friday (while supplies last).

#### The Gallery at Stone & Spoon (upstairs)

110 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p  
*Outer Peace: A Solo Exhibition by Anusree Sattaluri*  
Gather with us & the featured artist, Anusree Sattaluri on the Opening Night Reception. Light beverages & refreshments will be available.

#### This, That & the ODDer things

50 E. Cross St; 5-9p  
*Tarot readings with Luna Lux (small fee)*  
Sign up day of and see what lies in your future told by Luna who has been reading and studying the tarot for nineteen years. It's her passion to provide earnest, affordable counsel to people from all walks of life. She especially enjoys reading for first-timers who have never received a divinatory service, and can guide you into the mystery of the tarot clearly and compassionately. The shop will also be handing out free candy packs with every purchase. Every paying customer will also be entered to win a pack of Tarot cards! Gifted to you the way it should be.

#### Unicorn Feed & Supply

144 W. Michigan Ave; 5-8p  
*Magical Fairy Garden Giveaway*  
Join us to celebrate Ypsilanti in Bloom as we will

be giving away FREE Fairy Garden items to the all visitors on First Friday (while supplies last). And as always, we will be offering free sparkles & Candy Club samples!

#### WAVE (Washtenaw Alliance for Virtual Education)

301 W. Michigan Ave; 5-7p  
*WAVE Student Showcase*  
WAVE will be showcasing a gallery walk of student projects. Included will be looping videos, podcast listening stations, interactive coding projects, murals, and more! We MAY even be serving food in the parking lot outside.

#### Wyrd Byrd

9 S. Washington St; 8-10:15p  
*Wyrd Movie Night (Rated R - 18+)*  
Join us for our April installment of Wyrd Movie Night as we watch Mandy (2018), starring Nicolas Cage. A film heralded by Slash Film as "A primal, psychedelic rage-scream of a movie." We close at 8 pm, move things around to make space, and set out chairs. Film begins at 8:15 pm and should end around 10:15 pm. Feel free to bring your own drinks and snacks! Space and chairs are limited. You're welcome to bring a chair in case we run out.

#### Ypsi Art Supply

76 N Huron St; 5-10p  
*The Ypsi Art Supply Grand Opening!*  
It's the official opening of Ypsi Art Supply inside Riverside Arts Center's Off Center! Come check out our wares, see the space (and its hand-made fixtures), meet the owner, and see their tiny art too!

#### Ypsi Cocktail Club

102 W. Michigan Ave; 2-7p  
*Easter Egg Hunt*  
Celebrate Spring with an Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt! Stop by Ypsi Cocktail Club to register and pick up your lists and hunt for Easter Eggs and more all over downtown Ypsi. Eggs will be filled with candy and all kinds of cool swag from participating Mich. Ave businesses. REGISTRATION STARTS AT 2PM. Free to participate. Young humans must have adult supervision.

#### Ypsilanti District Library: Michigan Avenue Library Plaza

229 W. Michigan Ave; 5-6:30p  
*First Friday Storytime at YDL!*  
Join YDL staff for an all ages storytime to kickoff your evening at First Fridays Ypsi. Each month we will do a storytime, an art experience, and music and movement in the Library Plaza. In case of severe weather we will have our event in the Youth Area of the Michigan Avenue branch. April's Storytime Theme: Rain - Don't let any weather stop you from enjoying yourself! Come down in rain or shine for this month's storytime. This month we will make a rain stick, so you can make it "rain" anywhere.

#### Ypsilanti Freighthouse

100 Market Pl; 5-9p  
*Pushing Up Daisies Spring Artisan Market*  
Celebrate Ypsilanti in bloom with our First Fridays kickoff event! This artisan market features over 40 local makers with a variety of goods you'll love. Come breathe some life into spring with this botanical theme

## HURON WATERSHED COUNCIL

### EPA seeks lower PFAS drinking water standard: What it means for Michigan

Long awaited by environmental and public health advocates, the US Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA) released proposed drinking water standards that would require water providers to limit two of the most common PFAS "forever chemicals" to the lowest levels detectable by modern technology. The new federal proposal is stricter than Michigan's

existing state limits. HRWC's executive director, [Rebecca Esselman](#), [shares our perspective](#) on what needs to happen in the near term to protect public health and move toward eliminating the use of PFAS in Michigan.

## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

On April 7th, wear blue, post a selfie, and tag @SOS\_Community on Social Media! This will help bring awareness to child abuse and the effects it can have on children.

#passthepinwheel #spreadawareness

## MONTHLY PASTORS LUNCH



Hope Clinic hosts a monthly free lunch-and-learn for pastors and others involved in leading Christian

ministry. These are on the first Thursday of each month.

**April 6**, Dr. Tom Bishop, PhD, Michigan Medicine Psychologist and Pastor. "Mental Health First Aid, and Connecting People to the Help they Need."

Lunches are held at Noon at Hope Clinic (518 Harriet St. Ypsilanti 48197). [Registration is requested.](#)

## REGISTRATION EXTENDED



Ypsi-Arbor American Little League (YALL) has been fostering the growth of youth baseball since 1953 in the Ypsilanti community. In 2022, the league restored Waterworks Park in honor of William "Bill" Anhut, which allowed the league begins offering softball in the Fall of 2022. YALL is a not-for-profit Little League charter and proudly serves community members of the city of Ypsilanti as well as Ypsilanti township and portions of Pittsfield township. YALL believes every child deserves the opportunity to participate in youth sports and for that reason will never turn a player away due to financial constraints. Local scholarships are available for those in need. Registration for T-Ball, Coach Pitch and Softball has been extended until 4/5 with limited spots in each of these divisions. Don't delay! [Register today on the league website.](#) For more information, email: [ContactUs@ypsiarborLL.org](mailto:ContactUs@ypsiarborLL.org)

Opening Day on Saturday 4/29 @ Waterworks Park. Opening Day Ceremony will be at 10 AM. Games will run all day at all three parks (Rec Park, Candy Cane, and Waterworks).

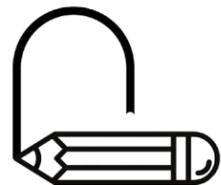
## HOLY BONES PRESENTS: PUSHING UP DAISIES

Holy Bones has partnered up with First Fridays to bring you monthly artisans markets at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse!

Celebrate Ypsilanti in bloom with our First Fridays kickoff event! This artisan market features over 40 local makers with a variety of goods you'll love. Come breathe some life into spring with this botanical theme. The event is free to attend and will be held on Friday, April 7th from 5-9pm in the Ypsilanti Freighthouse. We hope to see you there!



## NEW ART SUPPLY STORE!



**ypsi art supply**

After years without a dedicated store for artists, Ypsi Arts Supply will open its doors on April 7th as part of the first First Fridays of the year. Located in Riverside Art Center's Off-Center.

Y.A.S. is your new, independent place for art supplies & all things that celebrate living a creative life. Y.A.S. is proud to offer small batch/high-quality products from incredible makers. Have a creative type in your life? The shop has all sorts of gifts that they'll love.

Y.A.S. will carry a wide variety of products for artist professionals and budding artists alike. Stop by between 5 PM-10 PM to check out the new store. Stock up on paints, pencils, notebooks, palettes, and more!

Stay tuned to @ypsiartsupply and @rac.ypsi on instagram or visit [ypsiart-supply.com](http://ypsiart-supply.com) and [riversidearts.org](http://riversidearts.org) to stay up-to-date with store hours and news following YAS's opening day event!

## YCS COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT



The 2023 Community Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the YCS, the African American Organization of Washtenaw County, and Friends on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 10 AM to 12 PM.

The event will be at Perry Child Development Center, 550 Perry St., Ypsilanti, MI. if you have any questions contact [zetalife2005@gmail.com](mailto:zetalife2005@gmail.com) or call 734-695-1164.

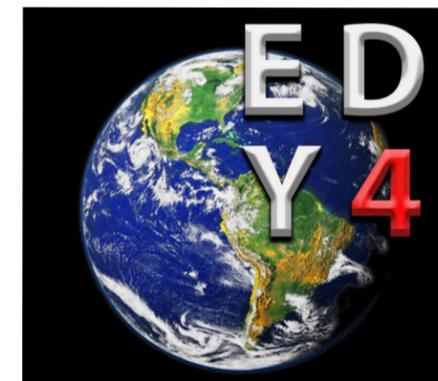
## YPSILANTI SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA



Join the YSO and viola virtuoso Mishnaevski for an exciting program of great music.

Music Director Adam C. Riccinto and the Ypsilanti Symphony Orchestra (YSO) will be joined by world-class guest artist, former Detroit Symphony Orchestra principal violist Alexander

## EARTH DAY YPSILANTI 4



Sunday, April 16 12-5pm at the Ypsilanti Freighthouse

Building A Sustainable Community is the theme for this once-a-year event! Ypsilantians! Come out to meet & greet others who are "green"-minded doing good things in our town. Not "green" yet? Still learning? Come out to this event early and give yourself time to talk with the presenters, elected officials and others who will be there adding their knowledge, practices and passion to the mission of the day and of our lives!

Mishnaevski, as the orchestra performs its spring concert at Lincoln High School Performing Arts Center on Sunday, April 16 at 3:30 PM at Lincoln High School's Performing Arts Center, 7425 Willis Road, Ypsilanti, MI, 48197. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for students/seniors/children, and \$30/ per family, and can be purchased at the door or online at [A2Tix.com](http://A2Tix.com).

This performance is only possible with generous sponsors, including Bank of Ann Arbor, Dykema, Lincoln Consolidated Schools, and Wealthpoint Management Partners Raymon James.

Stay tuned for their upcoming Memorial Day performance in our community. [For more information, visit their website.](#)

## IFFY RETURNS TO RAC



Independent Film Festival Ypsilanti (iFFY) makes its return to the Riverside Arts Center, April 19th - 22nd, with a whole new lineup of films, art installations, and workshops. This year features specially curated shorts programs including "Michigan-ish", a celebration of short films fresh from the Mitten region. Also new in 2023, free in person creative workshops aim to help hone the rising filmmaking talent in our community.

For a complete list of events and to purchase tickets and passes, visit <http://iffypsi.com/>

## FREE MONTHLY BRUNCH

Building community through food with Peace House Ypsi! At 16 S. Washington Street, Ypsilanti, on Sunday, April 16th, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

Please join us for this free brunch that includes something for everyone - including vegan and gluten-free when available. Please help us build relationships and traditions around the kitchen table! Huge thank you to Growing Hope for this community space and support.

## WARD 3 MEETINGS

Ward 3 City Council Member Desiraé Simmons hosted her first Community Meeting on January 19th at the Freight House. Fifteen community members joined her to learn about City Council goal setting and to share ideas about ways we can build neighborhood resilience. Folks talked about ways to get information out to everyone, including a printed newsletter and using the Little Libraries around town as communication hubs. We also discussed ways to support neighbors helping one another, like the three guys shoveling the Dwight Street neighborhood for years. One member raised the concern that renters didn't get to feel settled within our community and asked about ways to build belonging.

To join the next Community Meeting, which will focus on the budget, Water Street, and Community Safety, join Desiraé and others from Ward 3 at the Downtown Ypsilanti District Library downstairs on Saturday, April 22, from 4 PM-5:30 PM.



## YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS IN APRIL

April 7th at 5 PM Join YDL (Downtown) staff for an all-ages storytime to kick off your evening at First Fridays Ypsilanti. We will do a monthly storytime, an art experience, and music and movement in the Library Plaza. In case of severe weather, we will have our event in the Youth Area of the Michigan Avenue branch; the event ends around 7 PM.

- **April: Rain-**Don't let any weather stop you from enjoying yourself! Come down in the rain or shine for this month's storytime. This month we will make a rain stick, so you can make it "rain" anywhere.

On April 8th at YDL (Michigan) from 10 AM - 12:00 PM, Meet up, trade licks, and share riffs. Players pass around sheets with chords and lyrics so we can strum and sing along. It's a great way to learn new material or workshop your musical projects while sharing your musical knowledge. 18+ and all stringed instruments are welcome (except for lyres and zithers; autoharps have been approved).

On Friday, April 14th, at Ypsilanti District Library (Whittaker) from 11 AM - 12:00 PM, Hear a story, investigate mammal characteristics, and meet two live mammals up close as we discover more about these marvelous mammals! Presented by Leslie Science and Nature Center.

### Annual Electronic Recycling Event

Ypsilanti District Library- (Whittaker location) On April 22nd from 10 AM - 4 PM.

Celebrate Earth Day by recycling unwanted computers, printers, and other household electronics. See the list of acceptable items at [acrgreen.org/about](https://www.acrgreen.org/about).

Limited to residents of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township. Donations will be accepted by the Friends of YDL to support



## YPSILANTI DISTRICT LIBRARY Electronics Recycling

### WHERE/WHEN

Saturday, April 22  
10am-4pm

YDL-Whittaker  
5577 Whittaker Road

Questions?  
Call 734-482-4110  
x2411

[Ypsilibrary.org/events](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events)

### IN A NUTSHELL

Celebrate Earth Day by recycling your unwanted household electronics. See the list of acceptable items at [acrgreen.org/about](https://www.acrgreen.org/about).

Limited to residents of Ypsilanti, Ypsilanti Township, and Superior Township. Donations will be accepted by the Friends of YDL to support future programs.

- Enter from Veterans Memorial Drive (aka Civic Center Drive) or Whittaker Road and follow signs/arrows to correct parking lot entrance
- Place items in trunk
- Remain in your vehicle
- Only bring what can be unloaded by one person within 5 minutes

### FOLLOW US



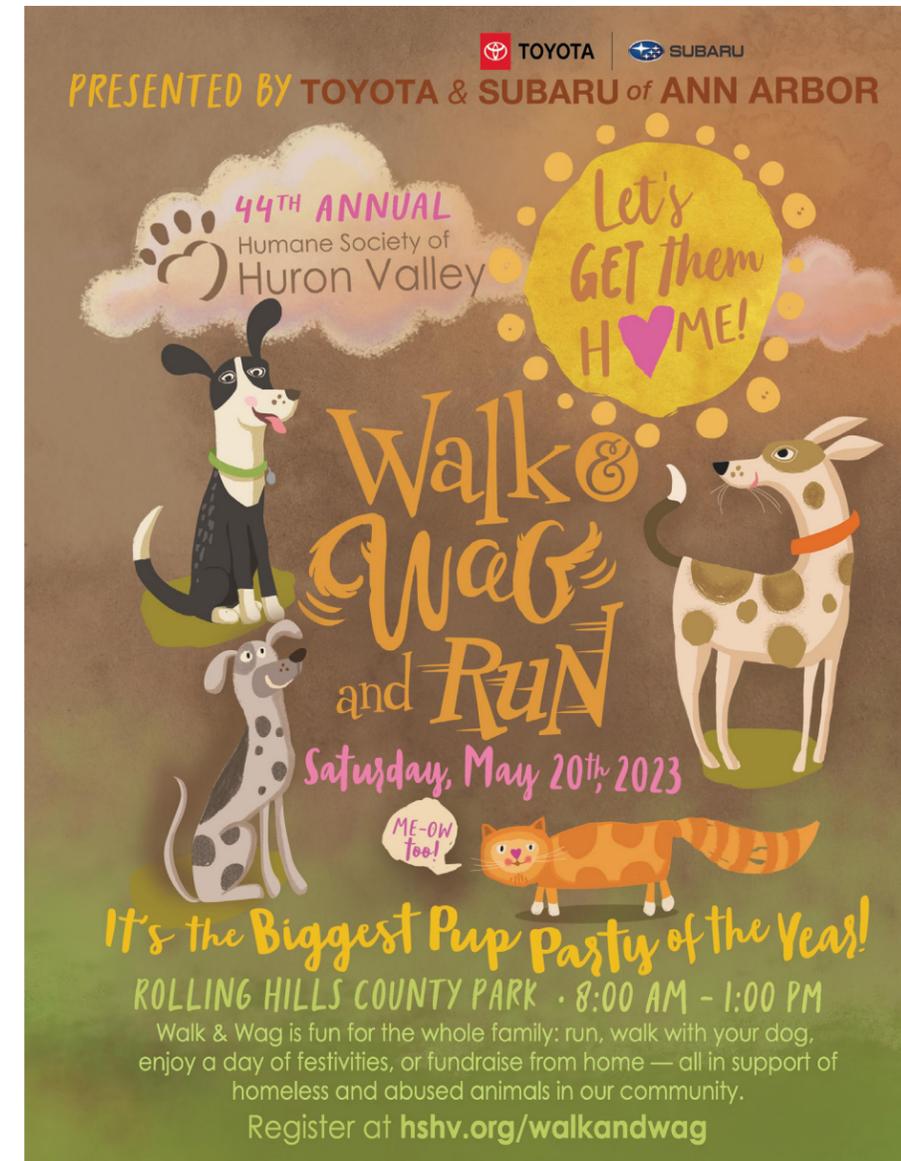
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[Electronics Recycling](https://www.ypsilibrary.org/events)

Join us at Ypsilanti District Library (Whittaker) on April 27th at 7 PM for a visit with leader dog puppy raiser Sue McDowell. Sue is co-counselor for the Ann Arbor Area Puppy Raiser's chapter of Leader Dogs for the Blind, whose activism and volunteerism ensures that puppies are ready for their training when they return to the Leader Dog campus. At this program, Sue will share the touching stories of the organization, the clients, the volunteers, and the dogs who make so much possible. Sue's current puppy, Frida, will be on-site during this program.

## WALK & WAG AND RUN



[Hshv.org/walkandwag](https://www.hshv.org/walkandwag)

Saturday, May 20th, from 8 am-1 pm at Rolling Hills County Park, Ypsilanti

Voted "Best Outdoor Event" in Best of Washtenaw

Walk, wag, and run to save animals! Together we can get them all into homes! Every dollar you raise for Walk & Wag assists in the rescue, care and new beginning for the most vulnerable animals right here in our community.

Plus, Walk & Wag is the best pup party of the year! Join us May 20th to celebrate your fundraising success with

a 5k run, mile walk, Kids' Dash, dog diving, yummy food trucks, and tons of dog-and-kid-friendly activities. You won't want to miss it!

Walk & Wag is presented by Toyota and Subaru of Ann Arbor.



## COMMUNITY BBQ

On Friday, May 19th, 2023, from 3-7 PM at Riverside Park in Ypsilanti

Whether you are a mentor, a mentee, a supporter, or simply someone who loves a good BBQ with good people and is curious about A Brighter Way, we welcome you to join us at our annual Community BBQ.

No registration is required. Show up and enjoy!

A Brighter Way empowers formerly incarcerated individuals returning to our community to achieve purpose-filled lives with the guidance of a supportive, experienced team. For any questions, please get in touch with [community@abrighterway.org](mailto:community@abrighterway.org).

### ZION WELL PRIDE YOGA



Zion Well will be hosting its 3rd annual Pride Yoga and Wellness event in the park. At this event, we host local mental health vendors, wellness businesses, and other resources that support the LGBTQIA2+ community and beyond. Look forward to an all-levels yoga class, temporary tattoos, music and giveaways. Proceeds will support Ozone House, a local non-profit providing housing assistance to at-risk youth.

Date/Time: June 4, 9:30-11:30 AM  
Location: Riverside Park, 5 E Cross St,  
Itinerary for the event:  
9:30 am: Arrive and get checked in  
10 am: Welcome + Yoga Class  
11 am: Wellness fair + giveaways  
11:30 am: Event ends

[Find Tickets Here.](#)

## JOIN YPSI IMPROV



**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/) [Ypsimprovgames@gmail.com](mailto:Ypsimprovgames@gmail.com)

## VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE (VITA)



Michigan

**VITA appointments for the 2023 season are open, call 2-1-1 to set up your appointment.** Free in-person service for the 2022-2023 tax season to people living in Washtenaw County who earned less than \$60,000 in 2022. Services are by appointment only and available the following days. Plan to 60-90 minutes for your meeting.

You can also file at home at no cost

with MyFreeTaxes.com. This 100% free self-filing tool is thanks to a United Way and IRS partnership. MyFreeTaxes.com screens for eligible credits and deductions through TaxSlayer software. Any issues? Reach the 2-1-1 staffed helpline at 866-698-9435.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program is a national IRS-sponsored program that pairs certified volunteers with taxpayers like you to file accurate tax returns for free. United Way of Washtenaw County is proud to be an official VITA Site and assist County residents with tax-related needs.

[Get Help: 2-1-1 | United Way of Washtenaw County](#)

## CITY CALENDAR - APRIL 2023

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  
April 4, 2023, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Historic District Commission  
April 11, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Planning Commission Meeting  
April 19, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Good Friday - Administrative Office  
Closed April 7, 2023

Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting  
April 17, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Historic District Commission  
April 25, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Sustainability Commission Meeting  
April 10, 2023, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

City Council Meeting  
April 18, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Police Advisory Commission  
April 27, 2023, 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## RIVERSIDE SWINGS!



Learn how to swing dance!  
**Where:** 2nd-floor dance studio, Riverside Arts Center 76 N Huron St, Ypsilanti  
 All ages and experience levels welcome! [Facebook Page](#)

The 2-1-1 helpline provides referrals to programs to assist with food, housing, financial assistance, utility assistance and more. Help is available 24 hours a day, every day of the year, from anywhere in the state of Michigan. If you need help finding resources in your area, dial 2-1-1, email us, or speak to a representative via live chat now. Want to browse resources on your own? Search our online database to access more than 27,000 different statewide programs and services. If you experience problems dialing 2-1-1, dial 1-800-552-1183. Dial 9-1-1 for emergency calls.

**Call 2-1-1 from any phone or visit 2-1-1 online to live chat, email, or search the database.**

## EVENTS AND RECREATION CALENDAR

### Senior Center

1015 N. Congress

#### RECURRING EVENTS

<b>Art</b> 12:30-2PM April 14, 21, 28	<b>Bingo</b> 12:30-2PM April 5, 12, 19, 26
<b>Euchre</b> 12:30-2PM April 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Gentle Fitness</b> 10:45-11:45AM April 7, 14, 21, 28
<b>Gentle Fitness</b> 10:30-11:30AM April 3, 10, 17, 24	<b>Knitting/Crochet</b> 12:30-2PM April 4, 11, 18, 25
<b>Memory Cafe</b> 2-4PM April 11	
<b>Norwegian Therapeutic Massage</b> 12-1PM April 7, 14, 21, 28	
<b>Tai Chi Class</b> 2:30-3:30PM April 6, 13, 20, 27	<b>Tech Help</b> 10AM-12PM April 4, 11, 18, 25

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

### Freighthouse

100 Market Pl.

#### PUBLIC EVENTS

First Fridays Ypsilanti : Pushing Up Daisies  
 Spring Artisan Market  
 April 7: 5-9PM

Ypsi Flea & Swap  
 April 9: 10-3PM

EDY4- Earth Day Event  
 April 16: 12-5PM

UMS Residency  
 April 21-30

### Parkridge Community Center

#### RECURRING PROGRAMS

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

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.**  
 Email your article to [tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com](mailto:tkoch@cityofypsilanti.com)

**Submissions are due on the 15th of each month.**

