



What is the NPNA?

The Normal Park Neighborhood Association (NPNA) of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formed in 1989, is the oldest neighborhood association in the City of Ypsilanti. The mission of the NPNA is to have a positive, lasting impact on the quality of life in the Normal Park neighborhood, and thus the City of Ypsilanti as a whole. Through active partnerships with other civic groups, businesses, schools, libraries, neighbors and government, the NPNA works to beautify the environment, protect property values, encourage compatible businesses, reduce crime, and foster pride in our community. NPNA covers the area bounded by Congress Street on the south, the south side of Washtenaw Avenue on the north, Mansfield Street on the west, and the west side of Summit Street on the east. All households within these boundaries are considered members of the neighborhood association automatically. Annual voluntary dues of \$10 per household per year are encouraged. Your dues, along with the proceeds from our annual yard sale registrations, make it possible for the NPNA to hold four quarterly meetings, neighborhood informational meetings, potlucks, and the ice cream social; print and distribute this newsletter and info flyers; support the NPNA website (www.normalpark.org); run the annual children's Halloween parade...and more!

Community Garden

There are still 8'x8' garden plots available at the Normal Park Community Garden on Mansfield behind the former Ypsi Middle School. Plots are rented annually and fees are based on a sliding scale starting at \$5. Contact Jessica Faul (jfaul@umich.edu or 734-483-4690) if you want more info or want to sign up for a plot.

In this Newsletter

Upcoming Events	page 1-2
News from the YDL	page 2
News from the Rutherford Pool	page 3
News from the Senior Center	page 3
Yard Sale Registration Form	page 4
Getting in your Neighbor's Business	page 5
Duathlon	page 5
Real Estate Update and Calendar	page 6

More Flowers, Less Snow!

Yes, although we hit a record for snowfall for the year, summer won't be stopped...and with those lovely temperatures come lovely flowers. Ever wonder who plants flowers and tends the endcaps along N. Wallace, Westmoorland, and at the triangle at the intersection of North and South Congress? Your neighbors do! We need volunteers to help tend the endcap flower beds in these areas. Particularly, our neighbor who did such a nice job planting and caring for the perennials at the N. and S. Congress triangle has moved away. We need someone keep an eye on that spot for the season. It only takes an hour or two to make these areas a thing of beauty. Contact Jessica Faul (jfaul@umich.edu or 734-483-4690) if you are interested in pitching in.

The Call to Get Involved

NPNA activities are run by a small band of neighbors who volunteer their time and effort to help make our neighborhood vibrant. Have you been interested in supporting an event or starting a new one? Have ideas about how the NPNA can impact our community? Drop the board a line by contacting Dawn Keech on president@normalpark.org and let us know that you're interested in learning more!

NPNA Upcoming Events

Ypsilanti PRIDE

Saturday, May 17 starting at 9:00 am

Saturday, May 17th is YPSI PRIDE Day! Volunteer from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon to help clean-up and beautify our city by picking up trash, raking, planting flowers, spreading mulch, and more. There are sites all over town including several within walking distance (Rec Park, Edith Hefley Park, N. Wallace and Westmoorland medians, Rutherford Pool).

All volunteers are treated to a picnic with food and music afterward to celebrate a job well-done. Info and registration on the Ann Arbor/Ypsi Chamber of Commerce webpage:

<http://www.a2ychamber.org/Events/Ypsilanti-Pride.aspx>

NPNA Upcoming Events (continued)

NPNA Annual Yard Sale

Saturday, June 7 starting at 9:00 am

The NPNA Yard Sale draws people from near and far and is a great way to get rid of clutter, meet some neighbors, and make money. This event is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the NPNA, helping pay for neighborhood projects. If you're planning on participating, help support your neighborhood association by registering early!

The NPNA provides newspaper ads, posts signs at the boundaries of our neighborhood, and distributes the neighborhood maps. Use this opportunity to get rid of a lot of cool stuff you no longer need. There are always hundreds of eager customers.

A \$10 registration fee will get your home included on a neighborhood map with descriptions of your items for sale. For a \$30 registration fee, you can place an ad along the boundary of the map. (Ads do not necessarily have to be regarding the yard sale.)

You keep all the money you make. Your registration fee pays for the advertising and the rest goes into the NPNA fund to help pay for neighborhood projects.

A registration form is on page 4 of this newsletter. Send your registration form in by Friday, May 24 by mailing or dropping it off to NPNA Yard Sale, c/o Megan Brown at 1210 Grant Street. Checks should be made payable to NPNA. You can also sign up online on www.normalpark.org under "Activities."

NPNA Annual Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, August 6 starting at 6:00 pm

Join your neighbors for the annual NPNA Ice Cream Social in the Rose Garden behind the Senior Center in Recreation Park. Every August our neighborhood gathers together for this special event to enjoy each other's company...and ice cream! If you are interested in helping with the event, please contact president@normalpark.org.



News from the YDL

Feed Your Mind: Summer Reading at the Ypsilanti District Library

Readers of all ages are invited to join the Ypsilanti District Library (YDL) in celebrating food for mind, body, and soul with our food-themed Summer Reading Program.



There are summer reading plans for readers of all ages (and book-listeners too!) The more books you read or listen to, the more chances you'll have to win cool prizes from local businesses. YDL has programs specially designed for little ones, kids, teens and adults. Sign up at any YDL location beginning June 1.

This summer's "Feed Your Mind" Theme is bringing food-related programs of all kinds to the library!

YDL is also proud to be able to provide free lunches for kids all summer long with our Lunch and Listen program.

Lunch and Listen (for ages 18 and under) runs June 23-August 22:

- YDL-Whittaker, Monday thru Friday, 12:00 -1:00 pm
- YDL-Michigan, Monday thru Friday, 2:00 - 3:00 pm
- YDL-Superior, Monday and Tuesday, 12:00 -1:00 pm

Anyone under 18 can come to the library this summer and enjoy a nutritious lunch while listening to a story. Bonus: earn Summer Reading Program points for time spent listening! Lunches provided at the exact times listed at each location from June 23rd through August 22nd. Sponsored by Food Gatherers of Ann Arbor and the Michigan Department of Education.

As always, find all the details at www.ypsilibrary.org.



PET SITTING
including pets with
SPECIAL NEEDS

Do you have a pet that needs special attention while you're away?
Insured & Licensed

Veterinary Technician can do regular pet care as well as administer medication to almost any kind of pet in your home.
Experienced
with cats, dogs, amphibians, birds, bugs, ferrets, fish, reptiles, rabbits, and rodents.



Jim Carbone, LVT*
jcrbn1@gmail.com • 734/330-8679
* Mich. License # 6902003295



News from the Rutherford Pool

It has taken an extra year, but it looks like Rutherford Pool will be opening up this summer! Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and donors that made this all happen. Check out **forpool.org** to see our website. It has information about hours, prices, lessons and events. Our email is friendsofrutherfordpool@gmail.com.

We have some new items this year for Pass holders (Family, Individual and Senior). There are three special times just for you. Two evenings in the summer we will be closed from 6:00-8:00 pm for just Pass holders. Those nights we will have a treat and some games to play. One night in August we will stay open from 8:00-10:00 pm for Pass holders only. We hope to be able to show a short movie and have some fun in the pool.

You can purchase your Pass on line with a PayPal account. There is a link through the forpool.org website. Don't worry, you can still pay with cash or check when the pool is open if you don't want to use PayPal. Family Passes are \$214 through Memorial Day Weekend. After Memorial Day, Family passes will go up to \$240.

Look for our fabulous swim lessons to return. You will be able to register for lessons whenever the pool is open. We also have the return of Tot Splash, Lap Swims and Water Exercise for adults.

Please consider helping out on our workdays. Check out **signupgenius.com** to see what workdays are scheduled. Go to the find a Find A Sign Up tab. Type in catabates@hotmail.com and follow the directions.

We are working to clean up the bath house, paint the exterior and landscape around the pool. We can only get done what the volunteers are able to accomplish. Please be one of those volunteers!

If the weather begins to cooperate, we will be open May 23 at 6:00 pm for the first time in two years. To show our appreciation for all the hard work and the wait, we are waiving the fee for that evening. Come and swim with us for free that evening!

Beth Bashert
Sales & Leasing Consultant

(734) 997-7600
(734) 997-9213 Fax



DUNNING TOYOTA - SCION
3745 Jackson Rd.
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103
www.dunningtoyota.com
www.dunningscion.com
bbashert.dunningtoyota@gs.reyrey.com

Beth Bashert is donating \$50 to NPNA for each vehicle a neighbor purchases from her and Dunning Toyota!

normal park neighborhood association

News from the Senior Center

Summer Fun at the Center

Quilt Raffle

Every year our very own quilters make a phenomenal quilt for us to raffle. The quilt will be on display at the center in August. Tickets will be for sale at the center during our regular business hours and at the Corn Roast and the Heritage festival. The raffle will take place at the end of the Heritage Festival. It's a great way to support the center.

Corn Roast

The corn roast this year will be held on Saturday August 2 from 4:30-6:30 pm. Mark your calendar. It is a great community gathering and there is nothing better than fresh picked corn grilled outside.

Art class

Do you want another thing to do with your kids during the summer? We will once again offer "Art for the Ages." June 17, July 15 and 29, August 12 and 26. There will be a schedule of activities at the center by the end of May. Pick one up and sign up with your children to attend. The projects will be fun for ages 3 - 103.

734-368-6945
amy@ajleo.com



AJ Leo
Electric & Solar

Amy Strutz
Master Electrician

Licensed & Insured ■ Solar Certified

Matthew J. Casey
TAX PROFESSIONAL

MATTHEW J. CASEY, M.S.T.

32985 HAMILTON CT. #132
FARMINGTON HILLS, MI. 48334
248.770.4247

spring 2014

page 3

NPNA Neighborhood Yard Sale Registration Form

Saturday, June 7, 2014 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The NPNA Yard Sale draws people from near and far and is a great way to get rid of clutter, meet some neighbors, and make money. This event is the biggest fund raiser of the year for the NPNA, helping pay for neighborhood projects.

If you're planning on participating, help support your neighborhood association by registering early!

The NPNA provides newspaper ads, posts signs at the boundaries of our neighborhood, and distributes the neighborhood maps. Use this opportunity to get rid of a lot of cool stuff you no longer need.

There are always hundreds of eager customers.

A \$10 registration fee will get your home included on a neighborhood map with descriptions of your items for sale.

For a \$30 registration fee, you can place an business card-sized ad along the boundary of the map.

(Ads do not necessarily have to be regarding the yard sale.)

You keep all the money you make. Your registration fee pays for the advertising and the rest goes into the NPNA fund to help pay for neighborhood projects.

Send this registration form in by **Friday, May 30** by mailing or dropping it off to
NPNA Yard Sale, c/o Megan Brown at 1210 Grant Street. Checks should be made payable to **NPNA**.

Please complete the following so we can contact you. Only your address and item descriptions are published.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Please list items you would like to have printed on the map (e.g., furniture, books, antiques, toys, miscellaneous household items):

- YES, please list me on the neighborhood map! (\$10)**
- YES, please include my enclosed business card-sized ad! (\$30)**
- YES, I am enclosing an additional \$10 for NPNA dues for my household! (\$10)**

Getting in your Neighbor's Business

Supporting businesses in the community in which you live has always been an important way to ensure your community thrives. Need a service or looking for a great place to find that special something? Check out these businesses owned or run by your neighbors, and keep our community growing! (Own a business and haven't been featured here in the past? Contact us for a listing!)

FLY Children's Art Center

40 N. Huron St.

734-217-2228

flyartcenter.org

(Neighbor Christine Bruxvoort on N. Mansfield is the new Managing Director.)

FLY is a non-profit art center that started out holding classes in the Senior Center in 2009! We now service local YCS schools and community centers with after school and summer arts programming. FLY recently moved to Huron Street where we are able to offer studio art classes, day camps, and workshops to a variety of age groups. For the first time this year will offer a full range of summer camps that are currently posted on our site so check us out!

Ypsilanti Lawn Care

Oakwood and N Cross

248-225-8958

(Neighbor Matt Moffitt is the owner.)

For the best lawn, leaf and snow maintenance for our Normal Park community, call Matt Moffitt. Ypsilanti Lawn Care provides friendly and efficient service. All odd jobs and offers are welcome. I look forward to meeting you and helping you to get the job done.

Duathlon

On April 6th, 22 Normal Park neighborhood kids ranging in age between 2 and 10 yrs completed in an impromptu race event organized by Edison McGovern (age 5) to celebrate the arrival of spring and encourage new friendships for adults and kids alike. The race was a BIKE-Obstacle-BIKE duathlon and fun was had by all. Edison is already planning for next year!





good
DESIGN GROUP

Quality, conscientious design for the community.

Educational Exhibits • Graphics • Interiors
Community Art • Curriculum Development

Jennifer Beyer, Designer

1301 South Congress Street
Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197

989 860-9980 • jen@gooddesigngroup.com
www.gooddesigngroup.com

Real Estate Update

The following homes are for sale in our neighborhood (as of April 24, 2014):

914 Grant	\$162,900
201 Oakwood	\$154,900

The following homes were recently sold (December 1, 2013-April 24, 2014):

1127 South Congress	\$175,000
107 Elm	\$158,000
1207 Grant	\$143,700
329 North Mansfield	\$125,000
359 North Mansfield	\$135,000
1204 Pearl	\$96,000
905 Pleasant	\$134,000
959 Sheridan	\$139,000
1207 Sherman	\$90,000
1220 Sherman	\$134,800
105 North Wallace	\$71,155
965 Washtenaw	\$112,000
1216 Westmoorland	\$150,000

Dennis Longo, an NPNA resident and area Realtor® for over 30 years, compiled the above information. Please contact him at Premier Choice Realty (300 North Huron, Ypsilanti 48197), dennis@premierchoicerealty.biz, or on 734-961-6600 with any real estate questions.

Become a World Famous Author!

...or at least become famous in Normal Park! We are looking for neighbors to write pieces for the NPNA Newsletter on:

- Neighborly Advice (Share your expertise!)
- History of the Neighborhood (Share your stories!)
- Feature articles on topics that would be of interest to the neighborhood (Share (almost) anything!)

Interested? Write us on newsletter@normalpark.org.

About this Newsletter

Inclusion of submitted content, including advertisements, in the NPNA newsletter does not reflect an endorsement by the Normal Park Neighborhood Association or its Board.

Mark your Calendar



For more information on our neighborhood events, visit www.normalpark.org.

- **Ypsi PRIDE Day** May 17
Throughout the city, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- **YSO Concert in the Park** May 24
Riverside Park, Starts at 2:00 pm
- **Memorial Day Parade** May 26
Starts at 9:00 am
- **Normal Park Neighborhood Yard Sale** June 7
Normal Park, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
- **The Color Run** June 21
A colorful 5K through downtown
- **Independence Day Parade** July 4
- **Michigan Elvisfest** July 11-12
Riverside Park
- **NPNA Ice Cream Social** Aug 6
Senior Center, Recreation Park, 6:00 pm
- **Heritage Festival** Aug 15-17
Riverside Park, Depot Town, Frog Island and Downtown

Contact the NPNA Board

If you have questions about our neighborhood, items you would like discussed at the next board meeting, or information on opportunities to volunteer, please contact us!

By telephone: 734-985-0031
By email: president@normalpark.org
On the web: www.normalpark.org

2014 Board Members

President:	Dawn Keech
Vice President:	Claudia Pettit
Secretary:	Lois Plantefaber
Treasurer:	Megan Brown
CoPAC:	Christine Moellering Jim Carbone
Greenscape:	Jessica Faul Sarah Devaney
Social Chair:	Open
New Neighbor:	Lois Plantefaber
Graphics and Design:	Jennifer Beyer
Newsletter:	Adrienne Meyer
Website:	Mark Moellering Kerri Pepperman
Community Garden:	Lisa Bashert
At-large members:	Rebecca Dunkle